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## Relay for Life raises over \$71,000 for American Cancer Society

by Molly Benningfield  
Editor

The Relay for Life was held this weekend at Lowell High School's Red Arrow Stadium, starting Friday at noon and ending Saturday at noon.

The event helped raise \$71,125.73 for the American Cancer Society. The goal for the event was to reach \$85,000, something the group can still manage because the fundraising will stay open until September, at the end of the fiscal year.

Relay For Life is ACS's signature activity, offering

everyone in a community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer, according to ACS's web site.

There were 31 teams participating in Lowell's Relay for Life. The top three fundraising teams were: Postal Connections, who raised \$7,008; FAFOBAM JAG, who raised \$6,976; and Lowell First United Methodist Church, who raised \$4,585.

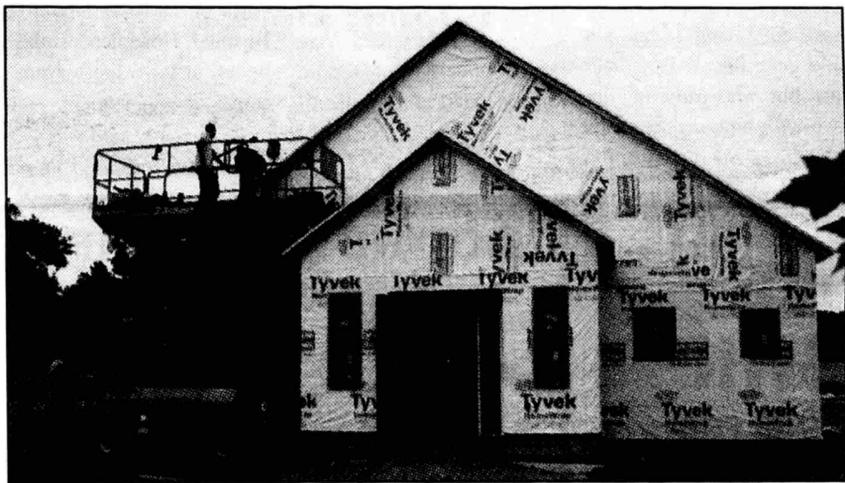
The Relay celebrated between 75 and 80 survivors at the Survivor Ceremony Friday night, and would have

lit over 300 luminariabags if the rain hadn't been pouring down, according to Michele Lindhout, event co-chair with Carol Briggs.

Lindhout said overall the event went well. "We thought the energy level was high, and everyone had a good time - it was well-received," she said.

However, with the rain on Friday night, the participants had to spend part of the evening in the locker rooms, and the event

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Reliable Sheet Metal completed roofing on Bowne Township Hall last week.

## New hall will meet needs of township

by Emma Palova

The construction of the Bowne Township Hall is on schedule for an Aug. 6 completion. The 50-by-40-foot structure will house the offices and a conference room for the township officials. It sits within the existing historical park grouped together with the museum and the old hall.

"It allows us to have

room for meetings and a place to vote," said township supervisor Chris Wenger. "It will be a lot warmer."

The old township hall was moved from across the road into the municipal park in the early '90s.

Designed by Progressive Engineering AE of Grand Rapids, the project is on schedule. The building will have two levels, a main floor

and basement with standing seam metal roof.

The roof work was done by Reliable Sheet Metal with Dustin Vandermeer, John Grant, Nick Door and Keith Seeley on the team.

Vandermeer said everything was on schedule.

The old buildings will continue to serve for meetings and community events.

## Walgreens, increase in building permits may signal better economic times

By Emma Palova

A new Walgreens store on the corner of Bowes and Fulton roads may be an indicator of better times for the local economy.

The 13,500-square-foot store with 59 parking spots will also have an additional access road south of Fulton.

This will allow for more commercial development in the future, according to Lowell Township supervisor Paula Blumm.

"I am happy to welcome Walgreens to Lowell Township," said Blumm. "To me this is an indication that our local economy has turned the corner."

The access road will open up the property to more commercial use. The back parcel, that has not been split yet, could accommodate one to two more businesses.

"It meets the township's goal of providing better traffic flow and relieving traffic on Fulton," said Blumm.

Currently, Walgreens is applying for a variance to the township Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for an off-premises wall sign off Bowes Road and non-Walgreen signs on Fulton.

Walgreens will also put in sidewalk on Bowes and Fulton roads that will

tie into the Lowell area trail system.

The city planning commission recently approved a curb cut on Bowes Road for Walgreens, since a small portion of the store is located in the city limits.

Dave Prueter, senior

vice-president of Agree Realty Corp. based in Farmington Hills said the project is waiting for municipal approvals in July. It is slated for fall completion.

Another indicator of a better economy are

increasing building permits. Blumm said she has been issuing building permits at a rate of two per week, mainly in Whispering Hills.

Also the township's updated master plan recognizes the changing character of the rural township from agricultural to residential.

"Prime ag land is not being farmed anymore," said

Blumm. "rural residential is the largest use in the middle third of the township."

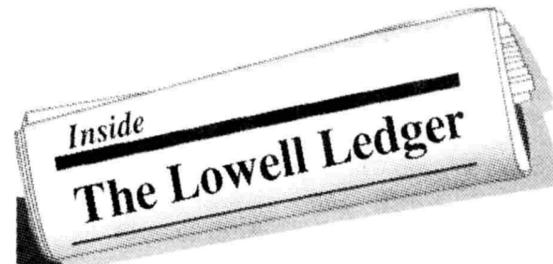
Light industrial zone has been extended to along Alden Nash to 60th Street.

"It's a place for light industrial uses that don't need water and sewer," said Blumm.

The township has already received a request for a storage building.



More building permits in Whispering Hills may signal better times.



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# Obituaries

**BLOCHER**  
Leo Lee Blocher, aged 85, of Chapleau, Ontario, formerly of the Lowell area, passed away in Chapleau on Tuesday morning, June 24, 2008. Leo was born in Foster County, North Dakota on April 13, 1923 to Clinton and Mabel (Strouse) Blocher. He graduated from Lowell High School in 1941. Leo was proud to have served with the Merchant Marines during WW II. He was united in marriage to Flossie Tobias on June 7, 1944. For the past 40 years, Leo had owned and operated a hunting and fishing resort in Chapleau, Ontario. Leo is survived by Flossie, his loving wife of 64 years; sons, Wayne Blocher and Greg Blocher; four grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and brothers and sister, Lorne Blocher, LaVerne Blocher,

and Betty Craig. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter-in-law, Lois Blocher; and sister and brothers, Evelyn Haight, George Blocher, Leroy Blocher, and Paul Blocher. The funeral service was held at the Koops Funeral Chapel on Monday, June 30. Burial took place at Merriman Cemetery. The family has suggested that memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation.

**JACOBS**

Jerald (Jake) R. Jacobs, of Alto, passed away quietly in his sleep, Saturday, June 21, 2008 after fighting a courageous battle with Pick's Disease. Jake was born March 10, 1941 to Rene and Dick Jacobs of Hastings who have preceded him in death. Jake lived in and loved Hastings for most of his life. Graduated from Hastings High School, Class of 1959. Graduated from Ferris Institute in Pharmacy, and joined his father in the family business, eventually running Jacobs Pharmacy until 1992. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Hastings, St. Rose of Lima Church, and his beloved Hastings Country Club where he spend many happy hours golfing with his buddies. Jake was known for his love of his

country and delighted in using his favorite saying "God Bless America" whenever the situation arose. He is survived by his wife, Mary Frances; his sisters and brothers, Jan (Rich) Bamfield of South Carolina, Ellen (Joe) Miller, John (Penny) Silbernagel, Richard (Bonnie) Silbernagel, Patrick (Myra) Silbernagel all of Wisconsin; his children, Erin (Tim) Albright of Grand Haven, Jeff (Chris) Jacobs of Hastings, Patrick (Christine) Kwiatkowski of Houston, Betsy (Thomas) Tomscheck of Gurnee, IL and Anna (Chris) Barlow of Ada; his much loved grandchildren, Krzysztof and Kataryna Kwiatkowski, Anna Kathleen, Tommy and Johnny Tomscheck, Jack and Emma Clair Barlow, Jess, Audrey, Nicholas and Emily Albright, Madison, Hamish and Kilian Jacobs; Aunt and Uncle, Cleo and Doris Jacobs; and his very special niece and nephew, Patrick and Lily Weibel. Jake is also survived by his best friends, Gary and Jackie Begg of Peachtree City, Ga., who have always been there for him. A most sincere thank you to all the wonderful staff at Sunrise Assisted Living, who not only gave Jake outstanding care but who truly fell in love with him, his sense of

humor and the goodness of his heart and soul. He will be so very missed. A Celebration of his life, his courage and his kindness to all was held Saturday at Sunrise Cascade. A private burial will take place at Riveside Cemetery, Hastings. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make a donation in Jake's name to Care Tree at Gerontology Network, and Hospice of Michigan who gave Jake the opportunity to go to that higher place with peace and dignity. God Bless Jake and God Bless America.

Nydam of South Dakota; mother-in-law, Geneva Bolton of Elk Rapids; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends. Besides his parents, Rolie was preceded in death by his brother, Herman Lubbinge. A service was held Wednesday at the First Presbyterian church. Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church Building Fund or to the AmericanHeartAssociation. Please share a memory of Rolie at www.MeM.com.

