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Relay for Life reigns in a little over \$59,000

Not the rain nor humidity was going to keep Adam Ward away from the fifth annual Relay for Life event at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium.

The six-year-old wore a placard around his neck which read "Walking in memory of Grandma G.G. (Jackie Sorenson)."

Ward's great-grandma died in December at the age of 77 from lung cancer.

"This is his way of remembering his grandma. He was very close to her," said Ward's mother, Elaine Lambert.

The event, held in association with the American Cancer Society, is in support of families and patients with cancer in addition to raising funds for program development and cancer research.

Roughly \$200,000 had been raised in the first four years of the event.

This year the Relay for Life event brought in a little over \$59,000.

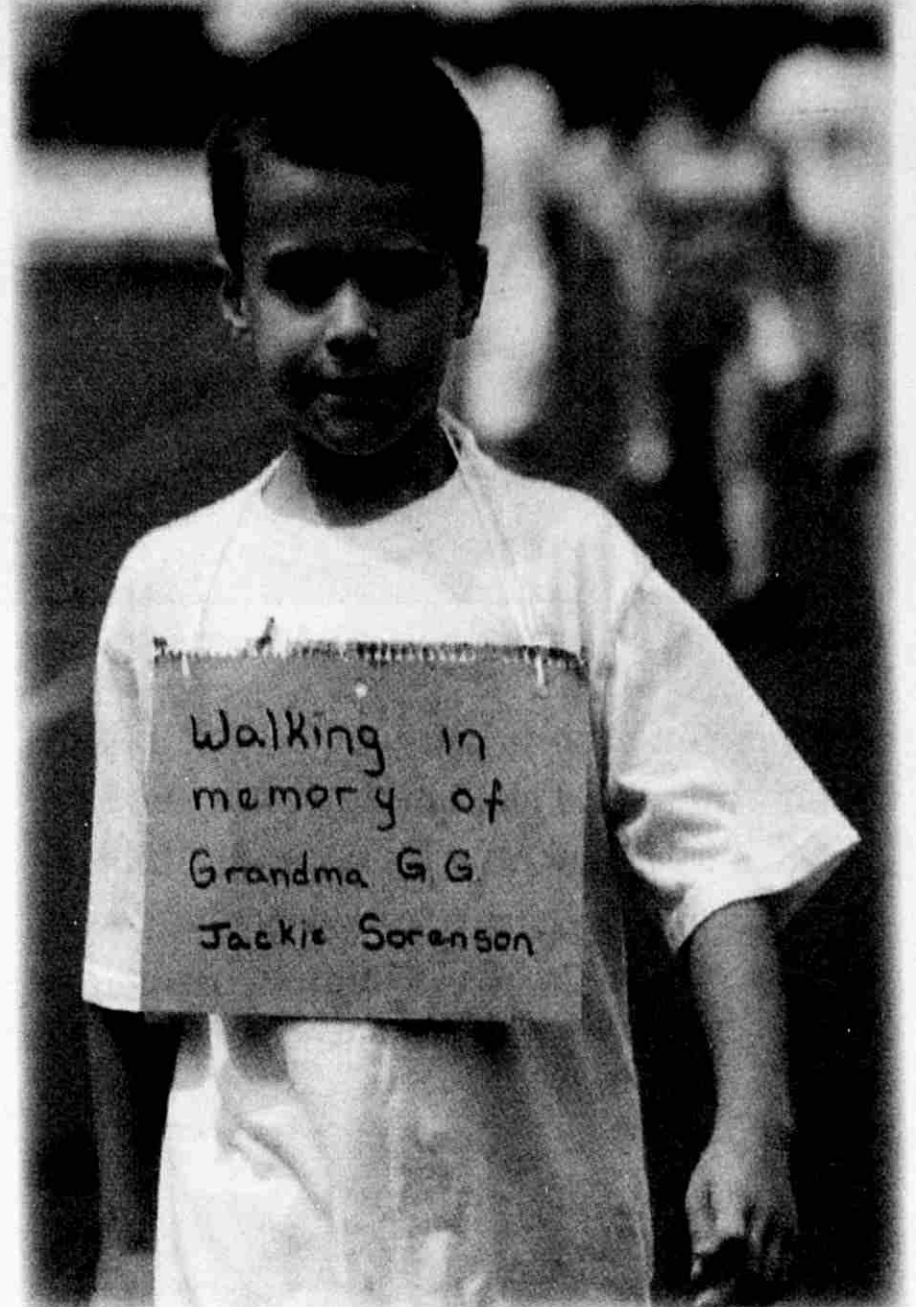
The proceeds were raised through the efforts of 19 teams of eight-20 persons per team.

