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Riverwalk Fest celebrates summer

by Emma Palova

It was perfect, almost ala carte style. No one could have ordered better weather, better food, better music or beer.

The newly extended Riverwalk Festival attracted thousands of people to the downtown area and the fairgrounds last week, from as far as London, Canada.

Temperatures in the mid 70s created a fabulous backdrop for all the outdoor events, including Saturday's parade.

The festival kicked-off Thursday on the Riverwalk with country music by the Stolen Horses band. Even the ubiquitous duck mascot, donning a blue rubber hat, danced to the beat, as well as many couples and kids.

Hundreds of people streamed in, on foot or water, using any imaginable vessel. The Riverwalk, on Friday and Saturday, hosted crafts, arts and antique vendors.

Many crafters, like Don McQueen, were incredibly knowledgeable about their wares. McQueen makes simple wooden bird houses, bat houses and butterfly houses, all reasonably priced.

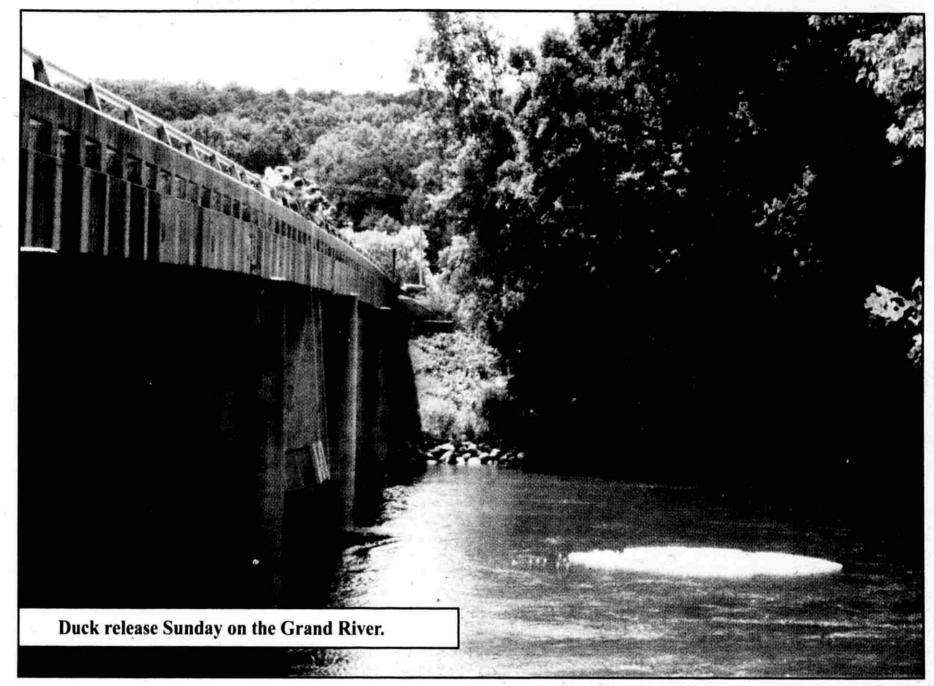
His wooden line includes a backyard birdhouse for starters, birdhouses for chickadees and wrens, and a great selection of bird feeders. McQueen attends most local events.

No event held in Lowell would be complete without the local artist galore participation. Cathy Dykstra and Connor Bergin manned the Studio 208 arts booth with high quality paintings for sale. They were getting ready for the "Clothesline" Art Show opening on July 21.

Also, sculptor/artist Jack Eppinga, better known as Blackclaw Jack, showed off his chainsaw art sculptures of animals by the Riverwalk.

Friday evening, the Lazy Blue Tunas provided music on the entertainment stage. Street entertainers, like Dave Simmonds of the West Michigan Bluegrass Association, fiddled on the streets of Lowell.

Kayaks and historic pontoon rides offered beautiful



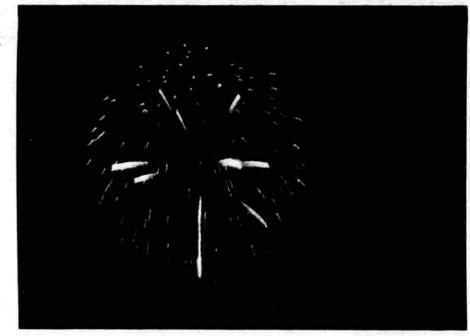
views of the downtown area. And there was the smell of pizza everywhere. Englehardt Friends of the Library held their annual used book sale on the lawn in front of the library.

An early stormy morning gave way to gorgeous sunshine on Saturday as the parade marched east on Main Street.

"It was a nice start to the Riverwalk Fest," said spectator, Maranda Ruegsegger. "It was great to see the old fashioned cars."

Motors, sirens and tractors dominated the parade, as

Riverwalk, cont'd., pg. 3



Fireworks Saturday at Stoney Lakeside Park.

Pauly's Brew B-Q Throw-down, a grand finale to Riverwalk



Motley Qu Crew barbecue Mary Z. and Mikey Z. serve up some pulled pork at the fairgrounds.

by Emma Palova

Succulent pulled pork in a spicy sauce, on a breezy Sunday afternoon at the fairgrounds, watered down with a smooth Huma Lupa Licious I.P.A. by Shorts Brewery of Belaire; that's what the grand finale to the four-day Riverwalk Festival tasted like.

Pauly's Brew B-Q Throw-down, the newest addition to the Riverwalk, worked its magic as the ducks raced to the finish line at the nearby Grand River. While people in kayaks were awaiting the winning ducks, a different crowd flocked to the grilling booths and to the beer and cocktail garden.

expectations," said coorganizer, Paul Faba, proprietor of Pauly's."

Listening to the music of Bob Van Stee and Jimmie Stagger, patrons of the beer tent sampled crafty Michigan brew, along with first place 2008 ribs by Great Lakes BBQ and Feed Co. of Sparta.

For barbecue contestant Susan Murray, of the Black Pig BBQ team from London, Canada, the trip to Lowell was much like a camping trip for other people.

"This is what we do for fun," she said. "I love to meet all the new people; I love the atmosphere."

The team grilled all night long, 20-pound cuts of brisket, pork, ribs and chicken. Then, they let the meats set, just in time for the certified panel of judges.

But, the real judges were people just browsing around and tasting.

The Motley Qu Crew, wearing necklaces with pig charms, offered samples of

Brew B-Q, cont'd., pg. 3



PARISH Shirley A. (Wert) Parish, passed away at her home in Ruskin, FL. She was

formerly of Lowell and a

graduate from Lowell High School, class of 1955. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Genevieve Wert; daughter, Shelli; brother, Bill Jr.; and sister, Charlotte Geesey. She is survived by her husband, Charles; son, Maurice Satterlee, of Florida; brother, Ronald Wert, of California; sisters, Joan (Brad) Schirmer and Marjorie Hawley, both of Michigan. Memorial

services are pending.

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Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for What better time than National Safety Month to educate West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov.

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PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on Monday, August 3, 2009 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey

the Private Road Ordinance Section 202.000 as summarized below:

The amendments are to clarify and add more definitions, make all terms diameter instead of radius, allows the Twp. Engineer to recommend improved surfaces where erosion conditions exist as an approval condition, add details on boulevard entrance requirements, create cross illustrations of road construction standards. recording requirements update maintenance agreements and drainage easements, Twp. Board may require upkeep of a private road, add a financial guarantee. requirement submitted for road improvement costs and insurance, add a method for road construction plan deviations, add a section outlining the developer's engineer road completion certification, add testing standards, outlining final approval by Twp. Board, add section on building houses before the road is completed, add new section regarding shared driveways and updating fees, penalties and indemnification

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

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

Arbor Day Foundation honors new members with 10 trees planted

opportunity to help plant \$10. trees in our nation's forests by joining the Arbor Day Foundation during the Our national month of July.

The Arbor Foundation will honor each new member who joins the foundation through the Replanting Our national planting 10 trees in our National Forests that have brought Drive, Lowell, MI to consider amendments to disease, and devastating country.

Every American has an fires. Membership costs The Arbor

Foundation's Replanting forests campaign will plant trees in Day America's forests for future generations to enjoy.

