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Rainy Riverwalk Festival brings crowds to downtown

By Emma Palova

Last weekend's Riverwalk Festival brought large crowds into the downtown area despite a wet start for the Saturday parade.

The duck mascot needed its rubber shoes and hat as it walked in drops of rain and puddles of water. The parade entries included classy historical museum float, 4-H Kent County Youth Fair, Ken Gregorsen with his obscure rock collection, Ionia Free Fair float and antique tractors.

A couple of parade spectators peddled in on a tricycle that looked like a boat. Later on, the skies cleared up just in time for the annual Brian Mead Memorial classic car show and antique fire truck muster at the Kent County fairgrounds.

The Riverwalk area was lined with vendor tents peddling everything from jewelry, fabulous Lowell t-shirts to various arts and crafts. The food booths offered Chinese fare, burgers and pulled pork. A line formed at the Flat River pizza on wheels. The Flat River Grill crew made literally hundreds of pizzas with pizza sauce kept in large



Thursday night rock concert Midlife Crisis was a nice introduction into the Riverwalk weekend full of festivities.

containers. The large pizza oven used apple wood to create apple-fired pizzas.

At the boat launch, water enthusiasts tried out their

skills navigating kayaks on the Flat River. Historic pontoon boats also cruised the river. Hundreds of people

browsed the downtown area looking for great buys.

The Health and Fitness Fair on Avery Street fea-

tured displays and health screenings such as eye coordination in the Cup Stacking Challenge.

The winners of the duck race were: Addie Abel of Lowell \$1000; Jane Meyers of Grandville \$100; Lyndee Bruninekool of Saranac \$100; Justine Musinski of Rockford \$100; Stacy Niedzwiecki of Rockford \$100; and Gage Urban of Ada \$100

The winners of the parade were: Lowell Area Historical Museum, first place;

Simple Pleasures second place; Kara Kelley Farms, third place.

The annual Riverwalk Festival is the largest fund raiser for the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. It helps fund events and activities organized by the chamber. The next upcoming event in the Lowell area is the Kent County Youth Fair.

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Longtime Lowell attorney retires

By Emma Palova

Michael Tummino of Tummino & Tummino has announced his retirement after 30 years of general law practice.

He has accepted a vice-president position with the New Vescor Group, a mergers and acquisitions company in Grand Rapids.

During his practice, Tummino dealt with everything from neighborhood disputes to criminal cases. "It's been enjoyable 30 years," he said, noting that he will miss the people the most.

Tummino came to Lowell in 1976 and started a part-time practice next to the dime store. He later went full-time and moved to his present location on the east



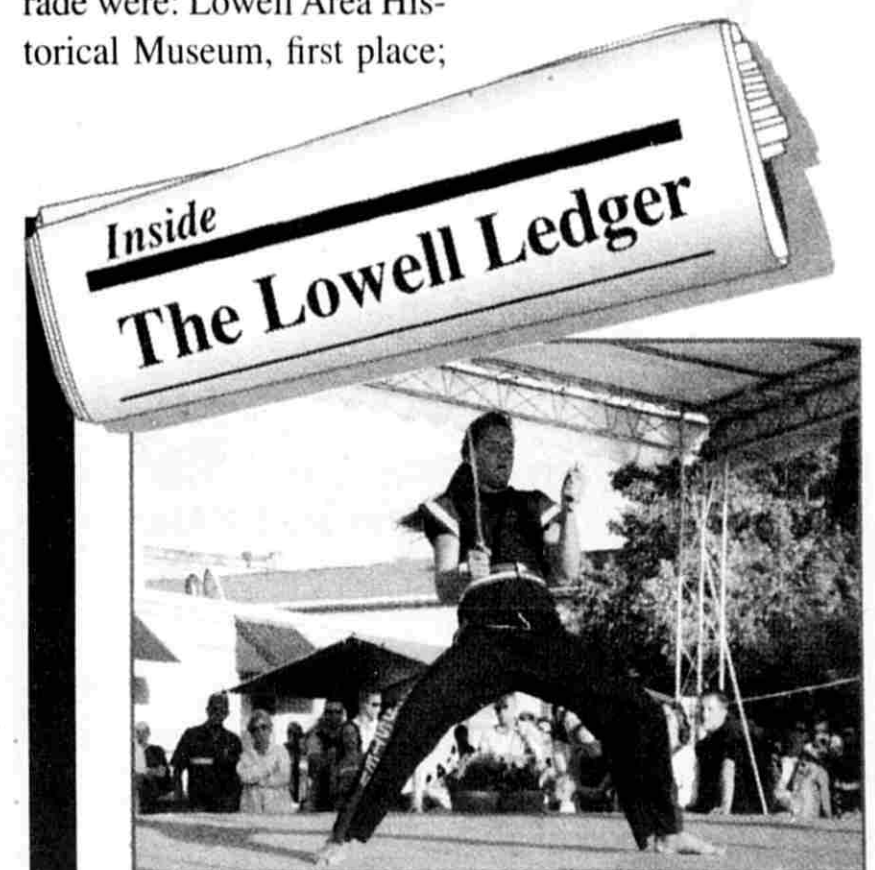
Michael Tummino has retired from his general law practice

end of town. The office is now for lease or sale. In the 1970s, Tummino was the

only full-time attorney in Lowell after George Cook left practice for judgeship.

Tummino's wife, artist Judy Tummino, used to

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Obituaries

BLOHM and Kent County Local School Union. She was a 9-gallon blood donor. Naomi Dorthea Blohm, aged 72, of Lowell, died Saturday, July 14, 2007. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Dorthea Petcoff and sister, Georgeana Hanson. She is survived by her husband, Donald; children, Craig and Kirk Blohm, Dana (Thomas) Schneider; three grandchildren. Naomi graduated from St. Joseph Academy in Notre Dame, IN and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She taught in the Wyoming Public Schools and other Kent County school systems. She was the teacher of Forensics and Drama and placed 1st in the State of Michigan in the One Act Play contest. Naomi was a member of the Lowell Area Arts Council, the Michigan Education Association

Clare and Susie Carr; grandchildren, Fred J. Carr Jr., Linda and Kevin Kamer, Jay and Tricia Carr, April and Chuck Adams, Stacy and Carl Kloosterman, Jim "Jimbo" Carr, Taryn and Brad Frey, Buffy and Wade Galer, Amanita and Rob Fahmi, Cody Carr and fiancée, Stacie Wood; 17 great-grandchildren; and her brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Donna Warners. Tyl was a longtime member of the Cascade Christian Church where she served as the President of the Denison Guild and was a teacher for 27 years at the Cascade Christian Nursery School. A memorial service was held July 11. Memorial contributions are suggested to Cascade Christian Church Chapel.

CARR

Matilda "Tyl" Carr, aged 94, of Cascade, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 7, 2007, surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 72 years, Fred M. Carr and her grandson, Jack Carr. Surviving are her children, Fred and Caroldean Carr, Jim and Jill Carr and



JOHNS

Dorain nee "Jeannie" Johns of Lowell, aged 91, formerly from England, passed away July 16, 2007. She is survived by her nephew, Michael (Yvonne) Johns and his son, Tony (Gwen) Johns. She retired from Amway after 30 some years. She loved her job and all the wonderful people and friends she met while working there. The family wants to thank

Metropolitan Hospice Care Unit for the wonderful care and kindness that was given to their beloved aunt and to know what a comfort it was to them knowing she was being well cared for. A Memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 18 at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with Rev. Vance Dimmick officiating. Family flowers only.

LYONNAIS

Raymond E. Lyonnais, aged 91, of Grand Rapids, passed away Sunday, July 8, 2007 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Alice Lyonnais and his loving wife, Beatrice (Sandgren) Lyonnais. Raymond had two children,

Richard Lyonnais, Nancy (Lyonna) Gallegos and her husband Tony Gallegos along with seven beautiful grandchildren, Todd, Beth, Bridgette and Megan Lyonnais and Kimberly, Andrea and Scott Gallegos. Also two great-grandchildren Kegan Lyonnais and Dillon Monahan. Ray was born in Leominster, MA, grew up in Muskegon and had two sisters Rita Erickson, Clare Belanger and brother Francis. He was a World War II Veteran. Roy enjoyed dancing and he was very social throughout his life. The funeral was held Friday with interment at Graceland Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 07-183,524-DE

Estate of MARGARET LEWIS, deceased Date of birth: 7/17/1933

TO ALL CREDITORS The decedent, MARGARET LEWIS, who lived at 2563 Abbingdon, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 6/9/2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to EVA MOSLEY, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 7/11/2007

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Eva Mosley 2563 Abbingdon, SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506 616-241-2985

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 07-183,586-DE

Date: 7/2/2007

Estate of JOHN CHARLES OSTROWSKI, deceased Date of birth: 11/18/1914

TO ALL CREDITORS The decedent, JOHN CHARLES OSTROWSKI, who lived at 5535 North Division Avenue, Comstock Park, Michigan, died 6/11/2007.

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NOTICE FOR TESTING OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE AUGUST SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 7, 2007 school election will be conducted Monday, July 23, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI 49331.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

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SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL JULY 2, 2007

Minutes of the June 18, 2007 regular meeting were approved as corrected and the accounts payable were approved.

The following was presented:
Department of Public Works Director Dan DesJarden introduced Robert Carlstrom who was recently hired as a Water Treatment Plant Operator.

The following actions were taken:
Motion to table the 221 Amity lot width variance until July 16, 2007 when a full Board is present.
Motion to adopt the Capital Improvements plan for 2007-2012.
Motion to table the closed session meeting regarding a personnel matter until July 16, 2007 meeting.
Motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, July 16, 2007.

Complete minutes are available on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.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

City approves police officer contract

The Lowell City Council Monday approved a three-year police officer agreement.

The contract recognizes the Police Officers Association of

Michigan (POAM) as the bargaining agent rather than the Lowell Police Officers Association.

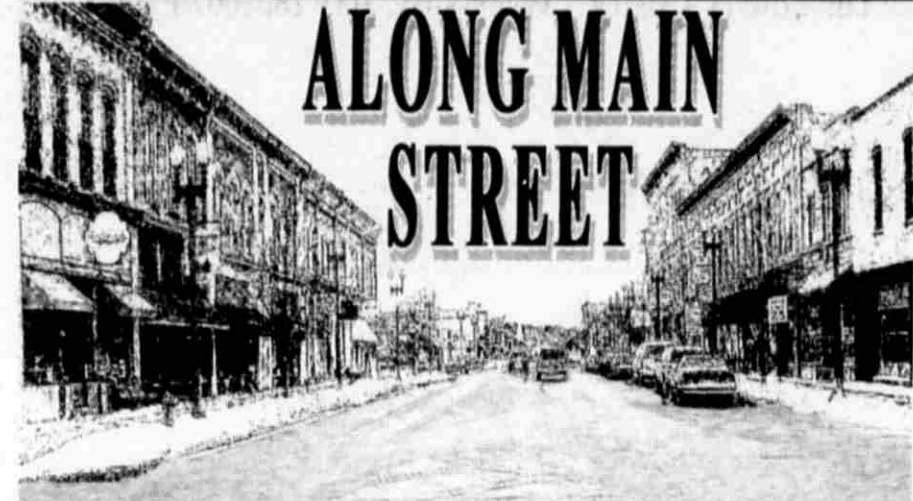
It allows a one-time payout of 40 hours - increased from 20 hours

- of compensatory time during the fiscal year.

The contract provides a two-percent wage increase for the police officer and sergeant positions during the first year of the new

contract. Wage reopeners are in place for the second and third years.

Group health care costs previously negotiated last year will be incorporated into the new contract



Celtic music will "sizzle" at this week's concert



The Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts will feature Fonn Mor on Thursday, July 19 from 7-9 p.m. on the Showboat stage on the Riverwalk Plaza.

With a strong instrumental and percussive base, Fonn Mor performs well-crafted original and traditional songs and rollicking jigs and reels that provide an entertaining experience for all audiences to enjoy. The band successfully blends

traditional Celtic folk with a variety of other cross-cultural and rock influences. Energetic melodies from fiddle, accordion, and flute are backed by explosive Afro-Celtic percussion and driving guitars to create a whole new sound with elements of old Ireland and Scotland. Based in West Michigan, Fonn Mor performs in clubs and concerts throughout the Midwest. Their festival performances have included

the Milwaukee Irish Fest, Chicago Celtic Fest, and Michigan Irish Fest, among many others.

