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Bluegrass on the fairgrounds

ouglas Foster played the dobro with his bluegrass band, Kreekside, Saturday at the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association's Fallfest at the Lowell Fairgrounds. Also pictured is Lee Schalfleys on standup bass. Kreekside was among the 10 bands and one Appalachian Clog-dance group on the festival bill. Fallfest lasted from Friday evening through Sunday morning.

Lowell airport upgrades on the agenda in Vergennes Township

By Dan Schneider

Township's board heard a laundry list of concerns related to the upgrade of the Lowell airport at its meeting Monday night.

Residents with property near the airport were concerned about the impact the upgrade would have on their quality of life and property values. About 40 people filled nearly every available seat at the township meeting room. Most were there to discuss the airport upgrade.

Some were concerned

the airport upgrade may lead to future airport expansion. Bill Schreur was worried the upgrade would increase airplane take-offs and landings.

"That hurts our quality of life around the airport. People don't want to see that around the airport," he said.

Germaine Thompson had concerns about environmental impact.

"There is a substantial wetland between ... the grass runway and the cement runway," Thompson said. "That's home to over 300 redwing blackbirds. I'm not a tree-hugger, but I know one

thing: that wetland provides the oxygen you breath."

Airport manager Jim Sowle attended the meeting. He said he was there for the same reason as most of the others: to get information as a property owner.

"I have more land, other than Mr. Schreur, than anyone else around that airport," Sowle said.

But he ended up fielding several questions on the nature and intent of the upgrade.

"It has everything to do with the safety of the airplanes coming into the

> Airport upgrades, cont'd., pg. 10



Fire interrupts operations at King Milling last week

By Dan Schneider

hammer mill in the whole wheat flour line at King Milling Company

caught fire last Thursday morning.

Thick smoke filled the wheat flour mill's basement but no one was injured in the incident. Clogged flour

backing up in the machine caused the fire.

"Something clogged in the machine and the flour burned," Lowell fire chief Frank Martin said. "It turned it to charcoal. It smells like really bad burnt popcorn if you're outside around there at all."

The wheat was pretty

The wheat was pretty far along in the milling process by the time it got to the hammer mill, King Milling president Brian Doyle said.

"It just sat there while it kept grinding and grinding and grinding," Doyle said.

The fire started around 8 a.m. Martin said the Lowell Fire Department was on the scene for about half an hour. A King Milling employee, aided by one of the respirators kept on site, attempted to extinguish the fire but quickly realized it was too far along and called the fire department.

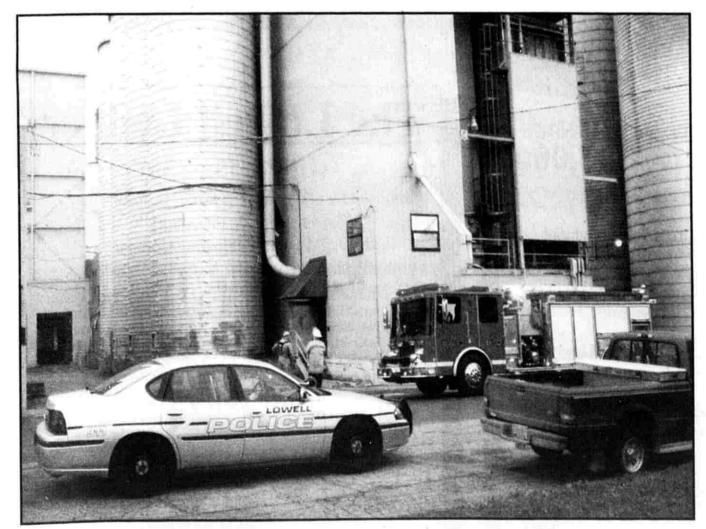
The fire shut down King Milling's whole wheat flour operation for the rest of the day.

"It shut us down, we lost a day's run and anything

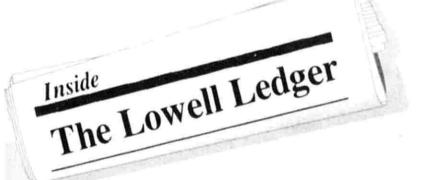
that was in the system at the

King Milling also shut down its white flour milling, which takes place in a separate building, for a few hours because of the fire.

Damage to the hammer mill was easily repaired, Doyle said. It required only the replacement of the mill's rotors and hammers. Replacing those parts is part of the regular maintenance for the hammer mill, he added. But the fire forced their replacement earlier than scheduled.



The Lowell Area Fire Department responded to a fire at King Milling Company last Thursday morning.



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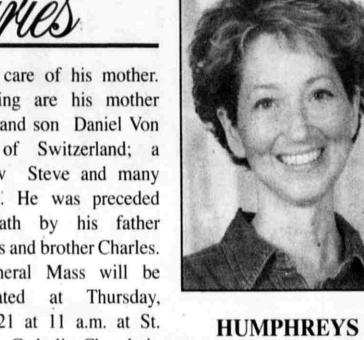
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FEDOROWICZ

James T. "Jim" Fedorowicz, Surviving are his mother aged 55, died Saturday, Trudy and son Daniel Von September 16, 2006, at his Mott of Switzerland; a home in Blaine Twp. Jim, nephew Steve and many formerly of Lowell, was born friends. He was preceded in Grand Rapids on February in death by his father 6, 1951, the son of Charles Charles and brother Charles. and Trudy Fedorowicz. Jim A Funeral Mass will be was employed as a social celebrated at Thursday, worker for the State of Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. at St. Michigan. He played the Mary's Catholic Church in guitar in a band. He was an Frankfort with Father Ray avid dog lover and loved the Cotter officiating. Family companionship they showed will receive friends one him. Family was very hour prior to the service at important to him along with church.

taking care of his mother.



Ramona Ruth (Gerst)

Humphreys, aged 34, of Grand Rapids, went to be with her Lord, Sunday, September 17, 2006, surrounded by her family, after a very courageous Ada, formerly from Ohio, battle with cancer. She is passed away September 12, survived by her former 2006. He was preceded in husband Joshua; loving death by his wife Adele. He sons Jalen and Jerrod both is survived by his daughter at home; parents William Nora (Richard) Roth; three (Judy) Gerst; grandmother grandchildren Melinda, Elva Gerst; sisters Juanita Katrina and Alicia. Funeral

Jason Walder; nieces Marlise and Lynn Walder. Visitation is Wednesday from 5-9 p.m. at Roth Gerst Funeral Home, Ohio. 305 N. Hudson St. Funeral services will be Thursday, 7157 Wingeier, Alto, Aaron officiating. Cemetery. Apostolic Memorial contributions may Center, MI 49315.

nephews Kyle, Keith and

KAZLAS - (Roth)

Antanas Kazlas, aged 82, of (Ben) Walder, Karla Gerst; service was held Saturday,

Sept. 16 at St. Wenceslas by all. Surviving Richard Church in Maple Heights, Interment Calvary Cemetery in Cleveland,

ORT

Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Richard Lynn Ort, aged 62, Apostolic Christian Church, of Morenci, Michigan, was called home to his Heavenly Steffen and Ted Steffen Father on September 12, 2006. He was born May 29, 1944, in Adrian, to Mahlon and Aldythe (Milliman) be made to Faith Hospice Ort. He married Judith A. (Trillium Woods), 8214 (Culp) Rorick on Sept. 19, Pfeiffer Farm Dr., Byron 1987, in Medina, Mich. and she survives. Richard was employed at Bil-Jax Inc., in Archbold, Ohio, for the past 19 years. He graduated from Morenci High School in 1962. He was a member of the Medina Federated Church, the Men's Monday Night Bowling League in Morenci, served on the officiating. Interment at Morenci Fire Dept. for 41 Oak Grove Cemetery in years and was named Fire Morenci. In lieu of flowers Fighter of the Year in 2005. He was an avid hunter and of sympathy may make fisherman. He dearly loved his children, grandchildren the Morenci Fire Dept. or and will be greatly missed

In Loving Memory of Jessie Lynn Hunt

9-19-01 6-9-85

It was so hard to see you go, For all of us who love you so, Until we stopped to realize, You are with God above the skies. Where pain and suffering are no more On that eternal Heavenly shore. So now this comfort we will share, Until the day we meet you there.

Remember Me

Remember me when flowers bloom Early in the spring Remember me on sunny days In the fun that summer brings

Remember me in the fall As you walk through leaves of gold And remember me in the wintertime In the stories that are told

But most of all remember Each day, right from the start I will be forever near For I live within your heart.

Your Family and Friends

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER **TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance:

An amendment to Section 4.4.8.D Issuance and Denial of sign permits. The propose d ordinance would change the requirement that a permit be issued within seven days of receipt of a valid application to 120 days.

The hearing will be held as follows: WHEN: MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2006 7:00 P.M. WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER

TOWNSHIP HALL 2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE LOWELL, MI 49331

The proposed amendments are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices. 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

> Tim Clements, Secretary Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

• LEGAL NOTICE •

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 06-182-063-DE both the probate court

Estate of ROBERT WESTLEY KRUGER JR. deceased

Date of birth: 10/11/1952

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ROBERT JR., who lived at 5899 Wyoming, 06/03/2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will

be forever barred unless presented to SANDRA LEE KRUGER, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW. Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this

September 14, 2006

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate**

FILE NO. 06-182-075-DE Estate of

THOMAS G. SCHICHTEL deceased

SSN: 379-44-6618

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent.THOMAS G. SCHICHTEL, who lived at 2314 Plainfield Ave. NE, Grand Rapids. MI, died 04/21/2006.

Creditors decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever

barred unless presented ARTHUR SCHICHTEL, named personal representative. or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 3523 Briggs Blvd. NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525, and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

besides his wife Judith of

Morenci is one son Lynn

(Juli) Ort of Lowell; mother

Aldythe Ort of Morenci:

three stepchildren Falinda

(Timothy) McCarty of

Sand Creek, Mich., John

P. (Andi) Rorick IV of

Morenci, Kassandra (John)

Dominique III of Morenci;

sister Mary Ann Beaverson

of Morenci; father-in-law

and mother-in-law Jack (Pat)

Arnett of Morenci; daughter-

in-law Pam Ort of Nevada.

Ohio; aunt Kora Terry of

Morenci; 14 grandchildren;

several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death

by his father Mahlon Ort

and sons Chris and Tim

Ort. Funeral services were

held Sept. 16 at the Medina

Federated Church with

Pastor Darren Lemmon

those planning an expression

memorial contributions to

Medina Federated Church.

September 14, 2006

Craig Avery P10311 3875 W. River Dr. P.O. Box 327 Comstock Park, MI 616-784-5080

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Fallasburg festival this weekend

Local high school teacher selected as

Michigan service-learning specialist

years. This year his efforts students gladly serve the Teacher Fellows is a corps

As a 2006-2007

Teacher Fellow, Christians They mentor and train

This year's 38th annual of different crafts people Dawn Ysseldyke. It features School Future Farmers of Fallasburg Fall Festival, will be on hand giving a multi-hued interlocking America. sponsored by the Lowell demonstrations of their circle pattern framed within Area Arts Council, will crafts. Planned children's a border containing a Celtic on Sunday, a good place feature 81 artists selling activities include pumpkin knot motif. work in a wide variety of painting and other art. media.

The festival runs from on the stage at the center of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday the festival, surrounded by and Sunday at Fallasburg local nonprofit groups' food Park. In addition to the booths. This year's quilt artworks for sale, a number raffle features a quilt made by

Lowell High School teacher, passion for teaching and

creating a positive learning principal Scott Vashaw.

environment in his Freshman "His passion shows and

classroom for the past three is contagious because his

are being rewarded as the community and learn while

Service Commission named to have him representing

Community doing so. We are proud

has devoted himself to service-learning,"

him a 2006 - 2007 Michigan Lowell Schools."

