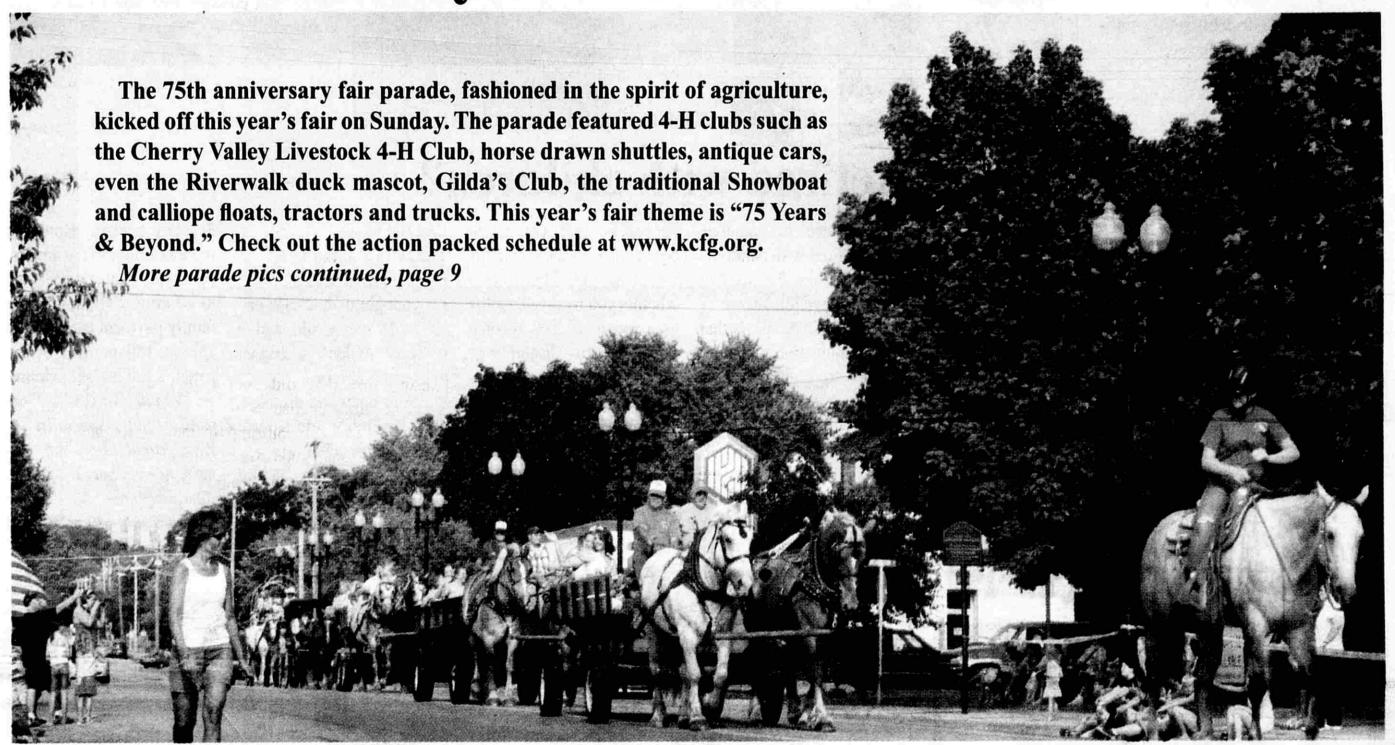
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### '75 Years & Beyond' the fair comes to Lowell



### City considers granting franchise for solid waste collection

by Emma Palova

he Lowell
City Council
discussed the
option of granting an
exclusive franchise to one of
the waste haulers at a recent
meeting.

However, the council members were evenly split over the issue. Even though the exclusive franchise

could realize some cost savings for the city, the concerns mainly included limiting free enterprise and the amount of trash disposed with the proposed 95-gallon carts.

Currently, the city uses several haulers with a combination of trash bags and carts. So, on any particular day, carts may be

out in the streets and waste haulers may contribute to increased traffic.

"I am somewhat torn," said mayor pro tem Jim Pfaller. "I struggle to fill a 35 gallon bag. I am not inclined to support a monopoly on trash hauling or imposing carts on people."

Council woman Maryalene LaPonsie also wasn't in favor of granting the exclusive franchise to one hauler.

"I don't like taking away people's choices," she said.

But, council member Jeff Altoft said having one hauler would get a little bit of traffic off the streets. "There is going to be cost savings," he said. "If there is a spill, we have no way to track it down. If we're to conserve energy, we should pursue this."

Smaller carts and a trash bag option plus recycling could be part of the bid.

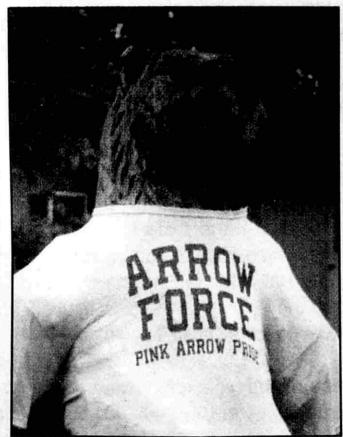
"Right now, they go on all days of the week," said Altoft. "It would cut down on noise and speeding."

The city staff will research the price of having an exclusive hauler. If the

City considers franchise, cont'd., pg. 4



Stumpy the bear on Bowes **Road**, has recently disappeared from the face of this earth to the dismay of most. Always decked out for the occasion, Stumpy weathered all storms, sunshine, snow and the rain. However, in recent months, the bear started rotting due to extremely wet conditions. "We had to cut him off. Right now, he's drying out in the barn," said owner Mark Mundt. "It's a very sad thing. He was part of our life." The famous bear even used to get his very own mail always titled, "Dear Mr. Bear." One letter said: "You brighten up my day." But don't cry yet, because Mr. Bear will be back in the spring after he dries out. "It's been great, we'll bring him back," said Mundt. Sometimes Stumpy dressed up as a Lowell football player, Michigan State player, Easter bunny, Santa Claus, a farmer, and in the summer he would sport



Stumpy, as he appeared last year wearing an Arrow Force t-shirt to show his support for the cause.

a yellow bikini. Mundt's wife Theresa made the costumes. "He had no idea he'd be a celebrity," said Mundt. Mundt said he and his wife would give some thought to the bear's comeback outfit. Stumpy was carved out of a pine tree by Michael Blane in 2004. In the meantime, enjoy the cubs.

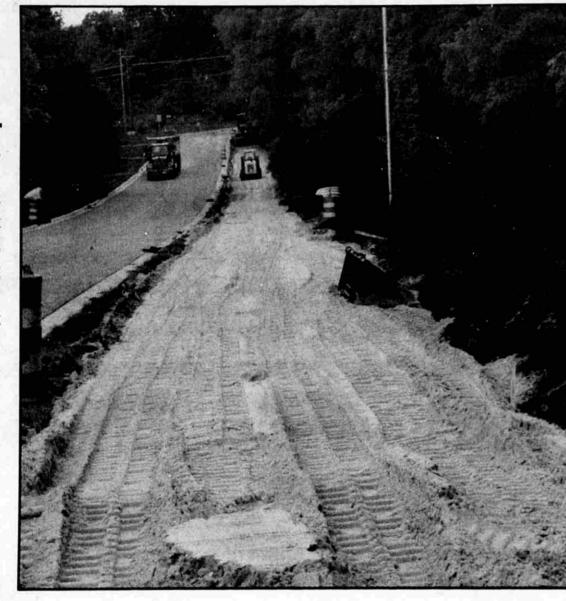


Railroad ties are stored near the Lowell Area Schools bus garage.