Their CDs have won West Michigan Jammie awards from WYCE. Their latest and highly anticipated CD, Along The Way, released in March 2007, features Fonn Mor's current lineup of musicians.

For more information about these concerts go to www.lowellartscouncil.org or www.discoverlowell.org.

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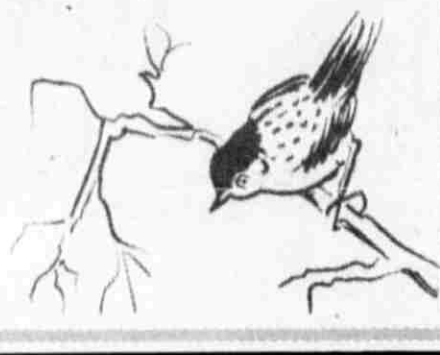
JULY 26 SUGAR CREEK BAND Country

The Sizzlin' Summer Concerts are located on the Riverwalk Plaza directly in front of the Lowell Showboat in Historic Downtown Lowell. Grandstand seating is available or bring your lawn chair or blanket and sit on the Green. Concessions are available and Admission & Parking are always FREE!

No CONCERT DURING FAIR WEEK AUGUST 9

Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



START 'EM EARLY

Young people have a multitude of activities to choose from when deciding how to spend their childhood which seems to be becoming shorter all the time. Some activities are universally popular and are hyped in the media or offered as organized sports at school. One sport often overlooked today is archery. When I was a kid we made bows and arrows from natural materials found in the woods. Carving out a bow and arrow was a rite of passage.

Archery is an activity which can be enjoyed by young and old alike. It is something a person can start when very young and carried on throughout ones lifetime. Archery may not appeal to everyone but should be introduced early, before other life distractions prevent one from getting started.

My wife purchased a new bow recently and it sparked the interest of, Sabrina, my 7-year-old granddaughter. She

asked if she could shoot a bow. I searched the rafters in the garage and retrieved a small fiberglass bow and some wooden arrows with turkey feathers. It had belonged to her father and still had his name on it.

We have been shooting regularly and the target backstop was already up, so we were in business quickly. Sabrina was launching the arrows into the middle of the yard in one lesson and was hitting the backstop and an occasional target by the second lesson. My long-range plan is beginning to come together, which is to have her in the woods in full camo by her fifteenth birthday. Stay tuned.

Safety is one serious part of archery that should be

emphasized right up front. A safe place to shoot provides a clear sight area and a backstop away from traffic areas and other people and pets. Arrows should not be placed in the bow until all is clear downrange. Even a low power bow can cause damage or injury if used carelessly.

Getting started in archery should be just plain fun. If a youngster remains interested in archery there will be time to fine tune proper form and use more sophisticated equipment as skills increase. Involvement in the sport can run from backyard fun to competitive target shooting and hunting. Start the kids early before other distractions close the window of opportunity.

Financial Focus



With Christopher C. Godbold
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DON'T LET EXTERNAL EVENTS KEEP YOU FROM INVESTING

If you look for reasons not to invest right now, you could find them — global unrest, high gas prices and so on. Yet, if you wait until “things settle down” before investing, you’ll have difficulty achieving your financial goals, because there will always be some external events that could keep you out of the market — if you let them. But the smartest investors look beyond today’s headlines — and when tomorrow arrives, they are often rewarded for their patience and perseverance.

Want proof? Look at every major event of the past century that could have given investors the jitters, such as assassinations, wars and political crises. You will find that after just a few years — and in some cases, a few months — the stock market not only gained back the ground it initially lost, but moved to new heights.

For a dramatic illustration of this pattern, consider the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Immediately following this event, the stock market closed for several days. When it reopened, the Dow Jones Industrial Average immediately fell 684 points. By Sept. 24, the Dow was off 14.3%, its worst weekly percentage loss in 61 years. For 2001, the Dow lost 7.1%, closing the year at 10,021. But if you fast-forward five years to 2006, the Dow had recouped its losses several times over, closing the year at 12,463 — a 24 percent gain since the 2001 close.

In short, while it is true that past performance is no guarantee of future results, history has shown that the stock market has been resilient enough to overcome even the most cataclysmic of events. So don’t head to the investment “sidelines” in reaction to troubling news. You may need to change your investment strategy in response to some events — but, by and large, they should be events related specifically to your individual situation or your existing investments. Consider the following scenarios:

- You move closer to retirement. During much of your working years, you’re trying to build financial resources for retirement. Consequently, you’ll need to invest a sizable amount of your portfolio in growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks. As you move closer to retirement, and

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practice with him, thus the name of the practice — double Tummino.

Over the years, the busi-

ness has become more difficult for sole practitioners, according to Tummino. “Everything is becoming more specialized,” he said.

According to Tummino, medical malpractice cases have become almost impos-

sible as well as bankruptcy. Even so, Tummino said he’d do it all over again in spite of the fact that there are 2,000 to 3,000 attorneys in the Grand Rapids area. “If you see me say hello to me,” he said.

He graduated from Colorado State University with a bachelor’s degree in science and economics. He received his juris doctor degree from University of Toledo, and passed the state bar in Michigan in 1971.

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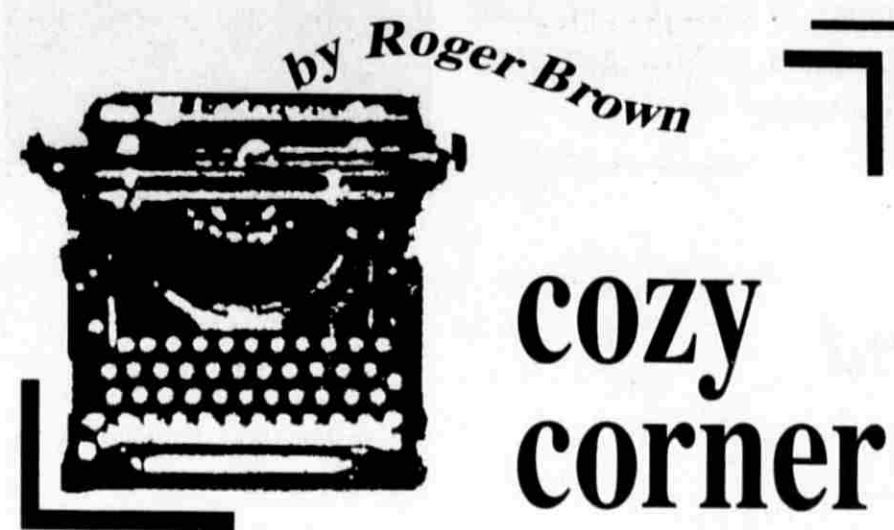
During the first week in August, during business hours, donations can be delivered to the FROM Food Pantry, to City Hall, or dropped off at your church.

Food Pantry Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. 2:00-4:30
Wed. 5:00-7:00 p.m. and Fri. 10:00-12:00

Lowell City Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8:00-5:00
Any questions, please call the pantry at 897-8260

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Viewpoint



Our immediate family got together at a Detroit Tigers baseball game on July 3. Our little band included Terese and I, our son and daughter-in-law, our daughter and son-in-law and their two kids. The eight of us had seats together near the left field foul pole. The Indians were in town to battle with the Tigers for the A.L. Central lead.

This column often takes a sideways look at things that don't turn out so great. There is a lot of potential for taking that tack in reporting this outing.

For example: tickets, parking, concessions and gasoline to get there made this family gathering a pricey event. I suppose I could carp about that. It was blistering hot in our seats and the sun was in our eyes until the third inning. There was a construction detour on our planned route and we ended up driving 10 miles down Woodward Avenue. The game went 11 innings and we didn't get home until nearly 2 a.m. And finally, the Tigers failed to capitalize on several great opportunities and lost the game.

Yup, I could take off on any, or all of the above. The reality is, this was one of the best times I can remember having in a long, long time.

It would have been a good time in any case, but having the grandkids there upped the “fun factor” considerably.

My eight-year-old grandson, Boog (Zach), came up with a long foul ball during batting practice. He was wandering around down by the bullpen when the ball landed in an aisle, bounced and hit him in the butt. He simply reached down and picked it up. A classic example of Boog's luck.

My ten-year-old granddaughter Jim (Maddie) loved the “Wave” when it came around. She played the role of a

cheerleader and made sure we all participated when it came around to our section.

Boog's favorite Tiger is Gary Sheffield. (Mine is either Curtis Granderson or Kenny Rogers.) I scored a couple of chef hats at a restaurant supply store for the kids. Every time “Shef” came to the plate the kids would don their chef hats, stand up, dance, hoot and holler. We kept an eye on the big scoreboard TV monitor, but never saw them featured. It certainly wasn't for a lack of effort on their part.

During the seventh inning stretch, Paws, the Tiger mascot, came down our aisle. The kids went crazy for that, and it was fun for us to see them so excited.

My granddaughter bought a packet of baseball cards that included all the Tiger starters. As each Tiger came to the plate she sorted through the deck, found that player's card and studied his stats. We'd ask her questions and she would give us the answer. It was great to see her take such an active interest.

This was my first trip to the new stadium. I do know the name of the park, but have a dislike for the trend toward corporate names on every conceivable sports venue. What would have been wrong with another Tiger Stadium? The name thing aside, the new facility is very nice. The seats were comfortable, with lots of legroom. The aisles were wide. Restrooms were handy, and plentiful. As much as I hated to see Tiger Stadium go, the new park is a definite improvement!

I mentioned that the concessions were expensive. A regular old hot dog from a vendor was \$3.50. Pricey yes, but well worth it. How can you beat sitting between your grandkids, in a ballpark, on a beautiful summer evening while eating a good old hot dog? That is a pretty close to paradise, and something you just can't put a price tag on.

Hopefully the Tigers can remain in contention and make the rest of the season as exciting as it has been so far. My advice is to bust out the plastic, get online and score a few tickets. Round up some family and friends to take in a game with you. It's a sure bet the outing will be more fun than you've had lately.



125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL JULY 19, 1882

Many farmers hereabouts finished their haying last week. Bridge Street being graded from Jefferson Street to Peck's Hill.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 18, 1907

Lowell's first annual homecoming is planned for August 6, 7 and 8.

From the City State Bank ad - Every farmer should have a checking account and pay bills with a check...Try it once and you will never do any other way.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO JULY 14, 1932

The last two weeks in June saw the sale of new automobiles in Michigan take a decided spurt.

A cooperative plan worked out with the village council - able-bodied men who've been receiving township aid will be given the opportunity to engage in self-supporting work.

Strolling on the bridge with the Saturday night crowd - did you ever walk into a swarm of gnats with your mouth open? We did it twice. Some people never will learn from experience.

The Lowell Journal announced July 7 that it will cease publication.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 18, 1957

King Milling Co. bought its first load of 1957 wheat from Bowne Township farmer Omar Stahl.

Judy Wotell of Ada was named “Miss Lowell Showboat” for 1957.

Nineteen residents petitioned the village council to pave West Street south of Main Street to Bowes Road calling it “the most traveled Lowell gravel street.”

The first Ledger is printed on the newly-installed Comet press.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JULY 14, 1982

Pearl Bailey returns to the Showboat July 14 and will play through the weekend capping eight days of the Showboat's 50th anniversary.

Colonel Clair McCombs will stage an exciting aerial acrobatic demonstration over the Lowell Showboat amphitheater this weekend.

The new Missionary Church on Settlewood Drive will be dedicated July 18.

The largest crop of tart cherries in 20 years is now being harvested in Michigan.

Jim Howard

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

My son deployed on July 10 with the destination of Iran for his battle group, a total of four battled groups left yesterday (40-45 ships). I received this at 8:45 a.m. and they pulled away from the pier at 9 a.m. Friends have told me this is a great letter and that it needs to be in print.

