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40th annual Fallasburg Fall Festival celebrates the season



by Emma Palova

Celebrating nature's fall glory, the annual Fallasburg Festival is a rendezvous for artists, crafters, artisans, musicians and food lovers.

Placed in the historical setting of a national landmark, the atmosphere of the festival evokes a more simple era of life.

From quilting, weaving, rug hooking and fly tying demonstrations to fine arts, sculptures and jewelry, the weekend promises a smorgasbord of activities.

"We're really a hard show to get into," said Elaine Hommowun of the Lowell Area Arts Council. "We want the best quality, we're very selective."

The festival annually

attracts artists and festival goers from the entire state. New this year is 'Bear Claw Jack,' who will be carving sculptures from wood and Kate Casemier with her fiber.

Dennis Hinklin of Kalamazoo will showcase his wooden relief maps and tables of the Great Lakes.

Lisa Wierenga will have gourd carving demonstrations.

The cancellation stamp designed by Jan Johnson will be available at the festival station. This year's stamp is a replica of the original festival stamp design.

And the number of artists has gone up this year from 80 to 85.

The organizers are hoping for last year's record

attendance of 30,000. The stage this year is bigger for safety reasons and better access for the musicians.

The highlight of the weekend is the raffle drawing for quilt 'The Fallasburg 40th Beauty' by Dawn Ysseldyke, as well as prizes donated by local artists on Sunday.

The music lineup includes Easy Idle, Adams Family, Josh Rose and many others. Master of Ceremonies is Gordon Gould of News Radio Wood 1300 AM.

"We want people to come out and enjoy themselves," said Hommowun. "The food is good, you can buy a Christmas gift here."

Parking donations will benefit the Lowell FFA.

Craig Hart, circulation assistant at the Englehardt Library pictured by this year's quilt.

Fall mustard pull will prevent plants from maturing

by Emma Palova

The first fall garlic mustard pull scheduled for Oct. 11, with location to be announced, will prevent the invasive plant from further seeding itself.

The Lowell Area Conservation Association (LACA) organized the fall pull to eradicate the plant in addition to the annual May event.

"They're first year plants," said Peggy Covert of LACA. "It will prevent

the plants from seeding and further maturing."

Overall, the pull is expected to enhance the spring efforts of the group.

"This will clear things out," said Covert, "this pull will show its results in the spring."

The LACA is hoping to educate the public about the invasive species. A booth will be set up at the Fallasburg Festival, Saturday, Sept. 27.

"We want to educate the public about the harm garlic

mustard poses to our native plant life," said Covert.

In May, 61 volunteers, including the Girl Scouts and a church youth group, put in 130 volunteer hours. In addition, students at Cherry Creek elementary worked another 100 hours in the spring.

The group is already beginning to reap results of the last four years of community pulls.

"Wildflowers are starting to come back," said Covert.

Lowell has contributed to the overall goal of the Stewardship Network based in Ann Arbor with 1,600 pounds.

Also arrangements are in place to eradicate purple loosestrife that has been moving into the Riverwalk area.

"More details will be announced in the spring," said Covert.