**LUBBINGE**

Roland E. Lubbinge, age 78, of Elk Rapids, passed away Friday, June 20, 2008 at Munson Medical Center. He was born August 25, 1929 in Harrison, S.D. to Ed and Clara (Koop) Lubbinge. He is survived by wife, Jennifer with whom he shared 30 years of loving life's journey together; sons, David (Shelly) of Chippewa Lake, Steven (Glory Deering) of Grandville; daughter, Rolinda (Dale) Baareman of Drummond Island; grandchildren, Shannon (Debra), Jason, Joshua, and Kevin Baareman of Drummond Island; great grandsons, Tucker and DJ Baarman; sisters, Nela Mae (Vern) VanderKoooy of Grand Rapids, Martha (Windfred)

**UZARSKI**

Ian Albert Uzarski was placed in the arms of Jesus shortly after his birth on Monday morning, June 23, 2008. Ian is survived by his parents, Chad and Marie Uzarski (Mekkes); his grandparents, Steve and Linda Uzarski, Barbara and Albert Mekkes; his great grandmother, Lorraine Cheslock; many aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family. Private graveside services were held in Holy Cross Cemetery. A service was held on June 28. Contributions in his memory may be made to Santa Claus Girls or DeVos Children's Hospital. Condolences may be left at www.lifestorynet.com.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 08-185,260-DE  
Estate of CLARA MAY WINGEIER, deceased  
Date of birth: 11/14/1928  
TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, CLARA MAY WINGEIER, who lived at 4228 Causeway Drive, Lowell, Michigan 49331 died 5/19/2008. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JACOB C. CALLIER, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, suite 2500 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 6/17/2008  
Jacob C. Callier 515 N. Hudson Lowell, MI 49331 897-7798

**REMINDER NOTICE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 5, 2008**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of Bowne Township, Lowell Township, Vergennes Township and the city of Lowell, who is not already registered, may register to vote at the city or township offices, at any Secretary of State branch office, or other designated places for the primary election to be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2008.

THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS WILL BE MONDAY, JULY 7, 2008.

QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:  
• CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES  
• AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 5, 2008

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Bowne Township Clerk Lowell City Clerk  
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9am - 3pm 8am - 5pm  
Linda S. Regan Mari Stone  
Lowell Township Clerk Vergennes Township  
(616) 897-7600 (616) 897-5671  
9am - 5pm 9am - 3pm

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE BOWNE TOWNSHIP SPECIAL LAND USE FOR ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

In accordance with Public Act 110 of 2006 as amended, the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider comments on a request for a special land use for the construction of the Alto United Methodist Church. The proposed location of the church is 11365 64th Street SE. Churches are permitted as special land uses in the R-3 Urban Residential zoning district. The hearing will be held as noted below:

WHEN: Thursday, July 10, 2008  
TIME: 7:30 P.M.  
WHERE: Bowne Township Offices 8240 Alden Nash SE Alto, Michigan 49302

Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed special land use is invited to attend this meeting. A copy of the proposed site plan may be reviewed at the Bowne Township Offices, 8240 Alden Nash SE, Alto, Michigan during normal office hours Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 am - Noon and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm; and Friday 9:00 am to Noon.

Written comments may be sent to the above address or emailed to clerk@bownetwp.cc

Jim Oosting, Chair  
Bowne Township Planning Commission

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS JUNE 16, 2008**

Motions Approved:

- Minutes of the May meeting. List of all invoices.
- Authorize purchase of new fire truck.
- Report on new office structure.
- Pre-purchase of LP Gas for winter season.

Copies of entire minutes available on the website - bownetwp.cc

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Bowne Township Clerk

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**Singing the blues on the Riverwalk**

The atmosphere last Thursday on the Riverwalk was relaxing and comfortable as the crowd listened to swing-style blues by Blue Moon.

The band played blues classics. Concertgoers enjoyed the music from lawn chairs, the Showboat and floating on the Flat River in pontoon boats and kayaks.

Next concert will feature patriotic Americana, Voices of Freedom and Rapid City Swing Band, big band.

The concerts start at 7 p.m. and run through 9 p.m.



**New booster seat law in effect as of July 1**

On July 1, 2008, a new Michigan law requires all children to be secured in a booster seat until they are 8 years old or reach 4'9" tall. "Research has shown being properly restrained

in a child safety seat can save children's lives," said Sheriff Stelma. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for children. In many cases, these deaths could have been prevented

by the proper use of a booster seat. "Booster seats are designed to lift children up and make safety belts fit properly. Without the booster seat, young children can suffer serious internal injuries due to the improper fit of a safety belt that is designed for adults," added Sheriff Stelma.

They range in price from \$20 to \$100 depending on the style. Citations for violating the new law could end up costing parents from \$65 to \$165 for each unrestrained child in the vehicle. "This is a primary enforcement law so my deputies can stop a vehicle if they see an improperly restrained child," said Sheriff Stelma.

Booster seats are available at many area stores.

**Registration deadline near for August primary**

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land reminds residents that Monday, July 7 is the last day to register to vote in the Aug. 5 primary election.

"Both local and state offices may be on your primary ballot, including legislative and Congressional seats, and judicial races," said Land, the state's chief election officer. "If you are not yet registered to vote in Michigan, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. It's fast and easy. You can find a registration form online, at a branch office or at your local clerk's office."

To register, people must be at least 18 years old by Election Day and be U.S. citizens. They must also be residents of Michigan and of the city or township in

which they wish to register.

Voters may register in person or by mail. The mail-in form is on the Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos. First-time voters who register by mail must vote in person in their first election, unless they hand-deliver the application to their local clerk, are 60 years old or older, are disabled, or are overseas.

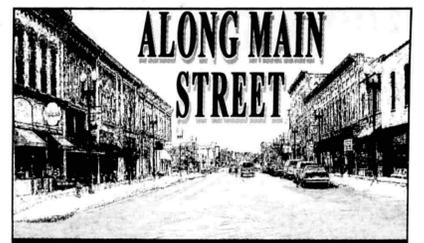
To check their registration status, voters may visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.Michigan.gov/vote.

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**ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES**

Angel Food Ministries order days at First Baptist Church, 2275 Main St. Thurs., July 3 and Fri., July 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. Also Sat., July 5 and July 12, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. For info call IlJean, 897-6609 or visit www.angelfoodministries.org.

**ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES**

Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Fri., July 11, 6-8 p.m. or Sat., July 12, 10 a.m. - noon. Regular box is \$30 and will feed a family of 4 approximately 1 week. Everyone welcome. Any questions call Esther, 897-7395.

**USED BOOK SALE**

Fri., July 11, 6-9 p.m. and Sat., July 12, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. under the striped tent at Riverwalk Plaza. Sponsored by the Friends of Enghardt Library. Proceeds to support Library programming.

**100 MILES IN 100 DAYS**

There's still time to register for "100 Miles in 100 Days", a summer walking challenge put on by Lowell Community Wellness. The event started May 26, and runs until Sept. 2. Register for the event at the summer concert series on Thursday night. \$20/person. For more information, go to www.lowellcommunitywellness.org.

**CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL**

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for craft participants in the 17th Annual Christmas through Lowell, Nov. 14, 15, 16, 2008. Check our website at www.discoverlowell.org for application.

**PAPER DRIVE TRUCK**

The softball paper drive truck has been moved to the football field at Lowell High School for the summer.

**MILITARY DISPLAY**

Lowell Post Office is creating a military display. Bring in pictures of service personnel on active duty to be posted.

**F.R.O.M. BOUTIQUE**

In last week's Ledger, in the piece about the new "Boutique" opened by F.R.O.M., it was stated that items in that room are under \$5. Actually, F.R.O.M. has opened 6 rooms, one of which is called "\$5 and Under Room"; however, in the Boutique prices are a little higher than those found in the Thrift Shop. Most items are a little newer and a little nicer.

**EARLY DEADLINES**

Due to 4th of July our Deadline for the July 9 Lowell Ledger  
**5 p.m. Thurs., July 3**  
All early copy is appreciated.

Deadline for the July 6, 2008 edition of the Buyers Guide has been changed to:  
**noon on Thurs., July 3**  
All early copy is appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office. We apologize for any inconvenience these early deadlines may cause. Thank you for your cooperation.

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# 100 Miles in 100 Days encourages healthy living

by Molly Benningfield  
Editor

You know it's summer when you see more people walking, riding bikes and enjoying the outdoors, and this one is no different as Lowell Community Wellness gets its fifth annual "100 Miles in 100 Days" under way.

The program started on May 26, and lasts until Sept. 2. There are 83 people registered, and Wellness director Patty Sellner said that it's never too late to register.

So far, the current participants have walked 1450 miles, as of last week.

The program started five years ago, when someone brought in a booklet

from a northern Michigan community who were doing a similar program.

Sellner said it was "designed to motivate people to be more active in the summer."

Although the name says "100 Miles", Sellner said many of the participants go above and beyond their targets. "I'm impressed by people who take 100 miles and go with it," she said. "A lot of regular people commit and do 300, 400 miles in the summer."

The program is based mainly in walking, but miles can be counted in many different ways. Pushing a lawnmower for 45 minutes, for instance, would roughly

equal one mile, according to a conversion chart on Lowell Community Wellness' web site: [www.lowellcommunitywellness.org](http://www.lowellcommunitywellness.org).

People who prefer to do things besides walking can find out their total miles, whether they go dancing, swim, or even walk on a golf course.

Sellner said the program is devised to motivate families to start an active lifestyle. "If this little program motivates people, it's the biggest endorsement. I'm always amazed by the number of people in [the program]."

She said the program has participants as far as

San Diego, Calif., where a woman has registered for her second year, after noticing the program on a visit to Lowell last May. Sellner said she regularly e-mails updates about walking across the Golden Gate Bridge and how the California weather compares to Michigan's.

The program has also inspired a similar one in East Grand Rapids, which was started by an intern from the Lowell Community Wellness a year ago.

According to the American Heart Association, a healthy person should be taking 10,000 steps each day, which equals to five miles. Lowell

Community Wellness, along with Lowell Medical Center, and the Community Trail System are encouraging people to find a way to work in walking and other types of exercise into their lifestyles to keep in shape.

Sellner also said a benefit of the program was to have something that could counter the cost of gas this summer.

"For myself, the price of gas has encouraged me to think of new ways to get around," Sellner said. "It's an opportunity to be more creative. It's a really nice community, we have a lot of sidewalks and places to go."

Sellner said it's a great

encouragement to try to think of ways to be more cost-effective. "It's a win-win-win," she said. "We can help the environment, be healthy and save money on gas."