The first-year rummage sale raised \$500 with the auction bringing in \$3,000.

"These dollars stay here in West Michigan at the VanAndel Institute," explained Carol Briggs, co-chairperson of Relay for Life along with Paul Mundt.

There were eight entries who walked for the entire 24 hours while 15 entries lasted 12 hours.

More pictures from Relay for Life, page 9



Adam Ward walked in memory of his great-grandmother (Jackie Sorenson).

All-Weather Seal donates windows



All-Weather Seal has donated 25 windows to the Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM). Owner Scott McDowell said the company does this to give back to the community that has shown support. The plan is to do all the 72 windows at FROM for a total value of \$58,000. All-Weather Seal has been in business for the last 30 years, moving to Lowell from Grand Rapids 3.5 years ago. Every year around Christmas, the company picks a local family in need to receive new windows.

Pictured above are craftsman Tony Perkins, Leonard Krawczyk and Steve Hawkins.

County begins rural transit assessment

by Thad Kraus

With the aid of a Service Development New Technology grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation, the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council, in cooperation with ITP/The Rapid, is conducting a transit needs assessment for Kent County.

Lowell was the first of five public focus group meetings to be held during the week of June 14 hosted by the Metropolitan Council.

The Monday night meeting, Kent County Transit Needs Assessment's first round of public meetings, discussed the unmet transportation needs and the benefits of public transportation for the local community. The purpose was to gain input and insight about unmet transportation

needs that could be addressed through public transportation.

"It was a general discussion of transit needs and to determine if there is sufficient interest," said Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale.

There were 25-30 people in attendance on Monday. All with varied interest, according to Pasquale. There was concern with potential cost and it is still to be determined if there is sufficient interest.

"There was no consensus, but this is the first round of public meetings," Pasquale said.

The information collected as part of this study will provide information about

Transit assessment, continued, page 16

Main Street bridge replacement ahead of schedule

by Emma Palova

The downtown bridge replacement project is ahead of schedule, according to Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials. The traffic will be switched to the other side of the bridge in two weeks.

The approaches will be poured and formed, and backfilled, as well as the walkways and sidewalks. To

get ready for the project on the other side of the bridge, light poles will be taken out and back walls demolished.

"The parking space is premium now," said MDOT representative Darrell Heuker. "It's getting tight."

Some contractor trucks have been parking by Springrove Variety.

The King Milling

parking lot will only have one driveway once the traffic is switched.

Chamber director Liz Baker questioned whether there will be a time when the crews are not working during the switchover, and if the work can be accelerated.

However, Heuker said there is only so much the crews can do within the

constraints of the river. The river level is currently at the normal seasonal elevation.

No contractor employee's vehicles should be parked in on-street parking spots or the King Milling parking lot located in the southeast quadrant of the project.

