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#### Variety of acts to be featured at nostalgic Showboat talent contest

By Emma Palova

definite must-Riverwalk Festival this year is the Showboat Nostalgia Amateur Talent contest on the Riverwalk Plaza July 14 from 6:30 - 9 p.m.

A panel of judges will narrow the contestant pool from 12 acts down to six. The final acts will then perform at the Showboat Nostalgia Extravaganza in August - "Here Comes the Showboat Again." This will be the first production in 10 years.

"The Amateur Act portion of the entire show is the most intriguing to me.," said Rick Seese, one of the event's organizers. "The Lowell Showboat was born George Heartwell, the in the Great Depression era and was established

as a community event to entertain and lift spirits with our own local talent. I truly believe that those roots have been handed down through generations of family talents that are present today and continue to be encouraged within our future generations."

The following are the acts:

Vocal solo Gabriel Estrada III of Kent City is a solo Mariachi singer who has performed at Tres Lobos and El Chisme restaurants. Estrada is a veteran performer for the Hispanic, Cinco De Mayo and Mexican Independence festivals in West Michigan. He has also performed for the Latino Youth Conference, Mexican Consulate of Detroit, lead singer in several bands mayor of Grand Rapids and at the 11th Annual Mariachi

Vargas Extravaganza in San He actively participates Antonio.

Solo dancer Jazlyn Conway, 8, of Grand Rapids, known as Jazzi, has been dancing for four years. She recently took a high first at the Rainbow Connection, a first place at the Spotlight Competition and a second place for My Time to Shine talent competition. Conway is the reigning Miss Supreme Angelic Kids Michigan for 2006-2007 and overall talent winner of Angelic Kids Michigan. Conway recently participated in the Grand Rapids School of Ballet end of year performance. She loves to dance and one day plans on becoming a movie star or a teacher.

Vocalist Luie Bradley is in the greater Grand Rapids area, most notably Armada and Linear Action Band.

in solo and groups vocals as well as the Praise Team at Woodview Christian Church. Versatile Bradley enjoys many vocal styles.

Dance soloist Lynette Marie Rohrbacher of Lake Odessa, 15, has competed at the Lake Odessa Fair, Sunfield Farmer's Day,

Talent show, cont'd., pg. 10



**Lowell Middle School** students, Marina Jones, Mariah above, and Moore, left, are two of the acts that will be competing in the Showboat Nostalgia **Amateur Talent contest.** 

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Relay for Life of Lowell spreads message of hope and survival

By Shelly MacNaughton

rgeous weather, family activities, and many dedicated walkers contributed to the success of the second annual 24-hour Relay for Life last Friday and Saturday at Lowell High School.

The event raised over \$70,000 for cancer research and awareness.

"We are trying to achieve a carnival-like atmosphere for the community and those teams participating" said Carol Briggs event co-chair. Activities included face painting, games, live music, and a silent auction.

Thirty registered teams took part this year. Last year 19 teams participated. Each team raised money before and during the event. "For a second-year event this is

incredible," said Maryanne White. Hundreds of people came out to help support this relay.

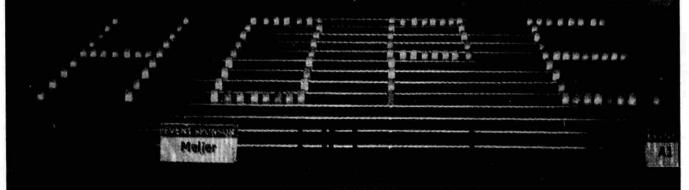
Participants walked or ran laps around the track for the entire 24 hours. Lisa Falsetta walked 19 of the 24 hours and Beth Hines 12.

"I think it is wonderful

Relay for Life, cont'd., pg. 11



Survivors began the evening with a victory lap around the track.



Luminary bags display a message of hope during the Luminaria Ceremony.

#### Residents say rental property decreases historical value of Lowell's older homes

By Emma Palova

group of Elm Street Monday opposed construction of a second duplex on the corner of Amity and Elm streets.

the group that having more tified about the issue, and cause of historical value of

rental properties in the old part of town would decrease the historical value of the existing homes.

John Sterly recently received a lot variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals to construct a duplex. However, nine neighboring It was the contention of lot owners had not been no-

the public hearing had to be reopened.

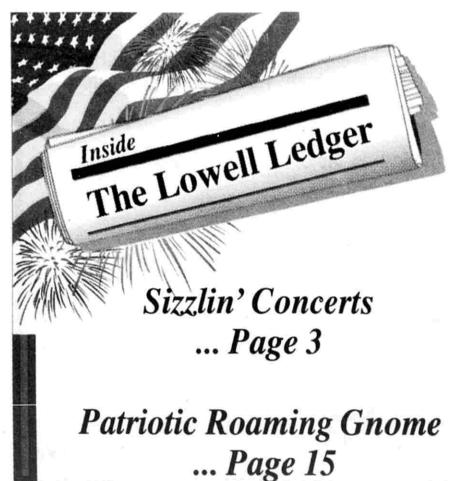
The impacted properties are located in the close proximity of a factory, a pregnancy center and a day care at a very busy intersection of Amity and Elm streets.

"I am concerned be-

our home," said Michelle Boss. "A new rental will decrease the value. Renters have no vested interest. Mr. Sterly doesn't live in the neighborhood, but we all live next door."

Boss, who lives in an 1879 home, spoke of in-

> Rentals, cont'd., pg. 4





#### HORRIGAN

Judy L. Horrigan, aged 51, of Lowell, passed away June 27, 2007. Judy left this world for the peace of heaven after a 15- year battle with breast cancer. She was preceded in Junewick. Judy is survived Cure.

Jack (Christi); sister, Laurie (Sylvia); brother, John; step sister Elaney (Will). Funeral services were held Monday. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made death by her mother, Eula to Susan G. Komen For The School.

#### SYNOPSIS **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL **JUNE 18, 2007**

Minutes of the June 4, 2007 regular meeting were approved as submitted and the accounts payable were approved.

The following items were presented:

Chief of Police/Asst. City Manager Jim Valentine read the 2007 State of the City Address.

Motion to approve the street closing of Lincoln Lake from Suffolk to Mercer to Amity on Saturday, July 7, 2007 from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Motion to approve the 2006-2007 budget amendments as presented.

Motion to approve the low bid of \$3,820 from Godwin Plumbing, which includes the strainer, for the installation of backflow preventer at the Water Treatment Plant.

Motion to approve the low bid from Kent Well and Pump of \$9,145 as well as the \$950 increase and the local match to cap the designated wells of the last phase of the Wellhead Protection Project.

Motion of receipt of the Master Plan document and to proceed with the distribution as indicated.

Motion to approve Change Order No. 1 for a net increase of \$3,900 to be assumed by Rockford Ambulance for the Ambulance Building.

Motion to approve the Light and Power Power Line Clearance Policy contingent upon the Light and Power Board's approval at their next meeting with the exception of the tree fund being matched by an equal contribution by the City.

Motion to remove the moratorium which has been in place and proceed with taking care of the trees which have been identified as hazardous.

Motion to table the closed session meeting until July 2, 2007.

Motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

Complete minutes are available on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., or by email to bmorlock@ci.lowell.mi.us



Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk City of Lowell

#### **KAWAMOTO**

Eunice Louisa Kawamoto, of Omaha, Nebraska, passed away Thursday, June 28, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband, Mitsuo; her parents Rev. by her husband, Mike; father, Robert S. and Eunice F. Miller. She is survived by her sons, Robert and Curtiss; her daughter Janet and brother David Miller of Lowell. She was a 1945 graduate of Lowell High

#### RIVETTE

Barbara G. (Davis) Rivette. Church in Lowell, Tuesday, aged 87, of Lowell went to Rev. Roger LaWarre be with the Lord on June 28, officiating. 2007. She was preceded Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu in death by her husbands, of flowers donations may be Herbert F. Davis and Gould made in Barbara's name to at Murray Lake and 2 O. Rivette. She is survived Lowell Area Arts Council or by her children, David F. First Congregational Church Township injured a driver Davis, Thomas A. (Cherri) of Lowell

VanTatenhove, VanTatenhove; grandchildren, Stanley and (Gladys) Fletcher; sister, Dorothy A. Sible; many nieces and nephews. Memorial service was held at the First Congregational Interment

Davis and Kimberly A. Davis

Davis, Michael J.