**SCHREUR** 

William Schreur, aged 79, and Gracia (Jim) Veldman. of Lowell, was called home Funeral services were held by his Lord and Savior Jesus on Saturday at First Baptist Christ on August 4, 2009. Church with Rev. David Sims He was preceded in death officiating. Those planning by his parents, Gerrit and an expression of sympathy Alice; his brother, Gerald; are asked to consider First and his sister, Alfreda. He is Baptist Church of Lowell. survived by his loving wife, Funeral arrangements were JoAnne, of 53 years; his made by Lake Funeral children, Philip (Victoria), Home in Saranac. Online Pam Andree, Kristine (Mike) condolences may be made Meyers, Bill (Brenda), and at www.lakefuneralhomes. Mary; 12 grandchildren; com his sisters, Jean Wilterink.

Florence (Gordy) Anderson,



### Safe Routes to School project on target for September

The Safe Routes to School project is on target for September completion. The project includes sidewalk construction in front of Cherry Creek Elementary, paving of areas by the school and the bus garage, and the construction of a 10-foot wide nonmotorized path along Gee Drive. which will connect into the Lowell Area Trailways.

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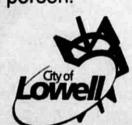
#### **PLANNING COMMISSION-CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING**

The City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, August 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

An Ordinance to amend Section 7.03 "Special Land Uses" of Chapter 7, "R-2 Residential District," and Section 8.03 "Special Land Uses" of Chapter 8, "R-3 Residential District," to allow Group and Commercial day care homes and facilities of Appendix A-Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the ordinance are available for inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library or on the City of Lowell's web page at "http:// www.ci.lowell.mi.us".

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 East Main Street Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

### Retired with children?

The idea of someone depend on you, you might Security taxes. being "retired with children" be able to receive benefits The child also must be: may seem like the seed of for them, too. This is true • another television sitcom or whether you receive benefits • reality show. The fact is that as a retiree or you receive • 18-19 years old and it's becoming more and more Social Security disability or full-time student (no higher common for older people to survivor's benefits. have minor children in their care - whether by bringing must have a parent (or in (The disability must have public affairs specialist for new children into the world, some cases a grandparent) started before age 22.) taking over the care of who:

Social Security benefits and worked long enough in a job parent's basic Social

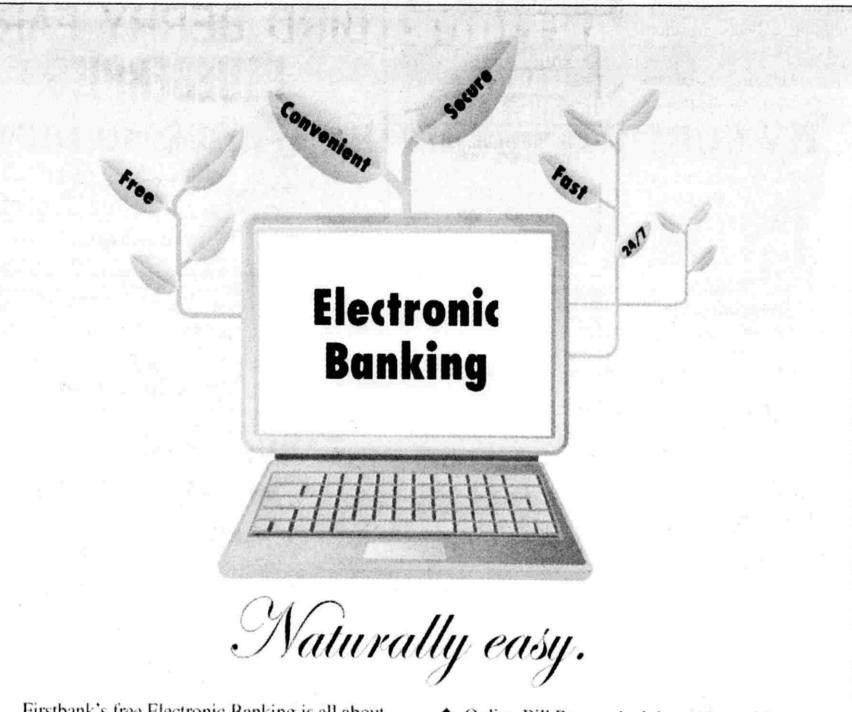
To get benefits, a child • 18 or older and disabled.

grandchildren or adopting • is disabled or retired and may receive up to one-half children who need nurturing entitled to Social Security of the parent's full retirement benefits; or

or disability benefit, or 75 So, if you receive • died after having percent of the deceased have minor children who where he or she paid Social

Security benefit. However, there is a limit to the amount of money that can be paid to a family. The maximum family payment can be from 150 to 180 percent of the parent's full benefit amount.

Vonda VanTil is the West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 50 College SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or via email at vonda. vantil@ssa.gov.



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### Visits to cancer center enhance student athletes' understanding

by Thad Kraus

For the 90-something Lowell student athletes, who visited Lacks Cancer Center of St. Mary's and Gilda's Club, seeing is understanding. Understanding is learning that the premier emotional support and social community for people with cancer and their family and friends is Gilda's Club.

Lacks Cancer Center at Saint Mary's is the only dedicated cancer hospital in West Michigan.

It offers comprehensive and outpatient inpatient services with the most diagnostic progressive tools, clinical research and innovative treatment technologies available.

Lacks manages everything from diagnosis to follow-up care in one centralized location, enabling families to conserve their energy and focus solely on the healing process.

Sharing Learning. Laughing.

These are three major components entwined in the opportunity to join with others in sharing in that distinguishes Gilda's Club as a program that emphasizes communitybuilding, collective wisdom and shared experiences.

Lowell student athletes also learned that the Lowell Club Gilda's satellite tentatively program, scheduled to open up on Sept. 12 at the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center, will be one of just two in West Michigan.

"You are a part of something special. What the Lowell community are doing is cutting edge," said Gilda's Club development director, Louise "Punky" Edison.

What members of the Lowell student athletes did on this day was take part in a group activity, sanitizing the indoor facility and then performing some light grounds work on the Gilda's Club campus.

Gilda's Club plays host to 200 activities a month





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- all made possible through the effort of volunteers. "We couldn't afford

to do any of this without the volunteers," Edison explained.

2,000 visits every month at the Grand Rapids location.

There are also over

The Lacks Cancer Center

"These visits help give is not only a resource of the student athletes a vision valuable clinical information of Gilda's Club and the and expert guidance, it also Lacks Cancer Center of St provides access to the most Mary's. Seeing them first progressive treatments and hand brings understanding," technologies said Lowell football coach, Noel Dean.



The efforts of volunteers are vital to Gilda's Club being able to host 200 activities a month along with keeping up with maintenance and grounds work.





Live Music on the Flat River On the Riverwalk • Historic Downtown Lowell



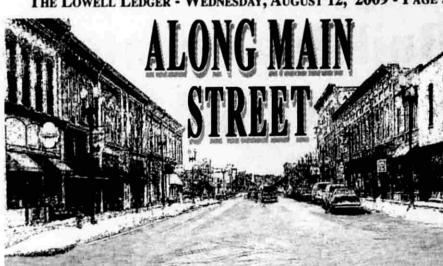
**Crossroads Blues Band** 

This band appeals to a very diverse audience. One of the major factors contributing to the flexibility of the band is the diverse musical backgrounds of the members. Their interests range from straight up Jazz and Blues, to Tejano and Country, from Psychedelic to Rock and Roll. In a time where so many blues bands follow in the blues-rock footsteps of Stevie Ray Vaughan and ZZ Top, the Crossroads Blues Band refreshingly draws its influences from the likes of T-Bone Walker and Gatemouth Brown.