Ron Rottier

A proud father of a service man fighting for our wonderful country and the freedoms we take for granted

The letter reads: The time has come. The moment is here. No More thinking about what may happen only doing what will happen. Things are going to be different for me this I know. Keeping this in mind I force myself to think of happier times. It's not what I have had, but only what I have shared. Times will be rough, but they will pass. Only the good times I have shared with all of those in my life will keep me sane. This is not a poem by any means, but a message from one that fears the unforeseen. There are those out there that wish to harm, but they must fear the ones with those on their minds. For I know I may be new to this and the only thing that keeps me going is that people like you that read this are free. Free to do what you want when you want. Even if life hasn't turned out to be what you dream, at least you can say you live in the land of the free. When times are hard, take a good look at people that live life 50 times harder than us just to drink fresh water. It will humble you and make you appreciate what you have in life even though it may not be what you want. Anyway, enough of my rambling on about my outlook at life. Keep me in your

prayers and never forget the ones that fought for this land. The land that keeps you free to be you and only you are the ones that make the soldiers, the sailors, the Marines, and any Armed Forces fight for that right. The right to be free. I'm not a religious person by any means, but God bless you and God bless me for I hope my journey is safe and free.

Very Respectfully,
Joseph D. Rottier,
United States Navy

Dear Editor,

Lowell seems to be in a self-destructive mode. First it sells Lowell Cable TV and deprives Lowell constituents of the revenue and now Lowell Township tables a decision on Timpson trucking leaving a business in limbo. A July 10 article in the Grand Rapids Press said-area businesses affiliated with Timpson Trucking say if owner John Timpson is not allowed to continue to operate as he has for nearly a decade it will affect more than just his business. An article in the Lowell Ledger stated some neighbors of Mr. Timpson said their entire lifestyle has been disrupted by the trucking operation. I believe this should not be a tough decision considering Michigan is a depressed state with an unemployment rate being the second highest next to Puerto Rico. As a community we should be giving Mr. Timpson every opportunity to maintain and advance his operation. I believe a business could possibly be destroyed by a planning commission living with a master plan made when Michigan was an economic giant. I would like to say to those whose entire lifestyle has been disrupted by the trucking operation that there are thousands of unemployed workers in our state trying to get a job so they can have any kind of a lifestyle.

College News

Jonathan Edwards Ott, of Ada, graduated from Abilene Christian University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting during May 2007 commencement.

Hoogewind, Mark A. Hyzer, Autumn R. Nethercott, Justin R. Peterson, Ashley Elizabeth Spicer, Lyndsey

A. Trierweiler, and Steven James Witte, all of Lowell.

Connor Boals, of Ada, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2007 semester at the University

of Vermont. Boal's major is Environmental Studies.

Recent Lowell High School graduate **Haley Getzen** received a scholarship from the FBI National Academy Associates, Michigan Chapter. To be considered for the award, students must

have a high school grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Students must also be active in school, community, civic and honor society activities. The award is renewable for three additional years with a college grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Getzen plans to enter the pre-med program at Michigan State University this fall.



Haley Getzen

Happy Birthday

JULY 18:

Dianne Scanlon, Bette Phillips Haybarker, Emily Borton.

JULY 19:

Bob Elzinga, Danielle Rittersdorf.

JULY 20:

Cara Thaler, David Thaler III, Maureen Pawloski, Beth Berry.

JULY 21:

Dara Anchors, Stephanie Wade, Carolyn Mercer, Jeff Gurney, Kelly Tulecki, Alexander Stiles.

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JULY 23:

Dave Fosburg, Nathan Swift, Heather Pretzel, Robert Jahnke.

JULY 24:

Nathan Bush, Mike Lally.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

KENT LITERACY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled a one-hour informational session on Thursday, July 26 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.

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.

The information session will be held at the Gaines Township Library located at 421 - 68th Street, SE, Grand Rapids. Call 459-5151 to register.

Garden club announces new board members

At its June meeting, the Lowell Showboat Garden Club installed the new Board of Officers for the next garden club year. The new officers are from left to right: Carol Foerche, Treasurer; Nancy Benner, Secretary; Tina Cadwallader, 2nd Vice President; Regina Grover, President. Also pictured is Jeanne Poll who is the District IV Director for Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. making the official announcement and welcoming the new officers.

The club meets every third Monday each month from October through June. Members also do fun gardening excursions through the summer



months before getting ready for the Fall Fall Festival in September.

Those interested in joining the club are welcome to come to a meeting held at the Nazarene Church Fellowship Hall.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SUPPLIES FOR ANIMAL SHELTER

Due to a recent illness outbreak, the Kent County Animal Shelter had to dispose of all towels and blankets used as bedding for animals.

The shelter is accepting used blankets, bath towels or sheets in order to try to

provide animals with soft bedding again. The animal shelter is located at 711 Ball Ave. in Grand Rapids and is open to accept donations from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

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Reflections of faith

By Michael Conklin
Pastor, First United Methodist Church

Around our house we are awaiting a particular international holiday, which is the publication of the last

Harry Potter book. Like so many fans we look forward to the event with both a sense of anticipation and a sense of dread. Anticipation because the plot and the characters have become such a part of us, and dread because the story has taken so many dark turnings that we not only want the story to continue, we want our favorite characters to survive the series. Author J.K. Rowling long ago stated that the dominate theme of her books was death: how it affects people, how present a reality it is, and how we deal with it.

It is interesting to me because the antagonists in the Harry Potter books are divided mainly into two groups. One

side, led by the evil villain, fears death, fights to hold it off, and in the process, fears living. The other side, facing death at every turn, takes the sadness and the tragedy, takes the pain and the suffering, and seeks to turn it into a reason to live fearlessly. Death is not the enemy, but rather a presence that somehow, in some wondrous way, makes life worth living.

How like the Christian walk this is! We can either go through life fearing death, avoiding risk, and thus diminishing the living of life, or we can embrace all that life has to offer, live our lives without fear of death, and live to the fullness that God intends for us. And there is always a choice for us on how we will live. When Jesus walked by the lakeside and said to Simon and Andrew, James and John, "follow me," their immediate response to his invitation signaled an openness to the possibility of a new and full life. It took them a long journey with Jesus to come to the place where they could live life without fear, and with unbridled hope. They failed several times along the way. But in the end, death no longer held power over their lives, and they were free to live in a new way in their world—a way of love, of grace, and forgiveness. What a moment of grace it is when we find the strength and the wisdom to make the same choice.



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As August approaches, the risk for heat exhaustion and heat stroke rises. Heat related problems typically occur during prolonged periods of high heat and humidity. The elderly are at greatest risk for serious problems.

Heat cramps are strong painful contractions of muscles that typically occur in young adults who are sweating heavily while exerting themselves. Symptoms of heat exhaustion include weakness, fatigue, headache, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. If treatment is not instituted, heat stroke can occur. This is a very dangerous condition in which the body's core temperature becomes very high and mental status changes occur. This requires emergency care. Risk factors for heat stroke include advanced age, alcoholism, residence on upper level floors, and lack of air conditioning.

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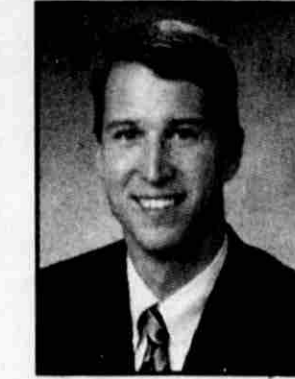
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Proposed legislation would ban sex offenders from social networking sites
With Rep. Dave Hildenbrand

The growing popularity of Internet networking sites among teenagers provides online predators an opportunity to lure kids into dangerous situations. Along with my House colleagues, I am working on legislation to require convicted sex offenders to submit all E-mail addresses, user names and social networking Web sites they use as a part of their sex offender registration requirements. The proposal follows current federal regulations and would also make it a felony for sex offenders to violate their reporting requirements.

The ban would apply to criminals who have been convicted of a crime that requires them to register as a sex offender, if the victim was under 18 and if they used a computer in the commission of the offense.

Attorney General Mike Cox recently took action to remove hundreds of registered sex offenders off the popular Internet site MySpace.com. The crackdown came in response to a proposal by the legislature to protect children by prohibiting sex offenders from visiting online social networking sites.

While our best defense is parents talking with their children about possible dangers of online social networking sites, this legislation is another tool to help protect our kids.

Representative Hildenbrand can be contacted toll-free at: (877) 328-3086; or via e-mail: rephildenbrand@house.mi.gov; or P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

A person without a sense of humor is like a wagon without springs. It's jolted by every pebble on the road.

- Henry Ward Beech

Financial Focus, continued ... From Page 4

even during retirement, you'll still need some exposure to stocks, because you'll need their growth potential to keep ahead of inflation. However, you may want to work with your financial advisor to rebalance your portfolio to provide more income-producing opportunities, which may come from bonds, certificates of deposit or even dividend paying stocks.

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Showboat Nostalgia finalists picked at Riverwalk Talent Show

By Emma Palova

A panel of judges selected six acts to perform at the Showboat Nostalgia event to take place Aug. 24-25.

val last weekend.

Martial artist Mariah Moore of Alto delivered a great performance in the action-packed talent show on the Riverwalk stage. Moore, also known as Lowell's

two gold medals last year at the World Championships.

Dance soloist Lynette Marie Rohrbacher of Lake Odessa clogged the night away on the stage in the setting sun watched by

Vocal duet Becky and Tess Reagan performed together for the first time wearing lovely outfits. Tess had an umbrella as she sang "Singing in the Rain."

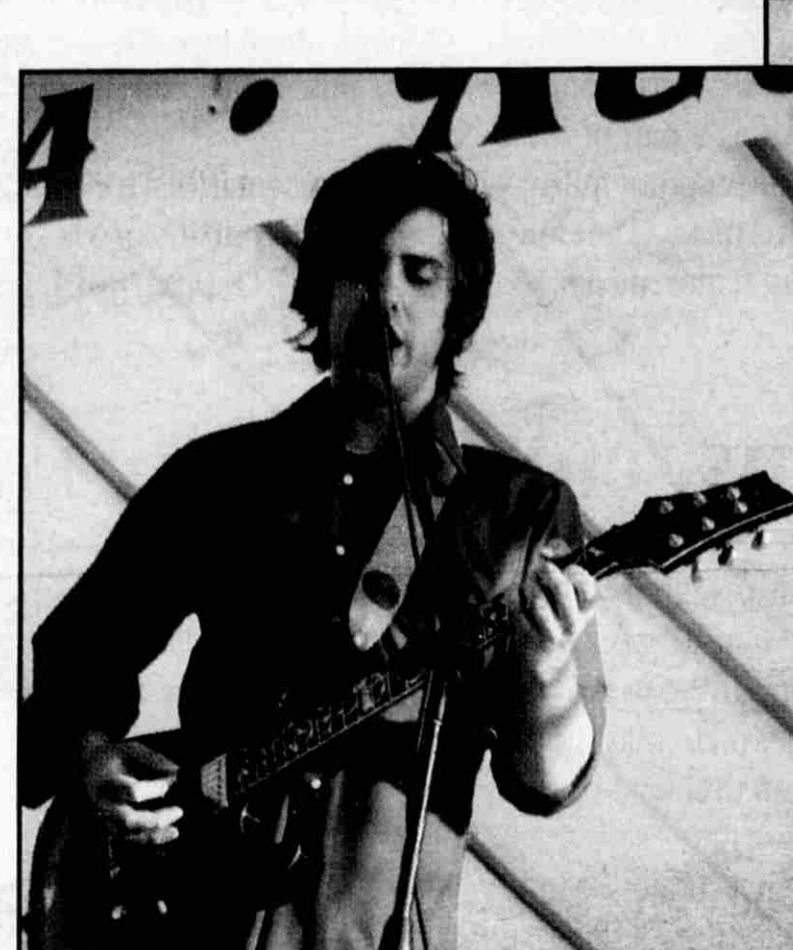
The performers will star

in the "Showboat Nostalgia" extravaganza to mark the 75th anniversary of the summer vaudeville attraction. This will be the first production in 10 years. Entertainment will include slapstick

comedy by the endmen, the voices of the local Showboat Chorus, three different amateur acts each night, and a regional headliner act to complete the show's lineup.