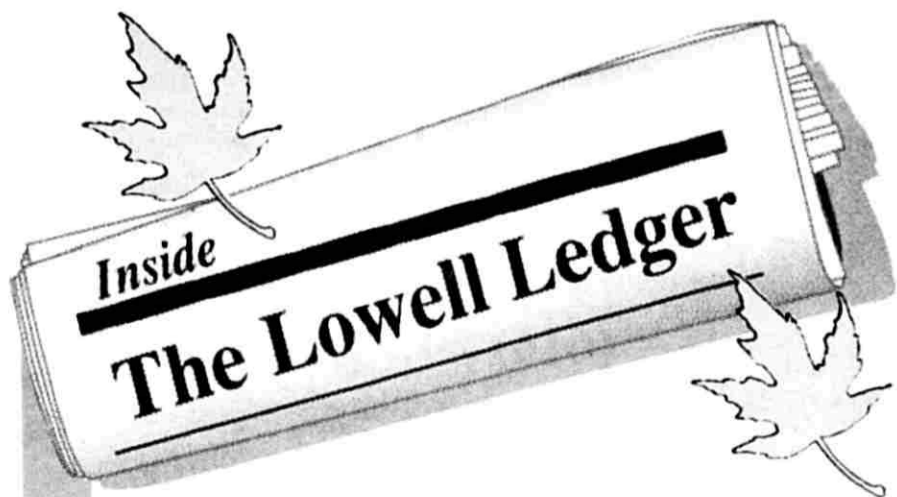
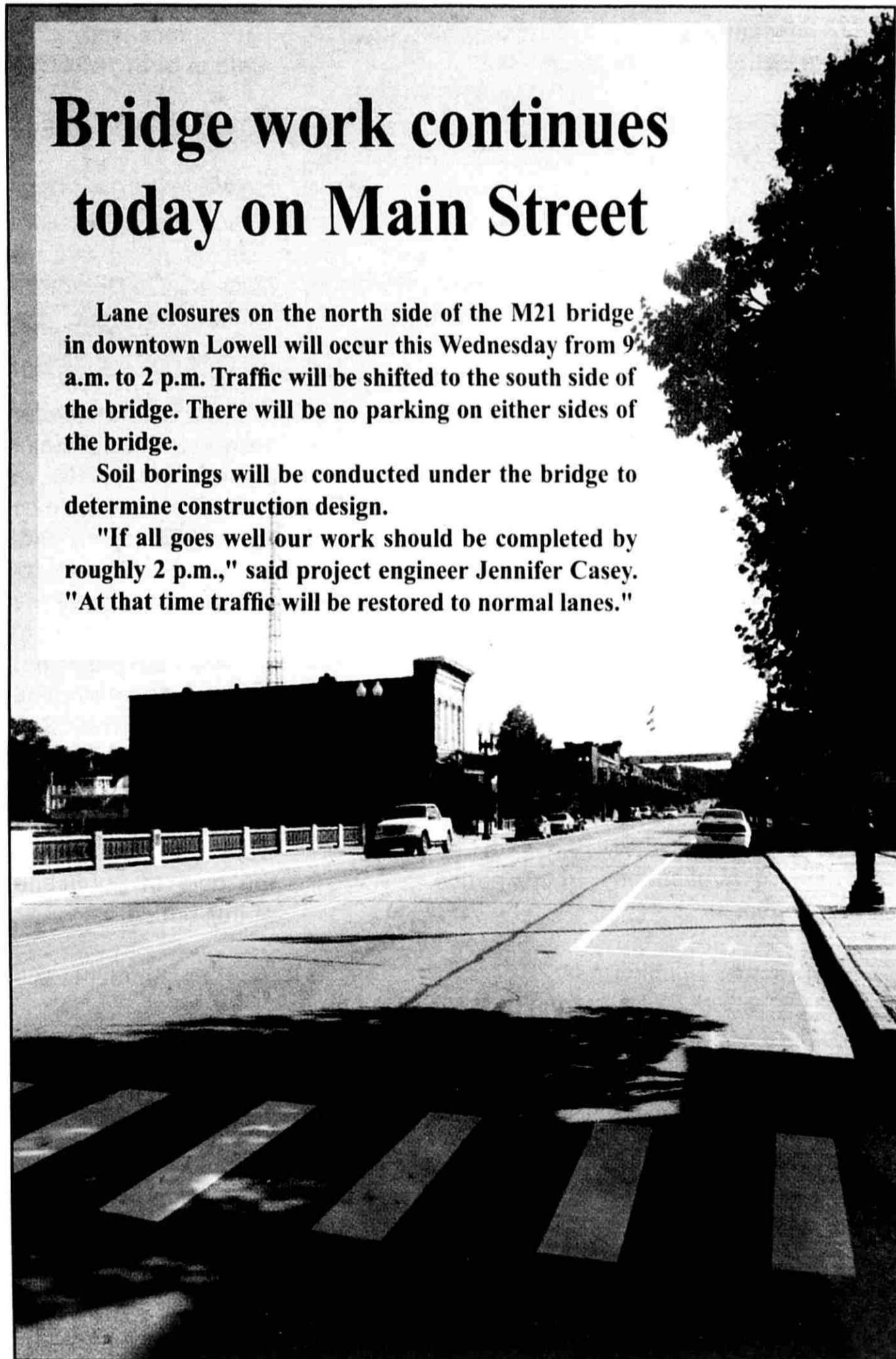
If you are interested in becoming a member of the LACA to help protect the area natural resources call Covert at 897-7948.

Bridge work continues today on Main Street

Lane closures on the north side of the M21 bridge in downtown Lowell will occur this Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Traffic will be shifted to the south side of the bridge. There will be no parking on either sides of the bridge.

Soil borings will be conducted under the bridge to determine construction design.

"If all goes well our work should be completed by roughly 2 p.m.," said project engineer Jennifer Casey. "At that time traffic will be restored to normal lanes."



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Obituaries



BROWN
Steven Michael Brown, aged 19 of Saranac, passed away unexpectedly Friday, September 18, 2008. He is survived by his parents David and Karen Brown; brother, Matt (Brittany VanSpronsen) Brown; grandparents, Frederick and Jean Herr, Rusty and Diana Brown; his canine pal, Kira; several aunts, uncles and cousins. A memorial was held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to County Victim Advocate, c/o Ionia Sheriff's Dept, 133 E. Adams, Ionia, MI 48846 and/or Kent County Humane Society.