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#### **BLUEGRASS MUSIC CONCERT**

Free at the fairgrounds, Thurs., Aug. 13, starting at 6:30 p.m. Two bands.

#### CALL FOR AUDITIONS

The Thebes Players community theatre is seeking seven actors (ages 25-70) for "A Dickens' Christmas Carol - A Traveling Travesty in Two Tumultuous Acts." Auditions are Fri., Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. and Sat., Aug. 22 at 4 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson. Dates of production are Oct. 16-25, 2009. For more information or to borrow a script for review, call or visit LAAC, 897-8545, www.lowellartscouncil.org.

#### **OUIT SMOKING**

Free smoking cessation classes begin Tues., Aug. 25, for 6 weeks on Tuesdays, from 6-8 p.m. at Lowell Family Medical Center, 2550 E. Main St. Registration encouraged, but not required. Call 616-975-0123 or go to www.tobaccofreepartners.org.

#### F.R.O.M. FOOD PANTRY

The pantry is in need of canned vegetables, fruit, juice, and personal care products. Please help if you are able. Visit www.fromlowell.org.

#### F.R.O.M. FOOD MOBILE

There will not be a food mobile for the month of August.





### 3rd Annual **Judged Pleasure Trail Ride AUGUST 22**

Help support programs for individuals with special needs The event takes place at YMCA Camp Manitou-Lin!

For more information, call 888-909-2267, ext. 9227

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### **LOWELL AREA COMMUNITY FUND ACCEPTS GRANT PROPOSALS**

All Proposals Must Be Submitted **Online No Later Than** August 21, 2009 to be considered. Visit www.grfoundation.org/lowell to submit your application.

The Lowell Area Community Fund, a fund of Grand Rapids Community Foundation, awards grants to tax-exempt, nonprofit charitable organizations that have an impact in the Lowell area. The LACF funds innovative projects or programs that encourage community cooperation.

125 YEARS AGO

THE LOWELL JOURNAL

**AUGUST 13, 1884** 

Mrs. Simeon Odell and two children, of Lincoln,

M. N. Hine started for the Upper Peninsula but didn't

Seventeen Lowellites took the Sunday excursion to

get there. Stopped at Petoskey — no boat ready — walking

Camp Withington, where the brave soldier boys of Michigan

were encamped. Many thousands of people were there

100 YEARS AGO

THE LOWELL LEDGER

**AUGUST 12, 1909** 

over the very sad death of her son-in-law, Wesley Grose, of

Grand Rapids, who committed suicide by drowning in the

river while temporarily insane as the result of a sunstroke

S. A. Ware and wife are spending a week in Buffalo and

The family of Mrs. Charles Clinton is in deep mourning

By Shelly MacNaughtor

Nebraska, are at Dr. Malcolm's.

received a few days previous.

Niagara Falls.

### Building updates nearing completion; Pink Arrow Project is in full swing

by Shelly MacNaughton

The board received another for an outdoor sanctioned been hired as the middle update on construction. "It's MHSAA volleyball game. my pleasure to report on Organizers hope to attract has been on site working construction tonight. We will 5,000 people in attendance diligently," said Pratt. be coming into completion at 5 pm to set a record. The prior to school starting," Pink Arrow football game is said Superintendent Greg against Union High. More

Pink Arrow Project. Several

match, a first time ever information about the Pink Noel Dean updated Arrow Project can be found

events have been added this hiring Haley Sulisz as the completed, and 78 students year. Pink Arrow shirts are vocal music instructor on sale at Pep Talk for \$15. for the middle school and Shirts will get you into the high school. "I think she is staff for their organization game and festivities starting going to do a tremendous and ability to personalize at 2:30 pm on Sept. 11, job; we are excited about learning," said Bearup

2009 at the Lowell High Haley working with our Bearup also outlined for the The Lowell area school School. Game day activities students through the fine board the staff professional will include a volleyball arts program," said Pratt.

Dan VanderMeulen has school Roger Bearup updated

the board on the summer school sessions of summer school were offered and a total of the board on the upcoming at www.pinkarrowpride.org. 98 classes passed, 92 percent The board approved of classes started were passed at least one class. "We can be proud of our

development days that are coming up in September.



Dan VanderMeulen

### City considers franchise, continued ... From Page 1

the exclusive franchise, the ordinance will have to be amended and a request for community." bids will go out.

George concern about the storage of railroad ties at the edge of the city wellhead protection a public hearing will be held a license to the Flat River selected as police sergeant. area due to possible arsenic contamination.

in the water in three years," he said. "The ties deteriorate quickly. Once arsenic is in

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remove. Long term storage Flat River Grill would also could be devastating to the ultimately pay for moving

However, the city has storage area. And according to the railroad officials, the ties will not be stored for he said. "I would like more more than six months

Also in related business, "We could see arsenic request for added seating on \$1 per year for the duration tables would be added to

the entrance to the west.

But, mayor Jim Hodges no jurisdiction over the was concerned about the impact on the Riverwalk.

"It is the focal point," input on this."

In 2002, the city granted on Sept. 8 to receive input Grill for using the Riverwalk on the Flat River Grill's for their outdoor seating for the Riverwalk. If approved, of 10 years. Thus, the grill

the wells, it is difficult to the outside seating area. The Riverwalk, but does not own the outdoor portion.

> The city will be using the Rehman Robson firm as an auditor for the next five years with an initial fee of

The council approved \$33,755 for BS&A financial computer software. Steve Bukala has been

The city granted a 50

percent tax abatement for 12 yearstoAttwoodCorporation for its consolidation of the an additional seven to eight has the right to use the Tulsa, OK plant to Lowell.

Martin Luther King Jr.

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#### THE RUSH IS ON

The lazy days of summer are drawing to a close. As fall approaches, the pace will pick-up for Michigan sportsmen. In addition to a number of hunting seasons to prepare for, there is an opportunity to get in on some world-class fishing.

King salmon are gathering at river mouths along the Great Lakes shoreline. The big fish have spent most of their lives foraging out in the big lake and are returning to the rivers to spawn and die. Late summer is the time to intercept the fish before they complete their life cycle.

Salmon can be caught during spring and summer in the open water of the big lake. The fish are scattered and usually miles offshore. This provides great fishing for charter boats and those with larger vessels in which to safely venture far and wide on the big water. Come late summer, the salmon school closer to shore and eventually enter the rivers and drowned river mouths along the coast. Anglers with smaller boats and pier fishermen can experience fishing like that found in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.

Pier fishermen generally cast heavy spoons to entice the big silver fish. Some resourceful anglers use elaborate two and four wheeled carts to transport a surprising amount of gear out to favorite spots on the break wall. Long handled landing nets are placed in a special holder on the cart. The vehicles are custom made, and design seems to be limited only by the imagination of the angler and availability of scavenged parts.

Boat fishermen may venture along the shoreline on calm days. As the fish move in or the weather turns threatening, the channels and connected lakes provide a haven for small boat fishing.

