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# Storms cloud final concerts of the season

cloud swished over The King Milling silos Thursday just in time to rain out the last concert of the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert series, the River Rogues Jazz Band. Concert-goers had to pack up their lawn gear and run from hard rain. Lowell Area Arts Council director Lorain Smalligan quickly helped clear the stage. The thunderstorm blew over at exactly 7:15 p.m., but too late for the concert to resume. However, overall, the concert season was marvelous, according to Smalligan. Spectators enjoyed everything from jazz, blues and Celtic to rock in weather ranging from hot to cool. The storm knocked out power and uprooted trees in the Lowell area and surrounding communites. Residents were still clearing debris over the weekend.

Photo by Emma Palova



# Showboat comes to life with nostalgic evening of entertainment

by Emma Palova

"Here Comes the Showboat Again," sang the chorus as they marched in red, blue and white to the concert stage on the Riverbank last weekend.

The much-awaited Showboat Nostalgia, a revived minstrel attraction of the 30s, came alive after a 10-year long hiatus. The show came complete with slapstick comedy by the end men.

Under the direction of Roger MacNaughton, the Showboat Chorus sang original tunes such as "Are You From Dixie" with the boat mooring in the background.

Gordy Gould, a chorus member in 1961 and an end men of two decades, hosted the event all decked out in white.

Juggler Steve Flohr, one of the amateur acts, juggled flaming torches to an upbeat music. After the show people were humming Showboat songs as they strolled to their cars.

"We intended to create a nostalgic reminiscence of the Showboat, but I think we created some lasting memories of the show itself," said organizer Rick Seese.

One of the highlights of the event was Mr. Showboat himself, Ivan Blough. Over the last few decades, Blough has been taking care of the showboat.

"It was like a homecoming party for the crowd, as well as the chorus, end men, talent and organizers," said Seese.

The nostalgic event paid homage to the legendary Showboat attraction born in the depression era. The first performance was on Aug. 10, 1932, with an estimated 7,000 people attending. In the 60s, television stars were performing on the boat.

The event also com-memorated a decade of the Lowell Community Fund and 30 years of the Lowell Area Arts Council, as well as 75 years of the Showboat.



Terry Fenech, Joe Greene, Shannon Greene, Corrie VanRavensway and Ron Wood performed slapstick comedy as the end men.

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### KARSTEN

Virginia Esther (Petersen) Grandville, MI went to be with her Lord Jesus, August Lowell, MI, Joyce (Dave) 20, 2007. She was born in Grand Rapids, MI, graduated from Union High School and worked 'downtown' Grand Rapids. She lived in Grand Rapids and Cascade brother, Jack Petersen of MI. After the children Florida. After Mary's death MI. in 1989, Virginia returned to the Grand Rapids area. She was preceded in death by her parents, H. Peter and Gladys (Hill) Petersen and her husband, Marvin. She is survived by her

children, Linda (Bob) Jones of Shingletown, CA, Jan Pitmon of Grandville, MI, Julie (Rob) Marsalese of Schueman of Tangent, OR, and Gary (Gina) Karsten of Wyoming, MI; grandchildren and seven great-grand after her marriage to Marvin Tampa, FL; sister, Jane Karsten until 1961 when the Semeyn of Traverse City, Londo of Grand Rapids, family moved to Hopkins, MI. A memorial service was held August 25th, at Mars graduated, they traveled Hill Bible Church, 3501 and lived in California and Fairlanes Ave., Grandville,

# LONDO (MARTIN)

Margaret Mary Londo, Martin; and many nieces and age 86, of Caledonia, after nephews. A Memorial Mass completing her life long was celebrated Thursday journey of faith went to be at Holy Family Catholic with her Lord on Sunday, Church. The family requests

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### **NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The City of Lowell, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 will be accepting sealed bids for a two year contract for sanitary sewer maintenance cleaning until 2:00 p.m. or Tuesday, September 11, 2007, where they wil be publicly opened and read aloud.

Specifications can be picked up at the Department of Public Works, 217 South Hudson, Lowell between 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday or call Dan DesJarden at 616-897-5929.

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the City's interest will be better served.



### **NANNINGA**

was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert Londo: daughter. Bonnie DeByle; Beatrice Lapham; brother, William Nickels. She survived by her children. Charlene (Jim) MacDonald of Lowell, Gwen (Gerry) Pettersch of Grand Rapids, Jennie (Fred) Klampferer of Caledonia, Gary Martin of Caledonia, Jacquelyn Martin of Caledonia; son-Christian Reformed Church. in-law, Craig DeByle of FL; A past member of Dutton step-children, Tom (Sandy) president of Grand Rapids Steve Londo of Boston, Paul (Kathy) Londo of Boston; 11 grandchildren; five greatgrandchildren; Edward (Barbara) Nickels of Wayland; sister-in-law, Mary Lou (Keith) Bottoms Van Laan of Caledonia, Jill memorial contributions be and Joe DeBoer of Saranac, made to Faith Hospice or St.

August 19, 2007. She

of Lowell, Betsy Nanninga Frederick W. Nanninga, age of Saranac, Leslie Nanninga 87, of Saranac, formerly of of Dutton, Kim Nanninga Spring Lake, went to be with of Grand Rapids; and 12 his Lord and Savior after great grandchildren. He was a battle with leukemia at preceded in death by his his home August 19, 2007. parents; two sons, Donald He was born September and Larry Nanninga; two 12, 1919, in Coopersville, sisters and three brothers. MI, the son of William and Funeral services were Jennie (Bennink) Nanninga. held Wednesday at Lake Frederick married Alice Funeral Home in Saranac. Bos april 30, 1943 in Grand Anyone wishing may make Rapids. He served in the memorial contributions in US Navy during WWII. He Frederick's name to Hospice was a member of Fruitport of Michigan.

### PEARCE

American Legion and past Vivian Marie Pearce aged 73 of Ionia, passed away August Association. 23, 2007. She was born Frederick is survived by his March 11, 1934, in Grand loving wife of 65 years, Alice Rapids, MI, the daughter Nanninga; children, Sandy of Fred and Ida (Johnson) and Tom Van Laan of Dutton Braodbent. Vivian married and Paul and Sue Nanninga Jack Pearce September 15. of Saranac; grandchildre, 1961 he preceded her in Jule and Bob Spoolstra death in 1988. Vivian got of Quito Ecuador, Scot her start in the restaurant and TAmmy Van Laan of business working at Pete's Wayland, Steve and Valerie Tavern and Bosley's Lunch Counter and later she owned and operated "Vivian's Matt and Cassie Nanninga Restaurant" in Ionia for 30 years. Vivian was a member of the Moose Lodge and First Christian Church. She is survived by her children Cindy and John Sanderson of Muir, Mike Pierson of Lansing, Patte and Santa Martinez of Florida, Craig and Sharon Pearch of Saranac, Peggy and Tim Wray of Ionia, Nancy Gardner of Ionia, David Pearce of Grand Rapids, Wendi and Steve Gross of Ionia, Sandi Pearce and Dan Bussell of Ionia, and Sheri and Larry Bussell of Ionia; sister Ayleen and Bill Wieland of Clarksville and 18 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. TO ALL CREDITORS She is preceded in death by one son Mark Pearce, 1 brother Fred Broadbent Jr and 1 grandson. Funeral services were held Monday at First Christian Church in Ionia. In Lieu of flowers memorialcontributions may be made to First Christian Church of Ionia.



### ROOKER

David E. Rooker, age 58 of Lowell, was called to his Lord and Savior on Saturday, August 25, 2007. Dave was survived by his wife, Dru Ann; his children, Kathryn (Katie) R. and David K. Richards Jr., Elizabeth (Liz) H. and Franklin B. Rittersdorf; grandchildren Zachary D. Richards. Addison K. Richards, and Drayden B. Rittersdorf. His father Gene A. Rooker, preceded in death by his mother, Maxine Rooker. Father-in-law Albert O. Briggs Jr., preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Helen R. Briggs. He is also survived by his brothers Donald (Tammy) Rooker, Daniel (Martha) Rooker; his sisters, Jeanne Turner, Sarah (David) Alegre; his brothers-in-law, Albert (Mary) Briggs III, Robert (Dede) Briggs; sister-inlaw, Lisa (David) Ralph; also, several uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends. Dave was a loving husband, son, brother, father, and grandfather who will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He was a long time Amway employee, avid biker, artist, and was active in his church. A service to celebrate Dave's life will be held at Lowell Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI on Wednesday August 29, 2007 at 11AM, Pastor Robert Holmes officiating, Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Lowell Christian Life

# LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF KENT** 

Ann's Home.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 07-183,493-DE

Estate of ESTELLE S. VANDERSTOLP.

> Date of birth: 1/2/1919

deceased

TO ALL CREDITORS The decedent, ESTELLE S. VANDERSTOLP. lived at 1334 Emerald NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 5/23/2007.

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

Date: 8/21/2007

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> Linda Schafer 836 E. Superior St. Wayland, MI 49348 269-792-0843

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** FILE NO. 07-183,790-DE

Estate of DONALD M. COLLINS. deceased

Date of birth:

7/7/1919

The decedent, DONALD M. COLLINS, who lived at 4141 Holyoke Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan died 7/4/2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JOHN SKUKALEK, named personal representative. or proposed personal representative, or to at 180 Ottawa Ave NW, and the named/proposed personal representative

Date: 8/23/2007

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# New editor at the Ledger

The Lowell Ledger and Buyers Guide is welcoming Molly Benningfield to the news staff as editor.

Benningfield is a 2007 graduate of Michigan State University, majoring in English and creative writing, with

minors in journalism and Spanish. During her time a magazine, the student-run online magazine.

of London in the United Kingdom last summer, studying English literature and fiction writing.

daughter of Dan and Michelle Benningfield, both fifth grade teachers in the Hastings school district. Her brother, Andy, lives in South Bend, Ind. working for the minor league baseball team and sister, Emily, is a freshman at Central Michigan University.