> national forests is greater acre backlog that needs than ever. Wildfire season started early this year and the previous three years years. unprecedented

Foundation will work with Day the U.S. Forest Service, as it has for more than 20 years, to determine which forests will receive the trees based on the greatest need. The U.S. Forest Service The need to replant our has identified a 1-million

"Future members can been destroyed by insects, wildfires throughout the make a positive impact Arbor Day Foundation, 100 throughout America by Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, planting much-needed trees NE 68410 or go to www.

replanting mainly because

of record wildfires in recent

in our national forests," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Planting new trees will help restore these national treasures for the benefit of generations to

Some politicians also used To join the Arbor Day Foundation and help plant the parade as a platform trees in our national forests. to campaign. The Lowell Area Historical Museum send a \$10 membership and the Red Arrow Fiddle contribution to Replanting Club had great parade National Forests, floats. An unknown float, pulled by dappled Belgian horses made an appearance during the parade. arborday.org.

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can take the survey online at Lowell Township

taken through August 15th.

residents.

The cost of this project is being paid for by a grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund. Residents of neighboring townships and the City of Lowell are welcome to participate, and any results collected for them will be forwarded to their municipal offices. It should be noted that Vergennes and Ada Townships are conducting similar studies with the assistance of the same professionals. These efforts are being coordinated in order to attain the best outcome for the entire community.

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Safe Walk to School project underway

by Thad Kraus

In October of last year, Michigan's Lt. Governor, John D. Cherry, announced that Lowell's Cherry Creek Elementary would be the only Kent County school to receive 'Safe Routes to School' funding.

In April, it was announced that Lowell would receive \$155,000 from the Michigan Department of Transportation to go with the \$70,000 grant from the Englehardt Community

On Monday, all of those funds were put to work as Millbocker & Sons Inc., out of Allegan, commenced with work at Cherry Creek Elementary.

The work will change the site from which students are picked up. Beginning with the 2009-10 school year, students will be picked up on the east side of the school as opposed to the west side.

With the installation of the sidewalk, students will be able to leave the school walking away from car and bus

Completion date for the Cherry Creek part of the project is slated for Aug. 15.

The other phase of the project will run a 19-foot walk from the corner of Foreman Road and Gee Drive to the corner of Gee Drive and Alden Nash. This phase of the

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Main Street.

the Kent County 4-H court

and the Ionia Free Fair

queen. Classic cars and

motorcycles cruised down

featured "Alive and Well'

and the "Bronk Brothers."

Stoney Lakeside Park

closed the third day of the

Riverwalk Festival.

Music in the evening

Fireworks over the

Riverwalk, continued...

well as hot rods and bikes.

Other floats carried

Work began on Monday to open up entries on the east side of Cherry Creek Elementary so that buses can get through the channel to leave the school.

project is scheduled to be completed by Sept. 2 in time for the first day of school on Sept. 8.

"Lowell was the only small school to receive funding," Lowell director of transportation, Larry Mikulski, explained. "We were able to successfully complete what others have

Mikulski explains that the entire effort was successful because of determined parents and a collaborative effort on the part of the City of Lowell and the Lowell School District.

In addition to providing a safe route to school for kids, it also provides adults with a safer place to walk/jog on Gee



Sizzlin' Summer |Concert Series



Country band Stolen Horses during Sizzlin' Summer Series on the Riverwalk Thursday.

Brew B-Q, continued ... From Page 1

pulled pork.

"We know we're going

to win," said chef Mary Z. The event was for both food lovers and beer connoisseurs such as Jake Pala of the West Side Distribution Co. The only regrets Pala had was that the tent wasn't open longer and on both festival days. He sampled the Shorts Brewery portfolio, enjoying the I.P.A.

the most. "It's one of the best I.P.A.s I've ever had," he said. "It has good balance of hops and it's very smooth.

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a much better atmosphere to the Riverwalk Festival, especially for the food and beer enthusiast."

Michigan Brewers were meticulously picked from near and far. The Schmohz Brewery of Grand Rapids was three beers strong with famous Hopknocker, Amber Tease and Pale Ale.

"They had a good selection of brewers," said Pala. "Congrats to Hopcat for starting their brewery in

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most points in all barbecue categories, was The Smoking Scotsman of Ada.

Unfortunately, contestants were not able to sell their delicious cuts, but many offered samples to standby fans.

There will be a Brew B-Q next year. The length is up for discussion.

"We were pleased how it went this year," said Faba. "We expect more barbecue contestants, vendors and Michigan craft brewers next

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The music played by the Flat River Big Band, featuring Jeff Ayres on trumpet, includes the music of big bands such as Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Stan Kenton, Woody Herman, Les Brown, Benny Goodman, Glen Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Harry James, Ray Elgart, Sy Zentner and others.

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Aug. 3, 4, 5 at the Lowell Public Library. Class fee \$55.

Call the Lowell Area Arts Council to register, 897-8545.

PINK ARROW ARTWORK

Arts Council until 6 p.m., Tues., July 21. Art pieces will

travel along Main St. this summer on display. First place

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

Fallasburg Historical Society will be hosting a children's

workshop in Fallasburg Village. It will be open to students

ages 8-14, on Thurs., July 23, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call the

CLASS REUNION

class reunion at Fallasburg Park on Sat., Aug. 22, from 11

a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Shannon Bennett-Kennedy for more

information, 616-437-6329 or shannondanyel@hotmail.

Lowell High School Class of 1994 will be having a

museum to register, 897-7688. Cost: \$12 per student.

The Lowell Area Historical Museum along with

selection will appear on the cover of the program.

Last call! Artwork can be left at the Lowell Area

"On with the Show - Summer Theatre Spectacular."

Sign ups are Sat., July 18, 8 a.m. - noon and Tues.,

The garden club will be celebrating their 60th

be July 18 at the Fairgrounds at 10 a.m.

players need to bring birth certificate.

Lafayette.

The next foodmobile, distributed by F.R.O.M., will

Construction throughout the district is progressing on track

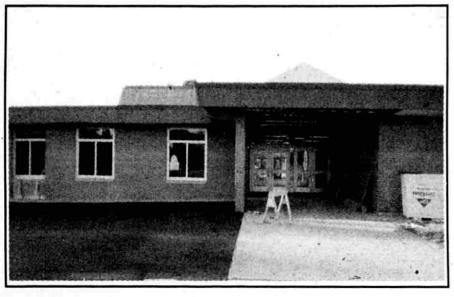
by Shelly MacNaughton

The Lowell Area School Board held its regular meeting Monday night. Larry Mikulski, armed with photos and diagrams, presented construction updates to the board. Virtually every school in the district is undergoing construction of some sort this summer.

The high school is having its HVAC system upgraded to allow better controls of each classroom. A new bus garage has been built. Many of the schools have received new carpet, windows, doors, etc.

Alto Elementary and Murray Lake Elementary each have two new classrooms being built. Those classrooms are expected to be finished in December. Mark Lessens, President of the Board of Education, questioned the safety of the construction site when kids return in September. Mikulski assured the board that much of the outdoor construction is slated to be complete by the time the kids

A major initiative taking place at Cherry Creek is the reorganization of the parking lots and addition of sidewalks. The work is being done by the Safe Walks to School program and Mikulski presented the progress of this project. A new ten foot wide sidewalk is going in



Bushnell School renovations include the administration office being relocated to the front of the school. Bushnell is also receiving new windows and

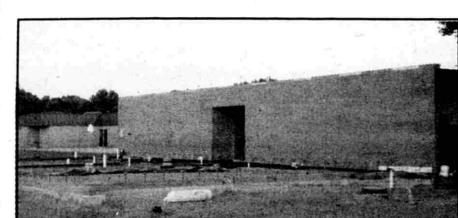
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at Cherry Creek and should be finished by August 15. Once that is complete, work will begin along Gee Drive installing a new ten foot wide sidewalk all the way to Alden Nash. The student walkers leaving Cherry Creek will have a safe route that does not interfere with parent pick up or bus loading. "The Safe Walks to School program is a joint effort with the City. The money used comes from a state grant, not the general fund," said Superintendent Greg Pratt.

