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Fair promises a wholesome family deal

by Emma Palova



Horse-drawn shuttle will provide transportation from the parking lot to the fair.

Fair officials expect a great fair due to ailing economy and high gas prices this year. Both factors should boost attendance at

the favorite local event so close to home. Those expectations are reflected in the level of entries and exhibits which are staying at comfortable

last year's level. This year's sponsorship of the fair is up from the past with a total of 19 sponsors. "It will be a big year," said vice-president Bruce

Doll. "People don't want to drive." Fair manager Ron Wenger said he too expects a great turnout. "We do it for the kids,"

said Wenger. "It's a family deal, a good wholesome deal."

And there is something for everyone.

From animal judging, dog obedience, horse showmanship, horse pulls, rides to horse-drawn shuttles, it will be a week of fun.

"I hope people come to the fair and have a good time," said Doll. "We have the best of the best concessions."

Starting off hot with Parade of Clubs, Sunday Aug. 3, the fair is packed with activities every day of the first full week in August.

Some of the highlights include Tuesday night entertainment by Calvin Wayne featuring eight-year-old star, Breanna Romer.

Thursday also dubbed as Agricultural Day features the main event of the fair, the animal sales. Small animal sale starts at 2 p.m. at the Reath Barn, livestock sale starts at 2:30 p.m.

Four percent of sales go to the fair organization, the rest stays with the kids. The Ice Cream Social by

Cherry valley Livestock 4-H Club is at 7 p.m., also on Thursday evening.

New this year is the Guitar Hero Contest Saturday, Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. at the free entertainment tent. The Mid States Rodeo will close the fair Saturday evening. A special mega pass deal pays for five days of riding for \$48.

"I like seeing all the kids having a good time," said Wenger. "Kids like to see the animals. 4-H kids become responsible members of the society."

Wenger likes to stress the educational component of the fair. Many city kids have never seen a live steer, goat or a pig. According to Wenger, some have no idea where the food on the table comes from.

"We have the safest food chain in the world," said Wenger. "The fair teaches kids how to take care of animals."

Ample parking is provided at the fairgrounds for \$5 per car, \$15 per week. This year again horse drawn shuttle will provide transportation to and from fair.

SMAT showcases new generation missionary plane

by Emma Palova

The new generation of missionary planes powered by commercial jet fuel has arrived at the Lowell municipal airport. Unlike

regular missionary aircraft, the Kodiak Quest turboprop has modern short take off or landing (STOL) design for back country applications. "It was designed by missionaries for

missionaries," said new CEO and School of Missionary Aviation president Bill Jones. The rugged utility aircraft has been designed to land on unimproved

surfaces. It can take off under 700 feet at full weight and climb at more than 1,700 feet per minute. The Kodiak's cameo appearance last Wednesday in Lowell was part of a

nationwide summer tour sponsored by the Spokane Turbine Center, and Idaho-based Quest Aircraft Company, LLC. "It has rugged colorful construction," said Jones.

The biggest advantage of the aircraft is that it burns jet fuel, just like commercial jets, not aviation gasoline, which is still leaded.

"It's becoming

less available and more expensive," said executive director Jeff Turcotte of Spokane Turbine Center. "This is a unique turboprop airplane."

Not that Kodiak comes cheap by any means. Every 10th aircraft produced is sold

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Kodiak missionary aircraft burns jet fuel available everywhere. The colorful aircraft landed in Lowell last week.

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Backyard Dreams 9U travel baseball team wins championship

First year Travel Baseball organization Backyard Dreams 9U team just completed their first Tournament Championship this past weekend, July 12 and 13, in Hudson, Mich.

Backyard Dreams traveled south of Jackson to complete an undefeated tournament to finish with a perfect 4-0 record and nab 1st place. Backyard Dreams

9U, age nine and under, now owns an overall record of 11 wins vs. eight losses in their first year of competition.

The bats came out on fire in the first game as Backyard Dreams crushed Adrian 15-1. Tyus Beach, Cooper Perry, Trevor VanDyke, Jacob Wosinski, Dawson Chapman, and Kyle Mankel all picked up

two hits to lead the attack. Game two was much of the same as BYD dominated again, blowing out a team from Pittsford 17-2. Wosinski had another big game with the bat that included 3 hits, Braydan Ergang, Tyus Beach, Cooper Perry, Dawson Chapman, Garrett Pratt, Jack Malone, Hayden Barry, and Kyle Mankel all put up two more hits as BYD cranked out 19 hits, many of which were for extra bases.

Game three Backyard went up against a tough team of All-Stars from Onstead as the game was tied at eight going into the fourth inning before BYD blew it open again with 10 runs over the next couple of innings.

Winning big again 18-8, Beach again lead the attack going 3-4 at the plate. Perry, VanDyke, Chapman, Pratt, Malone and Barry added two more hits apiece.

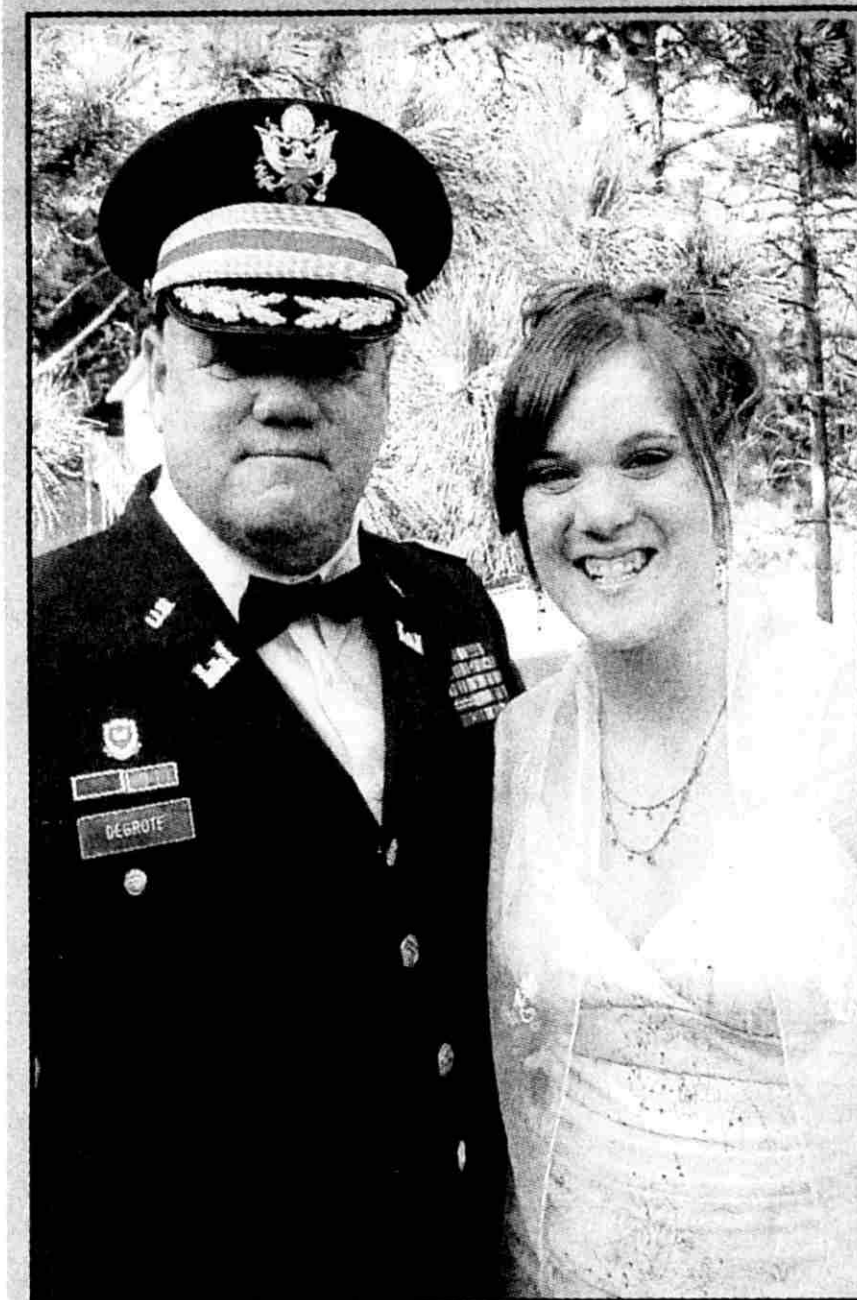
Backyard Dreams faced another strong team against Sand Creek in the

final championship game. Using much of the same formula that got them their, the bats jumped right out building an 11-2 lead through the first three innings. Sand Creed fought back, but some key defensive plays made by several players including Nat Barber halted the Sand Creek comeback to vault BYD to the title 13-8. Beach and Perry kept on hammering the ball, both going 3 for 3 at the plate. Ergang, VanDyke, and Wosinski all chipped in with 2 more hits a piece.