#### **MEMBERSHIP SERVICES** COORDINATOR/OFFICE **MANAGER**

The North Country Trail Association seeks a multitalented individual to coordinate membership services, manage & administer a small storefront office environment in Lowell. Responsibilities include leading a proactive membership support program as well as coordinating office administration, financial management & retail oversight (online & on site). Serves & sets example as part of an NCTA staff committed to a collaborative, collegial, customer service & team-based approach. Full position description available at: northcountrytrail.org.

Send, fax or e-mail cover letter describing your interest in & qualifications for this position, plus a resume & the names of 3 references to:

Bruce Matthews, Executive Director, North Country Trail Association, 229 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331, 897-6605, HR@northcountrytrail.org.

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

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a Special Use Permit and site plan for U Park U Sell. The proposed use would be a park and sell car lot. The site is zoned Commercial.

Project location: 11294 E. Fulton Street Permanent Parcel No. 41-

20-09-100-040

The hearing will be held as follows: WHEN: MONDAY, JULY 23, 2007

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE:

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL 2910 ALDEN NASH SE LOWELL MI 49331

The proposed site plan and project information are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during regular office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-

> Tim Clements, Secretary **Lowell Charter Township Planning** Commission

#### SLEEMAN

all of Lowell; grandchildren, Charles B. Sleeman Jr., aged Sara (George) Ponchaud, 68, of Ada, passed away at home surrounded by his VanTatenhove, death by his brother, Bill grandchildren, Summer,

Kyle and Anna; great-Matthew A. Davis, Adam on Sunday, June 24, 2007 sister Alice; brothers Terry Patrick family. He was preceded in Jerry; half-sisters, Clara and Mary and several nieces and Matthew (Kimberly) and is survived by his wife, nephews. According to his great- Sharon; his son, Charles wishes cremation has taken Deziray Sleeman III; daughters, place. Memorials may be Ramsey Lucinda Wolford and made in Chuck's memory to Ponchaud; brother, Alyn Christina (Tom) Goodrich; Cascade Christian Church.

Justin, Brenden, Ryan,

#### Two injured in Murray Lake accident

A one-car accident Mile Road in Vergennes and passenger last Saturday. The driver, Donald Sheppard of Belding, lost control of his 1965 Ford Cobra while turning north onto Murray

roadwayintoanembankment and overturned. After a prolonged extrication of the driver, both he, and passenger Gordon Wilcox of Rockford, were transported to Butterworth Hospital for injuries. The accident Lake from 2 Mile. The remains under investigation.

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#### Health and Fitness Fair planned for next weekend

The 7th Annual Health and Fitness Fair will take health-related organizations, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the with the Annual Riverwalk Lowell Police Department Festival in Lowell Garage and along Avery educational

from a wide variety of bracelet, challenge their exhibits for visitors

the Children's Challenge, kids featuring complete the obstacle displays and information course, create a sun sensitive

can

There will also be opportunities available

parents in Dance, Dance young at heart, which place on Saturday, July 14 takes place in conjunction Revolution, test their hand will include running gait to eye coordination at the analysis, the importance Cup Stacking Challenge or of proper shoe fit, food take part in the three legged sampling and nutritional information, recreational

and information about nonprofit organizations. Community Health Fair

is presented by Lowell Community Wellness. For Area Community Fund. more details on available

throughout the Lowell area booth space or available health screenings, contact Lowell Community Wellness The 2007 Lowell at 616-340-7781. Lowell Community Wellness is funded through the Lowell

#### Boaters urged to help protect Michigan's Lakes

Office of the Great Lakes cause for concern. is reminding boaters that they play an important role Michigan's lakes and mussels and other organisms in protecting Michigan's streams should inspect from one lake to another.

The Department of septicemia virus (VHS), in recreational equipment to pristine lakes and streams muskellunge, small mouth Quality's the Great Lakes is further dry 4-6 hours in the sun also anywhere in the world, and bass, northern pike, yellow been found in lakes Huron,

invasive watercrafts and recreational

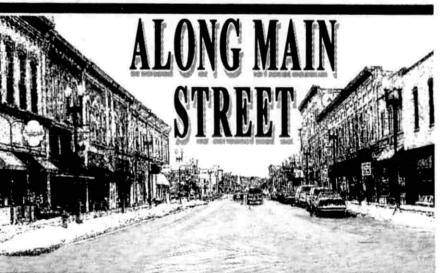
enjoying of VHS as well as zebra they stay healthy,"

helps to prevent the spread they need our help to ensure perch, lake whitefish, Michigan, Erie, and St. Clair

VHS causes internal hemorrhaging and organ "Over 183 invasive failure in fish, and while summer. equipment before leaving species and the diseases it does not pose any threat Aquatic invasive plants and a lake or other water body, they carry now threaten to human health even if animals threaten Michigan's remove any vegetation, drain the Great Lakes' natural infected fish are eaten, the diverse ecosystems, and all live wells, clean areas ecosystem," said Office of full biological impact might the confirmation of the that may contain water, and the Great Lakes Director Ken not be clear for years. VHS existence of a new deadly dispose of unused bait in the DeBeaussaert. "Michigan has been found in twenty fish virus, viral hemorrhagic trash. Allowing boating and boasts some of the most species to date including

walleyes, and Chinook

Boaters. cont'd., pg. 4



#### Come listen to the blues on the Riverwalk



www.GQTI.com

This husband/wife team manages to keep at least one toe lodged in the blues while embracing a southern rock vibe that might best be described as "Bonnie Raitt and ZZ Top crashing an Allman Brothers house

Taking a cue from husband/wife music teams like Carter & Cash, Jones & Wynette and McGraw & Hill, the Wrights also bring the time-honored male/female duet tradition into the blues world.

For more information about these concerts, go to: www.lowellartscouncil.org www.lowellchamber.

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#### LHS CLASS OF 1977 REUNION

Our night to remember reunion, July 28 at the Grand Rapids Hilton, \$35 for dinner or \$10 after 8:30 p.m. Please plan on attending this special event. Last chance to send in RSVP is July 7 or call Deb at Canfield Plumbing & Heating, 897-0887.

#### AMATEUR FINALISTS ON VIDEO

The Lowell Showboat Amateur Night Finals will cap off Riverwalk Festival on Saturday evening, July 14. See more information and a short video of the 12 finalists at www.discoverlowell.org.

#### LHS CLASS OF 1997 REUNION

August 18 at the BOB in downtown Grand Rapids. For more information contact Heidi Barber at 616-642-0738 or email hbarber79@hotmail.com.

#### F.R.O.M. IS IN NEED OF FOOD DONATIONS

Donations are down at the F.R.O.M Food Pantry. There is a need for cereals (hot and cold), canned fruit, fruit juice, hamburger and tuna helper and crackers.

#### SHOWBOAT CHORUS MEMBERS

It's not too late to join the Showboat Chorus for the Showboat Nostalgia - 2007 extravaganza. Any former or new members of the chorus are welcome to join together for our first rehearsal on July 24 at 7 p.m., at the United Methodist Church, located at 621 E. Main Street. Come and sing along!

#### FIRE & WATER ART

In the month of July, Fire & Water Art will feature "A Little of France" pastels and drawings by artist Krista Livingston. The gallery is located at 219 W. Main St., downtown Lowell. Hours are 1 - 6 p.m. Wed. - Sun., Fri. 1 - 7 p.m. Call 890-1879 for more

#### ANTE-UP LACROSSE DAY CAMP

The Ante-Up Lacrosse Camp is designed to make good players exceptional and to bring novice players up to a competitive level. Camp will be held July 28 - 30 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Lowell High School. Cost is \$225. Contact Tim Duffy at 708-606-0177 for registration information.

#### LHS CLASS OF 1982 REUNION

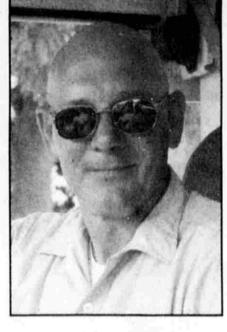
The Class of 1982 is planning its 25th reunion, August 25 at Deer Run. Tropical Hawaiian Luau theme with a slide show (photos wanted) including memories from elementary to the 8th grade dance to beyond. Contact Tonia North at 897-8612; northtj@gmail. com or Jamey Fitz at JameyFitz@comcast.net. Please contact us to reserve your seats, express your regrets or help with planning.

