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Covered Bridge Bike Tour routes lead through beautiful scenery

by Emma Palova

rekking from lovely Fallasburg Covered Bridge along Grand River Drive to the Ada Covered Bridge and back provides for an enjoyable ride.

That is why the 28mile route is the most popular with families on the annual Covered Bridge bike ride.

"It's flat and good," said Ken Tamke, chairman.

The Fourteenth Annual Covered Bridge Bike Tour will take place this Sunday,

July 13 with registration starting at 7 a.m. through 1 p.m. The registration fee is \$15 per individual or \$25 per family.

"This is our biggest fundraiser for the Fallasburg Historical Society," said Tamke. "This our World Series."

Routes are plentiful to choose from and cover various distances from 12 miles, 28 miles, 40 miles, 50 miles, 62 miles, 78 miles and 100 miles.

The long 100-mile loop ventures down south into Gaines Township, returns to Fallasburg and goes north into Ionia County and Whites Covered Bridge.

Not too many riders attempt to do the entire 100 miles, but many peddle the southern 50-mile long loop, according to Tamke.

Regardless of the chosen route, the trip is a joyful outdoors experience testing endurance determination.

"The farther you go, the tougher it gets," said Tamke. "But all routes are on paved roads with scheduled rest stops. Volunteers provide fluids and cookies to boost up energy.

Depending on weather,

the event averages 200 to 240 riders. Many are repeat riders.

"They share our passion for history," said Tamke, "and preserving the village."

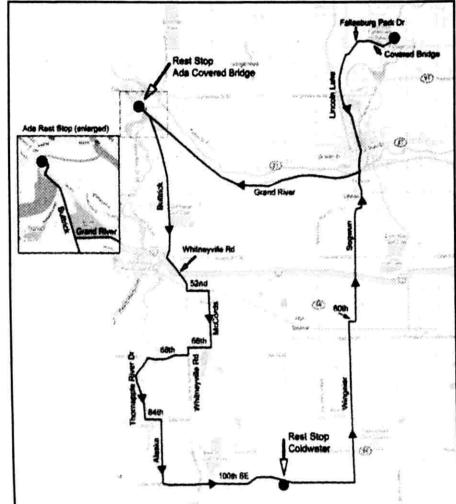
All the proceeds go toward the preservation of the Fallasburg Historical Village.

Each participant gets a self-guided map with designated routes. At the final destination back in the village, riders will get a spaghetti meal.

"I hope all our riders will

have a safe and enjoyable afternoon," said Tamke. "The event has evolved over the years, but it has to be just right."

You can register at www.fallasburg.org contact fallasburg@yahoo.



One of the most popular routes on the Annual Covered Bridge Tour is the 28-mile trek from Fallasburg Covered Bridge to Ada Covered Bridge and back. It is part of the greater 50-mile southern loop that goes all the way to Gaines Township.

Many township elections largely uncontested, but Lowell Township promises to be a good race

by Emma Palova

lthough some township elections like Lowell Township are heavily contested due to local issues, many remain

without opponents running against an incumbent slate of candidates in the Aug. 5 primary.

In Grattan Township, the supervisor post is contested. Running against incumbent supervisor Frank Force is Bill Holmes. Force has been in the office for four years.

Other contested seats are for trustees: Incumbents are Paul Knoerl. Dennis Heffron and newcomer Jim VanderPloeg. Two seats for a four-year term are open.

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Thunderstorms, high winds cause flooding, fallen trees in area

by Molly Benningfield Editor

week's thunder-storms caused many fallen tree limbs and flooding, but power outages

were kept to a minimum, according to Lowell Light & Power general manager Greg Pierce.

"There were some outages, but not many,"

received between 75 and 80 phone calls for the outages, and a "vast majority" of the houses had power back on within a half hour.

"There were a couple Pierce said. He said they on the outskirts of town

that didn't get their power until later that night," Pierce

Throughout Kent County, many places received up to five inches of rainfall. Downtown Grand

Rapids saw 5.05 inches, according to Wood TV 8, while East Grand Rapids took the highest rainfall with 5.18 inches. The Grand River also rose two feet in Ada and Grand Rapids. Residents in Kent County also saw gusts of wind up to 65 mph, and hail up to 1.25

inches in diameter. The storms took place on Wednesday, the same night that Lowell Light & Power held a board meeting to discuss tree trimming.

Pierce said that there has not been any "extensive trimming going on."

He did say that there will be some tree trimming on Grand River, as well as extra trimming from the storms, where needed.

Pierce also said that Lowell Light & Power will be providing a weekly list of trees to be trimmed, as a "way of letting people know what will be trimmed."

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One of many in the area, this large tree was knocked over, balancing on a power line on Lincoln Lake Road, past Fallasburg Park.

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FOSTER

passed away Friday, July 4, 10 great grandchildren: 2008. She was preceded in brother, Leonard (Joan) death by her husband, Robert Venneman; sister, Maude L. Foster, Sr.; six siblings (Jake) Livingston; and and great grandson, Jacob. many nieces and nephews. Surviving are her children, Memorial contributions Robert Jr. (Jenny) Foster of may be made to Hospice Milton, FL, William W. (Ngoc of West Michigan. Private - Suong) Foster of Tampa, FL, services were held by the Scott A. (Jackie) Foster of family. Alto, Jodi E. (Dan) Everitt of

Jane Elizabeth Foster, age 70, Lowell; 10 grandchildren;

LEGAL NOTICE

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 08-185-314-DE

Estate of BARBARA LORRAINE BRENDEL, deceased

> Date of birth: 6/25/1931

TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, BARBARA LORRAINE BRENDEL. who lived at 410 Tentree NW, Sparta, Michigan 49345 died 4/23/2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims

the estate will be forever barred unless presented to PATRICIA CAMERON. named representative, proposed representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, suite 2500 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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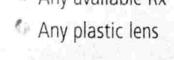


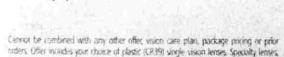
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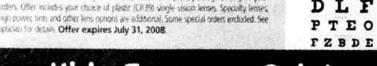
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RITSEMA

Eleanor M. Ritsema.

aged 87 of Grand Rapids, passed away Friday, July 4, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband, Garret "Pat" Ritsema: brothers, Donald Seaholm and Fred Seaholm; sister-in-law, Bea "B.B." Seaholm; and dear cousin, Lois Kemperman. She is survived by her children, (Cathy Neuman) Ritsema, Mike Ritsema, Steve (Julie) Ritsema, Jim Ritsema, Jan Ritsema; grandchildren, Amy (Dave) Karen Ritsema, James Dan (Lorie) Neuman, Paul (Angela) Neuman, and Erica (Tim Kelly) Neuman; Nathan, Leslie, Ashleigh, Charity, Remi; sisters-in-law and brothersin-law, Carolyn (Seaholm) a devoted wife, mother, Barnaby and wife Jennifer and grandmother; a non-6/30/2008 what she wanted. She was and Hannah Atkinson, and Ritsema, who was headed

a.m. at Matthysse Kuiper

DeGraaf Funeral Home,

Gardens.