MSU, Benningfield wrote and edited for The Big Green

Benningfield also attended the University College

During the summer of 2005, Benningfield held an internship with J-Ad Graphics in Hastings as part of the news staff.

A native of West Michigan for most of her life. Benningfield grew up in Hastings and graduated from Hastings High School in 2003. Benningfield participated in many sports throughout school, as well as student service groups and honors classes.

Benningfield lives in Hastings, Mich. and is the

As part of the news staff in Lowell, Benningfield is looking forward to working closely with the community to create a good relationship with the newspaper.

# City set to regulate temporary signs

by Emma Palova

In an attempt to better regulate the use of temporary limits on signs.

Commission discussed a new measure that would allow businesses to use temporary signs for a temporary sign and an total of two months a year, annual renewable \$200 bond if they keep a running log of for both businesses and nondisplay times. The main goal profits. The ordinance now of the rule is to prevent the only allows displays for a town from looking trashy, total of 21 days a year. while allowing businesses

"The idea is to give more latitude to business signs, the Lowell Planning owners, but it requires owners, while relaxing time Dave Pasquale. "There is a Clark Jahnke. trade-off. We're making a The Lowell Planning dramatic change. You have

Monday to recognize our concerns." Currently, the city charges a \$25 fee for a

So much of what we call

difficult for people to work.

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SHOWTIMES 8/27 - 8/28

DADDY DAY CAMP (PG) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00

RUSH HOUR 3 (PG-13) 7:40, 9:50

OSUPERBAD (R) 11:10, 1:50, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55

NANNY DIARIES (PG-13) 11:25, 1:55, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30

**BIG SCREENS** 

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However, the enforce-

- Peter Drucker (1909 - 2005)

On M-21, 5 Minutes

management consists in making it

ordinance has proven to be a non-profits. nightmare, according to the

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**SYNOPSIS** 

**MOTIONS APPROVED:** 

Minutes of the July 16th board meeting. List

Authorize Fire Chief to gather bids for

Schedule of Public Hearing for September

board meeting to Review renewal of

natural resource removal permit

Authorize levy of operating millage.

Copies of entire minutes available on the

Sandra L. Kowalczyk

Bowne Township Clerk

resealing of parking area at Fire Station

Commission may put more more responsibility on their trying to enforce temporary profits such as the YMCA in responsibility on business part," said city manager signs," said vice-chairman

Under the new measure, businesses would still have to come to the city hall and pay the \$25 fee. The zoning inspector would periodically check the running logs in businesses using temporary

"They'll be watching themselves," said inspector Doug Hopkins.

The amount of the renewable bond would be based on last year's performance. The planning commission will also discuss

of all invoices.

website bownetwp.cc.

to prosper, according to the ment of the existing sign the performance bond for

Chevrolet spoke on behalf "It has been a nightmare of other dealers and non-"We don't want to go

> overboard with this," said Garner. "We don't want to become Las Vegas strip." In relevant business, the panel recommended to the

> city council an amendment to the ordinance regulating sponsorship signs in the city The signs must

have white backing, be esthetically appropriate and they must face the in field.

commission is also working on a joint signage ordinance possible the elimination of with Lowell Township.

LHS MAKE UP PICTURE DAY Rodger Garner of Good Lowell High School's make up picture day is

information, call 897-7842.

Tuesday, Sept. 4. Students can pick up forms in the high school offices. The time will run from 8 - 10:15 a.m. All students are required to have their picture taken for ID card purposes even if they are not ordering a package from Lifetouch. This does include seniors. Picture retake day is Monday, Oct. 15, from 8 - 10:15

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THEBES PLAYERS CALL FOR AUDITIONS

Honk Jr! Dates of the production are Oct. 19 - 30, 2007

at the Lowell Performing Arts Center at Lowell High

School. Daytime school performances will take place

on Oct. 29 and 30, 2007. For more information or to

borrow a script for review call or visit the Lowell ARea

Arts Council at 149 S. Hudson, Lowell at 616-897-

8545; www.lowellartscouncil.org. Auditions are on

Wednesday, Aug. 29 at 6 p.m. at the Englehardt Branch

**NEW EXHIBIT** 

Street, Lowell will be featuring Masks: Art & Illusion,

artwork created by artists Roy Brown and Karen P.

Cornwell, Sept. 1 - Oct. 3, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday

through Friday, or weekends by appointment. For more

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL

exhibition is located at the Lowell Area Arts Council,

149 S. Hudson from Sept. 4 - Oct. 20 with a public

reception on Sunday, Sept. 16 from 2 - 4 p.m. Gallery

hours are Tuesday - Friday, 12 - 6 p.m. and Saturday 1-

4 p.m. Monday and mornings by appointment.

The Studio Glass West Michigan Style invitational

Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes

of Kent District Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell.

The Thebes Players are seeking youth actors for

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Thursday, Sept. 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 11535 East Fulton, old Cumberland Manor. Must have proof of source of all income and Social Security numbers for the entire household. Bring your own bags. Questions? Call Bernadette 897-5150 or Virginia 897-8754.

### COUNTDOWN TO CUB SCOUTS

Join Alto Cub Scouts Sept. 12 at 6:30 at Alto Elementary playground for ice cream, rocket launches and info about joining Cub Scouts. Call Todd at 897-4325 for more info.

### **CLASS OF 1992**

Class reunion Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. Questions please contact Jen Dougherty (Wieland) at 616-868-0439 or j.l.dougherty@att.net.

### LHS ALL ALUMNI GATHERING

Save the date! Saturday, Sept. 29, 6 p.m. at Deer Run Golf Course. Dinner, music, raffle, \$30-\$35 per person. For reservations call Marsha Wilcox 897-8949. www.lowellschools.com, click on Alumni News.

### FOOTBALL TICKETS ON SALE

LHS athletic office is selling season football tickets. Adult superfan passes are \$75 and student superfan passes are \$55. The student 10 punch pass is \$40. Football tickets will be sold in the athletic office on game days for \$5 from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tickets will only be sold for home games. Gates will open at Red Arrow Stadium 90 minutes before kickoff (5:30 p.m. for most games). No blankets may be placed in stadium prior to the gates opening.

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# The cupboard is bare at Flat River Outreach Ministries



Cindy Cornell and Jody Haybarker stand by empty shelves at the F.R.O.M. pantry.

Outreach Ministries pantry is in dire need of food after serving 140 families in July. According to director Jody Haybarker, during most summers, the pantry's shelves are bare.

"It always gets slow," said Haybarker.

This was especially rue this year due to hard economic times. Even though, there was a food drive in July during the Riverwalk, the bare shelves never got replenished.

"We are in need," said volunteer Cindy Cornell. "It will not get any better."

in summer because the school is out, according to the pantry staff. Last week alone, the pantry served Monday, Tuesday and 38 families in need of Thursday from 2 p.m. to emergency food assistance.

Fountain View has worked out well due to larger space, accessibility, handicap according to Haybarker.

"It's well run, said Haybarker, "it runs

People can now make their own choices and use the pantry's shopping carts. The pantry needs canned fruits, vegetables, cereal care items, peas and carrots,

The pantry will have a Food Stamp Outreach day on Sept. 25. An access coordinator will provide information on how to

Food or monetary Also, the need increases donations can be dropped at the pantry or at the front entrance to F.R.O.M.

The pantry is open

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In 1970, the Nugents built a double herring bone milking parlor and in 2003 expanded to a double six. In 2005, they switched to milking three times a day. For 27 years, they operated

with area farmers.

The Nugents raised four the Michigan agriculture. Mike manages vice-president, the field crops and machinery committee chair, Michigan Farm Bureau.

breeding decisions and activities.

semi-retired from nursing at Terry and Jean.

a milk-hauling cooperative a local hospital.

Terry has Holstein children, all involved in Association as president, on 1,500 acres. Renee and her committee chair and a inducted farmers annually husband are dairy herdsmen delegate to the National of 270 Holstein cows. Sheila Holstein Convention for is a director of the Michigan 15 years. Terry and Jean Milk Producers Association are active in county and (MMPA) and Tom is director state farm bureaus, North of field operations for the Star Select Sires, and MMPA. With four full-time Jean helps to make employees, Terry and Mike Delton. race cars on a dirt track near assists in the day to day their home. The history of good cows and good times After 20 years, Jean with the family has sustained

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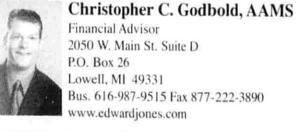
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# Viewpoint-

# To The Editor

# **Local Resident Expresses Fondness for Tree**

My heart is sinking as I watch the malicious destruction of an ancient friend. It stood armless over the weekend. On Monday, they finished it off leaving a pile of monstrous slabs.

The slabs with no visible scars except the rings of age. So many years it had generously given shade and beauty to the neighborhood, all to protect the strands of power that could be safely stored under the ground.

Lowell, the place to be – but not for a tree.

Jan Johnson



# Rep. Hildenbrand calls for accountability in government spending

With Rep. Dave Hildenbrand

road repair? What about on cable TV for prisoners? This is responsible. This will make government more efficient by office. exactly the type of information that I think taxpayers have exposing waste. a right to know.

spending by state government. The announcement comes 30014, Lansing, Michigan, 48909. amid the ongoing budget battle between raising taxes and government reform.

From Iraq

With Senator Carl Levin

Recently, I traveled to Iraq to assess the progress being

made by the "surge" of American troops, whose purpose

President Bush has stated is to provide Iraqi politicians with

"breathing space" to achieve political reconciliation. I also

wanted to evaluate the extent to which the Iraqi politicians

bravery and professionalism of our troops. Their courage

- combined with the increased Iraqi army capability and

willingness to fight – has resulted in some reduced violence

that there is no military solution to the sectarian strife

in Iraq and that the only hope of ending that violence is

political compromise between the leaders of the feuding

groups. But the political leaders continue to ignore the

desperate situation that their people find themselves in, and

recent discussions among top Iraqi political leaders have

the current Iraqi government, led by Prime Minister Maliki,

is nonfunctional and cannot produce a political settlement

because it is too beholden to religious and sectarian

That failure has reinforced the widely held view that

Despite that reduction, there's a deepening consensus

are taking advantage of that opportunity.

apparently produced little or nothing.

in some places in Iraq.

leaders.