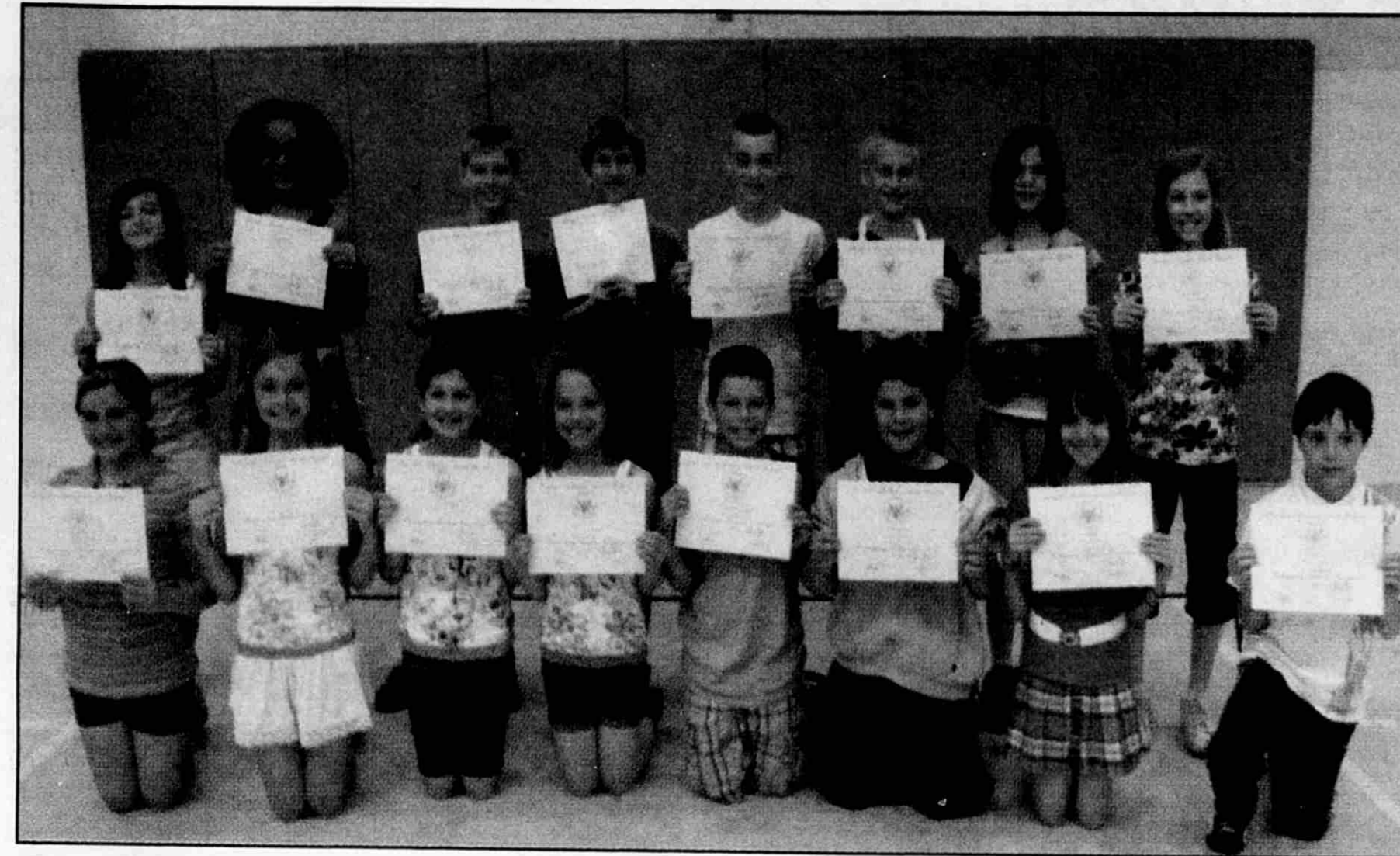
All employee vehicles should be parked behind the

Lowell City Hall or in the contractor's yard located off Front Street.

The mussel survey is ongoing, as well as vibration analysis.

The next progress meeting will be held on June 16 at 1 p.m. at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

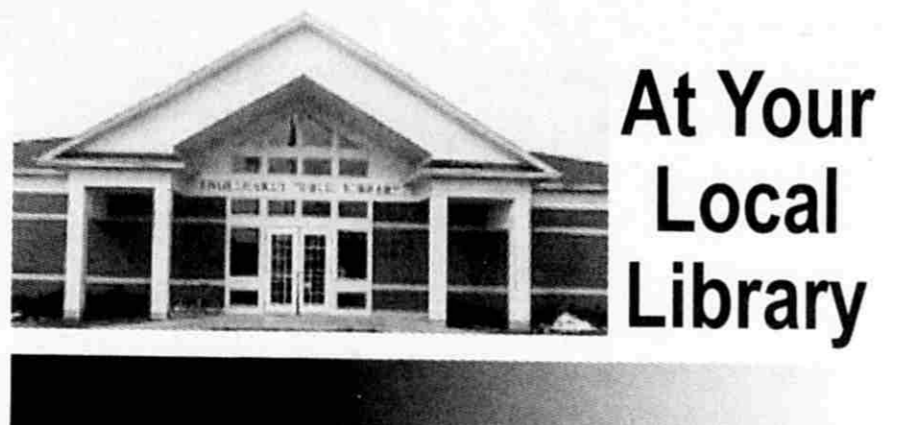
End-of-the-year awards for Alto Elementary students



On the last day of school, Alto Elementary held its annual awards ceremony. Awards were given for Perfect Attendance, ProSolve, National Geographic Current Events League and Accelerated Reader. The most prestigious award given was the Presidential Award of Excellence. This award is given to fifth grade students who maintain an A- average or above all through fourth grade and the first half of fifth grade. Awards were presented to Libby Grile, Lisa Price, Carsen McDonald, Megan Ritchie, Brennan Battle, Tyus Beach, Katie Peterson, Chad Peterson, Hailey Godbold, Jayce Perysian, Alex Powell, Garret Taylor, Brady Fox, Colton Churches, Corrina Wenger and Nova Nietling.