Downriggers and divers get plugs and flashers with flies down close by the boat to avoid interference with other anglers when the water gets crowded. Some folks jig while anchored and sometimes do very well. It must be a startling experience to have a twenty pound salmon hit a jig with only ten feet of line out. It looks like a lot of fun.

I am not a dedicated salmon fisherman, but every fall we outfit the boat with downriggers and tackle we used during the salmon mania of the 70's and head north to chase the big fish. The trip has become an annual pilgrimage.

Timing is everything. Water temperature, wind direction, time of the day, and the calendar all come together to influence fishing success. Sometimes the action is steady and other times it is a long wait between hits. Having such outstanding fishing so close to home is a special opportunity. The rush is on, and it is a great time (1929 - 1968)of the year to be out on the water.



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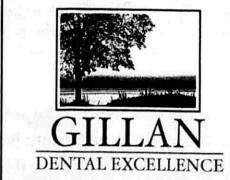
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# Viewpoint-

### To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Initially, I thought that the "Cash for Clunkers" stimulus was a good way to rejuvenate the auto companies. My opinion has changed. Many of the so-called "clunkers" being destroyed appear to be in great shape and road worthy. Why aren't they being donated to charity, parted out or given to poverty level families to replace the real unsafe clunkers? To disable and crush the vehicles being turned in seems to be a great waste.

Another issue with the stimulus is that it only benefits a portion of people. To take advantage of this incentive, you must buy a new vehicle. That is very difficult for the numerous unemployed in Michigan. Car loans are impossible for these people to secure, so they are not eligible. There are many families that could utilize the "clunkers" being destroyed. They could use them to get a job, go to work, to the city. Like most of the two and three story buildings shop for groceries or go to the doctor.

It appears that the government is promoting a "throw away" society instead of a "utilizing society." It is such a foolish waste because one person's trash is another person's required would be a building permit. needed treasure.

Keith W. Johnson

Dear Editor:

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A request for space by a local business was brought forth in a June 4, 2009 DDA meeting. The DDA felt it was not their authority to determine this request. Approximately the same request was made in the August 3, 2009 city

If a request is granted, should all businesses be allowed similar privileges? Should public land be used for private enterprise long term? Should roads, parking lots and sidewalks be part of the agenda? What's right and what's fair? Even if this goes to a public hearing, what to do with public land long term should be directed by a vote of the constituents of Lowell. A straw poll could be easily done in this year's city election.

Jim Howard

Writing to the editor ...

The Flat River Grill seems dedicated to consume another piece of city property by lease acquisition. Their patio, per se, already sits upon city property, but they wish to extend their area, again by lease.

This newcomer to the community seems to think that they can receive special consideration, but they have not earned this by any methodology, performance or tenure.

A public hearing has been scheduled to evaluate this request and every concerned citizen should attend. Should the Flat River Grill desire to extend their outdoor seating capacity, we can suggest they seek ownership of the several vacant commercial buildings along Main Street.

All the local Main Street businesses have customer parking limitations due to the fact that someone put a river in the center of downtown! Other business establishments have learned to live with these limitations. Please allow me to recommend that Flat River Grill should also learn to live with their limitations. No one has earned the right to dictate along Main Street, the Flat River Grill has the potential of expanding. Do not go west, young man, go UP! This is your property and prerogative and I'm certain all that would be bad - returned.

This thoroughfare is neither permitted nor procurable. Why not buy the old Weaver Food Market across the street and to the west? Better yet, lease the Englehardt Library and the old school or talk to the owner of the Century Post, your neighbor. Please be practical in your acquisition of Lowell, for it is also my home by birthright. Progress is great, however, one step forward and two steps back does not depict progress.

Jack Friesner

We'd like to say thank you to the Lowell City Council for recognizing the concerns of the neighbors of Richards Park, including safety, drugs, harassment, vandalism and unsupervised children being dropped off there alone for

We look forward to getting back a park where people come to eat their lunch and kids of all ages can play safely. Chris and Candice Fleszar

Dear Editor:

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### 75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO

Dr. Gorham has moved his family to Alto.

**AUGUST 16, 1934** The State Savings Bank of Lowell, Michigan, will open its doors for business next Monday, August 20. The opening of the new bank became an assured fact upon receipt of word last Saturday. The Federal Reserve headquarters in Chicago stated that license to do business had been granted to the new institution. The new bank will have a capital of \$50,000, which is nearly double that of its two predecessors

#### **50 YEARS AGO** THE LOWELL LEDGER **AUGUST 13, 1959**

A survey of villages in Michigan, that have changed to cities in the past ten years, reveals that change to city government has been a popular one. In no case has there been any change where the benefits have not met with the citizens' approval.

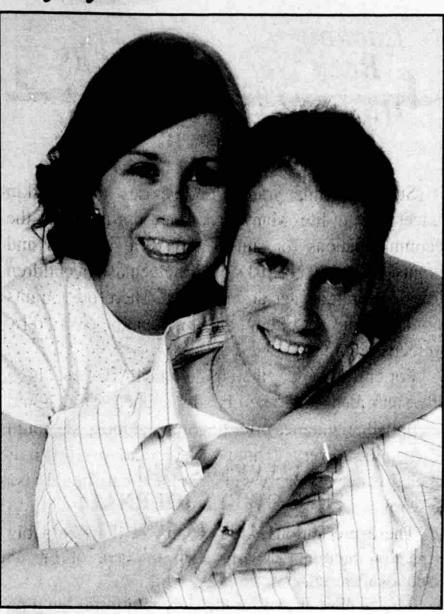
Rudy Wittenbach of Alto will preach Sunday at the Lowell and Vergennes Methodist churches. Mr. DeVinney will be on vacation.

#### 25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **AUGUST 15, 1984**

State Savings Bank celebrated their 50th anniversary in style. In all, over 1,200 free hot dogs were served, gallons of free coke were dispensed and over 4,000 free gifts were given away during the six day event. Customers and visitors to the bank entered the various contests, read the displays of old newspaper clippings concerning the bank's history, munched on free popcorn and listened to player piano

# **Lngagements**

May/Lyon



Tabitha May and Dan Lyon

Jay and Oranda May, of Lowell, along with Charlie and Denise Lyon, of Ithaca, would like to announce the engagement of their children Tabitha Lee Micah and Daniel

The couple will be married in a small family ceremony on August 21, 2009.

### **CATHOLIC INQUIRY**

Are you looking for a church to join? Do you have a nagging voice inside urging you to check into the possibility becoming Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic, but have never practiced the faith into which you were baptized? Are you curious about what the Catholic Church actually teaches?

Catholic Inquiry is where you will find the answers to these questions and more. Catholic Inquiry will meet beginning on Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 PM at Saint Mary's Church, 402 Amity, Lowell.

For more information please contact the Office of Religious Education, 897-7915.



# Weddings my

Beachside wedding vows were exchanged on June 23, 2009 in St. Lucia, West Indies, by Karen Dykstra and Joseph Yamin.

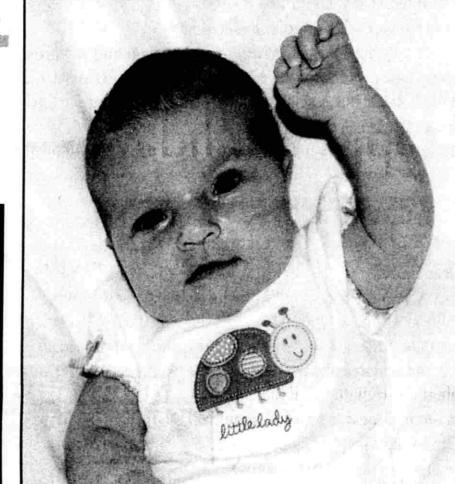
are Jerry and Linda Dykstra of Lowell, and Pat and Judy Puczkowski of Ortonville.