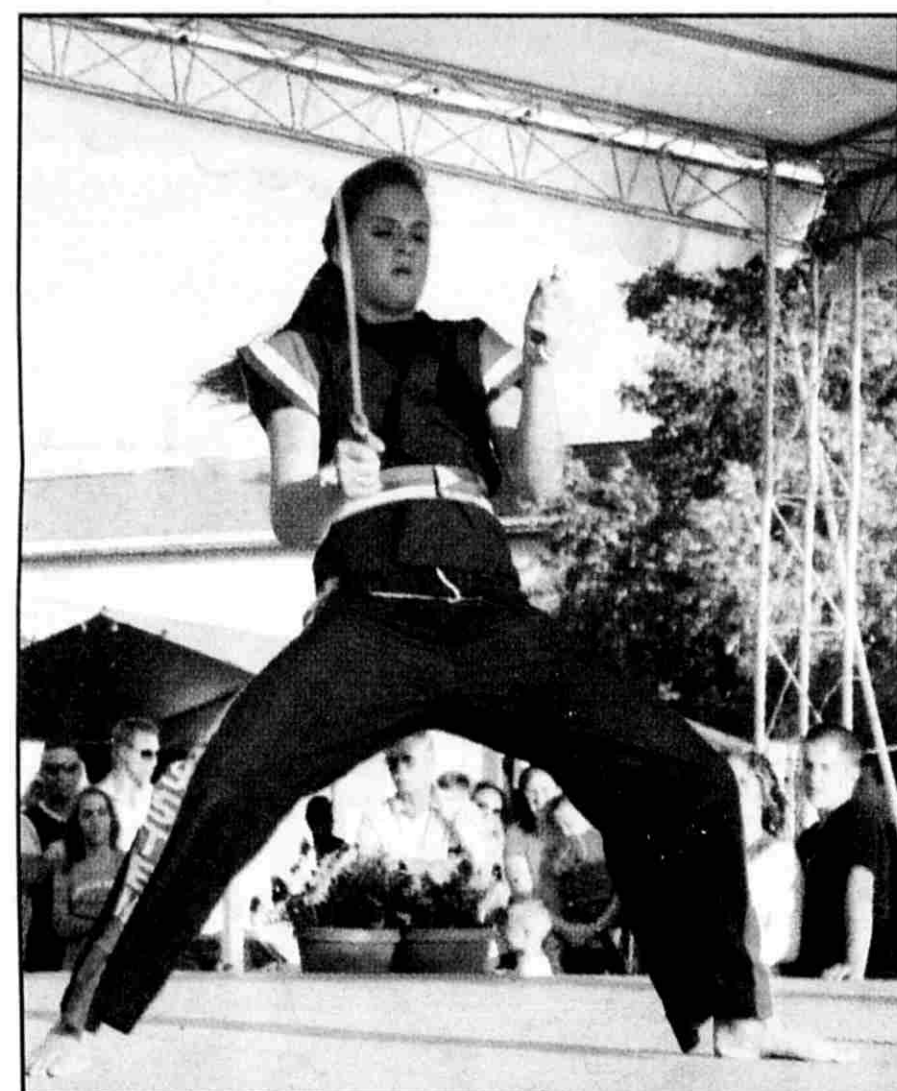
Judging the Showboat talent show on the Riverwalk were Tom Jansen, Fred Sebulske, Allison Harte, Terri DeBoer, Joanne Bailey, Mary Rademacher and Lowell mayor Chuck Myers.



Vocalist/guitarist Ryder Jones.



Mariachi singer Gabriel Estrada III.



Mariah Moore of Alto aka "Karate Kid" delivered a stunning martial arts performance at the talent show.

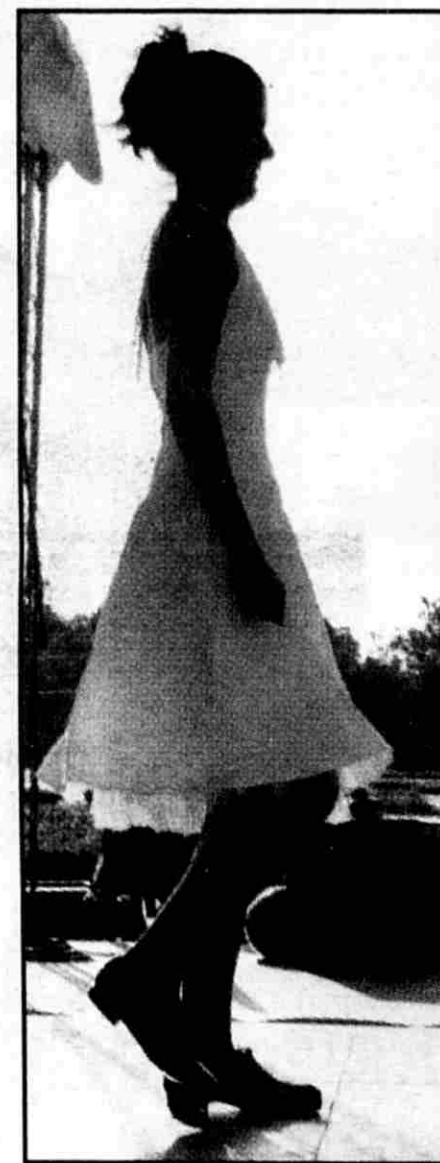
The performers were chosen from a field of 12 during the Riverwalk Festival.

hundreds of festival-goers. She has performed with the Thunder Floor Cloggers.

Mariachi singer Gabriel Estrada III, dressed in a full Mariachi outfit with a sombrero hat, was also selected as one of the finalists. Estrada has performed in the Hispanic Cinco De Mayo and Mexican Independence Day festivals.

Well-known vocalist/guitarist Ryder Jones, former member of Ragnarok, who plays also in the family band "Jonesy," will also get to perform in the Showboat Nostalgia. Jones is a 2006 graduate of Lowell High School. He has received the Louis Armstrong Award as outstanding jazz musician.

Juggler Steve Flohr started his juggling act innocently with balls and ended up with sharp knives. Flohr owns a business in Lowell. His passion for juggling is still strong.



Dancer Lynette Rohrbacher of Lake Odessa clogged the night away.

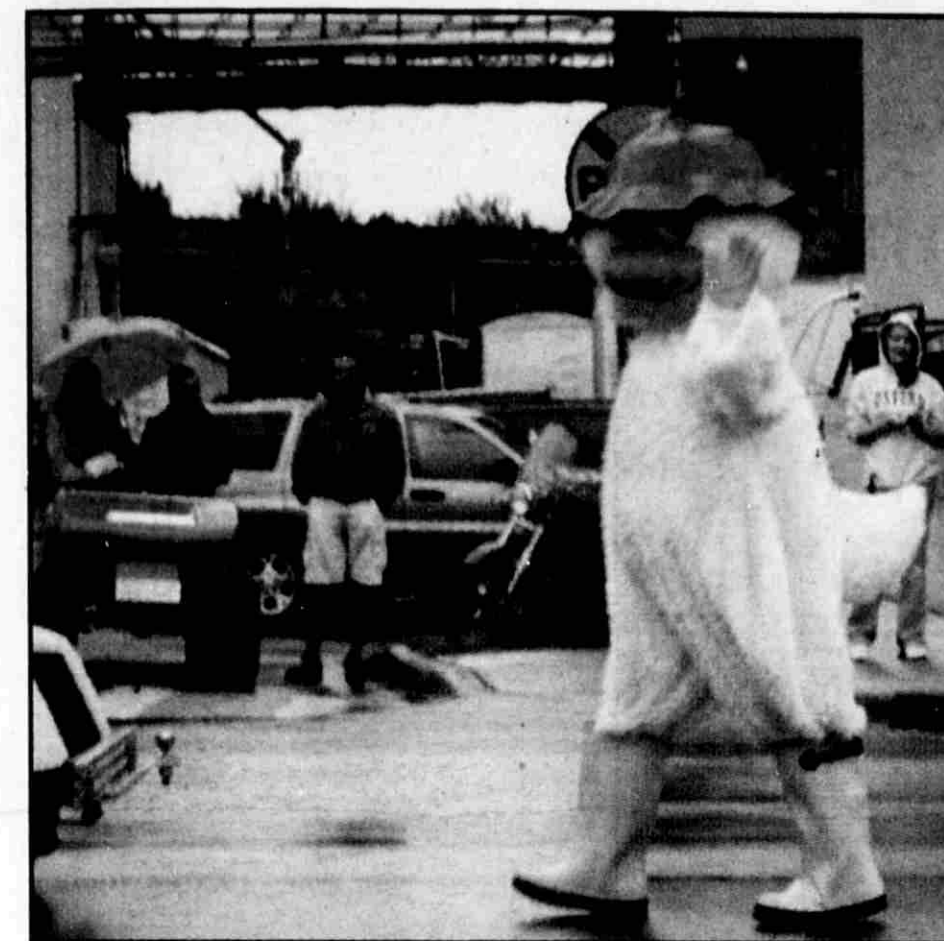


Becky and Tess Reagan performed together for the first time.



Juggler Steve Flohr fascinated the crowds with his sharp knives act.

Riverwalk Festival, continued ... From Page 1



The Riverwalk duck mascot walks in puddles of water in his rubber shoes as the parade got off to a wet start Saturday.



Poodle skirts and drug store soda fountains themed the Lowell Area Historical Museum float.



Street rods and muscle cars on display at the Lowell fairgrounds during the annual Brian Mead Memorial Cruise-In.



Ken Gregersen of Backwater Cafe created his own ride in the parade with an obscure rock.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Organizational Meeting, July 9, 2007

The Board conducted their organizational meeting. Board officers for 2007-08 are as follows: Mark Lessens - President, Jim Turner - Vice-President, Pat Nugent - Secretary, Maureen Fleet - Treasurer.

Regular Meeting of July 9, 2007 ACTION ITEMS -

- The Board accepted the following gift:
 - Canfield Plumbing & Heating donation of \$125 for the Lowell Crew website.
- CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted/denied were:
 - Minutes for the June 11, 2007 Regular Meeting and Closed Session, and the June 25, 2007 Special Meeting, Board Workshop, and Closed Session
 - The following payment of bills for June 2007:

GENERAL FUND.....	\$857,008.19
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund.....	\$88,127.89
B. Athletic Fund.....	\$2,889.97
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....	\$72,516.96
1990 Debt Fund.....	\$33.93
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2004 Debt Fund.....	\$61
2005 Debt Fund.....	\$229.55

2004 Construction Fund.....\$12,995.00

- Personnel - New Hire - Patricia (Tricia) Murphy - Alderman - Lowell High School Principal
- Installation Purchase Agreement with Hoekstra Transportation, Inc. and Huntington National Bank for the purchase of 4 new buses

BUDGET UPDATE - John Zielinski introduced himself as the Chief Financial Officer and expressed his pleasure in joining the Lowell Area Schools. He expressed thanks to Cindy Jones for her help in acclimating him to the budget. Greg Pratt reported that there is still no news on how Michigan schools will be impacted during the 2007-08 school year by the state budget. He encouraged people to contact their legislators to encourage a resolution that will not hurt education.

CURRICULUM UPDATE - Roger Bearup reported that writing and reading is a major curriculum focus. Staff members have been in during the summer writing lesson plans for the 1st 20 days of the 07-08 school year so that teachers can focus on the lessons at hand upon their return. The Lowell Area Community Fund granted the schools with a 20 station Nova Net license allowing on-line programs for such things as class credit recovery, ACT prep, Alternative Education classes, and GED certification.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kim Lum, Student Volunteer Opportunities
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Greg Pratt welcomed Chief Financial Officer, John Zielinski and High School Principal, Tricia Murphy-Alderman. He thanked those folks who were involved in the interview process. Summer is still a busy time and professional development activities continue to take place. Students are participating in Camp Read-a-lot. Training will take place on Infinite Campus, a new student management system that will be greatly enhanced over the former management system. Board policies are continually being reviewed. There will be a Board retreat with administrators with strategic planning and goal setting taking place.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Regular Board Meeting - Monday, August 13, 2007 Runciman Administration Building - Board Room 300 High St., Lowell, MI - 7:00 p.m.
- Board Workshop - Monday, August 27, 2007 - 6:00 p.m. Runciman Administration Building - Board Room 300 High St., Lowell, MI

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Please send cover letter, resumes and other information to Mr. John Zielinski, Chief Financial Officer, 300 High Street, Lowell, MI 49331 by 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 27, 2007. If you have any questions, please contact Sean Smart at (616) 987-2512, or ssmart@lowellschools.com.