Great Job!

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- Cicero (106 BC - 43 BC)



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TREASURE HUNT - Drop by the library anytime for our 'under the sea' treasure hunt. We found a message in a bottle that leads us to a treasure and we need your help to solve the weekly clues. For kids of all ages. Monday, June 28 to Saturday, August 7.

PIRATES AHOY! - Ahoy, matey! Come on board for a pirate adventure with stories, games, and crafts that will make you feel like Captain Kidd himself! For the whole family. Thursday, June 24, 10:30 a.m.

ART ATTACK - Create sculptures, paintings, prints, and collages to take home with you and help us decorate a banner to hang up in the library. For kids of all ages. Tuesday, June 29, 4 p.m.

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along main st.

DESSERTS FOR GOD'S KITCHEN
Wives of the American Legion and the VFW members are preparing for Father's Day again with desserts for God's Kitchen since many of those individuals are veterans. The women will be collecting homemade desserts on Sat., June 19 between 10 a.m. and noon at the Veteran's Center, 3116 S. Alden Nash, and invite anyone from the Lowell area to participate. The desserts will be delivered to God's Kitchen that afternoon.

LAAC CLASSES
The Lowell Area Arts Council is offering summer classes for youth in woodcarving, acrylic painting, theatre and visual journaling. They are also offering a Cajun cooking class on June 22 for teens and adults. Call 897-8545 for more information or visit www.lowellartscouncil.org

GILDA'S CLUB
Tues., June 29, the clubhouse will be closed all day for staff training, 314 S. Hudson St. For more information, call 897-8600.

SUMMER CONCERTS
People needed for selling raffle tickets and 50/50 raffle at the summer concerts. Please contact Elaine at the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 or info@lowellartscouncil.org

CALL FOR THEATRE DIRECTORS
Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players is seeking directors for two productions in the 2010/11 season: ESCANABA IN LOVE (Dinner Theatre Production) Nov. 5-20, 2010 and BEANIE AND THE BAMBOOZLING ADVENTURE MACHINE (Youth Theatre Production) Jan. 28 - Feb. 6, 2011 at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Interested applicants must submit a resume with theatre production experience by August 1 to LAAC (Thebes Players), PO Box 53, Lowell, MI 49331. For more information call 897-8545.

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations. The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

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School district works to eliminate over \$3 million from its budget

by Shelly MacNaughton
At the regular board meeting Monday night, Lowell Area Schools' board member Peter Haefner attended his final meeting and was honored with a plaque. "We appreciate eight years of service and dedication," said Greg Pratt, superintendent. "What I got from Peter are two things, one - to always look for sources of revenue and two - that we always need to make sure we have the right people and to reward excellence and not to tolerate mediocrity," said Dan Brubaker, board member. "Peter is definitely going to be missed," added board member Jim Turner. "I just want to thank the board. They are a terrific group that works well together. This has been a great experience for me," said Haefner. Greg Pratt offered an update on some reorganization that needs to take place due to the current budget situation. "We have been working with our staff tirelessly," said Pratt. Over the past several months administrators have been working to educate the community, gather input and consider options, develop a budget, and finalize a budget. The State of Michigan has until Sept. 30 to approve the K-12 budget so districts are forced to make assumptions on funding. Priorities for the district include, similar class sizes, stability of core programs, continuing targeted interventions and long term financial stability. The impact of the current financial forecast is a "total reduction of \$3,106,489," said Pratt. "We are looking at some layoffs. We are cutting bus runs. Cuts to support. We will not be purchasing the three buses we normally purchase, and we are looking to close the Unity building," said Pratt. The reorganization would include moving the Unity students into the Runciman building and moving the Tots and preschool programs to Bushnell. "This is not set in stone; we are providing a first glimpse of this. Our work is just getting started; we will continue to work with the board and the community as we work through this process," said Pratt. The board passed a resolution to authorize the reduction of certified staff and designated employees for the 2010-2011 school year. The reduction includes 4.6 certified staff. According to the resolution; the superintendent and chief financial officer will be able to recall staff, if the budget the state finalizes includes less reductions than expected. Pratt did allude to the fact that in the past, the district has been able to recall staff. Superintendent Pratt has been having a dialogue with Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) over the past two years regarding a pilot program in Lowell. This would involve holding college classes in the evenings at Lowell Area Schools. "This will provide an opportunity to our students and adults, eliminating travel. Maybe that access will entice some adults that may not have considered these classes to look into the community college," said Pratt. The board approved the superintendent to review research and initiate a pilot program in Lowell with GRCC. The board also completed another favorable evaluation of superintendent Pratt. "We are very happy with his service to the district," said board president Mark Lessens. Roger Bearup offered a curriculum update to the board and mentioned that Lowell was named by Newsweek Magazine in the top schools of the nation. The article can be found online at Newsweek.com and Lowell appears in the 1330 spot. "Lowell High School is one of approximately four in West Michigan; we are very proud of our high school and that honor," said Bearup.