Masons help

provide fire

equipment

Mike Rooze, senior warden of

the Belding-Ionia Masonic Lodge,

presented a check for \$1,350 to Lowell

fire chief Frank Martin earlier this

month at the Look Memorial Fire

Station. The check was a donation

toward the purchase of fire fighting

equipment. A donation in the same

amount was also given to the Saranac

Fire Department. The Lowell Masonic

Lodge merged with the Belding-Ionia

lodge two years ago, but continues to

make donations to organizations in

Lowell

Service-Learning Teacher

Fellow.

Musicians will perform is free. Parking is available Pancake Breakfast and Flythird of the parking proceeds 8 to 11 a.m. benefiting the Lowell High

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professional development.

enthusiasm with their peers. com.

made possible by State in effective service-learning

Farm Insurance. He will practices, write curricula,

also have opportunities for publish articles, and promote

The Service-Learning an effective teaching tool.

of experienced teachers about service-learning in

who run exemplary service- Lowell Area Schools, contact

learning projects and Carla Stone at 987-2900 or

share their expertise and at cstone@lowellschools.

Before the art festival to have breakfast is at the Admission to the festival Lowell Airport's annual for a donation, with one- in. The breakfast runs from

the use of service-learning as

For more information

etc., queens from the community for the clown parade on Oct. 14 during Harvest Festival. Call Becky Reagan at

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment 2007 books are being offered by Lowell Women's Club to raise funds for senior high school girls' scholarships and local projects. \$25 each; 50% off and 2 for 1 offers. Good thru Oct. '07. At Brenda's Hair Design, Huntington Bank, club members or call Marj 897-8107.

FALLASBURG FALL FEST

The 38th annual Fallasburg Fall Festival is this Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call 897-8545 for more information.

LHS ALL ALUMNI GATHERING

The 3rd annual LHS alumni gathering is Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Monterey Center near Alto. For reservations call 987-2501 or visit www.lowellschools.com.

TOTS FALL SALE

Tots Fall Almost New Sale is Oct. 7, 9 a.m. - noon at Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center Gym, 300 High St. Bring own tables; set up is 8-9 a.m. Call Kathy at 987-2532 to reserve space. Participation is free.

ALUMNI BAND IN THE WORKS

If you are interested in joining the alumni band for the Harvest parade Oct. 14, call Nancy Raymor at 897-6149 or Bob Rice at 897-8959.

LARKIN'S CHILI COOK-OFF

Enter your team in Larkin's Chili Madness Cook-off Oct. 14. \$40 entry fee. Call 897-5977.

SCARECROW BUILDING HOEDOWN

At the Lowell Fairgrounds Oct. 14, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Visit www.discoverlowell.org

THEBES PLAYERS

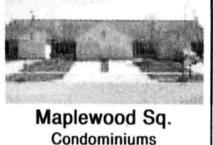
Performances for "Alice in Wonderland" are Oct. 20 - 29 at the LPAC. Purchase tickets at www. lowellartscouncil.org, the LAAC or at the box office on day of performance.

CHRISTMAS PICTURES

Children's pictures taken with Santa are needed. Send to Lowell chamber, attention Jody. Pics will be made into collages and displayed during Christmas season on the showboat.

PARENTING CLASS AT TOTS

Video-based love and logic parenting classes will be held in November and January. Cost: \$12 for 4 classes and workbook. Free childcare. Registration is required Call Kathy at 987-2532 for more information.





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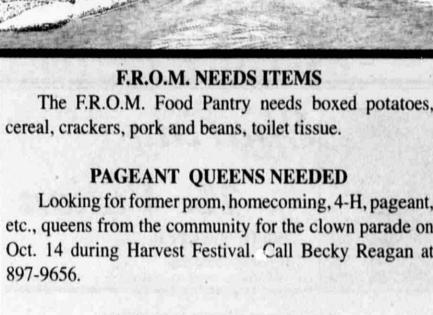
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LAS close to hiring new curriculum chief

By Dan Schneider

close to hiring a curriculum coordinator.

The new position, April.

Coordinator of Curriculum, the scope of the job," LAS Instruction and Assessment. Lowell Area Schools is will replace the assistant superintendent position



DATA WAREHOUSING TO INCREASE DATA-DRIVEN DECISION MAKING

School districts have collected and stored large amounts of student data for years. Unfortunately, this data was often stored in ways that were inaccessible to most educators, creating a situation in which schools were "data rich" but also "information poor."

Recently, a growing trend in school systems has been to implement an effective solution gathering the data and using emerging technologies to analyze the data to make it more meaningful for those who need to use it. Simply put, a data warehouse is a data base that consists of different data sources (e.g., student demographic information, MEAP Test, ACT, Accelerated Reader Test, MAP Testing, SAT, district generated data, library systems, etc.). The beginning of data warehousing has allowed for fast, efficient organization and delivery of information. While the concept may sound simple, organizing large, complex databases into one common store is not a trivial task.

warehouse that is currently used by 17 of 20 public school districts in Kent County. Each of the 17 districts utilizes the Memorial Day parade in Lowell since 1945. data warehouse in various ways. Data warehousing helps meet the changing mandates of No Child Left Behind and Ed YES, by providing greater information to evaluate our programs and individual student achievement. The KISD By Dan Schneider has developed more than 250 reports (e.g., MEAP, MLPP, ACT, Work Keys, etc.) that are currently being used which can be accessed by administrators or teachers.

The districts' ability to manage data will become increasingly more important as the layers of accountability are gathering more data on a regular basis to inform Area Schools will continue to improve and expand in its get around to writing it, anyway. ability to gather data and analyze the information. The schools become more proficient in managing data systems. The KISD will provide the infrastructure saving school districts time and money, allowing local districts to focus on improving student achievement.



superintendent Greg Pratt focus, this person would not the Michigan Educational

'We have narrowed the title. Previously, the achievement," Pratt said. assistant superintendent for responsibilities in addition to the curriculum role.

have to deal with things like Assessment Program. The The new coordinator the budget end of things and coordinator's early tasks vacated by Mark Kasmer in will focus on the three job other pieces like that and responsibilities listed in could just focus on student

> The job will include curriculum and instruction assimilating new state and had various administrative federal requirements into the LAS curriculum. It will also involve evaluating

said they are down to a finalist candidate who awaits school board approval at a Sept. 25 workshop meeting. "I think once we can will likely involve helping

fill that position, it will the district keep on target be one of our final pieces with the state high school for continuing with our reform initiative. success in curriculum here There were 18 applicants in Lowell," Pratt said. for the position. After two rounds of interviews, Pratt

Grandfather & grandson in Times Square production



Pictured above are Liam, 3, son of Cheryl and Brian Dovle, with Liam's grandfather King Dovle, prior to the The Kent Intermediate School District (KISD) has a data 2006 Memorial Day parade in Lowell. King is wearing his W.W.II navy uniform that he has worn in every

King Doyle, of Lowell, and Liam Doyle, of Alto, were part of the National Down Syndrome Society's in New York City on Sept. 17. The production was to demonstrate that people with Down syndrome can be successfully included in community activities, education and employment.

was selected from nearly 2,000 entries in the NDSS nationwide call for photos. Approximately photographs appeared in a 40-minute video production shown on the 30x36 foot. Panasonic, located in Times information, call 866-665-

The photo of Liam,

who has Down syndrome,

The video production, coordinated by NDSS. illustrated children, teens and adults with Down (NDSS) video production syndrome working, playing and learning with friends and family.

The event is in honor

of October being National Down Syndrome Awareness Month which includes the 2006 Buddy Walk. In West Michigan the Buddy Walk will be held at Millennium Park in Grand Rapids on Sept. 30. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the walk 200 begins at 10. The local walk is one of the primary fundraisers for the Down Syndrome Association of West Michigan. For more 7451 or dsawm@iserv.net.

Local reporter leaving Lowell

Welcome, readers, to the first and last installment of my newspaper column.

column for just about my whole three years here. It was are added to the responsibilities of school districts. Districts going to be called "Saw A Fair Sized Trout Today" and it was going to be folksy. The editor even signed off on it, or at planning, decision-making, and reporting activities. Lowell least didn't say no very loudly, probably thinking I'd never

The reason I never got around to writing it is I could partnership with the KISD will be a valuable resource as never think of anything folksy to write about. Any column serious political or social issue, and that kind of column just wouldn't work under a header featuring a picture of a giant trout on the back of a flatbed truck.

> Marquette University. I'm hoping the copyright on it is Mich. expired by now.

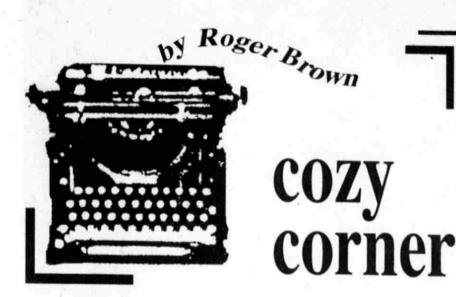
It's a picture of the kind of trout they apparently have in Wisconsin's bucolic vacation havens. Or at least had 50 I'd tossed around the idea of writing a semi-weekly years ago when that postcard was published to draw people out of the cities and into the trout streams and roadside

I'm hoping it's also the kind of trout they have in the streams of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, which brings me (finally) to why I'm writing (finally) a folksy column after three years of not doing so here at the Ledger. On 26 September I will be leaving West Michigan and my post at idea I had was always having to do with some moderately the Lowell Ledger for the copper shores of Lake Superior and a reporting job at the Daily Mining Gazette in Houghton. That's in the Keweenaw Peninsula, the second greatest place on earth. I say second greatest because after working here The picture is from a postcard I bought at an antique in Lowell for three years, I know better than to imply to the shop in Milwaukee while I was in journalism school at residents that there is any better place on earth than Lowell,

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Viewpoint-



origin is lost, but we've been having fun with it for a couple of years. I would tell you it's a stupid game, but according to my grandkids "stupid" is a bad word.

wheels turning in their young noggins as they back out the "FOURTEEN!" math and make up stories. Yes, it's probably good exercise for an old poop's noggin as well.

visited my daughter's family in China last year. Everyone the greatest, so I didn't catch all the details. In the end I screexcept my son-in-law went on a side trip to Thailand. We amed "FOURTEEN!" and it was my turn again. spent a Saturday night in Bangkok.

les with room for about four passengers in back. They have up. When the grandkids said something to me about bears, ped-up by their crazy drivers.

tomatically constitute a race. The girls rode in one, Boog we came up with a short list of people he thinks he could and I in another. Everywhere we went was a race. It is great beat in a foot race. fun, but I'm guessing Tuk-Tuk drivers have about the same life expectancy as members of the Baghdad bomb squad. I'm not sure what that says about people who pay good money to ride in these things.

varying numbers of Tuk-Tuks and their passengers smashing into garbage trucks, racing off cliffs, crashing together TEEN!" at an intersection, etc. At the end of each story the teller

has to work the number of survivors, or fatalities, out to??? Then everyone screams out loud "FOURTEEN!"

Boog, my seven-year-old grandson and I were on the phone recently. He started up with the "fourteen" game. It was a problem involving kids on a school bus and a crash. They are in a different school this year and ride a bus every day. Told you the more gory the details, the better.