GARDNER
Margaret L. Gardner, aged 85 of Lowell, passed away at Laurels of Kent on Wednesday, September 17, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lynn Gardner in 1985. She

and Helen McCall to cherish her memories. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

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LINKFIELD
Hubert "Hugh" A. Linkfield, age 83 of Ada, passed away at home Saturday, September 20, 2008. He is survived by his wife of 44 years Roberta; sister, Erma Rodgers of Ludington; numerous nieces and nephews and many

very close friends. Hugh is a WWII Veteran, was an active Moose member and member of American Legion. Per his wishes cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Moose Lodge #809, Lowell MI and Humane Society.

Lend A Hand VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER TUTORS
The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Wednesday, Oct. 1 for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the Center and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The Literacy Center of W. Michigan is a non-profit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in our community. Based on 1990 census figures, at least 19,000 adults in Kent County cannot read at a functional level. At least 6,000 adults cannot speak or understand English well. By training people to be tutors, the Council can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The information session will be held at the Cascade Library located at 2870 Jacksmith Ave., SE, Grand Rapids. Please call 459-5151, ext. 10 to register.

Planning commission grants special use for boarding house

by Emma Palova

The planning commission Monday night granted special use permit for a seven room boarding house at 512 E. Main with the requirement of paving seven parking spaces.

The boarding house owned by Roger Cahoon has been in the works for the last 10 years. According to Cahoon, it is close to being finished.

"Boarding houses are allowed by special use permit," said manager Dave Pasquale.

Although the planning commission didn't have any problems with the use, parking came under scrutiny.

"We've always required hard surface parking lots," said vice chairman Clark Jahneke.

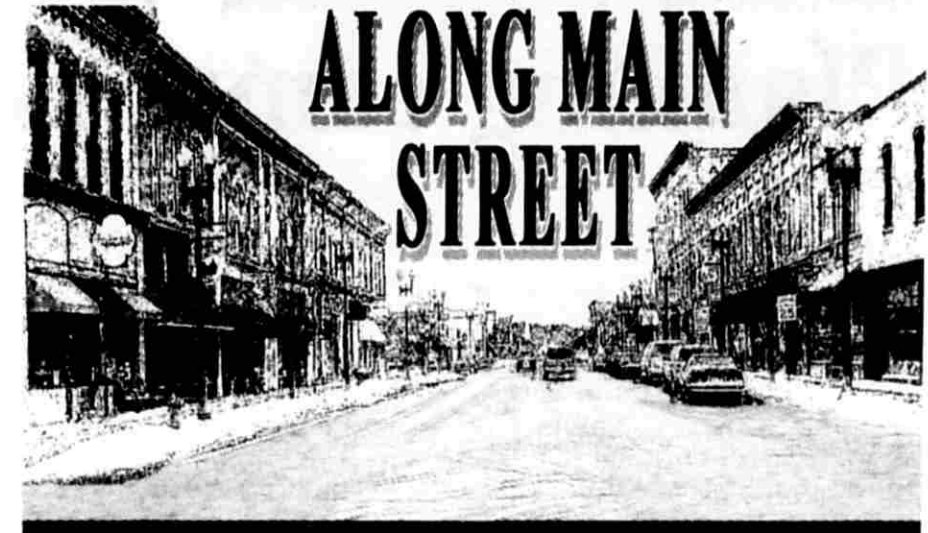
In addition to the seven parking spaces, Cahoon may eliminate the rest of the parking lot by grassing it. A lease to Huntington Bank is also an option.

In related business, the planning commission will further tweak the Tall Grass and Noxious Weeds ordinance to define xerophytic plantings. The upkeep of some of the city-owned lots may be handed to the Gardening Club in the future to beautify empty spaces.

According to the ordinance, grass must be cut once 12 inches tall within a 25 feet setback. Vacant commercial lots are exempt.

A joint meeting with Lowell Township has been set for Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall. Signage and M21 corridor will be discussed.

Civil infractions ordinance will be up for review in front of the planning commission next month.



LOWELL HISTORICAL MUSEUM PROGRAM
"Michigan Lighthouses & Ghostly Stories" on channel 20. Wed., Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. Thurs., Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. Fri., Sept. 26 at 5 p.m. and Sat., Sept. 27 at 10 a.m.