Backyard Dreams plays the Grand Rapids Gonzo Ball Tournament July 25-27.

Backyard Dreams also has an 11U team having a lot of success this first season as well. If you have any questions, would like any personal instruction for your child, or would like to be a part of the Backyard Dreams organization right her in Lowell, please visit their website at www.yourbackyarddreams.com or call 616-307-0026.

Local soldier returns home from Iraq



The Lowell Moose Lodge welcomes home from his one year tour of duty in Iraq, Lt. Col. Dean Degrote, pictured with his daughter, Hailey.

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A public accuracy test of the voting equipment to be used in the August 5, 2008 Primary Election will be held on Wednesday, July 30, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331.

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The Englehardt branch of the Kent District Library is located at 200 N. Monroe St. in Lowell. For more information call 647-3920 or visit www.kdl.org.

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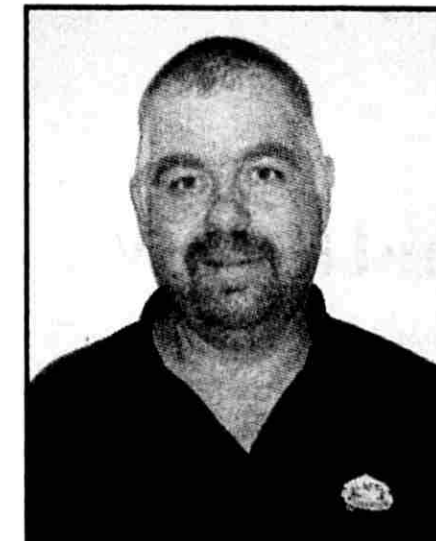
Concerts in full swing



With summer in full swing, the Thursday night Sizzlin' Summer concert series featured Blue Number Nine band from New Jersey. The music was a mix of funk, rock, soul and jazz. Some concert goers enjoyed the music floating on kayaks and pontoons. Next concert is Ginny Dusseau with the Truth in Jazz Orchestra playing jazz and swing music.

Vander Ziel running for Lowell Township trustee

by Emma Palova



Steve Vander Ziel

Joining six other candidates for Lowell Township trustee seats is Steve Vander Ziel. Four seats are open on the board.

Vander Ziel, 46, a business owner and a former farmer, is running on Republican ticket. He has been a resident of Lowell township for the past 34 years.

"I have entered this race to bring common sense and continuity back into our

local government," said Vander Ziel.

Even though he has no prior political experience, Vander Ziel, says he offers a unique perspective and a better understanding of community issues.

"I look forward to addressing the many challenges this position has to offer," said Vander Ziel. "To bring fair and unbiased conclusion that will benefit the township and the community as a whole."

His goals include bringing local jobs, encouraging business growth, while maintaining the rural character of the township.

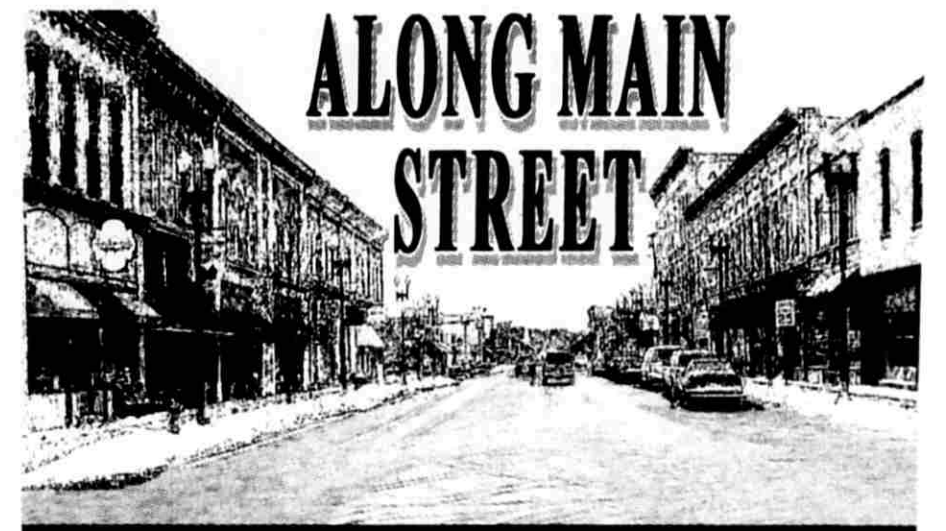
"I want to encourage community involvement and participation in the township government," Vander Ziel said. "To be committed to the growth and economical stability of Lowell Township."

As a former dairy and cash crop farmer and

a current business owner, Vander Ziel believes his experience will be beneficial when addressing the needs of the community.

"My role as a trustee will be to serve the community and fairly address the wishes and needs for the residents of the township," he said.

Vander Ziel is married to wife Joan with five children, Amy, Andy, Melissa, Kelly and Kyle.



PINK ARROW PROJECT

The silent auction for the Pink Arrow Project has begun. Bids can be placed at Pep Talk for one of 11 jerseys available to the highest bidder. Honor a cancer survivor or loved one lost by purchasing a pink jersey to be worn by a player during the Sept. 12 Varsity football game. After the game the jersey will be yours to keep as a memento of this exciting community event. For info call Pep Talk, 897-7200.

FREEMONT FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

The Hall of Fame ceremony can be seen on Channel 20 on Wed., July 23 at 6 p.m.; Thurs., July 24 at 5 p.m.; Fri., July 25 at 7 p.m. and Sat., July 26 at 10 a.m.

LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL SIGN-UP

Sat., July 26, 8 a.m.-Noon, Tues., July 29, 6-8 p.m. and Thurs., Aug. 14, 6-8 p.m. at Burch Field. All new players must bring a copy of Birth Certificate for birth date verification. Flag Football, ages 4-7 years, must be 4 by/on Nov. 1. Youth Football & 78er's, 8 years-8th grade, must be 8 by/on Nov. 1. 78er's Cheerleading, 7th & 8th grade. For more information, 897-7896 or email: lowellyouthfootballleague@yahoo.com

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The Lowell Senior Center will be selling ice cream Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri., August 4-9, 6-8 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Lowell Senior Center Building Fund. Any questions, call 897-5949.

ANTE-UP LACROSSE CAMP

Lowell Lacrosse has invited Ante-Up Lacrosse to Lowell to offer a lacrosse day camp. The camp is designed for grades 5-12, and includes all ability levels. Camp will be at Lowell High School, August 8-10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For registration information go to www.anteuplacrosse.com or call Tim Duffy at 708-606-0177.