# **BIG SCREENS**

SHOWTIMES VALID 7/3 - 7/5

TRANSFORMERS (PG-13) 11:45, 2:50, 6:10, 9:15 EVAN ALMIGHTY (PG) 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

#### What does Independence Day mean to you?



Ron Adams

That we are able to everybody has fought for. live here. We need to be people through what they support for America, to We take too much for peace, a day to spend time spend time with the family granted and don't realize with the family. I wish and try to participate in how the rest of the world is Lowell would get back into activities.



art and design from Nothern She is continuing her Michigan University.

Justin Jean Stanford.

Ryan M. Scarlett of to the Dean's List at Grand Adareceived a BFA degree in Rapids Community College. education in nursing.

Culver Redd. a 2002 graduate of Lowell Lowell High School Marsha Redd of Lowell. High School, was named graduate, received a Trustee



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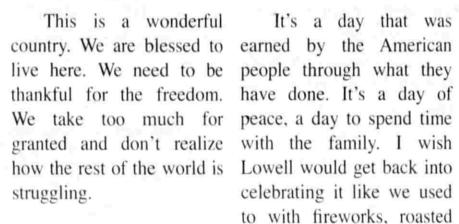
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**Jeff Childs** 

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Katherine **Clements** of Lowell Cum Laude, from the Mechanical Engineering. College of Education and Human Services at Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey.



**Howard Acheson** 

That our forefathers fought for our independence, for our freedom to disagree the way this country is run without consequences. I think we've been in Iraq way too long. I was initially for it, now I am against it. We don't seem to be making any headway.

per year from Albion University recognized the achievements of more than 800 degree candidates during ceremonies May 5. Among those honored were: Mark A Kimberlin of Ada, **Tobin** Bachelor of Science in Electrical received a Bachelor of **Brendan T. Grimes** of Alto,

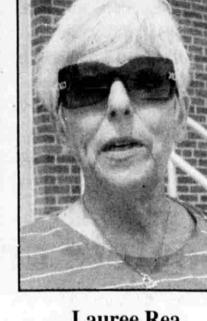


**Patsy Schwenke** 

Our freedom cost don't remember that hard whatever we want. We think freedom is a license to do whatever we please, to go after our agenda. By doing that, we are desecrating that have.

commencement Engineering; Science in Elementary Bachelor of Science degrees have occurred over the past VHS and how to prevent its Special Education, Summa in Electrical Engineering and two years and are attributed spread to inland waters or for

> Species not only affect the use of Michigan waters but



Lauree Rea

That we have freedoms somebody their lives, homes, here that other countries families and livelihood. We don't have. We've become complacent. We've lost a earned freedom and we lot of people for freedom. think that freedom is to do To me Independence Day is an important day. I think of servicemen. There is no price on freedom. I wish everyone freedoms that we

#### Boaters, continued ... From Page 3

and one inland lake in Clare County. Large fish die-offs in lakes Huron, Erie, St. Clair, than a dozen fish species For more information on

have negative effects on sport and commercial fishing, industry, municipalities and and Ontario affecting more native fish and wildlife. information on new fishing Invasive regulations, visit www. michigan.gov/dnrfishing.

#### Rentals, continued ... From Page 1

in and out from the existing historical value of Lowell," each other why would they rental properties, smoke she said. from fires and blaring ra-

creased noise and traffic dios. "We want to keep the plexes are not bothering

However, Sterly addressed most of the concerns stating there is already traffic from the day care. "It's a busy corner. I didn't create call.' that," he said. "I will be putsafety. The noise complaints were before my times."

two tenants are college students, another is a third-shift the day. "People in my du-

bother their neighbors," he said. "Renters can be family members, they intermingle. If you have problems let me know. All it takes is a phone

Disgruntled residents ting in sidewalks to increase maintained they just want live and raise their families in their homes, while Sterly city manager due to absence According to Sterly, wants to make money on the of mayor Chuck Myers and rentals. "The lot is still buildable," said Sterly. "It's worker who sleeps during just a matter of what you put

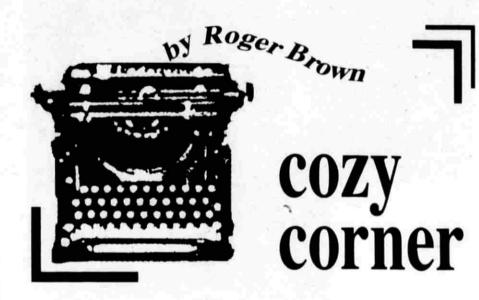
there. Times are bad, people may not be able to afford a 3,000-square-foot house."

The issue will be taken up again at the July 16 coun-

In related business, the council approved the Capital Improvement Plan for 2007-2012. The council tabled the evaluation of the

#### COME ONE, COME ALL TO OUR ANNUAL PET PARADE! All types of animals needed to make our parade a success! To be held July 14th at 2 PM Registration at 1:30 pm Judging will be based on the following categories: • Best Costume • Most Unique • Most Patriotic • Funniest Costume • Looks Like Owner • People's Choice THE LAURELS 350 N. Center St. Lowell, MI 49331 A Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Phone 897-8473

# Viewpoint-



Of all things, shoes have become an issue for me. Getting old is tough enough, at least give me some shoes that fit. We'll get to the design flaws in my feet a little further on. The reality is, shoes have always been something of an issue for me. Even as a baby there were problems.

When I first began to walk it was noticed that my left foot tended to toe-in. My folks were living in a one-stall garage converted to a house. The amenities included water from a hand pump inside. The rest of the plumbing was a short walk out back. Springing for corrective shoes was probably the equivalent of a few months rent. (Run Forrest, Run!) Even with the shoes, I continued to toe-in until, at about eight or nine. My defect was pointed out to me by a buddy, and a peer. I guess I was old enough to care, and simply quit walking that way.

About those design flaws. My feet are pretty big. Lengthwise, they measure in at twelve to twelve and a half. That's not terribly unusual, but once you get beyond a ten or eleven, the inventory at most retail outlets begins to decline dramatically. The next problem is the width. My feet are extremely wide (fat). When ordering from a catalog, or online, I ask for all the WWWW's or EEEE's they have. A good rule of thumb is to take the typical retail inventory decline in large sizes and divide further by every W or E.

is an extremely high arch. Even if I find a shoe that fits for length and width, there never seems to be enough of the upper portion of the shoe. Loafers or slip-on boots are pretty much not gonna work. Shoes or boots that lace are my only option. Even then, I sometimes have to go right out and buy a set of longer laces. My shoes are always spread out on top with the eyelets way over on the sides of my their inventory two years ago? foot, leaving most of the tongue exposed. I am completely envious of people who can lace their shoes with the eyelets trainers. They didn't fit at all like the old ones, but I hoped coming close together and enough lace left to tie a double bow. WOW!

To The Editor

Board of Education President which stated a community

In this article they also targeted improvements including

gauge interest in bond issue for facility improvements.] economically depressed.

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

Back in my teens, fashion became an issue. When I was about 13, a black pointy loafer with a spring-loaded tongue was all the rage. The tongue swung to the open position, you put your foot in, and the tongue locked back to hold your foot snugly in the shoe. Nobody stocked these shoes to fit my feet. In fact, it's doubtful anybody manufactured them in my size. It seemed everybody had these tricked out, pointy "corner cleaners" except me. I had "corner cleaner" envy as I trudged around in my clodhoppers.

The fashion issues continued through penny loafers, Pro-Keds, Chuck Connors and those slip-on boots with elastic in the sides. Nobody ever had anything cool that would fit me. I remember my dad trying to help out one time. He took me to a big men's shoes store in Grand Rapids. The only thing in their stock that fit was an expensive pair of wingtips. Sure they fit... but they were wingtips, for crying out loud. No self-respecting 60's era kid would be caught dead in high school wearing a pair of wingtips!

As I write this, it is dawning on me that shoes really have been a big problem in my life. Football shoes were hard to find. Boots in the army were a big issue. I was beginning to think I'd be sent home for lack of boots to fit. No such luck, they found something close enough. How about the 70's and those platform shoes? Forget about it!