FALLSBURG FALL FESTIVAL DECORATIONS
If you have any flowers that the FFF Decorations Committee can harvest on Thursday, Sept. 25 or Friday morning, Sept. 26, please call Ron or Nancy Wood at 897-8546.

VINTAGE BASE BALL TOURNAMENT
Fallsburg Historic village will serve as the backdrop for the John Wesley Fallas Vintage Base Ball Tournament on Sat., Sept. 27, 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS
The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Monday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.

HARVEST HUSTLE 5K RUN/WALK
The Lowell Community Wellness Family Fun 5K Run/Walk will be Saturday, Oct. 1. Registration begins at 8 a.m., race at 9 a.m., beginning at the Lowell Police Station, \$10/adult, \$5/child and \$25/family. Call Patty Sellner at (616) 340-7781 for more information.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES
The FROM Food Pantry is presently in need of fruit, soup, crackers, corn, green beans and paper products. Please help if you are able.

LEGAL NOTICES • LEGAL NOTICES •

<p>STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 08-185,714-DE</p> <p>Estate of GLENN D. HANEY, deceased Date of birth 10/17/1919</p> <p>TO ALL CREDITORS</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent GLENN D. HANEY, who lived at 3000 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 9/2/2008.</p> <p>Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to MARGARET DEVEREAUX, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.</p> <p>September 18, 2008</p> <p>Craig Avery P10311 3875 W. River Drive PO Box 327 Comstock Park, MI 49321 616-784-5080</p> <p>Margaret Devereaux 1231 Fay NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-453-1374</p>	<p>STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 08-185,703-DE</p> <p>Estate of LYNN DAVIS MILLER deceased Date of birth 9/12/1939</p> <p>TO ALL CREDITORS</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent LYNN DAVIS MILLER, who lived at 4041 Jeanola, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 8/30/2008.</p> <p>Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JUDITH A. DOMINIAK, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.</p> <p>September 16, 2008</p> <p>John D. Mitus (P31244) 410 Bridge Street NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-774-4001</p> <p>Judith A. Dominiak 451 Norwood SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506</p>	<p>STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 08-185,481-DE</p> <p>Estate of NAOMI J. PUSTAY, deceased. Date of birth 10/29/1930</p> <p>TO ALL CREDITORS</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent NAOMI J. PUSTAY, deceased, who lived at 3474 Bristol NW, Walker, Michigan died 6/23/2008.</p> <p>Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to PATRICK L. PUSTAY, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.</p> <p>September 9, 2008</p> <p>John T. Conroy 410 Bridge Street NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-454-4119</p> <p>Patrick L. Pustay 4178 Litchfield Dorr, MI 49323 616-681-9317</p>	<p>STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 08-185,599-DE</p> <p>Estate of WILLIAM D. RUSSELL Date of birth 2/14/1967</p> <p>TO ALL CREDITORS</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent WILLIAM D. RUSSELL, who lived at 9101 21 Mile Road, Sand Lake, MI 49343, died 10/30/2006.</p> <p>Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to WENDY S. RUSSELL, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.</p> <p>September 17, 2008</p> <p>John D. Flynn 1275 Hawthorne Hills SE Ada, MI 49301 616-897-6632</p> <p>Wendy S. Russell 9101 21 Mile Road Sand Lake, MI 49343 616-636-5375</p>
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NOTICE

Lowell Charter Township is accepting bids for snowplowing for the 2008-2009 season.

Please bid each item separately. Submit written bids by noon, October 13, 2008, to Paula Blumm, Supervisor, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI 49331 or fax to 897-6482.

Item One: Seasonal:
Snowplowing of Township Hall parking lot, upper. Done when snowfall is 2" or greater. Salting of Township Hall parking lot, the part of the upper lot near entrances. Shoveling and salting of Township Hall entrance areas.

Item Two: Per trip, on call:
Snowplowing of Township Hall parking lot, lower. Salting of Lower parking lot near entrances, shoveling and salting of entrance area.

Item Three: Seasonal
Snowplowing of Township Water Tower access drive located on Foreman for snowfalls of over 2".

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NTSB deems pilot at fault in July 23 crash

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has completed the investigation into an airplane crash at the Lowell Airport on July 23.

Christopher Harper, 33, of Alto couldn't get the plane to take off, so he aborted the flight and skidded off into trees on a hot summer day. The plane then caught on fire. He and his passenger escaped uninjured.

According to the NTSB investigation report, the pilot did not have adequate pre-flight planning/preparation and he did not follow the short field take-off procedure. The report also states that trees were a contributing factor.

The pilot stated that the numerous trees surrounding the airport and the departure end of each runway are extremely dangerous, and provide few, if any options.