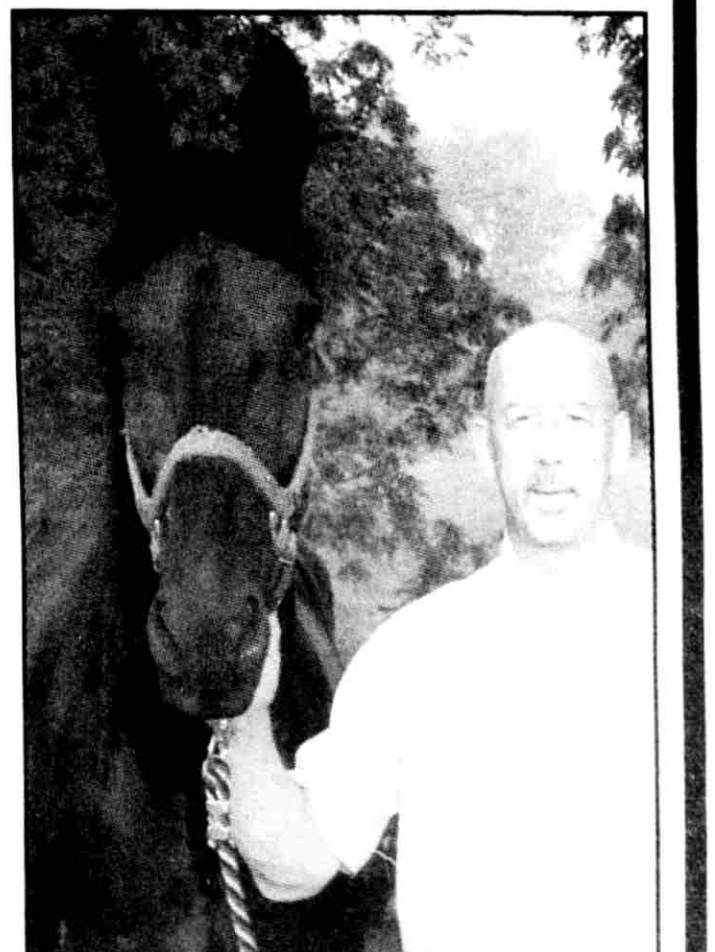
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Viewpoint

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

It's hard to comprehend with our state having eight percent unemployment and our country being in a economic dilemma with oil prices out of site along with a mortgage meltdown that there are grownups squabbling over a skateboard park.

I'm for a skate board park and I'm also for a new car but I understand that it isn't financially feasible at this time. Lowell needs to stop there spending with no end attitude. As the economy shrink we have to tighten our belts and so does the city.

As for the money for a skate park coming from the general fund I say no. We as a city should be spending only on our necessities and not our wants at this time. But everything is not all so bleak in that it might be possible to have the use of Lowell's ice rink and in doing so would utilize the rink more than just a few months in the winter.

Maybe through donations there could be some ramps or what ever that can be removed for the winter. Who knows what expansion can be accomplished down the road when our economy warrants it. You can't always start at the top as so many in society expect today. You learn to do with what you have and go from there.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard

To the Editor,

I am writing in regards to a letter n last week's Lowell Ledger submitted by Vaughn Morrison. I took great offense to Mr. Morrison's narrow minded, classless comments regarding past leadership in Lowell Township. Mr. Morrison's need to publicly criticize this communities leadership over the past "two decades" in order to gain support for Supervisor Blumm is disheartening.

Mr. Morrison's comments seemed to be specifically directed towards then Supervisor John Timpson; my grandfather. Suggesting my grandfather was dishonest and lacked integrity is appalling. My grandfather's dedication and devotion to Lowell Township in and out of office has always been clear.

I hope the readers of the Lowell Ledger are able to see past Mr. Morrison's careless comments. I couldn't be more proud of what my grandfather, with the support of Lowell Township, has done for this community.

Respectfully,
Zach Beachum

Dear Editor,

There is some unsubstantiated information of uncertain origin being spread as in all elections. So I'd like to share some positive facts you may not know in regard to the

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Writing to the editor ...

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By Shelly MacNaughton

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL JULY 25, 1883

Huckleberries have put in an appearance. The rear of the Flat river log drive passed through Lowell Monday.

A fellow was on our streets Friday and Saturday catching "suckers" on a ring toss game.

Over one hundred and fifty men stood on the bridge Monday morning watching the log blockade. Had the railing given away, many lives would have been lost.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 23, 1908

Franklin D. Eddy, an old well-known Lowell boy, and Henry Smitter of Grand Rapids are here working up an illustrated advertising souvenir of Lowell, for the Home Comers. The book will be printed on heavy calendar paper bound and tied with ribbons and will contain many portraits of Lowell citizens, past and present, and views of interest. This will be a souvenir highly prized by all Lowellites.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO JULY 27, 1933

To those who want to get an eye full of the latest and best in the form of entertainment Lowell extends a cordial invitation to attend the 1933 presentation of the Showboat.

So with the boat about ready for its final decorating and the show an assured success don't forget the dates, 3rd, 4th, and 5th of August.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 24, 1958

Twenty-four Elm trees in Lowell will have to be cut down because of Dutch Elm disease, the Plant Industry division of the Michigan Department of Agriculture reported.

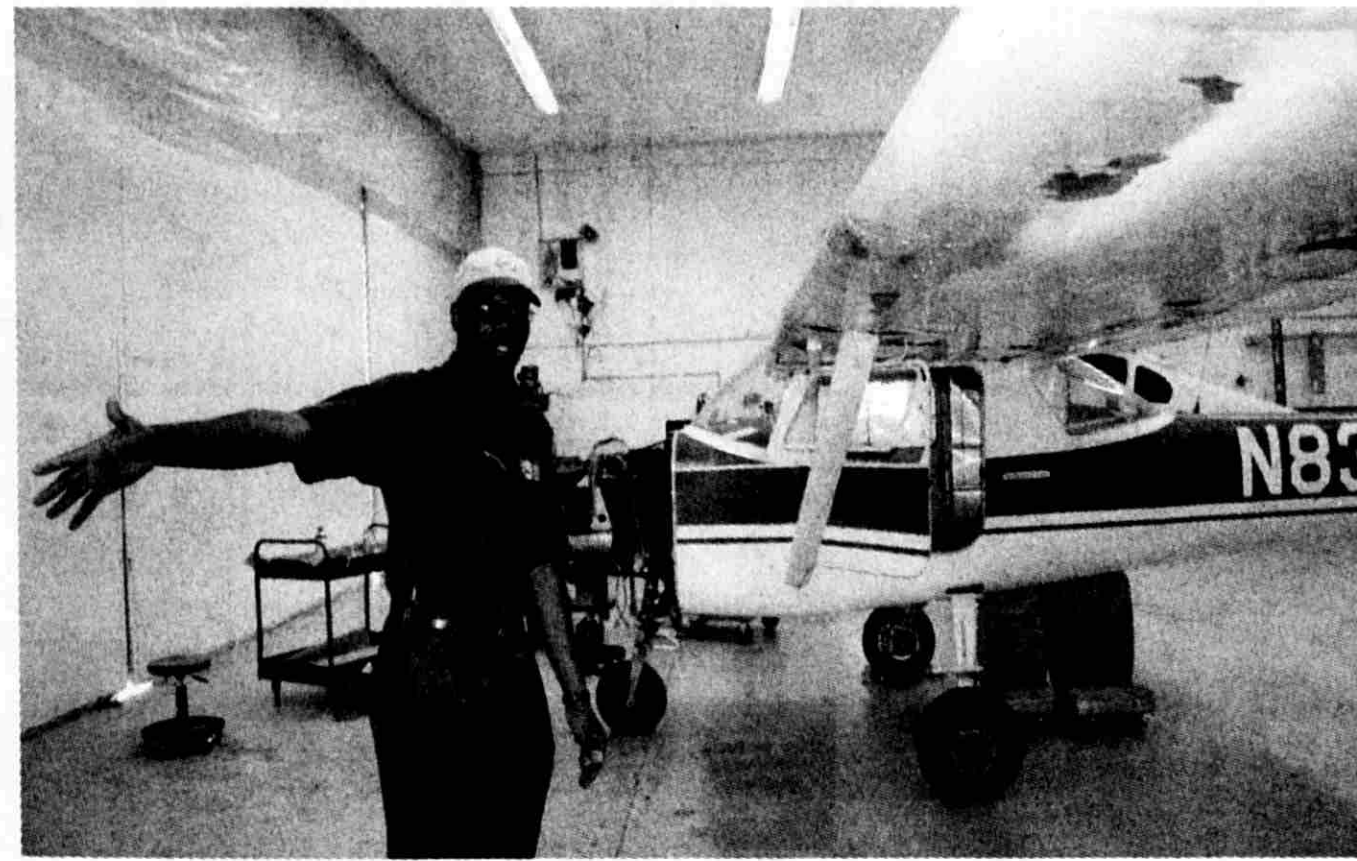
Headline: Frank Stephens Captures Prison Escapee Sunday

Police Chief Frank Stephens apprehended Donald McIntosh, 21-year-old, who escaped from Ionia Reformatory Friday night. Stephens and Lester Stauffer, Captain of the prison guard saw McIntosh on Vergennes Street near the old airport and picked him up as he darted into the bushes Sunday morning.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JULY 27, 1983

After 55 years as Lowell's entertainment center. The Strand Theater is closing its doors. When built by Harvey J. Callier in 1928. The Strand was heralded as "Michigan's most beautiful small theater." Present owner Robert DeNolf, has operated the business since 1972 as a family run business. DeNolf blames the impact Lowell's new Cable TV system has had on the Strand's attendance as the principal reason for closing.