Hill Memorial

The family

SHILTON

Kentwood. Interment Chapel Shilton, 75, of Lowell, died Friday evening, July suggests 4, 2008 at Spectrum Health

memorial contributions be Butterworth Campus in made to the Heart Failure, Transplant and Pulmonary

may be sent online at www. mkdfuneralhome.com.

graveside Memorial Service will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 13, at Bowne Center Cemetery, corner of M-5 and 84th Street, Alto for Alice Charlotte Slater who passed away Monday, June 9 at the age of 93. Alice Charlotte Slater was born Onerlinde, Kim Ritsema, March 16, 1915 to Arthur and Florence (Sinclair) Ritsema, Jennifer Ritsema, Porritt in Bowne Township. She was married to Harvey Slater until his death in 1986. Alice is survived by great-grandchildren, Ryan, her son Dr. James Slater and wife Dianne of Steubenville, Ohio; daughter, Sandra Barnaby and husband, Daryl of Plano, TX; grandchildren, and Andy Bytwerk, George Jill Teramana and husband and Audrey Ritsema, Lena Albert of Steubenville; Beth Nelson; numerous nieces Atkinson and husband Bob and nephews. Eleanor was of Skaneateles, NY; Mark of Parker, TX; and Todd conventional lady ahead of Barnaby of Austin, TX; six her time. She was known great-grandchildren, Shane to be independent and knew and Wesley Myers, James employed at Michigan Bell Sydney and Sam Barnaby for a number of years. In numerous nieces and two 1941 she took her wedding nephews. Preceding her in gown to Louisiana and on death were her husband Christmas Eve married Pat parents, brother, six sisters two sisters-in-law, and eight overseas. Her easy laughter brothers-in-law. Memorials will always be treasured as may be made to the building well as her love of nature fund of Alto or Bowne and loving acceptance of Center Methodist Church in others. Funeral services will care of Pastor Bailey, 12051 be held Wednesday at 11 84th Street, Alto, MI 49302

4646 Kalamazoo Ave. SE, Patsy L. (McGuire)

Services at Spectrum Health Blodgett. Condolences

SLATER

about American society at the time of the Civil War at the Lowell Rotary lunch on July 16 at noon. Dr. Deeb is a native Sally Anderson. They

Dr. Michael J. Deeb.

author of "Duty and Honor",

will give a presentation

Grand Rapids. Patsy ws

born November 28, 1932 in

Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of

Edward and Theresa Mary

Stephans McGuire. She

loved oil painting, playing

bingo and checkers, flowers

and most of all her beloved

She was a special Mom

and will be greatly missed.

Patsy is survived by her

children, Kathleen Rogers

Judy Shilton of Wacousta.

Richard and Mary Shilton

Sharon and Kenneth Curler

Christine Shilton of Lowell,

great-grandchildren.

grandchildren,

of Clarksville, Chuck and Baptist Church in Belding

of Laingsburg, Christine and American Cancer Society

Eric Scanson of Montague, or the wishes of the family.

of Fenwick, Barton and be given to the family at

Bertha and David Lankton of home, www.jffh.com.

"Duty and Honor"

author to speak

at Lowell Rotary

of Grand Rapids. He was have five children and ten educated in the parochial schools there and received his undergraduate degree from Aquinas College in 1957. He earned a Masters degree in history from Michigan State University Accomplished". and a Doctorate from Wayne State University.

The great thing in this world is not so much where you stand, as in what direction you are moving.

- Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809 - 1894)

Charlotte, Robert and Dawn Shilton of Grand Ledge,

Bruce and Nikki Shilton

of Grand Rapids, and Sally

and Jody Mercer of Belding.

Patsy is also survived by 27

grandchildren and 23 great

grandchildren. She was

preceded by her parents,

one sister, Margaret; four

brothers, Robert, Donald

Edward and Walter and one

son-in-law, Guy Roberts.

Funeral services were

held Tuesday at the First

Memorial contributions

may be given to the

Condolences may also

he website of the funeral

After 20 years in

education, he owned an

accounting and investment

advisory business for 25

years. He is retired and lives

in Sun City Center, Fla. He

is married to the former

"Duty and Honor" is

his first novel and will be

available at the lunch. This

novel will be followed this

fall with a sequel, "Duty

grandchildren.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 5, 2008 primary election will be conducted Monday, July 14 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI 49331.

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

Riverwalk Festival this weekend

by Molly Benningfield Editor

The Riverwalk Festival will be held this weekend July 11-12, along the Riverwalk and downtown Lowell. Chamber of Commerce director Liz Baker said the festival technically starts Friday afternoon with music and booths, but will kick off Thursday night during the summer concert series.

Baker said she is "anticipating large crowds" for the weekend, and that she is very excited for the event, which is in its 14th year.

"The community truly is excited about the ducks," Baker said of the State Farm Insurance Duck Race, held at 5 p.m. on Saturday. The Chamber's goal is to sell 10,000 ducks, with each selling for \$2 (or three for \$5,10 for \$10). First place in the duck race receives \$1,000, while five receive \$100

Two new events from last year are the Good Chevrolet-Buick children zone, which Aim High will create a carnival

atmosphere. Two bouncy tents and several games will be available for kids to participate in. The youth zone will take place Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Also new will be the location of the food vendors, moving to Avery Street from the Riverwalk. All the vendors will be in one spot with picnic tables, to make the Riverwalk more walkable, said Baker.

stage, with Dixieland DeJour on Friday night and the Eschelons on Saturday night. There will be fireworks Saturday night at Stoney Lakeside Park on Bowes Road.

Fitness Fair on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Avery

The parade will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday on

For more information on the event, and for a ful schedule, visit www.lowellchamber.org.

Entertainment will take place on the entertainment

Lowell Community Wellness will host a Health and

Elections, continued ... From Page 1

as treasurer's Sabrina Freeman.

Township, the incumbent seats remain uncontested. Tim Wittenbach is running for supervisor without opposition, so are the other incumbents including: clerk Mari Stone, treasurer Jean

was sworn in as first vice

president of the Michigan

Association of Chiefs of

Police (MACP) Board of

Directors at ceremonies held

during the MACP Summer

Lowell, will serve on the

Board of Directors until

June 2009. The MACP is

dedicated to the enhanced

Training Conference.

Township, the slate

Lowell police chief

named to MACP board

On Monday, June 23, professionalization of law

Chief Valentine, of for MACP. He has worked

Chief James Valentine enforcement in Michigan

incumbents running offices remains uncontested. Tammi Wingeier is treasurer, ticket. trustees are Kimberly

Culbertson and David Fuss.

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served as secretary-treasurer

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with 14 years as chief.

Chief James Valentine, shown earlier

this year at his desk, has been named to the

Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

partisanship in the township the majority candidates are Republicans. a renewal of previously

For 86th District, for Kowalczyk is the clerk, running on the Democratic estimated at \$17.6 million.

find a proposition for Kent of candidates running for On the issue of County millage renewal for Lowell Township offices.

corrections and detention facilities. The millage is authorized millage which Dave expires following the 2009 Hildenbrand is running levy. If approved, the on the Republican ticket, amount raised by the levy the supervisor, Sandra while Melissa Cassaslina is in the first calendar year is

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call Esther, 897-7395.

Library programming.

ago. Admission to game is free. Donations benefit the continued preservation of Historic Fallasburg Village. For info call 897-7161.

LOWELL ROTARY

Dr. Michael J. Deeb, author of Duty and Honor, will give a presentation about American society at the time of the Civil War at the Lowell Rotary lunch on July 16 at

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ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Church, 2275 Main St. Fri., July 11, from 4 to 6 p.m.

and Sat., July 12, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. For info call

IlaJean, 897-6609 or visit www.angelfoodministries.org.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

St., Fri., July 11, 6-8 p.m. or Sat., July 12, 10 a.m.

- noon. Regular box is \$30 and will feed a family of 4

approximately 1 week. Everyone welcome. Any questions

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Sat., July 12 at Fallasburg Village, starting at noon.

Fri., July 11, 6-9 p.m. and Sat., July 12, 10 a.m. - 4

Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington

Angel Food Ministries order days at First Baptist

HISTORICAL MUSEUM

"River of Time Pageant", a historical pageant portraying the people of the area we now call Lowell from about 1780 to 1860. Admission is free and it will take place on the Flat River at the 4H Fairgrounds, Sat., July 26 at 2 p.m. Please call the Lowell Area Historical Museum for more information, 897-7688.

CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL

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

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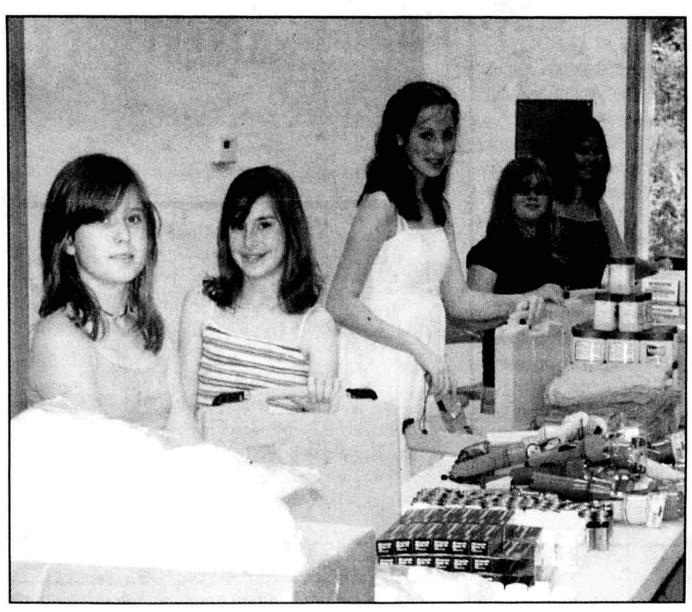
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Whitneyville Fellowship Youth Group assembles caregiver kits



of Whitneyville Fellowship many boxes of supplies They are used by local Church assembled Caregiver into an assembly line and volunteer caregivers who World Vision, a Christian 50 kits. The finishing touch while also helping prevent humanitarian organization. was a handwritten note of further infection to those The five group members, encouragement inserted into living with AIDS. This age 10-17, and their leader every kit for the caregiver. year, World Vision aims to

Supplies were ordered in bulk through World Vision. and distributes the kits program. The group spent a Sunday in communities heavily

In June, the youth group afternoon organizing the impacted by HIV/AIDS. hand-packing each of the bring comfort and care Through this process, put 125,000 kits into the

the students learned about hands of caregivers in 20 the AIDS crisis and that every 14 seconds a child loses a parent to this relentless pandemic. They effort. members also learned that even kids donated \$1,400, which was can respond to God's call sufficient to assemble 50 to serve others and make an org to learn more about the impact on the world.

event contributed to that whitneyvillefellowship. efforts of this team and the World Vision delivers World Vision Caregiver Kit

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Ashley Bitely, Morgan Groendyke, Bailey Groendyke, Mackenzie Swendrowski and Lindsey Groendyke assembling the kits.

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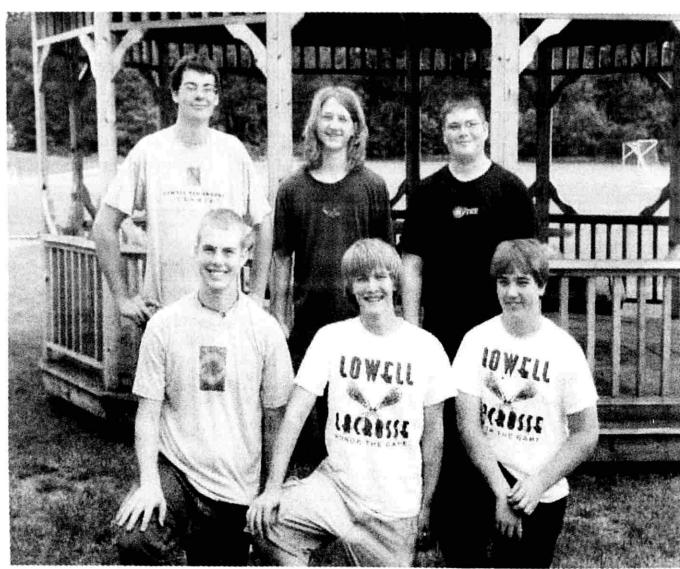
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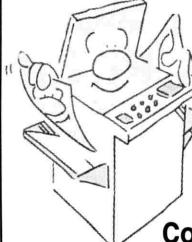
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In an effort to give back, the Lowell Lacrosse Club put in three hours of service to say thank you for the support they received from the Lowell Area Community. On Saturday, June 21 the boys spent the morning at Lowell Township Park waterproofing the bridge and gazebo. The also swept out cobwebs and dirt from the pavilions, and took down old soccer nets. Pictured, first row, left to right: Tom Pastor, Asher Melonpard, and Alex Brown; second row, left to right: Nic Brown, Nick Getz and Troy Petersen. Not Pictured: Parker Buck, Alex Nurmikko, Jordan Nurmikko and Alec Downing.

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Viewpoint-

To The Editor

To the Editor.

I wish to comment on the letter submitted by Ellen Mork, VP, Our Love Skatepark Committee. While I am not opposed to the proposed park, I certainly don't see it as the economic boon Miss Mork would have us believe. With gas over \$4 a gallon, I can't envision a parent in Grand Rapids loading their kids and skateboards in the family minivan, driving by hundreds of businesses, just to go to Lowell for a day of shopping and skateboarding. The fact that only five people showed up at an informational meeting should be a hint that there's just not a lot of interest in her cause.

Miss Mork also seems to have overlooked a couple of very important items when she says, "...it's not fair to the teens to kick them out and not give them an alternative...if that is the business' choice, then they need to be aware that it will continue to be a problem." First that would be asking the businesses to ignore vicarious liability. If businesses fail to attempt to keep the skateboarders off their property, they could be held at least partially responsible for injuries which occur on their property. Then there is the matter of the law. Miss Mork seems to be implying that if the businesses and the city don't support her cause and provide a place to skateboard, then they will suffer the consequences. While I am not aware of how the city ordinance reads in regard to every sidewalk, I can read the signs on the Riverwalk which specifically prohibit skateboarding. Not a week goes by though that I do not see kids skateboarding on the Riverwalk and even on the stage of the Showboat, completely disregarding the law. The signs say skateboarding is not allowed, period. They do not say skateboarding is permitted if you have no place else to go.

I, for one, do not want to listen to the "clack-clack" of skateboard wheels and vulgar language while I'm trying to have a nice meal with my wife and friends. Miss Mork needs to understand that respect and support is earned, not given. If she truly wants her cause to proceed and become a respectful part of our community, then she should encourage her fellow committee members to obey the law and respect the rights of business and property owners.

Ben Chapman

our business just six years ago and when we started working on our building, this end of Main Street was nowhere near as healthy as it is now. Looking out my door to the East, I can see six retail businesses that did not exist when we opened. If I look West on Main Street, I can see several more that have been started or have been revamped in those

The downtown business district of today is head and shoulders above what it was six, ten, and certainly 16 years ago. Is the DDA the only reason for this? No, but it has played a valuable part. Anyone who spends as much time walking on our wonderfully wide sidewalks or on the Riverwalk as Jim Howard does should certainly have a clue as to the works of the DDA. FYI, Mr. Howard, the DDA paid for the sidewalks, lights, and the Riverwalk.

As long as I am on this soapbox, I would like to address the issue of businesses opening and closing in Lowell. Statistics vary greatly, but it is generally accepted that a large percentage of small businesses "fail" within a few years. Such "failure" happens for a number of reasons, including the business owner simply changing his or her mind about being their own boss. I do not believe Lowell has a greater rate of business closing than any other small town or even than most of the big malls in the area. I do not go to the malls often, but every time I do, there are empty storefronts along with new businesses I haven't seen before. That is the nature of business!

One last suggestion if I may. Jim Howard seems to be a man of opinion and ideas. It would be great to see him working on a committee or running for City Council or engaged in some manner that could further Lowell's position as "the next place to be."



Kudos to Lowell Light & Power again! During the July 2 storm, our power went out and we called to let them know. Within ten minutes, we saw a truck arrive and in another five minutes, we had power. This all while the storm was still raging above! Awesome service, as always.