The Board approved and accepted the low bid of \$63,415 from Automatic Equipment Sales & Service for the district card access system. "The card access system



New classrooms are being built at Alto Elementary.

is part of our security. Security was the number one concern for many of our parents. This will bring all our current card systems up to date and will tie in to the rest of our security system," said Pratt.

Roger Bearup presented a curriculum update to the board. "Summer school, during the first session of summer, had 27 students receive credit. Session B began today and the classes are full. I'm very proud of our students. They are working hard," said Bearup.

"I just want to thank all of those involved in our summer work programs; we have a lot of staff that work throughout the summer and I just want to thank them for all their hard work," said Pratt.

MONDAY, JULY 20

6:30 PM

SATURDAY, AUG. 1

10:00 AM

LHS track camp participants place at State



Athletes who attended Lowell High School's track camp in June earned first place in their event which qualified them for the State Hershey Track Meet which was held July 10 at Holt High School. Pictured above are: Paige DeHaan, Sela Bauman, and Elise Marshall, (missing is Maura Fitzpatrick), who took second place in the girl's 9-10 year old 4x100 relay. Pictured below are: Lauren DeHaan, Bethany Kaczanowski, Colleen Cater, and Amy Carpenter who placed fourth in the girl's 11-12 year old 4x100







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Viewpoint-

To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I was reading in the Lowell Ledger that Richards Park is getting a makeover.

When I read the article, I was a bit surprised to see logical, down to earth and meaningful decisions.

A decision to fit the ice skating rink with skateboarding equipment that will be removed in the winter deserves a thumbs up. But then I came to an article that stated the city approves archery hunting. There is one thing I found out in going to city council meetings and that is that there are some that put logic on the back burner.

I believe that there are other means to deter deer from eating shrubbery than archery hunting in the city limits. You only use extreme measures when all other means have been exhausted. It's hard to believe that all other means have been exhausted

Even if all means have been exhausted, it doesn't warrant deer hunting inside the city limits over a small amount of shrubbery being nibbled on. I believe this subject was brought to the forefront by a council member. Need I say more? Could the decision just be a pacifier?

Families and children are suffering in Michigan, and we believe their stories need to be told. With recent cuts to the state budget, many of the programs that help strengthen families and keep them together when abuse

Recovery and

Reinvestment

and neglect is a real possibility, have been eliminated. These family preservation programs have helped reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect since their inception in the 1990s.

In-home workers from agencies across the state work with families, many times right in the family home, to address issues that may lead to abuse and neglect. The worker and the family identify the family's natural strengths that could resolve existing issues, and then, acting as a team, work to help the family function and thrive while staying together in their own home. Since their inception, the success rate for these programs has been more than 80 percent.

We recognize the financial constraints imposed upon our Governor in these challenging times. However, the recent Executive Order eliminated or drastically reduced funding for many of these programs. We are concerned that thousands of children will end up in the foster care system if help, previously provided by the state to struggling families, is eliminated. In the end, this will cost the state even more money and further erode Michigan's family structure.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities West Michigan, one of the providers of both family preservation and foster care services across the 11 counties of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, I encourage you to write your local legislative representatives and express your concern about these most vulnerable families. The family preservation programs help to keep children safe. This has an impact on all of us and must be a funding

fish from moving between the Mississippi River and the

Great Lakes. The electric barrier is made of long steel cables that are attached to the bottom of the canal. A low-

voltage current is sent through the cables, which creates

an electric wall in the water. This electric barrier is not

harmful to fish, but they turn back when they swim into

the electric current rather than continuing through it. A

temporary barrier first became operational in 2002, and

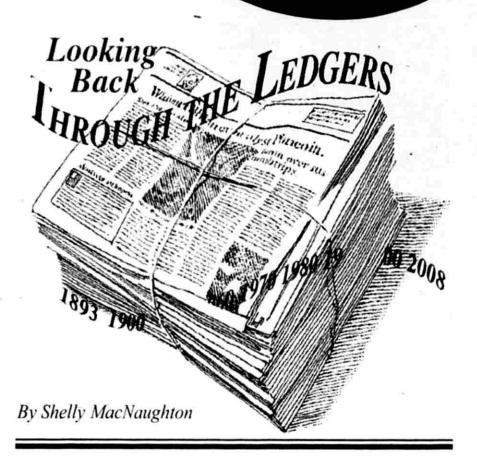
the Army Corps is currently working toward completion

entering the lakes from the Mississippi River, but we

The barrier will hopefully keep Asian carp from

of a permanent barrier.

Constance Christenson, Chair Board of Directors Catholic Charities West Michigan



125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal July 16, 1884

C. G. Stone's new house begins to look quite homey. Ionia saloons shamefully violated the liquor law on

The toy pistol (prohibited by state law) made its appearance in a few places on July 4, with the usual results. Lock-jaw—death. The law is a good one but it will not enforce itself.

Strange as it may seem, the democrats and greenbackers will hold their county conventions on the same day, July 24, in Grand Rapids. Remarkable coincidence, once more.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger July 15, 1909

Through the enterprise of Edwin Fallas, another new and prosperous industry has been launched in Lowell, the manufacture of tin cans. A large number of hands are now busily engaged with a fine equipment of up-to-date machinery and tools, turning out six thousand and upward, gallon cans per day, not just providing for the Lowell factory's canning season, but for outside canning factories as well. Carloads of lots have already been sent to Ludington and other points.

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo July 19, 1934

Julius Wester, proprietor of a lunch room in Alto, was brutally beaten by two thugs as he sat in his automobile in front of his place of business about two o'clock Wednesday morning. Robbery was the motive of the attack. The thugs obtained only a few cents in change. Wester succeeded in removing from his pocket, a wallet containing something over \$100, and hiding it in his car.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger July 16, 1956

The long dry period has brought water levels in Lowell wells to the point which requires a sprinkling ban in the village, starting at once. Lowell Utility Superintendent, Roger Westenbrock, has ruled that sprinkling will be permitted on the east side of the village on even days and on the west side of the village on odd days of the month.

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger July 18, 1984

With three items on the agenda, The King Milling Co. pretty well dominated the Monday, July 16 meeting of the Lowell City Council. King Milling has two new projects in the works and a problem with an old project that all need action from the council.

King has planned a truck parking and maintenance facility on property that they own south of Main Street and east of the Flat River. The King Milling Co. is also planning another project, the construction of a second \$500,000 bushel grain storage bin.

in Michigan With Senator Carl Levin

Protecting the Great Lakes from Asian Carp

In 1972, a fish farmer in Arkansas bought some Chinese fish, called bighead carp, to help control algae in his ponds. He and others used the fish at contained fish ponds in the south for over two decades, until a 1994 flood washed several thousand of the fish out of the ponds and into the Missouri River. Since then, the fish – which can grow to be more than a yard in length and weigh up to 100 pounds – have reproduced and migrated throughout U.S. waterways, and now bigheads and other species of Asian carp are the most abundant fish in portions of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers.

The problem is that, because the quick-growing fish are large, prolific, and eat huge amounts of food (up to 40 percent of their own body weight each day), the carp out-compete native species of fish for food, living space, and spawning areas, and they wreak havoc on the fragile ecosystems of the rivers and waterways.

We have witnessed the ecological destruction caused by the fish, and the accompanying financial burden, for many years. And now, bighead carp are continuing their northward migration up the Mississippi River and are close to invading the Great Lakes, which are connected to the river through a man-made sanitary and ship canal in Chicago.

There are a number of things we can do – and have done – to help keep the Great Lakes free of this invasive species.

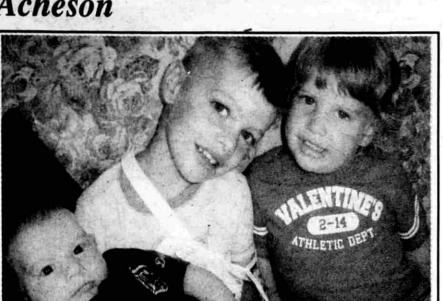
The Army Corps of Engineers built an electric dispersal barrier to prevent the carp and other non-native

also need to guard against the possibility of the fish being introduced into the lakes in other ways. As we saw with the Arkansas fish farmer, a single person buying some of these live fish can have devastating - and costly - ecological consequences. A 1900 law, called the Lacey Act, prohibits the importation or interstate transportation of any species that it designates as "injurious" - which are species that threaten the interests of people, agriculture, forestry or wildlife of

I recently introduced a bill in the Senate, the Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act, that would classify the bighead carp as injurious under the Lacey Act, thereby making it illegal to import or transport the fish live and, hopefully, help to minimize the risk of intentional introduction. Three other species of Asian carp (silver, largescale silver, and black) have previously been classified as injurious under the Lacey Act.