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not part of that budget, according to DesJarden. He also estimates 50 percent cost increase of asphalt after Aug. 1.

Also \$3,100 was used for electric conduit installation, as well as \$842 for Lowell Light and Power work.

"The lot and the street have been deteriorating badly," said city manager Dave Pasquale. "We need to upgrade that to a good condition."



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To The Editor

Dear Editor,

It's hard to comprehend with our state having eight percent unemployment and our country being in an economic dilemma with oil prices out of site along with a mortgage meltdown that there are grownups squabbling over a skateboard park.

I'm for a skate board park and I'm also for a new car but I understand that it isn't financially feasible at this time. Lowell needs to stop there spending with no end attitude. As the economy shrink we have to tighten our belts and so does the city.

As for the money for a skate park coming from the general fund I say no. We as a city should be spending only on our necessities and not our wants at this time. But everything is not all so bleak in that it might be possible to have the use of Lowell's ice rink and in doing so would utilize the rink more than just a few months in the winter.

Maybe through donations there could be some ramps or what ever that can be removed for the winter. Who knows what expansion can be accomplished down the road when our economy warrants it. You can't always start at the top as so many in society expect today. You learn to do with what you have and go from there.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard

To the Editor,

I am writing in regards to a letter n last week's Lowell Ledger submitted by Vaughn Morrison. I took great offense to Mr. Morrison's narrow minded, classless comments regarding past leadership in Lowell Township. Mr. Morrison's need to publicly criticize this communities leadership over the past "two decades" in order to gain support for Supervisor Blumm is disheartening.

Mr. Morrison's comments seemed to be specifically directed towards then Supervisor John Timpson; my grandfather. Suggesting my grandfather was dishonest and lacked integrity is appalling. My grandfather's dedication and devotion to Lowell Township in and out of office has always been clear.

I hope the readers of the Lowell Ledger are able to see past Mr. Morrison's careless comments. I couldn't be more proud of what my grandfather, with the support of Lowell Township, has done for this community.

Respectfully,
Zach Beachum

Dear Editor,

There is some unsubstantiated information of uncertain origin being spread as in all elections. So I'd like to share some positive facts you may not know in regard to the

Lowell Township election.

I'm pleased to say I'm proud of the job our Clerk has done in the last eight years. Linda Regan is doing an excellent job with all aspects of her office, such as elections, audits, record keeping, general ledger, financial reports and annual budgets. All of these are done in a timely and accurate manner.

For 10 years I worked at the Lowell Township office and my husband, Alyn, was involved at the Township for 13 ears as a member of the Planning Commission and as Trustee. We both have all the confidence in the way Clerk Linda Regan has performed her duties.

If you have any doubt as to how well the Township is being run, check the Michigan Dept. of Treas. web site (www.michigan.gov/treasury) and read the nine fiscal indicators by which the Township was rated. Lowell Township received a perfect score!

Let's keep the team we have running our Township government - Blumm, Regan, Stougaard. They are all knowledgeable, friendly, cooperative and efficient.

Glad Fletcher
Alyn Fletcher

To the Editor,

As I send my daughter, Mariah, half-way around the world to compete at the World Championships in the Philippines, my heart sings. Not just because my daughter is realizing her dreams, but because I realize how very blessed we are to be part of this small but amazing community. Individuals, families, and businesses have embraced Mariah with open arms and open hearts. Though clearly she is driven, determined, and dedicated, I believe Mariah is the athlete she is today thanks to you; her community, church, school, friends and neighbors. This is an incredible and overwhelming journey that she and vicariously, we share and I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the positive impact the Alto-Lowell community has had on Mariah and her success. Your inspiring notes, kind words and good wishes, financial and "in kind" sponsorships, friendship, and all around community support and involvement have been instrumental and critical in helping Mariah grow from an eight year old karate kid with pigtails and big dreams to an internationally recognized and respected athlete. In all sincerity, "It really does take a village" to raise a World Champion. She is my daughter, but from the bottom of my heart, she is your daughter too. As a community, I want you to know that we the family, close friends and coaches of Mariah Moore truly appreciate your very important part in the making of our hometown U.S. National and World Champion.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Moore

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Writing to the editor ...

The requirements are:

- All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification. All that will be printed is the writer's name and community of residence.
- Letters that contain statements that are libelous will not be published.
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By Shelly MacNaughton

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL JULY 25, 1883

Huckleberries have put in an appearance. The rear of the Flat river log drive passed through Lowell Monday.

A fellow was on our streets Friday and Saturday catching "suckers" on a ring toss game.

Over one hundred and fifty men stood on the bridge Monday morning watching the log blockade. Had the railing given away, many lives would have been lost.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 23, 1908

Franklin D. Eddy, an old well-known Lowell boy, and Henry Smitter of Grand Rapids are here working up an illustrated advertising souvenir of Lowell, for the Home Comers. The book will be printed on heavy calendar paper bound and tied with ribbons and will contain many portraits of Lowell citizens, past and present, and views of interest. This will be a souvenir highly prized by all Lowellites.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO JULY 27, 1933

To those who want to get an eye full of the latest and best in the form of entertainment Lowell extends a cordial invitation to attend the 1933 presentation of the Showboat.

So with the boat about ready for its final decorating and the show an assured success don't forget the dates, 3rd, 4th, and 5th of August.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 24, 1958

Twenty-four Elm trees in Lowell will have to be cut down because of Dutch Elm disease, the Plant Industry division of the Michigan Department of Agriculture reported.

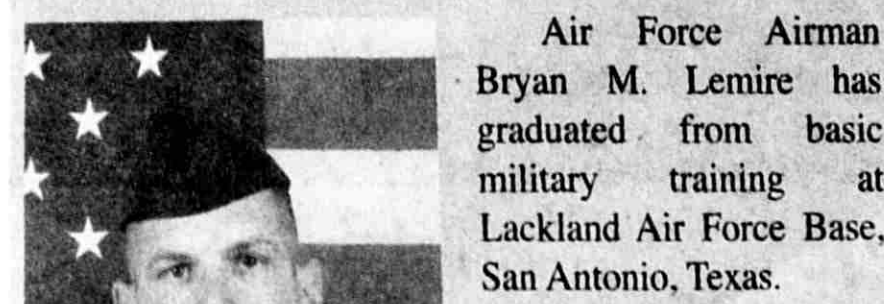
Headline: Frank Stephens Captures Prison Escapee Sunday

Police Chief Frank Stephens apprehended Donald McIntosh, 21-year-old, who escaped from Ionia Reformatory Friday night. Stephens and Lester Stauffer, Captain of the prison guard saw McIntosh on Vergennes Street near the old airport and picked him up as he darted into the bushes Sunday morning.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JULY 27, 1983

After 55 years as Lowell's entertainment center, The Strand Theater is closing its doors. When built by Harvey J. Callier in 1928, The Strand was heralded as "Michigan's most beautiful small theater." Present owner Robert DeNolf, has operated the business since 1972 as a family run business. DeNolf blames the impact Lowell's new Cable TV system has had on the Strand's attendance as the principal reason for closing.