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If passed by the Legislature, this will provide another Along with a number of my colleagues, I recently tool for citizens to hold government accountable for outannounced the Michigan Government Funding of-control spending. Rep. Hildenbrand's office can be Accountability and Transparency Act, or FAT Act, which contacted can be contacted toll-free at: (877) 328-3086; would create a public, searchable website that lists all or via e-mail: rephildenbrand@house.mi.gov; or P.O. Box

Iraqi leaders have not met their own political

That's why I hope that the Iraqi Assembly, when it

benchmarks to share power and resources, to modify the de-

Baathification laws, to schedule provincial elections, and to

reconvenes in a few weeks, will vote the Maliki government

out of office and will have the wisdom to replace it with

end of this year, they will have trained at least 11 of the 12

needed divisions. That's over 163,000 trained Iraqi soldiers

responsibility for their own security. But as one U.S.

soldier, who is in his third deployment to Iraq, told us: the

supposed to be doing forever, and we need to let them do it

their duty. But there's a growing feeling that the Iraqi army

support. We can and should expedite delivery of equipment

that Iraq has bought from us and paid for. And we also should

give them surplus equipment, if doing so will speed up the

that the capability that the Iraqi military now has and will

Our troops are incredibly professional, and they will do

The Iraqi army does need more equipment and logistics

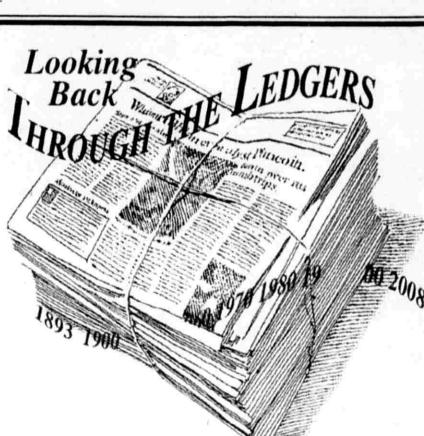
Iraqi soldiers will let U.S. soldiers do the job that they're

Our commanders are much more positive than they

and represents 90 percent of their goal for their army.

amend their constitution.

The most striking feature of any visit to Iraq is the were 10 months ago about the Iraqi army's ability to take



### 125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL **AUGUST 30, 1882**

We are to have paved gutters, thank you. Lost-in this village Aug. 23 a Knight's Templar charm. Five dollars reward will be given for its return to this

### 100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **AUGUST 29, 1907**

New pipe organ at Methodist Church. Cut off one third of your school book bill by getting some of those second hand books at Looks drug and book

### 75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO **AUGUST 25, 1932**

The bleachers at Recreation Park are being painted. Clyde Kinyon has opened a fruit and vegetable store in the block just east of the Strand Theatre. He will handle all kinds of home grown and foreign produce.

a less sectarian and a more unifying prime minister and After a three-day trip to Michigan's film centre in Detroit, Hollis Drew, manager of the Strand, returned with As to the Iraqi army, it has gained in strength and a line-up of new pictures that certainly should spell a lot of confidence and capability. At the present time, 10 of the 12 real pleasure for theatre patrons of this section. Iraqi divisions that they need have been trained. And by the

### 50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **AUGUST 29, 1957**

Expect 60 out for 1957 football.

The Old Time Moose softball team has challenged the present Moose players to a game which will be held Thursday, Sept. 5 at Recreation Park. Can the old timers defeat the new timers? Don't miss it - it's a game to see.

Women of the Moose plan initiation ceremony.

### 25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **AUGUST 25, 1982**

Veen Observatory "Open House" all this week. The Lowell Cable TV service is running two weeks

transfer of responsibility to Iraqi forces. But it is clear to me behind schedule because of detailed investigations of some technology in the field.

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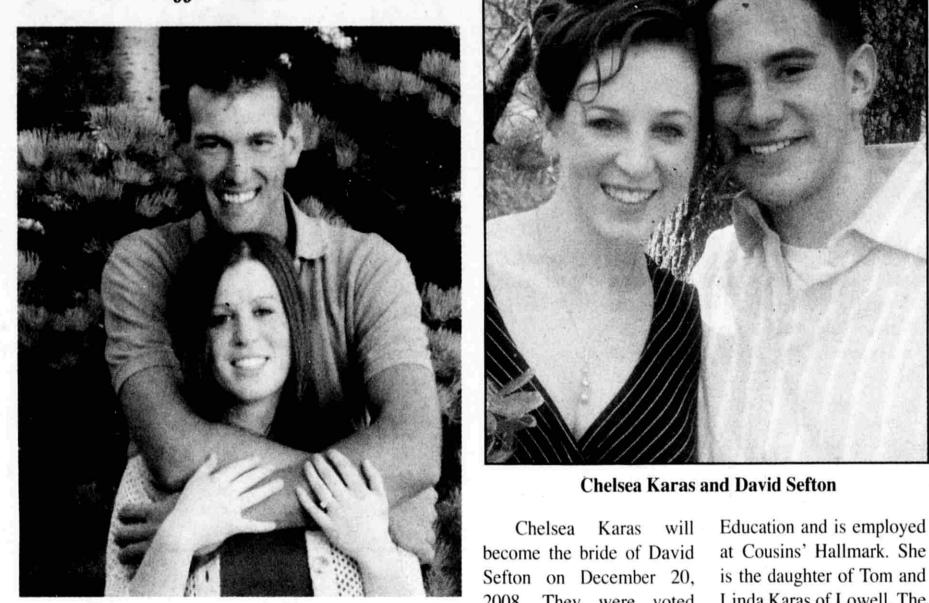
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needs to take greater responsibility.

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# **Engagements**

Tomczak/Offrink



Shelby Tomczak and Benjamin Offrink

and Benjamin Thomas Tomczak of Lowell. The Mock Elections. The bride-Offrink, both of Kalamazoo, future groom is a graduate of to-be is currently attending will be united in matrimony Wester Michigan University. Cornerstone on Oct. 20, 2007. The bride His parents are the Rev. studying is a graduate of Lowell James and Sally Offrink of High School and Western Flint. Michigan Univerrsity. Her

Shelby Ann Tomczak parents are Roger and Kathy



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farm on Hastings Road. One of the cousins told me this story. grandpa sold some sheep from the fold. One day after the cross. sale the young man was at the farm and asked his grandpa if his pet had been sold in the transaction. The grandfather return for his sheep to take them to Heaven to live with replied that he didn't know for sure so the young man went

across the road o where the sheep were grazing and called out Him forever. The words of a song remind me of that day, the name of his pet. The most amazing think happened. All "Someday Jesus will call my name, I'm 'gonna live so close the sheep just kept on grazing as if they had not heard him, except one who lifted its head and turned in the direction of the voice of the young man and came running through the

Elementary Lowell.

**Chelsea Karas and David Sefton** 

2008. They were voted

"Most likely to tie the knot"

couple for the class of 2005

Chelsea Karas will Education and is employed

at Cousins' Hallmark. She

Linda Karas of Lowell. The

furture groom is currently

attending Moody Bible

Institue studying Youth

Ministry. He is the son of

University David and Crystal Sefton of

Karas/Sefton

"crowd" of others who had no connection to the lad of the simple story Jesus told the disciples about sheep in John 10:27, "My sheep hear my voice and I know them and They tell me sheep are not too smart. I wouldn't know they follow me and I give unto them eternal life and they this because I've never had occasion to be around any. My shall never perish neither shall any man pluck them out of wife's grandfather kept sheep for several years on the old my hand. My father which gave them me is greater than all and no man is able to pluck them out of my hand." What He kept a lamb at his house until it got too large to care for a comforting passage for those who are trusting in Jesus and so he took it back to grandpa's. Several weeks later his and have entered the "sheepfold" through His death on the

The Bible tells of a day when the shepherd, Jesus, will become part of the fold.

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Bookworms invade the Englehardt Branch of the Kent District Library this fall! Yes, it's time for the Bookworms Adult Book Discussion group to meet on the second Tuesday on each month, at 10:00 a.m. The program runs through May 2008.

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For more information and to get the entire reading schedule, call 616-647-3861. The Englehardt Branch of KDL is located at 200 N. Monroe, in Lowell

Loyalty and friendship, which is to me the same, created all the wealth that I've ever thought I'd have.

- Ernie Banks

to Him that there's no big change, on that day when Jesus calls my name." Jesus referred to that event in Matt. 24:40 "Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the I've never forgotten that story because it reminds me one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." The picture will be just like that scene in the field. The shepherd will call the names of His own and they will raise their heads and turn in the direction of that voice and come running with all their might to be gathered in His strong arms. All the while those others will be oblivious to that voice, grazing along as though nothing happened. Will you hear his voice on that day? Will He call your name? If you're not sure then find someone who knows the shepherd and find out how you can

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# Lowell YMCA exceeds goals

According to a recent an impact in our community new methodology forms study, the Lowell YMCA - particularly amongst our sports teams by age, rather serves approximately one of youth population," said than grade. And move seems three youth in the Lowell- Don Dubbink, Chairman to have been a positive one. area community. These of the Lowell YMCA new results rank the Lowell Board of Managers. "These created unique programming charting progress toward direction.' reaching the organization's by 2010.

market area population (19 YMCA executive director and under).

defined by the census, be virtually seamless." the YMCA.

U.S. forces significantly

reduction of U.S. troops

capability will also allow us

to move most of our forces

out of Iraq by the middle of

next year and to transition

the forces that need to remain

to perform missions away

from the sectarian fighting.

Those missions include

al- Qaeda in Iraq, force

protection, and continued

training and logistics support

that kind of a reasonable

timetable, will give us the

Taking those steps, on

against

counterterrorism

for the Iraqi army.