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ICNB merges with Firstbank

Ionia County National Bank (ICNB) has been merged into Firstbank Corp. of Alma, a holding company that operates seven different banks in Michigan.

The merger, effective July 1, is different than other mergers, according to president and CEO Jim Fast.

ICNB, now Firstbank-West Michigan, will continue to operate as a separate charter; it will continue to have the same board of directors and retain the bank's same management team. Also, the account numbers will remain the same.

"Customers will have a larger basis of bank offices in which they can do business," Fast said.

Though the accounting and operations will be provided by the parent company, the customer service will remain the same.

ICNB has begun changing signs and ATMs to Firstbank-West Michigan at all 10 locations, and expects to have the change completed the week of July 23. ICNB has locations in Lowell, Belding, Ionia, Hastings, Sunfield and Woodland.

"It is our intent to continue to look at markets into which we want to expand in Michigan," said Fast.

The Firstbank family, now including the 10 offices previously known as ICNB, has 51 banking centers in Michigan.

The bank shareholders overwhelmingly approved the acquisition in June.

Approximately 86 percent of shareholders voted and of those, fully 95 percent voted in favor of the proposed stock-and-cash deal valued at approximately \$38.4 million.

Under the terms of the approved agreement, 50 percent of the total outstanding shares of ICNB Financial Corporation's common stock will be converted into 1,407 shares of Firstbank Corporation common stock, with the remaining outstanding shares of ICNB Financial Corp. common stock exchanged for cash at the rate of \$31.50 per share.

"Our new affiliation with Firstbank Corporation will enable us to remain a locally controlled, locally focused community bank," said Fast.

According to Fast, "the change will not diminish the bank's role as the area's leading community bank. Rather this change will enable us to more aggressively pursue that role as we bring additional banking and financial capabilities, under the banner of Firstbank Corporation, to the communities that we serve. Further, we believe that the merger with Firstbank Corp. certainly meets our goal of maximizing shareholder value," said Fast.

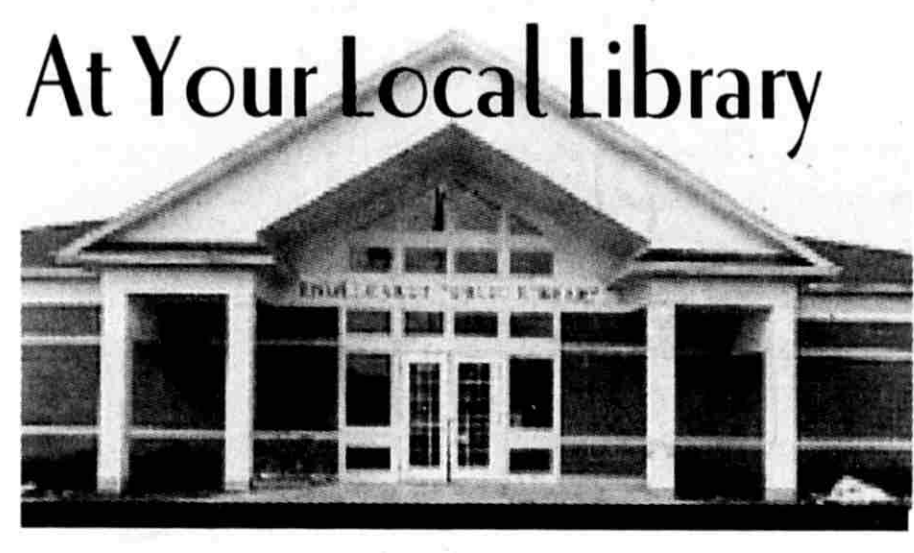
ICNB Financial Corporation is the holding company for Ionia County National Bank and Austin Mortgage Company. Founded in 1934, Ionia County National Bank is a leading full-service community bank, providing a wide range of commercial and consumer financial services from 11 locations in Ionia, Belding, Hastings, Lowell, Sunfield, and Woodland, Michigan.

ICNB's mortgage subsidiary, Austin Mortgage Company, is headquartered in Grand Rapids and conducts business in Gaylord, Grand Haven, and Muskegon.

Firstbank Corporation, headquartered in Alma, Michigan, is a six-bank financial services company with assets of \$1.1 billion and 41 banking offices serving Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Bank subsidiaries include: Firstbank - Alma, Firstbank (Mt. Pleasant), Firstbank - West Branch, Firstbank - Lakeview, Firstbank - St. Johns, and Keystone Community Bank in Kalamazoo.

Austin Associates, LLC acted as financial advisor to Firstbank Corp. and SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc., acted as financial advisor to ICNB Financial Corp. in connection to the transaction.

Curves reopens in Lowell



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Curves International, Inc., a fitness center franchise, announced the re-opening of the Curves location in Lowell, under new ownership.

On July 23 and 24, the Lowell Curves will be hosting a two-day grand reopening event. They will be providing tours of the facility and a free figure analysis and workout with a personal trainer. There will be giveaways and drawings sponsored by The Lily Pad, C.T.'s Scrapbook Central and The Backyard Boutique. Arby's of Lowell will provide free refreshments for the event.

"We are excited to be a part of the Lowell community," said Annette Hoffman, owner. "We want to be involved in local events, and our members are very supportive also." The Lowell Curves and its members have participated in several community events, including the Curves International annual food drive where members donated over 900 pounds of food for Flat River Outreach Ministries. Curves and its members more recently participated in Lowell's Relay for Life and raised over \$1,000 for the American Cancer Society.

The Curves Workout program, designed by Gary Heavin and his wife and co-founder Diane, is utilized in all Curves locations. The system allows women of all ages and fitness levels to perform all five of the components of a complete fitness program, combining strength and cardiovascular training through hydraulic resistance. The experienced instructors at Curves offer one-on-one training, while members talk and inspire one another during the workout.

K-9 ONE Search and Rescue Dogs at the Kent District Library
 Tuesday, July 24 at 6:30 p.m., 647-3920.
 Registration is required. For more information and registration, visit www.kdl.org or contact the participating branch.

This summer, K-9 ONE, a volunteer search and rescue team, will show off their skills at various Kent District Library branches. Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to learn about these talented dogs and view a demonstration of their abilities. The dogs' specialties include disaster, cadaver, and wilderness air scent trailing. Demonstrations will be held at:
 Alto Branch, 6071 Linfield Ave. on Tuesday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m., 647-3820.
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Ionia Free Fair opens this Thursday

What happens at the Ionia Free Fair not only stays at the Ionia Free Fair, but most of the time it's free. The 93rd annual version of the World's Largest Free Fair opens Thursday at 4 p.m. for the start of its 10-day run

with a list of free attractions that just continues to grow. "It's the Ionia Free Fair," said fair manager Lionel Haskins. "And as Michigan fairgoers have come to realize over the years, few fairs in the country offer

as many free attractions as Ionia. It's our legacy." Thanks in part to a lengthy list of faithful sponsors, Haskins said the fair's many free attractions this year will include three free grandstand shows, two

of which require patrons to have proof of paid parking in one of the fairgrounds parking lots. "It does cost \$5 per vehicle to park at the fair no matter what day," Haskins

said. "But on the days of the special shows, the driver and each passenger will receive a ticket allowing them free admission into the grandstand for that evening's show."

The two shows are a monster truck show July 20 and the Imperial Hell Drivers auto thrill show on July 26. The third free show, a

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Heatstroke one of many summer dangers for pets

Pets that become overheated or dehydrated are at risk for heat

stroke. Dogs and cats are susceptible because they are unable to sweat and

hair and fur usually covers their bodies. Owners must give their pets shade and

water, limit exercise and never leave them in a vehicle.

"Keeping pets cool and hydrated in the summer is crucial," says Karlene Belyea, executive director of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association. "But owners must also be aware of other dangers, staying alert when around water or chemicals, or even when they are in the sun."

The following list helps owners identify and avoid some other common summer pet problems:

Water safety: If a pet rides on a boat, a canine floatation device is recommended. Make sure that animals have a way out of pools, either by

teaching a pet to use the steps or by purchasing an animal exit ramp. Animals should not be allowed to drink pool water as it contains chemicals that may irritate their eyes, throat and digestive track.

Sun exposure: Pets, especially those with white hair or short hair, are prone to sunburn and susceptible to skin cancer. While trimming a pet's coat helps to keep them cooler, leaving an inch of hair helps to protect them from the sun. Also, some animals may benefit from sunscreen on their nose and ears. Ask a veterinarian about a pet friendly brand.

Engine coolant: Cars tend to leak more coolant

during the summer and such chemicals are both dangerous and sweet-tasting to pets. Options include using an "ethylene glycol" coolant instead of a traditional "propylene glycol." It is more expensive and won't last for quite as long, but is much less toxic to pets.

The Michigan Veterinary Medical Association is comprised of more than 2,000 Michigan veterinarians. It provides continuing education for veterinary professionals, monitors state legislation and regulations and promotes veterinary medicine through a multifaceted public education program.



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Several celebrations planned as Mackinac Bridge turns 50

The Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA), in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), announced that a special ceremony will be held on Thursday, July 26,

honoring Dr. David B. Steinman, designer of the Mackinac Bridge.

The 10 a.m. ceremony will take place at Bridge View Park in St. Ignace where MDOT and MBA officials, along with other

state and local officials, will unveil a new token featuring Dr. Steinman and the bridge.

The new token is the seventh in a series of bridge toll coins, or tokens, which customers can use to cross the bridge. Collectors and members of the public can purchase coins at the July 26 event.

Beginning Friday and continuing through Saturday, events will include parades, bridge building demonstrations, Great Lakes folk music, food vendors, fireworks and much more.

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Siblings will compete in rodeo finals in Illinois

A local brother and sister are heading to the National High School Rodeo Finals July 20-28 in Springfield, Illinois.

Luke and Hannah Smith qualified at the Ontario High School Rodeo Association Provincial finals in Hillsburgh, Ontario in May. This rodeo is the largest rodeo in the world with over 1,500 competitors from across Canada, the United States and Australia.

Thousands of scholarship dollars and bragging rights were on the line as the best in high school rodeo competed.

Hannah is a rookie and Luke is in his final year of high school rodeo competition. Luke, a four-time national qualifier, ended his career with a bang. With a saddle and scholarship dollars on the line Luke stepped up and pulled off the All Around Cowboy award against some stiff competition. Heading

to Springfield, Luke will compete in steer wrestling, calf roping and team roping. Luke's horse also took home the American Quarter Horse Associations Horse of the Year Award and the Teskey Horsemanship Award which is voted on by the adult board directors. The Teskey award also recognizes a participant that treats his horse well, takes wins and losses well and is a good hand with his horse.

Not to be outdone by Luke's horse, Hannah Smith's horse also received the breast collar for her Horse of the Year. Also against stiff competition Hannah will be heading to the national finals to compete in goat tying.

The top four places in each competition advanced to nationals.

To follow their success in Springfield check out the NHSRA's website at www.NHSRA.com.



Four-time national qualifier Luke Smith with his horse.

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concert by the 85th Division Army Band July 25, will conclude the fair's annual Heroes' Day activities and does not require proof of parking.

Haskins said that on average the fair offers 12 to 15 free shows and attractions daily. That includes numerous free acts on the fair's "E-Stage" outdoor entertainment area. Special E-Stage free events include the Michigan State Arm Wrestling Championship, the Ionia Idol talent competition, hypnotist David Rowe, Becca Rose Christian Concert, the Celtic Music Festival, a Karaoke Contest, a Beatle's tribute by Shout, the Dan Miller Country Legends concert, Woody Bradshaw Show, and numerous others.

On the Midway, other daily free attractions include the Earhart Motorcycle Globe of Death, Circus Pages, Bear Mountain Wildlife Show, Shoe Me Safari, pig races, and the Amazing Clark Magic Show. In the fair's livestock arena, even the lightweight and heavyweight horse pulling, once a staple of county fair grandstand shows, is free this year.