Chris and Candice Fleszar



The requirements are:

As my old buddy Popeye used to say, "I have had all I can stands and I can't stands no more." Jim Howard has a lot to say about Lowell and he raises some interesting points, but his recent letter concerning the DDA pushed my

Among other things, Jim wrote, "the tax money from the DDA has not developed a thriving downtown business district in the approximately 16 years that it has been in effect". I might agree with Mr. Howard on some things, but this one is a doozie and I beg to differ. Julie and I opened

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Enclosed is some information about the singing of our National Anthem. Men not in uniform shall remove Ticket. headdress and salute with the right hand, and headdress over their heart. According to the most recent American Legion magazine, "all others present should remove any headwear, face the flag and place their right hand over their heart."

Semper Fidelis William "Bill" Hurt, Lowell Showboat. Life member V.F.W. of the United States

By Shelly MacNaughton

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL Entry is missing from archives.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **JULY 9, 1908**

Howard Clare Gibson, fourteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson, died Saturday night July 4, 1908, as a result of injuries received in an explosion of powder in a gas pipe cannon. The accident occurred Friday evening about eight o'clock on the corner just east of the mill on East Main Street. He has spent his entire life in Lowell, attending our public schools and finishing the seventh grade the past June with highest honors, having ranked at the head of his class.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO **JULY 13, 1933**

Steps are being taken for the launching of a new invention, called the "cleanrake," which will be manufactured in Lowell and sold through hardware jobbers throughout the country. The inventor of the new device is Adolph Strohm of Lowell and those who will be associated with him in the manufacturing and selling are F. M. Newell and D. G. Look.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **JULY 10, 1958**

Headline: Nixon receives 500,000th Lowell Showboat

Vice President Richard Nixon is presented the 500,000th ticket to the Lowell Showboat to be held July 21 through 26. The ticket, which Nixon is holding, was presented by Congressman Gerald R. Ford, honorary Admiral of the

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **JULY 13, 1983**

The Kent County Prosecuting Attorney's office released their determination the fatal shooting of James Pfaff, 27, by Lowell Police Officer Calvin Kamphuis on Monday, July 4, 1983. The statement issued by the prosecutor declared the shooting "justifiable homicide." The statement said that the shooting was a clear-cut case of self-defense, and would have been justifiable even if Kamphuis had not been a police officer. Witnesses said that Pfaff repeatedly taunted Kamphuis to shoot him while slashing at him with a knife.

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Capps will bride-to-be works for Five become the bride of Mark 9 Technologies. Her parents Catlin on August 15, 2008. are Thomas and Carol The longtime sweethearts Capps of Lowell. The future both graduated from Lowell groom works for Skytron. High School and Grand His parents are Paul and Valley State University. The Patricia Catlin of Alto.



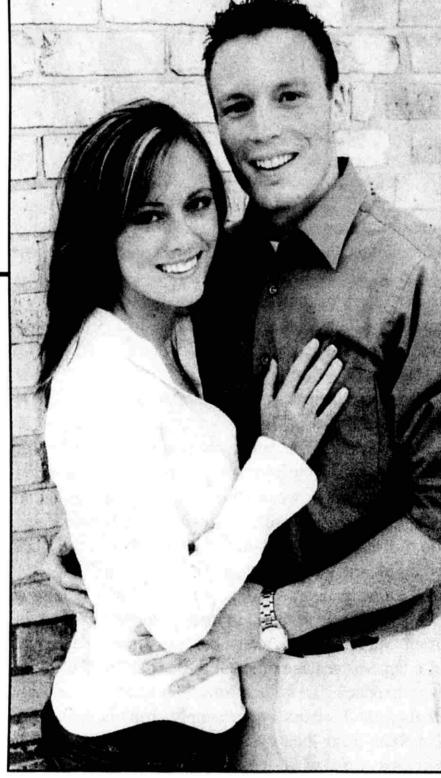
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Museum's contribution acknowledged

history teacher Nick Blough presents a Lowell Area Schools Community Partner plaque to Lowell Area Historical Museum director Pat Allchin. The plaque recognizes the museum's role in the veterans' history project and local history which Blough has worked on with his advanced placement European History class for the last four years.

For the project, students interviewed veterans from the war but they also interviewed local citizens that had an impact on the town. We also had students comparing the downtown landscape of today to what it was just fifty years ago. "We received a lot of new information this year and the students' creativity with this project was very impressive; it made history come alive," Allchine said.



Nick Blough and museum director Pat Allchin on the steps of the LAHM.

Burns, George Miles, Mindy Tykocki, Bethany

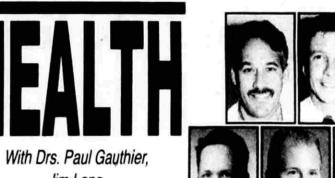
JULY 15:

Esther Newell, John Jones, Kaczanowski,

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Wayne A. Christenson In John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie



WHAT IS DEPRESSION?

Depression is a medical illness, just like diabetes or high blood pressure. People don't choose to be depressed. Depressed people are not "weak" or "crazy". Depression affects more than 17 million people in the United States each year. Symptoms of depression include at least three of the following warning signs:

- Feeling sad most days for two weeks or more
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- Sleeping more or less than usual
- Weight changes
- Feeling hopeless or worthless
- Trouble concentrating
- Irritability
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Depression can be successfully treated with medicine, counseling or both. Medicines can help to correct the imbalance of neurotransmitters. Counseling can help you change a negative view of yourself, your past and your future. Regular exercise and avoiding alcohol, illegal drugs and too much caffeine can also help. Talk to your health provider if you feel you may be depressed, and they can Kyle help you decide what treatment may be best for you.