I responded with a story about his mom's finger. We had a little accident when they were visiting here this past Bysummer. She and I had a miss-communication involving the Priscilla anchor windlass on my boat. Long story short, I hit the button while she grabbed the anchor chain. The result was a My grandkids and I play the "Fourteen Game." The mangled pinky. She just got the cast off. And yes, she totally

My story problem went something like this. "Your mom was born normal, at least when it came to fingers and toes. To play the game, whoever has the floor makes up an She had ten of each. When mommy and grandpa were trying outlandish math story problem. The only catch is, the pro- to get the anchor up, mommy got one hand and one foot blem must have fourteen as the correct answer at the end. caught in the chain. It was pretty bad. When mommy got to The more exotic, ridiculous and gory the details of the problem ... the better. It's a silly game, but you can see the fingers. How many does she have left?" Boog screamed out,

Boog laughed and laughed. Now it was his turn. He went back to the old well, and came up with a story about The earliest problems involved Tuk-Tuks. Terese and I Tuk-Tuks. He was giggling and the phone connection wasn't

My daughter's family took a trip out west this past sum-While in Bangkok we all rode in Tuk-Tuks when we mer. They towed a small camper and stayed in many of the went to dinner. These vehicles are three-wheeled motorcyc- big parks. Apparently the issue of safety around bears came surrey tops, are elaborately decorated and have been sou- I told them that they just had to make sure they were faster than at least one person in their group. This upset Boog. Part of the experience is that two or more Tuk-Tuks auHe's not very fleet of foot, and knows it. He felt better when

My next story problem had some families camping together. "There were moms, dads, kids, uncles, aunts, cousins, etc. There were 21 of them, all together in one large campsite out in Yosemite. Along came seven big, hungry Since that trip, our fourteen game has often involved grizzly bears. The seven slowest family members became lunch. How many got away?" Boog screamed, "FOUR-

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To The Editor

Dear Editor,

We would appreciate your paper printing our firm's position on why we resigned from the audit of the Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable TV. Our firm submitted this letter to the City of Lowell Council meeting on September 5, 2006. Thank you. Virgil A. Biggs Shareholder for Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson, & Dickinson, P.C.

Dear City Council. This letter is to inform the City that our Firm will resign as auditors for Lowell Light & Power and Cable TV funds of the City. Due to Mr. Richards' lack of support, we feel we no longer can effectively function as auditors for the entities he manages. Mr. Richards has never directly approached us regarding his concerns, and this situation greatly increases the audit risk to an unacceptable level for our Firm.

We have performed the audit for Lowell Light & Power and Cable TV for nearly 30 years, and we know we have followed all reporting requirements for these audits with a high degree of professionalism and accuracy. Our reports were presented in the same manner as the other firms who have also audited these entities. It is important to note the most unique quality of proprietary funds, (Light & Power and Cable TV), is their "for profit" motive. Our Firm works with over 200 "for profit" entities and is qualified to perform these audits. Since we have prepared these audits for nearly 30 years, we are well beyond the stage of "being taught" by

As noted above, our Firm works with many businesses that are involved in many different industries. Every industry has accounting and reporting peculiarities while following basic universal accounting principles. FERC accounting for utilities is no different; however, these utility funds are

still considered governmental entities and are required to be reported as such, in the financial statements of the City of Lowell. We may not perform 20 individual electrical and cable TV utility audits, but we do audit several governmental entities and have done so for 30 years and have never had reporting problems. This is validated by our peer reviews that have been unqualified since the peer review process was initiated by the CPA profession. We use a peer review firm that specializes in governmental entities and they have found our procedures and reporting to meet or exceed professional standards on these specific audits.

It is true, we were late with finalizing the audit reports for last year. However, we do not feel this had any negative impact on the City itself. There are some penalties for submitting audit reports excessively late, but as far as we know, the City did not experience any. During our exit conferences last year, the schedule for the 2006 audits was set to avoid audit delays from occurring in the current year.

Unfortunately, Mr. Richards has never communicated directly with us to discuss his concerns about our qualifications. It is usually brought up and heard secondhand through communications with the City Council. It is unfortunate that Mr. Richards never felt able to discuss this directly with any associate of our Firm. We can also assure the City Council that we have not "blown off" meetings with any part of City management.

We have too much respect for the City Council to create unnecessary friction between the separate boards of each entity, therefore, we regretfully resign from the Light & Power and Cable TV fund portions of last year's audit

We look forward to continuing our relationship with the administration. City of Lowell.

Very truly yours,

Ledger Entries



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **SEPTEMBER 21, 1881**

This issue is missing; the next one will be October 5,

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **SEPTEMBER 20, 1906**

Dr. McDannell's new, 18-horsepower runabout is wrecked and his wife and brother-in-law injured when the car hits a graveled area at high speed.

Several prizes in the West Michigan Fair races go to Lowell horse owners.

Five Ionia boys playing with an airgun put a dynamite cartridge in the barrel end; two are badly hurt.

Dexter G. Look purchases the Reyburg drug store at Alto. Charles Brown will move there this week to manage

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

AND THE ALTO SOLO **SEPTEMBER 17, 1931**

The first night football game plays to a record crowd, of whom many sneaked through the fence. Police will be on hand next time.

Problem: continued dry weather affects power at the nunicipal dam, and the auxiliary engine is being used beyond capacity.

After Sept. 18, all Michigan public agencies will operate on Eastern Time.

Sale of colored oleo margarine is not yet legal in the

U.S. wheat growers plan to cut acreage in view of depressed wheat prices.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **SEPTEMBER 20, 1956**

Vergennes Street will be the detour for building the M-21 approach to the new Ada bridge (a sweeping curve instead of a hill).

A moving van knocks off a fire hydrant at Main and Monroe, making a minor flood and interrupting water

The Grand Opening this week celebrates Christiansen's expansion from a small ice cream plant in 1928 to the presentday giant supermarket extending from Main to Avery: many freebies and a grand-prize drawing for a color TV.

King Milling advertises weekly recipes featuring their

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **SEPTEMBER 16, 1981**

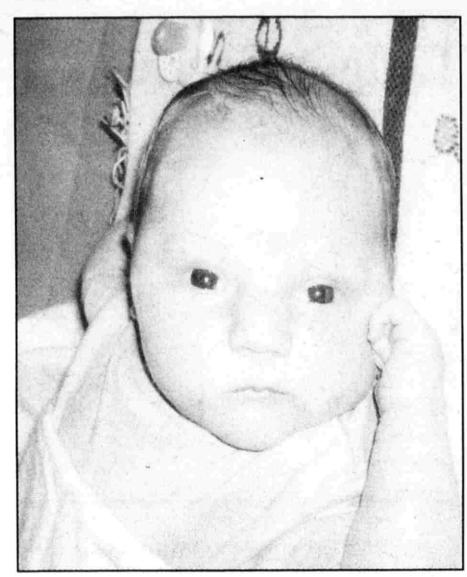
Showboat Corp. sponsors Boxcar Willie for a one-night stand this Wednesday at the Amphitheatre.

The Arts Council puts out its annual call for cornstalks, pumpkins, flowers and men's overalls (loaned) for the Fallasburg Fall Festival.

Teachers continue teaching without a contract while negotiations go on between the union and the

Watch for national television coverage of the Ford Presidential Museum dedication, plus openings of the new BIGGS, HAUSSERMAN, THOMPSON Amway Grand Plaza and the Grand Rapids Art Museum, all & DICKINSON, P.C. Certified Public Accountants part of "Celebration on the Grand" Sept. 14-19.

Peters



Brycen Scott Peters

to announce the arrival of Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mecosta.

weighing 10 lbs. 9 oz. and measuring 22 inches.

Proud grandparents are their son, Brycen Scott. He Leonard and Ruth Kosnik was born Aug. 14, 2006, at of Lowell, Don Peters of 12:13 p.m. at Metropolitan Dorr and Betty Biggs of



Dr. Roger La Warre, pastor First Congregational Church

Mark's version of a story that is also found in Matthew and in Luke. It is a story of Jesus quizzing the disciples on Jesus'

constructed to carry us across the sea of life. Who we say say that I am." If we want to tell the world who Jesus is, then I would like you to think with me as together we read our God (or god) is, that is communicated in actions, not in we must answer Jesus' questions with works of Justice and words. Words are too cheap and easy to come by.

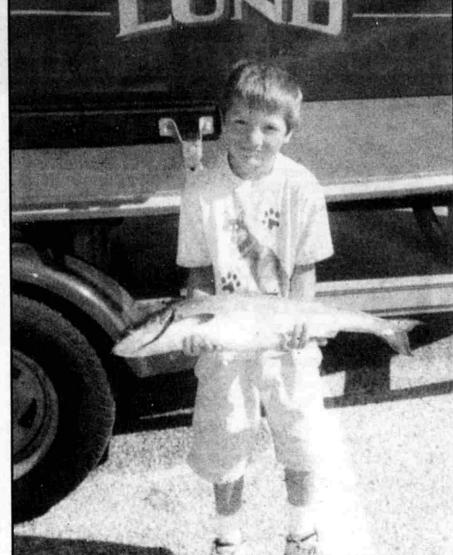
identity as the crowds perceive it and as the disciples see particular, challenges us to face the upside down logic of challenge and that is the hope that springs eternal. him (Mark 8:27-38). Each writer puts a little different twist Christian reality. Life comes through downward mobility, to the story and what happens after Peter's declaration that self-denial, sacrifice, extravagant generosity, and even your actions, your friendships, your checkbook, your Jesus is the Messiah. Yet, each challenges us to ask ourselves suffering. Yet, we want a religion that brings us the new and relationships, your thoughts, your reading, your worship, all the same question, "Who do you say that I am?" It is not an the glittery. For example, it is no accident that the jewelry that you do?

It is a question about discipleship, about the central, driving do they reflect any of the ugly, cruel and sacrificial nature loyalty and purpose of our life. It is a tough question. We of Jesus' death. Diamond studded, gold-laced crosses are can't just recite someone else's creed or statement of faith. everywhere. Yet, there is nothing flashy about the way In fact, when Jesus tells us to "take up our cross and follow of Jesus and there is nothing glamorous about the cross. him" ... our cross is truly the "powers that get us up and Wearing a cross does not speak of following Jesus or being going, give us focus and identity, the 'boat' that we have Christian in the context of Jesus' question of "Who do you Peace arising from our faith in the God that brings a saving The separate gospel writers, and for us, Mark in love to all humanity. That saving love as seen in Jesus is our

Who do you say that I am?" ... By your words,

Big catch for brothers





Tanner Owens, 11, of Lowell, above left, caught this 21.5 pound king salmon Aug. 26 in Lake Michigan off the shores of Ludington. The fish was big enough to make Owens the current first-place Small Fry fisherman with the Grand Rapids Steelheaders Club. He also holds second place among the Small Fries with a 17.2-pounder he caught Aug. 7.

Hunter Owens, 7, right, of Lowell, caught this 6.5-pound salmon Aug. 7 off the shores of Ludington. He was fishing with his father, Rick Owens and brother, Tanner Owens.

You can only be young once. But you can always be immature.

