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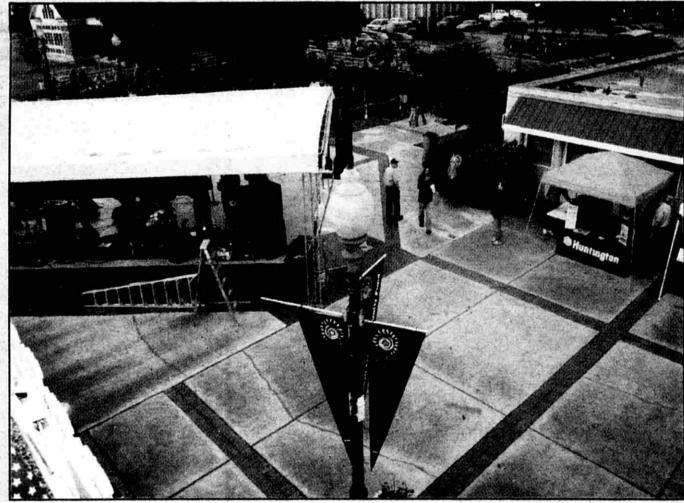
Wednesday, June 17, 2009



Sizzlin' Summer Concert series starts off strong despite soggy forecast

Tot even the rain could put a damper on the opening night of the Sizzlin' Summer Concert series last Thursday. The Rusty Wright Blues Band rocked the stage as concert goers trickled in. It was solid good music for two hours. The rain left mist in the dusk creating soft pinks and blues in the sky and on the Flat River. Some spectators floated in on vessels of all sorts. The band was just as much fun to watch as to listen to. Rusty Wright has made the leap from regional favorite to performing at some of North America's top blues festivals.

An impressive concert line-up this year includes classic rock band Natchez Traze, Sea Cruisers, Hark Up Rapid City Swing Band, Voices of Freedom, Blue Water Ramblers, Stolen Horses, Flat River Big Band, Root Doctor, Tami Helm and MacNaughton Boulevard, and also the bluegrass bands, The Patchwork Band, the Black Canyon Band, and Crossroads Blue Band at the Kent County Fairgrounds.



State of city address sets course for Lowell's future

by Emma Palova

he 22nd annual address delivered by manager Dave Pasquale has set the course for the next year.

Although overshadowed by economic events locally and globally, Pasquale said the city has valuable assets, and it must never give in to negativity.

"To this end, Lowell will strive to maintain and improve as a business friendly city," Pasquale "Financially, municipality will seek efficiencies in operation of this government."

To that effect, the city

federal stimulus money matching it with a local street fund of \$110,000 to upgrade Sibley Street. The street, which is located in a low to moderate income area, will be resurfaced and milled, yet this summer.

"This is answering a big need," said Pasquale.

Along the same lines, sidewalks, mainly school walks, will continue to be a priority. A path along Gee Drive will be constructed this summer between Alden Nash and the Cherry Creek Elementary School through the Federal Safe Walks to Schools Program.

Council member Jeff has accepted \$140,000 in Altoft suggested the city should start enforcing proper maintenance of sidewalks, including inspections. According to the city ordinance, property owners are responsible for the

maintenance of sidewalks in front of their homes.

"All you have to do is drive around downtown," he said.

However, it remained questionable how enforce the maintenance of sidewalks, if the property is changing owners.

"I don't know how you can enforce that if the house is for sale," said council member Jim Pfaller.

> State of the city, cont'd., pg. 3

Dogs may be allowed at the city cemetery

by Emma Palova

hould dogs be allowed at the cemetery?

That was one of the themes discussed at the Monday night city council meeting. Under the old rules, dogs are not allowed at all at the Oakwood Cemetery.

Both mayor Jim Hodges

and mayor pro tem Jim Pfaller felt that the cemetery is not a proper place for walking the dog.

"We have an off leash facility," said Pfaller. "There's plenty of other places to walk the dog."

Pfaller was referring to the Lowell Animal Hospital Dog Park at Stoney Lakeside Park that was established approximately two years ago, after much ado.

However, the majority of the city council favored the change to allow dogs on a leash at the cemetery, just like at any other places in the city. Many other communities allow dogs at their cemeteries.

According to council woman Maryalene La Ponsie, who is a dog owner, the cemetery is a good place to walk the dog on a leash. But, LaPonsie suggested a public hearing should be held on the issue.

"I am all for public input," she said.

> Cemetery, cont'a., pg. 4

KYES

On Sunday, June 8, 2009, Martha Denise left to join Ethan and Martha Grant. and embraced in the arms kind of woman who still Doug Kyes; sons, Ryan

The Lake Odessa Area

Arts Commission

2009 Summer

Concert Series

"Staycation"

Destination!

Angela (Scott) Highland; granddaughters, Rochelle. Phalesha, Noelle, Vonda, that great cloud of witness' Makayla, and Aliya; sisters, Barb Grant, Coffee (John Lee) Grant, Aurelie (Mike) Evans, and Erin (Paul) Wagner: brothers, Ethan of Jesus Christ. Denise was (Lisa) Grant, David (Tracy) a mother, wife, daughter, Grant, and Josh (Liz) Grant; Darwin T. Canfield, age 46, big sister, and friend. The and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services with the Lord on Saturday, made chocolate brownies were held Friday, June 12 June 13, 2009. from scratch for her boys, at Lake Funeral Home in kept the house and garden Saranac. We as believers years, Bonnie; children, and still found time to do know that we do not say Heather and Dan Everett, battle on her knees, praying goodbye to our loved ones Nathaniel Canfield and for her family. Denise knew in Christ, because we will issues in life are the love for Romans 8:35-39. Although Kenzie and Jacob Everett; Those that Denise loved are to say goodbye, it is not Canfield; brother, Martin She walked in the path of one-time recovery payment. knew she loved us. Online Dawn (Scott) Elliott, Debbie (Amara), Nate, Douglas Jr. condolences may be made at (Denny) Elkins; parents-inand Danny; stepdaughter, www.lakefuneralhome.com. law, Harley and Marilyn of missionary endeavor. to receive more than \$13

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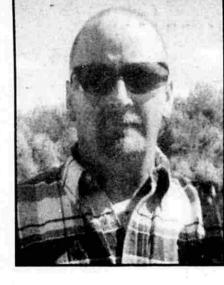
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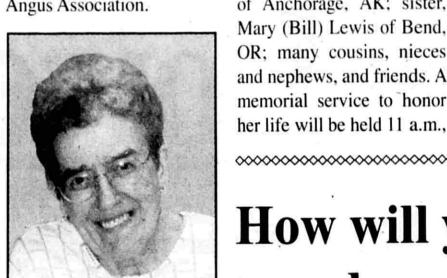


CANFIELD

of Clarksville, went to be survived by his wife of 27 Ashley (fiancée), and Ben and nephews. Darwin was

Interment

may be made to Alto Fire & Rescue and The Michigan Angus Association.