She said Lowell Community Wellness will be featured at the Riverwalk Festival July 11-12, near the clock tower downtown. "There's still space available, and volunteers are welcome."

Hometown Heroes for the 100 Miles program include the Chamber of Commerce, Adorio, State Farm, Arrowhead Golf Course and Wolverine Worldwide.

# Viewpoint

## To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Having just graduated high school, I have been asked the question, "What are you going to do now?" Well, first I am going to finish what I started right in my very own town of Lowell.

For the past year and a half, I've been the vice president of the Our Love Skatepark Committee. I am one of several teens involved in the project. Every week we meet and discuss new ways to raise money and awareness for the skatepark as well as promote an understanding of skateboarders. We have taken minutes, written grants, held business meetings, gone to township and city council meetings, you name it. We will have the park built within two years, not 80.

While I've lived a relatively short life so far, I've never seen a more determined group of youth, or been so proud to be a part of a group as I am with this project.

While I do not skate, many of my friends do. I enjoy watching them skate, as well as the pros on the television. I've always had an admiration for their talent and guts to ollie over gaps and grind on rails. I feel these youth are unfairly treated, and underrepresented. They should have a place to practice their sport, just as football, soccer, and baseball players have. Actually, according to a recent survey, Lowell has an abundance of those fields, while there isn't one designated place to skateboard. While I understand that businesses don't want the youth skating on their property, it's not fair to the teens to kick them out and not give them an alternative. It's especially detrimental to a business' image to be rude to skaters, and then not help to build a skatepark. If that is the business' choice, then they need to be aware that it will continue to be a problem. I am on this committee because I believe in equality for all, discrimination against none, and I want to help make Lowell "the next place to be."

A skate park would bring more customers into Lowell in two ways. A park would bring out-of-town families to Lowell, who would shop in town while their youth skated. Also, business may increase due to skateboarders skating at the park, not on the city sidewalks. The youth would be skating in a safe location, and their parents would know where they were at. A skate park would benefit the city as a whole. While it has taken a year so far, it is well worth the wait.

The City of Lowell has designated a 70' x 100' area at Stoney Lakeside Park to be used as a skatepark. We have a design which includes fun boxes, rails and a quarter-pipe. The cost of the park, including concrete, is approximately \$105,000. Our Committee has raised approximately \$5,000, and secured a one to three matching grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund for up to \$20,000. We have worked hard to get this far, and we need your help too. It's not fair for the whole community to benefit from the work of a handful, so we need ALL skateboarders, BMX-ers, in-line skaters, and anyone interested in helping the community. We have had lots of positive feedback, and are especially appreciative for the support of the Lowell Parks and Recreation Committee and the Lowell City Council. The sound off comment in last week's paper was unnecessary and hurtful, not only to the committee, but to myself personally. I believe if you're not willing to attach your name to a comment, then you probably shouldn't be saying it at all. If you took the time to find out what we're about, you would see that we are hard-working and serious about our goals. Last December, the committee mailed out more than 200 invitations to local businesses for an informational meeting, and five people showed up. What it seems like to me is that everyone is willing to complain and moan about these kids, but unwilling to do anything to fix the problem.

If you have any questions or comments or are interested in volunteering your time or services, contact the committee at [ourloveskatepark@yahoo.com](mailto:ourloveskatepark@yahoo.com). We are holding a free concert July 12, after the Riverwalk parade at Richard's Park from 12 to 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and listen to local bands, skate and learn more about our effort.

I am not ashamed to be a part of this group of so called "rude and ungrateful" youth, but I am embarrassed for

the people who haven't take the time to get to know these talented, smart youth, and help with our cause. Together we can help make Lowell "the next place to be."

Sincerely, Ellen Mork,  
Vice president, Our Love Skatepark Committee

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on the recent State of the City Address and the support for the own Town Development Authority. I believe the Lowell city council can't grasp reality, because if they could, they would realize that the tax money from the DDA has not developed a thriving downtown business district in the approximately 16 years that it has been in effect. The recent proposal by the DDA to upgrade a parking lot and a street is a no-brainer, but upgrading the old Amphitheater is a want and not a need and should not come from the general fund or the DDA. Just take a look at Lowell's high tax base bond payments and city roads twice the age of replacement along with a shortage in state revenue funding because of a failing state. With that insight you would think that the city council would act in a more prudent way. The article in the View Point by a local businessman which stated that business property taxes are 35 to 40 percent higher than surrounding townships. Well if that is true, is there anything being done in reducing the high rates? Could it be that they would rather put money in to a fancy like the DDA than a tax reduction? P.S. - One consolation to all this is that Lowell can look forward to a recent well deserved raise in their water and sewer assessment.

Jim Howard

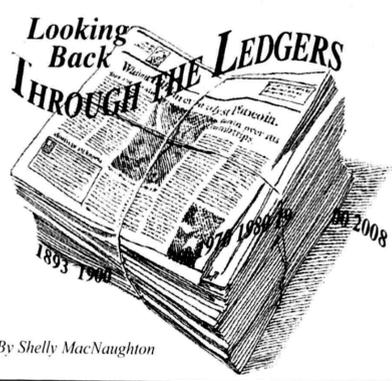
To the Editor:

As a City of Lowell resident and a parent to students at St. Patrick's School, I find it surprising and disappointing that our school is not covered better by our local paper.

I regularly read articles in the Ledger and the Buyer's Guide about all the other schools within the Lowell School District. While I enjoy hearing about these school activities, it would be nice if I could read about my own school as well from time to time. Some of our activities and events this last year that you and your readers might have missed include the following:

- At the beginning of the year, we were presented \$1,500 from MEEIMC for the purchase of a laptop and projector to be used in classrooms.
- During Christmas, we held a giving tree project in which items were purchased for local, needy families
- An entomologist visited our school and taught us the finer aspects of insect eating. Students had the opportunity to sample crickets, worms and scorpions.
- For our Lenten project, we collected food, clothing and household good items for Flat River Outreach. Students delivered the items and took a tour of the facilities.
- Local author Kenn Vidro visited the school for an assembly about rhyming riddles, aka Square Pears.
- In its inaugural year, our school's mileage club had 89 participants who logged a total of 1100 running and walking miles.
- Our computer lab was awarded \$2,000 by the Wege Foundation.
- Students attended a Nutrition Carnival presented by the YMCA in which they sampled food and participated in fun activities to learn to make healthy eating and lifestyle choices.
- Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students visited the Capitol Building and met their legislators. While there, the 5th graders held a mock committee in a Capitol Building committee room, and the 3rd and 4th graders participated in a session activity.
- Students planted seedlings for our parish Peace and Justice garden. Food from the garden will be donated to local food banks.
- Our school library was selected by the National Endowment for the Arts to participate in their We the People national bookshelf program.

To The Editor, cont'd., pg. 10



By Shelly MacNaughton

### 125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL JULY 4, 1883

Bring your wool to Lowell.  
A large amount of wool has been marketed here the past week, at prices ranging from 28 to 32 cents. The terrible rainstorm last week caused a vast amount of damage in various parts of the state. The dam at Springbrook mill gave way last week, making a break of about 40 feet, and carrying away about six rods of railroad. This is the second time this dam has broken away this season.

### 100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 2, 1908

The body of Grover Cleveland was buried at Princeton after brief but impressive services, which were attended, by President Roosevelt and other notables. Mexican revolutionists attacked the town of Los Vacas, on the Rio Grande but were repressed by troops after about 50 men had been killed on both sides.

### 75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO JULY 6, 1933

Every merchant doing business within the boundary lines of the State of Michigan entered upon a new role last Saturday morning July 1. The new role was that of acting as tax collector for the commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of the new 3 per cent sales tax law. William Christiansen is expanding his ice cream business at his plant on east Main Street. He has just installed a new machine that will enable him to make ice cream at the rate of 150 gallons per hour. Since starting the manufacture of ice cream for wholesaling a year ago, Mr. Christiansen has had a steady growth in business.

### 50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 3, 1958

Thirty-Five acts have been signed to date for Amateur Night, July 12 on the showboat dock. C. H. Runciman, chairman, said that they hope to limit the program to 40 contestants. Bunco club will be held Thursday, July 3 at 1:30 pm at Fallsburg Park pavilion. Bring 6 or 8 cookies and dice, tables and punches.

### 25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER

Headline: Lowell officer fatally shoots knife wielding assailant  
After repeatedly slashing at Lowell police officer Calvin Kamphuis, and finally stabbing him in the arm with a knife, 27-year-old James Michael Pfaff was killed with a single gunshot wound to the chest from Kamphuis' service revolver.

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## Business Matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Siggie Winsor received Realtor of the Month in June.

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Siggie Winsor

## Primary deadline, continued ... From Page 3

Residents will be able to find information on voting by absentee ballot, using voting equipment and contacting their local clerk. They can also find a map to their local polling place.

Voters are again reminded of the identification requirement. They will be asked to present photo ID at the polls, such as a Michigan driver's license or identification card.

Voters who don't have a Michigan driver's license or identification card can show the following forms of photo ID:

- Driver's license or

personal identification card issued by another state

- Federal or state government-issued photo identification
- U.S. passport
- Military identification card with photo
- Student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education, such as a college or university
- Tribal identification card with photo

Anyone who does not have an acceptable form of photo ID or is not carrying

one can still vote. They will sign a brief form stating that they're not in possession of a photo ID. Their ballots will be included with all others and counted on Election Day.

Voters who qualify may choose to vote by absentee ballot on Election Day. As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee voter ballot if you are:

- Age 60 years old or older
- unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- expecting to be out of town on election day
- in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Additional information is available on the Department of State Web site at [www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos).

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# Engagements

## Baker-Krebill



Keith Thomas Krebill and Courtney Jo Baker

Courtney Jo Baker and Keith Thomas Krebill will unite in marriage on August 16, 2008 at St. Patrick's Parish of Parnell.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Bert and Karen Baker, of Lowell. The future groom is the son of Thomas and Laurette Krebill, also of Lowell. Both are graduates

of Lowell High School and Central Michigan University. Courtney has a bachelor's degree in elementary education and is pursuing a teaching position. Keith has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, and is currently employed by Gordon Food Service, in Traverse City.