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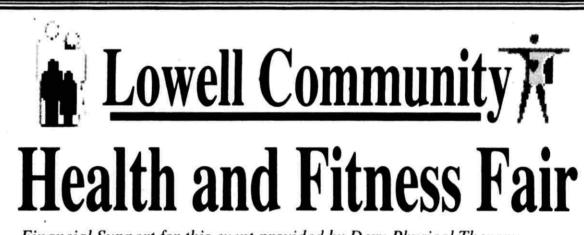
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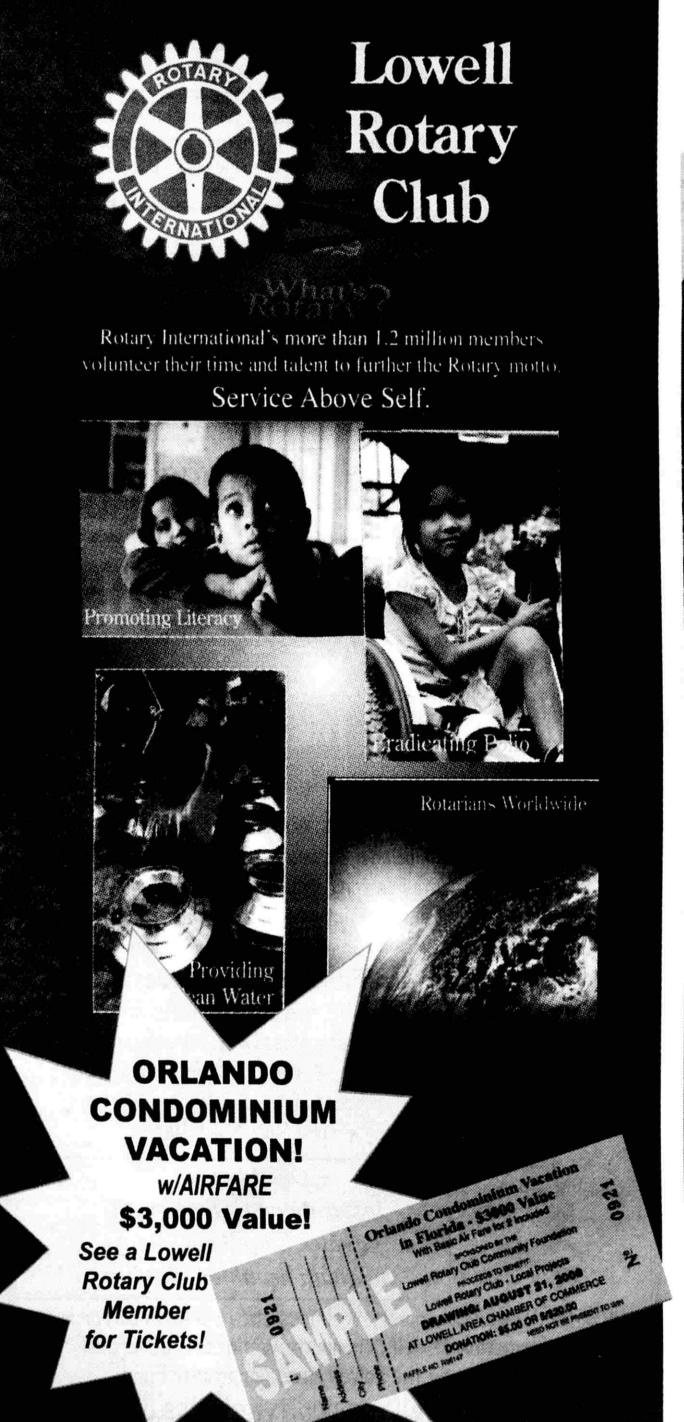
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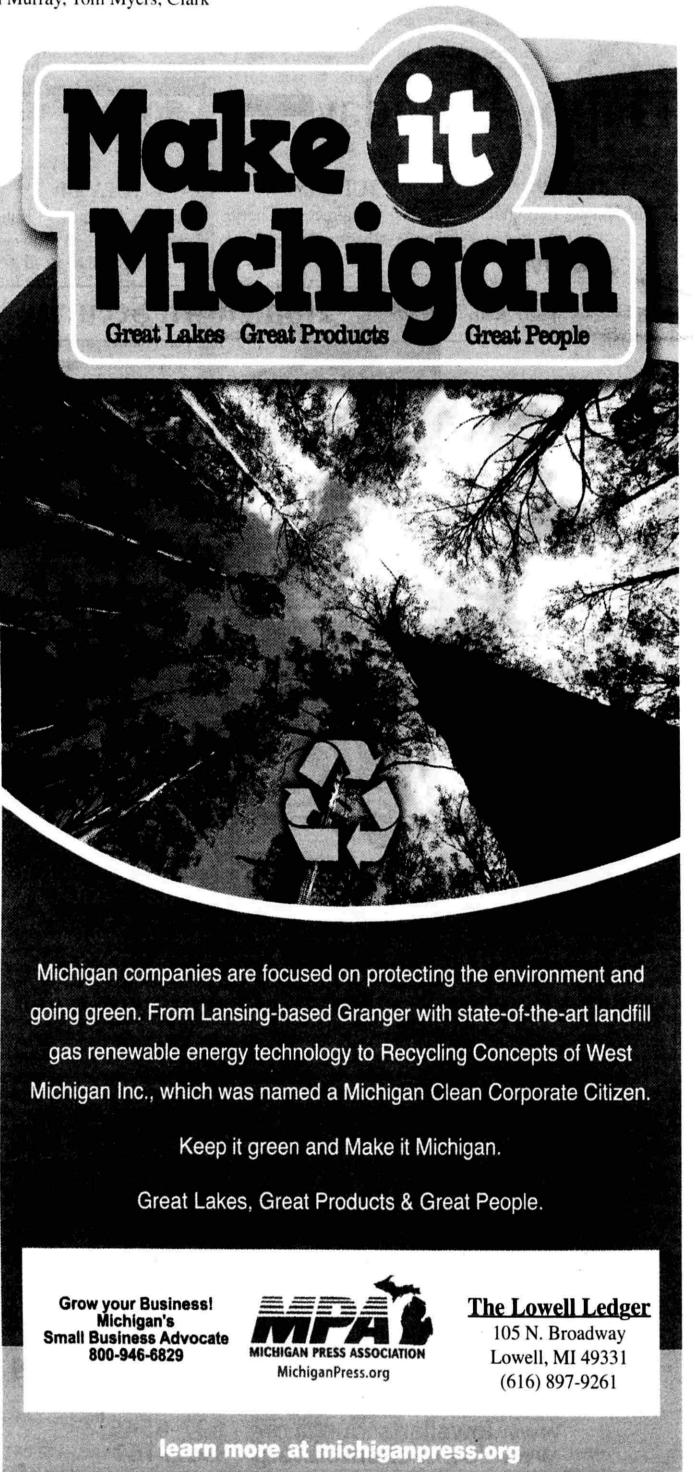
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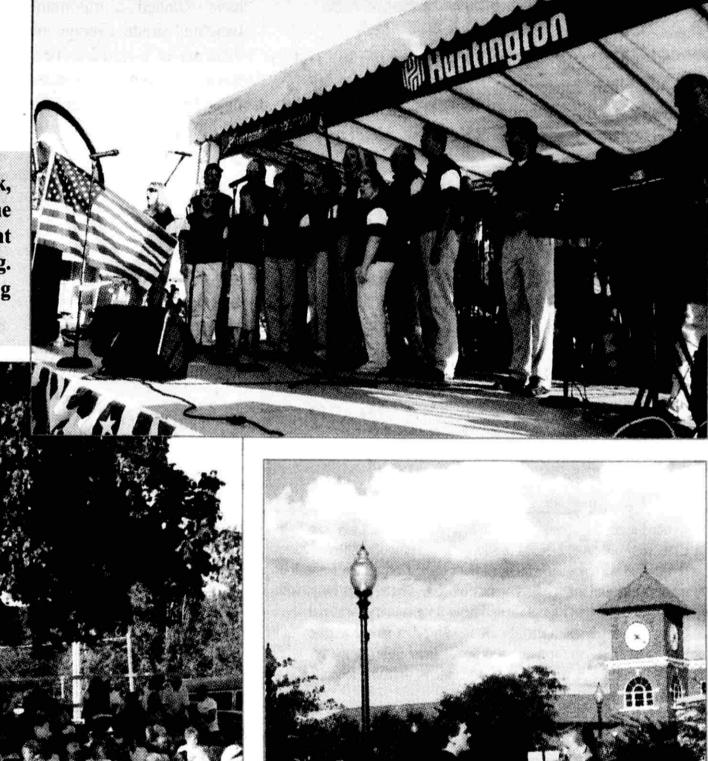




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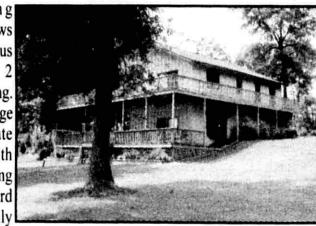
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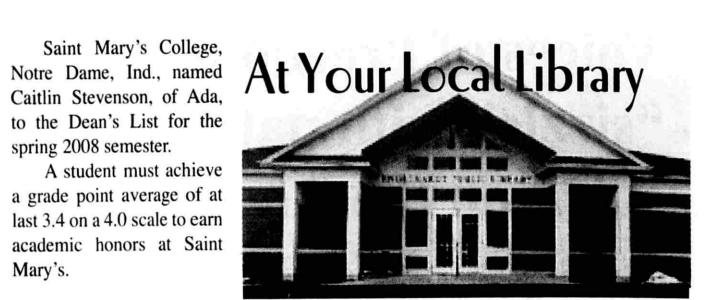
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the workshop."

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As we get close to the Fourth of July, you may be thinking of where you'll be attending a picnic, watching fireworks or engaging in other activities that accompany the holiday. And while it's always meaningful to commemorate our nation's many freedoms, you may want to take this your own "Financial Independence Day."

