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DDA approves \$30,000 for bridge building repair

by Emma Palova

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) approved \$30,000 to assist in repair of buildings located on the northwest side of the bridge across the Flat River.

The buildings, purchased by Greg Canfield, located at 115, 117 and 119 W. Main, were originally slated for demolition due to foundations falling into the river. However, Canfield offered to repair the buildings that would provide more retail space in the future for the downtown area.

The front wall, which is part of the foundation of the buildings, will have to be secured. And according to

Canfield and city manager Dave Pasquale, that would have to be done regardless whether the buildings were demolished or repaired.

"They're in pretty bad shape," said Canfield. "If they were torn down the wall would still have to be shored up."

The wall is past the bridge separating the road right of way. The foundation wall repair is considered a public improvement according to Pasquale. It would cost \$30,000 to demolish the buildings without doing any infrastructure repairs.

"We're looking at it as an investment," said DDA boardmember, Bob Ford. "Costs always run higher."

Canfield said he would accept responsibility for any cost overruns.

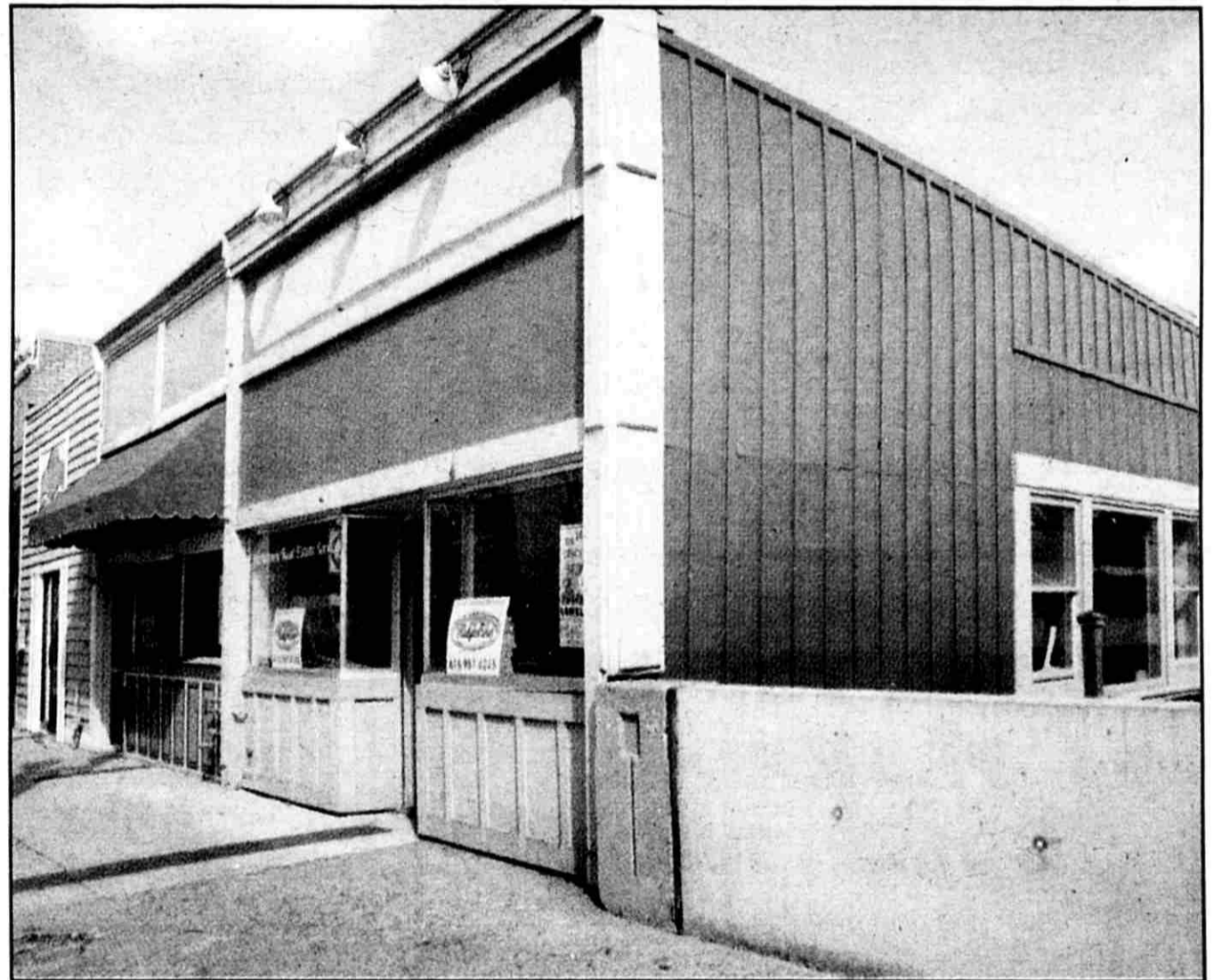
"It secures these addresses," said Canfield. "It doesn't address buildings further up the river."

The improvement will be similar to a sea wall that was constructed on the east bank of the river, now known as the Riverwalk.

"If the buildings are gone, it's a sea wall. It has more of a public function," said Pasquale. "We're looking at long term stability of the buildings."

Old block foundations will have to be removed out of the river. The reinforced foundation wall will hold water against cast concrete.

Canfield said he would



Repairs to the foundation of this building should be complete by summer's end.

complete the project yet this summer due to the tight schedule dictated by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) bridge replacement project.

"I am in favor of assistance payment after completion," said Ford.

Any action, however, is contingent upon review

of the proposal by the city attorney, Dick Wendt, as to the appropriate mechanism to expend the DDA funds.