New "mymoney" website can help with your finances

There's good news for Americans who want help getting a handle on their finances. The official government website dedicated to teaching all Americans the basics of financial education, www.mymoney.gov, is now loaded with more information and is even easier to use. The new site has enhanced interactive features and provides more resources to Americans seeking information that can help with their personal financial decisions. The www.mymoney.gov website creates an online point of access to financial information from the 21 federal agencies, departments, and bureaus -- including Social Security -- that comprise the Financial Literacy and Education Commission. Visitors to the site can find information about how to plan, financially, for a host of life events, such as the birth or adoption of a child, home ownership, or retirement. Users also can find information targeted to their personal or professional situation. For instance, the site offers resources for teachers, military service members, women, parents, youth, and employers. The site also provides money management tools including a financial savings calculator, worksheets for establishing a household budget, and a college preparation checklist. The site also is available in Spanish. The effort to make the website as helpful and useful to Americans will be ongoing, with improvements expected to continue. In addition to being a member of the commission responsible for this site, Social Security offers other ways to help you with your finances. For example, you can use the online Retirement Estimator to get a personalized, instant estimate of what your future retirement benefits will be in different situations. The estimator is available at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

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Christopher C. Godbold

Smart investment moves for newlyweds

June is a popular month for weddings. If you're getting married this month, you've got a lot on your mind, but after the honeymoon is over, it's time to start thinking of the key activities of building a life together — one of which is creating a long-term investment strategy.

To build such a strategy, you and your spouse will need to take several steps. Here are some of the most important ones:

- **Identify your goals.** People can enter marriage at different stages of life. But whether you're a young newlywed or a baby boomer entering a second marriage, both you and your spouse will have a set of goals you want to achieve, such as saving for a down payment on a home, saving for college for your children, building resources for a comfortable retirement, purchasing a vacation home, supporting charitable organizations and so on. It's important that, as a couple, you identify those financial goals that are most important to you.
- **List your debts and assets.** Generally speaking, the fewer "surprises" you and your spouse bring to a marriage, in terms of financial issues, the better. If you haven't already done so, put your debts and assets "on the table" so you're both aware of what you owe and what you own. This knowledge will be invaluable when you begin making the investment moves necessary to achieve your goals.
- **Discuss your investment styles.** You and your spouse no doubt share many traits, but you will also have some differences — and one of those differences may be in your investment styles and preferences. For example, you may be an aggressive investor, while your spouse might be more conservative. What you choose to do with those differences is up to you. You could, for example, arrive at some common ground between your two styles and use that approach

in your joint investment accounts. Then, for your individual accounts, such as your IRA or 401(k), you and your spouse can follow your own individual investment styles.

- **Start an emergency fund.** Of all the investment-related moves you can make early in your marriage, none may be quite as important as building an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses in a liquid account. Without this emergency fund, you could quickly go into debt or be forced to dip into a long-term investment if you have to meet an unexpected, and unexpectedly large, expense, such as a major car repair, a new appliance or a medical bill.
- **Get some help.** If you can make the right investment-related moves

right from the beginning of your marriage, you'll almost certainly make your lives easier. But investing can be complicated, so you and your spouse could well benefit from getting assistance from a professional financial advisor — someone who can help you create and maintain an investment portfolio that's appropriate for your specific goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

outdoors

camping out

Dave Stegehuis

Pick a campground anywhere during a long spring or summer weekend and it will be a very busy place. Campers will be there for a variety of reasons depending on the location of the campground. There may be hikers exploring trails, fishermen on the lakes, paddlers running the white water, or folks just touring, absorbing local culture, and enjoying the sights. Probably best yet, are those campers just kicking back and relaxing.

One sure thing when camping is meeting people from somewhere else with unique backgrounds and experiences which make for interesting conversations. It is amazing how small the world is because I am writing this in a campground in Alaska and have met people with ties to places and people I am familiar with back home in Michigan. Gwen and I just helped a young Ukrainian student build a campfire as she waited for friends to arrive tomorrow night. In the mean time, she is going on a hike in Denali National Park in the morning with two hikers she met from India. People tend to be more friendly and helpful in the camping environment than when occupied with the routine of managing daily life at home.