Central Michigan Uni-

versity senior Kimberly

Hoogewind, a Lowell na-

tive, was one of 20 students

nationwide to be accepted to

a summer workshop hosted

by the National Center for

Atmospheric Research in

Hoogewind spent five days

touring labs which house

equipment used to study

worldwide weather and cli-

mate and connecting with

undergraduate leadership workshop in order to learn

about the many research

and career opportunities

Hoogewind said. "To be

honest, I was completely

surprised - and of course

"I wanted to attend the

researchers and scientists.

A meteorology major,

Boulder, Colo.

suggestions for doing just that:

is high, and sometimes you need to use loans and credit. repair, need a new appliance or face an unexpected medical But the more money you owe, the harder it is to achieve bill financial independence, so try to reduce, consolidate or eliminate as much debt as possible. You may have to drive that old car one year longer or postpone that vacation until pay off down the road

long-term financial goals, you need your investments to gross income will be. But if you're not contributing the provide you with the combination of growth potential maximum allowed, or at least as much as you can afford, opportunity to think about another celebration of liberty: and income that's appropriate for your individual needs. you're putting "shackles" on the ability of these plans to

THE LOWELL LEDGER - WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2008 - PAGE 11 However, unlike the Fourth of July, Financial To accomplish this, though, these investments need to be Independence Day won't just show up on the calendar "free" from being raided to pay for the costs of everyday - you have to work to make it happen. Here are a few life. That's why you should establish an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses. By · Liberate yourself from debt - You don't have to be keeping this fund in a liquid account, you won't have to tap a free spender to rack up a lot of debt - the cost of living into your investments the next time you have a major car

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· Free your family from threats to your income Lowell student participates in atmospheric workshop the mortgage? Or send your children to college? Or meet any of the financial goals you've set? Financial independence will always be elusive unless you protect your family from the potential loss of your income - and that's why you need adequate life insurance, especially while your children are young and you're still paying a mortgage. At the same time, you may need disability insurance to replace your income if you can't work due to illness or injury. Your employer may offer a disability policy, but it might be insufficient to meet your needs, so you may need to add extra coverage.

By taking these and other steps, you can go a long way toward turning Financial Independence Day from a goal to a reality — so take action soon.

insight into the many ways riety of disciplines, not just According to its Web http://www.ucar. scientists serve in leadermeteorology." edu/educ_outreach/ulw, ship roles. Hoogewind, the daughthe goals of the workshop

program," Martin Baxter, CMU meteorology faculty member, said of Hoogewind.

very excited - to have been formed about opportunities "They only accept one stu-

accepted to participate in for graduate and postdoc- dent per university to attend

"She is the best in our ter of Ken and Peggy Hoogewind of Lowell, is a graduate of Lowell High

toral studies; and acquire (the workshop) from a va-

INVITATION

Roselle Park Entry Improvements 2008 Ada Township, Kent County, Michigan

. RECEIPT OF BIDS: Sealed Bids for the Project will be received by Ada Township, the OWNER, at the Office of the Township Clerk, Ada Township, 7330 Thornapple River Drive, Ada, Michigan 49301, until 2:00 PM local time in effect on July 24th, 2008, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The envelope containing the bid must be identified on the outside as "Bid for Roselle Park Entry Improvements

. SCOPE OF PROJECT: This Project consists of furnishing all labor, materials, tools, equipment and services necessary to construct and place; asphalt overlay on the existing parking lot, playground climbing wall around west silo, new entry gate and bollards, rain garden soil, pressure treated fence, gravel walk, picnic tables and other site improvements noted on Drawings.

2. EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS: Plans and specifications for the Project may be examined at the following locations after July 10, 2008:

O'Boyle, Cowell, Blalock & Associates, Inc.

521 South Riverview Drive, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49004

801 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

Ada Township Clerk, 7330 Thornapple River Drive, Ada, Michigan

Builders and Traders Exchange offices in Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and Lansing.

Construction News Service in Grand Rapids

Dodge Reports in Lansing

Construction Association of Michigan, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

Plans and specifications may be obtained from the Landscape Architect for a non-refundable cost of \$25.00.

3. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS: No Bidder may withdraw its proposal for a period of 45 days after the actual date of opening thereof. This time period may be extended by mutual agreement of the OWNER and any Bidder or Bidders.

4. RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS: The Owner reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any and all proposals and to waive any irregularities in proposals. If award is made, it will be to the bidder whose proposal is considered to be in the best interest of the Owner.

5. PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A pre-bid conference will be held at 4:00 PM, on July 16, 2008, at the Ada Township Hall, 7330 Thornapple River Drive, Ada, Michigan.

6. QUESTIONS: All questions are to be directed to the Landscape Architects, O'Boyle, Cowell, Blalock & Associates, Inc., 801 Monroe Avenue NW, Suite 01, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, Telephone: (616) 301-7453, FAX: (616) 301-7460.



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BBB receives thousands of complaints on mysterious credit card charges

site or claims like, "Click

company is charging online realized they had signed up \$20 rebate cards for the Web chat. shoppers every month for. without their knowledge

Better Business Bureau is warning consumers to closelychecktheircreditcard statements for mysterious back to Connecticut-based Affinion Group, an affinityfrom Trilegiant. In the last 12 months

that they were shocked they discovered unwanted charges on their credit card for membership services such as "Shoppers "Privacy Guard" or "Great Fun." Charges ranged from \$12 to as much as \$59.99 every month. Some complainants been charged by Affinion Group every month for several years, resulting in hundreds of dollars being transaction process, pop-up paid for services they never ads or chat boxes appeared

programs never actually nearly 1,800 complaints enticing pop-up ads - and regarding Affinion Group. that's why they have a Most complainants state longstanding unsatisfactory

record in BBB's book." Some complainants were able to retrace their steps and find out how they were inadvertently signed up for membership services that resulted in the monthly charges. Typically consumers had purchased items online - such as movie or airline tickets - from a reputable Web site. At some point in the

DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE

REGULAR MEETING OF

THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2008

Minutes of the June 16, 2008 regular meeting

were approved as corrected and the Closed

Session were approved as submitted and the

Motion to approve the resolution of

application from Attwood Corporation for an

Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate

Motion to approve the resolution to adopt the

City Parks and Recreation Plan as presented

Motion to table the Parks Use Agreement

Motion to approve the adoption of the Capital

Motion to approve audit services proposal

from Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and

Dickinson for the year ending June 30, 2008.

Motion to approve Williams and Works to

complete the Bowes Road reconstruction

Motion to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. The next

regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday,

Complete minutes will be available after

approved on July 21, 2008 on the City's web

Betty R. Morlock

City Clerk

page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.

Improvements Plan 2008-2013.

accounts payable were approved.

The following actions were taken:

under P.A. 198.

project survey.

July 21, 2008.

Policy.

signed up for Affinion's savings. information and therefore unwanted services simply when they discovered how membership. don't suspect that the by clicking on pop-up much money they had lost company will immediately ads or replying to chat through affinity marketing Attorneys General reached on Affinion Group and to begin charging their credit windows, even though they practices," added Vander a settlement with Trilegiant card every month," Ken ultimately declined the Meeden. "Unfortunately Corp. and Chase Bank the company is doing Vander Meeden, BBB of offers. Complainants never many credit card holders are totaling \$14.5 million, to Western Michigan CEO. provided their credit card learning the hard way about resolve allegations that the reliability report online. "The large volume and information to ads or chats the value of reviewing their two companies partnered pattern of complaints BBB because the company with statements and finances to deceive consumers into received indicates which they had just made every month." marketing company that that Affinion is not taking their online purchase had a recently changed its name enough steps to ensure pre-established agreement complaints from consumers records, Trilegiant is now understand with Affinion Group to who knowingly signed up doing business as Affinion exactly what they're getting automatically alone, BBB has received into when they click on consumer information when services - with the promise

marketing took advantage of or even offering incentives, such as they clicked on the ad or that they could cancel after business and same people

have no idea how or why Complainants allege they were being charged

transfer for the memberships or Group - but it's the same

a month and pay nothing "Most complainants – but then never received given the runaround when they were signed up for and were extremely angry they tried to cancel their

In 2006, 16 state

paying for membership BBB has also received programs. According to BBB

continuing their pattern of misleading consumers by "Consumers who get here for your 10 percent report to BBB that they the promised rebate cards not making it clear when or other incentives, or were a consumer has purchased settlement.