River Revelry plans to raise funds for arts council

by Emma Palova

The first annual River Revelry 2009 will raise funds for the Lowell Area Arts Council (LAAC).

It is also the first of a series of events planned by the LAAC.

"We want to raise money for arts due to cuts from the state," said Barb Pierce of the LAAC.

The scheduled events aim to keep arts visible in the Lowell community as

well as to compensate for state cuts and decreasing grants and donations due to the economy.

"We want to get as many people as we can into Lowell, get them involved in

art, and keep the arts visible in Lowell," said Pierce.

The River Revelry promises a good mix of music, food and games. The following bands will play at the Revelry: Easy Idle String Band, Hawks & Owls, Adams Family, and Jonesy.

Party food such as brats, veggie wraps and salads will be provided by Victory Club of Ada, as well as homemade cakes by Nancy Wood.

There will be a silent auction of items provided by local businesses and non-profits.

"We're trying to keep the price low," said Pierce.

Proceeds from each \$10 ticket will be split evenly between the arts council and the food costs.

Other art events include a rotating exhibit of the Pink Arrow Project artwork from Sept. 1 through Sept. 8.

On Sept. 1 there will be a family art party in the backyard by the arts council. A \$300 grant from the Women's Club will defer the cost of the family art party.

A silent auction of Pink Arrow Project artwork that will benefit the project will take place on Sept. 8.



Barb Pierce holds a museum basket to be auctioned off at the River Revelry.

A golf outing is scheduled for Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. at the Deer Run Golf Course.

Art Attack in Black and White will be held on Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Deer Run with an upscale art auction.

The master of ceremonies for the River Revelry will be Dave Thompson and Bill Steffan. Also present will be Purdy the clown and 4-H clowns.

Always ready to help



As a part of the Memorial Day activities, flags for veterans are put in the Lowell Oakwood Cemetery in mid-May by members of the Lowell American Legion, Post 152, but the Lowell Boy Scouts step-up in mid-July to retrieve those flags that honor veterans who have passed on. This year the group above handled the responsibility of collecting the 529 flags from the Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell with the assistance of scout leader Dirk Ritezma and Terri Chopp. The scouts were, from left to right: Jake Davenport, Freddy Griffith, Devon Chopp, Derek Chopp, and Gerard VanHill.

DDA seeks proposals to strengthen west bank of Flat River

by Emma Palova

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is seeking engineering proposals to strengthen the west bank of Flat River due to erosion.

The DDA will be exploring options to stabilize the river bank from Springrove Variety and past the Lowell Light and Power building. Over the years, more than eight feet of bank has been lost due to erosion, according to owner Mike Sprenger.

And since the DDA will assist in funding of a foundation wall further down east on the river, Sprenger suggested looking at the entire area.

"It would be nice to think about that whole area," he said. "There needs to be some uniformity."

Al Halbeisen said when

stabilizing a bank, it is not typical to build a solid wall, but rather something more flexible.

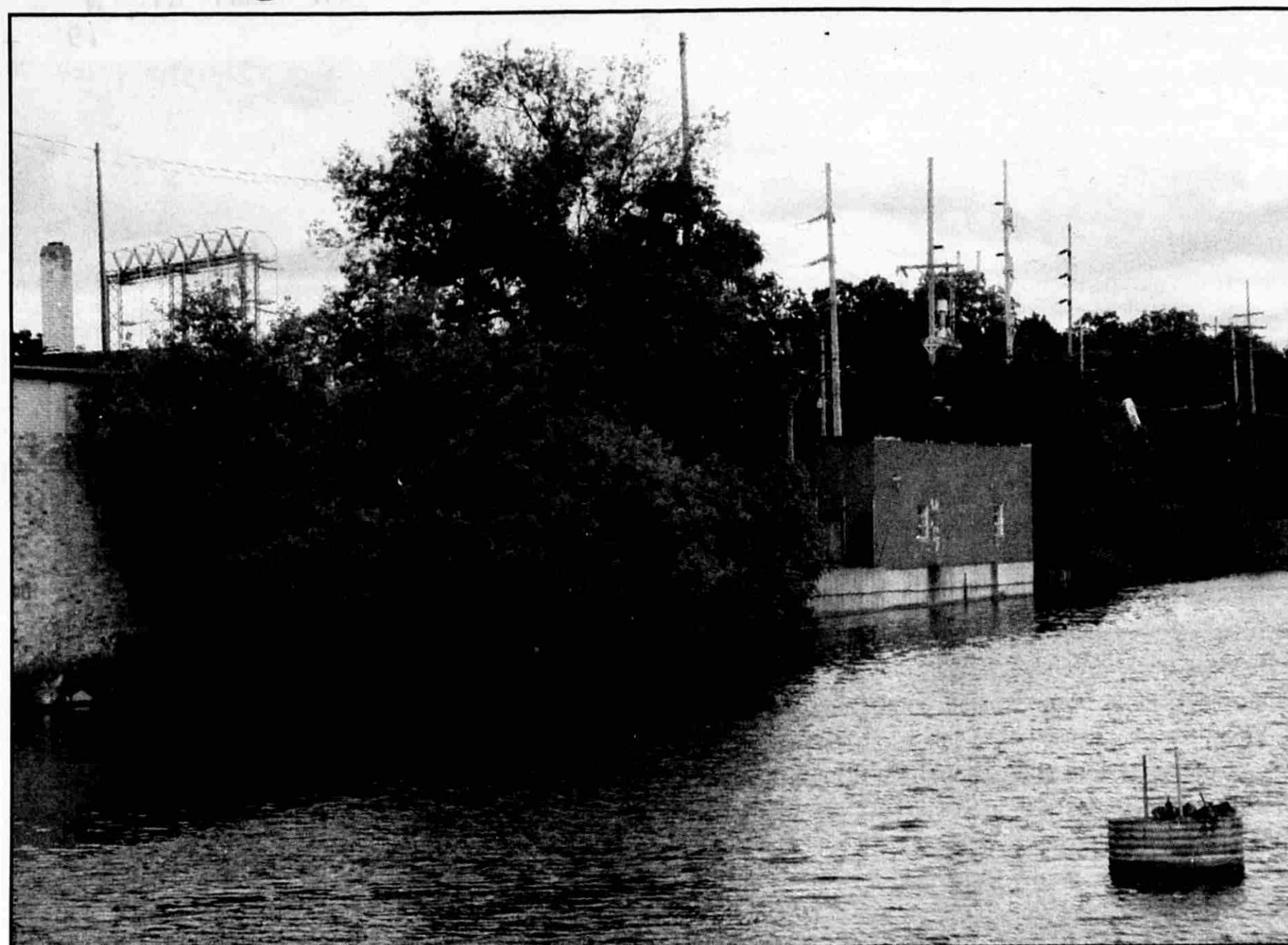
However, as in any river project, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will be involved. The DEQ determines when the water level can be lowered, and a mussel mitigation plan must be created to protect endangered species.