MILLER Nancy E. (Kincheloe) Miller, age 74, of Lowell, a loving Security or Supplemental Visitors to Social Security's see them again in Heaven. Canfield; grandchildren, wife and mother, went to be Security Income (SSI) website have been telling us with her Lord and Savior benefits? If so, you've their plans. Here are some we did not get a chance parents, Thomas and Paula on Monday, June 15, 2009. necessary. She made sure we (Sarah) Canfield; sisters, the Lord, a Sunday school The recovery payment is all four tires replaced." teacher, mentor in Christian \$250. More than 50 million love and a strong supporter beneficiaries were scheduled and summer clothes. GRCC. She was proceded in May. a member of the Michigan in death by her parents, Wathan and Mary Carol; asking for your personal Funeral services will be brother, John Kincheloe; information or for a fee to conditioner."

(Wendy), Joy (David) Mueller; nine grandchildren. three great-grandchildren; brother, Morris Kincheloe of Anchorage, AK; sister. Mary (Bill) Lewis of Bend, OR; many cousins, nieces and nephews, and friends. A

Baptist Church of Alto. Interment South Boston Cemetery, has taken place. contributions Memorial may be made to First Baptist Church of Alto, 6015 Bancroft SE., Alto, memorial service to honor MI 49302.

Saturday, June 20 at First

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To learn more about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. visit www.recovery.gov.

Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for 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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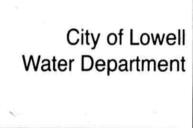
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Burger King announces local scholarships

Inc., local Burger King franchise, announces the funding of 115 Burger King continuing education scholarships of \$1,000 each for high school seniors in Michigan and Indiana. This includes Heather Burger and Lauren Wolfe from

Lowell High School. Since 2001, Quality Dining has funded over \$915,000 for continuing scholarships education for deserving high school seniors. The Burger King Scholarship was designed to recognize students who work part-time and

job as well as maintain academic standards and are also involved in co-curricular and/or community service activities. The recipient may be, but does not have to be, a Burger King employee.

of our scholarship program," says Gerald O. Fitzpatrick. senior vice president of the Burger King Division at our congratulations to all our and up. 2009 scholarship recipients and wish them the best in their future endeavors."

At Your Local Library

SHOW OFF YOUR PET AT THE KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY SUMMER PET SHOW

If you think your pet is cute, talented, smart, "Wethankourcustomers funny or special in another way, then you need for their continued support to enter it in the Kent District Library's Summer Pet Show. Several KDL branches will be holding outdoor pet shows this summer, and you and your pet can be part of it if you pick up a registration Quality Dining. "We extend form from your local KDL library. For ages four

A Pet Show is scheduled at the Englehardt branch on Saturday, July 25 at 11 a.m. (rain date: Thursday, July 30 at 6 p.m.)

For more information, visit www.kdl.org.

Reptile exhibit at the John Ball Zoo

amphibian admirers should head to John Ball Zoo on Saturday, June 20 for a very collection provided by The Michigan Society of Herpetologists.

Visitors can expect to see anything from a 5-foot monitor lizard to a 200-

maintenance of sidewalks

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that you want to pattern,"

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amphibians! They will also Zoo's collection of reptiles the herpetologists questions about the care of their own animals. The Michigan Society of Herpetologists (MSH) is a non-profit organization dedicated to education about these often misunderstood species.

John Ball Zookeepers,

federal funding include the

The city will continue

have an opportunity to ask and amphibians, including Zoo (\$7.50-adults, \$5.50two new 18-foot reticulated kids 12 & under, kids 3 & pythons that just recently joined the collection in the Treasure of the Tropics Reptile

Amphibian show will take also active members of the administration building, the johnballzoosociety.org. pound tortoise and over 150 MSH, will be sharing their Ballroom, (just outside zoo other unusual reptiles or own knowledge about the gate). The exhibit is free

from the Lowell Area

The LCTV Endowment

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under-free). The hours of a.m.-5 p.m. John Ball Zoo is located on West Fulton, one mile west of downtown Grand Rapids. For more information, call (616) 336-4301 or go to www

and Emergency Services

Authority. The authority will

give the city, and Lowell

and Vergennes townships

greater cooperation and

sharing of resources for

support the airport board's

effort to attain General

The city will continue to

public safety.

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NEW EXHIBIT

ALONG MAIN

Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes St. "Entwined Lines: the Art of Weaving" a joint exhibition with Lowell Area Arts Council, June 9-July 16, Bonaventure Gallery. Reception at both locations June 25, 5-7 p.m. For more information, call 897-

RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life comes to the Lowell High School athletic field June 26 and 27, kicking off at noon. Cancer survivors will be honored during a special event on Friday evening. For more information, please visit the website at www.relayforlife.com/lowellmi.

ART CONTEST

Artists of all ages are encouraged to submit their artwork of various media for a juried art contest for the Pink Arrow Project 2009 program cover. The winner will be on the cover of the 2009 Pink Arrow Commemorative Program. If you would like more info, call Perry or Teresa Beachum, 897-7768. Deadline for submission is June 30 to the Lowell Area Arts Council.

WITTENBACH WEGE CENTER

Free Leopold Education Project Workshop will be held July 8. Anyone interested in learning more about fostering a relationship between our youth and the natural world should attend. You'll learn activities to help you teach topics such as plant, bird, track identification, habitat studies and ecological relationships. Materials are geared for students in grades 5-12 but activities could be modified for younger students. Reserve your spot today by calling

LAAC WORKSHOP

"On with the Show - Summer Theatre Spectacular" with instructor Brent Alles. Work with the instructor and other students to prepare a short play for a final production on August 5 on the Lowell Showboat. For information and to register, call Lowell Area Arts Council, 897-8545.

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State of the city, continued ... From Page 1

merchants with the M21 Flat Authority has allocated

River bridge reconstruction \$25,000 for the upcoming

project in 2010," said year with matching monies

milling and resurfacing, as Board will provide funding

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1/2 OFF WHITENING **MAY1 - JUNE 30**

Denny is determined to drive on up at I-96 Speedway

by Thad Kraus

Race day is the thing. Four-five days preparation is the work.

Still young is his racing pursuit, Cody Denny, of Lowell, knows success doesn't come without the

"You're a good driver if you're well prepared and if you have good equipment," Denny adds. "I'm happy with where we're currently

currently at is street stock racing at I-96 Speedway.

He describes street stock racing as racers' entry level class.

"It's a way to get your feet wet in a full size car," he explains. "It's the grass roots of dirt racing."

This is Denny's first year running a full schedule for points.

through the season, Denny is third on the points list.

"To finish in the top three in the points race would be great, but we're just a third of the way through the season. There's a long way to go," Denny explains.

Driving his '85 Monte Carlo, Denny has won two heats and has a second

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race. Heats are eight laps and feature races are 20.

Lowell's Harold Zeigler Ford mechanic started his racing tenure driving gocarts in Ohio while attending Northwestern (automotive

He got out of it, when he returned home to Saranac because of the travel time involved in getting to a

Denny is part of a four-man race team which includes his father, Lyle Denny, Angelo Fogarty and Josh Myers.