There is a long list of campgrounds from which to choose. Some are private and have special amenities like swimming pools and tennis courts. Public campgrounds are more basic but are usually located on water or other special natural areas in state and national forests.

Beginning October 1, 2010, you can choose to pay a \$10 fee when renewing your vehicle registration to support the Recreational Passport program. A special registration sticker replaces the current \$24 annual vehicle permit. The Passport provides access to all state parks, recreation areas, state campgrounds, trails, and boat access sites. If you have camped in other states, you will recognize this opportunity as a real bargain.

Camping equipment

viewpoint

to the editor

Dear Editor,

There is more than what meets the eye when it comes to the 2010 -2011 Lowell city budget. There's more to the city budget than the loss of revenue caused by a recession. The recession didn't cause Lowell's high tax rate. The reason the general fund is scraping the bottom of the barrel is because Lowell spends approximately \$800,000 a year on a police department and then adds \$318,735 for the eighth payment of a 30-year bond for the renovated police department and city hall building. But that's only part of it. It's the ludicrous spending of tax dollars on every project that comes along because they can get matching funds from the State or one of Lowell's local funds. A 1999 census showed that Lowell's median household income was lower than the county or the State. Michigan has been in a recession since 2001 but Lowell continued its spending ways. How much longer can the community afford to have two governing bodies where the general fund continues to scrape the bottom of the barrel and the other spends at will? How much longer before the community faces a tax increase? Is it concessions now and a tax raise later? Is it time to stop spending on unwarranted projects and spend on the communities real needs and not its wants? Do our city, fathers really know what's best? Who's fooling who?

Sincerely,
Jim Howard
Lowell

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter both as a leader in Lowell Boy Scout Troop 102 and as a citizen of the United States and Lowell. I was out of town last week and did not see the Sound Off column until it was too late to get a response in to the paper for the following edition. This is in response to the Sound Off column relating to the

scouts in the Memorial Day parade.

First, the scouts in our troop were marching for several reasons. They choose to do it because it "looks" nice. The other reason they chose to march is that it is good practice for later in the summer when they HAVE to march. Some of our scouts go to Mackinac Island each summer as part of the Governor's Honor Guard. When they are on the island working, they must march from one place to another, so this is good practice. They do not do it out of any desire to be like the military units. There is no relationship between Boy Scouts and the United States Armed Forces except mutual respect.

I marched in the parade. I have not truly marched since I was in marching band back in college. That was almost 30 years ago. I hope I did well enough that you were not upset with me. I did my best.

As for the Girl Scouts, I talked to one of their leaders before the parade. She was very curious if

there was a specific place for them or method to the parade. I told her that just the fact that they were there and wanted to march was great! I did make sure they knew where to position their United States flag and their scout flag. She already knew that and I was happy to hear that. She was not sure where their unit should be in the parade. So, a couple of the Boy Scout leaders went to Dave Thompson to ask where he thought would be best. We all went back and told the Girl Scout leader, I wish I had asked her name, that behind the Boy Scouts was fine, if that was ok with them. She agreed that would be fine. Nothing was ever said about them having to actually march, rather than walk. Nor should it have made any difference. Not to mention the fact that there is a huge difference in ages between the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts. Our Boy Scouts are 11 to 17-years-old. I know the Girl Scouts that were there were much younger. A comparison between Cub Scouts and the Girl Scouts that were there

would have been more fair. I also have to say that Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of America are two totally different organizations. They are not governed by the same rules nor traditions.

I was truly elated that the Girl Scouts were represented. I believe that both scouting organizations have a lot to offer the community. And they both instill values, decision making skills, and leadership skills that are extremely hard to find in any group that works with girls, boys and young adults. And the fact that they wanted to pay respect to our veterans should overshadow ANYTHING that you thought might not have been perfect.

Del Rockwell,
Assistant Scoutmaster,
Troop 102

Dear Editor,

Various letters and comments about missing items from Oakwood Cemetery have appeared in The Ledger from time to time, but none was more disturbing than the recent letter from Candice Roth Speerstra. I had just made and placed a special wreath in memory of my loved one (birth June 11, death May 29 posted on the headstone).