- Dave Barry (1947 -)

question can only be revealed by the way we live our life. crosses that have no resemblance to a Roman cross nor

easy question because it implies that the true answer to this industry makes a great deal of money selling beautiful

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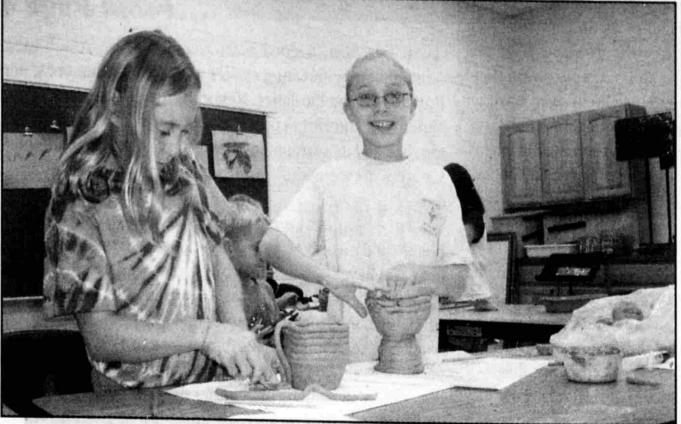
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Greek week at St. Patrick School



Katie Pniewski and Kaeleb Brown mold Greek urns.

Librarian Kathy Leeuwenburg and art teacher Lori Coffman at St. Patrick hosted Greek Week Aug. 22-25. Students read Greek myths and wrote mythological stories of their own creation, which made for a most enjoyable learning experience. Ancient Greek urns were cast to honor the Greek stories.

sampled food eaten by both ancient and modern-day Greeks.

In addition, airmen who

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BIRTHDAY

DAWN SILVA

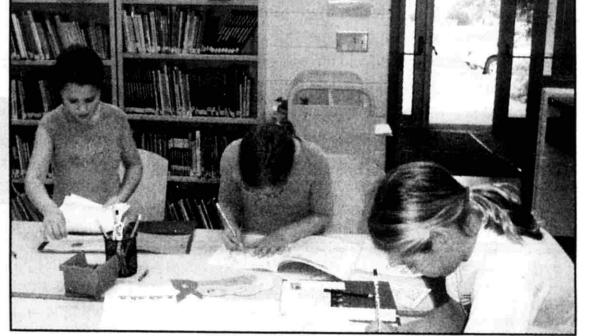
we love you and we hope

YOU HAVE A GREAT DAY!!!

Jeff, Mom, Dad, Grandma, Michaele,

Mark, Wayne, Kenda, Madeleine & Alexis

Cassie Herrington, Elizabeth Pniewski and Katie Pniewski work on activities during Greek Week.



training, he studied the Air and special training in hu-

Force mission, organization, man relations.

and military customs and

In The Service

Ryan R. Mosey has gradua- Base, San Antonio, Texas. ted from basic military trai-

College News

Air Force Airman ning at Lackland Air Force marches, received physical credits toward an associate

SEPT. 23:

VanLaan,

SEPT. 24:

Hillary Boss, Kenneth

Stephanie Clouser.

training, rifle marksmans- degree through the Com-During the six weeks of hip, field training exercises, munity College of the Air

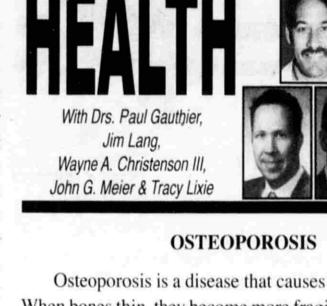
Lisa Wojciakowski, a Sept. 8, at the Aguinas at Riverside Park. In their of Lowell. second meet in the Calvin senior at Aguinas College, Invitational at Riverside helped set the pace for this Park. Wojciakowski placed College Invitational, she had a time of 19:06, good enough season's women's cross ninth at the Aquinas College country team. She led the Open with a time of 19:02. for a 12th place finish Lady Saints, ranked 16th Her time was the second

Wojciakowski is in the NAIA National poll, fastest performance ever 2003 Lowell High School in their opening meet, recorded for a Saints' runner

SEPT. 25:

SEPT. 26:

SEPT. 27: Brooke Tetzlaff.

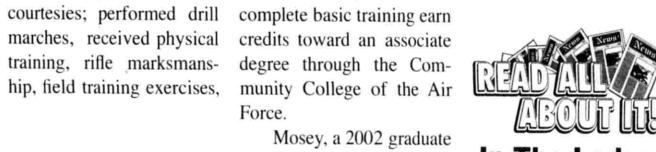


Osteoporosis is a disease that causes loss of bone mass. When bones thin, they become more fragile and tend to fracture easily. It mainly affects older men and women, but can strike at any age. One out of every two women and one in eight men over 50 will have an osteoporosis-related fracture in their lifetime. When osteoporosis becomes severe, these fractures tend to occur with minimal stress or injury. These fractures tend to occur in the spine, which leads to loss of height, chronic pain, and a "stooped-forward" posture. They may also occur at the hip with minor trauma. This can lead to decreased mobility, which can be detrimental to seniors. The good news is that osteoporosis can be prevented and treated in most cases.

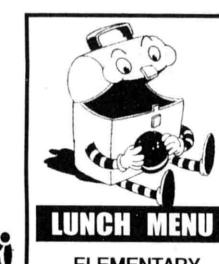
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Factors you cannot change that put you at risk for osteoporosis include: age, gender, ethnicity, and family history. Risk factors you can change include: poor diet, poor calcium and vitamin D intake, inactivity, smoking and certain medication usage.

Prevention of osteoporosis should begin at an early age and continue throughout your lifetime. All postmenopausal women, and at-risk men, should have a bone densitometry (or DEXA scan) performed, in order to determine their bone quality. If you presently have osteoporosis, make sure you are being treated with one of the newer medications, in addition to modifying your risk factors. Talk to your health care provider about developing your own strategy to prevent and/or treat osteoporosis.



Mosey, a 2002 graduate In The Ledger of Caledonia High School, is the son of Robert Mosey



ELEMENTARY MENU

Week of Sept. 25, 2006

MON: Pepperoni pizza (fish patty/cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), tossed salad, assorted fruit

TUES: Cheeseburger on bun (stacked ham/ cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), oven baked beans, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

WED: Italian dunkers breadstick) (stacked meatsauce turkey/cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray), green beans assorted fruit, milk.

THURS: Pancake w/ syrup or cereal/graham w/scrambled fresh fruit cinnamon applesauce

FRI: Chicken patty on bun (chili & crackers also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), carrot coins, assorted fruit. animal crackers, milk.

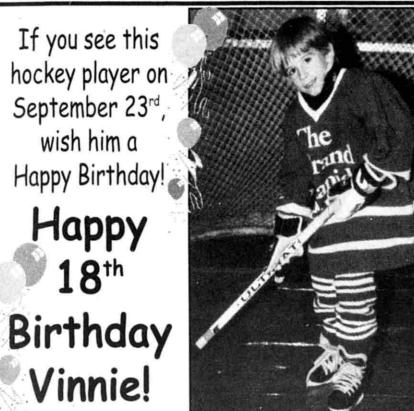
SEPT. 21:

Deanna Anchors, Renee Fox, Rich Briseno, Joseph Racine. Scott, Megan Racine.

SEPT. 22:

Rosie Fonger, Jennifer Haan, Tara Thornton, Linda

Barnes, Grandma Modlin.



Carolyn Thaler, Sara Swift, Carol Wingeier.

> Micah Soyka, Torin Hacker, Alexis Shaffer.



SEE MORE'S CORNER How'd you do? An often pondered question

When standing on the curb during a parade and the American flag comes along, what should you do? See-More offers these flag etiquette answers.

Gentlemen with hats should remove them and place them over their heart; that's your hat in your right hand and place it over your left chest. For others, stand and place your right hand over your heart (left chest) and everyone should stand. Those unable to stand should place their right hand over their heart from a seated position. As the flag passes, people should refrain from talking until it has passed.

The same rules apply during our National Anthem. It's one way we show proper respect for our country and our flag.

I'm asking you as parents and grandparents to help the kids understand the significance of proper respect to our country, our flag, the military during the parade. Talk to perfect place to reinforce them. You can begin by being the perfect role model!

So, what about other parade groups or units? Well, paraders are a lot like show biz people. They adore applause, and a cheer or whistle puts them in a near state of ecstasy!! Be free with your appreciation for those who have made an effort to entertain all of us on Oct. 14. You'll see many outstanding groups like the Holland Klompen Dancers, a German Umpah Band and a Circus Brass Band from Lansing as well as local groups! We'll even have an outstanding group of Native Americans in full regalia who will lead the main portion of the parade! There will be plenty especially for the kids who will be out there strutting their emu stuff for us, too!

Veterans Memorial across from the Riverwalk as the military groups pause there for a wreath-laying ceremony that will

See-More, Lowell's Friendly Hobo Clown!

Because of the Lowell Area Arts Council and all the artists in and around Lowell, I've had a great many conversations with interesting people and have seen a lot of

Oh yeah, and flying in the publisher's Stearman was an

These are a few of the things I will remember about Lowell. I'll remember a lot of people I met here, too, but I'd probably leave someone out if I tried to mention them all.

Over the course of my three years in Lowell, I've met a lot of interesting characters. I've met a lot of people whose character I admire. And a lot of them were the same people.

parts. The first will be a moving military tribute to the brave men and women who are currently defending or have defended this great nation. This salute will take place at the involve many groups like the Patriot Guard Riders, a number of Color Guards, a 21 Gun Salute and Taps, and a Scottish Bag Pipe Band, to name a few. And, please feel free to cheer on our own Lowell veterans in the parade. Once these groups have completely cleared Main Street, the rest of the Michigan. parade will begin, providing a respectful space between the more serious military salute and the rest of the fun parade!!

The Harvest Celebration is just three and a half weeks away, but don't forget the Fallasburg Fall Festival this them ahead of time to make this a good learning experience Saturday and Sunday at the park and all that happens there. as well as a time just to have fun! It IS important that we It's a great time to be outdoors to enjoy the beauty of a perpetuate these time honored traditions, and this is the Michigan fall weekend! I'm planning on seeing you there!

Cozy Corner, continued ... From Page 5

along the road warning drivers to slow down because there on. Not even another round of the "Fourteen Game." are children playing nearby.

That was too much for Boog. He apparently thought his the giggles and you can't give him a big hug. slant on the "slow children playing," coupled with the hungry bears story was hilarious. He got a case of the giggles.

Boog laughed and laughed, then calmed down enough The loss of control could have had something to do with the to say, "SLOOWWW ... CHILDREN ... PLAAAYYYING fact it was past his bedtime on a Sunday night. Whatever the ..." This is an inside joke we have about the signs you see case, he was giggling too hard to carry on further conversati-

This ex-pat lifestyle that my daughter's family has lead The grandkids and I interpret the sign to mean there over the past five years has been, in most ways, a wonderful are "slow children" playing. In a slow, deep voice we recite experience. Not only for her family, but visiting them has "slooowww children plaaayyying" and pantomime kids run- provided some fantastic travel opportunities for Terese and ning and jumping in slow motion. We're always on the look- me as well. Still, having my grandkids over 12,000 miles out for kids playing slowly when we see one of those signs. away is tough to take. Especially when your grandson has

Reporter, continued

... From Page 4

It has been a good three years here in Lowell. I've written some interesting stories and some boring ones, and I apologize for the latter. Reporting here has been a more varied and colorful experience than I expected out of a city this size and its surrounding townships. In the same summer, to respond to, so be generous with your applause and cheers, I wrote stories about a hovercraft rally and an escaped

Houghton isn't a big city, that's for sure, but I'm also Just so you know, the parade will be divided into two pretty sure I won't be as widely recognized on the street up there as I have been around Lowell. Here in Lowell, it's been hard to walk two blocks down the street without two or three people waving from their cars.

I had some pretty good times here in Lowell. Painting the showboat two years ago was fun, even though some of us left with more paint on our clothes than we'd managed to get on the showboat. I've enjoyed kayaking up the Flat River, and the North Country Trail from downtown to Fallasburg Park winds through some of the best natural area in West

Lowell's state wrestling championship in 2004 was a cool experience. It helped that I've always liked Battle Creek's rusty appeal, and the beer at Arcadia Brewing Company tastes so good. But the event itself was exciting, too, especially the semifinal win over Lakewood.