A few years ago, a similar project on the east bank created the largely successful Riverwalk area.

"The bank was eroding," said city manager Dave Pasquale, "we put up a sea wall."

However, that sea wall may or may not have contributed to the erosion of the west bank.

The next DDA meeting will be held on Aug. 20 at noon at the city hall.



The DDA will explore strengthening of the west bank past Lowell Light and Power.

Viewpoint

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

As a property owner directly affected by this ordinance, I would like to express some concerns that I have regarding the effect this ordinance will have when put into practice.

Although deer hunting or herd control is not specifically mentioned in this ordinance, this seems to be the main intent from the comments that I've read.

The ordinance states that hunting would be allowed on parcels as small as 10 acres. The size of a square 10 acre parcel is 660 by 660 feet. The speed of a deer is about 30-35 mph. Taking these two facts into consideration means that a wounded deer, unless the shooter is lucky, could be off the 10 acre parcel in less than 13 seconds. Then you have a panicked, bleeding animal running through residential neighborhoods and crossing busy streets. This is a situation that could easily result in property damage, personal injury or worse. I would not be surprised to see lawsuits charging negligence for shooting an animal the size of a deer in a densely populated residential area.

What can the hunter do? Many hunters believe that they have the right to transverse private property while pursuing a wounded animal. Not so. The Michigan DNR states: "If you wound an animal or bird and it runs or flies onto private property, you have no legal right to pursue it without permission of the landowner. Without permission of the landowner, you are trespassing and subject to prosecution."

Also, there is another factor to consider while hunting on a 10 acre parcel in a residential setting. The DNR has established a 450 foot "safety zone" around any occupied building: "...no person, including archery and crossbow hunters, may hunt or discharge a firearm, crossbow or bow in a safety zone, or shoot at any wild animal or wild bird within a safety zone, without the written permission of the owner or occupant of such safety zone..."

This "safety zone written permission requirement" could conceivably add another 40 acres to the area affected by hunting. So now you are talking about getting written permission to hunt and trespass from every property owner in a 50 acre area.

I do not believe that this ordinance will have any effect on the deer population and has the potential to cause problems. Deer herd management should be left in the hands of the DNR. That's what these people are paid to do.

This ordinance should be rescinded before the fall hunting season.

Bob Ollis

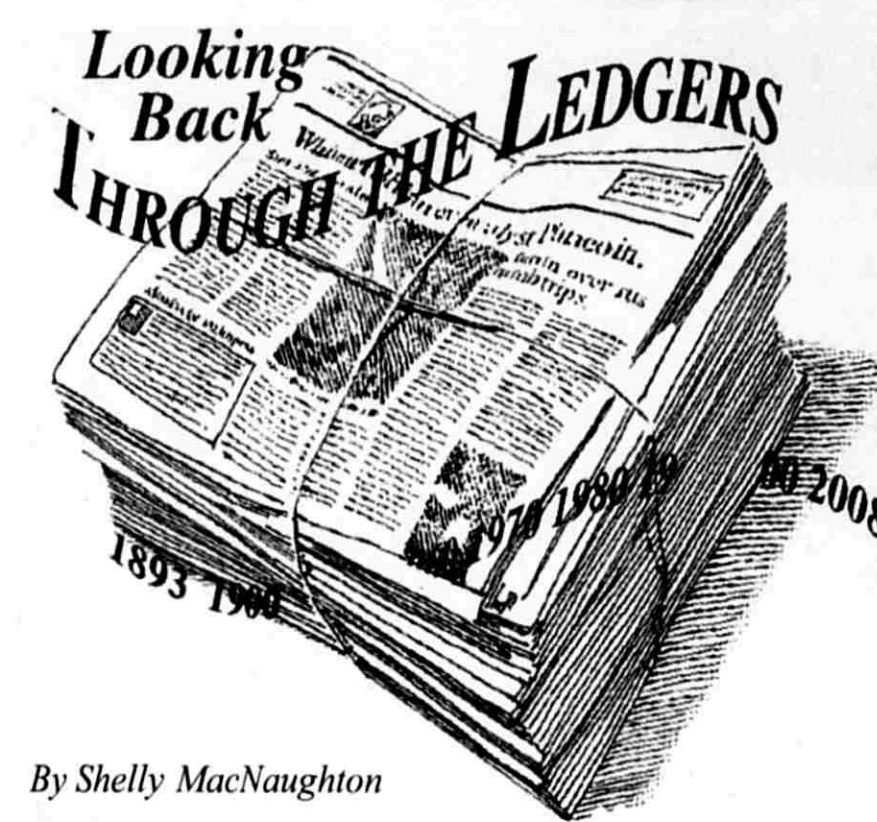
Dear Editor,

WOW! This is the best Riverwalk Festival that I can remember. The addition of the BBQ cook-off was genius! Mega kudos to Liz, Paul and Stacy, and whoever else helped make this happen! I have no doubt that this event could easily double in size/entrants for next year! I had a fabulous time!