In The Service

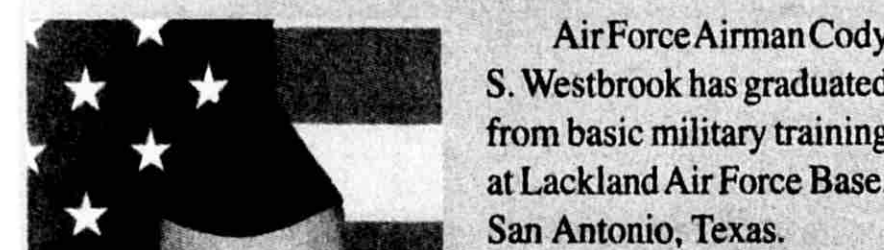


Air Force Airman Bryan M. Lemire has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Lemire earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is the son of Jeannie Lemire of Ada. The airman graduated in the year 2000 from Forest



Air Force Airman Cody S. Westbrook has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Westbrook is a 2007 graduate of Saranac High School.

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60th Wedding anniversary celebrated



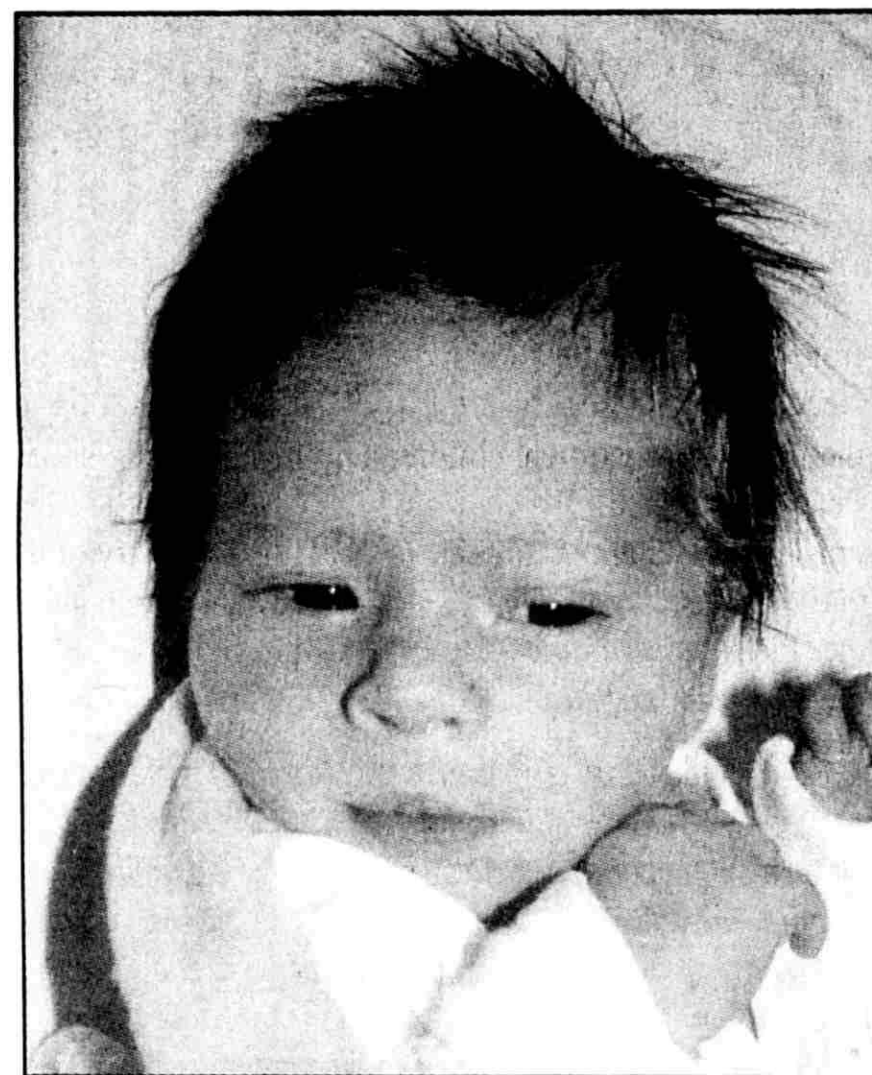
Martin and Lorema DeYoung

A 60th wedding anniversary was celebrated on July 17, 2008 by Martin and Lorema DeYoung. The couple, of Ada, were married in 1948 in Grand Rapids. Their children are Mart and Cheryl DeYoung of Lowell, Chris and Craig



Martin and Lorema DeYoung in 1948

and Tasha and Rich Brand Hayleigh Borton, Kennedy of Belmont. They have and Addison Weed and four great-grandchildren, Calihan Janowiak.



Margaret Beatrice Nowak

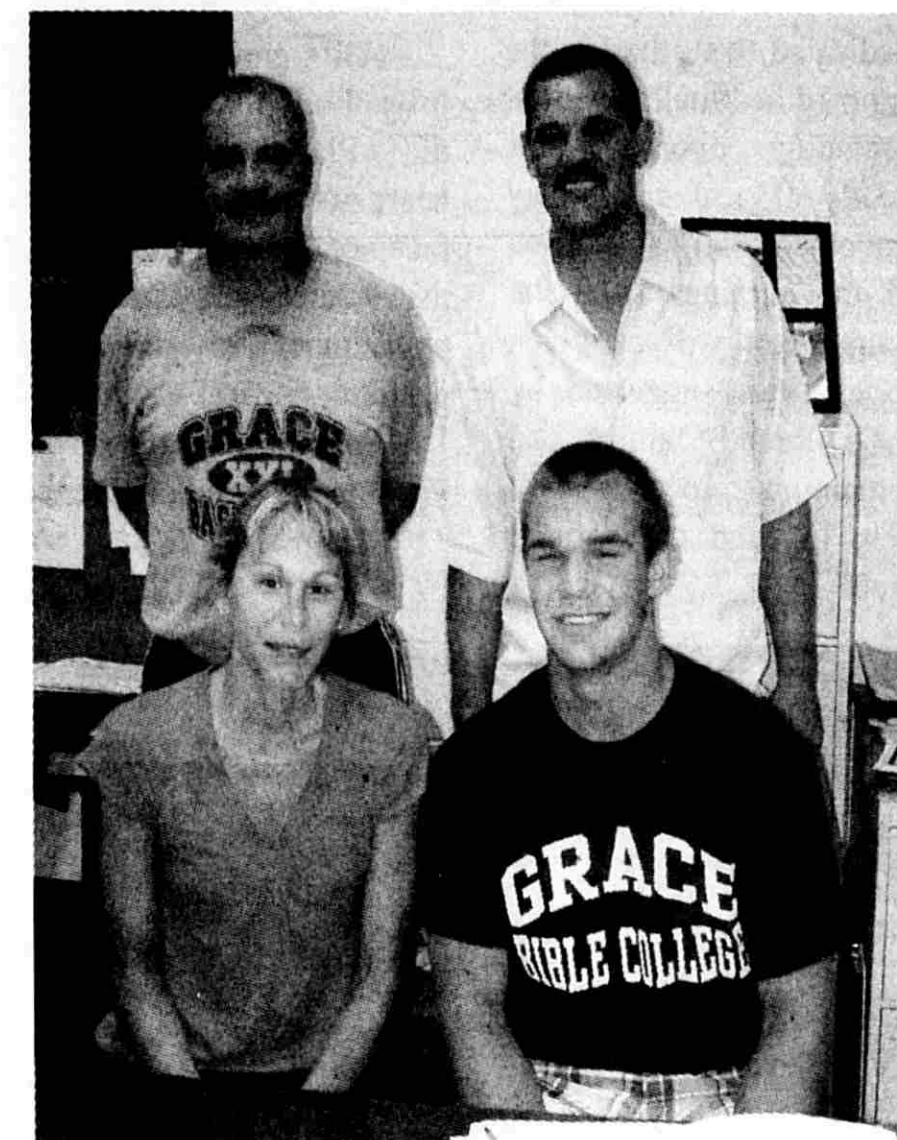
Matt and Molly She was born May 2, Nowak, of Ada, are proud 2008 weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. Grandparents are Norm and Rosemary Byrne and Beatrice Nowak. Dennis and Lori Nowak.