"It is a wonderful

place! They spoiled

me, but made me

work hard!"

Margaret Gardner

We should begin that

below our pre-surge level.

YMCA first among the figures indicate that we are that is more attractive to area consistently YMCA of Greater Grand making positive progress youth. Some of these non-Rapids six branches in and heading in the right traditional YMCA offerings continued karate, guitar, and Starting surveys. overall goal of serving one by saying that the Lowell Healthy (a preschool fitness in five youth, teens, and YMCA has an exceptional and nutrition program their families with YMCA staff that should be credited offered by the YMCA child services and programming for achieving their goal three development centers). years ahead of schedule. "Our success is accreditedchilddevelopment

under) against the primary services," said Lowell to become involved. Staci Messersmith. "We are From June 1, 2006 to even working with the local May 31, 2007, the Lowell schools to create programs YMCA served 2,104 youth that lay a solid foundation with programs and services. of sports fundamentals so The primary market figure a child's transition to more for this population, as competitive team sports will

Messersmith admits goals of the YMCA is to have System" philosophy. This

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have by the end of this year needed time to carefully take responsibility for their

or otherwise. I believe that

hope of getting the Iraqis to

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The YMCA has also

nationallymembership tied directly back to the centers, an after school community. We looked Teen Center, and youth compared an unduplicated at the community needs sports programs, the Lowell choose positive paths and number of membership and and have worked hard YMCA has no shortage of grow up competent, caring, program participants (19 and to not duplicate existing opportunities for any youth

YMCA programming seeks to instill the YMCA's four core values of honesty, respect, responsibility and caring. And the YMCA progress of these "value indicators" through parent include tumbling, lacrosse, surveys and Search Institute

Messersmith said that

recognized Search Institute, based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, has designed a survey that helps measure the 40 developmental assets that help young people

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**AUGUST 29:** 

Roger Nead, Donna Jean Hathaway, Betty Heaston, Kenney Vickers.

**AUGUST 30:** Jim Austin, Herb Swan, Jordan Cloud.

**AUGUST 31:** 

**SEPTEMBER 1:** 

**SEPTEMBER 2:** 

Eric Elzinga, Whitey Tubergen, Virginia Conner, John Stevens, Bryant Sloan-Johnson.

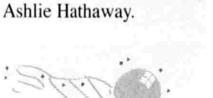
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**SEPTEMBER 4:** 

Amy Vezino, Scott Wolfe, Morgan Nelson.

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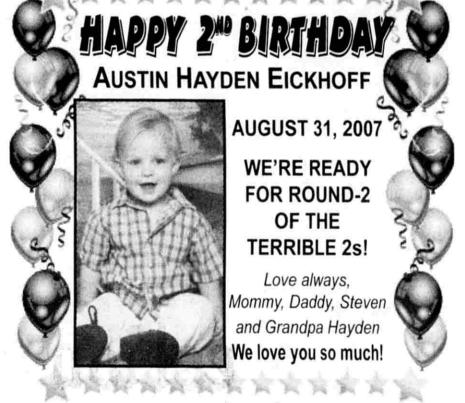


# College News

Katie Baker, a Lowell ker has also attended Nort-High School graduate, was hern Michigan University. recently accepted into the Honors Program at Daven-31 percent of youth in that sometimes you have to port University. Baker is ry, a 2003 graduate of East Lowell and the surrounding change in order to grow. She one of 25 students accepted community were served by cites that this past year the into the program and was Y's sports programs moved required to interview as part "One of the primary toward what is called a "U- of the selection process. Ba-

Carl Levin is the

Austin Montgome-Kentwood High School, has been named to Lawrence University's Dean's List. Montgomery is the son of Barbara Montgomery of Lowell, and Donald Mont gomery of Corona, Calif. Lawrence University is lo cated in Appleton, Wis



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THE BUS WILL **BEGIN RUNNING** THE AWANA ROUTE **SEPTEMBER 5** 

We are looking forward to a great year!



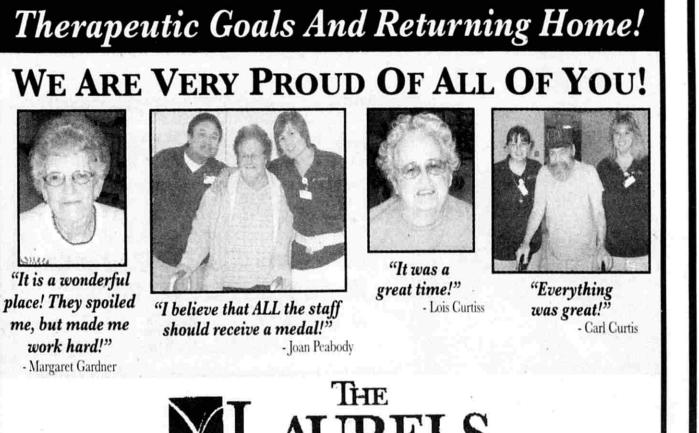
Registration/Emergency Care Forms Available On Our Website Or At The Church Office

\*\* Please Note - Our pre-school club, Cubbies, is for children ages 4 & 5, who are "potty trained"

"EXCITE" YOUTH MINISTRIES: Begin September 5 at 6:30 pm ...

"IGNITE" (Middle School) • "EXPLODE" (High School)

\*\* "Excite" Youth Ministries bus leaves church 6:25 pm - returns 7:50 pm



by Shelly MacNaughton

meeting Monday night. The Stone. Fleet began his duties PDR. Additionally the board currently does inspections run/walk taking place 8:30quests.

an assistant to help with in- said Jean Hoffman.

spections. The board unani-The Vergennes Town- request. "Mark is doing a Mark Fleet requested adding work, "he is very thorough,"

mously approved Fleet's host its annual company site plan for the Grand Lux tion on their land that limits picnic at Fallasburg Park Banquet Center. Kent McK- future development of the ship Board held its regular great job for us," said Mari on Sept. 8. New this year, ay presented the plans to the land for non-agricultural and approved by the Town- board. McKay is planning purposes. Board members board received updates from with the township approxi- ship Board at the Monday a grand opening in March and meeting attendees were KDL, and Kent County mately two years ago. He night meeting will be a 5K 2008. approved several various re- on evenings and weekends. 10:30am before the picnic. the township on the Kent Vergennes Township. Wills

Kendra Wills updated ing program applicants from Local property owners that County Purchase of Devel- offered a funding update Vergennes Township some flexibility. The board will be impacted by the run/opment Rights Program. and requested support from be notified. Building Official/Inspector is very pleased with Fleet's walk will be receiving infor- The PDR Program is a vol- the township. She offered mation from Amway/Alti- untary program that pays a variety of options for the property owners to accept

The Board approved the a permanent deed restric- board to consider including dedicating funding as well as adopting zoning that supports preservation projects.

Lastly, a fireworks display will take place at presented with a map show- Roth Farms on Vergennes just east of Parnell on Oct.

# LHS class of 1965 making plans for reunion



Plans are underway to compile a list of current addresses of former classmates of the Lowell High School Class of 1965, after a small reunion was held at Flat River Grille earlier this month. The Class of 1965 would like to assemble a group to tailgate before the LHS Homecoming football game on Sept. 28. The tailgate would coincide with the LHS Alumni Gathering at Deer Run golf course the next day. For more information, contact Sue Thaler Martens at YooperSue@aol. com or Liz Reynolds at ereynoldsmi@aol.com.

In most people's vocabularies, design means veneer. It's interior decorating. It's the fabric of the curtains of the sofa. But to me, nothing could be further from the meaning of design. Design is the fundamental soul of a human-made creation that ends up expressing itself in successive outer layers of the product or service.

Steve Jobs (1955 - .)

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and responsible. The greater develop the relationships. number of developmental values, skills, and beliefs assets a youth possesses the that are necessary to fully better chance a student will engage and function in the stay out of trouble. (National maintain good health, value world around them. Lowell diversity, succeed in school, YMCA teens participated and avoid alcohol, drugs, in the Search Institute Asset activities have helped them

the survey to help youth 2007 survey include:

violence, or sexual activity. Survey just this past winter.

participants say YMCA activities have helped them

benchmark – 88 percent) stay away from drugs, The YMCA uses Highlights from the winter smoking, and drinking.

• 97 percent of program (National benchmark – 88

• 97 percent say YMCA percent) activities have helped them do what is right, even • 100 percent say YMCA with other kids want to do something else. (National benchmark – 89 percent)

> • 97 percent say YMCA percent) activities have helped them

 including cost," said Dubbink. "We raise money campaign to help provide financial assistance to individuals or families who are unable to pay. That's one of the things that make the YMCA different from other organizations"

As executive director, Messersmith admits she'd like to go from serving one

feel good about themselves. (National benchmark - 90 • 94 percent of program participants say YMCA

activities have helped them make better decisions. (National benchmark - 90 "The YMCA works to said Messersmith with a eliminates all the barriers for a child's participation organization that people

understands that doing so will mean growing her volunteer base and list of collaborative partners. And it is a challenge she is up

"The YMCA brand is growing in Lowell," smile. "We want to be the think about when they want their child doing something - whether that be a service, sport, project, or child care

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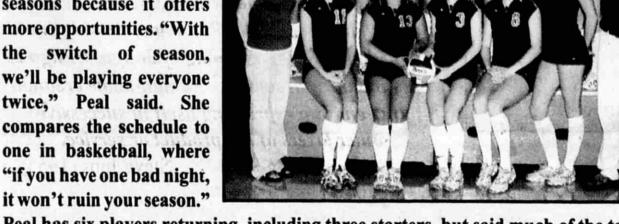
### VARSITY FOOTBALL

The Lowell football team is off to a good start with a win against Davison last Friday, but head coach Noel Dean said the young team needs to improve offensively. With only one starter on offense and two on defense, the team is looking to rebuild after a 10-1 record last