Back in Lowell, the high school sports always kept me out of doors in the spring and fall, which is a place too many people don't get to be for their jobs.

cool art.

experience I won't forget. And I can't be excused of brownnosing here since I'll be off his payroll in a couple of weeks. I was pretty green by the time the plane landed after my second ride, but I'm glad I held out until the hammerhead

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of September 11, 2006

MOMENT OF SILENCE - Greg Pratt asked for a moment of ACTION ITEMS silence to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist The Board accepted the following gift:

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA - The Board approved the addition of an overnight trip request to the consent group items. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Brooke Liu, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board, reported that members of the student council have been busy during the summer in helping with orientation of new students entering LHS, placing a pencil and a note of welcome in each locker, and planning for homecoming. Homecoming is approaching fast (September 29) and the theme is "Once Upon a Time". This year's fund raisers from homecoming activities will go to the nonprofit group "Alternatives in Motion" who provide wheelchairs for people who are uninsured. Johnnie Tuitel who has cerebral palsy and is the founder of Alternatives in Motion will be at the high school on September 29 all day to help with the various activities. Rather than have the floats judged by 3 judges this year, the floats will be judged by the spectators and how much money is received in donations.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF -

Connie Gillette introduced the following new staff members: Alto & Bushnell - Cortney Duffner - Social Worker; Alto - Sarah Happie - Young 5's, Brooke Straayer - Special Ed CI, High School - Sarah Ellis - Spanish, Middle School - Allison Budreau Special Ed Resource Room, District - Danielle Vescolani Special Ed Al, Mid-Year Hires 2005-06 - Nancy McIntyre Outdoor Ed Assistant at the Wittenbach-Wege Center, Brooke Miller-O'Keefe - 4th Grade at Alto, Tami Hanson - Reading Teacher at Cherry Creek, Rachel Millhisler - 4th Grade Teacher at Alto Elementary.

REPORTS -

Honeywell Report

energy, operating and capital cost avoidance from the existing levels with the information they need to run reports and queries

budget will meet or exceed the cost of the performance contract in order to improve the quality of instruction. The data each year for the next ten years.

 Wege Foundation donation of \$10,000 to be used for the Wittenbach Wege Center Director's compensation. **CONSENT ITEMS** - Approved/adopted were:

 Minutes for the August 13, 2006 Board Retreat, the August 14, 2006 Regular Meeting, the August 28, 2006 Special Meeting along with Closed Session Minutes, and the August 28, 2006 Board Workshop

The following payment of bills for August 2006:

GENERAL FUND	\$1,727,130.04
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund	\$16,412.71
B. Athletic Fund	\$14,606.95
Scholarship Fund	\$4,788.00
2004 Construction Fund	\$52,490.00
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$23,478.99
New Hires	

- Allison Budreau SPED Resource Room Teacher Middle School
- The bus financing resolution to purchase 3 buses on an installment purchase contract.
- The resolution which certifies that Lowell Area Schools will provide preschool education to 24 eligible four-year-old children during the 2006-2007 school year.
- The overnight trip request from Cherry Creek to conduct the 5th grade camp on September 21 and 22, 2006 at Camp Ebersole in Wayland, MI.

BUDGET UPDATE - Connie Gillette reported that the budget is being fine-tuned to reflect the known state aid amount and the student enrollment figures. At risk money from the state still may be forthcoming. The budget will be reviewed at the upcoming board workshop.

Greg Mackey of Honeywell updated the Board as to the savings CURRICULUM UPDATE - Greg Pratt reported that the realized from the energy upgrades and facility retrofits in order district will be implementing the Kent ISD data warehouse for to reduce operating costs and to provide a better learning the purpose of improving student achievement. Data environment for students at LAS. Their written guarantee is that warehousing is a valuable tool for providing educators at all

warehouse contains secure data from student management systems, assessment systems such as MEAP, MAP and WorkKeys, business data systems and others. More than 17 districts in Kent County are now utilizing the data warehouse to analyze data to improve classroom instruction, measure progress toward school improvement goals and assist with reporting requirements such as No Child Left Behind (NCLB). PUBLIC COMMENTS

Beth Cosmos - high school Trailway location

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Greg Pratt reported that the school year is off to an exciting start. Administrators deserve big thanks for all their work in all the back to school building activities. Some of the upcoming discussion items with the Board will be the review of the Lowell Area Recreation Committee and the Trailway. High School reform and demographics will also be discussion items. LAS is at the forefront of energy conservation and making the infrastructure to be energy efficient thanks to the Energy Education program and the Honeywell retrofit project. The annual report is complete and the board will get a chance to review it and ask questions at their next meeting. He thanked the community and school family for making him and his family feel so welcome and said that it is good to be back at the task of what LAS does best educating students.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Workshop - Monday, September 25, 2006 Following a Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Runciman Administration Building - Board Room 300 High St., Lowell, MI

Regular Board Meeting - Monday, October 9, 2006 Runciman Administration Building - Board Room 300 High St., Lowell, MI - 7:00 p.m. Please visit our web page at http://www.lowellschools.com

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SMALL GAME

The opening of small game season in Michigan was, at one time, as big a deal as the firearm deer opener. The experience. demise of the ring-necked pheasant population and urban sprawl, which are probably related, resulted in lack of interest in small game hunting. My favorite pheasant cover when I was a youngster is now a fast food restaurant parking

There is still a lot of small game hunting out there. Squirrel season runs from Sept. 15 through March 1. Squirrels are in good supply and are found in easily accessible areas.

Squirrel hunting provides a good opportunity to train new hunters who may now get a small game license at age 10.

Rabbit season began Sept. 15 and continues through March 31. The hare or snowshoe rabbit is found in the a hot track through snow-laden cover adds texture to the crows, but there is a season when they can be hunted

excellent table fare. Pheasant hunting in general may require found in some areas. In addition to the regular season, a designated area in southeast Michigan is open to pheasant hunting in December.

by darting through heavy cover. They live in special habitats, of reasons to get outdoors this time of the year.

but can be found in fair numbers by knowledgeable hunters. A good pointing dog is a valuable asset when searching the brilliant fall woods for these elusive birds.

There are still more fall hunting opportunities. A fall northern part of the state while southern Michigan is home turkey season can produce a Thanksgiving bird for those o the cottontail. Although rabbits may be hunted with or who successfully apply for a license. Quail hunting takes without dogs, listening to a baying beagle as it unravels place only in designated counties. There is no bag limit on

Game managers consider a number of factors to fine Male pheasants are large colorful birds and make tune hunting seasons. For this reason, opening and closing dates vary for each species. Pick up a current Michigan some scouting and patience, but good hunting can still be Hunting and Trapping Guide or go to the DNR website at michigan.gov/dnr to check on season dates and other special

When you figure in early goose hunting and the great The smaller grouse and woodcock challenge the shooter trout and salmon fishing available in the fall, there are a lot



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HOW CAN SENIOR WOMEN IMPROVE RETIREMENT OUTLOOK?

If you are a senior woman, you need to be diligent in managing your financial resources to enjoy a comfortable lifestyle in retirement. Fortunately, by planning ahead and making the right moves, you can help alleviate any world.

to consider:

woman reaching age 65 can expect to live 19.8 years, while course, could lead to additional financial strains. a 65-year-old man can anticipate 16.8 years, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. And more years of life mean more expenses.

 Lower earnings - The "wage gap" between men and Census Bureau. And women drop out of the work force for retirement plan. an average of 12 years to care for young children or aging results in more than \$500,000 in lost wages.

Furthermore, there may be lifestyle issues that put greater financial pressure on senior women. For example, designations. If you are married, make sure you know when it comes to giving money to their adult children, what legal arrangements have been made for you to receive women may be more generous than men. Of course, that's financial assets from your husband should you outlive him hard to prove, but according to annual surveys conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles, there has been one major, your retirement planning goals, and to choose the mix inequalities that may exist between you and the men of the consistent disparity between the sexes over the past four of investments that can help you make progress toward decades: Approximately two-thirds of women say "helping" those goals, you may well want to work with a financial What are some of these disparities? Here are a couple others who are in difficulty" is an essential or very important professional. life objective, compared to only half of the men. Thus, it • Longer life expectancy - Both women and men seems plausible that retired women may be more committed are living longer these days. But you've still got the edge: A to providing assistance to their grown children - which, of

Taking all these factors together, it's clear that, as grip on it. retirement approaches, you need to take action. Here are a few suggestions:

· Take advantage of your retirement plan. Put in women has narrowed - but it hasn't disappeared. Women as much as you can possibly afford to your IRA and your who work full time still earn, on average, only about 77 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan. Every time you cents for every dollar earned by men, according to the U.S. get a raise, try to increase the amount you contribute to your

 Know how much to expect from Social Security. parents, according to the Older Women's League, a research Contact Social Security (www.sssa.gov) to make sure your and advocacy group. And this time away from the workforce earnings records are right and to find out the size of your benefits checks.

> · Be aware of wills, trusts and beneficiary - which, statistically speaking, is likely.

· Get professional help. To identify and quantify

And here's one final tip: Stay informed. Whether you're single or married, divorced or widowed, know where you stand in regard to your savings, investments and retirement plans. Your financial future is in your hands - so get a good

Relay organizers look forward to another year in Lowell

\$45,036, almost \$20,000

- raising money to treat their purses with cash. cancer in their community,

for Life was a tremendous, the August event, raised D. Bergy Photography, flawlessly." success, according to Mike money by organizing bake Careline Medical, Coca-Lindhout, Area Executive sales, yard sales, donation Cola, Cousin's Hallmark, gives credit to the American Director of the American jars, scrapbooking, cookouts, Daisy Floral, Darla Avard, Cancer Society's community Cancer Society, West and other social activities, Digital Imaging, Earth Tech, representative Elizabeth Michigan. Theeventattracted selling luminaria, and Greenridge Realty, Hooper Males, and to Lowell it off without that help." 600 people, including simply contacting family Printing, Ice Mountain, Jet's schools. 42 survivors, and raised and friends for donations.

"On a first Relay event, dunk tanks, chair massages, Lowes, Meijer, Otterbase, and keep people on task, you never know what you're food and beverage sales, Postal Connections, Rite and Liz is just excellent at he said, 'Yes.' The school going to get," said Lindhout. and raffling goods and Aid, Rookies Sports Cards that," he said. "But from community had been "It's the community's first services. There was also the Plus, Saranac Brand Foods, my first call to Scott Vashaw time and teams often don't unforgettable "Miss Relay" Subway and Voyages Coffee to the help we got from year and he was eager to do know what's involved - how competition, in which Shop. much work, coordination, male participants dressed and time it can take. But once as women and worked the if I didn't refer to Lowell as people in Lowell understood crowd, raising money by 'The Center of the Universe', what Relay was about teasing spectators into filling I have to say the response

they embraced it and ran of Lowell also had great to have 15 overnight teams. Twenty teams consisting the community with monetary experienced Relay-goers families, schools, and in-kind donations. from other communities churches, businesses and Sponsors included: A1Laser, commented that they had corporations came together Ace Vending, BC Pizza, never seen an event run

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Lindhout jokes, "Even

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was incredible. A realistic The Relay for Life turnout for a new event is sponsorship support within Lowell had 20. Some very

"You need a good They continued raising Ambulance, Lowell Area coordinator, to run things over the community's goal. money at the event with Schools, Lowell Boosters, smoothly, answer questions, passionate. "I had barely

doubt that we had the full support of the school. And we could never have pulled Asked what difference

the school's involvement made, Lindhout grew asked Scott for help when George Hommowun and Al whatever it took. George

Lowell's first ever Relay and, between February and Big Apple Bagels, Brian more smoothly, almost Eckman, to Gregory Pratt's and Al worked countless endorsement and kickoff hours, setting up the sound And for that, Lindhout speech, there was never any and PA system we used at Relay, cont'd., pg. 13

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Lowell's new Eagle Scouts

Three Lowell Boy Scouts, Alex Fleet, Thomas Fleet and Eric Mundt became Eagles on Saturday, Sept. 16. In a formal Eagle Board of Honor ceremony held at First United Methodist Church of Lowell, the boys earned Scouting's highest award. Family and friends honored the boys who became the 46th, 47th and 48th Eagles in Lowell Scouting history. Pictured, left to right, are Alex Fleet, Eric Mundt and Thomas Fleet, Lowell's newest Eagle Scouts. Dirk Ritzema is in the background.