His car is sponsored by family, Curtis Cleaners, Harold Zeigler Ford (Lowell), Southern Muscle (Greenville), and Jonathan

Denny eventually wants to race in the United Midwestern Promoters A third of the way (UMP) Modified class. He describes the cars as full out race cars with more horsepower, and bigger motors; both while racing on a bigger track (1/2 mile as opposed to 3/8 mile).

> One of the biggest challenges as a driver, according to Denny, is staying focused. "There are a lot of things happening

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"Including all the dirt and draw. dust that is flying around."

Not able to count on "Each week we draw Another element that for position. I've had some luck, Denny and crew plays a role in the success unfortunate luck in drawing continue with the hard work the rest of the way?

once," he explains. of a driver, is the luck of the near the tail end," Denny and preparation. That's gotten them to third in the points total. Who knows what a little luck might bring



Cemetery, continued ... From Page 1

Resident Barb Barber opposed the change in the ordinance that would allow leashed dogs at the

to," she said.

A public hearing has

In related business, the to allow bow and arrow city council will hold a public hunting for licensed property hearing on an ordinance owners. The amendment, "I'd hate to step into amendment that will allow if approved, will be up for something you didn't expect bow and arrow hunting in review in three years. the city limits on 10 acres of property. The hearing has woman Sharon Ellison been set for July 6.

The council will be review in favor of having it sunset after three years. considering a proposal

"I want to see the data, if it makes a difference,"

However, Pfaller said if there are any problems with it, they're going to rise to LaPonsie and council the surface during the three opposed the proposal with a years.



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Viewpoint-

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Outdoors

Dave Stegehuis

I wonder what will happen when Michigan runs out of the stimulus package that is being used to help reduce Michigan's deficit? Michigan has experienced an eight year long recession with no end in sight and a deficit of over a billion dollars which will no doubt affect the amount of revenue sharing Lowell will receive in the future. The DDA - Downtown Development Authority was established in

BOAT BASICS

reels, and bait. The selection and skillful use of these

items is important when attempting to catch fish. Just as

important and often overlooked is the need to place the

boat in position for proper bait presentation. Boat control

is especially critical when fishing walleyes. The walleye

is an aggressive predator and will attack most anything,

distance from it, anchoring the craft in place may be

the best option. There are different types of anchors for

specific conditions. Navy or mushroom anchors, for

example, work well on soft lake bottoms. The blades

of a spade style anchor will dig in and hold on sand.

Chain anchors avoid snagging in rivers and can be lifted

up gradually to control down stream drifting – the less

chain dragging, the faster the drift. Anchor rope length

depends on anchor style and water depth, as well as wind

Writing to the editor ...

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When fishing directly under the boat or casting a

but like all fish, it must find the bait before biting it.

When going fishing, one naturally thinks about rods,

1992 and has used the greatest share of their own taxes for the maintenance and revitalization of their own area. Are your tax dollars revitalizing your area? I believe all of the DDA's list of projected projects like the restructuring of the now defunct Amphitheater or the building of an RV Park should be shelved while the community struggles just to maintain its essential needs. Could the DDA donate more to the payments of the building containing the city hall and police department there by freeing up funds in the general fund for city needs like road construction???

Electric trolling motors are mounted on the bow or

Letting the boat drift with the wind or current is an

stern to provide power for moving the boat to the fish. The

electric motor can quietly position the boat when used as

effective method of fishing. If the direction or speed of

the current or wind does not move the boat in the desired

direction or at the proper speed, then an electric motor

can be used to make corrections in the drift for good

bait presentation. A drift sock, which looks like a big

windsock, can be used to slow the boat down if the wind

is too strong. Drift sock placement will determine boat

and back, as well as provide power for trolling or dragging

bait. If the engine is too large to troll slowly enough, a

smaller motor or "kicker" can be mounted on the transom

use of this equipment. A watercraft responds differently

than land vehicles because of the effects of wind, currents,

and steering mechanics. The concepts are not difficult to

learn, and common sense along with practice will go a

long way toward developing the skills which should make

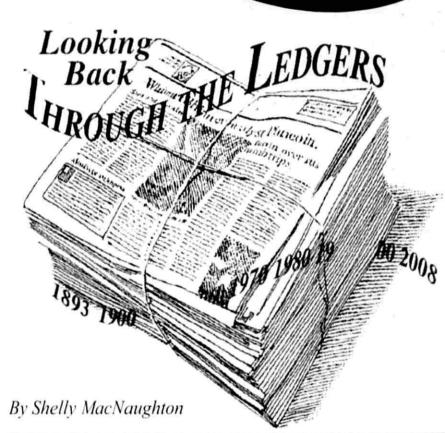
fishing more fun and hopefully more productive.

back-up power in case the main engine fails.

A gas outboard or inboard engine will get you there

a casting platform or provide power for pulling bait.

Sincerely, Jim Howard



125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL JUNE 18, 1884

Sidewalk improvements should continue. Carr & Davis are building a new store on the site of the one belonging to them that burned in the big fire.

The remnants of a row boat floated down Flat River the other day. It was almost as badly split-up as the democratic party is on the tariff question.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 17, 1909

The sophomores are holding a picnic at Cheetham's

Thomas Gougherty has bought a fine new Hazelton piano of R. D. Stocking.

The Lowell Laundry has been moved back to its former location in the Pullen block.

for slow economical power. The kicker also provides A marriage license was issued Thursday to George D. Clark of Lowell and Leulla Pender of Bowne. There is a learning curve involved with the effective

Scott's corn popper took fire last evening and his hands were badly burned in carrying it out. He thinks \$10 will cover damage to stand and stock.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO **JUNE 21, 1934**

Members of the Class of 1934 of Lowell High School are now on the roadway to becoming men and women of tomorrow. In brief but interesting commencement exercises held at the Lowell City Hall last Friday evening, diplomas were granted to forty-six graduates. The Class of 1934 probably possessed the best intellectual capacity and achieved the highest grades of any class ever graduated from Lowell High School.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **JUNE 18, 1959**

In town on Wednesday and Thursday, to visit the Lowell Library, was Dr. F. A. Graham of Harbor Springs, Michigan who was born and grew up in Lowell.

The building now housing the library was built by Dr. Graham's father, Robert W. Graham, in about 1870 and was used as a residence by the Graham family for many years.

In 1882 this same Robert E. Graham was a member of the original Lowell Library board and the first librarian in the city, at a salary of fifty dollars per year.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JUNE 20, 1984

Lowell Postal Carrier, Pat Fonger, was honored by the U. S. Postal Service for her actions in aiding an apparent victim of a stroke on May 2, 1984. The letter of appreciation and accompanying certificate was issued by Postmaster, Charlie Doyle, on behalf of the postal service. Fonger was making her normal deliveries on May 2, when she noticed Ed Steffens of 691 Birchwood Ct. at the corner of his garage. Fonger shouted to Steffens that he did not have any mail, but he did not respond. It was subsequently learned that Steffens had suffered a stroke, and had injured himself in a fall. Fonger administered first aid to lacerations and immediately called the E-Unit and Steffen's wife.