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Vertical ID reduces underage drinking

by Terri Lynn Land

on July 1, 2003, requiring the innovation. issuance of vertical (portrait)

ago, horizontal format has been vertically rather than up for renewal. The new

The vertical style driver's licenses or gives restaurants, bars, personal identification cards convenience stores, casinos to individuals under the age and law enforcement an of 21. As a result of this instant visual cue to correctly alcohol has become more age and to immediately difficult for minors in our spot those not old enough design to thwart attempted alterations or forgeries.

There are more than the problem of underage the last several years for 731,000 people under age drinking in a different way minors as their licenses came 21 who currently possess a Michigan vertical driver's license or personal ID card. A law went into effect by many parents as a smart I'm pleased to say it's less likely these young adults will succeed in using their ID to obtain alcohol than if they were using the old cards. That horizontal

> Program's success is the steady decline in convictions under Michigan's "zero

prohibits underage drivers from having any alcohol in their systems. In 2004, the first full year of the vertical license program, there were nearly 1,700 convictions. The number has fallen each

year to about 1,340 in 2007.

During the transition to the new license, the I.D., cont'd.,

Michigan began to approach gradually phased out over

format has been welcomed

major change, purchasing determine a license-holder's state. Every driver under to purchase alcohol. It also 21 in Michigan now has has a more tamper-resistant

difference can save lives. One indicator of the enforcement groups and

coalition of retailers, law

Social Security travels with you

by Vonda VanTil, Social Security

Public Affairs Specialist

If you receive Social Security benefits and you're planning to travel abroad this summer, there are some

Security payments — go way to receive your benefit payments, whether you're

your checks.

If Jerry Hale is a dairy farmer, am the Bishop of Cork.

Before casting your vote for Lowell Township Supervisor, repeat this phrase:

"Why don't you pass the time by playing a little solitaire?"

This dispatch from Harbin courtesy of G.M. Ross, 10561 36th S.E., Lowell Township.

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> You should also be familiar with how your Medicare coverage works outside the United States. Be aware that Medicare, in most cases, does not pay for hospital or medical services outside the United States. except for some emergency services in Mexico and Canada. That is the case even if you get sick or hurt while traveling.

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Alto teen headed to Philippines for World Stick Fighting and Forms Championship

by Molly Benningfield

a pretty regular 14-year-old to gain respect. - she is heading into her

cheer team.

time she puts in with daily her," she said.

forms of karate since she country was 8, quickly rising in the as a 12-year-old.

vacation, most teens will part of a focused martial demonstrate her passion to be able to defend yourself. find a part-time job, visit arts expert. Tall and thin, excel in the world of martial "To save your life, you have friends and spend days not with long brown hair and arts." worrying about homework expressive eyes, Moore has and tests. Mariah Moore is had to overcome perceptions earned the respect of those having the confidence in

"There aren't many community as well. She

But her mom, Marjorie,

about the fact that she leaves respect of many around her. girl closer to their age." for the Philippines next Her coach for Eskrima, a Bong Jornales, the of WOTV fame. She has Grandmaster and founder performed in the West

"I am delighted and She said that "giving back is ranks to become a world- pleased with Mariah's the right thing to do." 2006 world championship worked hard to earn her

There will also be fullcontact stick fighting, of Jornales System FMA. Michigan Park Parties, as single and double stick. For Moore is well-known Mariah has trained with well as working with the this one, she will put on she said. "Not only is it

Fighting

in her sport, but around the your technique." sophomore year at Lowell females - it's a very tough frequently donates her time though, she has a few world High School and tries to sport." She said she'll find in teaching self-defense to titles to defend. She will be find time hanging out with the most opposition in local groups from Girl Scouts looking to get another gold friends and preparing for tournaments, especially with to inner-city children. She in forms and double stick, her first season on the JV comments from opponents' promotes safety awareness while trying for the first and stranger danger. "I believe I can make particular competition, there stand out? It could be the was quick to point out that a difference. It's worth are three contests. One is six nights a week that she once Mariah starts fighting, it, if it'll save someone's forms, which the judges score weapons-based all the talk is quieted. "They life." She said she thinks on how well the techniques martial arts. Or the extra gain respect after watching her message resonates with are used, while the fighter is

those she teaches because going against an imaginary Moore has gained the it's "different to hear from a performance. This contest One of her favorite two minutes in length.

deemed as the "Olympics of native to the Philippines, has been with Maranda double knives on ropes. raised thousands of dollars.

She hopes that she can Championship is the highest tournament, taking first in clothes, and weapons for also open a school by the level one can attain in all three in November. others, both in karate and to the finals and earned a excited than anything, and self-defense. She wants spot on the U.S. team by doesn't get nervous "until Not only has she had to have confidence that she to teach people how to be competing at the national prepared at all times. Her championship, mom said Mariah "just gets gold medals in traditional ideas in her head and goes multiple weapons, full- accompany Mariah to the with them", rather than contact double stick fighting Philippines, where they will letting them fizzle out.

face stereotypes regarding will perform her best. She her age and gender, but is a young lady with many the school because she summer she doesn't quite look the talents and continues to knows how important it is to to use anything around you. Not only has Mariah It's not your strength, it's Before she does that,

time in single stick. In this is choreographed, and under week to compete in what is weapons-based martial art times serving the community Mariah will perform using

in the Lowell community as him since 2004 and he will TV host on "Take a Kick at around 50 pounds worth of an honor to be on the U.S. a sponsorship from Kwon, she has practiced different accompany her to his native Cancer", a benefit that has padding, including a metal team, but also to be going to which Moore described as

IT WAS AMAZING. NOT ONLY IS IT AN HONOR TO

- Mariah Moore, on heading to the world championship

BE ON THE U.S. TEAM, BUT ALSO TO BE GOING TO THE

PHILIPPINES - TO HAVE THE WORK PAY OFF IS NICE.

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Mariah Moore in her Team U.S.A. warm-ups. (Photo courtesy of Lawrence Heibel)

single stick. Only those July 17. She will be able to who take first or second are train in the Philippines and tour the country with her

Stick work pay off is nice.

She swept the regional she receives equipment

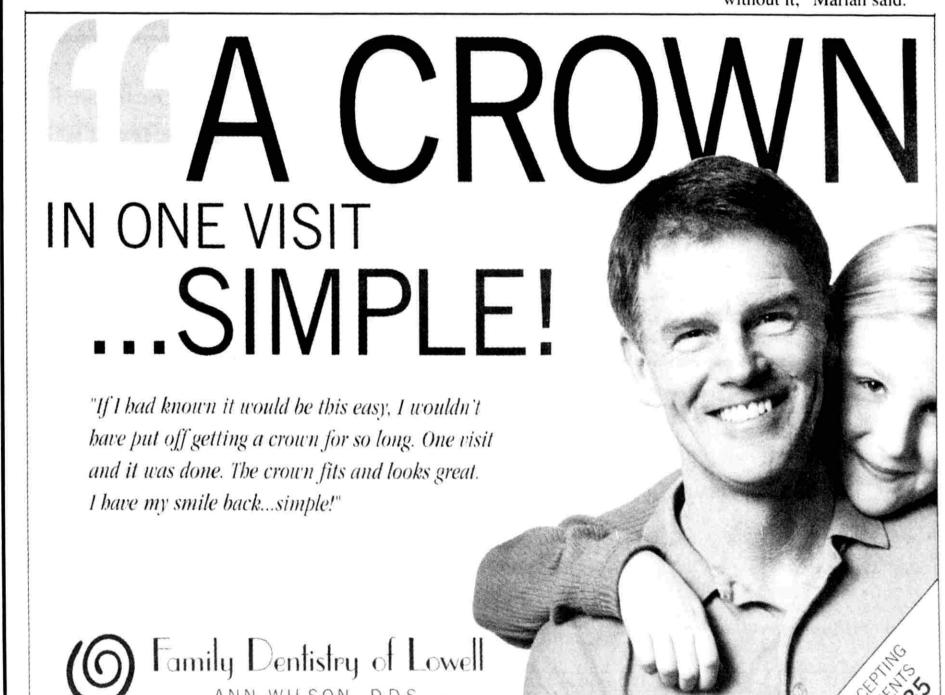
about five minutes before I poster of Mariah." She has

Her dad, Randy, will and a silver in full-contact spend two weeks, starting

arrived," Marjorie said. After the world championships, Mariah will continue training and get ready to go back to school, where she said she has to keep up good grades, "or I

She said she does martial arts because it's what seems right to her. "I don't know what kind of person I'd be without it," Mariah said

can't train."