Immediately after reading her letter, I went to Oakwood and was relieved to find the wreath in place, since it was well within the two weeks. On June 3, I returned and was shocked to find the beautiful wreath was gone. I reviewed the rules, then I peeked in the dumpster. It contained several brand-new looking arrangements, several were patriotic. Candice was right, and so much for the guidelines.

How sad and pathetic that the citizens of Lowell, and now, out-of-state visitors, are complaining about Oakwood. What was once a beautiful and peaceful place is the site of controversy and contempt. This is a very poor reflection on the city of Lowell. Do we really want people paying respects to their dearly departed complaining? After all, those plots are not free but are purchased. I challenge the city manager and city council to listen to the public and address this subject before it escalates. First of all, the sexton should be more sensitive to visitors' needs. Next, the guidelines should be reviewed, perhaps revised and/or clarified, and then clearly posted at several spots in Oakwood, including the entrances. Let's get this resolved.

Susan Hanline,
Lowell

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo June 20, 1935

A sneak-thief, who should be placed lower on the scale than the skunk of the animal kingdom which he emulated, entered four Lowell homes sometime around midnight last Sunday, stealing a total of about \$50 from the places entered, which with one exception, were the same houses that were entered here a few months ago.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger June 16, 1960

Charles J. Dean told police, who were called with the fire department to his home at 920 North Hudson Street at 12:30 Sunday, he threw fuel oil onto the rear porch of his home and set fire to it as a method of scaring the kids.

Dean was held in the Kent County Jail until Monday morning on a complaint signed by his wife. He was fined \$29.30 for being disorderly in Justice Rittenger's court, Monday.

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger June 19, 1985

The Grand Valley State summer college-community band will present an old time "All-American" concert on the Lowell Showboat on Wednesday, July 17 at 7:30.

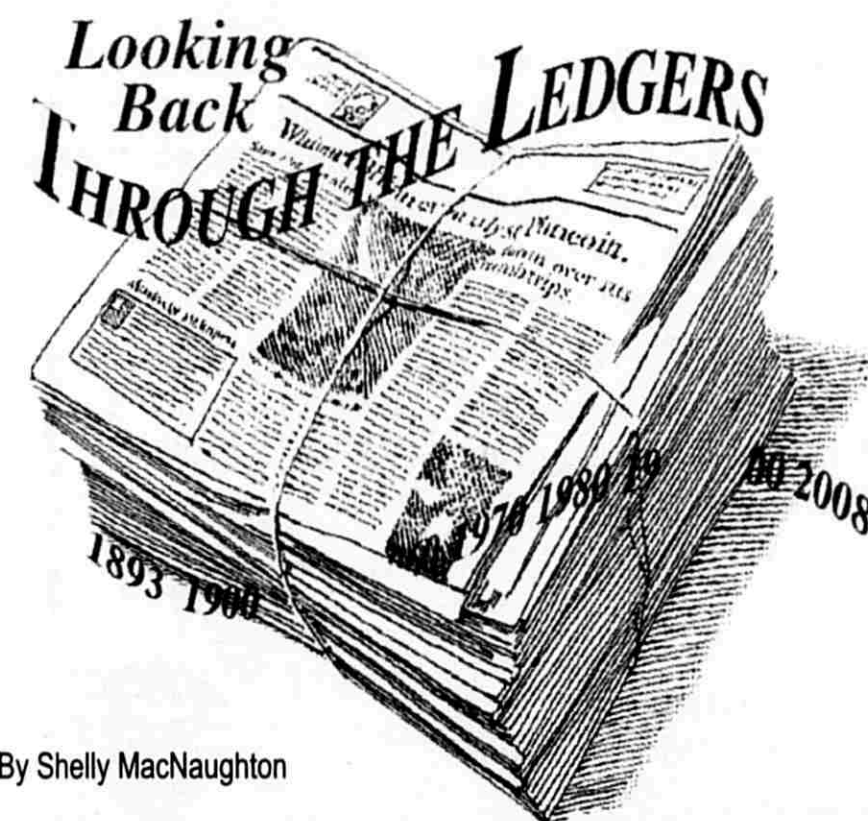
Mr. William Zinke, director of music and education at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, will present an organ recital on June 23 at 3:30 p.m. in the sanctuary at the Lowell Methodist Church.

125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal June 17, 1885

Owen Fawcett ton-night Rickert's Ice Cream takes the cake. West & Co's soda fountain is running full-time. Don't fail to hear Owen Fawcett and his excellent company at Music Hall tonight.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger June 16, 1910

The capacity of the new City Hall was taxed to its utmost on Tuesday evening, the occasion being the rendition of a play by seniors and juniors of the Lowell High School. Standing room was at a premium and some were turned away who could not gain admission.