Matron of honor was Dena Ryan. Best man was Chris Sudorowski.

Joseph and Karen Yamin



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Julie Weber

of Fowler.

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inches.



### Yamin/Dykstra

Parents of the couple



Proud grandparents happy to announce are Lois Shockey and the the birth of their daughter, late William Shockey and Vada Isabelle Schenk. She Patricia Schenk and the was born June 19, 2009 at late Mark Schenk. Great-11:43 a.m., weighing 9 lbs. grandparents are Robert 14 oz. and measuring 21 1/2 Krol, Ann Schenk, and Frances Davis.

## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY



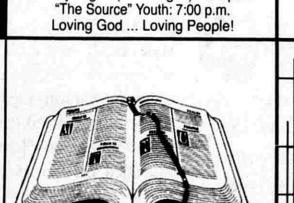
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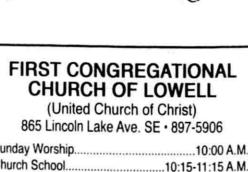
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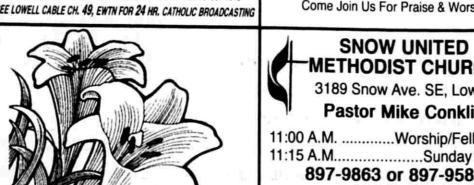
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Navy Seaman Recruit Trisha L. McAvoy, daughter of Kim I. Lafreniere of Yanceyville, N.C. and Terry L. McAvoy of Lowell, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command,

College News

2009 winter semester

Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, McAvoy completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, survival, and shipboard and

Anne by obtaining a grade point

average of 3.5 or higher

**AUGUST 18:** 

Owen II.

was also placed on physical through the practical

Stations." This exercise Commitment. Its distinctly gives recruits the skills and "Navy" flavor was designed confidence they need to to take into account what it succeed in the fleet. "Battle means to be a Sailor. Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior graduate of Southern attributes of sacrifice, Durham High School of firefighting, water safety and dedication, teamwork and Durham, N.C.

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McAvoy is a 2001

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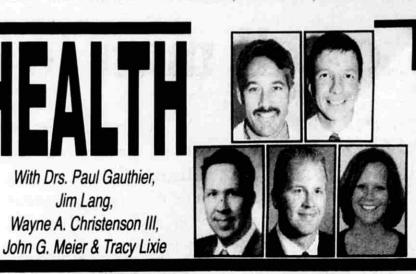
nounced that Lisa Brown

received Realtor of the

Brown for her outstanding

success and achievements.

Month in July.



#### SUNSCREEN FOR CHILDREN

Sunburn while young, predisposes one to skin cancer later in life. Many people are not aware of the recommendations for sunscreen use in children and infants. Currently, the risks of sunscreen use in children under 6 months of age are unknown. Therefore, infants should be kept out of direct sunlight and be covered by protective clothing.

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These precautions while young, will make a big impact on the future risk of developing skin cancer.

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is recognized for her and being placed on the

outstanding academic Dean's List at the College

performance during the for Creative Studies.

**AUGUST 12:** 

Robin Briggs, Linda Uzarski, Matthew D'Agostino, Sandy Betty Powell, Steve Martin Dykhuizen, Sean Pawloski Sr., Gaylord Heaston, Alex Paul Reggie Owen, Paul R. Richmond.

**AUGUST 13:** 

Hewitt, Ryan Christenson, Ryan Roe, Mike Roth.

**AUGUST 14:** 

Adam Billingsley, Aaron Christenson, Betsey Brenk, Bob Wilzcewski.

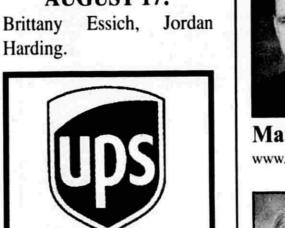
**AUGUST 15:** 

Ben Raymor, Bill Barber, Dena Baylis, Vivian Johnson. Donnie Shaffer, Barb Callihan, Kim Tubergen, Deb Wright, Pam Kline.

**AUGUST 16:** Helen Vezino, Don Gasper, Trent Raab, Mike Mooney,

Ryan Aksamitowski.

**AUGUST 17:** Essich, Jordan



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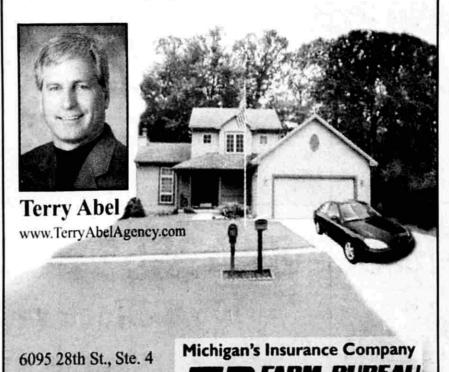
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### Lowell man to climb Kilimanjaro for a cause

by Emma Palova

into helping a cause.

After training for the couldn't finish. climb in 2005, the American Foundation for Children with AIDS has sought out Kirby Kirby. to lend a helping hand.

"Originally, this was just a vacation," said Kirby.

Kirby has been training summit

in the Canadian Rockies in Banf, Alberta as well as at the said.

For Neil Kirby, 40, of with his friend Brian everything from carrying raised \$6,000 to \$10,000 for Lowell, a planned ascent Hauenstein, will have a weight lifting plates in his the cause, were able to go to the Kilimanjaro peak in solid reason to complete a back pack to walking on a as part of a series of global Tanzania, Africa has turned difficult climb that even an stair stepper while breathing climbing events. On that fifth NBC team with Ann Curie through his nose to simulate day, climbers in the USA and "I finally have the be a part of a team of eight different mountains as part said from all over the world to of a coordinated global effort land mass on the face of the participate in the five-day to help kids with AIDS.

the lack of oxygen. He will Africa will reach the top of

Kirby will carry all "It's a big feat," he sorts of gear, from shorts to a ski mask, for this non-

axes. Due to the nature of Kilimanjaro, which is a land mass consisting of three volcanoes, Kirby and his team will be hiking 45 miles to reach the summit.

"It is the largest single acclimate. planet," he said.

So, the team, along with a guide and porters, will have to conquer the uninhabited mountain that spans five different ecological systems from rainforests to the arctic

of the climb to the summit at 19,300 feet is the lack

two rounds of shots against Kids group that raises money malaria and hepatitis, and he for Helen DeVos Children's will get one more round of Hospital. shots before he goes.

to the sun," he said.

dehydration.

pushes against the skull," Since Yesterday.