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Tigers sign Lowell's Matt Kurtz



First row, left to right: Debbie Kurtz, Matt Kurtz. Second row, left to right: Coach Gary Bailey, Jeff Kurtz.

Grace Bible College continued to strengthen its roster with the signing of 6'0" guard Matt Kurtz from Lowell High School. Kurtz was a 1st Team All-Conference selection in the tough O-K White Conference, averaging 14.5 points per game. He was also voted Lowell's MVP this past season.

"Matt is an outstanding young man with great character," said Grace Head Coach Gary Bailey. "He already has a great jump on strength and conditioning for the next level. When we were recruiting Matt, Lowell's Head Coach, Jeff McDonald, had such great things to say about him, and so far everything he said has been right to the letter. Matt has been working extremely hard this summer on his

game and the results are showing in open gym. Matt will have the opportunity to do some great things at GBC."

Matt is the son of Jeff and Debbie Kurtz and he has a sister, Lauren. Matt will wear #25 for Grace next year.

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Osteoporosis is a disease that causes loss of bone mass. When bones thin, they become more fragile and tend to fracture easily. It mainly affects older men and women, but can strike at any age. One out of every two women and one in eight men over 50 will have an osteoporosis-related fracture in their lifetime.

When osteoporosis becomes severe, these fractures tend to occur with minimal stress or injury. These fractures tend to occur in the spine, which leads to loss of height, chronic pain, and a "stooped-forward" posture. They may also occur at the hip with minor trauma. This can lead to decreased mobility, which can be detrimental to seniors. The good news is that osteoporosis can be prevented and treated in most cases.

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

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

Happy Birthday

- JULY 23:**
Dave Fosburg, Nathan Swift, Heather Pretzel, Robert Jahnke.
- JULY 24:**
Nathan Bush, Mike Lally.
- JULY 25:**
Ella Tuinstra.
- JULY 26:**
Elaine Gregersen, Eric Baird, Josh Geldersma, Ellen Dilly.
- JULY 27:**
Kyle Hendrick, Mike Shalander, Ed Roth Sr., Jason Spencer, Paige Wilson, Sharon Tichelaar.
- JULY 28:**
Tom Speerstra, Rachel Shanne Smith, Bobby Wright, Tiffany Hunt.
- JULY 29:**
Rachael Vegter, Mary Fox, Matt Lee, Terry M. Estes.

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LOOKING FOR ARTIFACTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

The Lowell Area Historical Museum is currently working on "Cobblers to Tin-Knockers" an upcoming special exhibit for the fall. We are looking for artifacts from the community to borrow for this one year exhibit. Needed are old shoes dating back to the mid 1800's to the present for women, children and men. (Saddle shoes, Penny loafers etc). We also would like hats from the same era, and anything pertaining to the retailing industry of the early 1900's, like fishing lures and hardware merchandise etc. Please give us a call at 897-7688 if you have any of these objects and would consider allowing us to display them.

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Lowell Xtreme hosts fourth annual softball tournament

The Lowell Xtreme Girls Fastpitch Softball Club is looking forward to hosting the Maggie Hilbrands Memorial Softball Tournament. This is the fourth year that Lowell Xtreme has held this tournament, and marks the

second year that it has been named in memory of Hilbrands, who died one year ago after a tragic softball accident just prior to the tournament.

Games will start on Friday evening, July 25,

with a full lineup of games also scheduled for Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27. The tournament has grown to 33 teams this year; the largest number yet. There are nine teams in the 10 and under bracket, while there are 12 teams each at 12 and under and 14 and under levels. Most games will be played at Creekside

Park, with some also being played at the Cherry Creek Varsity Field, Lowell High School Freshman field, and Lowell Recreation Park. Admission is free and there is free parking at all locations. Concessions will be available at Creekside Park.

Lowell Xtreme is an all volunteer organization

dedicated to furthering the sport of softball for girls, providing opportunity for nearly 80 local girls to play travel softball. A portion of the earnings from the tournament will be given to charities suggested by the Hilbrands family. The remaining proceeds will help to fund the softball club.

All participants are invited to play as Maggie did: Play with all your heart, wear a smile on your face, encourage your team mates, and appreciate each opportunity to play the game.

For information on location and times of specific



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According to Animal Behavior Associates, the total number of horses owned in the U.S. in 2001 was estimated to be 5.1 million, with numbers growing today. Horses can be purchased, leased, or even adopted. Whether you choose to keep a horse as a pet companion will rely on a number of factors.

1. Expense: Horses can be expensive pets. Apart from the initial expense of purchase, food and shelter costs can quickly add up. If you are lucky enough to have ample land on your property, you may save in boarding costs. But if you need to rent a stall, it can be pricey. Many horse experts say that you'll need at least \$1,200 per month

for horse care.

2. Space: Horses need exercise, a chance to graze, and a place to rest out of the elements. Individuals with a lot of acreage may be able to devote the space for stables and a corral. Others will have to keep their horse at a stable where they can then visit and ride the animal.

3. Time: Horses are time-intensive pets. That means that they will require ample amounts of your time for care. Your responsibilities will include riding and exercising, feeding, tack cleaning, mucking stalls, in addition to grooming.

4. Grooming: Grooming should be a daily habit, as grit lodged under a saddle can be uncomfortable for a horse. As well as providing a shiny coat, regular grooming also enables one to notice any abnormalities on the horse. Cuts, irritations, or fever can be detected and treated during a thorough grooming session. Expect to spend a few hours every day with horse care.

Part of horse grooming involves visits by a farrier. The farrier's job is to take care of the feet (hooves). He or she does this by regularly keeping the hooves trimmed and observing the conditions of the hooves. The farrier will use a rasp, a hoof pick, a hoof knife, and nippers. The rasp is used like an emery board, the pick is used to clean the debris out of the foot, the hoof knife is used to clean out dead sole and the nippers are used for cutting the excess hoof wall growth off. Horses rely on their feet heavily, therefore foot maintenance is key.

Farriers are responsible for this health and can take preventative measures to ensure hoof health and even work to correct certain problems.

5. Feeding: Proper nutrition will allow a horse to grow and function normally throughout its life. Hay is generally the most widely used source of food for horses, as it's rich in vitamins, minerals and proteins, and is an essential part of normal food digestion. Make sure the hay is good quality and free of mold, as this can cause colic. A balanced diet for horses is largely based on carbohydrates, with fats and proteins as essential supplements to the diet. Corn and oats can be used as supplemental foods or treats. However, these foods are high in calories and could promote weight gain if abused. Fresh water is also necessary, and horses should have access to plenty of it.

How much food your horse will need is largely dependent upon size. According to Acreage Equines, on average a horse needs 2 to 2.2 pounds of feed for every 100 pounds of body weight. One of the leading causes of animal cruelty among horses is malnutrition, so careful attention should be placed on providing enough food.

Horses can be rewarding companions and beautiful animals for which to care. However, careful consideration should be placed on whether you have the time and money needed to keep a horse before you seek to purchase or lease an animal.



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To The Editor, continued ... From Page 5

Dear Editor,
I am the oldest son of the late Leonard Den Houter. He was a trustee of Lowell Township from 2005-06 as well as a member of Lowell Township's Long-Range Planning Committee. As trustee, he always submitted to the statutes of the township. For example, he never failed to submit to the township regarding his sand-mining operation. At the township's request, he put up a sand berm to hide his sand mine from view of Alden Nash. And he never sold sand without a permit from Lowell Township.