(First row, L-R) Jacob Swift, Adrian McElveen, Kyle Nichol, Torsten Boss, Zach Stephens, Ryan Olep, Jordan Boon, Pete Scudder, Nate Vaught and Tom Jeffrey. (Second row, L-R) Andrew, Culross, Dylan McElveen, Justin Corwin, Robert LaBoch, Clinton Marsh, Mike Kinsley, Justin Van Acker, Ben Canfield, Anthony Herrera and Randy Hogan. (Third row, L-R) Cole Wade, Nick Rempalski, Colton Hause, Bryant Johnson, Taylor Sprague, Connor Kruse, Agim Selimi Torin Rix, Tom Alberts and Josh Faulkner. (Fourth row, L-R) Dan Hogan, Sage Fox, Mark Ford, Brandon White, Cody Chambers, Thomas Fleet, Jesse Droog

# VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

With a young and somewhat-inexperienced team to kick off the fall season, varsity coach Gigi Peal said she's looking forward to the change in seasons because it offers more opportunities. "With the switch of season, twice," Peal said. She compares the schedule to one in basketball, where "if you have one bad night,



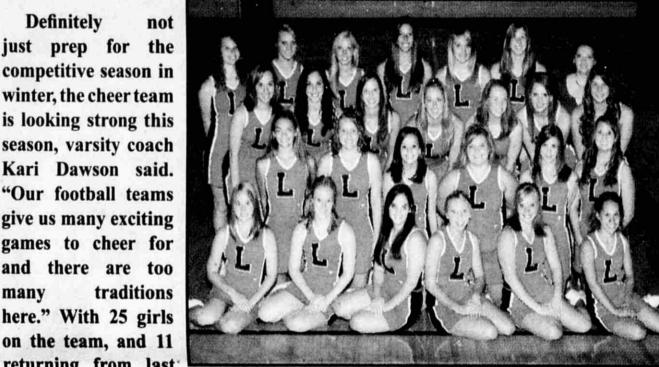
Peal has six players returning, including three starters, but said much of the team will have to move around and play different positions. The conference play should be competitive, Peal said, "and the team should finish in the top half."

(First row L-R) Gigi Peal (coach), Mary Vanderlaan, Jasmine Holliman, Kelsea Fillingham, Amy VanEns, Madelyn Brower and Jeff Harp (coach).

(Second row L-R) Rachael Partridge, Lauren Ferguson, Heather Burger, Hannah Geelhoed, Paige Smith, Taylor Schumacher and Nicole Halbiesen.

# VARSITY CHEERLEADING

Definitely competitive season in winter, the cheer team is looking strong this season, varsity coach Kari Dawson said. "Our football teams give us many exciting games to cheer for on the team, and 11 returning from last



fall, the team is working hard on their gymnastics and stunting. "We have six stunt groups, which is always fun because we can do so much with that amount of girls." Dawson said the team has been affected by the change of seasons, since some of her cheerleaders are also volleyball players. But she said, "our three teams are full so our number of girls was not affected at all." (First row, L-R) Sara Tarchala, Laura Walsh, Hannah Fleet, MacKenzie Conley, Alyssa Buikema and Andrea Coffey. (Second row L-R) Jillian Griffin, Chelsea Grachtrup, Theresa Buist, Tara Beran, Sarah Baughman and Brittany Holst. (Third row L-R) Alex Cooley, Alex Herb, Kylee Karas, Katie Ann Polaski, Erin Fleet, Molly Fizer and Rachel Copeyon. (Fourth row L-R) Cassidy Venneman, Katie Krolewicz, Chelsey Bishop, Sydney Burrows, Christen Baerwalde, Kayla Barr and Kari Dawson (coach).

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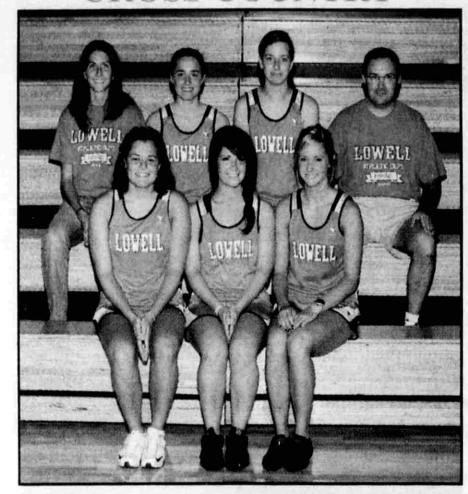
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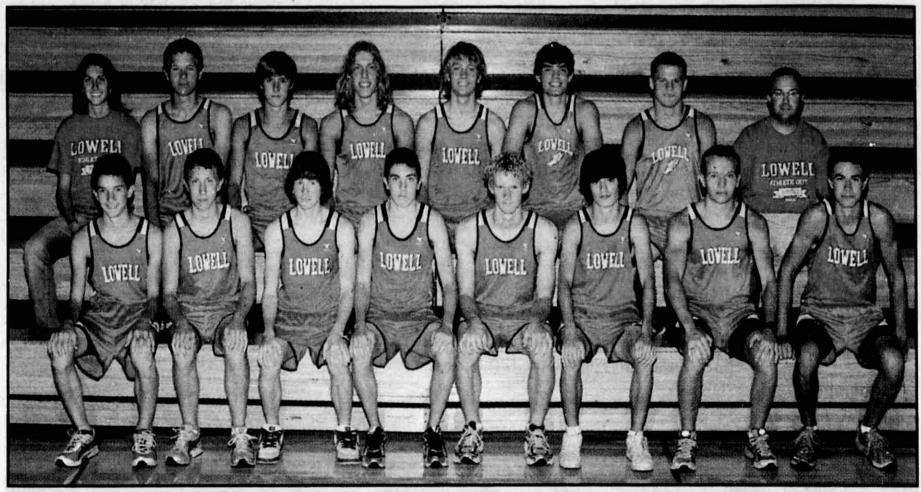


# VARSITY GIRLS **CROSS COUNTRY**



(First row, L-R) Morgan Marchido, Emily Hauschild and Paige Senters. (Second row, L-R) Sarah Ellis (coach), Taylor Marchido, Haleigh Timmers and Clay VanderWarf (coach).

# VARSITY BOYS CROSS COUNTRY



(First row, L-R) Josh Corteville, Tom Mark, Zach Robinson, Dylan Vanderwarf, Jeffrey Johnson, Anthony Lawrence, Corey Fitzpatrick and Kirk Geldersma. (Second row, L-R) Sarah Ellis (coach), Cody Kastanek, Jon Woods, Kyle Ingebretson, Eric Petersen, Cameron Schomaker, Justin Boss and Clay Vanderwarf (coach).

# VARSITY AND JV GIRLS GOLF



The girl's golf team at LHS "looks to be very promising," varsity coach Bob Steuwe said. Although the team had to replace their #1 who graduated last year, there are four starters returning. "We have a good mix of returning varsity and some new blood from JV and other sports." Steuwe said the team hasn't been affected by the change in seasons either. "It has right now helped the team as we lost no one to another sport but gained two or three girls who played spring sports." (First row, L-R) Katrina Schollaart, Becca Happie, Casie Pedley, Crystal Dietz, Lauren Heemstra and Ali DeCenzo. (Second row, L-R) Bob Stuewe (coach), Sydney Stuewe, June Ramsay, Monica Vigil, Devin DeCator, Kristin Nagy, Miranda Grimm, Kimberley Kline and Gary Fredline (coach).

# VARSITY BOYS TENNIS



With seven returning players, the boy's tennis team at Lowell is feeling the effects of Title IX. "We've lost some players due to (the change in season), but we're working hard," Bonnie Wall, the varsity coach, said. Wall said she's returning the "top player in the area" - Travis Trapp, as well as introducing freshman Cort Thompson, who Wall said will help in Singles. With six invitationals this fall, Wall said she's hoping all the extra practice will pump up her team. And if that doesn't work, the players can just "get hypey," one of their routines Wall said "revs up the guys." (First row, L-R) Jack Weeber, Sean Greenhoe, Dylan Dues, Cort Thompson, Patrick Misner and Josh Spratt. (Second row, L-R) Bonnie Wall (coach), Austin Litchfield, Chase Canning, Evan Wilterink, Travis Trapp, Clayton Stedman, Tony Dubbink, Josh Hobrla and Roger Wall (coach).

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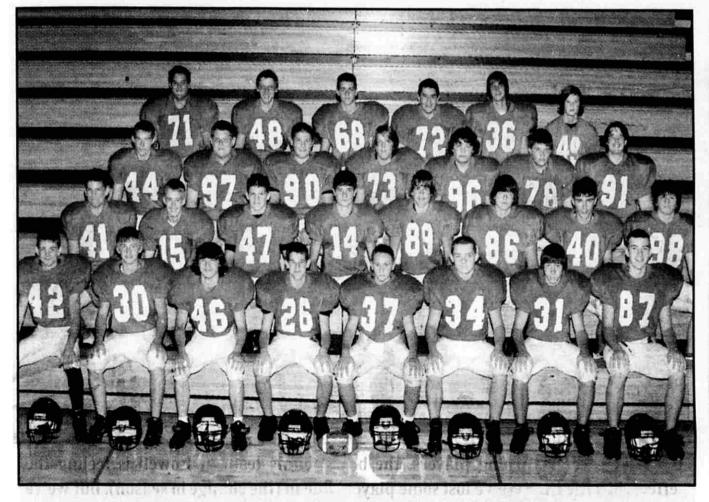
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# VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

Returning seven starters and 13 players total, the boy's varsity soccer team looks to gain on its added year of experience and maturity, varsity coach Paul Legge said. "This season should be much better for us and we should be very competitive this year." With a challenging schedule against state powerhouses like East Kentwood and Unity Christian, the team will look to its 'offensive firepower" more than last year. Legge said forwards Nick Abdoo, Justin Stallings and Bud Shepard will be one of the strengths of their team. Also returning, for the defense, will be the same back trio of Katlin Manzewski, Andrew Gerig and Matt Schloop. A late-season matchup with rivals East Grand Rapids will provide retribution after losing twice in overtime last year. (First row, L-R) Nicholas Abdoo, Greg Harreld, Katlin Manszewski, Bud Shepard, Phil Bieri, Matt Schloop, Bobby Nichols and Josh Wallner. (Second row, L-R) Del Rockwell, Drew Kyllonen, James Nordman, Andrew Gerig, Abe McIntire, Ian Beddows and Jacb Karascewicz. (Third row, L-R) Spencer Sellner, Zachary Wheeler, Matt Dee, Justin Stallings, Alex Vera and Paul Legge (coach).