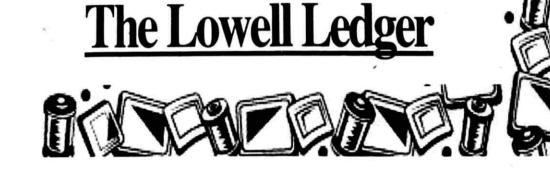
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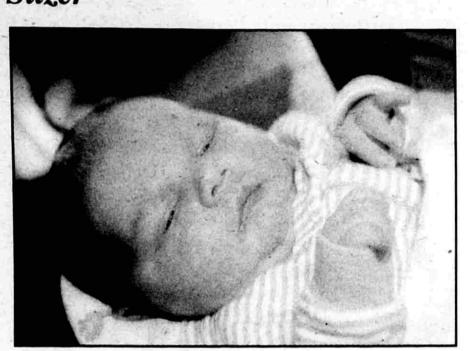
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Keagan Sue Sitzer

Kyle and Amanda proud big brother, Blake, Randy May 1, 2009, weighing 10 Lowell. lbs. 6 oz. and measuring 19

Also welcoming he Sitzer, of Lowell, along with home are grandparents, announce the birth-of their VanSpronsen, Jim and Mary daughter, Keagan Sue, born Boos, and Ron Sitzer, all of

Johnsons celebrate New Arrivals 60 years of marriage

Bill and Vivian Johnson, of Lowell, are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on June 17, 2009 with their family. Their children are Carol (Gary) Carpenter, Bill III (Dolly) Johnson, Mark (Renee) Johnson and Larry and Cindy in Heaven. They have 12 grandchildren: Teresa (Steve), Chris, Bill IV, Allison, Abigail, Andrew, Alicia, Bryce, Anna, Graham, Audra and Adrienne.

College News

of Raymond and Melody among the top ten percent Kastanek, of Lowell, was of over 15,000 students named to the Dean's List at enrolled at the college. He Grand Rapids Community also received his degree of College for the 2009 winter Associate in Applied Arts semester. His perseverance, and Sciences in architectural diligence and work ethic drafting technology.

Abbot Kastanek, son enabled him to earn a place



14U Arrowdynamics win Tiger Classic

Arrowdynamics took the Tiger Classic Baseball tournament championship in the last weekend of May, giving them four tournament five tourneys dating back to last year. The Dynamics hit .409 as a team for the Ryan Schaefer, Tim Antel door shut finishing the last bottom of the first with Antel Hills 12-6, Traverse City West 14-2 and Kens Sport Center (Big Rapids/Shelby), 22-1 during pool play earning the number one seed going into the championship Sunday.

Some highlights from Saturday's pool play: Lowell hit six home runs, (Tim Antil - two, Zach Huver - two, Austin Gildea - one, and J.P. North - one).

Against good pitching from at bat he collected a two for the championship. Traverse City West (TCW), strike hit, scoring a run, and Austin Lemke) only three innings perfect, nine striking out two. gave up five earned runs up, nine down with nine in Saturday's three games while striking out 19 in 14

third inning, with the score and were able to save their 3-1, when after a 12 pitch number one and two pitchers

Lowell scored one in Lowell showed great hitting, which turned into a four run the top of the first when the collecting five of their inning for the Dynamics. one out, Fox took one for 12 hits in that game with Fox picked up the win the team, stole second and two strikes on the batter, throwing four innings, with third on consecutive pitches frustrating TCW pitchers. no walks, seven strikeouts and then scored on North's Lowell's pitchers (Garret and giving up just one ground out to the right side. Stehley, Jon Fox, J.P. North, hit. Stehley slammed the TCE went quietly in the The Dynamics exploded

in the second when Antel led championship off with a triple followed by game pitted two undefeated Huver, Lemke, Jeff Houston, On Sunday, in the teams against each other, Stehley, and Schaefer hitting semis, Lowell once again Lowell vs. Traverse City back to back to back to back beat Chippewa Hills, having East (TCE). TCE came into singles helping to score to manufacture runs against the game from the opposite eight runs. In the bottom of solid pitching, winning 8-1. bracket, averaging 13 runs the second, TCE went three Schaefer helped give Lowell per game and allowing up, three down making the some breathing room in the only three runs per game, score 9-0.

> Arrowdynamics, cont'd., pg. 7

Lowell church welcomes new pastor

Bill and Vivian Johnson



new Pastor and his family.

The Lowell Church of the Nazarene is announcing the arrival of their new Pastor, Wes Hershberger, wife Cassandra and family. Their first Sunday will be June 28 at 10:40 a.m. Come worship and help welcome the

Arrowdynamics, continued ... From Page 6

game when Antel gave up TCE's only hits of the game, (2) along with an error in

Malling and coach Rick Dawson.

With Drs. Paul Gauthier

Jim Lang,

Wayne A. Christenson III,

John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

Seizures are abnormal

neurological events, when the seizure lasts more

because of altered brain than a few minutes.

SEIZURES

activity, you may begin

to jerk or shake. After a

seizure most people feel

tired or confused. Most

seizures are caused by

an illness called epilepsy.

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caused by a brain injury

from a stroke, trauma,

infection, or a tumor. In

some children, seizures

can be caused by a fever

- these are called febrile

only a few minutes and

stop by themselves. While

you are having a seizure,

the people around you

should keep sharp objects

away and help you lie on

your side. They should

not hold you down or put

Most seizures last

seizures.

In the bottom of the the inning giving TCE three championship for Lowell making the score 17-3. runs, (one earned) to make

Another big inning in the fourth sealed the

with Stehley, North, Gildea, Antel closed out the mercy Zach Dawson and Huver all rule game after picking picking up base hits helping off a base runner, and then

score eight more runs,

tests to evaluate you for

the type of seizure that

you had. If the source for

the seizure is epilepsy,

you will need to take

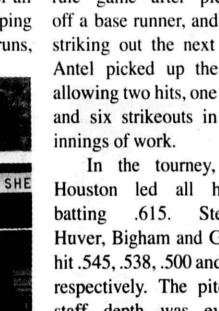
medicine to help prevent

them from recurring. If

another cause is found.

then other therapies will

be recommended.

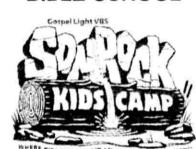


Huver, Bigham and Gildea respectively. The pitching with six pitchers (Stehley, Fox, North, Schaefer, Antel and Lemke), accounting for 43 strikeouts in 25 innings with a staff e.r.a. of 2.24. In Pictured are, first row, left to right: Tim Antel, Zach Dawson, Garret Stehley, J.P. the tourney, Fox and Antel North, and Ryan Schaefer; back row, left to right: Jon Fox, Austin Gildea, Zach Huver, picked up two wins each and Stehley picked up one. Jeff Houston, Austin Lemke, Luke Bigham, and coach Tim Antel. Not pictured: Jason The defense was solid all weekend long with only three errors recorded the entire weekend. Your doctor will probably perform certain

striking out the next two. Antel picked up the win allowing two hits, one walk and six strikeouts in four In the tourney, Jeff

Houston led all hitters hit .545, .538, .500 and .500 staff depth was evident

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JUNE 23:

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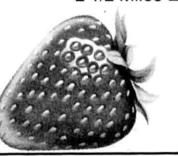
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Flat River Grill considers expanding



The Flat River Grill may expand its outdoor seating next year during the MDOT bridge replacement project. To accommodate the expansion, the entrance to the Riverwalk would have to be moved west. Manager, Chris West, said it's a good proposal. The expansion will give her an additional eight tables. Downtown Development Authority vice-chair, Brian Doyle, said Flat River Grill is a tremendous asset to the community.