Nancy Stroosnyder

Dear Editor,

Our service organizations of both the American Legion and V.F.W. have, like the general populace, forgotten and forsaken the pride and responsibilities of our existence, that of sworn dedicated service to this nation.



By Shelly MacNaughton

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL JULY 23, 1884

Died at Bowne Center, July 18, of typhoid fever and blood-poisoning, Lillie, only daughter of Zara and Alice Godfrey, aged nine years, six mos., and two days.

Work on the new bridge of the Grand River is rapidly progressing and the time is not far distant when we will again have a more convenient route to the depot and country beyond.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 22, 1909

Headline: Attention Woodmen

We want every member of Beery Camp to be at the camp rooms next Monday night. We will have reports from the several picnic committees and desire to make the final arrangements for a big day for Lowell, Thursday, August 19.

The Epworth League will give an ice cream social at the home of Chas. O' Harrow Thursday evening, July 29. Rev. Bush of Caledonia will address the League. Everybody come.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO JULY 26, 1934

One hundred degrees in the shade on Tuesday afternoon! Remember it. Next January you won't believe it.

Frank McMahon, head of the Lowell Light and Power Co., walked downtown Saturday night all dressed up and discovered that the street lamps on the east side of town, on the north side of the street, were not lighted. During the bridge construction work in the afternoon, someone had cut the electric cable. So Frank went home, changed his clothes, and crawled down under some building to repair the line so that Lowell might have light.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JULY 23, 1959

Thieves broke into the desk of the Roth Funeral Home last Thursday and made off with a reported \$60 in cash. Jerry Roth, owner of the home, discovered the theft around 1:30 Thursday afternoon.

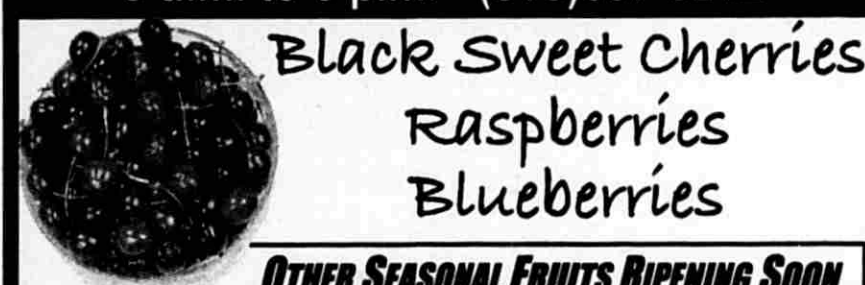
Workers, who were in the home around noon, said that they didn't notice that the drawer had been pried open. Authorities believe that the theft took place between noon and 1:30 Thursday afternoon.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JULY 25, 1984

Dr. James (Jim) E. Reagan has joined the dental practice established here by his father, Dr. Robert (Bob) Reagan in 1953. Jim received his D.D.S. Degree from the Marquette University School of Dentistry this spring. Jim is one of ten Reagan children and is not the only one to pursue a career in dentistry. A sister, Kathy Ormiston, is a dental assistant having earned her degree from Ferris State College. Another sister, Jane Reagan, is a trained dental hygienist, but is currently working at an unrelated job for the State of Michigan.

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DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, JULY 20, 2009

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion to approve the Regular Minutes of the July 6, 2009 meeting as corrected and the accounts payable were approved.

By consensus the Council directed Department of Public Works Director Dan DesJarden to have a bike rack installed by the City Hall Monroe Street entrance.

By consensus, the Council directed Department of Public Works Director Dan DesJarden to have a CFL Street light installed at the North Center cul-de-sac.

Motion to establish a public hearing for Monday, August 3, 2009 to consider an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate under Public Act 198 from Attwood Corporation.

Motion to allow animals (dogs) on a leash on the walkways in Oakwood Cemetery.

Motion to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, August 3, 2009.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on August 3, 2009 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

Fair season is underway in Michigan

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CITY OF LOWELL

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-107, "BB GUNS, BOW AND ARROW, AIR RIFLES, SLINGSHOTS, ETC.," AND ADDING SECTION 13-112, "HUNTING WITH BOW AND ARROW," TO ARTICLE IV, "OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY," OF CHAPTER 13, "OFFENSES," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 09-03 amending Section 13-107, "BB Guns, Bow and Arrow, Air Rifles, Slingshots, Etc.," and adding Section 13-112, "Hunting with Bow and Arrow" to Article IV, "Offenses Against Public Safety," of Chapter 13, "Offenses" of the Code or Ordinances of the City of Lowell on July 6, 2009. Ordinance No. 09-03 permits the hunting of game by bow and arrow on solely owned 10-acre parcels of property within the City limits subject to compliance with certain conditions. A copy of Ordinance No. 09-03 is available from the City Clerk at City Hall, 301 East Main Street in the City.