All this brings me to my latest footwear concern. For years now, I have been buying a New Balance cross trainer. I order them from Cabella's because they stock the model in a twelve and a half EEEE. With each new pair I immediately install a set of Dr. Scholl's heel and arch supports. This little tip came to me from a podiatrist friend following a painful bout with plantar fraschitis. The modified cross trainers did the trick, and I now wear them everywhere my warped sense of fashion allows. That means sneakers are pretty much acceptable anywhere except funerals.

I keep several pair around. My newest pair is for wearing in public. My next newest pair is for my morning The third, and possibly biggest, problem with my feet walk and everyday wear. An older pair is relegated to yard work. Even older ones are kept around for painting projects and oil changes. A couple of months ago it was time to order a new pair and bring them into my rotation. Imagine my horror when the sales rep at Cabella's told me my model had been discontinued and replaced with a new style. Why, oh why, didn't I get a second mortgage on the house and buy

Begrudgingly, I ordered a pair of the re-styled cross

technology, safety and security, athletic facilities, improving

energy efficiency and maintenance. It also stated a need for

district had \$10.9 million of unspent money. The article

We love to hear from you!

I read the article [sharing the vision] by Nancy Hopkins \$25 million in facility improvements and stipulated that the

survey indicated an overwhelming number of community didn't clarify if any of the \$25 million would be spent on any

considered part of their family. A article in the February 21st spent. My vision is not to extend our old debt or accumulate

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please include a phone number. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity,

libel or invasion of privacy. The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

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#### 125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL **JULY 5, 1882**

A new and very neat barn on HJ Bosworth's premises. Swan Johnson's champion grubbers, (4 hands) grubbed 75 acres of land in 3 months in the town of Bowne. Who

#### 100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **JULY 4, 1907**

The 19th annual picnic of the Hooker Pioneer Society was held in the shady yard of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thursday

A dog infected with rabies came from the direction of Grand Rapids Friday, traveled through Bowne Township, Alto and Elmdale village and was killed at Freeport after biting Clara Gosch on the face and hands.

#### 75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO **JUNE 30, 1932**

Eleven 4H canning and food preparation clubs are starting their project work.

Summer, if you want to know, is on the job.

Don't miss the grand opening of Christiansen's new ice cream factory at the east end of Main Street in Lowell.

The Consumers Power Co. last Saturday closed its office and salesroom in Saranac.

#### 50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **JULY 4, 1957**

The Civic Planning Committee recommends that Lowell consider changing over to a "city" form of government.

members would support a bond proposal to improve new projects, additions and the maintenance of these new our school buildings. It is not hard to understand why projects and additions. I believe that if they came up with The greatest "chimp" act shares top billing on the Lowell many citizens of our community would overwhelmingly such a large sum of money \$25 million for improvements Showboat with Harmonicats in the 1957 silver anniversary support these issues considering the school system is they should be able to detail how this money is going to be production of the Lowell Showboat.

Summer tax bills were mailed to property owners in the edition of the Lowell Ledger stated[ school survey to any new unnecessary debt while our community and state is village. Total tax bill is \$38,374.53.

Extensive remodeling of the Elmdale Church of the Jim Howard Nazarene is still in progress.

#### 25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JUNE 30, 1982

The Gus Macker 3 on 3 basketball tournament is set for July 9-11 at the corner of Elizabeth and Amity streets.

The Lowell volunteers fire department has shouldered the task of giving the Lowell Showboat a fresh coat of paint Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they not exceed 250 words and not be strictly for the 1982 season. Volunteers are needed to help.

The Lowell Showboat parade on July 10 will feature thank you letters. "Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com. Letters must be signed and

Police are investigating an armed robbery at Adgates

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\*3rd Monday due to Spring Break

## **Engagements**

#### VanDuinen/Blough



Amy VanDuinen and Nicholas Blough

Amy Sue Van Duinen and Nicholas John Community College and Davenport College. K. Blough, both of Lowell, will be united in She is employed by the United States Postal marriage on July 7, 2007 at the First United Service in Lowell Methodist Church in Rockford.

The future groom is the son of Michael The bride to be is the daughter of and Toni Blough of Lowell.

He is a graduate of Lowell High School Phillip and Patrica VanDuinen, of Lowell. She is a graduate of Forest Hills Central and Western Michigan University. He is High School and attended Grand Rapids employed by Lowell High School.



By Michael Conklin, Pastor First United Methodist Church

The Fourth of July comes around in the soft, warm days of America.' of the early summer, and breaks into the quiet of the summer words that tell us who we intend to be as a people. "We another as I have loved you" (John 15:12).

hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created

with a well-deserved day of national celebration. I love the the power of words, because we are a people of the Word. Fourth of July, in part because I have always considered "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with myself to be a kind of "documents" patriot rather than a God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). In Genesis we are "flag" patriot. That is to say, that the best and highest ideals told that creation itself was a result of God speaking it into of our nation are expressed in words that have been argued being. And in Jesus we are told, by his Word, how we are to and struggled over, and then finally committed to paper, live our lives: "This is my commandment, that you love one

equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain hope to become, they also bind us to one another, and they unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and bind us to God. The Declaration of Independence ends with the pursuit of Happiness." These are words that have power, the words, "And for the support of this Declaration, with the power to transform and change. "We the people of a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the our sacred Honor." To give our word means that we are common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure bound by a binding contract. When we declare that God is the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do at the center of our lives, then we have uttered a binding ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States promise to shape our lives in a unique way, a way that binds us together in love and mutual support and respect. Jesus In the Christian community, we have always known said it best (isn't that always the case?) when he said he had come with the Spirit of the Lord upon him "to bring good news to the poor...to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:18-19). That's our calling too. We have Jesus' word on it.

#### Golden wedding anniversary

Lyle and Errolyn (Osborne) Weeks of Lowell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 22.

Children of the couple are Laurie Weeks (Jan Walsh), Louise Weeks, Stephen (Sue) Weeks and Susan (Dean) Anderson. They have seven grandchil-



Lyle and Errolyn (Osborne)

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- Alan King

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were the only suitable months my feet are near just how much I hate malls,

walking shoes I had with normal and I am barely box stores and any kind of

me. If you've noticed the limping at all. Those new shopping experience outside

size of a typical Vietnamese cross trainers went out in the of a trip to the hardware person, you know there trash. Unfortunately, those store. Desperate times call wasn't much hope of scoring old shoes were rotated down for desperate measures. If

JULY 6:

Barber, Amy Stencel, Darrel

**JULY 7:** 

Hiskey, Randi Ellis, Phyllis Phil VanLaan, Elizabeth Austin Bieri, Carter Peel.

Marty DeYoung, Jason

Walling, Jan Bieri.

Condon, Brennan Page, Gerard, Tim Tulppo, Zach Kelly Landman.

Devinne Ossewaarde, Bob Meiste, Wayne Racine.

them along on our trip to partially crippled.

morning walk in each day, immediately promoted my eye.

plus we did a lot of hiking old shoes back up through

Viet Nam. I tried to get my

JULY 4:

Anne Armstrong, Barb

Austin, Zachary Rhodes,

Timinski, Phyllis Condon.

JULY 5:

Dave Burdette, Jacob

Tara Sherman,

Cozy Corner, continued ... From Page 5

they simply needed a good twelve and a half EEEE's in the ranks for a reason. The you see a big ole guy with a

"break-in period". I took that country. I came home soles are getting mighty thin goofy short haircut and worn

as we toured around. These the rotation. After two documented in this space those corrective baby shoes.

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and even the best ones aren't out sneakers lurking around

It has been well something, or I'll be back in

Back in the States, I really suitable for the public a shoe store near you, you'll

JULY 8:

Jason White, Tony Stencel,

Ryan Vashaw, Jessica

Tulppo, Marilyn Venneman.