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The Lowell Football Program would like to thank everyone that helped the Lowell Pigskin Classic Golf Outing to be a great success. Go Arrows!

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DNR's angler survey program racks fishing activity

of their time.

What follows is a litany overall health of various fish of questions: What were you fishing for? How did you do? How long were you fishing? Where do you live?

Department of Natural Resources Division's survey program. understand which resources are important to Michigan needs are being met.

Angler Survey Program, said the underlying principles are fairly simple.

Great Lakes; how many crunched yet, Kolb said. hours anglers are spending

to ensure we have enough fisheries across the state. fisheries," Kolb said. Another goal is to get that obtain our survey data."

who has spent a fair amount data. DNR clerks also cover two ports each, all of time fishing in Michigan attempt to collect as much the weekend days and has experienced it: An biological data as they angler pulls up to the dock, can from the anglers' fish. We also have winter creel or steps out of the river, and They'll weigh and measure surveys at the Bays de Noc is met by a green-shirted, fish and take scale samples and Saginaw Bay." clipboard-carrying person, that will be used to age who asks for a few moments those fish. The data gives survey data is augmented by biologists a picture of the

> populations. "We check tags so we can figure out the percentage of hatchery fish

in the harvest," Kolb Fisheries they're traveling.

But not all hatchery fish Bay, too." It's one way the DNR tries to are tagged, so we do what

anglers and whether those can point out trends that fisheries biologists might who works out of the fact that many fish stocked in Fisheries Lake Huron actually wound Research Station and is in up being caught in Lake Kolb said. "We have two charge of the Statewide Michigan or Lake Michigan other clerks who normally

information on the fish. "The point of the whole creel clerks try to collect program is to characterize information on the angling from the Great Lakes to how many fish are harvested public. They'll ask anglers inland lakes and tributaries out of the Great Lakes, inland for their zip codes and age, every few years." lakes and tributaries to the though that data hasn't been

distances to fish, and which

information back out to ports on the Great Lakes said. "Most of the people the anglers. We currently and currently at four inland we interview don't have any are developing an online lakes," she continued. "We database that will allow work the open-water season anglers to search for and for all the Great Lakes with

While collecting survey 33 clerks, most of whom three days during the week.

> In some cases, the aerial surveys to get an

idea of how much fishing actually is going on. "We do aerial boat

counts on Lake Erie. Saginaw Bay and northern Lake Huron," Kolb said. "In said. "We notice how far the winter we do aerial ice shanty counts on Saginaw

On inland lakes, the program currently has three Data from these surveys clerks working.

"Right now, one is working Lake Bellaire, otherwise miss, such as the one's working Clear Lake and Long Lake and one is work inland who currently to are stationed at Great Lakes ports' in the 1836 Treaty waters. We rotate those two

Clerksaretrainedonhow to interact with the public "We want to know which and how to communicate the fishing and what fish they're lakes are really important importance of the surveys. to people, which lakes For the most part, anglers "The primary goal is they're willing to travel long are cooperative, Kolb said.

"I haven't heard of information to manage our lakes are mostly just local any major issues that have taken place between survey "We're working at 56 clerks and anglers," Kolb

> Anglers survey, cont'd., pg. 11



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Entwined Lines explores the art of weaving outside the box

Sevensma's

montage

photographic

the father.

"Family" shows different

"The show is really

weaving or working with

fiber," said Lorain Smalligan,

pieces between us and the

Artists like Karen

So, the organizers want

the show to go beyond just

arts, quilts and weaving.

by Emma Palova

show is not just about lines or different words that form over shoes that don't lace collages. Most participating the thread of life. Like up, like sandals. artists took their work a step the companionship that is above the obvious.

Susan Stanek used acrylicon woven canvas. Stanek painted on squares of canvas checkered cloth.

located in the right quadrant a field and poppies. of the large canvas, is a red checkered motif of fabric something by accident. appears again on a different square with a dog, and on offered a completely another one with a horse.

'The "Entwined Lines" the edges of the painting, Laces." She painted a lace depicted in the painting In her mixed media in the square with the dog wearing the red checkered lines intertwining between scarf. The scarf also reflects the mother and a baby and

Love, affection and different situations like a adoration is captured on a more conceptual than just picnic on the lake with only square with a couple sitting a picnic basket and a red on the lake in the sunset. And surprisingly there is a Lowell Area Arts Council In the same painting but small patchy-like piece with director. "We've split up

The entire canvas Franciscans." woman and a child wearing reminds one of serendipity a red checkered scarf. That or the pure joy of discovering Cornwell, art and marketing

director at the Franciscan Artist Irene Wordhouse Life Process Center, entered one piece at each venue. Her different interpretation of the acrylic "Coming Unraveled"

> is on display at the arts council, while her "At the End of my Rope" is at the life process center.

> > "We had this idea of lines and lines intersecting and layering," said Cornwell. "We're so excited to see how people interpreted this. I thought we would get a lot of collage.

beyond is Going reflected in Ted Bergin's photography showing lines between "Life and Death."

"The artists amaze me," said Cornwell. "They were so creative." Smalligan said she is

hoping for more entries next year. A writing category may be incorporated into future

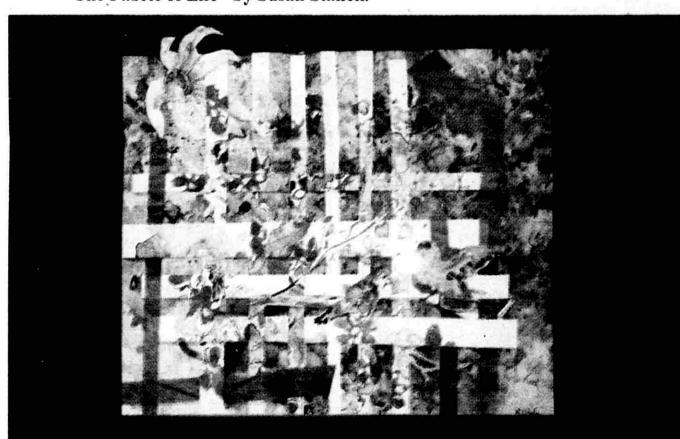
"I think it's wonderful.

The show at both venues weaving wall at both places from 5 to 7 p.m.

theme in her pastel "Yellow people thought outside the runs through July 16. There for children and adults. is an on-going interactive Receptions are on June 25



"The Fabric of Life" by Susan Stanek.



LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Lowell Board of Education Meeting June 8, 2009 Public Hearing of June 8, 2009 Proposed 2009-2010 Budget

The Board conducted a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on the 1. GENERAL FUND... proposed 2009-2010 General Fund budget, Athletic Fund 2. SCHOOL SERVICES FUND budget, and Food Service Fund budget, to be adopted during the regular meeting following the hearing.