Ordinance No. 09-03 is effective ten days after this publication.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

"Fairs are an important part of Michigan's \$71.3 billion agriculture industry," said Michigan Department of Agriculture Director, Don Koivisto. "They help to maintain a much-needed connection to rural traditions, while highlighting modern agriculture practices and the best and brightest the industry has to offer, and generate more than \$145.7 million annually for the state's economy."

Local fairs are a part of Michigan's growing agricultural tourism industry. Agriculture and tourism

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, August 3, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

Attwood Corporation (applicant) has petitioned for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (P.A. 198) on personal property (located at 1016 North Monroe) real parcel #41-16-35-451-002, personal parcel #41-57-72-008-299. The applicant qualifies for twelve years of abatement for improvements of \$1,191,221 in machinery.

Interested persons may submit comments to the Lowell City Hall prior to the meeting or appear in person.



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Duck race winners and barbecue chefs reap prizes at festival

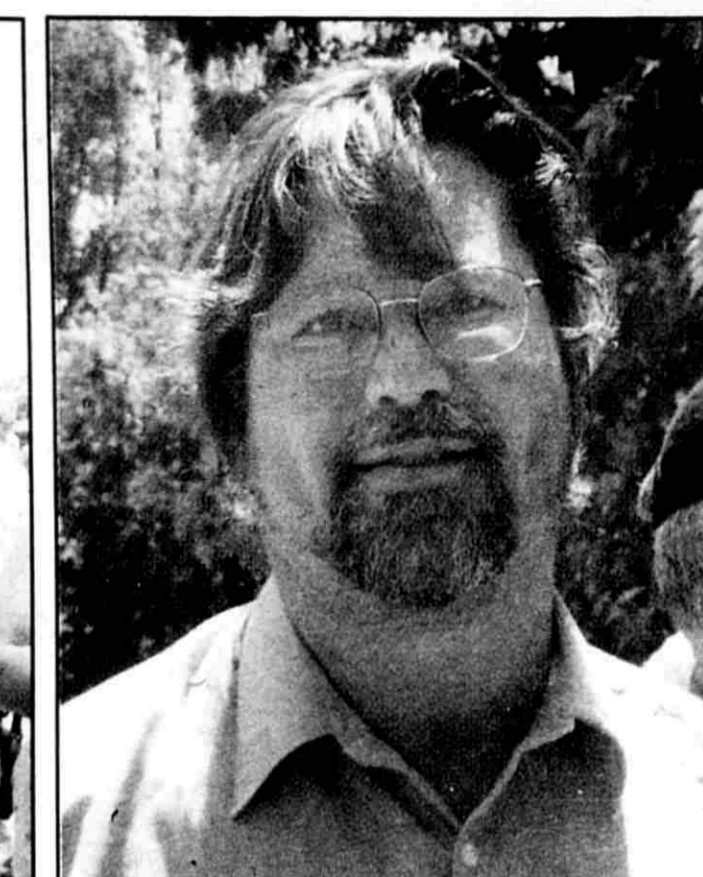
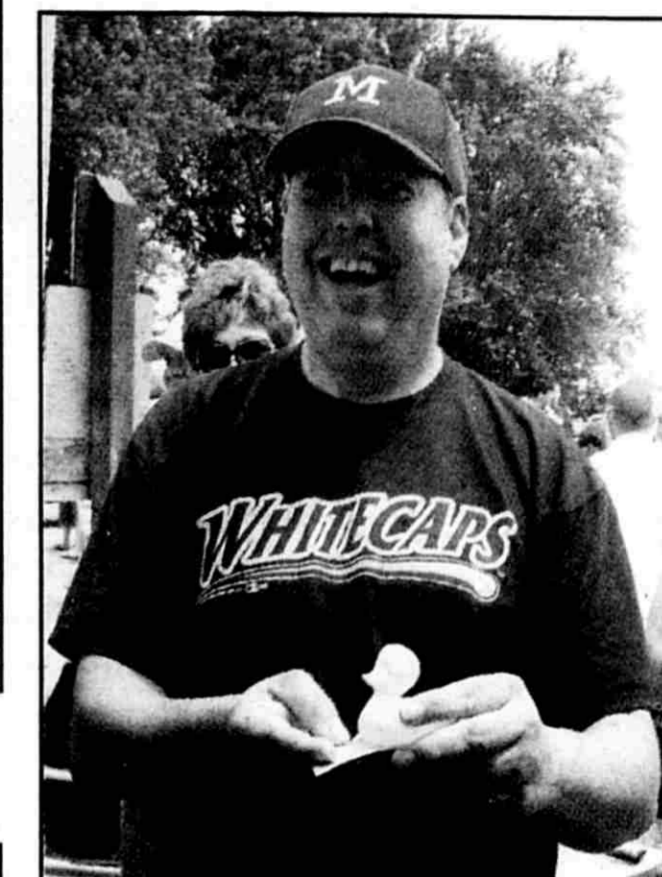


The Smoken' Scotsmen of Ada were the Grand Champions.

Here are the much anticipated duck winners from the Riverwalk Festival: \$1,000 Jeff Geniac; \$100 Dave Beach; \$100 Teresa Coca; \$100 Gwen Zanella; \$100 Vern Nauta, and \$100 Steve

Jackson. Jackson donated his money to the Flat River Outreach Ministries. Pauly's Brew B-Q Throw-down winners from the grand finale of the Riverwalk Festival:

The Grand Champion prize of \$1,500 went to the Smoken' Scotsmen of Ada. The Reserve Champion prize of \$500 went to Extreme Roasters of Ionia.



Duck Race winners Jeff Geniac, left, and Steve Jackson.



Extreme Roasters of Ionia took home the prize for Reserve Champion.