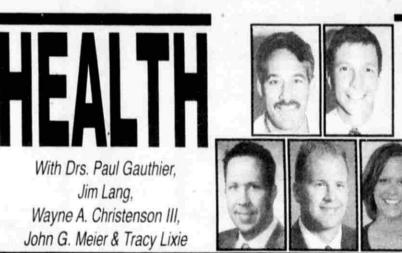
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**JULY 10:** 

Barb Rivette, Pete VanLaan,

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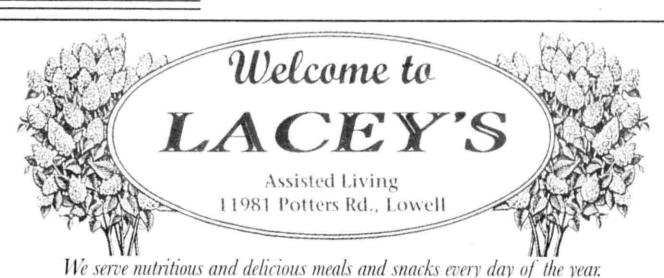


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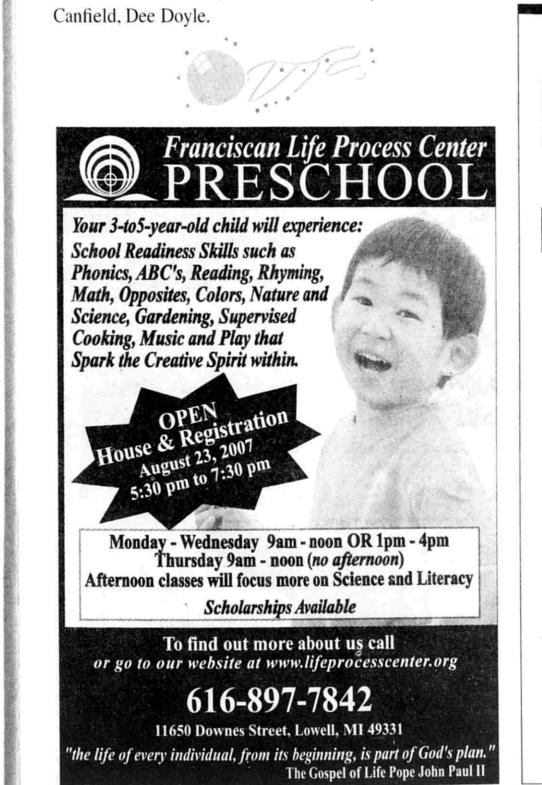
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thing you can do to hasten your Financial Independence Day is to continually save and invest for retirement. Take purchasing stocks and holding them for many years, you'll full advantage of your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis and you can create an investment mix that reflects your risk tolerance, time horizon and retirement goals. move that could benefit you - particularly if you're in Also, even if you have a 401(k), you may be eligible to one of the higher tax brackets — is to invest in municipal invest in a traditional or Roth IRA. A traditional IRA's bonds. Your interest payments will be free from federal earnings can grow tax deferred - and they can grow tax taxes; if the municipality that issues the bond is in your free in a Roth IRA, provided you've had your account state, your interest payments also may be exempt from at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals state and local taxes. (However, some municipal bonds until you are at least 59 1/2. And you can fund your IRA are subject to the alternative minimum tax, so do your with a wide range of investments, such as stocks, bonds research before you invest.) and certificates of deposit (CDs).

can't avoid all debts, and some of them - such as a your calendar of the future - and then do what it takes to mortgage — at least offer the possibility of tax write-offs. reach that happy date.

But the larger your debt payments, the less money you'll have to invest, so do what you can to live within your

· Prepare for emergencies. If you face some unexpectedly large medical bills, or if you need a new car or a major appliance, will you have the money available? If not, you may have to dip into your investments - and that can slow your progress toward your eventual financial freedom. To avoid this problem, build an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses. Put the money in a liquid vehicle — one with little risk of loss

• Be a "tax-smart" investor. Taxes can eat into your investment returns. As we've already mentioned, your to contribute as much as you can afford to both these • Feed those retirement plans. The most important vehicles. Beyond that, perhaps the most important step you can take is to follow a "buy-and-hold" strategy. By put off capital gains taxes until you sell. This technique also can help you hold down commissions and give your stocks a chance to appreciate. Another tax-advantaged

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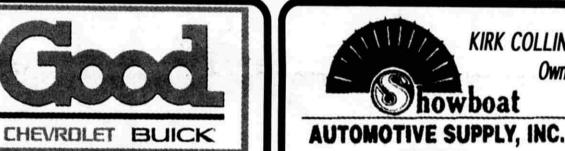
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#### Talent show, continued ... From Page 1

She has also performed with The Thunder Floor Michigan Bluegrass Mayfest and Fallfest, Grand Rapids Art Festival and at various county fairs. Rohrbacher has also performed at the Bob Evans festival in Ohio, Bowen's Mill Festival, Art in the Park and Magazine Expo 4.

martial Moore, "Karate



Gabriel Estrada II

who attends Lowell Middle School. Moore is an official member of the U.S. National Arts Team and won two gold medals last year at the World Championships. She is the

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world championship titles in 2008 in the Philippines.

Vocal soloist Marina Jones, 14, attends Lowell



Nicole Tyczynski

Middle School and has MoonSchoolofDance, based



**Jazlyn Conway** 

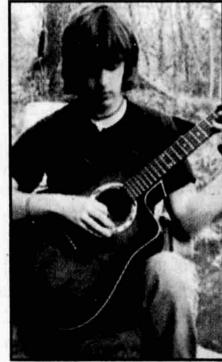
full contact stick fighting plays trombone and sings

THE LOWELL FOOTBALL PROGRAM

traditional multiple in choir at school. Jones has talent show at Comstock

weapons. She will defend her attended Blue Lake Fine Park and has recorded a CD at the Tom Hagen Studio in November 2006. She enjoys singing, traveling and being with her family and friends.

Vocal duet Becky and Tess Reagan of Lowell will make a debut appearance together at the competition. Becky, a veteran performer of the Showboat Chorus, is a three-time winner in



**Ryder Jones** 

past competitions. Becky

has performed with Opera

Rapids Symphony Chorus,

performed in several Lowell in Lowell, has performed at Area Arts Council theater various local and national productions and middle dance competitions such as school variety shows. Jones the Grand Rapids Festival of has placed second in the Kent the Arts and at parades. The County 4-H talent show and Linda Moon organization first as a solo vocalist in the has historically produced the past Showboat Talent competitors and winners. Performing year

> are Kera Abbott, Nicole Ruecker, Chrissy Ruecker,

lody Carvill, Samantha

Jazz dance group Linda

band, Jonesy.

Perrin, Katelyn Sorenson Grand Rapids, the Grand and September Carigon. Nicole the Grand Rapids Civic Vocalist Tyczynski, 15, of Comstock Theater and the Thebes Park, will be a junior this Players. She is a vocalist at fall. She performed at the St. Mary's where she helped 2005 Holy Trinity School create a CD with the choir in graduation ceremony.

Tyczynski has current World Champion in Alto Fall Festival. She also performed in the school

Tess, 7, is making her her mother. Tess played a bear in the Thebes Players production "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" and a sheep in St. Patrick School Christmas program. She recently performed a

Vocalist/guitarist Ryder lones, 19, is a 2006 graduate of Lowell High School. He Jonesy. received the Louis Armstrong

duet in the school talent



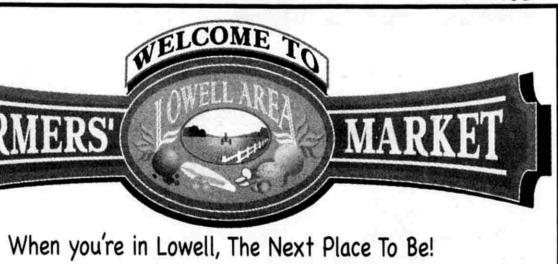
she was eight. Scouten has the future.

Blue Star Pilot, Great Lakes and Girl Scout meetings, Band and his family band, schools and other fun events. His road to stardom slowed Vocalist Stacia Scouten down after graduation from of Muskegon, 14, has been Michigan State University singing since age four. She when he began his current has competed in events career. His passion for such as the Muskegon Idol juggling is still strong and and Gospel Search when will always continue into

> The following are the on July

> > Talent show judges, cont'd., pg. 12

sang the National Anthem for the Muskegon Fury judges of the Showboat and Mayhem. Her hobbies Nostalgia Amateur Talent include playing keyboard Contest finals and guitar. She hopes to be a 14 during the Riverwalk professional entertainer. Juggler Steve Flohr of Steve Flohr



Award for outstanding jazz Lowell, 24, is a business

owner. His inspiration to

juggle began at the age of

nine when his father was

in the kitchen juggling

oranges. After learning with

bean bags, golf balls and

Stacia Scouten

musician and numerous

**Luie Bradley** 

various jazz festivals. Jones

has performed in several

ncluding a lead role and

he continues to participate

in bands for school plays.

productions,

He sang in choir in high tennis balls, he moved on to

school, gospel choir and rings, pins, knives and even

jazz bands at Calvin College fire. Steve started his own

and in local church bands. business called the "Flohr

He plays acoustic, electric Show." He has performed

and classical guitar. Jones for various venues including

has performed in Ragnarok, birthday parties, Boy Scouts

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#### Relay for Life, continued ... From Page 1

that our community comes together like this," said survivor which raised \$5,446.97. The total amount of money raised Becky Cribley.