THE BENNING-FIELDER



by molly benningfield sports editor

Wimbledon proves exciting

The two finals for the singles title in Wimbledon this year turned out to be those of epic proportions. On the men's side, Rafael Nadal of Spain defeated Roger Federer of Switzerland in a five-set final that stretched on for hours. On the women's side, it was an American sister act as Venus Williams defeated sibling Serena. Rafael Nadal vs. Roger Federer

Commentator, and former Wimbledon champion John McEnroe, said it was "the greatest match I've ever seen," according to the New York Times. In other articles as well, some are calling it the greatest final of all.

Federer entered the match as a five-time defending champ. Nadal entered as a French Open winner, defeating Federer just a month before. You knew it was going to be good even before it started. Nadal took the early lead, but Federer came charging back. The two battled back and forth like an epic tale being played out on the grass courts. Rain even halted play, and it went well after 9 p.m., with no lights on Centre Court. The match lasted a total of 4 hours, 48 minutes.

Williams vs. Williams

In the end, it was Venus vs. Serena, older facing younger, Wimbledon champ against Wimbledon champ. Venus won the bout, getting a repeat title. She won 7-5 6-4, and reignited the women's final.

All too often, women's sports are pushed to the back (even in this tournament, where many of the top female athletes had to play on far-away courts while their male counterparts found the spotlight on the best). But the battle between Venus and Serena, a match of grace, bu more importantly, quality and talent, helped to at least get a boost for the sport.

The Ledger "Almost" Anything Goes Column



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GARAGE &

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Sound Off" comments, but would like to remind readers of the nature of the column. "Sound Off" is meant to be a community notice board, a means for comments that can be regarded as helpful, congratulatory, thankful and informational.

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DRIVE

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

I agree, why are you comparing Walgreens, a drugstore, to Big Boy, a bad restaurant, together? They do not compare at all.

I heard there was going to be a Dollar Tree coming to Lowell. however I have not heard anything more about it. Has any one else heard?

> What day is the Parade?

The reason that people don't respect the skateboarders is because they don't respect us. In Ellen Morn's "To The Editor" last week she basically admitted that.

I think Lowell does need a recycling center. Garbage does not pick up recycling outside of town.

What is so great about Big Boy anyway?

You should try Ball's was yummy. Also do not

Drama was a class back

Got an Announcement to make?

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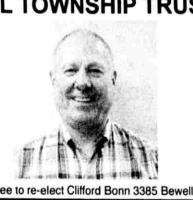
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in high school! Sheesh!

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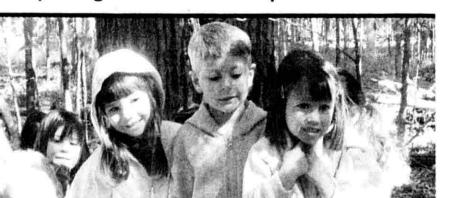


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11650 Downes Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331 Call (616) 897-7842 or visit www.lifeprocesscenter.org We'll soon be congested like 28th Street! If, you want more restaurants - Go to Grand Rapids. Who has any money to eat out, anyway? More people in Lowell were laid off last week.

Kudos to Jack Friesner regarding his letter in Viewpoint on June 25th. History does repeat itself and the past is our

guideline to the future. Wake up America!

Endless war, layoffs, businesses closing, weak dollar, poor economy, high food and gas prices, real estate values plunging. Have these last eight years been revenge for daddy only being a one-term president?

1.5 Million, is that all! What do you think a Walgreens is going to cost? If it's only \$2 each, then 750,000 people would like to have a Big Boy, WOW, I guess you're out voted!

I hope that somebody

enjoys all of the articles

the Ledger does on

the needless killing

of wildlife.

Hey Comcast put

Channel 15 WLLA back

on for our watching!

I wonder if the fireworks

from China emit some

harmful chemicals to

make us sick?

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I.D., cont'd.

••• From Page 12

highlight the law on a public

awareness campaign called

to protect youths from

obtaining alcohol, as well as

other age-restricted products

like tobacco. It is important

to their health and safety that

we keep these potentially

harmful things out of their

underage hands. We must

continue to work diligently

to ensure the young people

of Michigan know the law

drinking is a significant

challenge for our state, but

with the vertical driver's

license, we are heading in

underage

and respect it.

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the right direction.

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July 12, Light up your night, live music & tiki bar.

EVENTS

Luge, July 12 at Larkin's.

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).

NEW FAIR SECTION

LARKINS PATIO PARTY

Riverwalk Festival July 112 12, 2003

FRIDAY JULY 11

along the Riverwalk and Downtown

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

River Valley Credit Union Arts & Crafts, Antiques & Re-found Treasures

Avery Street Grilling & Chilling

Englehardt Friends of the Library Used Book Sale Library

Showboat Cash Bar on the Lowell Showboat

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Street Musicians

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Historic Pontoon Tours on the Flat River at the boat launch Entertainment Stage sponsored by Fifth Third and Farmers Insurance

featuring Dixieland DeJour

Until 9:00 PM

Late Night Shopping Along Main Street & Historic Downtown

SATURDAY JULY 12

along the Riverwalk and Bountown

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

River Valley Credit Union Arts & Crafts, Antiques & Re-found Treasures

Avery Street Grilling & Chilling

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KIDS!!! GOOD Chevy Buick Youth Zone Avery Street \$1 per child

Bill & Paul's Kayak Fun on the Flat River at the boat launch Lowell Community Wellness Health & Fitness Fair Lowell Police Garage & Avery St.

Chainsaw Sculpture along the Riverwalk

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Street Musicians 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Bill & Paul's Kayak & Canoe Race on the Flat River at the boat launch 10:00 AM

11:00 AM

12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

12:30 PM

1:00 PM

2:00 PM

10:15 PM

4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Parade Historic Main Street (Bring nonperishable food Items & give to the CLOWNS!) Flush Tank famous Lowell personalities

Horseshoe Tournament at Larkin's Restaurant (preregister at Larkin's) Rumble the Riverwalk classic cars and motorcycles cruising Main St

Laurels of Kent Pet Parade Laurels of Kent North Center Street (Registration 1:30pm) Historic Pontoon Tours on the Flat River at the boat launch

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Laurels of Kent Fireworks at Stoney Lakeside Park on Bowes Rd

Lowell Fairgrounds

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Brian Mead Memorial Cruise-in classic cars, motorcycles

*Shuttle Van between King Milling/Main Street provided by Good Chevrolet

Antique Fire Truck Muster Grand River Boat Launch

8:30 AM

Motorcycle Poker Run starts at Look Memorial Fire Station, ends at Fairgrounds

Supporting the Flat River Outreach Ministries

4:30 PM

5:00 PM

Jaws of Life Demonstration sponsored by the Lowell Area Fire Department \$1500 State Farm Insurance Duck Race on the Grand River

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