"A day that has become really special to the fair," Haskins said, "is Heroes' Day when we honor our armed forces veterans." Haskins said Heroes' Day, July 25, has grown by activity and attendance each year. "We have more than 60 Korean War veterans and their families coming to the fair this year to receive the Korean Defense Service

Medal, a medal that wasn't even authorized until 2002. It is such an honor for the fair to be part of that ceremony."

A highlight of this year's Heroes' Day will be the Army's Golden Knights precision skydiving team. Historic military equipment, a demonstration by the U.S. Army Reserve Blue Devils Horse Platoon, a memorial service, Army Band concert, and a Black Hawk helicopter exhibit are all part of the free Heroes' Day ceremonies. Former astronaut and Grand Rapids native Jack Lousma will deliver the keynote address during grandstand ceremonies.

Fairgoers will also see a new midway this year. Playworld Amusements was the carnival chosen when

the fair conducted a search for an amusement company with a larger variety of rides and an attractive physical appearance. Haskins said he anticipates more than 32 rides on this year's new-look Midway. Discount tickets for Playworld rides are available throughout West and Central Michigan at Rite-Aid, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Independent Bank, Ionia County National Bank Burger King, Michigan One Credit Union, Meijer and at WION radio in Ionia.

Farm Lane equipment exhibits, hundreds of 4-H and Open Class farm animals, crafts, needlework, floral displays, artwork and scrumptious homemade food exhibits will represent

the county fair heritage that the Ionia Free Fair seeks to maintain.

Although gates open Thursday, the fair's signature opening event, the Meridian Automotive Grand Parade, will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. through the streets of Ionia, ending

at the fairgrounds. This year's theme is "The Magic Continues."

Additional information may be obtained by calling the fair office at (616) 527-1310 or by visiting the fair's website at www.ioniafreefair.com.

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FRI., JULY 20: Picnic Pops at 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Lowell Senior Neighbors.

TUES., JULY 24: Hard of Hearing presentation at 11:30 a.m. Sponsored by the Lowell Senior Neighbors.

THURS., AUG. 2: Vergennes Co-Operative Club, 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Garden Trip. Hostesses Jan Bieri and Treva Johnson.

MON., AUG. 6: Masonic Lodge #355, serving Belding, Lowell and Ionia, will hold its regular communication, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the lodge room of the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room.

MONDAYS

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

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

Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 and 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 Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355, 7:30 p.m. 211 E. Main, Belding. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. 7 p.m.

2ND MON.: Lowell Board of Education, 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

2ND MON.: Bowne Township Historical Society meets Oct. thru March 10 a.m. & April thru Sept. 7 p.m. at historic museum, 84th/Alden Nash.

3RD MON.: Women of the Moose meetings held 7:30 p.m.

3RD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club, 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.: Lowell Area Juggling Club, Community room, Englehardt Library, 7-8:30 p.m. 12/older. 897-9879, www.freewebs.com/lowelljugglingclub.

MON., TUES., THURS.: Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main. Call 987-9533 for appt./open Mon. 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tu. 6-9 p.m., Th. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula and clothing.

EVERY MON.: Women for Sobriety, 7-8 p.m. Bowne Center United Methodist Church, 84th & Alden Nash. Call Sue 868-6219; www.womenforsobriety.org.

TUESDAYS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MIM#372 at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins are at 5:45 p.m.

Cub Scout Pack 3188 at 1st United Methodist Church 621 E. Main St. 6:30 p.m. Call Bruce Doll, cubmaster at 304-0082.

Weight Watchers, Alto United Methodist Church, Kirby & Harrison, 5:30 p.m. Reg. 1/2 hr. 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/preschool story hour/craft time 9:45-11:15 a.m./women only at 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian Reformed Church. 897-7060 or 897-7555.

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

2ND TUES.: Diabetic Support, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

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.: Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr.

WED., AUG. 8: Hooker Chapter #73 will exemplify the Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees in the lodge room beginning at 5:30 p.m. Dinner in the dining room at 6:30 p.m. The stated convocation will be held in the lodge room beginning at 7:30 p.m. Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding. All Royal Arch Masons may attend.

TUES., AUG. 14: Doric Chapter #75, Order of Eastern Star will hold its regular communication in the chapter room of the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Dinner will precede the meeting in the dining room beginning at 6:30 p.m.

3RD TUES.: Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda at 874-5662; teen group: call Sarah at 281-6588. No cost.

TUESDAYS

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.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 8731 West Riverside Dr., 8 p.m. www.qua-ke-zik.org.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers Summer Play Groups, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at TOTS Playground, 300 High St. 897-8304, ext 311.

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

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TUES.: Back to Basics Closed AA meetings at 404 N. Hudson St. 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking.

EVERY TUES.: Thornapple River Chapter BNI professional networking group, 7-8:30 a.m. Ada Bible Church, 8899 Cascade Rd. Cheryl 868-7551.

WEDNESDAYS

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

Rotary meets at noon at City Hall, 301 E. Main, 2nd floor.

8 p.m. ALANON new location: Lowell First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St. (Use west entrance off Jackson St.) 897-5936.

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

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.

2ND WED.: Lowell Area Trailway, 6 p.m. alternate locations. Call Mari Stone 897-5671 or www.lowellareatrailway.org.

2ND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meets 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center, 4-H Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

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.

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.

3RD WED.: GR/W. Mich. Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th SE 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. walk-ins. Jan 897-5759.

3RD WED.: Alzheimer's Assoc. of West Mich. support group at Fountain View of Lowell, 11535 E. Fulton, 1 p.m. 897-8413.

THURSDAYS

Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info. 1-800-651-6000.

Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Rm. Choir: 6-7 p.m./band: 7-8. Kathy Maatman, 897-5981.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Tues., Sat. and Sun. 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; members are free. Call 897-7688.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY: Mon.-Wed., 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri.: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe. Call 647-3920.

ALTO LIBRARY: Mon. & Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. 1-5 p.m. 647-3820.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Tues.-Fri.: 12-6 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. Monday a.m. by appt. 149 S. Hudson. Call 897-8545 or www.lowellartscouncil.org.

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP Wed.-Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 11535 Fulton St. E. Call 897-8567. Pantry 897-8260.

THURSDAYS

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

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

EVERY THURS.: Alpha Women's Center, 2251 W. Main. 987-9533, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Diapers, formula, clothing. Or by appointment

1ST THURS.: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7-8:30 p.m. 250 Cherry, Lacks Cancer Center, Grand Rapids.

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at Deer Run Golf Course at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY

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.

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

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

PAUSE, PONDER & PASS SOME-TIME!

RANDOM THINGS...

FACTS ABOUT MICHIGAN

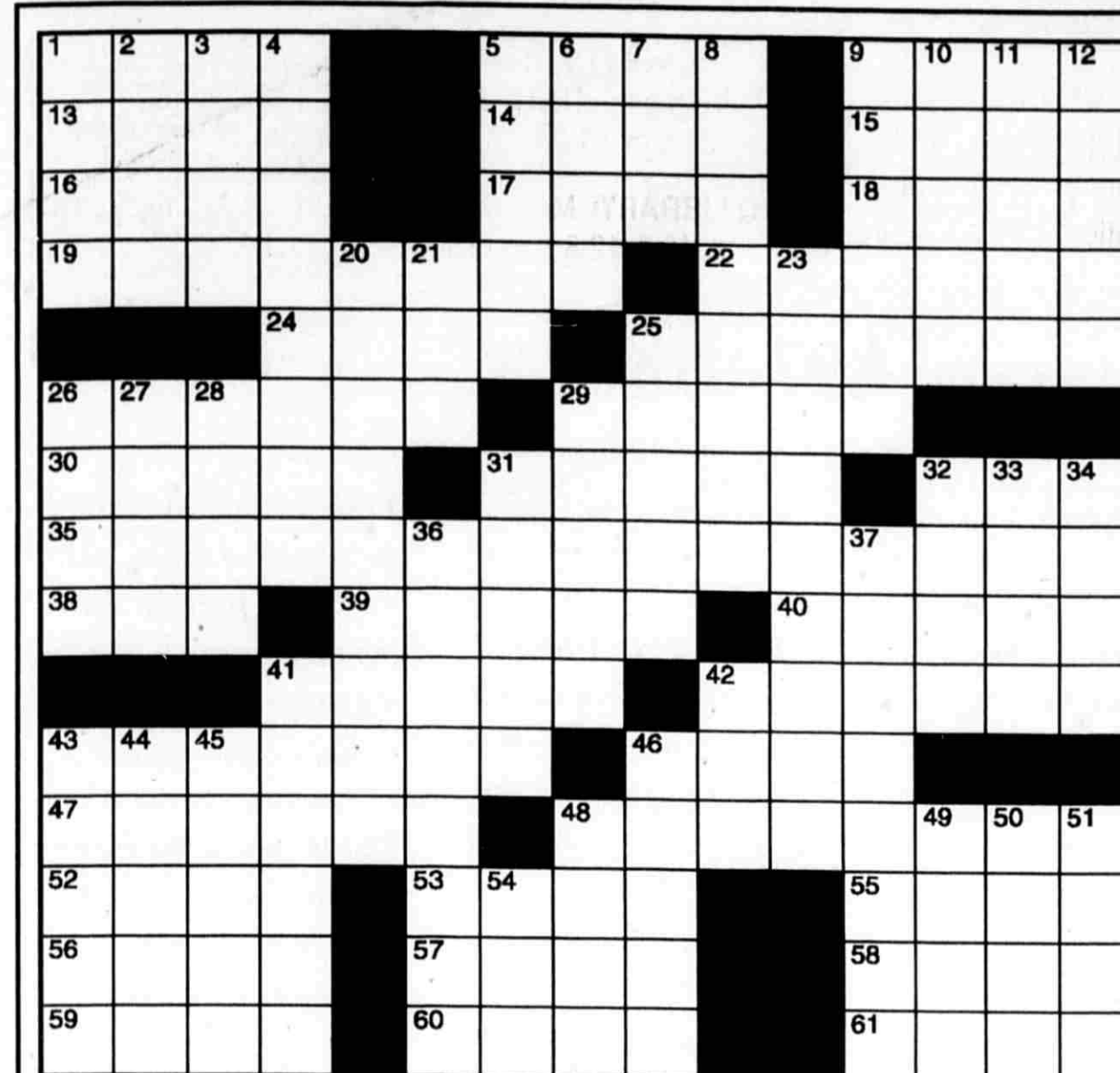
- The world's first agricultural collegewas Michigan State University. It was founded in 1855 as Michigan Agricultural College. Michigan State is also the oldest U.S. land-grant college.
- Mackinac Bridge, designed by David B. Steinman and completed in 1957, connects Michigan's Upper and Lower peninsulas. Michigan is the only state in the continental United States to have such large sections entirely separated by water.
- Battle Creek is called the "Cereal Bowl of America." John H. Kellogg's interest in health foods for patients at the Battle Creek Sanitarium stimulated the ready-to-eat breakfast food industry. Charles W. Post and W. K. Kellogg, John's brother, made the cereal industry a successful commercial venture in the early 1900's. Today, Battle Creek produces more breakfast cereal than any other city in the world.
- The first practical carpet sweeper was invented by M. R. Bissell in Grand Rapids in 1876. The Bissell factory, still located there, is the world's largest manufacturer of carpet sweepers.
- The first traffic lines to designate lanes were painted near Trenton in 1911. Edward N. Hines, Wayne County road commissioner, proposed the lines. He called them "center line safety stripes."
- The first person to observe digestion was William Beaumont, an Army doctor stationed at Fort Mackinac. He treated Alexis St. Martin, a fur trader who was shot by accident in the abdomen on Mackinac Island in 1822. Beaumont tried patiently to close the wound, but it never healed. Despite his injury, St. Martin lived to the age of 76. He was known as "the man with a window in his stomach." Through this "window," Beaumont gathered information that has proved to be accurate.

ATTENTION READERS Are You Feeling CREATIVE?

If you would like to submit a poem, verse, cartoon, drawing or recipe for the Reader's Corner, we'd like to print it.

Not all will be accepted and submissions will not be returned unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is included.