The pilot also stated that he used 10 degrees of flaps for the take-off rather than 25 degrees cited in the airplane flight manual for a short field take-off. The pilot had performed 56 flights in the accident airplane from the airport in similar atmospheric conditions.

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"Bearable" tree art

No longer an eyesore, a large maple stump has turned into a landmark. Under the crafty hands of wood carver Jack Eppinga, two bears with a football now grace the corner of Hudson and Suffolk streets. Resident owner Barbara Brown hired Eppinga to take care of business after a storm partially destroyed the tree.

"It's terrific," she laughed Friday while cruising to check out the sculpture. Eppinga worked from a scaffolding on the 15-foot tall sculpture. He will also be carving a fireplace mantel piece at the Fallasburg Fall Festival.

"It turned out really great," he said putting on finishing touches 'L' for Lowell Football. He suggested Brown can put inside the sculpture large plants for further decoration.

Eppinga is a well-known carver, who carves sculptures on the Riverwalk during Christmas festivities. One year, he carved out a large fish for the Showboat.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendments to the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance:

- An amendment to Section 3.27. C. 2 to change the requirements for plantings within a greenbelt as follows:
 - Delete the maximum spacing requirement of 40 feet between rows of trees;
 - Change the distance between shrub plantings from 8 feet to 5 feet on center;
 - Change the ultimate height of shrubs from not less than 12 feet to not less than three feet;
 - Add a reference to Section 16.05 A for parking facility screening.
- Add Section 3.27. H to allow the Planning Commission to modify the requirements for screening and landscaping during the review of a site plan according to certain criteria such as the amount of existing landscaping, the use on the adjacent property, the topography of a site and other similar criteria.
- Amend Section 17.02 to allow non-residential uses to have a freestanding sign and a wall sign and to regulate the setback of such signs.
- Amend Section 17.03 regarding setbacks for free standing signs and to allow free standing, wall and ground signs for non-residential uses in residential zoning districts.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2008
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL
 8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
 ALTO, MI 49302

The proposed amendments are available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 868-6846.

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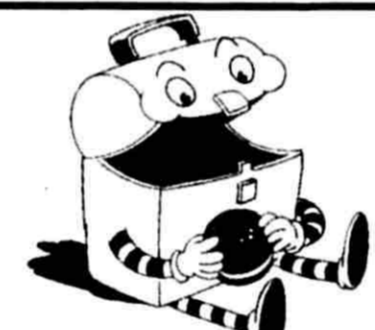
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TUES: Taco w/cheese, lettuce (ham & cheese sub/lettuce for Alto, Cherry Creek and Murray Lake), fresh fruit/apple juice, animal crackers, milk.

WED: Cheeseburger on bun (or BBQ ribbette on bun for Alto, Cherry Creek and Murray Lake), coleslaw, green beans/applesauce, milk.

THURS: Hotdog on bun (three meat sub for Alto, Cherry Creek and Murray Lake), peas, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

FRI: Baked chicken fyrz (strips) (or egg salad sandwich for Alto, Cherry Creek and Murray Lake), mashed potatoes/gravy, assorted fruit, milk.

Bluegrass Fest rocks fairgrounds with music

by Emma Palova

Hundreds of music lovers enjoyed the 13th annual FallFest, the last bluegrass event of the year outdoors at the fairgrounds. Campers and attendance were up due to glorious weather and recent promotions of the event.

"It's been very encouraging," said West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association president (WMBMA) Dave Simmonds. "We've had many brand new attendees who heard of us by word of mouth."

The atmosphere of jammin' and pickin' was fabulous all weekend long. The popular workshops

attracted many newcomers and ended with the grand finale known as the slow jam with 30 participants. Accomplished players were happy to show the novices their skill on the strings.

Two bands attracted the largest crowds, the Greg "Spanky" Moore Bluegrass Band and the Cats and the Fiddler. On Sunday morning, the Uphill Climb of Berrien County and Olsen Brothers of Okemos played the stage.

"They're very accomplished musicians," said Simmonds. Back in the vendor barn, massage therapist Kathleen Marks of Kalamazoo offered short sessions for relaxation.

"She really dug into my neck," said Chance Sherman of Toledo.

Sherman was selling direct TV for DSN satellite next to Marks.

"This is my first time in Lowell and I love it," he said.

Both vendors said they enjoyed the event and they did good business.

Although, compared to the May bluegrass festival, the fall fest is a little toned down, it stands on its own merit and usually enjoys better weather, according to Simmonds.

"We're really getting the word out," he said. "It was very good."