I hope that my bill will be approved by Congress and signed into law, and together with the completion of the permanent electric barriers, these safeguards should help to ensure that the bighead carp are kept out of our precious Great Lakes.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.



Brady Howard Acheson

Ron and Alana Acheson are proud to announce the birth of their son, Brady Howard Acheson, born May 13, 2009 weighing 9 lbs. 6 oz. and measuring 23 inches. He was welcomed home by siblings, Logan and Ella; and grandparents, Howard and Gail Acheson, and Jim and Chery Valentine, all of Lowell.



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College News

Lowell, was one of the 191 student-athletes awarded the 2008/2009 Academic Honor Roll of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) from Hope College.

program is administered by Daniel Lingenfelter, Brett the faculty representatives of McMahon, Erika Murray, the MIAA member colleges.

consists of student-athletes who maintained a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the year.

Central

University's spring semester honors list included: Erin The academic awards Gavigan, Molly Gerst, Northwestern Ohio is proud to acknowledge that William Zigmont, of Lowell, has Maria Schmieder, Matthew made the Dean's List for Tevlin, and Shawn Witte, the May 2009 session in the all of Ada; Cassandra

Michigan

of Lowell.

Full-time students must Cook, Laura Danielson, Cynthia receive a grade point Engerson, and Lindsey average of 3.5 or better to Forton, all of Alto; and be named to the Dean's List. Jamie Cardani, Brendon Zigmont is the son of Al and Harden, Kenneth Hayes, Helen Zigmont, of Lowell. Kelsey Ligman, Autumn

Nethercott, Tara Ormiston, Abigail Johnson was recognized for outstanding and Taryn Schumacher, all academic accomplishments by being named to the The University of Dean's List at LaTourneau University for the spring 2009 semester. The Dean's List recognizes students who have achieved a grade point average of between College of Technologies. 3.50 and 3.99 for the

Tom Karp.

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Child falls out of second story window

A two-year-old Kent County girl is expected to be just fine after falling out the second story window at her grandmother's home in Vergennes Township.

Savannah Reinhold was playing upstairs at the home on Fallasburg Park Drive when grandmother says she climbed up on the window sill. "I think she was trying to see out the window," said grandmother Suzie Reinhold. "Then she must of leaned against it... and

baby tumbled and so did

the screen apparently." Reinhold says her

daughter-in-law was home at the time of the accident. She estimates the child fell about 20 feet, but says the sandy, grassy soil likely cushioned her fall. "Total miracle. Total God watched over miracle," said Reinhold.

Savannah was taken to Spectrum Butterworth Hospital for tests, but she is expected to be okay.

As reported by our partners at WZZM 13.

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Dave Stegehuis

Head start

from a major outdoor gear supplier turned up in the mail last

week. The arrival of the catalog is a reminder that now is the

may need to be replaced while others can be repaired. There

is always the latest and greatest equipment on the market

to consider, but it is necessary to do some research before

making a purchase. A new bow will have to be set-up and

tuned, and rifles need to be sighted-in. It would be wise to

practice with a hand-held GPS unit if using one for the first

during the off-season should start now to prepare for next

fall. Archery skills require extensive physical and mental

Speaking of practice, those of us who do not shoot

time to start preparing for the fall hunting seasons.

Summer has only just begun, and the fall edition catalog

It is time to take inventory of existing gear. Some items

San Antonio, Texas.

warm weather.

Air Force Airman David

basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of David

Wheelock, of Saranac, and Hannah Mortensen, of Syracuse, Utah.

Burnham, son of Karol and Mike Burnham, of Lowell, to his current rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

received

the early promotion for outstanding performance during all phases of the training cycle. Training included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork, and endurance in each recruit

Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor. Burnham is a 2008 graduate of Northpointe Christian High School of

Grand Rapids.

be hunting in shorts, sneakers, and a tee shirt. At some point,

do a dress rehearsal to get a realistic idea of how hunting

clothing will affect comfort and movement. If you will be

hunting at higher elevations, work on aerobic conditioning

because climbing around mountains at 9,000 feet is more

may be different in the fall and winter, most animals dwell

in a general area all year. Migrating waterfowl would be an

exception, but locating likely resting areas can be done now.

Seeking permission to hunt private land early rather than just

before season or during season demonstrates concern for the

out of the country you will usually need a current passport.

You must pay attention to application dates for special

permits and licenses. It is already too late to apply for some

out of state licenses. Check with state game departments for

application dates. For example, the application period for

a long way off, but with all the preparation to be done the

seasons will soon be upon us. Now is the time to get a head

It may seem that turning leaves and crisp mornings are

Finally, there is all that paperwork. If planning to hunt

landowner and that you are a thoughtful hunter.

Michigan's antlerless deer permits begins July 15.

Begin scouting hunting areas. Although game movement

challenging than walking level ground near sea level.

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THE LOWELL LEDGER - WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009 - PAGE 7 With Drs. Paul Gauthier. Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie **POISON IVY**

Judging by the number of cases we've seen in the office, poison ivy season is upon us.

Poison ivy is a type of contact dermatitis due to an allergic reaction upon exposure to the oil found in the plant. You can be exposed to the plant, directly or indirectly, by touching gardening equipment, gloves, clothing, or even

The rash caused by poison ivy is usually red, raised, blistering, itchy, and occurs in any area that has been in contact with the oil. The hands and arms are most often involved. We spread it to the face or other regions by touching the area before we've had a chance to wash the unseen oil off. Once the oil from the plant has been washed off the skin, it can no longer be spread to other areas of the body or spread to other people.

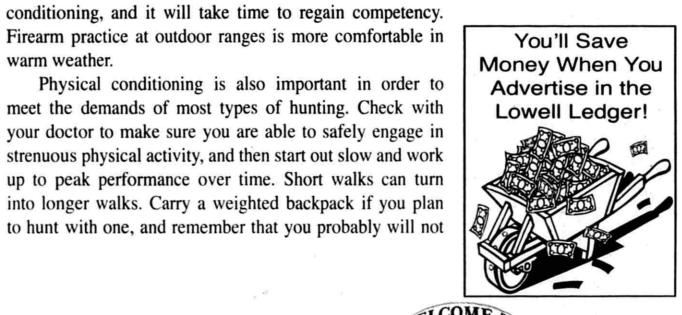
Poison ivy rash typically appears a couple of days after exposure but it can appear even a week after exposure. Most cases resolve after one to two weeks, but more severe cases may last a month or longer.

Minor episodes can be treated at home with topical one percent hydrocortisone cream and over-the-counter nonsedating antihistamines such as Claritin or Zyrtec. When the rash has spread to larger areas of the body, a steroid prescription may be needed.