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1942 Class reunion

The Lowell High School Class of 1942 held its 67th reunion on July 9 at Schneider Manor. Twelve members of the class along with six spouses attended. Pictured are; back row, left to right: Ed Myers, Jacquelen Fahrni Pagliaro, Walter Roth, Harold Dollaway, Dick Gephart, David Miller, Dick Young, and Jake Hoover; front row, left to right: Marie Watson Doyle, Frieda Buzinski Bailey, Margarite Kropf Blough, and Evelyn Wheat Cooper.



A FEW NOTABLE EVENTS FROM JULY 16 - JULY 22 • 2009

• One giant leap 40 years ago - Apollo 11 celebrates landing on the moon.

- Tom Watson, at the age of 59, lost the British Open at Turnberry's in a playoff against Stewart Cink.
- Defense secretary, Robert Gates, announced that he plans to increase the size of the military by 20,000 troops. The goal is to ease the strain of deployment.
- Government support aimed at cushioning the effects of the financial crisis in the U.S. could reach \$23.7 trillion, a special inspector general overseeing U.S. bailout efforts, said in report to congress.
- CIT Group is said to obtain loan to avert bankruptcy. CIT made filings through a \$3 billion dollar emergency loan.
- Author Frank McCourt dies at the age of 78. He won the Pulitzer Prize for his memoir "Angela's Ashes."
- Walter Cronkite passed away Friday, July 17, at the age of 92. Cronkite was cited as being the most trusted voice of TV news.

Big win for Lowell Arrowdynamics

The 14U Lowell Arrowdynamics wins the Otsego Big Dawg Classic in dramatic fashion, winning their second championship this summer and finishing first or second in their last eight straight tourneys (five first places and three second places).

In this tourney the dynamics beat a tough path to the championship by beating Okemos (6-5) and Big Rapids/Shelby (22-1) but losing to host Otsego (9-8). By virtue of tie-breakers in the seeding rounds (least amount of runs allowed) Lowell got the #1 seed heading into Sunday.

In the championship game, Lowell again faced off against a good hitting Otsego team. Tim Antel threw the first four innings (pitchers were only allowed to throw a max of four innings in a game), allowing one run (in the second inning) on three hits with five strikeouts. Lowell tied the game in the third, with a

fifth, again Lowell missed out on a golden opportunity with runners on second and third and one out. Otsego made another great catch in shallow center field on a ball hit by Zach Dawson, therefore holding the tagged runner on third. Otsego then scored three in the sixth and one in the seventh to make the score 5-1 going into the last half inning.

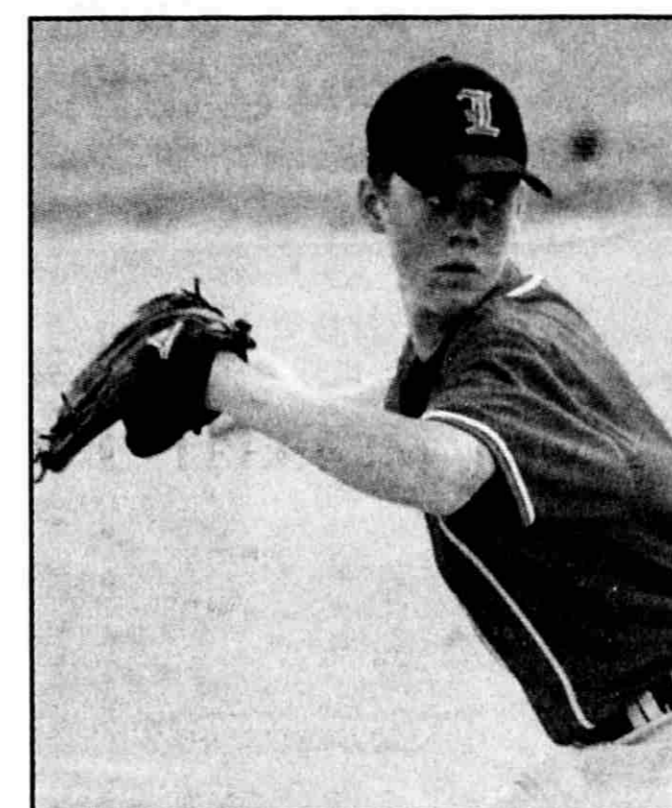
With one out, Garrett Stehley walked, followed by Ryan Schaefer's single. Jason Malling also walked, loading the bases. After a pitching change, JP North grounded to third base for a fielders choice out at third (Otsego was unable to complete a double play with a good hustle by JP), but scored Stehley to make the score 5-2 with two outs. Zach Dawson then singled to score a run making it 5-3, followed by Austin Gildea's double that also scored one, with the score 5-4, and runners on second

and third. With one strike, Tim Antel blasted a walk-off home run to opposite field, scoring three to cap the furious rally and upend Otsego 7-5! Stehley picked up the win throwing the last three innings while striking out five.