Uphill Climb Band



Dulcimer vendor MaryEllen Spyker

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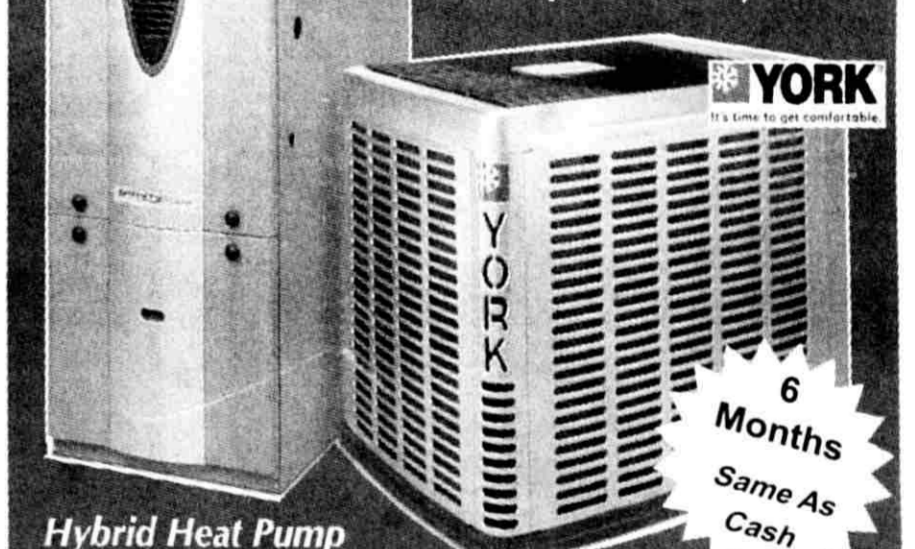
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Red Arrow SPORTS

Arrows win for third time in four games away from home

by Thad Kraus

The bounce in the Red Arrow step wasn't as emotionally charged, but the focus was, as Lowell improved its record to 4-0 with a convincing 56-6 non-conference win over Grand Rapids Union Friday night at Houseman Field.

"I thought we bounced back from the emotional game that was last week and played well," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean. "For the most part I thought the boys played well and the focus was there."

One aspect of the Red Arrow game which surfaced for the first time this year was the turnover. "We had

not fumbled the football all year coming into the game. So that was disappointing. One of those fumbles, however, was Austin (Graham) working hard to get into the end zone. I can't fault that."

Lowell will play a road game for the fourth time in five weeks on Friday at Northview.

"We'll dive into league play this week. We're two-time defending league champs. It would be nice to put ourselves in position to defend that," Dean explained.

The continued solid play from senior captain Torsten



The Red Arrows, behind strong line play, rushed for 309 yards against Union.

Boss needs no explanation just gratitude that he's not playing for the opponent.

Boss scored three touchdowns against Union. Two of those touchdowns came in the opening eight minutes. The first score found Boss on the receiving end of a 26-yard touchdown pass from Kyle Nichol. His second score of the night was a 77-yard touchdown burst. Midway through the second quarter Boss intercepted Union quarterback, Xavier Watson, and then raced 16 yards to the end zone giving Lowell a 35-0 advantage.

"Lowell presents some

problems. Defensively, we've been doing a pretty good job against the run. With a couple of exceptions I thought we did some good things out there again tonight," said Union football coach Tom Riva. "Lowell does a good job. They are a good football team."

The loss dropped Union to 1-3 overall. Its only win came against Grand Rapids Central.

Red Arrow senior quarterback Kyle Nichol threw for 171 yards and rushed for a team-leading 102 yards of Lowell's 309 yards on the ground.

Josh Faulkner led all Red Arrow defenders with eight tackles. Lowell held Union to 43 yards rushing on 17 carries. Through the air the Red Arrows held the Hawks to just 77 yards.

"We've been struggling on offense and that showed again tonight. We're young. We'll learn from our mistakes and get better," said Union football coach Riva.

Lowell's first score of the night came on a Nichol 10-yard pass to Zach Stephens. Nichol would add a 51-yard scoring scamper in the third quarter.

The Red Arrows final touchdown of the evening came in the fourth quarter when Jake Fillingham busted one in from a yard out.

The Red Arrows, who have not been 100 percent healthy all year, are awaiting the return of starters Cole Wade and Connor Cruz. Dean calls Cruz one of the best linemen in the state. The Red Arrow has been out for two weeks following an appendectomy.



Lowell's offensive line provides quarterback Kyle Nichol a clear view of what's opening up over the middle.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Robinson's aggressive approach keeps Lowell near front of league pack

by Thad Kraus

If you want to run with the big boys you'd better be near the front.

That's been Zach Robinson's approach and it continues to serve him well in this 2008 high school cross country season.

"Zach's an aggressive runner. He likes running in front with the big boys," said Lowell boys cross country coach Clay VanderWarf.