My dad was a statesman, not a politician. What I mean

is this: he put the interests of the people in Lowell Township above his own interests. A politician doesn't do that. A politician tends to his own interests first, and only after satisfying himself does he tend to the needs of the people he governs.

Paula Blumm was a close friend of my dad's. My dad respected Paula very much, and Paula has told me the respect was mutual. Paula and my dad agreed that government officials should put the needs of those they govern above their own interests.

Paula Blumm is a true stateswoman. In her time as

Lowell Township Supervisor, she has labored diligently to apply the township statutes impartially to all people. She does not use her authority to give herself special treatment, nor does she manipulate the statutes to benefit herself or her friends. She knows that the statutes of Lowell Township apply to her as much as to everyone else.

The person running against Paula is part of Lowell Township's old regime of politicians who used the power entrusted to them to serve themselves first. If this person is elected, Lowell Township will lose much of the positive momentum it has gained in the last few years, and my dad's efforts to bring integrity to Lowell Township will be for naught. I trust the people of the Lowell Township to keep the positive momentum going and ensure that integrity remains an integral part of the township governance.

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Five players inducted into the Freeport Fastpitch Softball Hall of Fame

Five area players joined 32 previous inductees in the Freeport regional Fastpitch Softball Hall of Fame on July 12 during a break in the annual Hall of Fame Tournament in Freeport.

2008 inductees are Bob Walton, 3rd baseman; Harold Krebs, centerfielder; Dick Johnson, pitcher; Honk Keeler, shortstop; and Pat Loftus, 3rd baseman-catcher. Winefred Foote accepted the honor and trophy for the family of Honk Keeler who passed away two winters ago. The ceremony will bring the Hall of Fame membership to 37 men and women.

Walton, Krebs, Johnson and Keeler are from the same era before 1970.

Krebs played as a center fielder and short fielder (in the old days teams played with four outfielders). He played eight years for Orton Seese's Alto team and carried a .313 batting average over the eight years, leading his team to a 149-50 won-loss record. He played his first softball game at the Star Country School, then for Bowne Center's

4-H team, before hooking up with Lowell's Hotpoint team at age 14. In 1946 he joined Freeport's Wood Garage squad, then joined the Alto team coached by Orton Seese in 1947.

Dick Johnson also learned the basics at Bowne Center, first at the school, then with the 4-H junior team. He played well enough as a junior to be picked up by the senior team to play the state finals. He began playing in Freeport in 1947, on a team composed about 50/50 of Freeport and Bowne Center young men while still in high school. The team was later sponsored by Freeport Merchants. During the 1949 season the young team coached by Jesse Blough beat Orton Seese's Alto squad (known at the time as the Yankee's of Barry County softball) three times.

First baseman Bob Walton was born and raised in Freeport. He played softball at school, then played organized ball for the Freeport Woods Garage team, then for the Freeport

Merchants. He still plays ball on a 60+ team and on a 70+ team as well as on a 75+ team in Grand Rapids.

trophy for his family.

Pat Loftus played 3rd base and catcher for the old Hastings Moose Lodge



(L-R): Dick Johnson from Alto, Harold Krebs from Eastmont, Winefred Foote receiving trophy for Honk Keeler, Pat Loftus for Hastings, and Bob Walton from Kalamazoo.

Bob says he played most positions over the years, but still prefers the "hot" corner at 3rd base.

Honk Keeler played mostly 3rd base for the Old Leary's Sports Center team. The first baseman on the team was Mace Thomas who says "Keeler had a rifle for an arm, he'd field the ball, tease the runner, then throw it at the last possible moment for the putout." He added "you couldn't drop his throws, he threw so hard the ball was burned into the pocket of your glove." Winefred Foote received "Honk's"

team (later the Hastings Merchants). Pat was named Athlete of the Year at Lakewood High School in his senior year (67-68) where he played golf, football, and basketball. Pat played in class D and B state finals in 1980 and 1982 respectively, for the Merchants. He played as a pickup player for Caledonia Family Tavern in International Softball Association World Tourneys against teams from Australia, New Zealand, and Canada, among other nations. He

Bowers, "Stub" Allarding, Orton Seese, and Harold Eckert.

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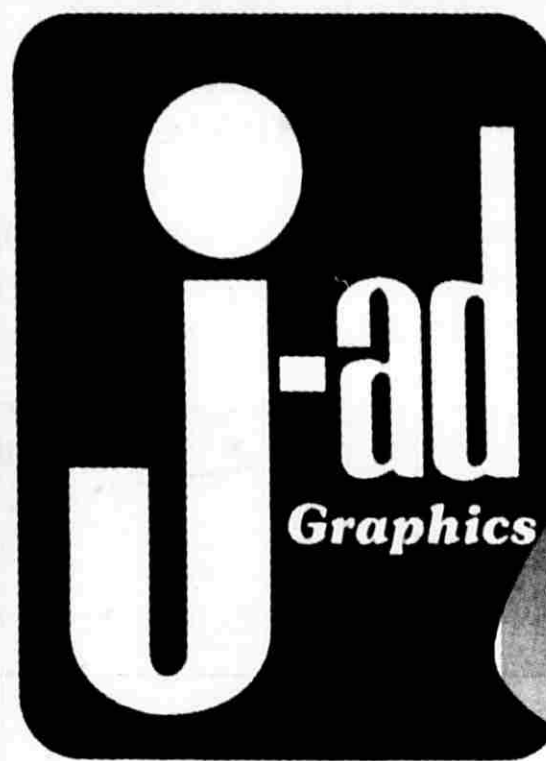


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Grilled Cajun Shrimp Serves 4 to 6
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon Hungarian paprika
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon onion powder

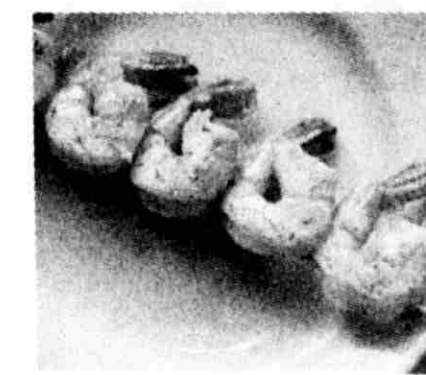
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

1 to 1 1/4 pounds (30 to 36) large shrimp, shelled and deveined

Soak 6 long wooden skewers in water to cover for 30 minutes. Build a medium fire in a charcoal grill or heat a gas grill to 350° F.

Combine the spices and herbs in a medium nonreactive bowl and stir with a whisk until blended. Add the lemon juice and whisk for a few seconds until smooth. Add the shrimp and gently toss in the mixture until well coated. Thread five or six shrimp onto each of the skewers and arrange on a large platter.

Oil the grate, add the skewers, and cook for 1 1/2 minutes on each side, or until evenly pink. Don't overcook, or the shrimp will become tough. Serve immediately.



CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF THE OPTICAL SCAN TABULATING EQUIPMENT FOR THE AUGUST 5, 2008 PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the public accuracy test of the Optical Scan Tabulating Equipment for the August 5, 2008 Primary Election will be conducted on Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lowell City Hall, Second Floor Conference Room, 301 East Main Street, Michigan.

Betty R. Morlock
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday, August 11, 2008 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider a special exception use permit as follows:

R2C Road Services LLC is applying for a special use permit to place a vehicle towing impound lot on unit 14 of the OE Bieri Industrial Park off Godfrey St near the Lowell City/Township boundary line. The lot is the first unit (1177) upon entering OE Bieri Industrial Dr Pvt.

The complete application can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674]**. Written and oral comments will be received from any interested party until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennestwp.org

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DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, JULY 21, 2008

Minutes of the July 7, 2008 regular meeting were approved as corrected and the accounts payable were approved.

The following actions were taken:

Motion to approve the 14th Annual Motorcycle Tony's Toy Run to be held at the Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 7, 2008 with working with Police Chief Valentine on the route coming in on M-21 (West Main Street) east to the Fairgrounds.