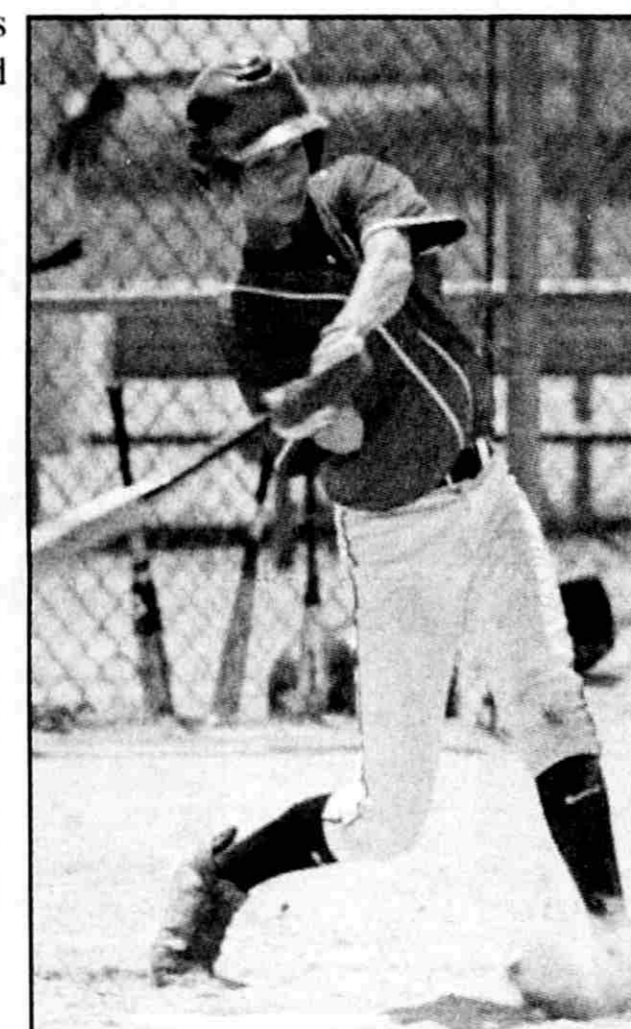
In the tourney, the Dynamics' hitting was led by Zach Dawson (.556), Tim Antel (.500, one HR and nine RBI), JP North (.462), Austin Gildea (.455), Ryan Schaefer (.455) and Zach Huver (three HR's and nine RBI). Six pitchers contributed with a staff E.R.A. of 4.95, with Stehley picking up two wins (one in relief), and Austin Lemke with one win. The staff struck out 28 hitters in 24 innings, while the Dynamic hitters only struck out a total of 10 times for the entire tourney.



Front row, left to right: Tim Antel, Zach Dawson, Jason Malling, and JP North; back row, left to right: Ryan Schaefer, Austin Lemke, Jon Fox, Zach Huver, Garrett Stehley, Austin Gildea, and coach Tim Antel. Not pictured: Jeff Houston and coach Rick Dawson.



Tim Antel Makes a pitch during the championship game.



JP North collects one of his hits.

Jason Malling walk and then scored on Zach Dawson's double. The score was 1-1 after four innings of play.

Lowell missed opportunities in the fourth, when Antel led off with a double, but the Dynamics were not able to capitalize; Otsego make a great catch on a ball driven to right field by Jon Fox. In the bottom of the

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO RE-ADOPT THE ZONING ORDINANCE IN A NEW FORMAT

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission has undertaken a project to re-format and re-number the sections of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance and is holding a hearing to re-adopt the entire Zoning Ordinance in this revised format. No substantive changes to existing Ordinance regulations are being proposed. This project was necessary as the section numbering system was not consistent throughout the Ordinance and the existing format presented difficulties in finding major ordinance provisions.

A major re-format proposed change is to eliminate the Table of Use Regulations which set forth the uses in each zoning district and provide a separate article or chapter for each zoning district. Each of the district chapters now contains a list of permitted uses and other standards previously contained in the Table as well as references to other development regulations in the Zoning Ordinance. The Table of Bulk Regulations will remain in the Ordinance. Many of the major sections of the ordinance such as lighting, site plan review, special land uses, private roads and signs which are contained in the General Provisions Chapter are proposed to be in their own separate chapter.

As part of this re-format effort certain revisions were made to drop or change references to other Township Ordinances which have been adopted since 1980 and to change certain words to clarify their meaning. For example the term "single family residential" as a use permitted in the R1 Zone was changed to "single family dwellings".

This re-formatted Ordinance, if adopted by the Township Board, would replace the Zoning Ordinance first adopted in 1980.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI 49331

The proposed Zoning Ordinance is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

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Best JV record held by '09 Lowell lacrosse team

The Lowell JV lacrosse team just completed the 2009 season with the best league record for the Lowell JV program, 12-1-1, which defeated some powerhouse lacrosse teams such as East GR, Forest Hills Central, and Grand Haven.

The Lowell Red Arrow JV lacrosse team, coached by Kaiser Downing, participated in the Great Lakes Lacrosse Invitational tournament held in Kalamazoo last weekend.

Lowell was undefeated and won the JV Division Championship. They played against premier teams from Indianapolis, Chicago, and a Grand Rapids Select Team.

The final game played against Zionsville, Indiana was physical and grueling. "The team they played fielded big physical players and was a good challenge for the boys," said coach Downing. The Arrows, however, rose to the occasion and just did not give up. It was a "ground and pound game," but in the end they came out the victors with a 13-7 win.

The JV team outscored their opponents 40 goals to

17 in four games, shutting out the first opponent of the tournament. "The defense was relentless and literally shut the offense down, while the Lowell offense was on a scoring frenzy," said coach Downing. "There were shots on the opponent's goalies from everywhere; these boys were on a mission."

The Lowell team was a mixture of all age groups ranging all the way down to last years eighth graders. "I was very impressed with the very best of all age groups and the great leadership the older players displayed," said coach Downing.

This caps off an unbelievable season for the JV lacrosse program.

"I am excited about next season and can hardly wait for the new recruits (middle school players) to get into the high school program," said Downing.

The Lowell lacrosse program has exploded over the past couple of seasons. The '09 high school program had over 90 kids go out for the sport, which by numbers is one of the largest in the state.