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Kent County tutors. This session is held at will be held at the Yankee Council has 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. Clipper Library, 2025 Leonard St. NE, Grand session on Monday, Sept. there will be an opportunity Rapids. Call 459-5151 to

Airport upgrades, continued ... From Page 1

number of trees have grown on the airport." up and are at a level where airplanes cannot take off and the Michigan Department of trimming and removal on property would render him airport and city property out make the distinction between ago. Sowle said in a past on their property would intention when he bought us what they should do with

"upgrade" and "expansion" relative to the airport.

bigger," Sowle said. "In the utility designation was a they came to talk to me could do to defend the Hildenbrand to the meeting. of, there has never been a Attaining it requires tree more restrictive than that," taxpayers. The city of researching what role the mention of expansion at the removal to open up take-off said Dale Fegel, one of the Lowellowns the airport. And township is allowed to play airport. There has only been and landing space at either two property owners holding the regulations governing in an airport upgrade. He public property. mention of the removal of end of the airport's one paved out.

airport," Sowle said. "A trees that are encroaching runway. Six of eight affected

Transportation to consider their property. The other two unable to build a second there, the city takes care of . the upgrade five years feel proposed air easements house, which was his all of this. They don't ask interview with the Ledger render them unable to use the property nearly 20 years it," township superviser Tim that the primary reason for their property. "The airport is 88 acres, the request was safety."

The airport board asked signed agreements for tree posed easement on his

landowners have already interview, he said the pro- Administration.

Residents wanted to MDOT agreed a general trimming trees, but when know what the township good idea for the airport, about easements, it's a lot property rights of its He said his staff

In a past Ledger from the Federal Aviation

"That being the city

The board had invited the airport upgrade come answered a question about state funding of airports, saying the funds come from taxation of aviation fuel.

Another concern dealt with the installation of new runway lighting at the airport, which incoming pilots can turn on using their radios. One resident worried about the effect fencing around the airport would have on the movement of deer through adjacent forests. Sowle said fencing would only be put in place where the airport abuts

Lowell HOMECOMING 2006

ALTERNATIVES IN MOTION

Giving Back to the Community As part of Homecoming week, the High School will be raising money to provide wheelchairs for those people in need.

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THURSDAY the 28th

Girls Basketball 7:00 Boys Soccer 6:45

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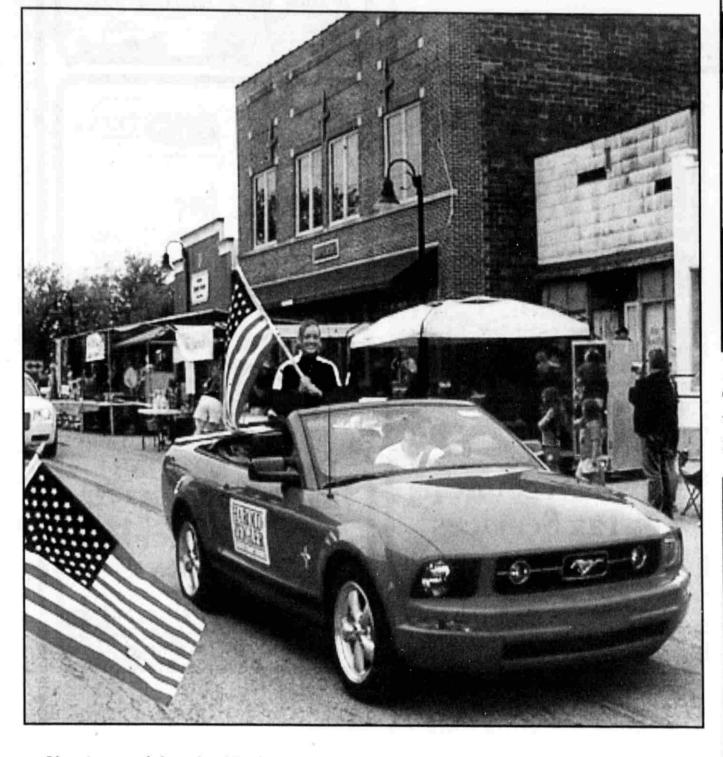
Alto Fall Festival packs in the fun

case during the Alto Fall Festival.

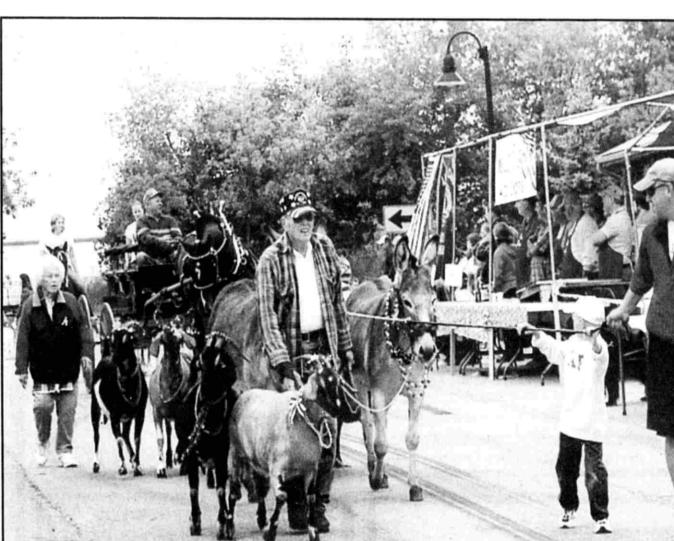
unusual scenario for the games and to attempt roping Miss Alto pageants. simulated calves. The streets Street, it was certainly the were filled with people who annual festival.

People lined the streets enjoyed baking contests, pie the festival parade, eating contests, a talent show in Alto. While that is an Children lined up to play and the Miss Alto and Little

This year's was the 26th



Young martial artist Mariah Moore was the grand marshal of the Fall Festival



John Erickson led his crowd of barnyard animals along Linfield Street during the

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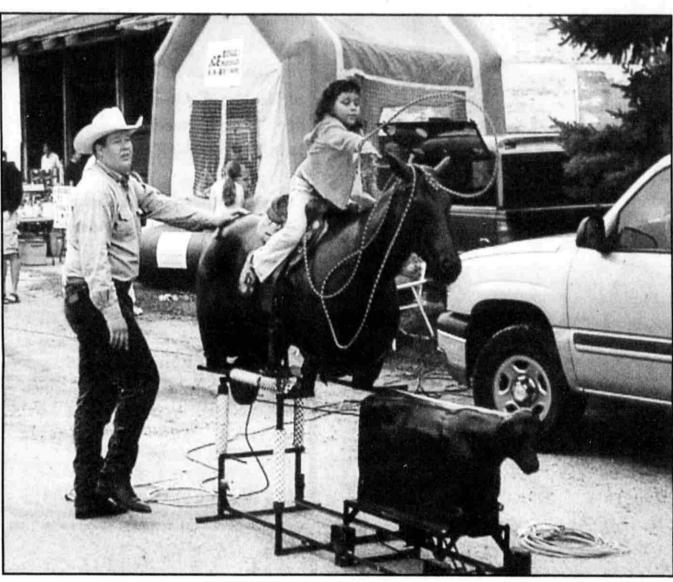
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Olivia VanZegeren and Whitney Mitchell's parade float. The theme was "The Good Old Days." Theirs was the only Alto Fall Festival's family float in the contest which earned them \$100. Festival organizers are hoping more families will compete in next year's float competition.



Ellie VanderHart, 4, a kindergartner at Murray Lake Elementary, attempted to rope a simulated calf Saturday at the 26th annual Alto Fall Festival.

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and they would have come

Relay, even donating their It could have been snowing time to DJ through the night and announce the events laps, and guiding student DJs. They wholeheartedly jumped right into it. And, of course, we used Red Arrow Memorial Stadium for the event itself, with help from the entire facility's staff."

to Lindhout. At a post-Relay celebration for team captains, 20 people showed event's success.

The excitement is already building for the June 29-30, 2007, Relay for Life

"People who attended Relay come up to me on the streets of Lowell, to tell me they've already begun fundraising for next year's event. And people who attended but didn't have a team are asking me how to up on a rainy, cold evening get one started. I'm betting at the Fallasburg Park that, no matter what goal the to celebrate the American Cancer Society

sets for Lowell's next Relay, "They were already Lowell is going to blow talking about how to their numbers right out of improve next year's event. the water!" said Lindhout.

Members of a local girl scout troop helped hold the Relay for Life banner as survivors took a final lap at the closing ceremony



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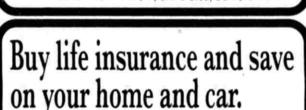
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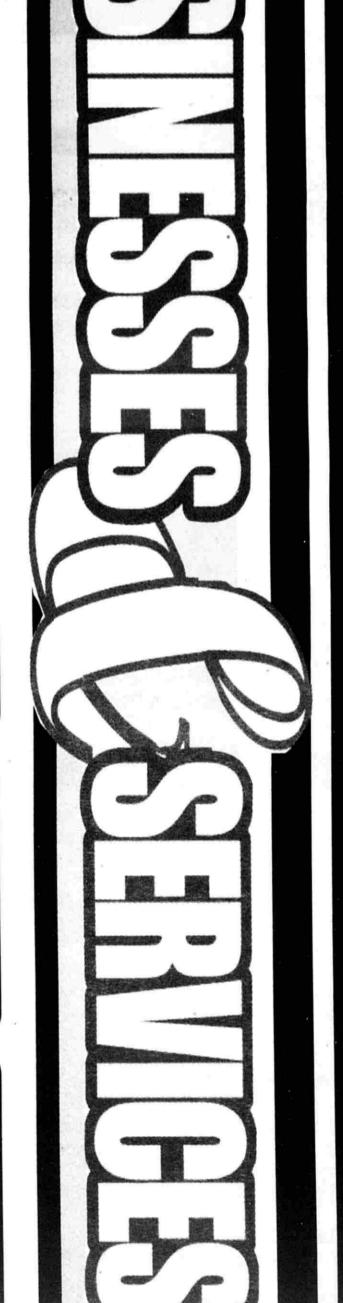
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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

SAT., SEPT. 23: Tyler Creek Golf Course, Alto, charity golf event benefiting Operation Enduring Support. Register 8 a.m.; shot gun 9 a.m. 868-6751

SAT., SEPT. 23/SUN., SEPT. 24: Fallasburg Fall Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Needed are flowers to decorate the park. Call Carol at 897-5501 by 9/20 to donate.

MON., OCT. 2: Athletic Boosters business meeting. 7 p.m. in high school staff lounge.