## Metternick & Pollema



Amber Lee Metternick and Michael Dale Pollema

Amber Lee Metternick and Michael Dale Pollema will be united in marriage on September 6, 2008. Parents of the Byron Center couple are Ron and Carrie Metternick of Lowell, Bob

and Ruth Rusticus of Grand Barber, Amy Stencil of Wyoming. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lowell High School. The future groom is a graduate of South Christian High School.

# Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



## LAND USE

We recently returned from a trip to the Upper Peninsula. Along with a boat and outboard motor, we hauled two all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), sometimes called 4-wheelers. Generally I prefer quiet kinds of activities when in the outdoors, although I find it fun and interesting to occasionally explore the outback on an ATV. Probably because 4-wheelers are an indispensable part of rural life in the U.P., it is easier to find places to ride there. Areas in which one can legally operate an ATV on public lands and roads in the southern Lower Peninsula are extremely limited, while the northern Lower Peninsula offers more opportunities to ride. States like West Virginia have partnered with owners of large tracks of private land to establish extensive ORV trail systems. Unregulated and careless use of off road vehicles of any kind can have a negative impact on the land and wildlife, so land use rules are necessary.

The increasing popularity of canoeing and tubing has drawn crowds to certain rivers which diminishes the quality of the experience for participants and has the potential to cause damage to the waterways. Riding off road with mountain bikes, motorized vehicles, and horses can cause soil erosion and affect the welfare of wildlife in our fields and forests. There are financial and political benefits to accommodating a variety of user groups, but the long-term protection of the ecosystem must be a priority.

As the human population increases and natural areas decrease, there will be more pressure on our state and national forests, lakes, and streams for recreational purposes. Managing the use of these natural assets to the satisfaction of all who use them will become more challenging. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and federal agencies have been busy reviewing and revising rules for the use of public land within their jurisdiction.

Everybody wants to enjoy access to public land to pursue his or her own interests. The reality is that if we all do our own thing when and where we want, the special places we seek will eventually be lost and no one will have opportunities. The time has come for all of us to accept compromise for the welfare of the woods, water, and wildlife we are blessed with in Michigan. If everyone cooperates, we can pass along our extraordinary natural resources to another generation. That thought makes the 4-hour drive to ride a 4-wheeler seem a bit shorter.

# Church raises \$350 for F.R.O.M.



The Calvary Christian Reformed Church in Lowell has raised \$350 in items for Flat River Outreach Ministries during its Vacation Bible Study last week. The program saw 80 kids attend Friday's closing service, which featured a boat made of fridge boxes. Directors Sarah Tase and Tammy Kozlik are pictured with a few of the kids attending Friday's service.

## College News

Calvin College has announced its spring 2008 Dean's List. To earn a spot on the Dean's List at Calvin requires that a student maintains at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester and has at least a 3.3 cumulative grade point average at one of the country's top Christian, liberal-arts colleges.

Joel E. Berends, Alexander C. Boelkins, Alissa M. Goudswaard, Stephen J. Hoekwater, David J. Korringa, Lukas R. Leisman, Joel R. Meredith, Brian S. Perog, and Jacqueline S. Smith, all of Ada.

Katherine M. Baker, Leslie K. Boot, Kristen M. Hinkle, Kristina A. Bflug, Sara K. Post, and Rebecca L. Schmidt, all of Alto.

Kristin J. Befus, Chad T. Drenth, Hannah E. Gerig, Kelly N. Malling, and Brook M. VanEck, all of Lowell.

Elyse Welcher of Ada, was named to the Dean's List at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga., for spring quarter 2008. Full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the quarter receive recognition on the dean's list. Welcher is a fashion major.

Adam Ingraham, of Lowell, has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Spring 2008 semester at Lawrence Technological University. To be named to

the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average for the term.

Alma College is pleased to announce that Mary Sugiyama, of Ada, earned Dean's List honors for the 2008 Winter Term.

The University of Iowa held its spring 2008 commencement ceremonies May 15-18 and June 6,

awarding some 3,800 degrees. Among the students was John Paul Fox, of Lowell.

Andrew Joseph-Caleb Williams of Ada and Rena Graham Brenner, of Lowell, have graduated from Columbia College Chicago with bachelor's degrees. Commencement ceremonies took place on the weekend of May 17.

# HEALTH

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie



## ADHD AND CHILDREN

Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is the name of a group of behaviors found in many children and adults. People with ADHD have a pattern of inattention or hyperactivity, that is worse and more frequent than what is considered usual for their age. ADHD is not the result of brain damage, bad parenting or poor diet. It is caused by a lack of chemicals in the brain that are responsible for organized thought. It affects approximately 3 to 5 percent of school-age children, and it is more common in boys than in girls.

Children with ADHD of the inattentive type have six or more of the following symptoms:

- Difficulty following instructions
- Difficulty keeping attention on work or play activities
- Loses things needed for activities at school or home
- Appears not to listen
- Doesn't pay attention to details
- Seems disorganized
- Trouble with tasks that require planning ahead
- Forgets easily
- Easily distracted.

Children with ADHD of the hyperactive type have six or more of the following symptoms:

- Fidgety
- Runs or climbs inappropriately
- Can't play quietly
- Blurts out answers
- Interrupts people
- Can't sit still
- Talks too much
- Always on the go
- Trouble waiting turn

ADHD is best managed with a team approach among parents, teachers and physicians. Medicine helps many children, and some may also benefit from counseling. See your health care provider if you have concerns about your child's behavior.

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*I didn't really say everything I said.*

- Yogi Berra (1925 - )

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## MEGA SOCCER CAMP STARTS TODAY!



Shown are: Ryan Nofke, Ben Nofke and Jarrod McCormick ready to play soccer.

Mega Soccer Camp VBS begins today at Lowell First United Methodist Church. Children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join in the fun. Mega Soccer Camp will run every Wednesday evening in July from 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. on July 2.

# Happy Birthday

**JULY 2:** Devinne Ossewaarde, Bob Bradley Ball, Marilyn Sauber, Brandon Lee, Logan Brenk, Landon Trierweiler, Ryan Lynne Roth, Mary Jo Buechler.

**JULY 3:** Alice Ryder, Jamie Capen, Maxin Ligman, Janet Bieri, Ann Armstrong.

**JULY 4:** Barb Austin, Zachary Rhodes, Tara Sherman.

**JULY 5:** Jason White, Tony Stencil, Ryan Vashaw, Jessica Tulppo, Marilyn Venneman.

**JULY 6:** Marty DeYoung, Jason Barber, Amy Stencil, Darrel Hesche, Chris Page, Ed Walling, Jan Bieri.

**JULY 7:** Phil VanLaan, Elizabeth Gerard, Tim Tulppo, Zach Meiste, Wayne Racine.

**JULY 8:** Jason White, Tony Stencil, Ryan Vashaw, Jessica Tulppo, Marilyn Venneman.

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

 <p><b>ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Kirby and Harrison Alto • 616-691-8011 Worship.....9:30 A.M. Children's Church.....9:30 A.M.</p> <p><b>OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN DOORS</b> Pastor Dean Bailey</p>	<p><b>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL</b> 9305 Centerline, Saranac 897-6332</p> <p>Worship.....9:45 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M.</p> <p>Nursery &amp; Jr. Church Provided Rev. Frank Lattimore, Pastor "A Nondenominational Ministry With A Blended Word Centered Service!"</p>	<p><b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b></p> <p>Rev. Randy Meyers • 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI</p> <p>Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	 <p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b></p> <p>621 E. Main Street • 897-5936</p> <p>Worship.....8:30 &amp; 10:15 a.m. DR. MICHAEL T. CONKLIN, PASTOR Barrier - Free Entrance</p>
<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b></p> <p>2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: <a href="http://www.fbcloowell.org">http://www.fbcloowell.org</a> Rev. David O. Sims &amp; Rev. W. Lee Taylor Wayne Harris, Youth Pastor</p> <p>Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. &amp; 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA/CLUB J.C.....Wed. 6:15 &amp; 6:30 P.M. Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times Nursery Provided • Barrier Free</p>	<p><b>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God)</b></p> <p>3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery</p> <p>Robert W. Holmes, Lead Pastor John King, Youth Pastor</p> <p><b>SUNDAYS:</b> 10:00 a.m. - Worship &amp; Evening LIFE Home Groups &amp; "The Source" Youth</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAYS:</b> Family Night: (for all ages) 7:00 p.m. "The Source" Youth: 7:00 p.m. Loving God... Loving People!</p>	<p><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Fr. George J. Fekete 402 Amity St. • 897-9820 <a href="http://www.stmary-lowell.com">www.stmary-lowell.com</a></p> <p>Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 PM; SUN. 9:30 AM Weekday Masses: 7:45 AM Holy Day Masses: 9 AM &amp; 7 PM</p> <p>Saturday confessions: 10-10:30 AM Prayer &amp; adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CONFIRMATION, BAPTISMS - CALL: 897-7915 SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 48, EWTN FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING</p>	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (United Church of Christ) 865 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE • 897-5906</p> <p>Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. Church School.....10:15-11:15 A.M. Thursday Faith Alive Worship.....7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Shannon Hanley.....C.E. Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided Come Join Us For Praise &amp; Worship</p>
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# Relay for Life, continued ... From Page 1

was put on hold until 8 the next morning, when the storms let up.

The event started Friday at noon with a poem read by Cindy Smith, and the first lap. A silent auction was also held, as well as events like a Saran Wrap

race, musical chairs, and a kids and mascots lap. The Celebrate! Remember!

Fight Back! ceremony and survivor celebration were also held Friday before the rain started, with a dinner provided by Backwater Cafe.

A highlight of the evening was the "Miss Relay" contest, in which male representatives from each team walked in dresses and took purses, trying to raise money. The team of "Walking for a Cure" was the winner.



The field was open for sports and fun activities during the Relay for Life.



The Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature event. Games were on hand for everyone to enjoy during the day on Friday.



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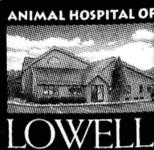
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## Featured Artist Virginia Wieringa

by Emma Palova

How long does it take to create a painting?

Well-established artist Virginia Wieringa says 30 years. That's how long it has taken her to feel comfortable with paints and brushes and showing.

"I've been doing art for 30 years," she said, "but I haven't been putting all my energy into it. I just painted when I could."

Now, after retiring from Grand Rapids Community College and from Grand Rapids Public Schools, Wieringa finally decided to give everything to art.

"I decided to put all my energy into this," she said.

She has taken art classes at Kendall College and before that, majored in art at Calvin College. A few years

back, Wieringa met local arts guru Kathleen Mooney and started displaying at Fire and Water Art Gallery in Lowell.

When Mooney asked Wieringa to do a show at the Riverwalk Gallery, she decided to go for it. By no means a rookie at doing shows, Wieringa had just finished a show at Pine Rest with artist Mary Andersen, "Moving Spirit." Having a show means measuring space, making labels and pricing art work.

"Sure, I am always willing to give it a shot," she said.

Her exhibit titled "Art Along the Way" at the Riverwalk Gallery documents Wieringa's artistic journey. The show is a mix of acrylics, oils

and digital work. "I wanted to make sure the show is cohesive," she said.

The exhibit is a beautiful harmony of colors, as well as the artist's love for nature, mainly Michigan landscapes and even local scenes around the Franciscan Life Process Center. Here acrylic on canvas "Lowell Corner" documents woods on the corner of Bailey and Alden Nash roads.

Most recently, Wieringa started working with mixed media, rich in symbolism.

"I love mixed media, but I am not ready to give up the rest of it," she said.

Her large painting "Dawn Over" captures dawn on the freeway with marvelous blues and yellows, and even billboards.

The biggest challenge for Wieringa is to find time for art, the actual time to paint. And then, she says, she has too many ideas.

"There are just too



Virginia Wieringa considers her work contemplative art.

many possibilities," she said. "I want to continue to do it all."

Recently, Wieringa sold a piece to Pine Rest, and she wants to find a home for all her paintings.

"That is the real purpose to have them out in the world," she said.

She calls her art contemplative such as her piece "Enigma Variation No. 9."

"I am aware of the blessings," she said.

The show runs through September. An artist's reception will be held on July 19 from 5 to 7 p.m.

## The last Pow Wow

The last Pow Wow, organized by the Grand Valley American Indian Lodge, in Lowell took place Saturday and Sunday in the unpredictable weather at the fairgrounds. The ceremonies started off with the Grand Entry of all the dressed dancers, followed by rituals and the honoring of all the veterans. Veterans were asked to participate in the dances. The head veteran was Bill Vandegriff, arena director Tim Loonsfoot, master of ceremonies Dan Bissell, head male dancer Frank Sprague and head female dancer Windi Sievers. The event was made possible with a grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund.



## College News

Duncan Seif, of Lowell, has graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. Seif earned a Bachelor of Science in Marketing.

Seif was one of more than 1,900 undergraduate and graduate students who received their diplomas May 18, 2008 at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

Travis Lee Cook, of Lowell, was named to the Dean's List for May Session 2008 at the University of Northwestern Ohio in the College of Technologies.

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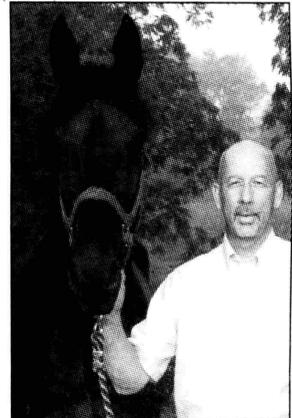
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## To The Editor, continued ... From Page 5

Most impressively, four of our students were selected for \$1,000 scholarships from The Sharpe Collection in an essay contest held in honor of their 25th Anniversary. It is my understanding that more than 1000 essays were submitted, and 50 were selected as winners. Out of those 50, four came from our small school.

Although St. Patrick's School may be located in Grattan Township, we are within the Lowell School District and as much as part of this community as Murray Lake Elementary. Our families live and work in the City of Lowell as well as in the surrounding areas.

Again, I appreciate that the Ledger is obviously committed to reporting education activities and events as witnessed by the large number of articles devoted to the public school buildings. It is my hope that next year, you will share

some of our events with your readers as well. I look forward to reading about my school in my local paper next year!  
Sincerely, Maryalene LaPonsie

Dear Editor of the Lowell Ledger and Buyer's Guide,

Lowell has become a City of Champions over the years, but one Champion seems to have been missed by the radar. A year or so ago, a young lady from Alto by the name of Mariah Moore became a Midwest Regional Champion, then a U. S. National Champion, and finally a World Champion in Martial Arts Competition.

What makes this even more remarkable is that she was only a 9th grader at the time. Hard to believe, but that's exactly what she did. She will be at the World Championships in Cebu, Philippines, from July 22-25, this time to defend her title against the best the world has to offer. It is an incredible success story of a hometown athlete, all of this before beginning her sophomore year at Lowell High.

Not only is she an accomplished athlete, she is also a very giving young lady who has become the ultimate role model for young kids all across West Michigan. She has ap-

peared in numerous events, large and small, where she has exhibited her talent over this past year. She is a true World Champion.

My purpose in writing this letter is to make others aware that her traveling expenses so far have been covered by her family. Her mother smiles and says they are a basic blue-collar, working family who made a decision some years ago to support Mariah as far as her talent might take her. Little did they realize that they had a daughter who would some day become a World Champion. To help make ends meet, her Mom even took a job to help cover those expenses when Mariah began competing in various events around the Midwest. She kept winning and winning and this month she heads halfway around the world to the World Championships in the Philippines.

Her Father plans to take some time off work to accompany her, but their trip cost something in the neighborhood of \$5,000. Here's my pitch: I'm wondering if there aren't some folks in the Lowell-Alto area who also share some community pride who would be willing to assist her family with some of those expenses? The Lowell Rotary Club is helping as are other individuals. Would you be willing to send a few dollars to help Mariah get to the World Championships representing United States as well as the Greater Lowell area? You can do so by sending a check to the Huntington Bank, c/o Susan Majinska, Senior Personal Banker, 414 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI, 49331 where there is an account in Mariah Moore's name to help cover trip expenses. She is a sweet kid with a bundle of talent and a million dollar smile who could use our support. Won't you please consider sending something along in the next few days! It's a hometown effort that will give anyone who helps a good feeling inside .... and out!

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## LHS grad bags 500-pound black bear on Canadian hunting trip

by Molly Benningfield  
Editor

Conrad Ruffilo, 18, graduated from Lowell High School this June, and already has 30 credits to his name from Grand Rapids Community College in the welding engineering program. As a nod to his hard work, Ruffilo's father, Frank, took him on a hunting trip to Quebec, Canada, where he shot a seven-foot, more than 500-pound black bear, on the fifth day there. Talk about taking a goal and overachieving.

Ruffilo, went to Quebec from May 31 - June 7, with his father and a few welding instructors from GRCC, as part of a yearly trip the instructors take. Frank said Conrad deserved the trip after years of hard work in high school. I told him I'd take him once he finished everything, he said.

Conrad said the group fished and hunted every day while in Quebec. The fishing wasn't as successful, but they had enough to eat every night.

On the fifth night, a

Wednesday, Conrad spotted a bear around 7 p.m. and shot it in the back. He said the bear "went kind of crazy", and he waited until shooting it once more to kill it. He thought it was pretty big, but had no idea the actual size.

Conrad went back to the spot around 10 p.m. to drag the bear 200 yards back to camp, which they didn't get back to until 2:45 in the morning.

The bear stretched over seven feet tall, and weighed more than 500 pounds. People at the camp said it was the "biggest bear they've ever seen up there", with the closest in size being around 100 pounds smaller. He said his bear is going to be measured for Boone & Crockett, a world-renowned hunting club.

Conrad said black bears aren't normally supposed to get as big as his did. He is now getting a full-body mount, with the bear perched on three legs, with one paw up.

The main reason Conrad was able to go on this hunting

trip was his hard work during high school, which his father wanted to reward.

During his junior and senior year at LHS, Conrad completed 30 college credits - more than most college students finish in a year - while also taking regular high school classes and working at a welding supply company. He said he would get up at 6 a.m. and not return home until 11 p.m. most nights. He joked that he didn't have much time for anything else while in school.

While in the welding program at GRCC, he earned all A's and was on the Dean's List twice. "Going in, I had a hard time, because I was so young," he said of his first classes at GRCC. "But I overcame my obstacles."

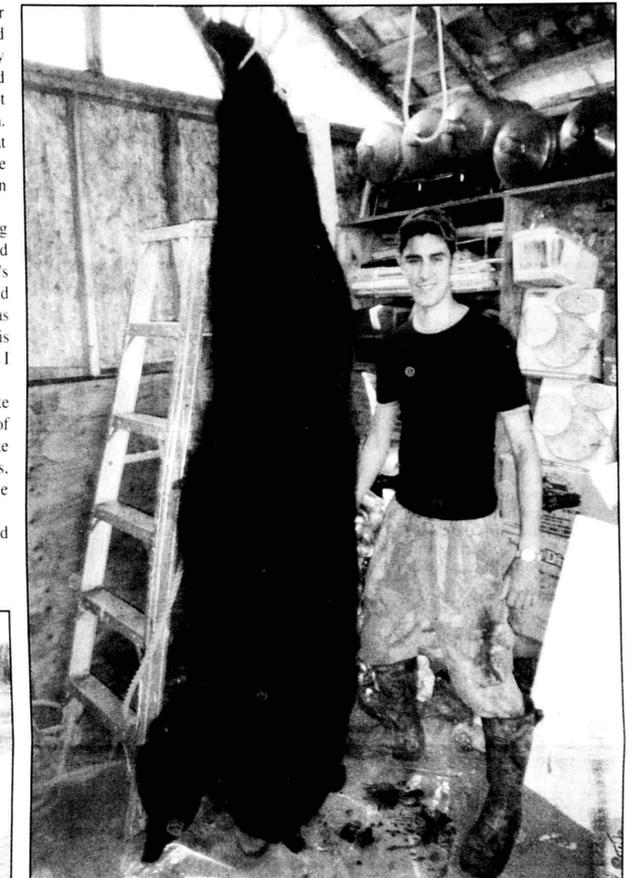
Conrad decided to take all these classes because of his love for the job. "I like doing stuff with my hands, I'm a welding geek," he said.