Prevention is probably the best treatment. Learn to recognize the three-leafed plant and avoid contact. If you plan to be in the woods or a location where the plant is prevalent, wear protective clothing including long sleeved shirts, pants, and gloves. Wash your clothing as soon as

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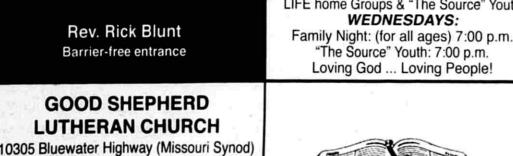
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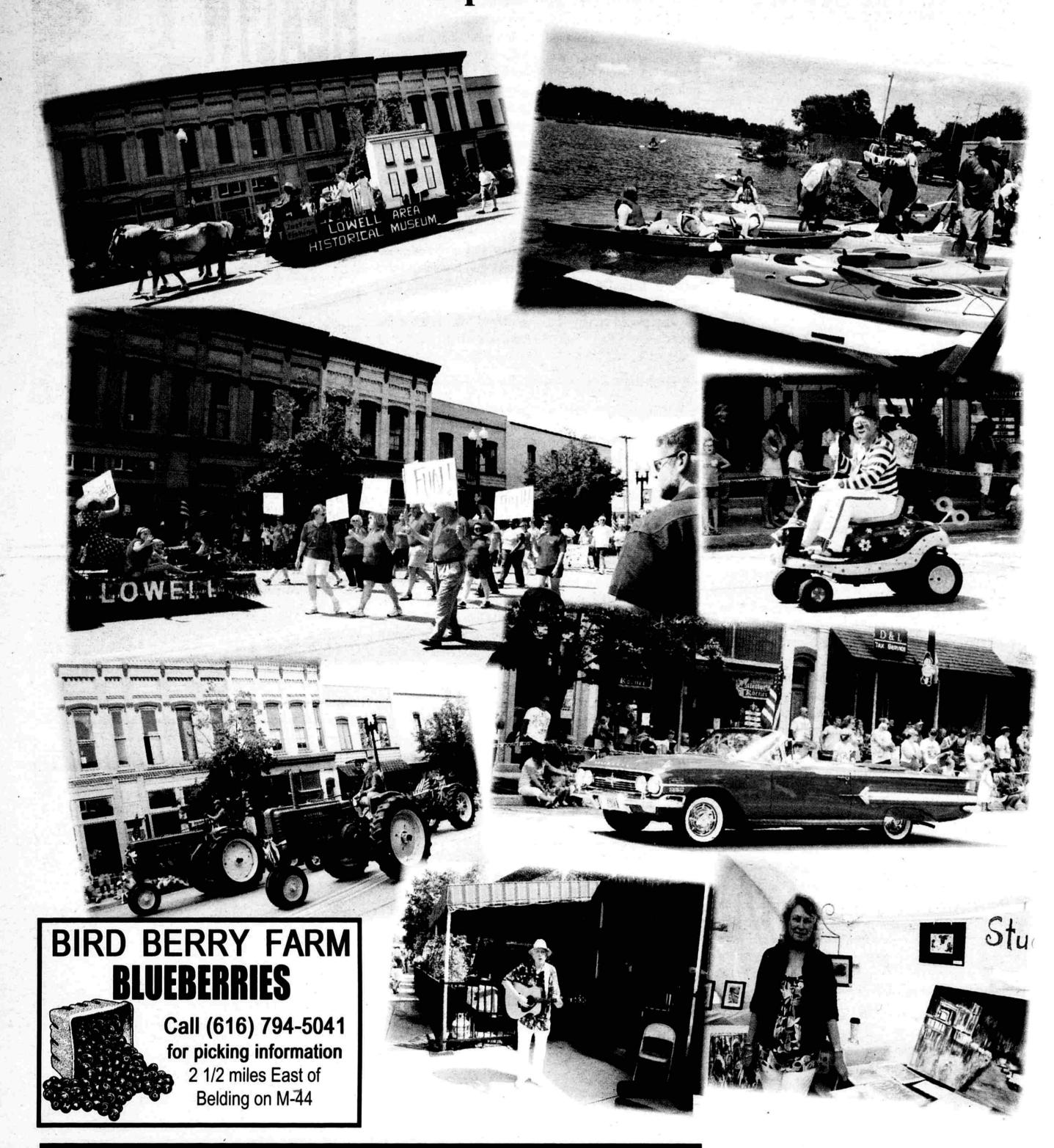
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Annual Covered Bridge Bike Tour draws hundreds to historical village

by Emma Palova

The 15th annual Covered Bridge bike tour drew 150 registered participants from all over Michigan, last

For Bill, Mike and Matt Morrow,-all of Ada, it was their third year on the 40mile long tour.

"We love it out here," said dad, Bill Morrow.

The trio registered at the school house and took a short break by the water there were several stations Ada Covered Bridge and the Misner House Museum.

The tour options ranged

long route to the longest 100-mile tour. One of the to pedal the southern 50most popular tours is the 28-mile route from the Fallasburg Covered Bridge, along Grand River Drive, to the Ada Covered Bridge.

"We had several people register for the 100-mile tour," said chairman Ken

"This is the biggest fundraiser for the Fallasburg Historical according to Tamke. "This is our World Series."

The longest 100-mile served, including by the loop ventures down south into Gaines Township, returns to Fallasburg and goes north into Ionia County

Bridge. Many riders choose The registration fee was \$15 Every year, bikers flock

to the Fallasburg Historic Village to take in the peaceful atmosphere in the park. On Sunday, bikers could be seen all around Lowell and Vergennes Township.

However, most of the routes go over public streets and roads exposed to traffic. Some have cracks, potholes, manhole covers, drainage gates, poorly-maintained railroad crossings, loose gravel, foreign objects, and aggressive animals.

All the participants had to sign a release from

and to the Whites Covered liability of the sponsors. per individual and \$25 per

> All the proceeds from the bike ride go toward the preservation of the Village. The village was placed on the National Register of Historical Places in 1999. The village, located on 42 acres north of Lowell, the Fallasburg Covered Bridge, one room school house, Fallas House, Misner House, Tower Farm, Waters House, and Betsy



Bill, Mike and Matt Morrow in front of the Fallasburg

Safe Routes will continue along Gee Drive, trails update

is just under \$305,000.

By Emma Palova

The Safe Routes to School project, to build a sidewalk between the driveways to Cherry Creek Elementary and a 10-foot long non-motorized paved trail along Gee Drive, started

The project is slated for Sept. 2 completion, just in time before school starts, according to project engineer, Dave Austin, of Williams & Works.

The crews will be working on improvements to the bus loading and unloading area and placing new sidewalks between the driveways at Cherry Creek Elementary.

A 10-foot wide nonmotorized trail will be placed from Alden Nash to Creekside Park for a total length of 4,000 feet.

The project is funded by a Safe Routes to School grant in the amount of \$235,000 and with \$70,000 from the

Lowell Area Community Transportation. Fund. The total project cost

"It will provide safe walking access from Gee Drive to the park and the future trails," said Austin

City manager, Dave Pasquale, said the path will not only be for school children but for residents in general to walk to the city.

Together with the Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA) and the Rails to Trails group, the community trails will tie together Vergennes Township with the city and Lowell Township, and eventually connect with

other trail systems "It will be a benefit to the entire community," said Pasquale.

LARA is now waiting to hear on grant applications Michigan Department of Road.

LARA has, so far, raised \$360,000 in private funds and continues with brick

Also, the Rails to school, and it will connect to Trails group is making progress. The railroad ties from Ionia to Lowell have been removed. The A&K Railroad Materials and Choder's crews are currently removing railroad ties from

> Belding to Lowell. The labor intensive process entails the removal of spikes, anchors, ties, plates, and bars from the railroad bed. Magnets are used to lift the bars and plates up.

When knocking the anchors off, the crews have to walk the entire railroad line with sledge hammers.

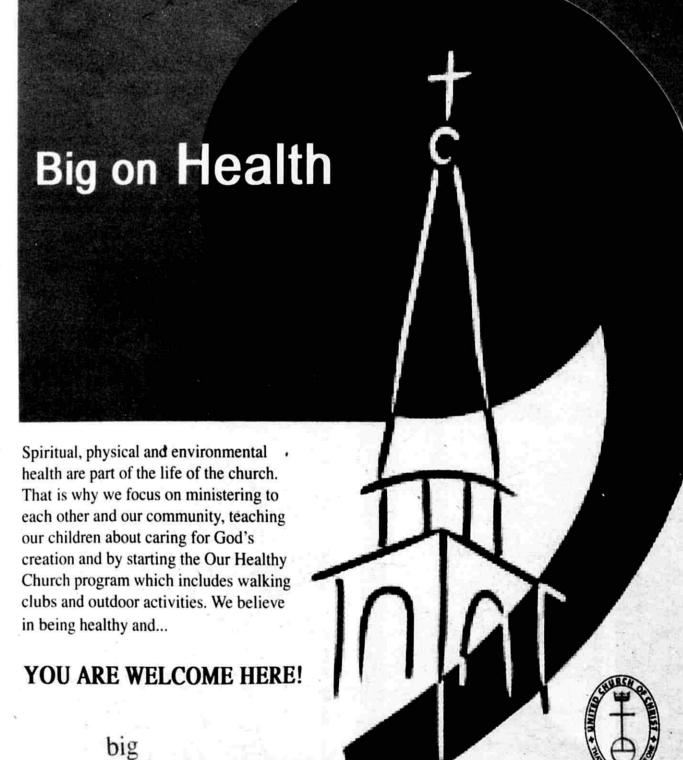
Currently, eight miles worth of railroad materials are stored on a leased property at the OE Bieri from the Department of Industrial Park, north of Natural Resources and the town, off Lincoln Lake



James Peterson of A&K Railroad Materials.