# RED ARROW JV TEAMS



# FRESHMEN FOOTBALL

(First row, L-R) Derek DeWaard, Sam Steed, Taylar Porter, Alex Westdorp, Will Schmidt, Sam Young, Jacob Meyer and Matthew Walker. (Second row, L-R) Tyler Mitchell, Matt Houston, Dan Fleet, Braydon Foley, Erik Ingebretson, Nick Crook, Kohl Clousen and Jared Williams. (Third row, L-R) Evan Swift, Jacob Murray, Blake Bergy, Cody Koolman, Hunter Nelson, Brandon VandenHout and Nick McKay. (Fourth row, L-R) Griffin Brerk, Matt Misak, Wade Schlosser, Chase Bueche, Brandon Blough and Ethan Ryder.



# JV FOOTBALL

(First row, L-R) Austin Graham, Derek Cornish, Marc Raymond Destine, Pat Martin, Jake Fillingham, Zach Noskey, Chris Eckman, Jake Bennett and Austin Tackmann. (Second row, L-R) Matthew Hanks, Dylan Olin, Trevis Shea, John Bogardus, Zach White, Keith Williams, Jason Miller and Nick White. (Third row, L-R) Matt Persons, Jordan Wilder, Tyler Matteson, Matt Woodhead, Charlie Young, Keegan Hanrahan, Jon Hanson and Patrick Hogan.

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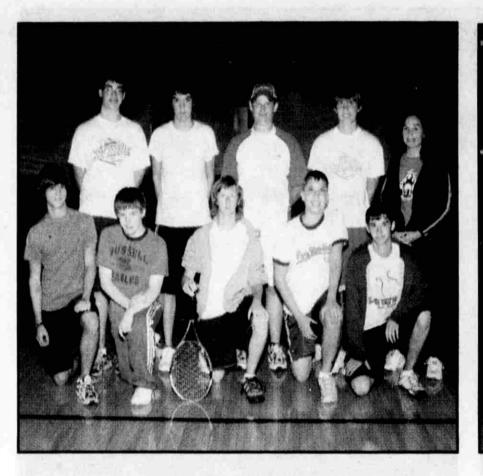
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# JV TENNIS

(First row, L-R) Sean Briggs, Ryan VanHouten, Craig Loetz, Scott Mooney and Nick Drake. (Second row, L-R) Tom Pastor, Dan Wernet, Austin Litchfield, Dan Mooney and Pam Cook (coach).



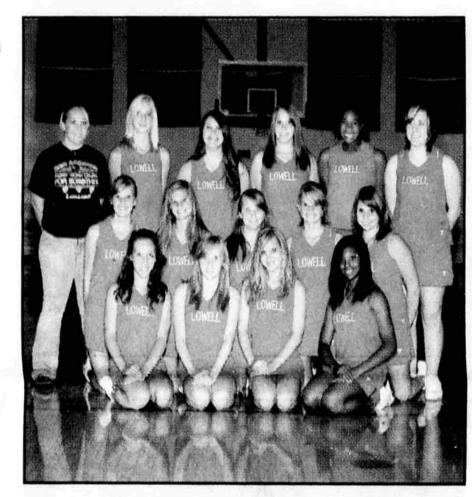
# JV VOLLEYBALL

(First row, L-R) Megan Montgomery, Kelly Stevens, Carly Greenhoe, Britteny Ramirez and Taryn Endres. (Second row, L-R) Emily Nurmikko (coach), Molly Story, Courtney Schmidt, Leigha Frisbie, Brittany Wielinga, Sam Visscher and Sam Gibbs.



# FRESHMEN VOLLEYBALL

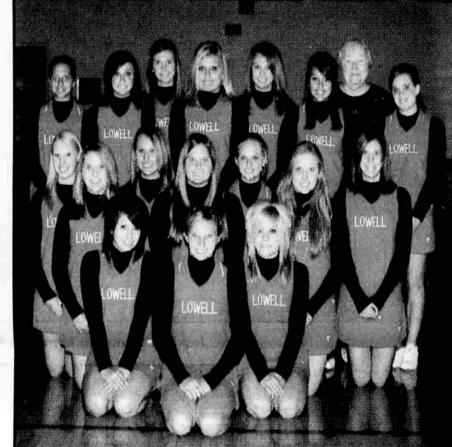
(First row, L-R) Alyssa Kargl, Hannah Boon, Kelly Trapp, Ally Young, Sarah Kramer, Summer Moore and MacKenzie VanDerWarf. (Second row, L-R) Katie Tompkins, Emily Oberlin, Courtney VanNoord, Paige McVey, Claire Hopkins, Miah Jackson and Jen Sequite



# FRESHMEN CHEERLEADING

(First row, L-R) Harley Kaminski, Courtney Race, Ericka Claypool and Summayya James. (Second row, L-R) Anna Scudder, Emily Skinner, Maggie Lancaster, Kate Scudder and Brittany Essich. (Third row, L-R) Sheila Walling (coach), Montana Bergy, Paige Roush, Dayna Crumback, Tanisha Griner and **Britney Poll.** 

> Good Luck to All The Teams!

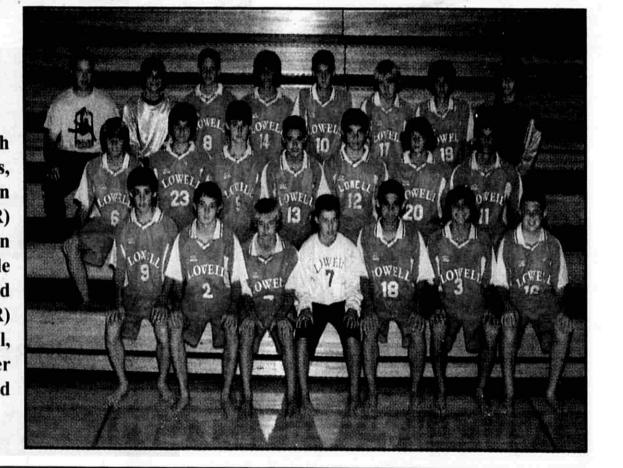


# JV CHEERLEADING

(First row, L-R) Becky Chamberlain, Jenna Sullivan and Chelsae Prill. (Second row, L-R) Kait Cummings, Lindsey Stehley and Emma Bencker. (Third row, L-R) Kendra Rasch, Hallie Thomas, Rachael Nora and Courtney Phenix. (Fourth row, L-R) Stephanie VanDyk, Cassandra Koster, Andrea Herrera and Hailey DeGrote. (Fifth row, L-R) Cassie Miles, Julie Marsman, Kaitlin Nichol and Shirley Jackson (coach).

# JV SOCCER

(First row, L-R) Ben Gerig, Josh Depew, Tyler Wallner, Jon Nichols, Tommy Rodriguez, Sean DenBraven and Aaron Fetzer. (Second row, L-R) Jordan Babler, Caleb Schultz, Stephen Hauschild, Michael Underwood, Kyle Fitzpatrick, Brenton Sirowatka and Jim McCormick. (Third row, L-R) Mike Lincolnhol (coach), Chris Bewell, Brent Cone, Evan Kohtz, Alexander Calvi, Martin Hewitt, Nick Getz and Alex Nurmikko.



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# Defense is key in Lowell victory Friday night

by Molly Benningfield

few minutes after the field cleared. But the slippery conditions were prevalent in the low-scoring game.

Early in the game, defense. Lowell foiled Davison's closest chance to a scoring opportunity when junior

The sidelines on Friday night.

goal attempt at the 16-yard Jordan Boon. The duo Lowell, with five catches for teams. Josh Faulkner led With a 7-0 finish line. Davison wouldn't get combined for almost 200 90 yards. to Friday night's game that close to Lowell's end yards in rushing and passing at Lowell High School, until the final possession for the offense. Boss had defense was a crucial part of the game when Davison 28 rushes for 90 yards, and of Lowell's victory against came close to adding points. nine of 22 complete passes the majority of the game.