Motion to set a public hearing form Monday, August 4, 2008 City Council meeting to consider an Ordinance Amendment to limit on street parking prohibition between 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. from November 15 to April 15.

Motion to approve the resolution terminating the practice of requiring the issuance of building permits for certain reroofing and siding projects.

Motion to allocate \$6,000 from the Lee Fund for materials to construct a gazebo at Stoney Lakeside Park with volunteer help.

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, August 4, 2008.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on August 4, 2008 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.



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The Lowell Ledger

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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
each additional word 10¢
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

FOR RENT

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

WANTED

WE ARE LOOKING FOR - Sponsors to sponsor a pet in our Adopt A Pet section in the Buyers Guide. Only \$20 per week gets a homeless pet's photo out there for people to see & possibly adopt! Call the Buyers Guide, 897-9555 for details.

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

SPECIAL HOME NEEDED:

"Bella" is a 3 yr. old, 125 lb. spayed female St. Bernard w/up to date vaccines & a microchip. She is a sweet, obedient dog that would do best w/children over 12 & none or one medium dog. She is currently in foster care & needs to find a permanent home w/someone that has experience w/larger dogs & time to make her feel secure in her new home. Please call if you would like to adopt "Bella". Melissa, 616-293-7890 or Rhonda, 989-289-7775.

SERVICES

ANGELA'S DAYCARE - Immediate full time openings. Licensed, food program, fenced play yard, 13 years experience. Call 826-1192 or 868-6247.

GARDNER AVAILABLE - for personalized help w/new plantings, clean up, revamping or routine care. 897-4220.

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.

BUSINESS CARDS - For as little as \$26 for 250. (white card, black ink). Before you order your cards from somewhere else - check our rates! Call Lowell Litho, 897-9261.

FLAG POLE SALES - Installation, repairs & maintenance. Call United Sign, 616-693-2400.

PORTRAITS - Children, families, seniors, reasonable rates. Lifestyle photography. summerlacey.blogspot.com or 897-2656.

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

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

COPIES COPIES COPIES - Color & black & white copiers! Excellent quality! Stop by our office, Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway.

HORSE BOARDING ADA/LOWELL - We are a clean, well kept facility w/ 3 large stalls currently available. Daily turnout to lush green pastures. Indoor/outdoor arena and dirt roads to ride. Lessons available. Excellent care, all disciplines welcome. \$375 per month. Honey Creek Equestrian. Call Kathy, 616-450-3284.

DAYCARE OPENINGS - for full/part-time, Caledonia Schools. For more information call Denise, 616-891-8936. LS# DF21022736.

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

WANTED CLEANING JOB - Let me clean your house or business. Call 897-7468.

SERVICES

HORSE RIDING LESSONS - affordable rates, emphasize on safety and fun. Lowell/Ada area, English, Dressage, and general horsemanship for all ages. Jennifer, 1-616-550-8237 or Lyzastar@aol.com.

EXPERIENCED PAINTER - seeking opportunities. Exterior house painting, decks and small buildings. Serving Ada, Alto, Lowell areas. Free estimates, quality work. Reasonable prices. References. Call Jeff, 676-2525.

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.

HORSEBOARDING - quality care, daily turnout, \$250 per month. Call 897-5124.

CLEANING - Weekly, bi-weekly, residential, commercial & offices. 10 years plus professional experience. Call Kris @ 642-0395.

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.

C & S DRYWALL - Over 20 years experience. Complete drywall service, licensed & insured, free estimates. Call 868-6140.

SARANAC PLUMBING & HANDYMAN SERVICE - Drain cleaning, lift station repair, all plumbing service, water & sewer repair. Concrete, electrical & much more. Lowest rates around. Call Jeff Brown, 262-9825.

EVENTS

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).

NEW FAIR SECTION COMING IN THE BUYERS GUIDE - Includes all events, dates/times, editorials & advertisements. Pull-out section will run in the July 27 edition. If you would like to advertise in this section call 897-9555. Prices range from \$36.78 to \$510.72. Deadline for this section is 5 p.m. Thurs., July 24.

ALLEGAN ANTIQUE MARKET - Sun., July 27. 400 exhibitors. Rain or shine. 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., located at The Fairgrounds, right in Allegan. \$4 adm.

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 MONDAY AT 5 P.M.

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

Your ad can be called in to 897-9555 or 897-9261

Faxed to 897-4809

Emailed to: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com

Please include name, billing address & phone number

We assume no financial responsibility for typos in ads taken over the phone or for emailed or faxed ads not received. All care & diligence are used to prevent omission or error in any ad or any part of an ad. If your ad is phoned in, please make sure it is repeated back to you.

A Better Place...

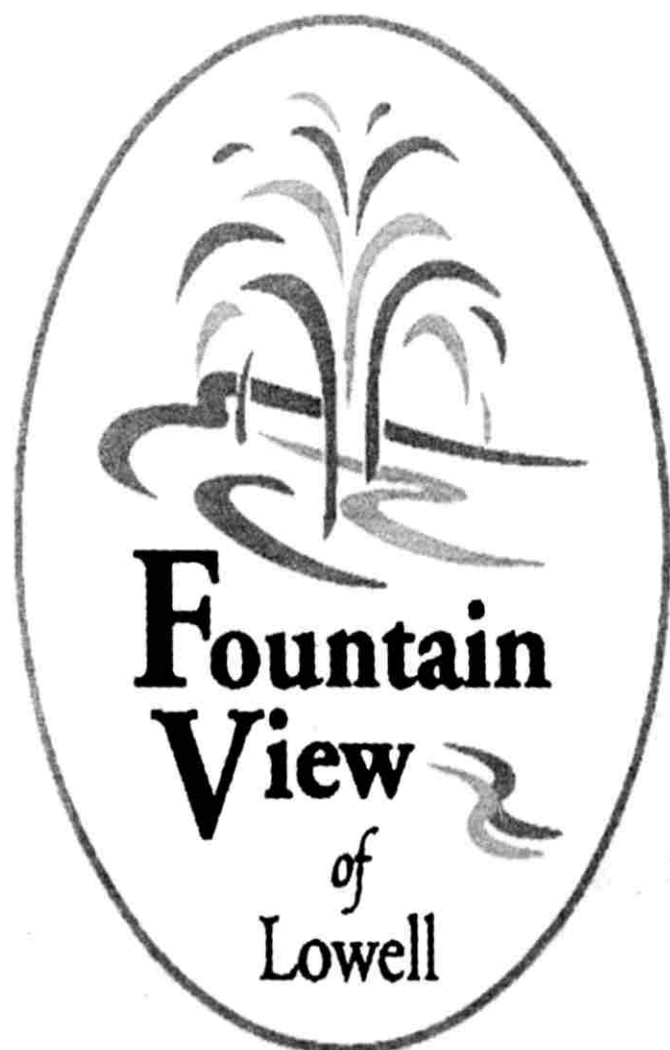
The Place of Choice

Fountain View is designed to provide choice and convenience for seniors requiring various levels of assistance with activities of daily living. Working together with you, we offer a family atmosphere, companionship and care while our residents maintain their independence and dignity.

Fountain View is pleased to offer quality *Assisted Living* services and *Specialized Memory Care* for those dealing with Alzheimer's, dementia and other types of memory loss.

We're in touch with changing needs

- Spacious, Private and Couples Suites
- Assistance with Personal Care Needs for the Independent and Frail Elderly
- Medication Administration
- Separate, special needs Alzheimer's & Dementia Residence
- Individualized Care Plans
- Respite Care Between Hospital and Home or Caregiver Relief
- Monthly Alzheimer's Support Group
- Physical and Occupational Therapy
- Trained Staff 24 Hours a Day
- Nutritious Meals and Snacks Provided Daily
- Beautiful Landscaped Grounds, Walkways and Courtyard
- Hair Salon
- Scheduled Activities
- Library



Fountain View Mission Statement

It is the purpose of Fountain View to honor God by providing high quality senior lifestyle services that promote the value and dignity of every person.

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