A total of 36 more miles of tracks will be stored on the property and eventually shipped out to sell to a different railroad company. The ties are first sorted and graded.

Also, the Mid Michigan railroad cars are parked between Foreman, and five miles north of Lowell, to Bailey Road as part of the purchase agreement.



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- Authorities are beginning efforts to identify each one of the approx. 100,000 graves in a suburban Chicago cemetery where former workers allegedly dug up plots to resell them.
- North Korean leader, Kim Jongll, has life threatening pancreatic cancer.
- The new H1N1 influenza virus bears disturbing resemblance to the virus strain that caused the 1918 flu pandemic.
- Sen. John McCain, along with Sen. Carl Levin, file an amendment to cut extra money for F-22 Jets. The amendment would eliminate \$1.75 billion.
- Pontiac G-8 to live on as a Chevrolet Caprice. GM has not yet determined a timeline for a car line change.



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- · Assess your current situation. You're well aware of the change in your portfolio's value over the past two years, and you may well have already made some adjustments. But if you're going to position yourself properly for the future, you need to review your entire financial situation: your savings, spending, investments, insurance and income needs. Only then can you chart the course that's right for you.
- · Re-evaluate your goals. Since you are already reviewing your financial picture, now is a good time to also re-examine your goals. Would you like to help pay for a child's college education? Do you know when you plan to retire? When you do retire, what sort of lifestyle do you envision? If you haven't already done so, identify your goals and try to put a price tag on them.
- Review your strategy for reaching your goals. Once you know about how much money your goals may require, you'll need to review your savings and investment

strategies to determine if they are likely to provide sufficient funds. You'll need to look at your investment mix to see if it's providing the right combination of growth and income opportunities. At the same time, you'll want to analyze your feelings about investment risk. Before the market decline, many investors believed they were more comfortable with risk than they actually were. Because different investments carry different levels of risk, it's essential that you know your risk tolerance and factor it into your investment decisions.

- Start making necessary changes. To attain the goals you've identified, you may well need to make some changes. For example, during the most recent bear market, the value of your growth-oriented investments likely fell considerably, which means these investments may now make up a smaller percentage of your portfolio, relative to income-oriented vehicles. Yet to achieve your long-term objectives, you may need a good amount of exposure to investments that have the potential to provide growth, such as stocks. Consequently, you may need to rebalance your portfolio, possibly with the help of a professional financial advisor - someone who knows your goals, risk tolerance, family situation and other key factors.
- Be flexible. After you've identified your goals and revised your investment strategy accordingly, you have taken some important steps - but you're still not done. None of us can predict what will happen in our lives, and as we've seen, the financial markets are equally unpredictable. So you will need to be flexible with your investment moves and prepared to make changes as necessary.

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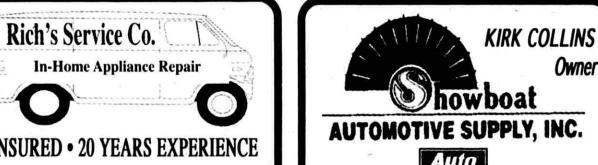
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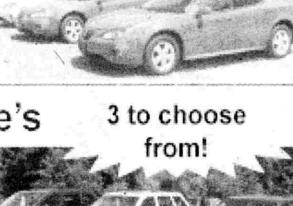
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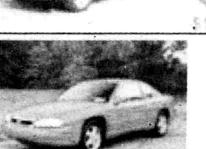
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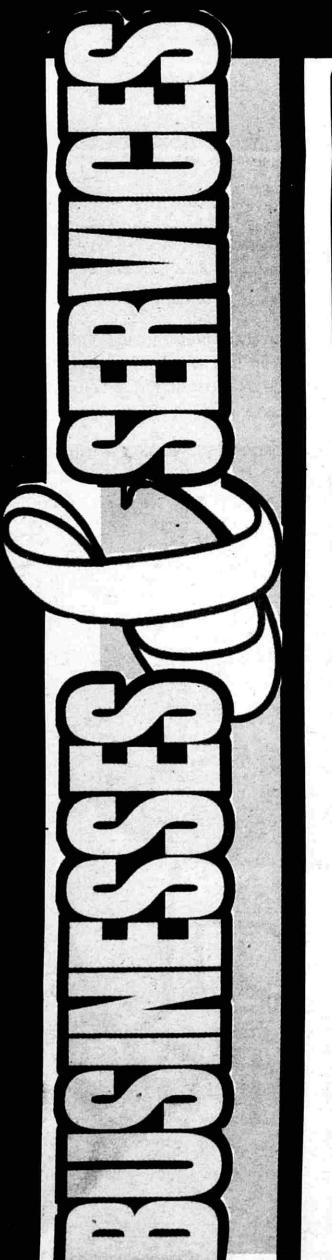
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Clearing will enable center to show visitors the green

by Thad Kraus

the ecosystem that one finds at the Wittenbach/ Wege Agriscience Environmental Education Center.

The Red Pines, that cover a large area of the land at the Wittenbach Center, are not native to the area.

The center, identified as the chosen location, will help assist Michigan Green in planting 1,000 Red Oak, White Oak and Sugar Maple seedlings on the Wittenbach/Wege nature preserve properties. The timing could not have been

"Actually, the timing is great," said Wittenbach director, Meggan Johnson.

It is a natural fit for be removing planted pines as the school removes every third row and every third tree in the remaining rows at the center.

> The clearing will expose the native seed bank to more sunlight allowing for habitat more native to the area to flourish.

The trees are tentatively scheduled to be cleared the first week in August.

On Oct. 9, one hundred students selected from all four elementary schools will help plant the 1,000

of the lucky students will receive a DELL computer; five of the students will receive

The Wege preserve will a Michigan Green energy kit; while all one hundred students will get a back the heat of the summer,"

'We are planting the seedlings in the fall to avoid Johnson explained.

Johnson has coordinated times with volunteers to follow up and come in and water the plantings.

Johnson said. The Red Pine logs will be removed by a company out of Cadillac.

"Not all the seedlings

will take, but to get 50

percent would be fantastic,"

Lowell was the first site selected throughout the state for the planting of 1,000 seedlings.

Johnson, Meggan director of the Wittenbach/ Wege Agriscience and **Environmental Education** identifies a Center, transition zone. To the left, is the lush, green, much desired area as opposed to the baron, deserted area to the right.

noon at the Key Heights

community building and 6

to 8 p.m. at the Alto Public

is at the Murray Lake

Elementary library from 9

a.m. until noon and at the

Runciman Administration

building from 6 until 8

Arrow Readers on the

Move program is at the

building from 9 a.m. until

noon and from 6 until 8

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* Cash Bar

Arrow Readers on the Move is a program traveling throughout the Lowell community uniting students, books, teachers and technology.

accelerated reader time for students to check out books in their name, curl up to read and take accelerated then spend the first few

Students may also take books home and return them on their next visit.

The program is made possible through a grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund.

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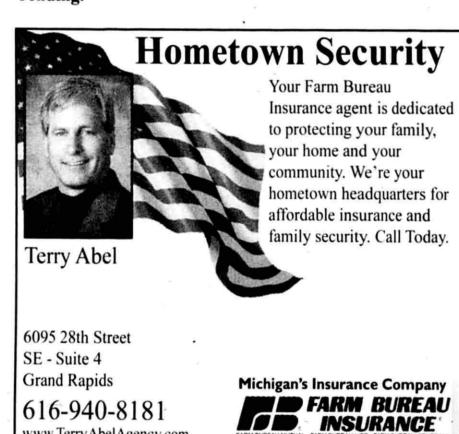
Think of it as an open Move director Kim Lum notes that most students fall behind in their reading level over the summer and months of the new school year playing catch-up.