But now, Kirby, along local YMCA. He has done Only eight finalists, who technical climb without pick to turn back at the height of

But Kirby, who has just turned 40, says he is ready from a physical and mental standpoint. He only fears that his body may refuse to

The team will attempt to reach the summit on the fifth day of the climb. They will head out at midnight in order to reach the peak during early morning to avoid the

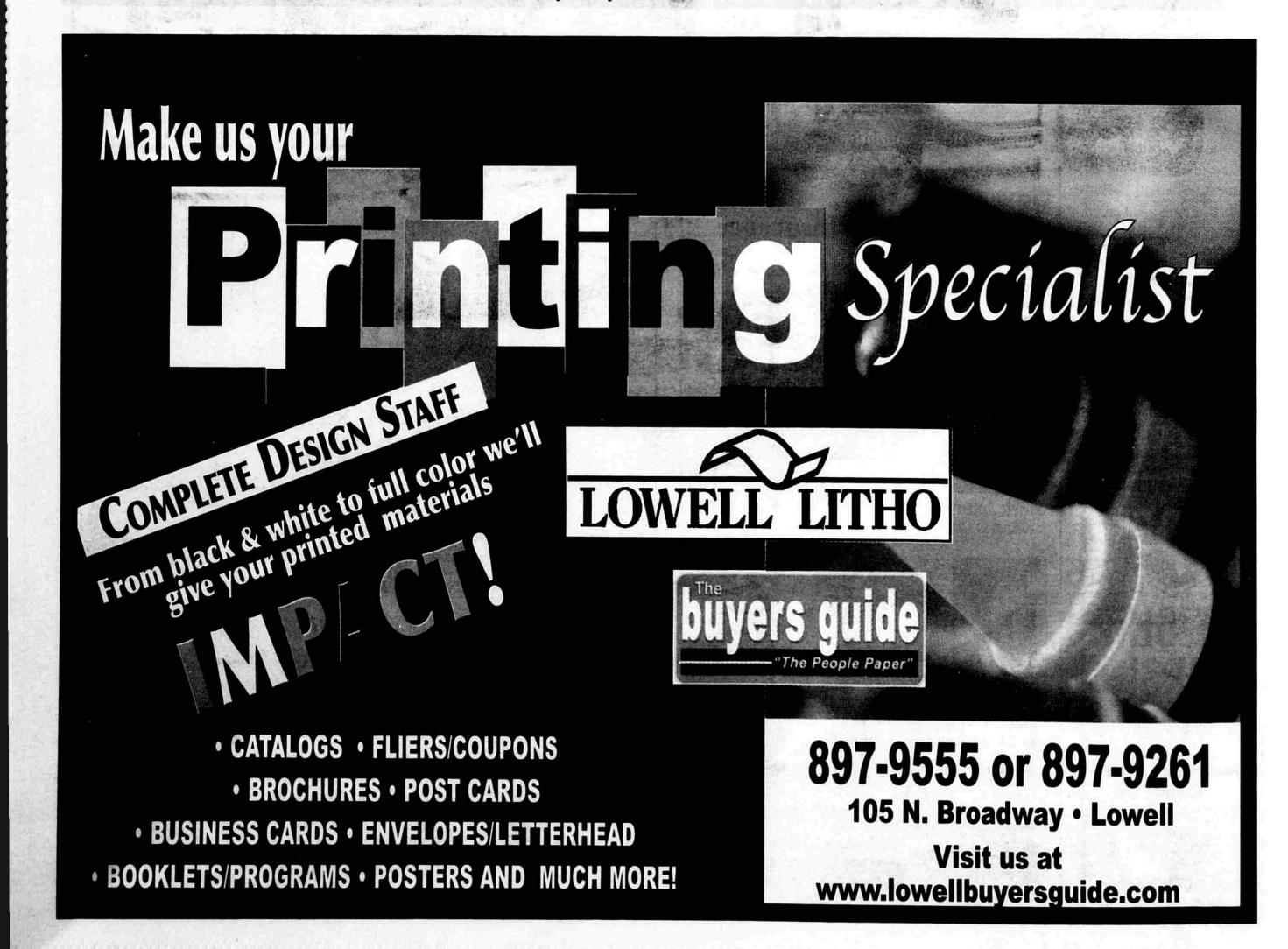
"It's great," he said. "It's a wonderful opportunity The biggest challenge to turn a vacation into a

Kirby is no stranger to of oxygen and the body's various causes; some events weakened ability to fight have included cycling for the UV rays, according to multiple sclerosis and runs for charities. And he is a Kirby has received member of Leading For Our

Kirby works as a digital "The pro is that you're media specialist for Meijer. medicated against malaria, He is scheduled to leave on but you have less UV Sept. 12. A fundraiser to protection the closer you get benefit 'Climb Up so Kids can Grow Up' will be held And the most important on Aug. 26 at the Intersection danger of the climb is edema in downtown Grand Rapids or swelling of the brain at 5:30 p.m. Following are due to lack of oxygen and the performing music bands: Brian Vander Ark, Outer "The brain swells and Vibe, Liz Larin and Twice



Neil Kirby trained in the Canadian Rockies in Banf for the Kilimanjaro Expedition 2009.





AUGUST 12 · 2009

Director John Hughes dies at the age of 59. Hughes was born in Lansing, Michigan. He is famous for movies such as The Breakfast Club, Ferris Bueller's Day Off and Home Alone.

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Sonia Sotomayor won confirmation as the nation's first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice. The senate voted 68-31 to make her the 111th

Baitullah Medsud, the leader of Pakistan's Taliban, was killed in a U.S. missle strike. Medsud has been blamed for the assassination of Benazir Bhutto, former Pakistani Prime Minister.

Congress plans to spend \$550 million to buy eight jets, even though lawmakers have criticized firms receiving taxpayer funds for using private jets.

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A small plane and a sightseeing helicopter collided Saturday and plunged into the Hudson River in New York, killing all passengers on board.

A strong earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 7.1 has shaken the Japanese capital of Tokyo and surrounding areas according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

- Up to 400 people missing in Taiwan as Typhoon Morakot hits Asia.
- 47 passengers on a Continental Express flight were made to wait on the ground for over six hours in Minneapolis.
- In California, dozens of people are stranded on an amusement park ride when it stalls. They were left hanging in 90 degree heat for over four hours. On the same day, in a similar incident in Michigan, two dozen people were injured.
- Eunice Kennedy Shriver, sister of President John F. Kennedy and founder of Special Olympics, dies at 88.
- Tiger Woods wins the Bridgestone Invitational but is fined for an angry response to his opponent being timed - he thought unfairly.

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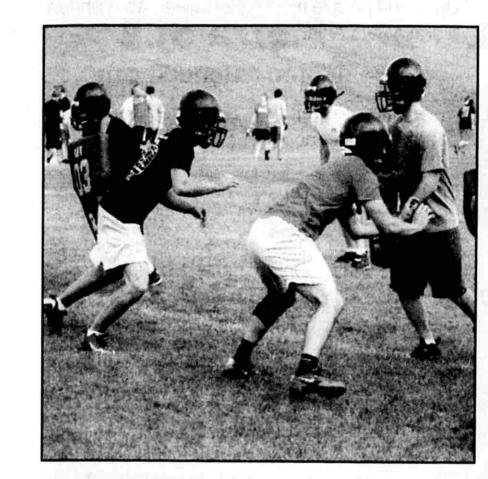
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### Practice opens for 2009-10 Red Arrow gridders

The start of high school football practice indicates that Fall can't be that far off. Lowell held its first day of practice on Monday. The Red Arrows, who finished 11-1 while winning a third straight O-K White Conference championship last season, open up play this year at home on Thursday, Aug. 27 against Detroit Mumford. Head football coach, Noel Dean, enters into his 14th season at



#### **DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF** THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL **MONDAY AUGUST 3, 2009**

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion to approve the regular minutes of the July 20, 2009 meeting as corrected and the accounts payables was approved.

Motion to approve the 15th annual Tony's Toy Run at the Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 13, 2009.