Regular Meeting of June 8, 2009

· Cherry Creek and Bushnell Building Literacy Team and teaching staff presented a 2009 RTI Report.

• The Lowell Area Schools acknowledged receipt of the Kent County Board of Commissioners Chairman's Award Budget Update in recognition of outstanding achievements in energy savings as part of the Green Schools Awards program.

Action Items

Accepted the following gifts to the district:

• \$200.00, Donated by Lowell Community Fund, to the amendments in the fall. Lowell Academic Boosters

\$200.00, Donated by Lowell Community Fund, to the **Curriculum Update** Lowell Athletic Boosters

Lake Elementary School

Music Room

Approved Budget Appropriations Resolutions for the 2009/2010 School year

Consent Items Approved

• Minutes for the May 11, 2009 Regular Meeting, and May 26, 2009 Work Session.

• The following payment of bills for May, 2009:

..\$67,047.34 A. Food Service Fund. ..\$11,192.09 B. Athletic Fund.. C. Scholarship Fund ..\$1,689.90 TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.. ..\$76,844.48

2004 DEBT FUND. ..\$1,968.75 2007 CONSTRUCTION FUND......\$614,368.58 TOTAL EXPENDITURES:..\$1,684,650.68

State Aid Borrowing Resolution for 2009/2010

In Mr. Zielinski's absence, Mr. Pratt summarized the budget status reports for the month of May. Mr. Pratt stated that efforts will continue to examine regulations and use of federal stimulus dollars. The Board of Education will be asked to review and approve budget

Mr. Bearup announced that, while school is officially out, Books, Donated by Cliff & Sarah Bloom, to Murray many teachers continue to work on district initiatives including reading and writing instruction, and power Yamaha Custom Made Professional Oboe, Donated by standards training. Mr. Bearup added that the mobile Pat & Cindy Kehoe, to Murray Lake Elementary summer school program, Arrows on the Move, has more than 25 students registered to date.

Public Comments

Kim Lum, teacher at Cherry Creek Elementary, addressed

the Board. Ms. Lum spoke about a service learning project where local senior citizens were invited to visit each 2nd 5th grade classroom at Cherry Creek. Students interviewed the visiting senior and wrote article compositions about what they learned. These projects are now displayed in book form with compositions and photographs of this service learning project. The books have been placed at the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center, the Lowell Historical Museum, the Lowell Library, and a Cherry Creek Elementary. Ms. Lum noted that this projec was possible through a service learning grant, Title funding and Career to School.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pratt expressed appreciation to all who were in attendance at the district retirement reception. Superintendent Pratt indicated that summer construction i underway and voiced appreciation to custodial and other staff members who worked tirelessly to prepare buildings for construction to begin.

Board Discussion

Mr. Nugent announced that Barbara Pierce is the recipient of this year's Marcia Wilcox Community Service Award and was honored at the district retirement reception. He added that nominees are nominated by employees of the district and the Board of Education has the privilege and difficult task of selecting a nominee who exemplifies commitment to public education and the Lowell community. Mr. Nugent stated that Ms. Pierce is a very worthy recipient as she dedicated a career to helping students, has served on numerous local committees, and now shares her leadership talents with the Lowell Arts

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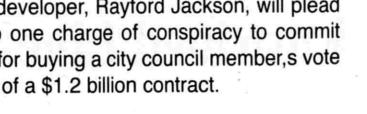
EVENTS FROM JUNE 11 JUNE 17 • 2009

- Los Angeles Lakers win NBA Championship,
- the eye can see, pro-reform supporters take to the streets in Iran to support

Mir Moussavi in protest over current election. Violent protests erupt in Iran over elction results which appear to have been rigged in favor of the current president.

- In an effort to shed \$1.8 billion in debt, themepark chain, Six Flags, files for bankruptcy.
- Fire ants almost kill thirteen year old boy in Central Louisiana.
- Russian oil magnate launches \$490 million luxury yacht, complete with its own swimming pool, mini-submarine and missle defense system. The yacht overshadows other yachts at 557 feet long.
- Fourteen year old discovers rare Supernova in nearby galaxy. SN2008HA is 70 million light years away, appearing very faint from Earth but is still 25 million times brighter than the sun.

- Detroit developer, Rayford Jackson, will plead guilty to one charge of conspiracy to commit bribery for buying a city council member, s vote in favor of a \$1.2 billion contract.
- The Mexican army has captured 25 gunmen in Northern Mexico who witnesses say had disguised themselves as soldiers.
- \$431,000 paid for envelope and its stamp. An envelope from an 1873 letter bearing a scarce 90 cent stamp with Abraham Lincoln is sold in a New York City auction.
- David Letterman apologizes, again, for joking about Sarah Palin's daughter.
- Al-Qaeda operative and self-confessed mastermind of the September 11 attacks, says he lied under torture by the CIA "I just make up stories," he said.



Remember back to 1980, when the names of Magic and

to get things started again? Bird and Magic were able to do this because of their

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Someone Has To Say It ...

high level of play, respect for the game, knowledge of its history, work ethic and the seamless ability to do what was right. That's right, the innate ability to do what is right!

Fast forward to today and now the NBA has Lebron James and Koby Bryant and the laboring NHL has Sidney Crosby.

On its largest national television stage in many a year, blood boil! So p!\$\$ %@ h&#. Friday night, Crosby, the mega star and face of the NHL,

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is synonymous with "vacation." If you have children

or grandchildren, they're most likely on vacation from

school, and if you've got the time and motivation, you

may take a family vacation over the next few months.

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in all seasons? Here are a few suggestions to consider:

just that by jumping out of the financial markets when

the "work force." Unfortunately, many people try to do objectives.

vacation — and that's your investment portfolio.

Summer is almost here. And for many people, summer

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matter again, chose not to line up with his teammates to shake hands following a 2-1 Stanley Cup clinching winover the Detroit Red Wings. That's right, no handshake from Crosby. No hint of a gracious winner.

A couple of weeks ago Lebron set the bar for Crosby. Following his Cavaliers' game seven loss to Orlando, in the Eastern Conference finals, LeBron figuratively took his ball and went home. No handshake for the winner. No good Bird gave the struggling NBA a new face and a new motor luck, beat them Lakers. Instead the explanation was "I'm a research found: competitor!" In this case, a classless one at that.

> This is a new era. A new type of athlete. Bigger, stronger, more athletic, unbelievably more talented and yet clueless when it comes to doing what is right.

> Then there is Koby. In my world, the only basketball he should be playing these days is in a federal gray bar hotel in Colorado. However, millions of dollars have a way of clearing the slate for the rich and athletically gifted.