The storms held off varsity coach at Lowell, was the top receiver for name of the game for both to work on decreasing "the the team is highly-ranked. for the duration of the said he was pleased. "I was game, with rain hitting a happy with the way our team played, with all of our young players." The conference champion team from a year both team's styles, causing ago only returns one starter from offense and two from

Lowell's touchdown came in the second quarter with a 26-Torsten Boss blocked a field yard pass from Boss to

Noel Dean, the head for 140 yards; while Boon

mix of ground and air, while

Davison used the field for

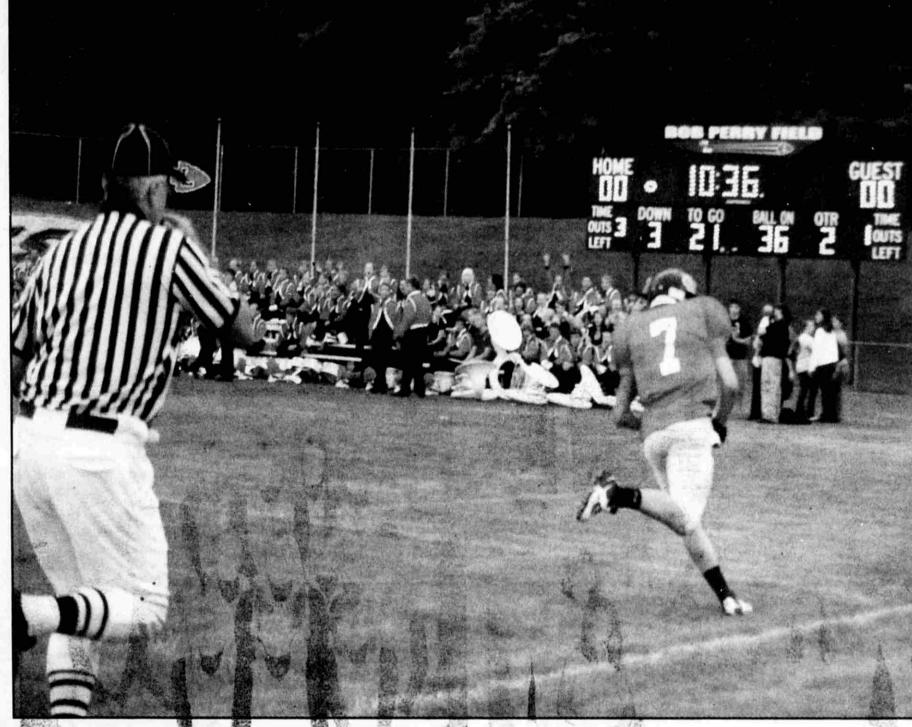
But defense was the

Lowell's offense was a sacks and eight tackles, including

crunching hit in the second

and penalties, but thought his defense played well.

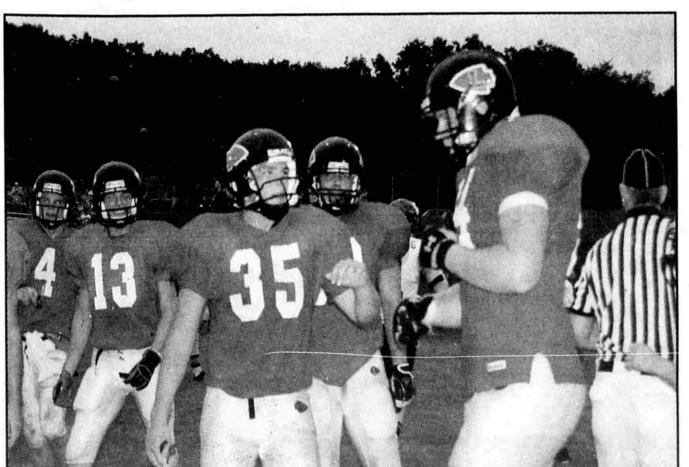
The team next plays at Hudsonville Thursday night, which Dean said Dean said he wanted "poses a challenge" since





Jackson (coach).

Justin VanAcker (25) reaches for an out-of-bounds toss.



Randy Hogan congratulates Taylor Sprague after a tackle.

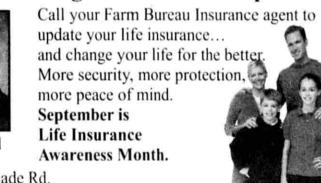


The band performs from the musical "Wicked" at halftime.



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# LHS soccer team falls to East Kentwood

by Molly Benningfield

The Lowell varsity soccer team looked disheartened Monday night after a loss 4-0 to state powerhouse East Kentwood. But coach Paul Legge had a different perspective.

"For us, it was probably the best we've played all season," Legge said. "East Kentwood will be one of the top two teams in the state."

Legge said he was "pretty happy" with the way his team played, noting that they were very physical. But for the rest of the season, they need to work on finishing thoroughly.

"In the first three games, we've created opportunities to create goals, but we need to finish," he said. It was a similar story in Monday's game, with a few very close missed opportunities in the second half.

And the finishing is a matter of the offense. Legge said he knew his team could score the goals, but needed to close the game. "We've played pretty well, but we need to get the ball that hits the net."

On the defensive end, the varsity team is "good most of the time, but not all," Legge said. He said a smoother defense could make the difference. "We need to tighten the screws in the back."

Because the team needs to working on finishing offensively and scoring goals, Legge said that even the smallest slip could be the nail in the coffin. "We'll have one or two mistakes a game that have cost us [because we're not finishing offensively.]"

But he's optimistic. The season is young and Legge thinks with hard work everything will fall into place. "[We] needs to put pressure on some teams, but we've been able to compete and play with all the teams."

The team faces off against Grandville on Thursday, Aug. 30 at Lowell High School at 4 p.m.



A Lowell defender goes for a header against East Kentwood Monday night.

# Girl's golf takes fourth

The girl's golf team took fourth place in a pre-conference tournament last Wednesday at Thornapple Pointe. The team shot 394 overall, with top placers including Crystal Dietz with 90, Sydney Stuewe at 98, Lauren Heemstra at 99 and June Ramsay at 107. Dietz came in seventh place overall.



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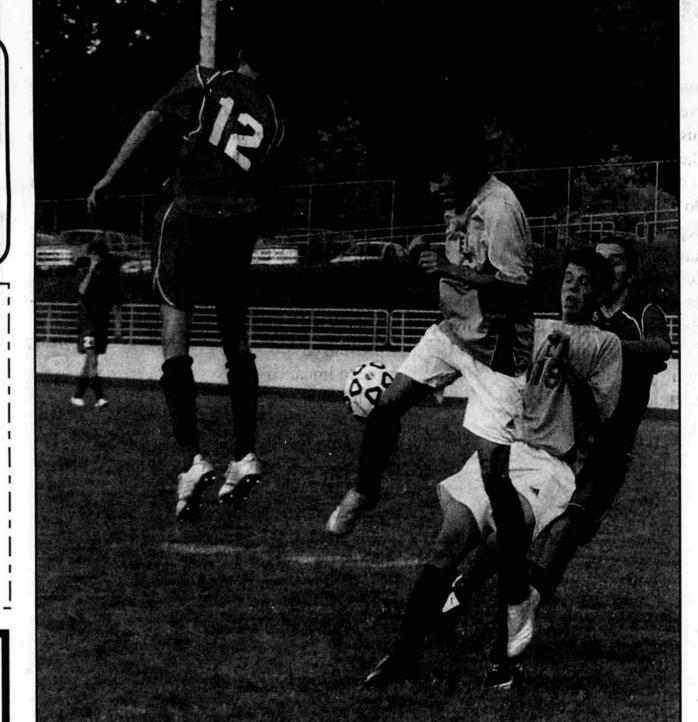
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Lowell lost 4-0 against East Kentwood Monday night.



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# Featured Artist Michelle Bahr

By Emma Palova

The "My Clementines" pastel breathes deep autumn hues of brown and orange.

Pastel artist Michelle Bahr of Ada has her first solo show "Look on the Bright Side" now on display at the Riverwalk Gallery located inside the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce building, 113 Riverwalk Plaza.

Bahr likes to paint on textured surfaces using bold colors that are meant to cheer a person up. "Look on the Bright Side" was inspired by exploration with vibrant pure color and the

"These paintings experiment with texture, color," said Bahr. "It is my hope that they delight and uplift."

Bahr has spent the last few years of her life pursuing her passion - art in all its

arts career studying at Fer- competition. It has placed in ris State University. She a juried art show "The Great as a forensic artist for the bers Only." Michigan State Police.

venture out on my own and start creating the types of artwork that gave me a sense of myself," said Bahr.

emotional response to those many different patterns and day.

textures of her paintings how light defines color, in the subject matter as well as he shadows.

Throughout her life. Bahr has been mentored by many talented artists.

"I think guidance from those who are creative is key to inspiring others with their own artistic dreams,"

The Clementine painting won first place in the She started her graphic Grand Valley Artist spring worked for several years Lakes Pastel Society Mem-

"I am always happy "I was compelled to when someone gets happy,"

A reception for the artist will be held on Sept. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. The gallery Bahr is drawn to the is open Tuesday through Fri-

# Sheriff urges residents to "Buckle Up" and drive sober Labor Day weekend

over Michigan to enjoy substances that impair nation in seatbelt use. Studies this Labor Day Weekend, driving. "Drivers who have shown that there is a Sheriff Stelma urges drivers operate vehicles while they direct correlation between to be smart: Buckle Up and Do Not Drive Impaired. Deputies will be working hard this weekend in Kent Michigan's Seat Belt Law.

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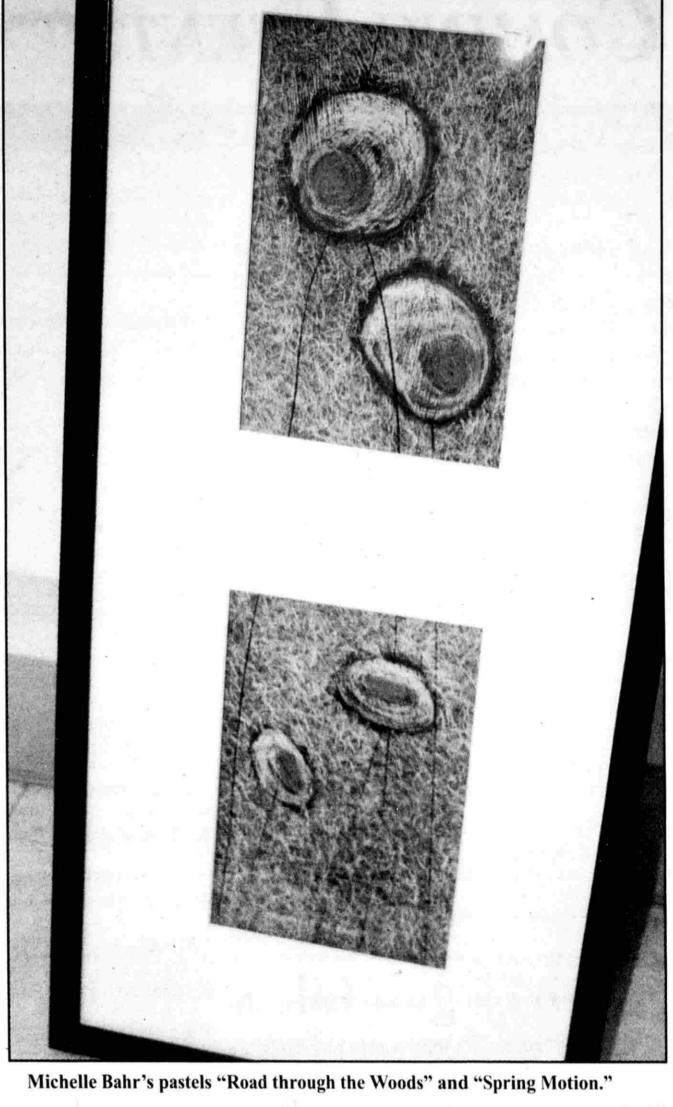
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# **AUGUST/SEPTEMBER**

THUR., AUG. 30: Estate planning clinic, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Lowell Senior Neighbors.