THURS., OCT. 5: Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Program: Liz Ripley, Indian Reservation. Hostesses: Julie Hurley/ Aileen McCabe.

SAT., OCT. 7: TOTS fall almost new sale at Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center gym, 300 High St. 9 a.m. - noon. Call Kathy at 987-2532 to reserve space.

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. 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.

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 Height 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), 621 E. Main St. 6:30 p.m. Call Bruce Doll, cubmaster at 304-0082

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

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

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

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

2ND TUES .: Diabetic Support group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-5981.

WED., OCT. 11: Planning for trailway meeting at Lowell Township Hall 6 p.m. Public welcome.

SAT., OCT. 14: Annual Harvest Hustle 5K run/walk. Starts at police station 8 a.m. Call Patty 340-7781 for info.

SAT., OCT. 14: Larkin's Chili Madness chili cook-off. Call 897-5977 for application/info. \$40 entry fee.

SAT., OCT. 14: Scarecrow building hoedown, 10 a.m. 2 p.m. at Lowell Fairgrounds.

SAT., OCT. 14: Flat River Antique Fair needs antique and collectible vendors. Call Liz at 897-9161

SAT. OCT. 14: Need pageant queens for Harvest clown parade. Call Becky at 897-9656.

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 TUES.: Doric chapter #75, Order of Eastern Star 6:30 dinner, 7:30 p.m. regular meeting. 211 E Main, Belding.

2ND & 3RD TUES .: New facility: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 8731 West Riverside Dr., 8 p.m. www.gua-ke-zik.org. New members welcome.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers meets at Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, 9:15 - 11:30, 897-8304.

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

3RDTUES.: 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. No cost.

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 N. Hudson St.

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

1STWED.: GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. 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

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

2ND WED.: Lowell Women's Club, 11:45 a.m. in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

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

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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.

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

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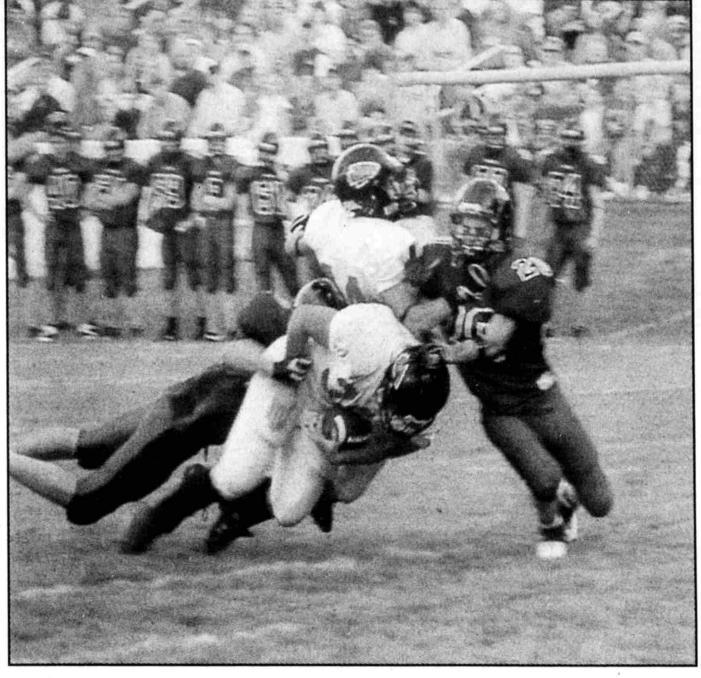
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RED ARROW S DOBIES



Lowell lights up scoreboard in win over Greenville

Red Arrows score touchdowns on first seven possessions in blowout



Lowell's Kameron Blake tried to push through Greenville defenders toward the end zone during Friday's game at Greenville.

Bv Dan Schneider

Jackets.

their opponents.

they came out focused," score of the game. Lowell coach Noel Dean a wonderful job.'

scoreboard early in the first remaining in the quarter. quarter when a 51 yard Red Arrows at Greenville's

Lowell's Keith Nichol ran the ball upfield during

Friday's game.

Lowell found the scramble by quarterback punt, Lowell started a drive run by Watikunas to make it end zone eight times at Keith Nichol set up a fourth- with 2:08 left in the first 49-7. Greenville, Friday, in a 56-10 and-seven touchdown pass quarter. It ended nine seconds drubbing of the host Yellow to Mike McElroy. Greenville into the second quarter when field goal before halftime. went three-and-out on its first Nichol, scrambling to the It was their last score of the It was a night when possession of the game. Then right away from defenders, game. everything clicked for Nichol completed a long pass completed a 30-yard Lowell as they rolled over to Ryan Magnuson to put the touchdown pass to McElroy. touchdown in the fourth "I feel like our kids were two yard line. Nichol kept 28-0, McElroy picked off the ball in from six yards

well-prepared and I feel like the ball for Lowell's second Greenville quarterback Zach out. Waldorf's pass and ran it With 7:50 still on the down to the Greenville 36. defensive game, limiting the said. "We had a game plan clock in the first quarter, Then Nichol completed Yellow Jackets to 134 yards and our kids, really, they did Lowell was up 14-0. Nichol another hurried pass to of total offense; 74 of those made it 21-0 with a four-yard Torsten Boss for 36 yards yards were from the fake Lowell got on the touchdown run with 3:31 and a touchdown.

On their next possession, yards on a fake punt.

anybody back for the punt," Greenville coach Dave were faking."

by Juston Rood. Watikunas

answered on the other end leading rusher with 77 vards for the Arrows, running the ball three yards for a touchdown. Lowell scored Friday at Muskegon Reeths again on its next possession Puffer.

(seven touchdowns in seven After another Greenville possessions) with a six-yard

> Greenville picked up a Lowell scored another

With the Arrows leading quarter. Ryan Mechaney ran Lowell played a strong

"Our defense really Greenville picked up 74 played stellar tonight," Dean said. "Other than that fake "They didn't have punt, they didn't give up a

Lowell, meanwhile, had Moore said. "They knew we 515 yards of total offense: were faking, we knew we 299 on the ground and 216 passing. Nichol completed Still, the fake punt set up 10 of 16 passes for 187 yards. Greenville's only touchdown Reserve quarterback Kory of the game, a one-yard run Stevens was one-for-one for 21 vards.

> Nichol was Lowell's on nine carries.

Lowell's next game is

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Lowell's Mike McElroy hauled in this touchdown pass in the first quarter of last

Friday's game.

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Lowell basketball falls to East at home, wins at Greenville

By Dan Schneider

basketball team split its pair Geelhoed added eight. of games last week.

Thursday, the Red Arrows game to East Grand Rapids offensive rebounds. At one won a low-scoring game, by a score of 44-39.

coach Dee Crowley said.

of the game. The Arrows layup by Geelhoed. led 16-13 at halftime and outscored Greenville 18-10 14-4 in the third quarter and

The Lowell girls scored nine and Amanda rebound.

At home last Tuesday, turned and East was getting

"We didn't shoot half, Lowell trailed the rebounds on six consecutive particularly well, but scored Pioneers 23-14. But in the possessions. Those rebounds enough to win," Lowell third quarter, the Arrows and a pair of three-point field battled back. Lowell goals by Greer Bratschie She called it a scrambled for loose balls, helped East retake control of "defensive, physical" game. got steals on defense and the game. Lowell started with a 9- pulled down offensive 0 run and didn't relinquish rebounds. They took the the ball more," Crowley said the lead for the duration lead 28-27 on a put-back after the game. "They had

built a six-point lead early Ellis was proud of his team

Lowell's Brittany Bueche drove the lane in last Tuesday's game against East Grand

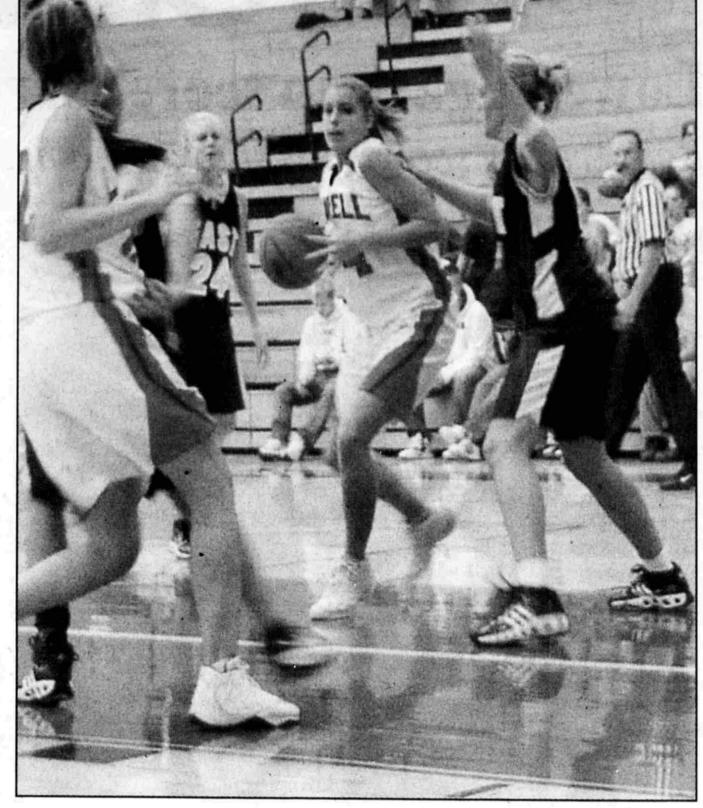
the Lowell offense with capped by another Geelhoed 10 points. Kelsey Crowley shot following an offensive

At Greenville last the Arrows lost a tough the steals, loose balls and point, Lowell allowed the After a sluggish first Pioneers to get offensive

But then the tables

"I'd say East wanted more energy. We just sort of Lowell outscored East stood still and were flat."

East coach Michael Brittany Bueche led in the fourth quarter, 33-27, for staying in the game



Lowell's Amanda Geelhoed looked for an open teammate from inside the paint in last Tuesday's game.

after Lowell's third-quarter some good decisions, hit

dominance.

"The girls just settled played some outstanding Arrows host Forest Hills themselves down, made defense," Ellis said.

Lowell's next game is some good shots and really Thursday, when the Red Northern.

Season's lowest boys golf score not enough to beat Greenville

team's lowest dual-match last Thursday.

a team score of 156, but the Yellow Jackets shot

The Lowell boys golf at Glenkerry Golf Club, Lance Perkins, a 45. Greenville's home course.

enough to beat Greenville really well but it wasn't last Monday. They played good enough under the three holes of the match circumstances," Lowell before rain put an end to it. coach Gary Fredline said.