Kicking off the evening event was the Survivor Celebration. Survivors walked a victory lap while attendees cheered them on. Following the walk they were provided dinner. This year 65 survivors attended the walk and

"We more than doubled the number from last year," said organizer Donna Cody. Baremans Dairy, Jimmy's Grill, Litehouse, Michaels & Associates, and Saranac Brand Foods contributed the meal.

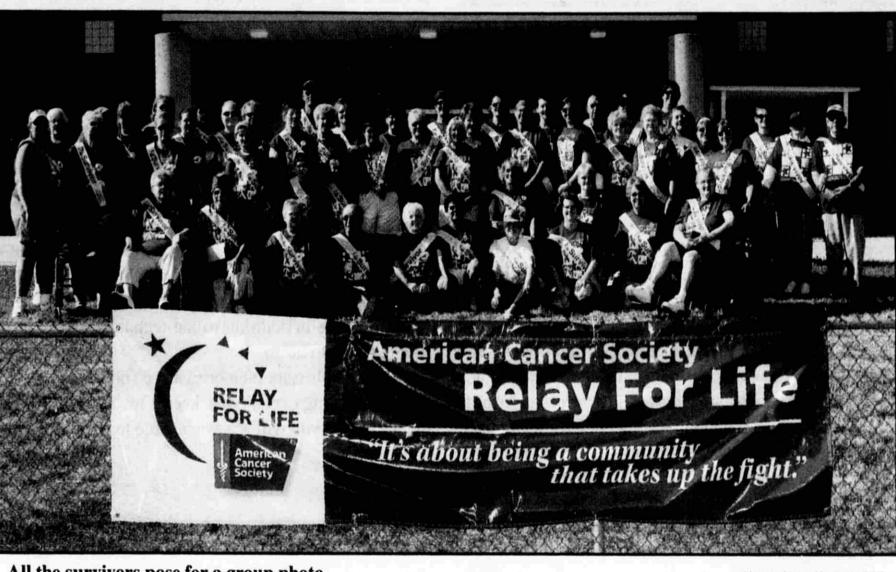
A luminaria ceremony took place after dark. Those touched by cancer decorated white bags in honor and memory of loved ones that have fought against cancer. In the evening these bags were placed around the entire perimeter of the Lowell High School track with sand and candles in them. Families, relay participants, and community members walked a silent lap to remember. This is a definite highlight of the event and proves to be a very emotional display.

Team Postal Connections, together with silent sponsor the Red Hot Chili Peppers, was awarded top fundraising team for the second year in a row raising \$13,061.89. The team used a variety of ways to raise money for this cause including two garage sales, an ebay auction, silent auction items and a car wash. Team members also placed cans all over town to collect money.

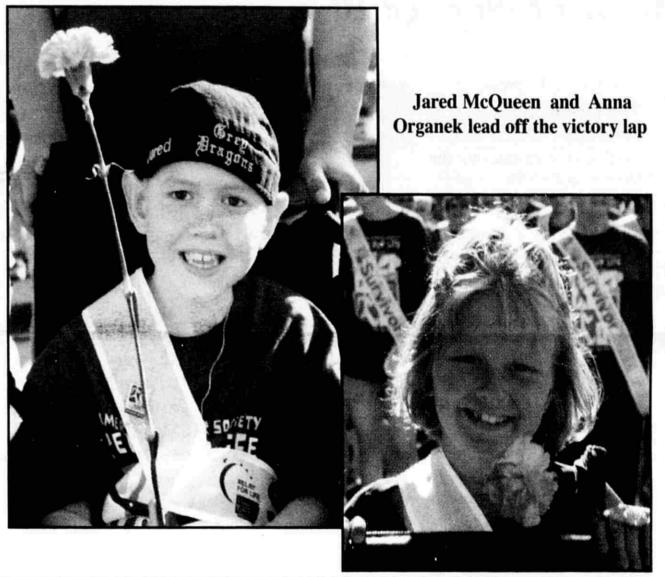
Taking second place, First United Methodist Church raised \$6,253.64. Third place was team FAFOBAM Returns,

for the Relay was \$70,208.08.

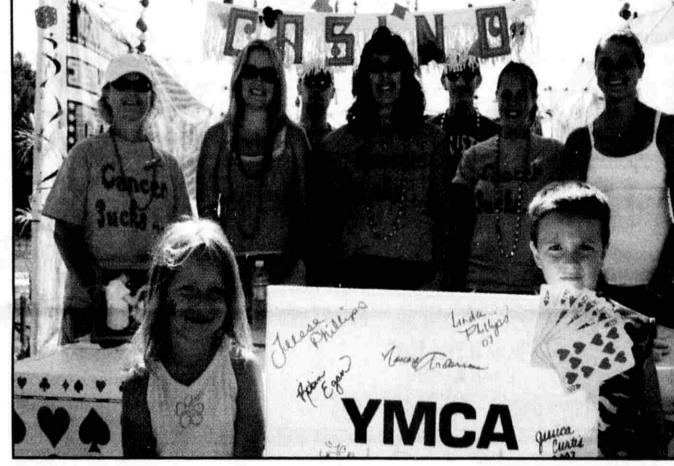
year and we ended up raising over \$70,000," said Briggs. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society to help "As a committee, we set a goal to raise \$60,000 this fund research, education, advocacy and service.



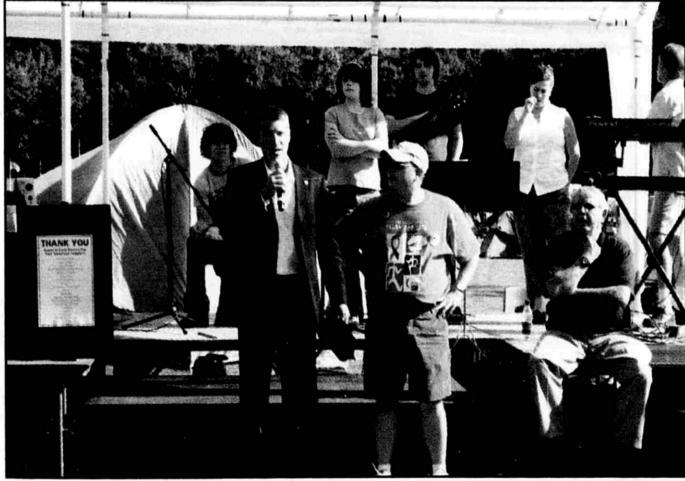
All the survivors pose for a group photo.





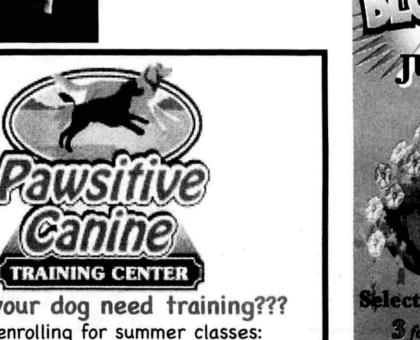


Some members of the Lowell YMCA team Kendall and Cameron Egan Nancy Anderson, Robin Egan, Linda and Terese Phillips, Jessica Curtis, Justin Oberlin and Jason Roth.



From left to right, Hildenbrand. Mike Lindhout and Gordon Gould spoke during the opening ceremony.