Chief of Police James Hinton announced the promotion of Officer Steve Bukala to Police Sergeant effective July 20, 2009.

Motion to approve the proclamation recognizing the Kent County Youth Fair on its 75th anniversary and announced Fair activities from August 9 through August 15, 2009.

Motion to approve the Attwood Corporation application for an Industrial Facilities exemption Certificate under Public Act 198.

Motion to approve amending the enabling resolution that dollar for dollar matches from grant applicants is not needed.

Motion to approve the LCTV Endowment Boards' recommendations for the first round of grant requests.

Motion to purchase BS&A Financial Software for the City offices.

Motion to approve Rehmann Robson as the City auditor for the next five years.

Motion to establish a public hearing for Monday, September 8, 2009 to consider the request from Flat River Grill to extend the licensed area on the Riverwalk to accommodate added seating.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, August 17

Complete minutes will be available after approved on August 17, 2009 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.





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# LAST CHANCE REGISTRATION FOR LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

8:00 AM - NOON at LHS Field House

All new players must bring a copy of birth certificate for birth date verification. We will NOT need to retain a copy; we just need to see it.

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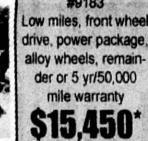
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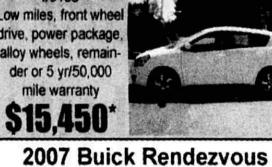
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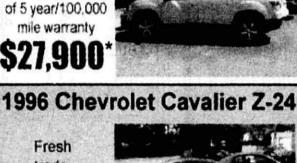
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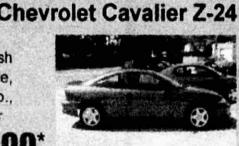
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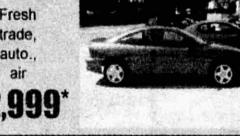
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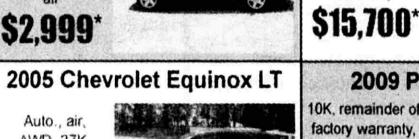


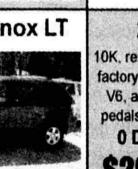


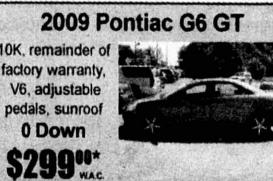












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- Odds of bowling a 300 game: 11,500 to 1
- Odds of getting a hole in one: 5,000 to 1
- Odds of winning an Olympic medal: 662,000 to 1 Odds of becoming a pro athlete: 22,000 to 1
- Odds of catching a ball at a major league ballgame: 563
- Odds of getting a royal flush in poker on first five cards dealt: 649,740 to 1
- Odds of getting canonized: 20,000,000 to 1 Odds of being an astronaut: 13,200,000 to 1
- Odds of injury from fireworks: 19,556 to 1
- Odds of injury from shaving: 6,585 to 1
- Odds of injury from using a chain saw: 4,464 to 1
- Odds of injury from mowing the lawn: 3,623 to 1
- Odds of fatally slipping in bath or shower: 2,232 to 1 Odds of being killed on a 5-mile bus trip: 500,000,000
- Odds of being struck by lightning: 576,000 to 1
- Odds of being killed by lightning: 2,320,000 to 1

Filming to begin

in Lowell this week

quarters for stars, have been spotted by the fairgrounds.

When walking around Lowell these days, watch out for

stars, and that is not just in the sky. Genesis Code, starring

Ernest Borgnine, Fred Thompson and Louise Fletcher, has begun filming in the area. American Saga company is

using the offices inside the Flat River Antique Mall for all

the production phases. Currently, the company is filming in

Grand Rapids on the Calvin College campus. Shooting will

shift to Lowell during the third week of August.

Movie trailers, serving as dressing rooms and living

Odds of dating a supermodel: 88,000 to 1

- Odds of being considered possessed by Satan: 7,000 to
  - Odds of writing a New York Times bestseller: 220 to 1 Odds of finding a four-leaf clover on first try: 10,000 to
- Odds of a person in the military winning the Medal of Honor: 11,000 to 1
- Odds of winning an Academy Award: 11,500 to 1
- Odds of striking it rich on Antiques Roadshow: 60,000
- Odds of spotting a UFO today: 3,000,000 to 1
- Odds of becoming president: 10,000,000 to 1 Odds of becoming a saint: 20,000,000 to 1
- of a meteor landing on your house: 182,138,880,000,000 to 1
- Chance of dying from intentional self-harm: 1 in 9,380 • Chance that Earth will experience a catastrophic collision with an asteroid in the next 100 years: 1 in 5,000
- Chance of dying in such a collision: 1 in 20,000
- Chance of dying from exposure to forces of nature (heat, cold, lightning, earthquake, flood): 1 in 225,107 Chance of dying in an airplane accident: 1 in 354,319
- Chance of dying in a terrorist attack while visiting a foreign country: 1 in 650,000 • Chance of dying from overexertion, travel or privation:
- 1 in 1,428,377
- Chance of dying from food poisoning: 1 in 3,000,000 Chance of dying from legal execution: 1 in 3,441,325
- Chance of dying from contact with hot tap water: 1 in 5,005,564 Chance of dying from parts falling off an airplane: 1 in
- 10,000,000 Chance of dying from ignition or melting of nightwear:

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- 1 in 30,589,556 Chance of dying from Chance of dying from a mountain lion attack in California: 1 in being bitten by a dog: 1 in 700,000
- 32,000,000 Chance of dying from Chance of dying a shark attack: 1 in from contact with a venomous animal or 300,000,000.
- plant: 1 in 3,441,325 Chance of dying from being bitten or struck by mammals (other than dogs or humans): 1 in 4,235,477

Check out the odds on the rest of the NFL:

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Arizona Cardinals 30/1 Chicago Bears 30/1 Tampa Bay Buccaneers Buffalo Bills 35/1 Houston Texans 35/1 Miami Dolphins 35/1 Washington Redskins 35/1 Seattle Seahawks 50/1 Cleveland Browns 55/1 Cincinnati Bengals 60/1 San Francisco 49ers 60/1 Oakland Raiders 75/1 St. Louis Rams 75/1 Detroit Lions 100/1 Kansas City Chiefs 100/1

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on Monday, August 31, 2009 at 7:00 PM, (Moved September Meeting) at the Vergennes Township Hall located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI to consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as summarized below:

Amendments are proposed for Section 201.413A Residential Lighting Ordinance, to clarify permitted lighting types and location, change maximum heights and setback, add lighting exceptions and add definitions of fully shielded, recessed, partially shielded, bulb and floodlighting. Also amendments are proposed for section 201.308 (F) Commercial District and 201.309 (F) Industrial District for lighting heights.

The complete ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897the website a www.vergennestwp.org. 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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#### **GARAGE SALE**

Aug. 13 & 14, 9-5 p.m. & Aug. 15, 9-2 p.m. 12530 Heim (first road N. of Fallasburg Park, W. off Lincoln Lake). Few tools & misc. items

#### **MULTI-FAMILY SALE**

Kids clothes, toys, kitchen items, house decorations. Lots of great items. 13452 Forest River Ct., Lowell. Thurs., Aug. 13 & Fri., Aug. 14 from 9 to 4 p.m.

#### YARD SALE

10165 Centerline Rd., Lowell. Tools, books, adult clothes, household, something for everyone. Cheap prices. Aug. 13, 14 & 15, 9-5 p.m.