Robinson's approach

claimed him an 11th place finish at the Lowell Invitational and a fourth-place finish this past week at the OK White Jamboree at Manhattan Park.

"Zach's having a great year. He's one of the top runners in the league," VanderWarf said.

The junior, who's been running in the 17s all year, came off the Manhattan Park course in a time of 17:28.64.

The only runners to beat him came from Grand Rapids Christian. Gabe Gunnink took top honors with a time of 16:54.76. Kevin Peterson finished second at 17:10.24 while teammate Eric Doornbos stopped the clock in 17:25.09.

Lowell only has eight runners on its roster, making it less likely it can overcome a bad day by one of its better runners.

"Numbers-wise we're a small team. I think the jamboree format helps us, although we're hurt by lack of depth," VanderWarf said. "The runners like the jamboree format better because it gives them more of a chance to rest instead of running two races every week."

Filling spots two through five for Lowell were Jonathan Woods, 16th, 19:02.28; Tom Mark, 18th, 19:20.96; Ben

Partridge, 25th, 19:57.53 and Josh Corteville, 28th, 20:30.80.

Grand Rapids Christian took top honor at the

jamboree with 25 points, followed by Greenville 43; Lowell 91; Northview 111; East Grand Rapids 123, and Creston 147.

Red Arrow girls sixth at Lowell Invitational

A young Lowell girls' cross country team continued to show improvement as it finished sixth at the Lowell Invitational on Saturday. The Red Arrows finished ahead of Forest Hills Central, a club which beat Lowell earlier in the year.

This year's club is comprised of 20 runners. Last year there were only seven girls running varsity.

"We have 16 new girls to the team this year and four returners from last year,"

said Lowell girls' cross country coach Sarah Ellis. "They are all new to the sport. We should continue to improve throughout the season and within a year or two be the team to beat in our conference."

The Lowell times on Saturday were Taylor Marchido 21:52; Logan Declercq 22:13; Haleigh Timmers 22:39; Magnhild Karsrud 23:29; Karis Dilly 24:01; Kristin Dunn 24:23; and Emily Jelsma 24:31.

Equestrian team participates in back-to-back meets

Submitted by Janine Mork

After being rained out on September 13, the Lowell Equestrian Team returned to competition on Saturday,

Sept. 20 for another long, busy day. The teams were vying for the coveted first place spot that would send them on to the regional

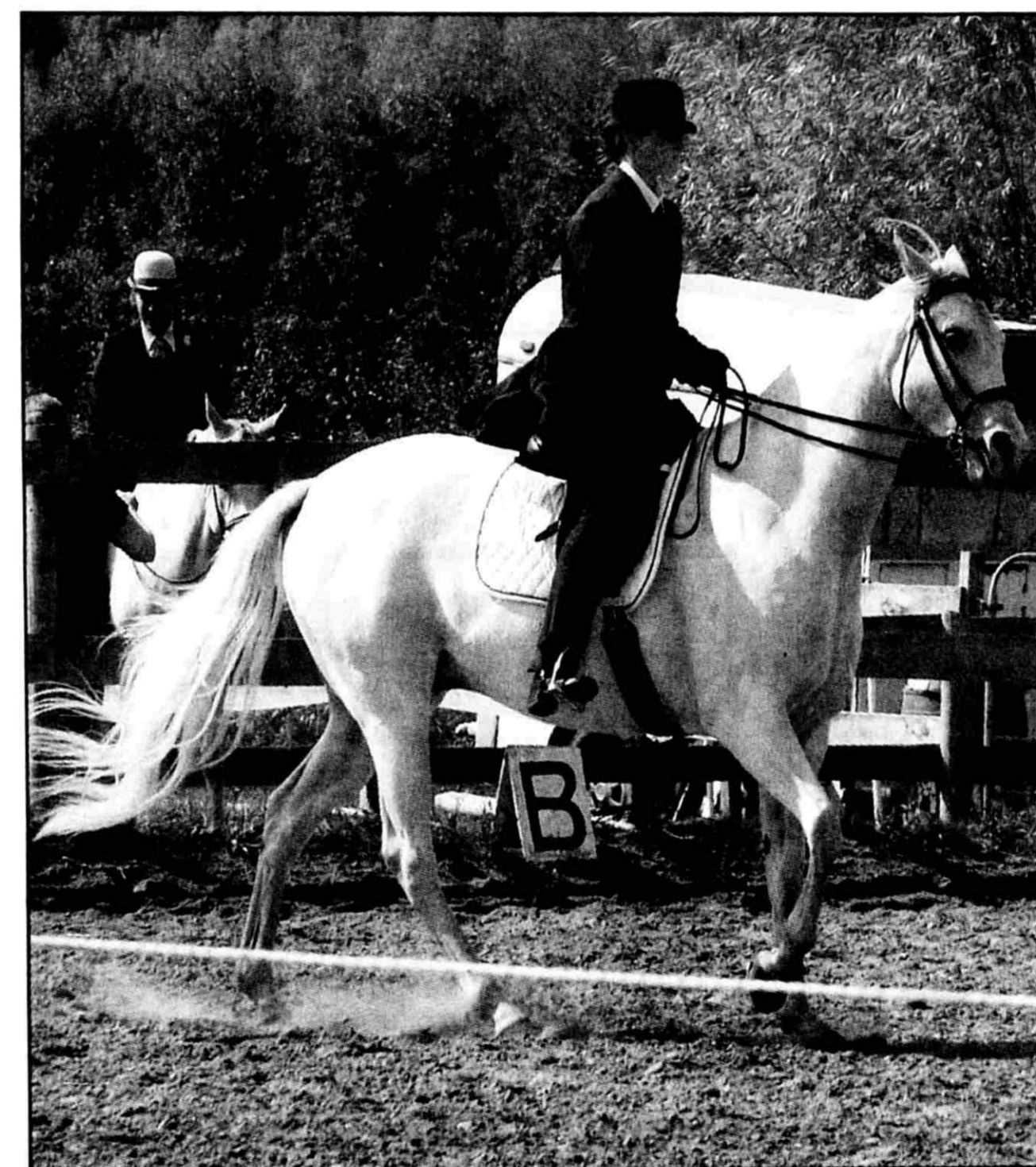
competition on September 27 in Berrien Springs, MI. (It was incorrectly reported in a previous article that the top two teams move