THUR., SEPT. 6: Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at Schneider Manor activity room at 1 p.m. Sister Mary Margaret music therapy at Franciscian Life Process Center will talk about the music program. Everyone welcome. State candidates for Nov. election to be presented at Oct. meeting. Hostess Phyllis Bieri & Roma Minnie.

THUR., SEPT. 6: Free food distribution 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 11535 East Fulton (old Cumberland). Must have proof for source of income and Social Security numbers for the entire household. Bring your own bags. Questions? Call Bernadette 897-5150 or Virginia 897-8754.

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

Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of N. Washington St. Call Tim Vanderwulp at 897-4302 for more info.

1ST MON.: Regular communication of 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. - March 10 a.m. & April - 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 MI#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.

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 .: 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.

SAT., SEPT. 8: Alpha Women's Center of Lowell will be hosting their annual LifeWalk. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Parking available at First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main St. Please call the center at 987-9533 for more information and for your pledge forms.

WED., SEPT. 12: Awana Clubs will begin at Alton Bible Church, 2780 Lincoln Lake, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Ages 3-12 grade. Questions call 897-5648.

WED., SEPT. 12: Join Alto Cub Scouts at 6:30 at Alto Elementary playground for ice cream, rocket launches and info about joining Cub Scouts. Call Todd at 897-4325 for more info.

### **TUESDAYS**

2ND TUES.: Doric chapter #75, Order of Eastern Star 6:30 dinner, 7:30 p.m. regular meeting. 211 E Main, Belding.

Riverside Dr., 8 p.m. www.qua-ke-zik.org. 2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers Summer

2ND & 3RD TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 8731 West

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

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

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.

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

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

**1ST WED.:** Free blood pressure screenings at Lowell Senior Neighbors provided by The Laurels of Kent

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.

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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.

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

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

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Bluegrass Jam inside Kountry 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, walkins 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.

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

# Three Brothers Pizza offers stone baked pizza

by Emma Palova

The latest pizza place in town "Three Brothers Pizza" offers stone baked pizzas as well as Mexican fare.

It is located in the former Faro's Pizza building next to Speedway west of downtown.

The pizzas are topped with a homemade sauce, cheeses and meats. The small three-brother business started in Middleville. Owner Mike Ordway plans to open another location in Hastings this fall.

"Give us a try, you won't be disappointed," said Ord-

Mexican specialties include burritos and quesadillas. Also offered are appetizers, dinners and salads. Free delivery up to five miles.

Owner Mike Ordway with pizza dough at Three Brothers Pizza.



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### MULTI-FAMILY SALE

items are too numerous to list. 25% of sales to be donated to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. 1090 Cumberland, Lowell. 8/30-9/1, 8-5.

### MOVED SALE

5214 Potters Road, Saranac. Aug. 30 & 31, 8 to 5. Sat., Sept. 1, 8 to ? Saturday make offer on entire

### **GARAGE SALE**

1212 Highland Hill, James off M-21, follow signs. Aug. 30, 31, & Sept. 1 & 2, 8 to 5. Ty Beanies buddies, girls sz 7-14, Home Interiors, lots of books, furniture, collectibles.

### **GARAGE SALE**

Aug. 31 & Sept. 1, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 6988 Hastings Rd., 1st house north of Jimmy's Grill. Boys & girls teen clothes, books, games, lots of misc household items. much more.

### MOVING INTO NEW HOME SALE

Aug. 30 & 31, 9-5, Sept. 1, 9-? 1055 Alden Nash, between Foreman & Vergennes.

### **BARN SALE**

Fri., Aug. 31 - Sept. 3, 9 - 6 p.m. Rain or shine, 5701 Lincoln Lake Rd., between 6 & 7 Mile Roads, Lots of teenage & adult clothes, antique books, something for everyone.

### **BRANCH ADVENTURES YARD SALE**

Sept. 13-15, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday thru Saturday. You can support a local Christian camp by donating gently used items or coming to make a purchase. Items will be taken Wednesday, noon to 7 p.m. M-21 near Pinckney.

### **HUGE BARN PLUS TENT SALE** 1 mile west of Clarksville, Aug. 30 thru Sept. 15, 9336 Clarksville Rd., Clarksville

### **GARAGE SALE**

Newer stainless gas stove, dishwasher & gas dryer, lots of household stuff, & name brand teen clothes. Too much stuff to list. Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 30 & 31, 371 Sudan Dr. (off Vergennes), 9 to ?

### MULTI-FAMILY SALE

Cement & drywall tools, carpet cleaner, screening material, playhouse, log splitter, 4x8 plywood, bandsaw, power tools, computers, & more. Aug. 30 thru Sept. 1. 9 to 6. 1950 Parnell NE, at Two Mile.

GARAGE/YARD SALE Sat., Sun. & Mon. Sept. 1-3, 9-6 p.m. 13420 Cascade

### MOVING YARD SALE

Everything must go. Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 30 & 31, 9 a.m. 604 Layfayette, Lowell

Aug. 31, 9 to 5, 960 Bowes. Toys, baby items (strollers, high chairs, safety rails, etc.), backpacking/camping items, kitchen items, lots more

# **HOUSE SALE**

Aug. 31 & Sept. 1, 9-6 p.m. Everything in house must go. Pier 1 & Ikea furniture, fixtures, air conditioner, patio set, garden pots, baby clothes & toys. 991 S. Marble Rd., Lowell (between Sayles & Potters Roads.)

### **HURLEY'S GARAGE SALE**

10271 5 Mile Rd. NE, Parnell, Ada. Big abundance for everyone. Sporting goods, household items, toys, & clothes. Sat., Sun., & Mon., Sept. 1, 2 & 3.

### GARAGE SALE

Due to rain last week and alot of good stuff left I'm having my sale again. Wed. and Thurs., Aug. 29 & 30, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 11420 Tower (off M-21 East). Good clean sale don't miss it!

### 210 MARSAC, LOWELL

Shotgun, 22 rifle, lots of woodworking tools & reg. tools, military items, kerosene blower. Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 30 & 31, 8 a.m.

The September 5 edition of the Lowell Ledger will have the last Garage Sale Section of the season

# Traveling abroad? **Social Security** will go with you

By Vonda VanTil, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

If you receive Social Security benefits and you're planning to travel abroad this summer, there are some things you should know to make your trip - and the delivery of your Social Security payments - go smoothly.

First, if you haven't already done so, you should sign up for direct deposit. It's the easiest and most secure way to receive your benefit payments, whether you're at home or halfway around the world. With direct deposit, you never have to worry about your check being lost or stolen. Plus, direct deposit makes funds instantly available to you even when you are not at home to receive and cash your checks.

Another thing to remember is how your Medicare coverage works outside the United States. Be aware that Medicare, in most cases, does not pay for hospital or medical services outside the U.S., except for some emergency services in Mexico and Canada. That is the case even if you get sick or hurt while traveling.

Last but not least, if you plan to stay outside the country more than 30 days, other rules may apply. You can find out about these rules and more by visiting our online publications at www.socialsecurity.gov or you can call us at 1-800-772-1213.

Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. Write her c/o Social Security Administration, 50 College SE, Grand Rapids MI 49503 or via email at vonda vantil@ssa.gov

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- Dorothy Parker

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# 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 neccessarily represent the views of the Ledger. Feel free to sign your comment. For more lengthy views please consider a letter "To The Editor".

You cheap, inconsiderate \*\*#!#\*#. I paid for that dumpster and you put a chair into it without asking to use it. I hope your friends notice a missing chair from your home. Jim Hall

Thanks to Dan Droski and crew for putting on such a great race! The Fallasburg Festival of Races was fantastic and is definitely something I would do again! Thanks for your work.

Enough yelling. I have started to put the Alumni site back online. New address, lowellmi.us

-A grateful runner

Wow! I was at the football field yesterday-what a beautiful facility. The people of the lowell schools

should feel very proud of their football field Looks great!

I'd like to say goodbye to a former employee of the Ledger who worked there 8046. for 30 years. Happy trails

luck in the future. - No name

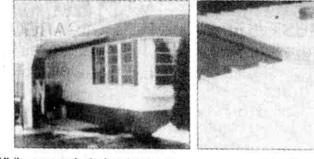
Where's Mr. Dan from Murray Lake?

to you and best of

A big thank you to all involved in the Showboat Nostalgia Nights. Good entertainment and lots of fun.

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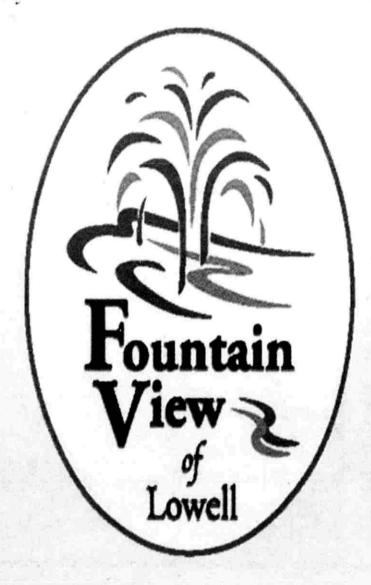
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