#### FAIR WEEK SALE

Thurs, Fri, & Sat., Aug. 13, 14 & 15, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. 11375 Denise St., Key Heights Mobile Home Park. This will be a big sale, we got it all & we want to sell it! We have lots of horse tack, housewares, pots & pans, dishes, collectibles, clothes, pictures, books, tools & a whole lot more! Check it out!

#### **GARAGE SALE**

Fri., Aug. 14 & Sat., Aug. 15, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 2359 Gee Dr., Lowell. Baby transports & swings, microwave, fridge, tools, electronics, HD treadmill, girls 24 mos. - 4T, women's 3-16 & much more. Fulton to Alden Nash (Zeigler Ford) N. to Gee Dr. East. 897-9167.

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1920 Hawley Hwy., August 12 - 13. Rain or shine, 9 til ? Clothes, VHS tapes, household odds and ends, Princess House Crystal, pontoon boat, enclosed trailer, and too many to mention.

#### **BARN SALE**

Thurs, Fri., Sat., Aug. 13, 14, 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 7791 MacArthur Rd, Saranac (2 mi. south of Saranac, west on MacArthur). Household items, furniture, antiques, shop tools and more.

37 FOLEY'S GRADE, (OFF BURROUGHS) Aug. 13 &14, 9-4 p.m. Brand-name girls clothes (8-12), shoes, toys, books, purses, hunting bow & Disney.

#### **BARN SALE**

August 13 - 15, Thursday to Saturday, 9305 Cascade Rd. Households, furniture, kitchen items, childrens clothing, building materials, and much more.

#### **BIG YARD SALE**

5 families, Aug. 13, 14 & 15, 8-? Cleaned out storage, young mans & plus size clothing, large cage, too many other items to list, all priced to sell. 11326 Denise, Key Heights, lot 120.

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Thurs. - Sat., Aug. 13-15, 8-3 p.m. 5058 Abrahams Dr., (Big Crooked Lake).

**GARAGE SALE** 10415 Peck Lake Rd. Fri., Aug. 14, 9-6 p.m.

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Aug. 13, 14 & 15, 13505 Crestwood Dr. (off N. Washington) from 9-5 p.m. Antiques, collectibles, jewelry, lawn sweeper, screen room, furniture, household items, namebrand clothing, '95 Chrysler New Yorker & more!!

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Thurs., Aug. 13 & Fri., Aug. 14, 8-6 & Sat., Aug. 15, 8-1. Bicycles, Mackinac Island collectibles, American Girl dolls, Amish guilts, office equipment, music keyboard, comforter sets, adult clothing, misc. 1680 Salisbury (Whispering Hills subdivision), Lowell.

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Thurs., Aug. 13 only. 9-5 p.m. 7 Mile Rd. just W. of Gavin Lake Rd. Gas grill, girls namebrand clothes & misc.

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The Ledger "Almost" Anything Goes Column



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It is my understanding that kids have always been questioned if they have their parent's permission when they are seeing a rated "R" film. Should the local business assume that your child is lying? It sounds to me as though the parents should be playing a community! You rock! more active role in knowing what their kids are doing or have the information on what movie they are seeing before

allowing them to

attend the movie.

Wow!! The Mac-Naughton Boulevard and special guests put on a fantastic show this past Thursday evening!! Thanks, Roger, Mike, Steve A, Charlie, John, Tami Steve V, Bryan and Jerry for sharing your amazing talents with our

I don't know who is fixing up the building on S. Hudson at the railroad tracks but it looks wonderful! Thanks for cleaning the lot up.

Excellent Sizzlin' concert series Thursday with MacNaughton Blvd. Tami's singing was awesome, especially with Brian and Jerry Adams!

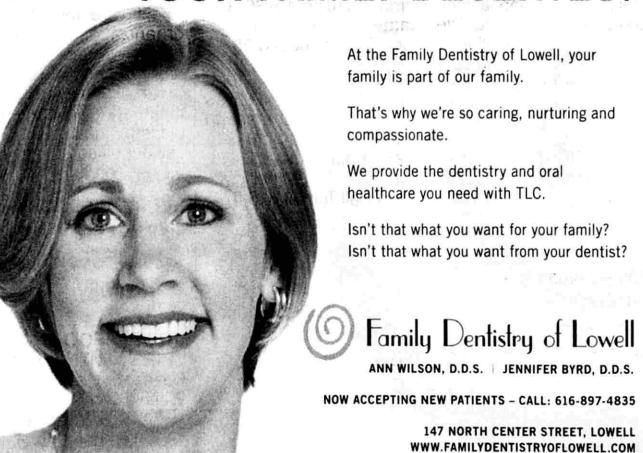
Shame on them? If our children see a movie they didn't have permission to see, they would have to answer to us parents at home. My under-standing is parents are always welcome

> to see a movie with their children.

Shame on the local area theater? When has it become the job of the local business to parent your child? If the child is doing something they are not allowed to do, why is it the businesses fault?

What a great concert with Lowell's own MacNaughton on Thursday night. It was a magical evening. Thanks Lowell!

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7:30 p.m.

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fellowship hall, 12051 84th

PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit ERS FIRST MEETING OF THE SEASON - Monday, organizations. They are Aug. 17 from 7 - 8:30 p.m ran on a space available basis & are not guaranteed at the Red Arrow Stadium to run. If you would like to at the Concessions Booth make sure your event is You are encouraged to placed in the paper, please bring a bag chair for your call our office & place it as comfort. a classified ad. THE LOWELL BOARD

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FREE BLUEGRASS MU- HISTORICAL SOCIETY-SIC CONCERT - at the meets the second Monday Fairgrounds, Thurs., Aug. of the month at 7 p.m. in 13. Two bands, starts at the Historical Museum at 6:30 p.m. 84th/Alden Nash.

& MUSIC FESTIVAL - at CLARK-ELLIS POST 152 West Berlin Wesleyan Church, Sat., Aug. 15, music starts at 9 a.m. & Grillin' Challenge starts at 1 p.m. Grand prize \$500 for challenge. Call Jill at 522-9399 for more info. Ebenezer Center is at the corner of Bliss & Portland Rd., Lake Odessa

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### Lowell City Airport hosts biplane fly-in

Michigan Stearman Owosso, from pilots Brighton, Howell, Kalamazoo, Fowlerville, Mason and Fort St. Lucie, Fla., flew up and out of the Lowell City Airport Friday as part of an annual weekend fly-in (around).

The itinerary for the gaggle of planes took pilots north along the Lakeshore with stops in Empire, Charlevoix, Hessel and St. Ignace.

The St. Lucie entry

was, former Lowell Ledger publisher, Roger Brown.

"There were 10,000 built during WWII and there are 1,000-1,500 Stearman still going," Brown said. "Many survived the war as crop dusters."

Army Stearman were blue and yellow while the Navy planes were all yellow.

The Stearman (Boeing) Model 75, a biplane, became a subsidiary of Boeing in

1934. Widely known as the Stearman, Boeing Stearman or Kaydet, it served as a primary trainer for the USAAF, as a basic trainer for the USN (as the NS & N2S), and with the RCAF as the Kaydet throughout World War II. After the conflict was over, thousands of surplus aircraft were sold on the civil market. In the immediate post-war years they became popular as crop dusters and as sports planes.



Alan Wright, of Kalamazoo, is with his 1943 Navy Stearman.



Roger Brown stands next to his 1941 Army Stearman which has been custom painted.

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- Amelia Earhart (1897 - 1937)



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