on to Regional. Only the top two from Regional moving on to State finals in October.)

Since the September 13 meet was cancelled, it had to be rescheduled before the Regional meet on the 27th. This meant running two meets back-to-back Saturday and Sunday or double judging the Saturday meet. It was decided to double judge the Saturday event. There were two judges for each class, each scoring individually based on what they observed.

The only events that were run twice were the speed events; cloverleaf, down and back and two-man relay. Placing for these events are based on fastest times.

The scores were close going into Saturday's events. "Many of the riders stepped up and rode in events they normally wouldn't," said Coach Mary Wolf. In the end, only the A1 team was able to pull off a first place finish to move on to Regional competition. The A2 team placed fifth and the B and C teams came in second behind Rockford.



Ashley Gaskin

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amendments to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance by adding Section 4.9, Wind Energy Systems. The specific amendments would provide definitions pertaining to wind energy systems, allow a wind energy system 65 feet or less to be permitted as a use by right in all zoning districts, require a Special Use permit for wind energy systems over 65 feet in height only in certain zoning districts, provide standards for review and approval, standards for setbacks and noise and other standards designed to protect the safety and well being of nearby properties and residents.

Additional amendments being considered would add Wind Energy Systems to the Table of Use Regulations being Section 4.1.1.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2008
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI 49331

The proposed amendments are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township
Planning Commission

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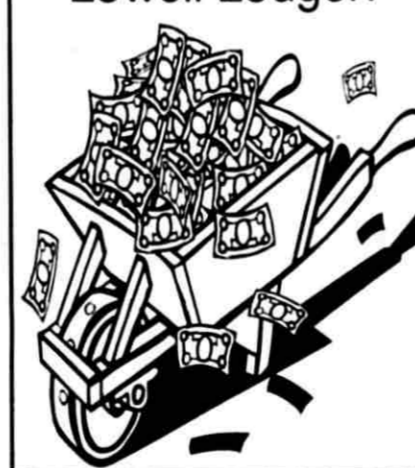
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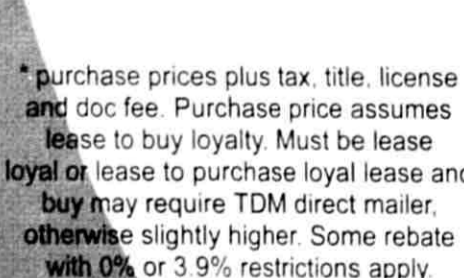
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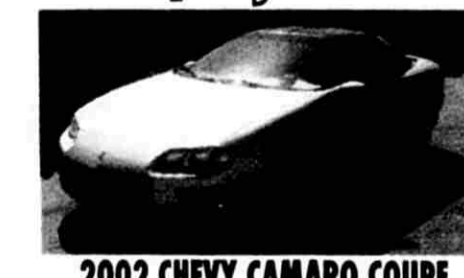
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