150. The match took place Lowell with a 39 for nine Monday and played at Forest holes. Rich Porter shot a 36, Hills Central on Tuesday. Eric Mundt shot a 39 and

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received first place: Amy and Drier in Saddle Seat VanEns in A-team Saddle Showmanship; Meyers and Seat Showmanship; Lisa Langlois in Saddle Seat Nugent in B-team Saddle Equitation; VanEns in Saddle Seat Showmanship; Jessi Seat Pattern; Kulhawik and

Pattern; Kelsey Langlois Bareback; Cara Wilcox, in Saddle Seat Bareback; Bouman, Drier, Wittenbach, The sun was shining Brooke Mellema in B- Gina Guiliano, Katelin Saturday in Cedar Springs team Hunt Seat Bareback; Schramm, Langlois, Frisbie as Lowell's equestrian Brittany Devon in C-team and Devon in Hunt Seat competed against Hunt Seat Bareback; Ian Equitation; Karlye Ordway 12 other school districts Blodger in Western Reining and Guiliano in Hunt Seat from Allendale, Belding, and Trail; Christian Koning Bareback; VanEns, Cara Cedar Springs, Creative in Flag Speed Race (8.426 Wilcox, Rachelle Wilcox, Technologies, Forest Hills seconds) and April Wolf Jennie Reeser, Mellema, Eastern, Grant, Kent City, in Clover Leaf Speed Race Frisbie and Ian Blodger in Western Equitation; Van Ens,

were: Bouman, Kourtney Linda Foote said, "The Wittenbach, up to first place ahead Ruegsegger and Nugent in a strong team spirit, and did of Kent City (131 pts.), Hunt Seat Showmanship; their absolute best." and Devon in Western The following riders Showmanship; Wittenbach

Equestrians who earned Relay.

beat Lacy Chase 6-4, 6- and Megan Willemstein East Grand Rapids, Lowell criterion: fewest sets lost. won fourth-flight singles.

and Baker were the second won place third doubles team. Arrows to play their matches Elizabeth Studt 7-5, 6-2 in and MacKenzie Chase in had the closest match against championships in all four Schollaart and Kelli a super tie-break, 6-7(3), East, losing doubles lost 6- singles flights; Caledonia Kowalski placed second in Spratt won first singles Middleville-Thornapple

Aiken and Terrah Tawney Amber Chase in a super tie- Invitational tournament for Lowell. Tanya Baker Kellogg, Monday. Their next In first-flight singles, defeated Chelsea Bickford break, 6-7(4), 6-3, (10-4) in held Saturday. Their team won the championship in match is Wednesday against Lowell's Heather Spratt and Sarah France, 6-7(9- fourth doubles to secure the score was an 18-18 tie with second singles. In third Forest Hills Northern. A rain Caledonia, but Lowell won singles, Zuiderveen was the make-up match is scheduled 7-5. Melissa Zuiderveen doubles, Erin Brechbiel The next day, against by virtue of a tie-breaker champion and Heemstra for Thursday at Greenville.

Cross country hosts Greenville, travels to Sparta Invite

By Dan Schneider

Lowell's cross country Wednesday.

Yellow Jackets in a close Davis finished 13th. race. It was so close, in fact, that after both teams' top won the race in a time of

runners to determine the Jackets crossed the finish placing second with a time teams at the invitational with

teams hosted Greenville last Kyle Ingebretson, placed Cory Fitzpatrick finished a time of 22:08. 10th with a time of 18:45.

It came down to the sixth After a pack of three Yellow was Lowell's top finisher, finished fifth out of seven 18:30).

Lowell's sixth man, seventh through 10th place. placed fifth for Lowell with also won the girls race with (10th, 21:05), Fitzpatrick seventh in 18:23 followed

Lowell's Keaton Dilly Ingebretson. five runners were counted, 17:58. Andy Mark finished top in the girls' race by a 42 won the invitational. Cameron Dilly (28th, 18:16) Arrows host the Bob Perry

line, Lowell runners took of 21:36. Monica Fitzpatrick 122 points. West Ottawa in the girls race were Judd

Saturday at the Sparta nine teams with a score of 17:32), Mark (15th, 17:40),

a score of 25.

Lowell's top five (24th, 22:37), Austyn Foster The boys team beat the Greenville's sixth man John by Cameron Dilly (18:35), Invitational, the Lowell boys finishers in the boys race (32nd, 23:30) and Morgan Kirk Geldersma (18:37) and team finished fourth out of were Keaton Dilly (12th, Olin (45th, 24:20). Greenville came out on 113. West Ottawa's score of Fitzpatrick (24th, 18:07), Saturday, when the Red the score was tied 28-28. third for Lowell in 18:10. score of 37-21. Karen Judd The Lowell girls and Ingebretson (34th, Invitational at Lowell High

(13th, 21:20), Katie Riddle

Aiken and Tawney

Rain subsides, allowing Lowell girls tennis team to play

By Dan Schneider

team had a rollercoaster of Lauren Heemstra defeated third-flight doubles, Leara won all eight flights. score of 12 and Big Rapids doubles for Lowell. Glinzak

on consecutive days late fourth singles. in the week. It started last Thursday when Lowell a lot of close matches. In Schollaart and Ellen Mork The Red Arrows were doubles flights. swept all flights for an 8-0 first-flight doubles, Lindsay defeated Kayla Bite and the champions of the Lowell win over Lakewood.

defeated Emelie Enz 6-1, 7), 6-2, 6-3. In number two sweep for Lowell.

0 in the second singles beat Danielle Graham and found itself on the other end Cadillac placed second in The Lowell girls tennis match. In third singles, Addie Hunter, 6-2 6-4. In of a sweep as the Pioneers the invitational with a team placed second in first Casey Flessner 6-1 6-3. Glinzak and Caitlin Baker Lowell's first-flight doubles finished last with zero. Rain forced the Red Patty Lawrence defeated defeated Michelle Bolling squad of Aiken and Tawney

Doubles play featured 7-6(3), (10-4). Katrina 3, 6-4.

took first place in all four fourth-flight doubles.

Red Arrow equestrian team heads upward in standings

Submitted by Mary Slatten

Kenowa Hills, Rockford, (17.686 seconds). Sparta, Tri-County and West

points in the first 12 events. Western they were behind two other Jess Bouman in A-team

62; and Belding 42.

second (105), Kenowa Hills seconds). third (104), Allendale fourth (80) and Sparta sixth (67).

Creative Technologies (69), VanEns, Randi Drier, Cedar Springs (70), Forest Wittenbach, Hills Eastern (31) and West Wilcox, Nugent, Frisbie Catholic (4).

Meyers in Saddle Seat Ruegsegger in Saddle Seat

In second place were: Rachelle Wilcox, Reeser, Cara Wilcox in A-team Mellema and Devon in In a close contest of Hunt Seat Showmanship; Western Bareback; Bouman, skills, Lowell E-team Leigha Frisbie in C-team Kulhawik, Ruegsegger and members were awarded high Hunt Seat Showmanship, Julie Marsman in Western Showmanship, Reining; Cara Wilcox, but total points showed that and Western Bareback; Reeser and Marsman in Trail; Ashton Vanderwarf, teams. There were still four Saddle Seat Showmanship, Amber Waldron, Jousma more events to run - the Hunt Seat Bareback, and and Fosburg in Flag Race; speed races. The riders Western Bareback; Langlois Hannah Hudgens, Ordway, gathered the final points to in C-team Saddle Seat Ashley grab victory a second time. Showmanship and Hunt Seat Kari Bergy, The Lowell A-team Bareback; Andrea Kulhawik and Blodger in Clover scored 214 points; Cedar in A-team Saddle Seat Leaf; Waldron, Hudgens Springs A, 192 points; Pattern; Devon in C-team Ordway, Koning, Jousma, Rockford A, 96; Tri-County Saddle Seat Pattern; Sara Fosburg and Blodger in Fosburg in the Flag Speed Timed Event (Keyhole); The Lowell-B team Race (10.913 seconds), VanderWarf and Hudgens, totaled 71 points, moving up and Sarah Buist and Katie Wolf and Waldron, Koning to fifth place. Rockford-B Jousma in the Two-Person and Ordway, Fosburg and was first (172 points), Grant Relay Speed Race (15.660 Frisbie, and Blodger and Devon in the Two-Person

> Coaches Mike and Maranda riders and parents showed



The Lowell boys soccer Forest Hills Northern. Saturday at the East Lansing

The Lowell E-team shows their spirit.

Lowell soccer update

team picked up its first win Lowell is scheduled to play Tournament. of the season last Thursday

The Red Arrows beat the Yellow Jackets 2-1.

Last Tuesday at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium, Lowell fell to East Grand

After last week's games. Lowell's record was 1-6 overall and 1-1 in the OK

Lowell had a nonconference game Tuesday at Muskegon Reeths Puffer. The Arrows' next game is Thursday at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium against

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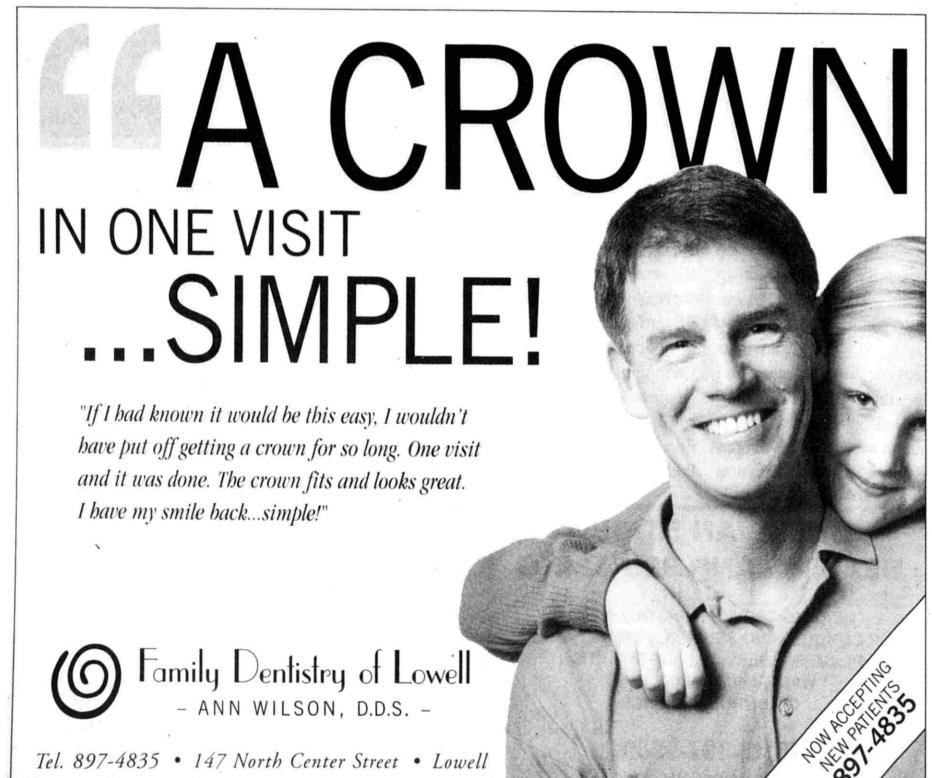
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Beware of new postal forwarding scam

A new scam is sweeping the country, swindling consumers in the Western Michigan area who are just looking for a way to make some money working at home.

Called the "postal forwarding scam," it usually begins with unsolicited "help wanted" e-mails like this (actual letter):

From Dr. Aubert, managing director, Tapar Group, Dakar, Senegal.-Tapar Group is in search of a bookkeeper/ company representative in the United States. Tapar Group is a company that deals in the production and supplies of Batik, and Assorted African fabrics.

There are a lot of lapses in handling funds coming from our clients in the USA which come in forms of Cashiers checks, Company checks and

Money Orders which are not readily cashable outside the U.S., so we need someone in the U.S. to work as our rep and assist us in processing the payments from our various clients.

All you need to do is receive these payments from our clients in your country, get it deposited at your bank, cash it, then deduct your percentage (15 percent of each payment) plus transfer charges and

forward the balance funds to one of the company's representatives via Money gram/Western Union.

These are complete scams!
The overseas con artists know that America is filled with consumers desperate to find ways to make money working at home. Folks who respond are told that they are "hired" and are immediately sent realistic-looking "cashiers checks" or

money orders which they are told to deposit in their local bank. They then withdraw the money, deduct their 15 percent commission, and send the rest to a Canadian or overseas address. But several days later their bank calls to report that the checks were counterfeit, and that they must pay back the thousands of dollars to their bank. Sometimes they can even be prosecuted by the

bank for fraud, even though they innocently sent the money overseas.

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