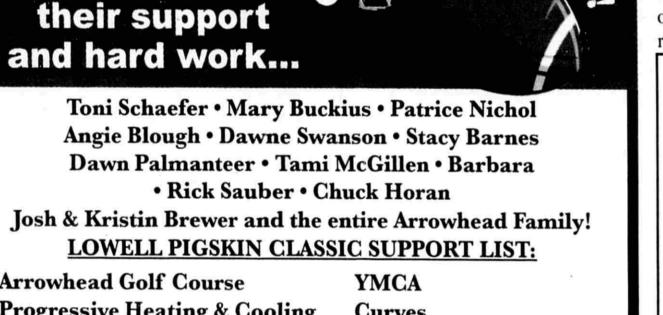




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As time goes by, recalling details about past events has become somewhat of a hit and miss proposition for me. With the passage of more time, the misses out number the hits, so I have come to rely on hand written notes to jog my memory.

Fishing conditions change with the seasons as well as on a daily basis because of the effect of wind, water temperature, cloud cover, and a variety of other variables. Fish react to these changes, so fishermen need to adjust fishing strategies to deal with current conditions.

Over the years, I have recorded pertinent data from fishing excursions to help plan where, when, and how to fish next. An acquaintance who had access to printing equipment made up a stack of 3 x 5 cards with spaces labeled with the following categories: body of water, fish species, number and size of fish caught, date, time, weather

conditions, fishermen, and space for a short narrative about techniques used and any special circumstances encountered. This was all done before the dawn of the information age of computers, copy machines, and office service companies. I have since added GPS coordinates and waypoints to the list. Today one can purchase related software or design a special database to accomplish the same thing.

The task of gathering and saving fishing information has proven to have value beyond the original intention. The unexpected benefit is that I have inadvertently recorded details of those, otherwise most likely forgotten times, with friends and family. A few of my fishing partners have since passed from this life, so the details on the old cards recapture memories of those days as if it all happened yesterday. It now seems clear that sharing good times afield is more important than the amount of game taken or the number of fish caught. If I had to do it over, I would include special personal experiences related to each outing in addition to the technical data: In the future, I plan to do so.

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sports, is married and a mother of Brittany, 19 a junior at Michigan State

Grand Rapids Arts Council Art Award in 2000 for his dedication and support.

Chuck Myers is Mayor of Lowell and a 24- year

Lowell resident. Myers Byron Center with her own was the final president of budding stars, Kara and the Lowell Showboat II Maggie, and her husband Corporation. He is also on Mike. the Board of Trustees for the Kent District Library and a is one of Michigan's governor- appointed trustee finest eclectic vocalists for the Library of Michigan. and entertainers and was Fred Sebulske has been Myers is also an avid blues awarded the West Michigan

> involved in the Grand Rapids Woogie Babies. arts scene and spends much

of her free time promoting favorite West Michigan reading and literacy to meteorologist students. She resides in

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driving force in West harp musician and a member Jazz Society Jazz Musician of the West Michigan Blues of the Year 2006. She has performed, directed, For the past 10 years, educated and choreographed Joanne N. Bailey has been for Grand Rapids Civic, On-the-Town Circle and Actor's theaters. magazine, a West Michigan She leads her own variety entertainment band, The Rad Pack, and publication. She is heavily is a member of The Boogie Terri DeBoer is a

personality from WOOD TV8. Since joining 24 Hour News 8 in 1995 she has been

very active in many West Michigan causes, such as the Grand Rapids Griffins Youth Foundation, Cystic Fibrosis, Special Olympics, Big Brothers & Big Sisters, Children's Miracle Network and American Cancer Society, just to name a few.

Station C Studios and Tommy Hum Records for 15 years. He has worked with hundreds of local and national acts including Verve Pipe, Papa Vegas, Fat Amy, The Wallflowers and Johnny Cash, among others. Tommy records produced the "Radio Active" show for WGRD and it's CD series. He received a platinum album for his work with Verve Pipe for "Villains."

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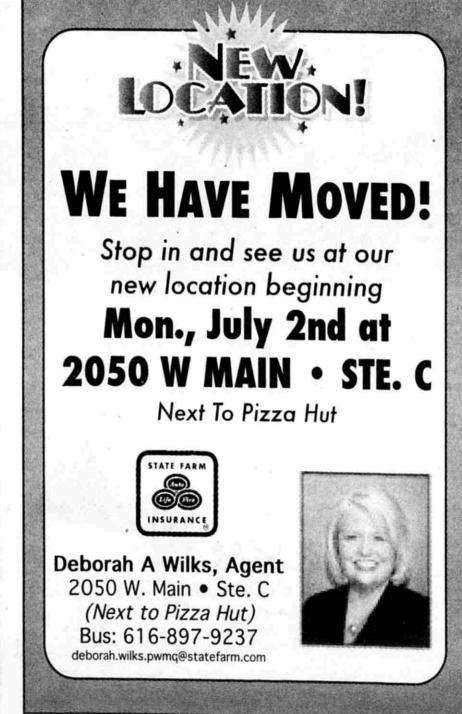
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#### JULY

FRI., JULY 6: 12:45 p.m. Bingo. Sponsored by Lowell Senior Neighbors.

MON., JULY 9: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:45 p.m. Pokeno. Sponsored by Lowell Senior Neighbors.

TUES., JULY 10: Bosnia Shoppers. 4 pm. Terrific Tuesday. Sponsored by Lowell Senior Neighbors.

THURS., JULY 5: Vergennes Co-Operative Club Picnic. 12:30 p.m. Upper Level Section C, Fallasburg Park. Bring your own table service, dish to pass and lawn chair. Beverages furnished by officers. Roll Call Historic person.

MONDAYS

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**TUESDAYS** 

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Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins are at 5:45 p.m.

Creek Elementary. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

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7-8:30 p.m. at Gallagher's. Call 676-1355.

#### **WEDNESDAYS**

Englehardt Library.

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Living Sober Group, New AA Group, 7:30 p.m. at 119 Lincoln 1ST WED.: GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore. 28th St. 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. walk-ins welcome. Jan 897-5759.

Fri., 6-9 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Under the striped

tent along the Riverwalk. Sponsored by the Friends of

THURS., AUG. 2: Vergennes Co-Operative Club, 1 p.m.

at Schneider Manor. Garden Trip. Hostesses Jan Bieri

SAT., AUG. 18: Fallasburg Marathon, Half Marathon and

8K Road Race, 9 a.m. start, 7 a.m. registration at park

picnic area. For more information contact Dan Droski at

Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 2ND WED.: Lowell Area Trailway, 6 p.m. alternate locations Call Mari Stone 897-5671 or www.lowellareatrailway.org.

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

#### **THURSDAYS**

Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Wash ington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For 1ST TUES.: Grattan Historical Society at O'Brien Room of nfo. 1-800-651-6000. Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

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Living Sober Group, New AA Group, 7:30 p.m. at 119 Lincoln Lake (behind Fireplace Plus).

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

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

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

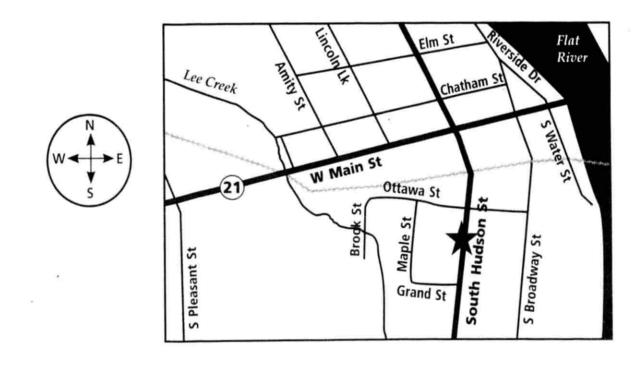
2ND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, held at 11535 E. Fulton, Flat River Outreach Ministries, 9 a.m. social time: 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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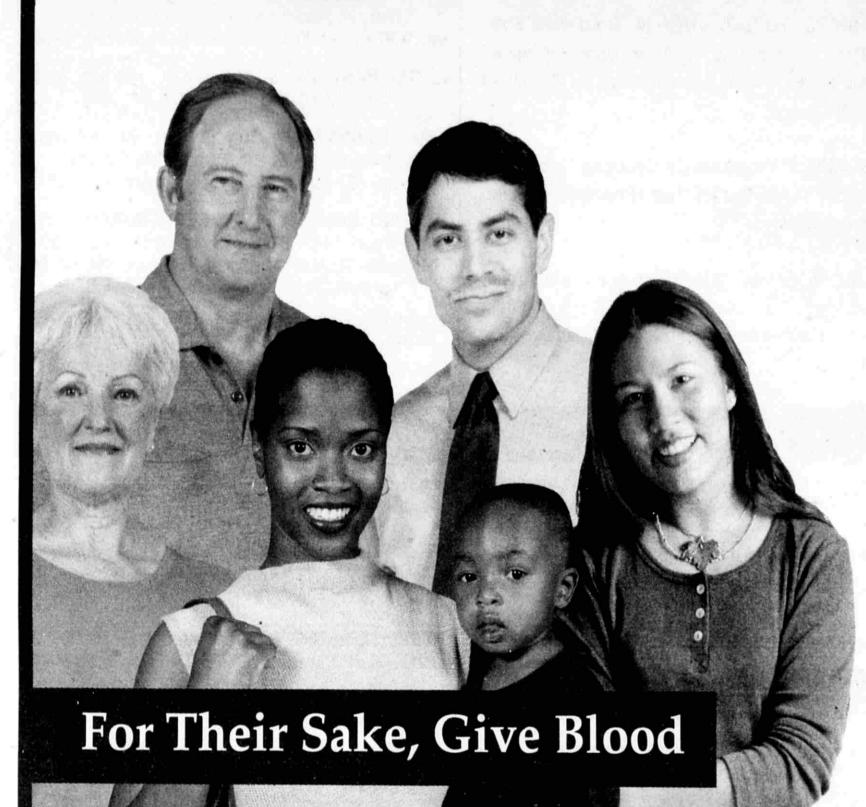
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#### Local man travels with gnome to reconnect America