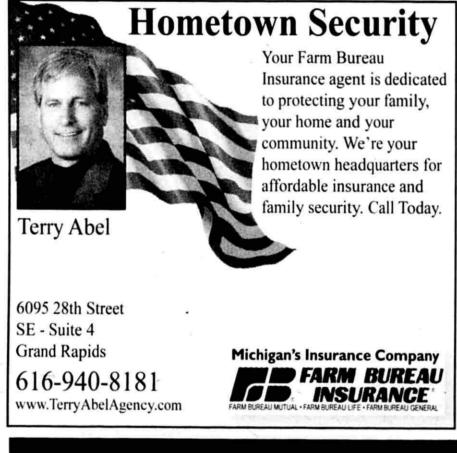
> "This program targets keeping those reading skills sharp while students also have fun," Lum said.

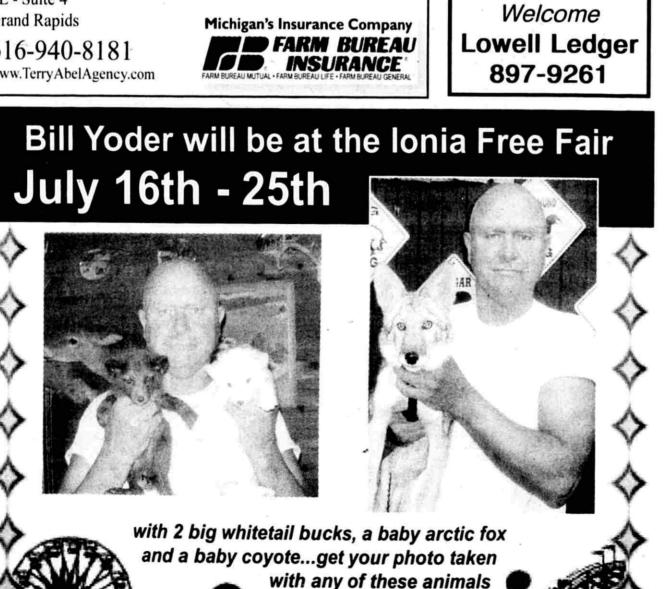
The summer reading program can be found on Arrow Readers on the Tuesdays from 10 a.m. until



Joseph Audia assists Cypress Condon with her









by Thad Kraus

discuss.

Gary Vandermark has

had more DNFs (did

finishes) in his 23rd year

of racing than he cares to

preventing him from getting

to the finish line have

included a broken rotor and

good

Vandermark is a patient

"You have to be patient

In his first year racing

driver on and off the track.

the first lap," he explains

in the late model division

patience is needed to help

meet the challenges from

week to week. These

would include reading the

track, identifying the set

up and making the right

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you can make to your car.

The key is to make the right

ones, otherwise you can

adjust yourself right out

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adjustments.

a spark plug falling out.

Malfunctions

OKAY -

Someone Has To Say It ...

by Thad Kraus

The return of David Mayo, Grand Rapids Press sports writer, has received its fair share of press and reaction from readers on his front page column in the Sunday, July 5

Mayo was arrested back in February on drug-related

On Tuesday, June 30, he was sentenced to three years probation, 240 hours of community service and \$5,000 in fines along with other conditions for a four-year felony of manufacturing marijuana. A two-year misdemeanor charge of maintaining a drug house was dropped.

It's hard to find fault with the sentencing when an NFL player gets 30 days for a drunk-driving, manslaughter charge (what a country)

In Mayo's "I've come out the other side" column he states he is no superstar athlete. However, in his 24 years of covering superstar athletes for the Press, Mayo learned the art of the professional athlete's non-apology, apology!

Which is what he served up in the July 5 column.

He wrote "I regret if anyone endured any fallout from a problem of my creation."

That sounds eerily similar and all too familiar to "I apologize to all who were offended."

Don't apologize for those who endured a fallout. Apologize for what you did. That's why you're a felon today. It's a felon whether someone else endured a fallout or not.

I read his column two-three times, listened to the Bill Simonson interview and not once did Mayo say, "I'm sorry for manufacturing marijuana." The misdemeanor charge of maintaining a drug house was dropped through a plea deal, therefore leaving it up to public opinion as to whether a drug

In my case, I used the eye test. The pictures which were published indicated to me that there was more marijuana there than one keeps for recreational use.

I was hoping Simonson would have asked if Mayo was ever half baked while covering a boxing event in Las Vegas or some other major sporting event in any other part of the

I would think the Press would wonder about that too! A few years, back when Dusty Baker was being grilled by the Chicago Press for the Cubbie woes, to deflect harsh criticism and tough questions in the press conferences following the games, he would bring his little boy into the press conference and sit him on his lap. It was a way to soften the belly of the press.

are crew chief Nathan Sloan. "It's a bigger car, bigger tires and a full body," he Gary Vandermark Sr., Bry Sloan, David Vandermark

GRT chassie owned by Troy His sponsors this year are Showboat Automotive, Woody's and Earthworm Despite the mechanical

did record a feature race victory at I-96 Speedway a little over a month ago. He's also posted a second place

Vandermark not only the week with the garage Randy Kuesink. work. "I like to do the work

myself. It works both ways. Vandermark started out Some drivers like to have a

on the track because you're not going to win the race on late models this year.

of the race," Vandermark

He's done alright. Going into the weekend, the Lowell driver is seventh on the points list.

DRIVER

TRACKS

that close of attention to from week to week.

nuts looking at that every week," says Vandermark.

It's a list he doesn't pay

"You can drive yourself

in street stock and the past 13 years raced modifieds before making the switch to Vandermark's car is a and Troy Sloan.

malfunctions, Vandermark Excavating.

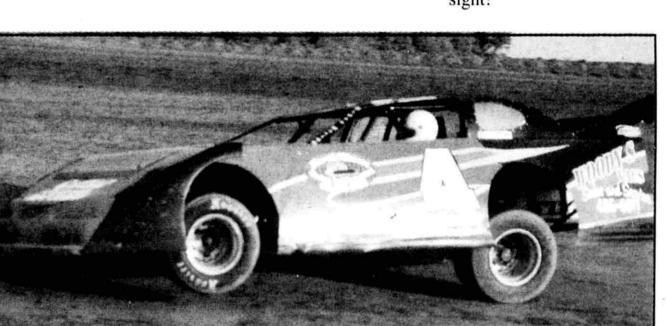
> Vandermark's big purse wins have both been at the Manistee Fair grounds.

He has cashed checks for \$1,200 and \$1,000.

Vandermark was races on Saturday, but enjoys introduced to his passion assisting his crew during many years back, by friend,

"Randy does not race full time anymore, but he's still there to help me out," crew work on their cars," he Vandermark concluded.

For how much longer? Helping Vandermark If Vandermark has a say in with weekday adjustments things, the end is nowhere in



Gary Vandermark has been a fixture at the I-96 Speedway for the past 23 years.

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THE LOWELL LEDGER - WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009 - PAGE 13 It seems Mayo may have gleaned a thing or two from

He opened his column by writing, "There is nothing quite like the teary eyed look on your wife's face as a cop handcuffs you both and knowing your decisions are responsible for it." Then he added, "May none of you ever have to bear such

That seems eerily similar and all too familiar - soften up the reader and possible critics, in this case with an emotionally personal experience involving a family member (his wife). For me, it read as a plea for sympathy. However, if you're not going to apologize for what you did, why is it necessary to seek sympathy?

I'm all for redemption and giving people who come out on the other side a second chance, but I hesitate to extend such courtesy to those who just "speak out the other side."

To Miss a Little...

Anyone who read last week's column knows that the end of it was cut off. Someone once said, to miss a little is to miss a lot. So here's a lot of what you missed.

To any legislator in Lansing listening or reading this - if you want to help Michigan's Tourism Industry - take your lunch hour and go out and clean a decaying carcass off the side of a highway (here's the little) and when you're through, don't forget to clean up your lunch.