You may bring your signed creations to the Ledger office 105 N. Broadway, OR mail them to: Ledger/Readers Corner P.O. Box 126 Lowell, MI 49331 OR E-mail: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com Subject: "Readers Corner"



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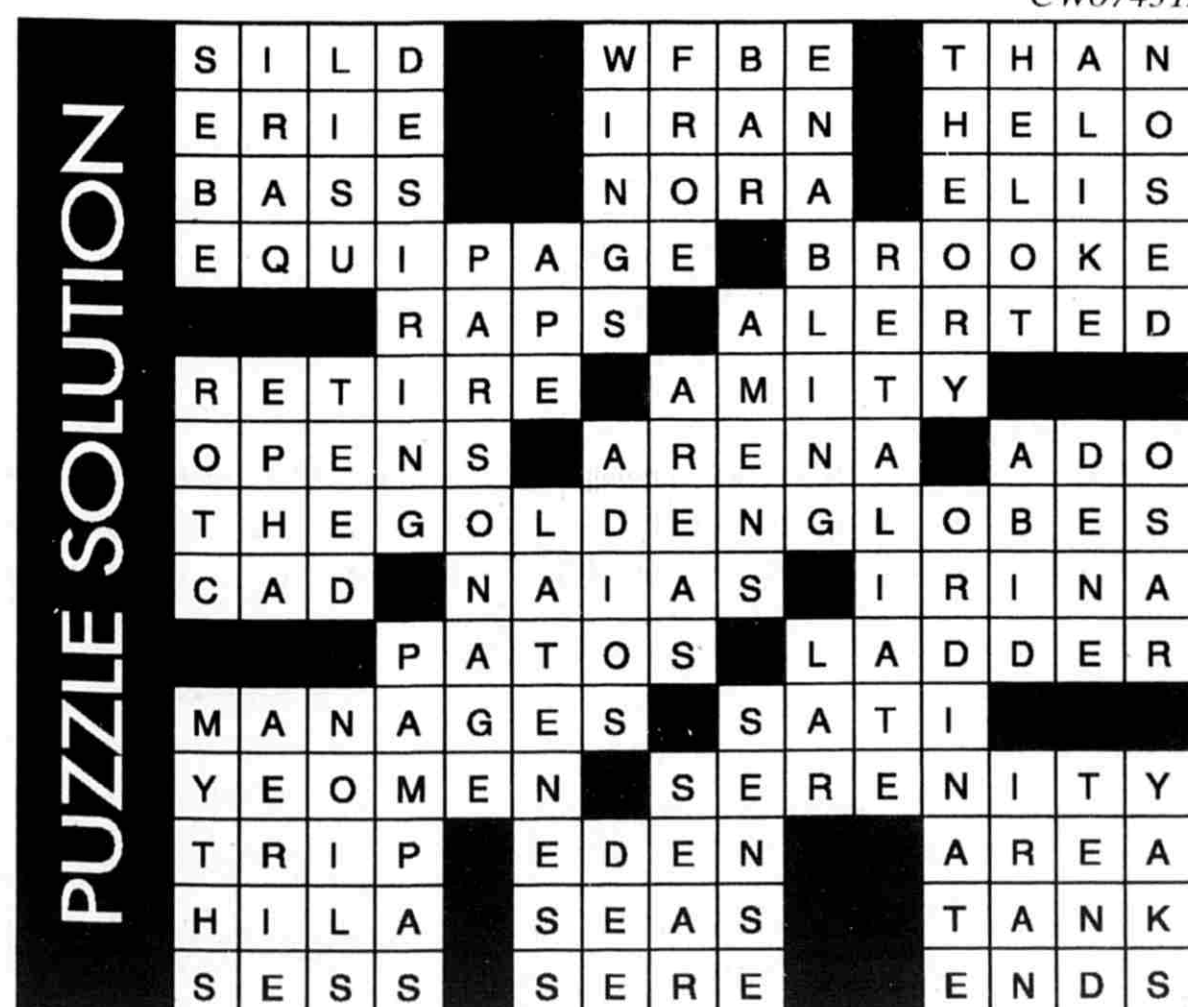
CLUES ACROSS

- Sardine
- 95.1 in Flint
- Compared to
- City in N.E. PA
- Enemy of #2 down
- Slang for helicopter
- The lowest part in polyphonic music
- You've Got Mail author Ephram
- Ancient Olympic Site
- Drawn by horses
- Shields, actress
- Knocks
- Notified of a risk
- Withdraw from active participation
- Peace
- Opposite of closes
- Sports event location
- Much ___ About Nothing
- Hollywood Foreign Press Awards
- Morally reprehensible
- Sole genus of the family Naiadaceae
- 2x World Champion Slutskaya
- Brazilian lagoon
- Two parallel members connected by rungs
- Pulls off
- Syrian writer al-Husri
- British bodyguards
- The absence of mental stress
- Stumble
- Any place of bliss or delight
- Surface enclosed within a boundary
- ___rious: very funny
- Oceans
- Fill it up
- Repos ___: takes back
- ___nity: tranquility
- Destinies

CLUES DOWN

- One point east of southeast
- Mid East nation
- Library and Information Statistics Unit
- Wanting strongly
- Paul's band
- Heavily bladed cleaving tool
- Commonly used with grill
- Making possible
- Cognitive content
- Spartan serf
- Similar to
- Searched around
- Clerical habitation
- Mimic
- Avenge for a wrong
- After prayers
- College army
- Ancient Hebrew dry unit
- ___ off: drove
- Regions
- Word of farewell
- What you make at an auction
- ___rvate: cut a nerve
- Bernie K ___: former NFL quarterback
- Disconso ___: feeling hopeless
- The value of a coordinate on the y-axis
- Grassy plains of Argentina
- Household god (Roman)
- Stories
- Any habitation at a high altitude
- Wool fibers
- Mechanism of perception
- Char or burn the surface
- Same as 14 A
- Have a disposition to do something
- Talks persistently
- River in NE Scotland

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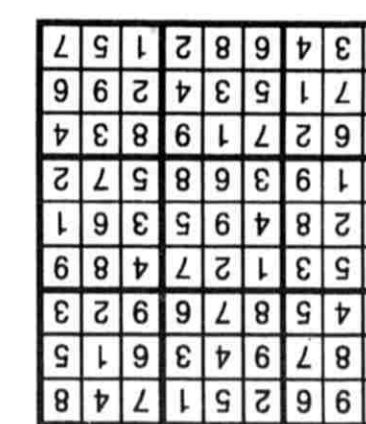


SUDOKU



Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



ANSWER

GARAGE & YARD SALE FINDER

Let them know that you saw their ad in the Garage Sale Section!

- ADA/CASCADE**
2nd Annual Neighborhood Sale! Furniture, glider, baby & kids clothes/items, TV, much more! 5055 Clear Ridge, Whiteville to 52nd. Thurs., July 19 - Sat., July 21, 9-5 p.m. 868-6903.
- BARN SALE**
July 19, 20 & 21, Thurs. - Sat., 9-5 p.m. Boys up to sz. 10, girls up to sz. 6, men's & women's, child bed, dressers, computer, GMC '94 Jimmy, lots of jeans, much more. Reasonable. 4890 Wheat Dr. (off Ware), Lowell.
- GARAGE SALE**
July 19 & 20, 9-6 p.m. 10834 Bennett. Children's books, Halloween costumes, baby crib, food dehydrator, riding mower.
- LARGE FAMILY GARAGE SALE**
July 19 & 20, 9-5 p.m. Pool table, lots of kids clothes through adults & shoes, in really good condition, lot sof misc. No pre-sales. 6164 Timpson, Alto.
- HUGE MULTI-FAMILY TENT/GARAGE SALE**
Thurs., Fri., Sat. & Sun., July 19 - 22, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 2175 Bowes Rd. (1 block S. of M21). Furniture, antiques, household goods, collectibles, seasonal decorations, crafts, scrapbooking supplies, cookbooks, paperback books, mens wool hunting coat - XL, tools, yard & garden items, antique guns, '94 Dodge Dakota pickup, '57 Morris Minor - partially restored. Plus hundreds of bargains! Everything must go - will deal!
- GARAGE SALE**
July 19, 20 & 21, 9 to 5 p.m. Hot tub, computer w/printer, Little Tikes basketball hoop, toys, clothes. 6607 Hastings Road, 1/4 mile N. of Jimmy's Grill.
- GARAGE SALE**
5914 Pratt Lake SE, July 19, 20 & 21, 9-5 p.m. Little bit of everything.
- GARAGE SALE**
June 19-20, 10 a.m. - ? 2863 Court Dr. (off Bewell). Estate items, depression glass, china, some furniture, refrigerator, toys, books, fishing, air hockey table, new junior golf set, large variety of items.
- GARAGE SALE**
Multi-family, STUFF - everyone cleaned out! Books, clothes, teaching materials, bits of everything. Thurs. & Fri., July 19 & 20, 9-5 p.m. & Sat., July 21, 9-noon. 13491 Forest River Dr.
- MULTI-FAMILY BASEMENT SALE**
Rain or shine, Thurs. & Fri., July 19 & 20, 9-5 p.m. 11982 5 Mile Rd., NE corner of 5 Mile & Montcalm.
- 2-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**
July 20 & 21, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 30 Parnell Ave. (halfway between Vergennes & Bailey). 2 computer printers, exercise bike, large dog carrier, cat carrier, Igloo doghouse, compound bow/case, kid's clothes, toys & games, videos, many books, household items, several automobile speakers & much more! Lemonade & cookies stand.
- ESTATE SALE**
Everything goes! Tools, antiques, camera equipment, boat motor & trailer. All household items. Fri., July 20, 8-5 p.m. & Sat., July 21, 8-3 p.m. 10977 Woodbushe, Lowell. Inquiries 897-5880.
- GARAGE SALE**
July 20 & 21, 9-5 p.m. 11250 Barnsley, Lowell.
- GARAGE SALE**
Furniture, household items & men's clothing, fishing gear, misc. Sat., July 21, 8-12. 4756 Hall St. SE (Forest Hill & Hall).
- ADDITIONAL SALES:**
MOVING SALE
Educational materials, K-6, books, new & vintage, DVD's, CD's, stove, freezer, microwave, household goods, vintage kitchen appliances & iron accessories, kids & adult clothes, older stereo, toys, some small furniture, tools, cabinet doors, building supplies, many free items & so much more. 1640 Faith Dr. July 19 & 20, 9-5:30 p.m.
- GARAGE SALE**
3 electric scooters, over 100 Disney videos, 100 video games & systems: Xbox, PS2, GameCube, Gameboy Advance, young teen clothes, patio furniture & much more. Thurs. & Fri., 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 10809 Sconcewood, up in Eastgate subdivision.
- HUGE 2 FAMILY SALE**
Wed. - Fri., July 18 - 20, 9-5 p.m. 11855 McPherson. Alpha Omega homeschool material, encyclopedias, microwave, Dansk dishes, housewares, bikes, pool table, crib, mattress, high chair, changing table, bunkbed, organ, Intex pool, snow stuff, coats, bedding, furniture, lots of clothes, girls 4/5, 10/12, women's 5-7, boys 16-20, parking lot light, EZ Go gas golf cart, \$800, toys, traintable, lots of misc. questions call 897-0579.
- SALE**
Sat., July 21, 9-3 p.m. Household items. Girl sz. 10/12, boys t-shirts M/L, antique side board, \$150. 11494 Barnsley Rd., Lowell.
- SHEPARD DRIVE STREET SALE**
Fri. & Sat., July 20 & 21, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bunk beds, wheel chairs, hospital bed, Barbie Jeep, misc. household items, furniture, clothing (including women's plus sizes), toys, games. Directions: in Lowell take Division N. off M-21 to intersection of Shepard, Grindle & Division.
- GARAGE SALE**
11399 Trent St. - subdivision behind Goodwill off M-21 in Lowell. Large assortment of household items including kitchen & bath items, artwork, toys, CD's, books, VHS tapes (G-R rated), Barbies (in boxes), girls clothing 3T-6X, jewelry, white bunkbed (lower bed is a full bed & mattresses are available for purchase) & much, much more! July 21, 9-5 p.m.
- MOVING SALE**
Fri., July 20, 9-1 & Sat., July 21, 9-3. Furniture, computer desks, twin bed, TV's, bassinets & baby equipment, toys, stair-stepper, small kitchen appliances. 11525 Barnsley (turn at Goodwill).