I could go on about this criminal. It only makes my

Speaking of urinating, I was listening to a Chicago the guy who is going to make the National Hockey League sports radio talk show, and the host said (tongue in cheek)

they're slumping. By doing so, these investors reason.

they can avoid taking heavy losses while they bide their

time until the market recovers. But if you make a habit out

of trying to avoid the market's bad days, you may end up

missing some of its good ones. No one can predict when

a bull market will begin, so if you're out of the market

investments, by their nature, are going to work harder to

help you achieve your long-term goals. To be precise,

stocks and stock-based accounts have the potential to help

provide the growth you need, though of course the value

of these securities can constantly fluctuate. Conversely,

"lazy" securities such as certificates of deposit may

produce returns that barely keep up with inflation. That's

not to say there's no place for these types of investments

income and a high degree of preservation of principal -

Don't rely too much on "lazy" investments. Some

that if he was going to be arrested, that public urination is a charge that he might be able to wear proudly. This came about after the audience was reminded of a urination incident involving a professional Chicago athlete. (Sorry, I can't remember who it was.)

So, I got to thinking, who else out there can man up to this dubious distinction? There are many more names than I care to take time and type, but here are a few that my

Dontrelle Willis. (After watching him pitch Sunday, I guess this means he can walk and ---- at the same time.) Michigan hockey coach Red Berenson. (Is he still

there?) Former Chicago Bull James Curry.

ESPN's Gary Miller. (I guess he did it from a second floor balcony. Allegedly, a few Cleveland cops were

And, finally, Alan (Practice! Did you say practice?) Iverson.

I'm going to stop now, so I can go wash my hands!

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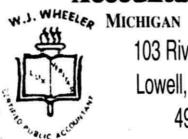
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have some people who are clerks and tell them when

> coming in. Michigan."

annually.

Although most survey waters. As DNR fisheries interest from the public and some of them really get data are collected to managers are looking to in protecting large brown to know the clerks -- they provide a big-picture view further simplify fishing trout there, but there's also see them every day. We of fisheries, creel surveys regulations, they want solid a lot of interest in still being sometimes are conducted information on how much to answer very specific fishing pressure the water. So we need to know what management questions. The is getting, how many fish anglers are catching, what season-long creel survey on are being caught and how the Au Sable River below many of those fish are being we can develop regulations the dam at Mio this year is harvested. there are a lot of people an excellent example.

Anglers survey, continued ... From Page 8

How can you keep your investments working for you in your portfolio — after all, they provide both current

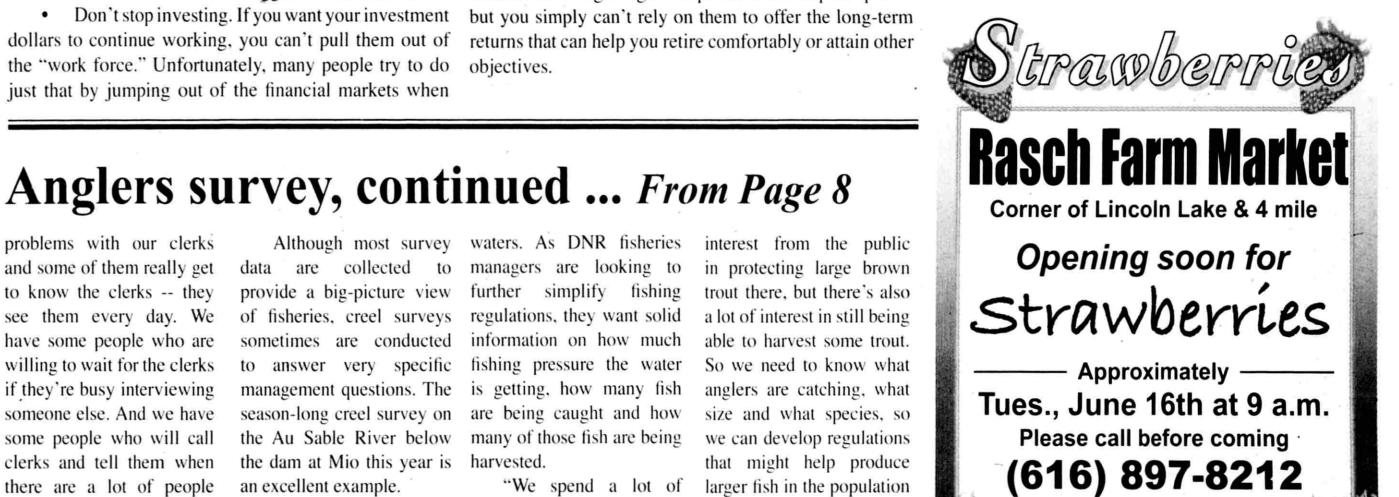
The stretch of the Au money stocking that stretch but still allow a component Sable River from Mio to of the river, so we need of that population to be McKinley currently is being to know if we're getting harvested. managed as a research area our money's worth," said for trout since the regulations fisheries biologist Steve a tool that will give us there vary from those that Sendek, who works on the picture of what's going on DNR about \$1 million might be in place on similar Au Sable. "There's a lot of there."

that might help produce "We spend a lot of larger fish in the population

"The creel survey is

• Don't let your portfolio drift. If you buy a few investments here and there, without rhyme or reason, your portfolio may never work as hard for you as it should. And that's why you need to develop a solid, cohesive, long-term investment strategy — one that accommodates your risk tolerance, time horizon and specific goals. when it starts, your "vacation" from investing could prove Once you've established such a strategy, you can use it to determine the right investment mix for your portfolio. Over time, you may need to adjust that mix in response to changes in the financial world and your own life, but overall it should stay true to your strategy.

As you go through life, you'll find it important to take a vacation now and then, to escape from the pressures of work and to enjoy extra time with family and friends. But there's no reason to ever give your investments a day off — so do what you can to keep them gainfully employed.



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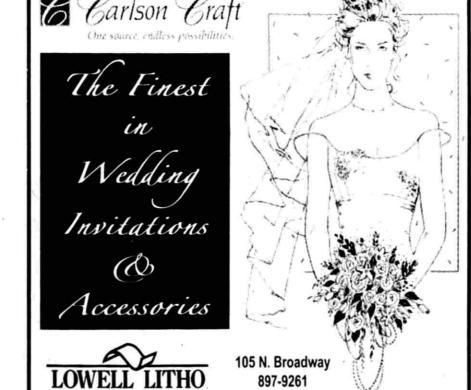
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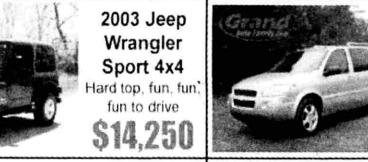
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DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL **MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009**

Motion to amend the agenda by adding item number 11.5. "Sidewalks".

Motion to approve the regular minutes of the June 1, 2009 meeting as corrected and the accounts payable were approved.

City Manager David Pasquale read the 2009 State of the City Address.

Motion to approve the request to close Lincoln Lake from Suffolk to Mercer to Amity from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 11,

Motion to approve the contract between the County, City and Hope Network West Michigan (North Kent Transit) July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Motion to amend the proposed Bow and Arrow Hunting Ordinance by eliminating Section 13-112 (6) and allow for review after three years to determine whether the ordinance should be amended or terminated.

YEA: 3. (Altoft, Pfaller and Hodges). NAY: 2. (Ellison and LaPonsie) MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to not remove Section 3.8 (f) "bringing animals, except those assisting blind or deaf persons, into the cemetery or any of its buildings" of the current Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

YEA: 2. (Hodges and Pfaller) NAY: 3. (Altoft, Ellison and LaPonsie) MOTION DENIED.