"I'm lucky to have found something I like."

He will attend GRCC for two years, taking classes and working an independent study in a welding shop. After, he'll transfer to Ferris State University to finish the program.

He said he "pretty much lives and breathes outside - I hunt, fish and weld." He's found inspiration from his dad, who is the "inspiration to everything I do in life, he taught me everything."

He's always looked out for me." The rest of the Ruffilo family include mom, Shelly, and older sister, Brook.



Conrad Ruffilo with the black bear he shot in Quebec. The bear measured over 7 feet tall and 500 pounds.



Conrad Ruffilo and his father, Frank, on a hunting trip in Quebec

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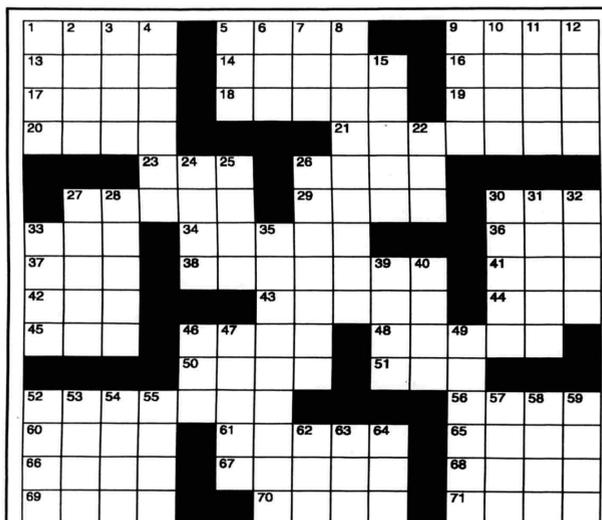
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- 1. Melod \_\_: extravagant comedy
- 5. Christian \_\_, designer
- 9. Three banded armadillo
- 13. Whale ship captain
- 14. LPGA golfer Lorena
- 16. A spongelike cake leavened with yeast
- 17. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 18. \_\_ilize: discharge
- 19. Frosts
- 20. Funeral fire
- 21. Sunday
- 23. \_\_mp: wetland
- 26. \_\_morphosis: transformation
- 27. So. Swiss city
- 29. Used for baking
- 30. Doctors' group
- 33. Tsetung or Zedong
- 34. Temporarily stitches
- 36. Happy Days actor Scott \_\_o
- 37. Take in solid food
- 38. Scarabs
- 41. Hearing receptor
- 42. Romanian monetary unit
- 43. Terra \_\_: earthenware
- 44. Attempt
- 45. Tooth caregiver
- 46. Weedy annual grass
- 48. Extremely unrefined
- 50. Greek god of war
- 51. Concealed
- 52. A series of acts at a night club
- 56. Siberian river
- 60. Overgarments
- 61. Political plot
- 65. Celt
- 66. Island north of Guam
- 67. Space for public entertainments
- 68. Unstressed-stressed
- 69. A light two-wheel carriage
- 70. Bring forth a lamb or kid
- 71. Ontario Speed Skating Assoc.

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Inclined entrance
- 2. Hail (nautical)
- 3. Picasso's mistress
- 4. Mother superior of a group of nuns
- 5. Rumsfeld was Secretary (abbr.)
- 6. Water in the solid state
- 7. Physicist George Simon
- 8. Eleanor or Franklin
- 9. Baby's feeding protector
- 10. Al \_\_: Llama wool
- 11. Act as an assistant
- 12. Skin eruption
- 15. Let up
- 22. Prohibit
- 24. Dragnet star
- 25. Wings
- 26. Slogans
- 27. Bleated
- 28. Douroucoulis genus
- 30. Plural of 11 down
- 31. Volcanic craters
- 32. Ethereal
- 33. Mix or blend in
- 35. State Department head
- 39. A way to make into a print
- 40. Indian dress
- 46. Hydrocarbon used on roads
- 47. Betel palm genus
- 49. Slow musical tempo
- 52. Pushed by a person
- 53. Mirish language
- 54. \_\_an Death March: WWII
- 55. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
- 57. Netherlands river
- 58. Jewels
- 59. Sunrise (Spanish)
- 62. Spelling championship
- 63. Professional caregiver's organization
- 64. \_\_cet: puncture blade

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## RANDOM THINGS...

### HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE INDEPENDENCE DAY

Enjoying fireworks displays at dusk is synonymous with Fourth of July celebrations; however, Kent County Sheriff Larry Stelma wants to remind area residents fireworks can be deadly.

Last year more than 10,000 people were injured by fireworks, with children under the age of 15 accounting for one-third of those injuries. In Michigan, a Melvindale mother of three was killed on July 4, 2007, after being struck by a commercially-made firework.

There are two classes of fireworks. Class B fireworks are manufactured for use in professional displays like the one put on by your city or township. These fireworks are illegal in the state of Michigan without a permit. Class C fireworks, however, are the kind commonly sold in stores for consumer use. Examples of Class C fireworks include paper caps, toy trick noisemakers, sparklers, fountains, toy snakes, and toy smoke devices. These fireworks are legal for the public to purchase without a permit.

"If you are unsure whether your fireworks are Class B or Class C, follow this one simple guideline: If it makes a loud bang or leaves the ground, then it is illegal!" said Sheriff Stelma. "The most important thing you can do is to properly educate your family about fireworks and set a good example."

Sheriff Stelma provides the following guidelines for the safe use of fireworks for at-home displays.

- Stay away from illegal explosives.
- Obey the local laws and use common sense.
- Read the fireworks' instructions and follow them. If an item looks damaged, do not attempt to use it.
- Purchase fireworks only from reputable established dealers. Legal fireworks are tested as to quality and safety. Never attempt to build your own fireworks or use illegal explosives such as M-80s or "Cherry bombs."
- A responsible adult should supervise all fireworks usage. Children should watch, but not handle, fireworks. When used properly, all fireworks can be safe.
- Fireworks are meant to be used one at a time. Do not attempt to combine or mix fireworks at the same time. Fuses have different burn rates. Actions like this invite accidents.
- Use fireworks outdoors only.
- Fireworks should never be pointed or thrown at anyone. Make sure people and animals maintain a safe distance from the fireworks which are being set off. Use them only outdoors, and away from houses and vehicles.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix.
- Caution is important. Use protective eyewear and keep a water hose nearby. Don't try to relight a dud, but soak it in water for 15 minutes and dispose of properly. Let's make this Fourth of July a safe holiday.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Wrestling coach Cichocki receives CAP certification from MHSAA

No caps and gowns, no pomp or circumstance, just the realization of having achieved the highest level of learning possible with the goal of turning that into providing better experiences in high school sports for the young people taking part in the games.

The first group of individuals to complete all six levels of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Coaches Advancement Program (CAP) were honored recently at the Association's headquarters, a group of 29 people who will go down in the books as the first of many to have completed one of the finest coaches education programs in the country.

CAP is a 36-hour program designed to train coaches in the many facets of coaching school sports. It's a program where the X's and O's of a sport aren't part of the curriculum. Rather, CAP addresses the philosophies of school sports, communications skills, legal issues, the psychology of coaching, sports medicine and first aid, working effectively with parents, teaching skills, healthy living, emotional control, and character.

The program reached 1,240 coaches during 2007-08, the majority of whom take the first two levels. The ultimate goal is for CAP to reach the over 30,000 coaches involved at all levels of school sports, and to advance them through all six levels of programming. "This program is based on the way people coach - face to face - imparting not only sports skills, but life skills," says MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts. "CAP has been designed to instill the values of educational athletics into its students in a way that energizes them

to go out and touch the lives of young people in a way that can never be measured in wins and losses on the scoreboard. We're proud of our first group of participants who have completed all six levels of the program."

Dustin Cichocki, an assistant wrestling coach for Lowell High School, was one of 29 coaches and athletic directors across the state to achieve the CAP Level 6 graduation.

CAP receives significant technical support from the Youth Sports Institute at Michigan State University. Participants receive liability insurance in the amount of \$1 million per occurrence for coaching their school team during the interscholastic season for the school year in which the coach completes a level of CAP and for the following year. An electronic newsletter is provided six times a year to those who complete six hours of training, providing



Wrestling assistant coach Dustin Cichocki receives his certification from MHSAA executive director Jack Roberts (right).

pertinent articles to assist them in their daily coaching duties. Coaches who also complete a six-hour session of CAP can also receive Continuing Education Credits (CEU's) to be used to renew selected certificates

from the Michigan Department of Education. More information about the Coaches Advancement Program, including a schedule and registration form, can be found on the home page of the MHSAA Web site by clicking on Coaches.

## Junior equestrian takes part in district competition



The Lowell junior equestrian team.

With 19 districts and well over 1000 riders across the state, the junior equestrian team competed on June 21 in a one-day competition.

The competition's main purpose is to prepare the middle school riders for the high school competition. Lowell had one of the largest

teams, with nine riders. With their size, they were able to choose to be placed in one A team, or two B teams. Since there were no other A teams in District 5, Lowell chose to be split into two B teams.

The junior B1 team consisted of riders Coryn Bieri, Jacey Culross, Kristin Fisher and Becca Roth.

The B2 team consisted of riders Kendra Black, Sierra Drake, Kaitlin Fisher, Taylor Whaley and Kelsey Wittenbach. Lowell competed against East Rockford and Grant in District 5.