Sound Off

The Ledger "Almost" Anything Goes Column

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Brief, "Sound Off" comments are always welcome but will be, at times, edited for content and length. All comments are submitted by the public and do not necessarily represent the views of the Ledger. Feel free to sign your comment. For more lengthy views please consider a letter "To The Editor".

The band was Buffalo Cannon. I hope we didn't disturb anyone's night? We had plans to stop the music at 10:30 anyway. You still know how to Rock-n-Roll at your old age!

To the King Milling worker who helped out when I came up short on a gallon of milk at the Shell Station - God Bless You.
- Daniel Boon

When flags are supposed to be half staff, why doesn't the VFW on Alden Nash lower theirs?
- Orlie Grindle, Hastings

Democrats - you think you can run a country but in the past you can't even run your own protest without violence.. How are you going to run the country?

The cute boy at the car wash - you are very kind and nice. I would let you meet my daughter..
Thanks

To my BFF Waggs the Dog, you will be missed by everyone in Eastgate. I will always remember the fun we had and our special late night treats.
Friends Forever,
- Odie the Red Dog and Family.

Rest in peace officer Kozminski, To our own Lowell Police. God Bless you and thanks.

Congratulations to Jeff Denison recipient of Alto's Good Citizenship Award. We appreciate your efforts in maintaining community property here in Alto.
- Donna Alto DDA

Have you noticed we still have noise pollution and how many cars and trucks are around with very loud exhausts. It's deafening. Can't our local authorities do anything about it? I guess not.

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SAT 8 AM - 4 PM • CLOSED SUNDAY

Friday the 13th we received our mail so late in the day that the U.S. post office might as well have waited until Saturday.

River walk was great! But why do the food booths and arts and crafts leave so early on Saturday? Shouldn't they stay until the concert is over?

I think cameras should be installed in the post office to prevent disgruntled employees with a grudge from destroying people's mail!

Thank you to the handsome man and his son at the Riverwalk who sold me water! I tried several times to buy water from a group of boys but all they were worried about was the girls with them.

Lowell's a great place to live. Remember merchants the customer comes first. Take a little time with your customers.

I agree with C. H. we need a KFC really, really, bad.

Thank you for coming to the Foodmobile Saturday, July 7. FROM is so sorry for the no-show of the foodmobile. Hope to see you September 15.

I have a problem with people who are just rude in Lowell. They treat the fast-food employees like crap. It is frustrating to all of us working in fast-food restaurants. Please be more courteous to the people who serve you your fast food.

CLASSIFIEDS

- FOR SALE**
BED & MATTRESSES - Back to school special purchase. All new. Store retail prices, \$300-\$500. All sizes. Starting at \$100. "Protect your student from unsanitized, used dorm mattresses." 682-4767 or 293-6160.
- FOR SALE** - Inground pool toys - basketball & volleyball nets, \$50. Call 897-0197.
- BED** - A new king pillowtop mattress set, in plastic, warranty. Can deliver, \$180. Also full size, only \$95. Call 949-2683.
- OAK ROLL TOP DESK** - very good condition, \$200. Call 648-5550.
- FOR SALE** - Kiln dried lumber, pine, cherry, walnut, poplar, oak, basswood, also hardwood molding & flooring. 1500 N. State Rd., Ionia. Call 616-527-4142.
- 1994 DODGE DAKOTA** - 86,000 miles, 4x4, good condition, \$3,000 obo. Call 897-5101
- 14 FT. BOAT W/TRAILER** - \$250; camper shell - blue from short bed Silverado, \$50. Call 897-5003.
- 1997 FORD EXPLORER XLT** - 117,000 miles, 4x4, very clean, runs good, \$3,900 obo. 897-9387 or 340-8561.
- ROLLING PRIVATE ACREAGE!** - 4 to 20 acre parcels available. Located on Hastings Road. 10 minutes from Lowell exit. West Michigan Real Estate, 897-0530 or 813-5244.
- 20 HP LAWN TRACTOR** - 2003 Craftsman, 42" mower, V/twin Briggs & Stratton. Just tuned up. \$750 obo. 642-9250.
- LOWELL** - Updated inside and out w/new siding, windows, drywall, carpet, water heater, & completely remodeled kitchen & bath! Act now & you can still pick out the cabinets & colors! \$99,900, Pat Schaefer, 581-7580, Five Star, 616-977-7790.
- WHOLESALE BLUEBERRIES** - sold in 10 lb. boxes, by order only, next day pickup, except Sundays. \$2.50 per lb, up to 100 lbs. \$2.40 per lb, up to 200 lbs. \$2.30 for 200+ lbs. Call 813-2134.
- SALE** - 1999 31" Shasta travel trailer. Bunkhouse, queen bed, large slideout, air, large awning, many extras. \$8,950. 616-676-1762.
- FIREWOOD** - Red oak split, \$160/chord, 616-987-9252, one mile south of Lowell.
- TRUCK FOR SALE** - 2004 Ford XLT supercab, 4x2, V6, 5 spd. manual overdrive transmission, flare side box, bedliner & cover, 4 wheel ABS, new Goodyear Wrangler tires, fog/running lights, air, sliding rear window, PW & PL, remote entry, 58,000 miles, excellent condition, asking \$10,800. Ph. 897-5309.
- WOODED ACREAGE!** - Nice 6.7 acre parcel located off Pickney Rd. West Michigan Real Estate, 897-0530 or 813-5244.
- BOAT MOTORS** - 3 HP thru 20 hp, will guarantee, \$225 to \$500. Call 616-540-0540.
- SOFA & LOVESEAT** - New set, microfiber, still in original packaging. \$479. Call 949-2683, delivery possible.
- FOR SALE** - 2000 Grand Prix GTP, loaded w/leather, 125,000 miles, \$6,000 obo. Call 897-6676.
- BEDROOMSET** - 7 pc. Cherry bedroom set, includes sleigh bed! Brand new. Must sell. \$550. Can deliver. 616-949-6525.
- LOWELL MOBILE HOME PARK** - Under new management. Nice 1, 2 & 3 bedroom trailers for rent. For info call Stacey at 616-754-0276 or 616-890-1610.
- DUPLEX** - Clarksville, small town setting, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, appliances, washer/dryer hookup, central air, 2 car attached garage. \$800 plus utilities & deposit. 616-374-5381.
- HALL FOR RENT** - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.
- HALL FOR RENT** - with kitchen, seats 150. Call 897-6050.
- FOR RENT** - 2 bedroom country home. \$600 per month + deposit. Call 897-8367.
- SENIORS!** - Rent could be as low as \$70 per month! 1 bedroom HUD subsidized apartments for rent! Rent based on income for those who qualify! Beautiful 6 acre country setting! Pets welcome! Conveniently located 20 minutes East of Grand Rapids. Call today to join our small waiting list. Equal Housing Opportunity. 616-693-2271, hearing impaired dial 711.
- NEW HOME FOR SALE** - just reduced! Save \$\$\$ before July 20. 1 acre lot, paved road, 3 bed., 2 bath, 2 stall garage. Lowell-Alto-Clarksville area. 6 minutes to 196. Land contract possible. Priced below replacement cost. Builder, 616-240-4125.
- 17 FOOT ALUMINUM BOAT** - w/window shield, steering wheel & trailer, \$600 obo. Call 897-9486 before 7-20-07.
- BED** - Queen pillowtop mattress set. Brand new, in plastic, warranty, \$110. Can deliver. Call 616-318-6998.
- MEMORY FOAM MATTRESS** - Relieves back pain. Never used, all sizes. Starting at \$200. RCD Wholesale GR. 682-4767 or 293-6160.
- VALLEY VISTA COMMUNITY** - 2 & 3 bedroom homes for sale & rent. Awesome lower fixed interest rates. Sites available. Call Claudia at 897-8427.
- FOR SALE** - 1993 Ford F150, long box, 4X4, 300 straight 6, runs excellent, \$900. Call 616-299-1189.
- HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER** - 3 bed. on over 2 city lots. Asking price, \$99,900. 162 S. West St., Lowell. Ph. 897-7747.
- '97 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SSE** - loaded, leather, roof, heads-up display, cold AC; 1995 Blazer. Dave 889-6057.
- FOR SALE** - Graco DuoGlider double stroller (green plaid), \$100; Schwinn (tan) double jogging stroller, \$125. Both clean in great used condition! 616-450-4049
- MATTRESSES** - Half the cost of the retailers. Twins, \$100, fulls, \$120, queens, \$140, kings \$180 & up. All new. Large selection. No \$100 bait & switch fake pillowtop junk. 682-4767 or 293-6160.
- MARTINY LAKES COTTAGES FOR RENT** - Barryton 49305. Completely furnished including air, gas grill, canoe, paddle & rowboat. Pontoon rental available. Newly remodeled in knotty pine. 897-5062.
- HELP WANTED** - Golf maintenance & landscape work. Call Jack at 554-1489.
- DENTAL RECEPTIONIST** - We are looking for an experienced, exuberant, people-friendly person & a quick learner to work in our dental office. Dental experience required & knowledge of Dentrix. Please call Gail or Becky at 897-7179 or fax resume to 616-897-7179.
- DRIVERS** - Top pay + benefits! 2 positions available. Home for weekend reset + several times a week. CDL-A, 800-998-5005.
- LPN** - to work full-time, 3-11 p.m., possibly some 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. in a very pleasant workplace. Must be reliable & flexible with geriatric experience. Call 616-957-9767, M-F, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- CUSTOMER SERVICE** - Quality for \$1,000 "Fall Bonus" JOBS JOBS JOBS. Stop searching we have 'em! \$500/week to start. Growing company must expand its operations. We are now hiring for permanent full-time work. You need a job? We have work available! For one-on-one interview, please call 616-522-9783. No 3rd shift. Call between 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- BARN HELP NEEDED** - Days & weekends. Call 868-0488. Ask for Jeannie.
- COOK** - Part-time, will train, accepting applications at Fountain View, at 11535 E. Fulton, Suite 200, Lowell.
- DELIVERY DRIVER** - CDL-A drivers needed. Looking for dependable customer service oriented person w/chauffeurs CDL-B, CDL-A license. Good working environment. Also hiring nights/weekends. 616-248-7729.
- MAINTENANCE TECH** - 1st shift. Hydraulics, pump repair, machine repair & electrical exp. preferred. \$15-20. Apply at PURforms, Inc., 615 Chatham St., Lowell. 616-897-3000.
- HELP WANTED** - Packaging, 9-5 Mon. - Fri., seasonal. \$7.25/hr. Send resume or work experience to: GLP, 615 Chatham, Suite 2, Lowell, MI 49331. 987-4444.
- FULL & PART-TIME SEMI DRIVERS** - Rapidly growing food co. seeking experienced, career minded drivers. Great team culture, well maintained fleet, competitive benefits including 401K & Employee Stock Ownership Plan. Potential for \$1,400/week. Regional OTR & East Coast routes, home most every week. Valid Class A CDL, good MVR, 3+ years semi experience. Apply online at www.litehousefoods.com or in person at Lithouse, 1400 Foreman, Lowell, MI 49331. EOE/AA.
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- IN MEMORIAM**
In memory of my Dad,
Roger L. Conner.
Riding bikes for ice cream, sitting by the fire...camping over the years, together are the memories I will forever hold most dear.
Love & miss you,
Michele, Dave & Jeff
- IN MEMORIAM**
In memory of Roger Conner.
It's hard to believe you left us a year ago. We can't forget the sparkle in your blue eyes. Or how your grandchildren loved you even though you wanted a quarter everytime they came over. It's hard to realize how much your family misses you. We look up at the clouds know you are watching over us. We will always remember our family vacations and the fun we had. It hurt to not be able to say goodbye, but you know we love and miss you. We will see you again in heaven.
Love, your family
- MARK TAYLOR KROPP**
July 21, 1965 - June 18, 1970
In loving memory of our dear son and brother on his 42nd birthday.
A life so young...
Released to heaven...
Left on earth, we wonder why? But some are sent, Among us briefly...
Some have spirits meant to fly.
Forever loved & missed,
your family

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