Motion to establish a public hearing for July 20, 2009 to consider removing Section 3.8 (f) "bringing animals, except those assisting blind or deaf persons, into the cemetery or any of its buildings" of the current Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

YEA: 3. (Altoft, Ellison and LaPonsie) NAY: 2. (Hodges and Pfaller) MOTION CARRIED.

Motion to accept the Federal Community Development Block Grant funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for Sibley Street road construction subject to final U.S. HUD approval.

Motion to go into Closed Session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 9:51 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, July 6, 2009.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on July 6, 2009 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS **MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009**

To: Mayor Hodges, Members of the Lowell City Council and Citizens of Lowell

Each June, prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year, I have the opportunity and privilege to address our community. Our conditions are examined as issues are identified and goals established. Courses of action are set.

This message is overshadowed by economic events which have taken place on a national and global scale. Plant and business closures, layoffs, bankruptcies and home foreclosures have greatly affected Lowell. But, the City has valuable assets and must never give in to negativity. To this end, Lowell will strive to maintain and improve as a business friendly City. Financially, the municipality will seek efficiencies in operation of this government.

With the 2009-2010 Budget adopted, the following goals are established and in some cases reestablished.

- · Continue to strengthen the General Fund raising the fund balance. The 2009-2010 budget provides a \$176,705 balance representing 7% of planned expenditures. The goal of a \$300,000 balance or 15% of expenditures is established.
- · Continue to promote a concerted effort to upgrade City streets. Over the past several years, significant improvements have been made through federal funding. To this end, over \$99,000 has been set aside to improve either North Center or Sibley Streets.
- Through federal funding, portions of Bowes Road will be greatly enhanced through milling and repaying as well as a total reconstruction.
- Work closely with the Michigan Department of Transportation to provide a clearly communicated process for the public and particularly downtown merchants with the M-21 Flat River bridge reconstruction project in 2010.
- · Work cooperatively between the City and the Department of Light and Power to provide efficiencies and cost savings through such projects as joint utility billing.
- Ensure that all municipal facilities and equipment are in good repair and well maintained.
- Sidewalks, particularly school walks, continue to be a priority. A path along Gee Drive will be constructed this summer between Alden Nash and the Cherry Creek Elementary School through the Federal Safe Walks to Schools Program.
- · Continue to strongly support the Lowell Area Recreation Authority in its efforts to establish a community wide trail system.
- · Continue support of the Downtown Development Authority and Downtown Historic District Commission in its efforts to improve the downtown.
- · Continue to support the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce in its marketing strategy. The Chamber has been a key component in revitalizing the downtown through such activities as the Riverwalk Festival and Christmas thru Lowell. The Downtown Development Authority has allocated \$25,000 for the coming year for the effort with matching monies provided from the Lowell Area Community Fund.
- With the establishment of the LCTV Endowment Fund Board, opportunities will be promoted for municipal and nonprofit projects.
- The formation of the Lowell Area Fire and Emergency Services Authority will give the City, Lowell Charter and Vergennes Townships greater cooperation and sharing of resources for public safety.
- Continue to recognize the Lowell Area Historical Museum, Lowell Area Arts Council, Kent District Library, Lowell Community Wellness and YMCA as important resources to the City's quality of life.
- · Support the Airport Board's efforts to attain General Utility status for the Lowell City Airport understanding that safety is the first consideration for improvements.
- · Recognizing Lowell-Rockford Ambulance as an integral part of our health community system. This is further enhanced by the Ambulance station completed in 2007.
- · Recognizing the work of the City's Arbor Board and the gaining of Tree City USA status to promote the growth and maintenance of trees in our community.
- · Appreciating the service the Lowell Little League, YMCA, Xtreme Softball, Kent County Youth Fair, Lowell Youth Football, Lowell Rugby and Lowell Lacrosse have given to the community's youth.
- Continue to plan for improvements to the Wastewater and Water Treatment Plants.

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• In conclusion, as I approach my 22nd anniversary as City Manager, I count it a privilege to work for the City. The goals and projects provided above are a means of giving greater service to our citizens.

> Respectfully submitted, David M. Pasquale



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YARD SALE

June 20, 9:30 - 5 p.m. 511 N. Washington, Lowell. Furniture, shoes, purses, coats, exercise equipment, books, toys, kids name brand clothes, shelves, antiques & much more.

DAVE RAMSEY SAYS SELL

13 plus families, June 18, 19 & 20 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 86 S. Center, Saranac.

YARD SALES

Key Heights Community Wide yard sales. Fri. & Sat., June 19 & 20.

FIRST ANNUAL PARKING LOT SALE

to benefit Relay for Life and the ACS, June 20, 12-3 p.m. Lowell Medical Family Center, 2550 W. Main, Lowell. All proceeds to be donated to Relay for Life.

RELAY FOR LIFE GARAGE SALE

Sat., June 20, 8-3 p.m. 6018 Harrison, Alto. Lots of misc. items. All proceeds going to Relay for Life.

RELAY FOR LIFE GARAGE SALE

June 19 & 20, 9-5 p.m. 257 Donna St., Lowell (behind CRC church). Handmade memorial candles for your loved ones, clothes of all sizes, Christmas deocrations, microwave oven, Lots of misc, items, All proceeds go to

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June 18, 19 & 20, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 30x60 barn, overflowing with: large display of antiques, bicycles, baby furniture, books, Christmas decorations, clothing CDs, DVDs, tapes, dishes, decorative plates, fishing equipment, glasses, home decorations, ice shanty & auger, moped, pop/milk bottles, Precious Moments. shaving & mustache cups, cast iron banks. 7904 Parsonage Rd., Saranac.

JUNE 19 & 20

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Estate Sale of Pat Millard, 3520 Hoppough Rd. Thurs., June 18, 9-6 & Fri., June 19, 8-noon. Second day 50% off. Numbers at 8:15 a.m. Garage open at 8:30 a.m. Cash sales only. All sales final. No parking in driveway. Take 96 E. to Ionia exit 67, go N. on M-66 12 miles. Turn W. on Peterson Rd., N. on Hoppough Rd. Lots of books, Duncan Phyfe table, chairs & china cabinet set. Depression ware, old toys, Christmas items, Sea Eagle inflatable boat & much more.

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GARAGE SALE

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BARN SALE

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JUNE 18, 19 & 20

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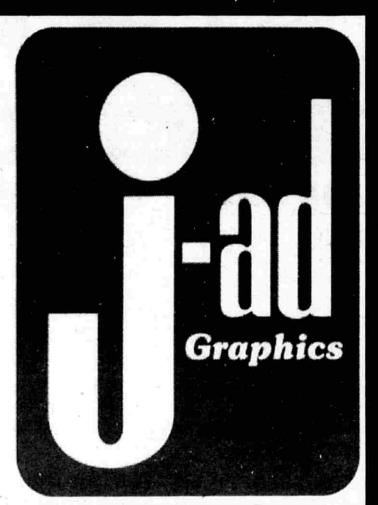
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