The B2 team took third place, while the B1 team took fifth. Only 14 points

separated the first and third place teams.

Coaches Linda Foote and Mary Wolf said they were proud of the hard work and commitment each rider gave for the team, and said some of the riders rode beyond their comfort zone to represent the team.

## THE BENNING-FIELDER



by molly benningfield sports editor

### The Tiges are back in it

It's been a good week for our Tiges, as the team improved to .500 for the first time this season. And they got their advantage in a huge win over the Colorado Rockies Saturday night, winning 7-6 in the bottom of the ninth. Miguel Cabrera hit a two-run double to take the lead. Earlier in the night, Ryan Raburn hit his first career grand slam. Saturday's game was an exciting one to watch.

And just Monday night, the Tiges did it again, in a late comeback win against the Minnesota Twins, 5-4. My favorite Tiger, Curtis Granderson, got a single in the eighth inning to get Matt Joyce in - giving Detroit the first lead of the game, while a slew of other players pitched in late in the game for the win.

It was a good win for Detroit because the Twins have been described as "baseball's hottest team for a good portion of June." But as June ended, so did their streak.

In other Tiger news, a string of injuries have plagued a few of our key players, including Magglio Ordonez, with a pulled right oblique and Miguel Cabrera with a tight left hip flexor. Ordonez is only out for 15 days, while Cabrera is taking it "day to day". Brandon Inge is also plagued with oblique injuries, while Gary Sheffield just came back from the DL. Pitcher Jeremy Bonderman had surgery to correct a condition that caused a blood clot in his right arm. Perhaps we should start sending a few good thoughts to the baseball gods right about now.

In awards news, second baseman Placido Polanco was named the "most underrated player in baseball", according to a Sports Illustrated survey of 495 major league players. Polanco received 12 percent of the vote, while Michael Young of the Texas Rangers took second with 7 percent. Players could not vote for teammates, which means that there are a lot out there who do appreciate Polanco's hard work. Well, besides all the Detroit fans, anyway.

Although it's taken a while for the Tiges to warm up, it seems that they've now hit their stride and it could be an enjoyable few months ahead. But let's not jinx anything...

## In The Service

Melissa Hawks has been selected to receive an Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) scholarship at a selected host college or university. The cadet was selected on the basis of comprehensive tests scores, high school scholastic achievement, school officials' evaluations, extra-curricular activities, and community involvement. The scholarship is designed to cover the cost of tuition, textbooks, laboratory and incidental fees.

Upon graduating from college and completing the ROTC program, the cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the Air Force. The new lieutenants select and enter various career field opportunities to train as pilots, navigators, engineers, medical, personnel, business management fields, and special operations.

She is the daughter of Edward and Marcia Hawks of Ada.

Hawks graduated in 2008 from Lowell Senior High School.

Army Pvt. John J. Bastianelli has graduated from Basic Combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

He is the son of Mary Bastianelli of Ada.

The private graduated

in 2003 from Forest Hills Eastern High School, in Ada.

Army National Guard Pfc. Dawn L. Brown has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Brown is the daughter of Mickey Dawson of Lowell.

The private graduated from Lowell High School in 1996.

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We will not print any comments that are offensive or libelous. Direct aims at individuals, political figures and businesses will not be printed. For direct opinions on a subject (including, but not limited to, politics, businesses, city government and Ledger criticisms), please send a letter "To the Editor". All letters must be signed (first and last names). Please check Page 5 of this week's paper for the complete guidelines.

All comments are submitted by the public and do not necessarily represent the views of the Ledger.

**The director at the food pantry is Jodie Haybarker not me. I am one of her many volunteers. The credit should go all to her and Craig.**  
- Cindy

**How can you compare a Walgreens to a Big Boy? Why don't you start your own Big Boy/KFC or whatever else you want.**

**King's Brass concert at First Baptist was a WOW! for Lowell. Lowell is the NOW place to be!**

**Thanks to all the parents for sharing their children during a great week of "Avalanche Ranch" VBS at First Baptist. There were even real horses to send us off into the sunset the last day!**

**Why not a Skate Park? Kids having a "safe" place to be & getting exercise to boot! Hmm-mm, kids exercising or the dogs? If you have a better idea I would love to hear it.**

**People keep laying the blame for the gas prices. I say let's give a Nobel prize to the person or party who solves it. Quit your gripin'.**

**Yes, why are we getting a Walgreens? What's wrong with Rite-Aid? Why not a few new restaurants? Big Boy, KFC, Red Lobster, Longhorn Steakhouse, something different for a change!**

**I think Lowell needs a recycling center.**

**Congratulations to Jack Friesner for the excellent article in View Point. Comment- The past is our guideline to the future. The problem is that greed has blinded us.**

**Our community is really losing out if we don't bring the Pow Wow back next year. Please save our Pow Wow. Is there any way we can restore Restoring the Pow Wow?**

**A great big thank you to the neighbor who took it upon himself and weed whacked the corner of 52nd and Alden Nash. We can actually see traffic without having to be in the intersection.**

**I am so tired of all the people who want a Big Boy. Why don't you put up the 1.5 million needed for a new restaurant. You should only have to come up with about 2 dollars each.**

**The folks who take care of Fallasburg Park are the BEST! The park looks beautiful. Thank you for all your hard work.**

# CLASSIFIEDS

small ads **BIG** deals

## FOR SALE

**SARANAC** - 3 bedroom ranch, \$169,900. Over 1600 sq. ft. Call Barb Saladin, Rustin Realty, 616-260-7870.

**NEW HOME NEAR COMPLETION** - 8705 Vergennes, Ada Township. Call John 498-0020.

**1966 WARD 23 FT. CABIN CRUISER** - w/trailer, great shape, stored in garage for many years. Inboard motor. \$1,000. Call 897-7038.

**2003 HARLEY V-ROD** - New custom paint, rims, pipes, brakes, lowered 1", lots of chrome. This is an eye catching bike! Must see!! \$13,000. 616-893-6681.

**MEMORY FOAM MATTRESS** - Relieves back pain! Temperpedic queen, \$1,899; Theratouch queen "something", \$899. Is the name worth that much? Brand new. Also twin, full & kings. Try them at RCD Wholesale, G.R. 682-4767 or 293-5188.

**NEWSPAPER END ROLLS AVAILABLE AT THE BUYERS GUIDE OFFICE** - Many uses, table cover, art projects, packaging, etc. Stop by & grab one today! 105 N. Broadway.

**TEXAS LAND SALE** - 20-acre ranches, near booming El Paso. Good road access. Only \$14,900. \$200/down, \$145/mo. Money back guarantee. No credit checks. 1-800-755-8953. www.sunsetranches.com

**EARLY DEADLINE** - Due to the 4th of July holiday our deadline for the July 9 edition of the Lowell Ledger has been changed to Thurs., July 3 at 5 p.m. All early copy is appreciated. Lowell Ledger, 897-9261.

**JORDAN LAKE WATERFRONT** - \$175,000, 3 BD, 4 season porch. For details call Barb Saladin, Rustin Realty 616-260-7870

**CUTE ENGLISH BULL-DOGS** - Purebred, male & females available w/pictures, 10 weeks, price \$650 (shipping included). For more details, call 897-6482 or email: cole1063@gmail.com.

**26 FT. TANDEM DUAL EQUIPMENT TRAILER** - new brakes, \$2,200. 897-6062.

**MATTRESSES** - All new. All sizes starting at \$49. Large selection. Low overhead = lower prices. Shop & compare before you buy! R.C.D. Wholesale, G.R. 682-4767 or 293-5188.

## FOR SALE

**FOR SALE** - Lowrance X-65 graph, all brackets, transducer & instruction manual, \$125. Call 897-2722, excellent condition.

**AIR BEDS** - Selecta comfort firmness for each of you. Dual chambers. Digital remote, never used. Perfect for couples with different firmness needs. Queen \$795, king \$995. Air Bed Store, G.R., 682-4767 or 293-5188.

## FOR RENT

**BELDING** - Security deposit as low as \$99! Limited time. Lease special. Select units available. Visit our website: www.flatsontheriver.com or call 616-794-0370. Immediate assistance, Nicole 616-477-3829.

**DUPLEX FOR RENT** - 2 bedroom, full basement, nice country setting, \$575 per month. 897-5426 or 581-5265.

**LOWELL MOBILE HOME PARK** - Under new management. Nice 1, 2 & 3 bedroom trailer for rent. For info call George at 616-754-0276 or 616-813-8041.

**WATERFRONT COTTAGES** - It's time to get away, weekly & daily rental, completely furnished. Boats & air conditioning included. 897-5062.

**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.

**LARGE 1 BEDROOM APARTMENT FOR RENT** - \$775 + utilities. Ready June 1, 214 E. Main, Lowell. 616-291-1760.

**FOR RENT** - Cottages on Long Lake, near Belding. Swim, beach, clean & fun. \$600 a week. 897-5441.

**HALL FOR RENT** - with kitchen, seats 150. Call 897-6050.

**RENT TO OWN** - Ada Twp. home, Lowell Schools, approx. 1,200 sq. ft. 3 bedroom ranch, 1 1/2 bath, 2 stall garage, shows very nice. \$129,900. Call 616-260-5446.

**BOB CAT RENTAL** - \$185 a day. Includes delivery within 10 miles of Lowell. 616-902-5101.

**BRAND NEW** - beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath homes. \$665 rental or \$625 in-house financing. We work with bad credit. Call today, 897-8427.

**SOUND OFF LINE 897-0787**  
Voice your opinion!  
(good or bad)

## The Lowell Ledger CLASSIFIEDS

**TO PLACE AN AD**  
In Person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell  
By Mail: PO BOX 128, Lowell, MI 49331  
By Phone: 616-897-9261  
By Fax: 616-897-4809  
E mail: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com  
Deadline Monday at 5 p.m.