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Hoag, a member of First Medical Battalion. Hoag is shoots around Michigan. a chaplain's assistant with Sometimes people offer him College in Grand Rapids work with charities through before being deployed.

Milks initially traveled with a white flag as a sign of our troops no matter how we support for troops. Once the politically think about this flag was shipped to Hoag, war," said Susan's mother the traveling gnome added a Dorothy Hoag.

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In the evening, Milks takes the gnome for photo In April, Milks realized shoots from Soo to South things had gone bad in Iraq. Bend. He even sent a He wanted to show support miniature gnome to Hoag for the troops and for Susan along with care packages for

With the gnome and stationed in Iraq with music, Milks makes slide the 146th Multifunction shows for the troops from privileged communication money for troop support and attended Kuyper though Milks prefers to

"We need to support



Traveling salesman Troy Milks gathered signatures on a white flag he had sent to Iraq in support of troops.

#### Keeping our promise to our veterans

By U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow

we celebrate with friends and family by grilling out

soldiers who stormed the Milks travels with a gnome to entertain and to help beaches of Normandy to our newest veterans returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan, these men and women deserve more than just words of thanks, they outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil deserve to be treated like the heroes they are.

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have always been there for previous Bushadministration and often difficult trips to This Fourth of July, as us and our country needs to shortfalls while adopting the receive even the most basic recommendations presented medical services. These The new majority by veterans' organizations new facilities will ease that in the backyard or watching in Congress has made for fully funding veterans' burden, ensuring access to a fireworks display, it's keeping our promises to health care for the coming quality health care.

From the courageous budget. We listened to their be coming to communities

our country. Our veterans a budget that addressed veterans have to make long

I am also very pleased also means providing that I recently received resources to ensure success word from the Secretary in the transition to civilian

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an environmentally sound up with us," said Greg Criminal Justice Information

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#### American Cancer Society in need of volunteers

organization, is expanding has established Road to need is a reliable means of "No matter who they are or to aid in the early detection Recovery program will be yet another program to Recovery to help eliminate transportation and a few when they are available, we of cancers. If transportation available to help everyone help cancer patients when these burdens they need it most. Road to Recovery is a volunteer- day are canceling and based driving program that postponing their cancer encouraged to participate as a will provide transportation to treatment simply because and from medical centers for they do not have a ride," cancer patients undergoing said Michelle Davis-Poeder, treatment. Currently, the Community American Cancer Society is Representative, American recruiting volunteers to help Cancer Society. "Right here drive cancer patients to and in West Michigan many from their appointments in newly diagnosed cancer Barry, Ionia, Kent, Mecosta, patients are not getting the Montcalm and Osceola treatment they need simply counties. SInce the American transportation. It is our job

Cancer Society was founded to help them get back on the in 1913, it has always road to recovery." been dedicated to helping people with their cancer Cancer Society is recruiting needs. Today, as people volunteers from throughout are forced to deal with the Barry, Ionia, Kent, Mecosta, burden of cancer treatment, Montcalm and Osceola

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> "Businesses organizations are also program.'

and the region to assist with this mammogram,

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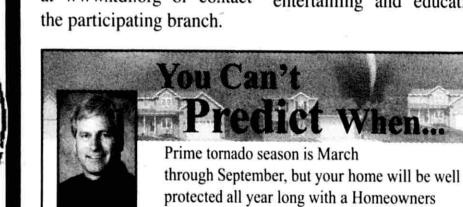
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science of soap bubbles. The He has worked in both amazing Geoff Akins can public and private schools create bubble caterpillars, before finding his niche in Special Education, his love bubbles, fully functioning of teaching, performing and inspiring others, combined with his gentle nature and unquestionable gift of has been rapport with children, has developed into a personal philosophy he calls, "the art

> This program is fun for all ages and will be held at Englehardt Branch, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 647-3920 on Wednesday, July 18 at 2 p.m.

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#### Lowell junior equestrian team competes in Cedar Springs

A group of 15 riders from Lowell participated in the Junior Equestrian Meet at Cedar Springs on June 23. They competed against teams from Cedar Springs, East Rockford, Grant, North Rockford and Forest Hills Eastern. The junior team is made up of riders at the middle school level.

Coaches Kathy VanEns and Mary Wolf led the teams. Two practices were held prior to the meet where the coaches determined who would ride in each of the 18 events. Since there were only 15 riders, some of them had to step out of their comfort zones and ride in events they may not have been familiar with. Each rider kept a positive attitude and in the end brought home a Division A second place and Division B third place finish. It was a long day, but the weather was great and everyone had

this year's team was all girls, boys are welcome to ride as well. Watch for meeting and practice information through the school in the spring or contact one of the coaches.



Junior equestrian team members are: front row from left - Kaitlin Fisher, Jordan Drake, Mackenzie Whaley, Kendra Black, Becca Roth, Jacey Culross, Anna Petertyl, Kristin Fisher, Sierra Drake; middle row from left - Kendra Merriman (team groom), Katy Mork, Michaela Kehoe, Kelsey Wittenbach, Kristen Schram, Melissa Grassman; back row - Katie Bartholomew.



#### **VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED**

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled a onehour information session on Tuesday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m. for prospective volunteer tutors. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The Kent County Literacy Council is a non-profit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in our community. Based on 1990 census figures, at least 19,000 adults in Kent County cannot read at a functional level. At least 6,000 adults cannot speak or understand English well. By training people to be tutors, the Council can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). Volunteers do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

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- Anonymous

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I think that Lowell should have a KFC. We really need a chicken place.

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Thank you Dr. Jim

mous F.Y.I.: My letter wasn't about my "future world leader" It was about two classrooms of kids deserving recognition. How sad you found that so offensive. - Sandee Johnston

No Smoking on the Ottawa County beaches? Maybe Lowell should address this issue as well! Stoney Lake beach looks like a giant ash tray instead of a sandy beach!

Hey Roger - Now I know what that glow way to the south of Lowell is. It's that new haircut of yours. I like your article.

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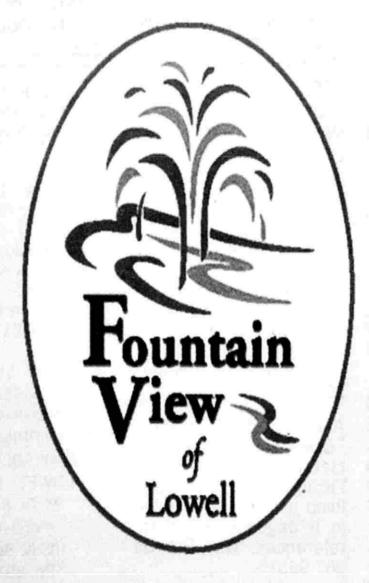
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