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North Lowell wins first annual F.R.O.M. Food Fight

In an epic see-saw Saturday at the conclusion competition began with the We designated parade displayed along each side of determined teams, North Riverwalk parade. The 845 to 713 lead. The quarter of the contest," to support each team. Parade F.R.O.M. the Heart Food Fight, benefiting Flat River Outreach Ministries and its food pantry.

88 items, the North Lowell community comes together exploded with 2,054 items team outscored the South in times of need and of their own, to regain Lowell team 4,292 to Lowell loves competition," 4,204, for a total of 8,496 commented Rick Seese, items collected for the food F.R.O.M. board member. "I pantry. The community- would have never dreamed was the span of Monday wide contest began two of such success, in such a through Friday, leading

collected the most non-

"It was a wonderful experience for such By a margin of only a needed cause. This weeks ago and ended short period of time." The up to the Saturday parade.

This Week!

HUGE GARAGE SALE

823 Avery St., Lowell. July 18, 9-5 p.m. Rain or shine. Multi-families, too

many items to list

HUGE GARAGE SALE

Fri., July 17, 9-5 p.m. 11346 Peck Lake Rd. (on the corner of Hastings &

Peck Lake). Everything must go!

HUGE GARAGE SALE

8516 Savannah, Saranac (off Nash Hwy.) Children - adult clothes, books,

toys, baby & household items, much more. July 16, 17 & 18, 9-5 p.m.

HUGE MOVING SALE

equipment, rolltop desk, fridge, microwave, dishwasher, elec. range, antique

"Sugar Gliders." 3 window air conditioners, livestock water tank, exercise

team following week, the South explained Seese. "The team rallied with 1,523 items to take a huge 2,236

> However. week" the North team a slight lead of 3,380 to

> > "The third quarter

pouring in with support, as the entire community became aware of what

"The

781 items.

collection boxes were Seese.

competitiveness really

kicked in with over 3,100

two teams during those few

contributor was Canfield

Plumbing and Heating,

who turned on the heat with

calls came

'third quarter' days."

of the F.R.O.M. the Heart North team taking a narrow day as the fourth and final Main St. to allow spectators entries supported their teams with bags of food items collected between the final few hours on Saturday produced an additional 1,781 items. Following the The big third quarter parade, all four Lowell auto dealers contributed to the pick-up and delivery of the boxes and bags to F.R.O.M.

> for the final counting. "Unofficially, I would have to give MVP awards to Curves for their consistency throughout the game and was going on," continued to Canfield for their big play contributions toward During the parade, the end of the game," said

were provided by Schneider Manor, Lowell Senior Neighbors and Greenridge Realty. Many fun updates as their "entry fee." Those and statistics were provided Facebook page. After the results were announced at the Riverwalk concert on Saturday evening, several South team members were heard chanting, "Just wait 'till next year!'

Seese thanked all who contributed to the Food Fight campaign and promised a bigger Food Fight for next year. "I can't think of a more fun way to help Flat River Outreach Ministries and involve over 14,000 community members," he concluded.

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announced awards were made possible that maintain receive \$1,000 King Scholars Program.

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for at least one year, A reception was held demonstrate participation Burger King Have It Your on July 7 honoring Grand in community service and/ Way® Foundation and ten Rapids area recipients, or co-curricular activities, employees will receive which included from maintain a positive attitude \$5,000 scholarships from Lowell: Jordan Blanchard, in school and on the job and the James W. McLamore (\$1,000), Racynda Corlis, will enroll or are enrolled Family Foundation. A total (\$1,000), Hannah Dalton, in a full or part-time course of \$21,000 is being awarded (\$5,000), and Brooke of study at an accredited two or four year college,

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GARAGE SALE

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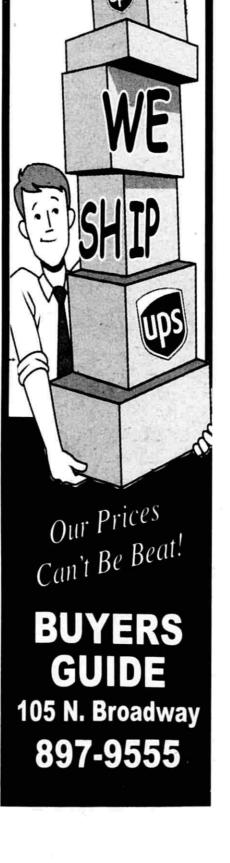
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Lacks Cancer Center expands role in Pink Arrow Project

"This partnership not only raises awareness of the importance of screenings and early detection of breast cancer, but has also created a lot of positive energy in Lowell," commented Tara Geror, Marketing Director of Saint Mary's Health Care and Lowell resident. "We're proud to be a part of it, and as a resident of Lowell, I'm especially proud because I see the effect that it's having."

In our second year of sponsoring the groundbreaking Lowell

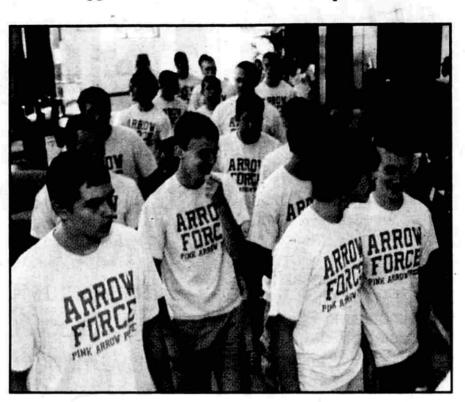
important Pink Arrow Project, The Lacks Cancer Center at Saint Mary's aims to increase the community's awareness of cancer prevention and treatment. This year's Pink Arrow Project will not only turn the football team and fans pink on September 11, but has been expanded to include two other athletic events to be held on that day. September 11 will be a daylong festival of athletic contests coupled with reminders of the importance of screenings for early cancer detection

those lost to the disease.

As the first major partner, with Lowell Community Wellness, to sponsor the Pink Arrow Project in its kickoff last year, The Lacks Cancer Center at Saint Mary's will repeat some of the activities that were so successful, such as the varsity football team's visit to the cancer center to meet some of its medical leaders and to watch a video of Chris Spielman, former Ohio State and NFL All-Pro linebacker. Spielman talked of his fights on the football field and his much more difficult fight to support his wife as she underwent breast cancer treatments. This year's visit is planned for August 4. The Lacks Cancer Center also hosted the girls' Varsity Club last February, providing a tour of the center and educational sessions with our clinical cancer experts. "It was a wonderful, educational, eye-opening

and remembrances of experience," one of the girls remarked as the group left. "I'm going to go home to remind my own mom to make an appointment for a

cancer prevention and treatment in the Lowell community. They will also partner with Gilda's Club, Grand Rapids' Lowell



mammogram."

During the annual Riverwalk in July, the cancer center sponsored an informational booth, and the football team carried a banner from The Lacks Cancer Center.

These same experts, from The Lacks Cancer Center at Saint Mary's, plan an expanded collaboration this year, including offering educational sessions on

program, once it is up and running, to bring in speakers.

With the rest of the Lowell community, The Lacks Cancer Center at Saint Mary's will be at the big game on Friday, September 11, as the Red Arrow varsity football team turns pink to take on Union High School at 7 p.m. The football game will follow the varsity volleyball's outside game versus Forest Hills Northern and the crosscountry meet, which both begin at 5 p.m.

During the games, the cancer center will sponsor a booth with informative brochures and will have clinical experts on hand during both games and all the festivities to inform and educate anyone seeking more information about cancer detection and treatment.

"Educating women about breast health is the first major step in cancer prevention," remarked Dr. Jamie Caughran, medical director of the Comprehensive Breast Center at Saint Mary's, part of The Lacks Cancer Center. "This project does so much good in so many ways."



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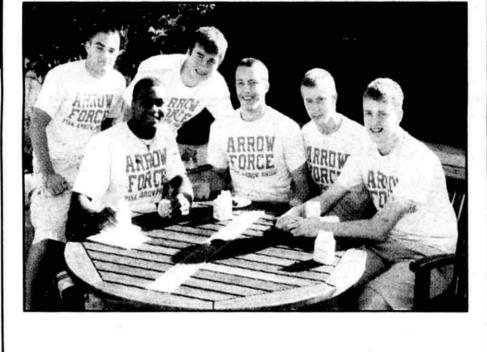
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