**Classified ad rates:**  
20 words...\$4  
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Bold \$1 each or Box \$2 each

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Friday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Closed Saturday & Sunday

## WANTED HELP WANTED

**LOOKING FOR A 3 BEDROOM HOME** - to rent in Lowell school district by July or August. Call Dan at 328-2809.

**BUYING ANTIQUES** - Collections, toys, games, advertising items, fishing & hunting things, jewelry & lots of other "stuff." Call 616-550-0521 today!

**ROOMMATE WANTED** - New home, female preferred between 35 & 45 years of age. Split bills, month to month. Call 987-6481 leave message.

**WANTED** - 3 bedroom house to rent or possibly rent to own. Needs to be in the Lowell/Saranac area. Gainfully employed for over 20 yrs. with excellent references. Needed this summer before school begins in the fall. 616-291-0862, ask for Kathy.

**WANTED** - used saddle seat outfits & equipment. Contact Mary Wolf 897-7376 or Linda Foote 676-0699.

**THE LOWELL EQUESTRIAN TEAM IS LOOKING FOR** - 9th-12th grade riders. Contact Mary Wolf, 897-7376 or Linda Foote, 676-0699.

**HELP WANTED**  
EARN \$75 - Remove brush pile from my property. Call 897-6136.

**SERVICE TECHNICIAN** - plumbing experience plus. Full time w/Volverine Water, competitive pay & benefits. Must have good driving record. Apply in person 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. at 1301 Bowes Rd., Lowell 49331. Need directions? Call 800-589-6609.

## EVENTS

**EARLY DEADLINE** - Due to the 4th of July holiday our deadline for the July 6 edition of the Buyers Guide has been changed to Thurs., July 3 at noon. All early copy is appreciated. Buyers Guide, 897-9555.

**LAKE ODESSA LIVE-STOCK AUCTION** - Call 616-374-8213. Sale every Tuesday, 12 noon. Horse sale: 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month. Trucking available to and from market. Dave VanderBoon Call 616-374-0967 (home), 616-902-1130 (truck).

## SERVICES

**NEED A DUMPSTER? - Dudley's Dumpsters.** Dumpsters priced to get rid of your trash & save you cash! Garage, attic, household cleanup, roofing, trash, junk etc. 14 to 20 yards available. Call for free estimates. Now accepting credit cards. Contact Doug 616-295-6640.

**BUILT RIGHT COMPUTER SERVICE** - PC repairs, upgrades, system maintenance tune-ups. Custom computer builds, home networking, virus, spyware & adware removal. We help you sell & ship on Ebay. Affordable rates. Call 616-723-8911 or email builtrightcomputer@yahoo.com.

**POSTAL JOBS** - \$17.89 - \$28.27/hr. Now hiring. For application & free government job info, call American Assoc. of Labor, 1-913-599-8226, 24 hrs. emp. serv.

**CNA** - Experienced CNAs needed for local clients. 25+ hours per week. Immediate openings. Driver's license required. Call Elders' Helpers at 616-454-8305 or 888-224-8400 for more information.

**IMMEDIATE OPENING IN ALTO!!** - \$10/hour. Work 4 hours on Saturday, start time 5 p.m. General cleaning in a production environment. Apply in person: June 30 & July 1, 9-4 p.m.; July 2, 9-noon & July 3, 9-4 p.m. at Enviro-Clean, 3801 Eastern Ave. SE (between 36th & 44th Streets), Grand Rapids, EOE.

**WATSON'S HANDYMAN SERVICES** - Decks, doors, drywall & misc. repairs. Small jobs welcome. 897-6906.

**GALLERY AND CUSTOM FRAMING** - Fire and Water Art! 219 W. Main St., Lowell 890-1879. OPEN Wed. - Sun. 1-6 p.m. and Friday 1-7 p.m. NEW ART created by OUR 25 leading local artists! ART CLASSES! www.fire-and-water-art.com.

**PIANO LESSONS** - Encourage your child to learn something fun and beneficial this summer! I use the latest technology for learning theory, and introduce Jazz and Blues along with the classics. Vergennes Township 897-9485, \$15 per week. Email MissMeowwic@msn.com.

**ALTO DAYCARE HAS 3 FULL-TIME OPENINGS** - for 1st. shift, fenced in back yard, food program, CPR trained. Call 868-0752.

**UPS SHIPPING AT THE LOWELL LEDGER!**  
Call for a price quote!  
897-9261  
When calling please have zip code, weight & dimensions of box

## SERVICES

**YOGA CLASSES** - Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., \$6 per class, The Hammock, 1701 Alden Nash Ave. SE, Lowell, 893-5661.

**AVON** - Buy or Sell, \$10 to start, Fundraisers Available for your group or organization. Call evenings or weekends 897-5086 or email AvonbySherry@atcmi.com. Place your order online at www.youravon.com/sgrimm.

**PAYROLL & BOOKKEEPING SERVICE** - by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-6351.

**PAINTING** - Exp. painter for 25 years, fast, neat & clean professional. From drywall hanging to finish paint, 1 room to whole house, exterior & deck reconditioning. 616-340-6221.

**SEWING & ALTERATIONS** - by Patti Harrel. 897-0193.

**HORSE BOARDING** - \$150 per month. Stalls with pastures, 100 X200 outdoor arena, some trails & dirt road riding. Sherry 691-7489.

**HANDY REPAIR SERVICE** - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, plumbing, electrical, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198.

**DUCK DUCK GOOSE! DAYCARE HAS OPENINGS!** - Licensed, loving, learning enriched environment that is fun for your little person. Structured activities include art, music, stories, early math & science experiences & early language & literacy development. Call 897-9444.

**RESTORE YOUR HARDWOOD FLOORING** - w/ Boulder Construction LLC. Specializing in sanding, staining, refinishing, & repairing hardwood flooring. For a free estimate, call 897-5296, ask for Mike. Licensed & Insured.

**FOOT LAWN SERVICE** - Residential & commercial. Ph. 616-299-0300. Steven Noall, 301 N. West St., Lowell.

**CATS/KITTENS** - Spayed & neutered, \$25 for entire litter w/mama. Also, entire barn of cats for \$25. This is for Kent County residents only. Call 897-8865 to schedule an appointment.



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

### HUGE PLANT SALE

Sat., July 5, 8-5 p.m. 292 Jane Ellen.

### FIRST EVER SALE

Many clothes, antiques, tools, peddle tractor, etc. E. of Ionia on M-21, N. on Stage to 5060 Stage Rd. July 2-5, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### GARAGE SALE

Thurs., July 3, 9-4 p.m. & Sat., 9-noon. 240 Valley Vista Dr. 52' big screen & more.

### GARAGE SALE

Desk, ladders, shelves, file cabinet, bench grinder, Work Mate tools, household items. 2060 Conservation Trail, behind Tractor Supply. July 5, 9-5 p.m.

### MOVING SALE

July 4 & 5 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 13401 Vergennes, Lowell. Lots of furniture, biking & men's clothing, kitchen & misc. items. Everything must go!

We recommend you place your ad a week before the sale, not the weekend of your sale. Some people do not receive the Buyers Guide Sunday morning. We also recommend putting in some sort of directions.

## DEADLINE THURSDAY AT 5 P.M.

Price is 20 words for \$12, each additional word is 25¢.

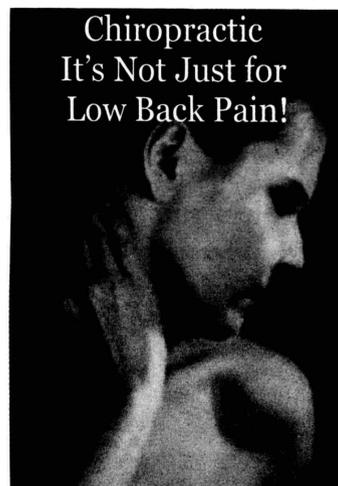
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# Grand Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep Spring Sale-a-thon

## 2008 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY

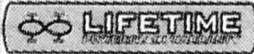


• Touring Pkg. • Exclusive Stow-N-Go Seating Package  
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• SXT full-loaded package • Power Windows, Locks & Mirrors • 6-speed Fuel Efficient Automatic Transmission • Power Sunroof • LIFETIME Warranty

Was \$25,370

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### 2005 FORD F-150 FX4 OFF-ROAD



Sterling edition, Triton 5.4, fiberglass hood, fiberglass, bed cover, leather, chrome, ski bars, dual exhaust, chrome wheels

Only... **\$19,972**

### 2006 JEEP WRANGLER



Soft top, auto., new BF Goodrich Tires, clean low miles.

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### 2005 DODGE DURANGO LIMITED



Heated leather, moonroof, CD, 3rd row, 6 disc, climate control, loaded ONE OWNER

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2005 DODGE RAM QUAD CAB 4-dr, 4x4 Hemi, chrome wheels, overhead information center, 39,000 mi.

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2006 DODGE DAKOTA QUAD CAB 4x4, Tonneau cover, V-8, after-market chrome wheels, heated bucket leather seats, satellite radio, full pwr.

**\$16,873**



2004 FORD F-150 SUPERCAB FX4, off-road, 5.4 Triton, tonneau cover, 4x4, only 34k, full pwr., hood scoop.

**\$17,856**



2006 DODGE RAM QUAD CAB Big Horn Edition, 4x4, Hemi, 6-disc, full pwr., r. sliding window, 20" wheels

**\$19,819**



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2006 DODGE CHARGER RT HEMI navigation, moonroof, dual exhaust, RT grill, alloy wheels, fog lights, rare.

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2005 CHRYSLER 300 AWD TOURING Moonroof, heated leather seats, alloy wheels, 3.5L

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2004 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE Laredo, 4.7L, 4x4, full power.

**\$11,961**



2007 DODGE CALIBER SE Full power, inferno red, new car trade-in

**\$12,612**



2005 JEEP LIBERTY RENEGADE Full power Bora dual exhaust, Boss wheels, Mopar Nerf bars, moonroof chrome grille, over \$3,000 in accessories.

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1998 CHEVY EXPRESS Limited Edition, remote start, V-8, 7-pass, CD, full pwr.

Now **\$7,930**



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Only **\$14,983**



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