Coach said, "I think



Pictured are, first row, left to right: Troy Peterson, Jordan Nurmikko, Gerrid Ball, Kameron Claypool, Tyler Morris, Alex Nurmikko, Brandon Blough, Jon Bassin, and Nick Getz; second row, coach Kaiser Downing; third row: Reed Stormzand, Chad Martin, Austin Buckius, Reece Posthumus, Jim Collins, Taylor Martin, Alec Downing, and John Nichols. Not pictured: Tim Creighton.

we have now made our presence [known] in the West Michigan lacrosse world. We are no longer just corn fed cow tipper; we are a serious lacrosse contender."

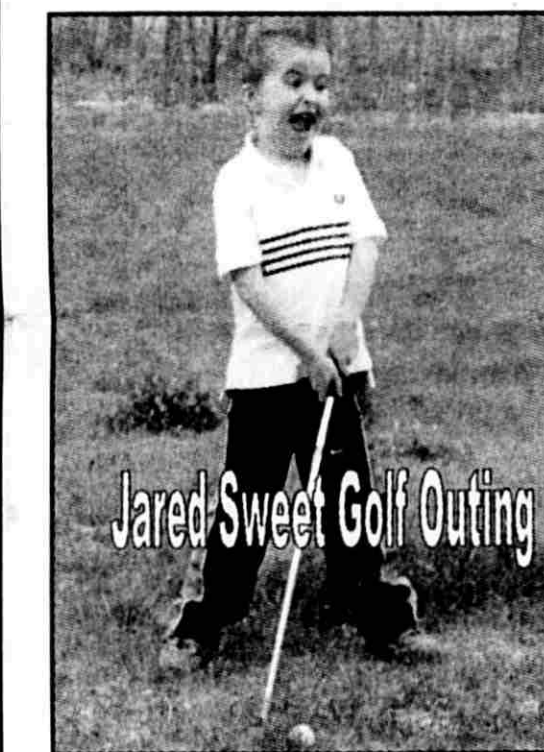
By the way, the "cow tipper" was born out of a name from the boys' indoor league this past winter. It is a spoof on an opinion, held by various opponents in the local lacrosse world, of Lowell being predominantly a rural farming community.

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Organizational Meeting of July 13, 2009

The Board conducted their organizational meeting. Board officers for 2009-2010 are as follows:
 Mark Lessens - President, Jim Turner - Vice-President, Pat Nugent - Secretary, Maureen Fleet - Treasurer.

Regular Meeting of July 13, 2009

Reports

- Mr. Mikulski provided a construction update and a Safe Routes to School report.

Action Items

- Authorization of Annual Loan Repayment Resolution
- Approval of Bid for Card Access Systems
- Amend Inter-Local Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative Agreement
- Resolution Authorizing Amendment of Standby Bond Purchase Agreement

Consent Items Approved

- Minutes for the June 8, 2009 Public Budget and Truth in Taxation Hearing; June 8, 2009 Regular Meeting; June 22, 2009 Work Session, and June 29, 2009 Special Meeting.
- The following payment of bills for June, 2009:

1. GENERAL FUND.....	\$1,530,345.23
2. SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund.....	\$71,831.13
B. Athletic Fund.....	\$4,882.44

Budget Update

Mr. Zielinski summarized the budget status reports for the month of June. Mr. Zielinski stated that the annual audit process will begin in August. Mr. Zielinski informed the Board that finalized contracts will be submitted for Board approval at the August 10, 2009 Regular Meeting. He added that the district continues to monitor state funding issues and he will keep the Board posted of new developments.

Curriculum Update

Mr. Bearup announced that Lowell teachers Rachel Millhisler and Barb Schneider have been working diligently on 3rd - 5th grade Reading and Writing curriculum packets to provide a more user-friendly format for teachers. Mr. Bearup informed the Board that Mike Fillman has also been working on science kits and materials to reflect changes in the science curriculum. Mr. Bearup stated that interviews are underway for the RTI Math Coordinator. Mr. Bearup noted that a total of 27 high school students earned credit through Session A of summer school and Session B of summer school is full. He added that the mobile summer school program has been very successful and is well attended. Mr. Bearup commented that he is very proud of the hard work of students who participated in summer school. Mr. Bearup reported that school report card grades and AYP status will be released from embargo on July 14 for public information.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pratt expressed appreciation to the many staff members who have worked this summer on curriculum, summer programs, Arrows on the Move, the Lowell Riverwalk Festival, etc.

2009/2010 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

Regular Meetings	August 10, 2009	September 14, 2009
	October 12, 2009	November 9, 2009
	December 14, 2009	January 11, 2010
	February 8, 2010	March 8, 2010
	April 12, 2010	May 10, 2010
	June 14, 2010	
Work Session Meetings	August 24, 2009	September 28, 2009
	October 26, 2009	November 16, 2009
	December 21, 2009	January 25, 2010
	February 22, 2010	March 22, 2010
	April 26, 2010	May 24, 2010
	June 28, 2010	

Summer concerts continue to supply melodies by the riverside



The Sizzlin' Summer Concert series featured Dixieland music with The Rogues Jazz Band last week on the Riverwalk. Crowds of spectators enjoyed the free concert sitting on the lawn in front of the library. The next concert is the Flat River Big Band on July 23. The concerts are preceded by the bountiful Farmer's Market which is held every Thursday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Fair season, continued ... From Page 14

many local businesses and families support exhibitors' efforts through participation in youth livestock auctions

held at the fairs. Last year, total auction sales were nearly \$15 million. Many of the youth exhibitors use

the money raised during the auctions to help fund their college educations.

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provide safe, family-friendly entertainment and celebrate our communities and the bounty of our agricultural

harvest," added Koivisto. "Whether you visit your local fair to enjoy the livestock shows, food, midway rides,

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