By Shelly MacNaughton

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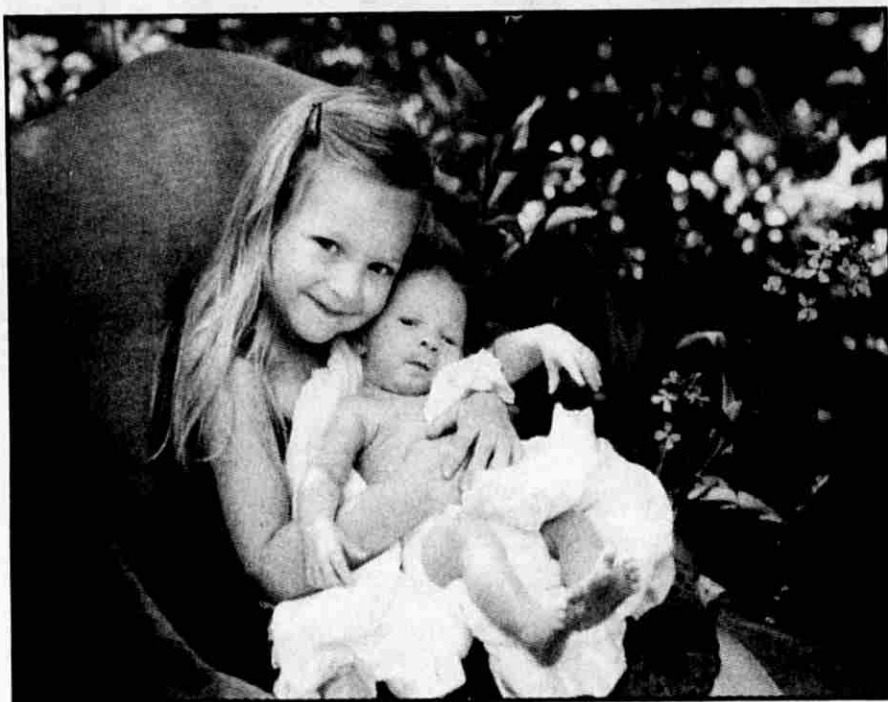
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Mike and Jessica Curtis are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Macy Jane Curtis. She was born on May 12, 2010 at 3:44 p.m. Welcoming her home were big sister Ella and proud grandparents Bucky and Kathy Curtis, Greg and Merrie Smit, and Al Koopman.



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In The Service

Navy Seaman Charles S. Chance, son of Roy A. Chance of Saranac, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Chance completed a variety of training which 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 fitness.

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 through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Chance is a 2009 graduate of Abingdon High School of Abingdon, Va.

health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

Mosquito repellent and children

The combination of constant rain and warm weather has resulted in a large mosquito population this spring. The worry about West Nile Virus has many parents asking what is the best and safest mosquito repellent to use.

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ask kathryn



Kathryn Denhouder Ph.D.

This article is about how to prevent stress. One of my patients said to me: "I get so frustrated with my doctor because he always tells me to reduce my stress, but he never tells me how. Sometimes I think he doesn't know either." She is probably right because many times professionals are dealing with over-the-top stress as well. This article will share some very specific ways to deal with daily stress.

Here's how you can help your body: progressive muscle relaxation, yoga, water aerobics, tai chi, meditation, reduce sugar intake, deep breathing exercises, reduce caffeine intake, and develop a healthy, nutritious diet.

Here's how to help your mind: give yourself credit for successes; identify and dispel your irrational beliefs, interpret events as challenging rather than as threatening; identify and accept your personal limits; be specific since generalizations make you helpless; don't blame yourself in situations you can't control; develop a sense of hope; prioritize your concerns and worries; and make use of positive energy.

Here's how to help your emotions: express your feelings with control; learn to label your emotions accurately; identify which events, persons, or things stimulate specific emotions; and learn to care for yourself as well as others.

Here's how to help your relations with people: create networks of friends for supportive contacts; educate your friends, family,

or co-workers about your stresses and needs; ask for help; communicate your feelings with others; develop assertiveness skills; confront people who anger you (or, if you can't, then avoid them); delegate responsibility; and develop conflict-management strategies.

Here's how to become proactive: seek information to understand; use problem solving skills (i.e. generate alternatives, analyze costs/benefits, seek feedback); make use of self-assessment; prioritize and give yourself enough time for tasks; adopt an 80 percent rather than a 100 percent success standard; break large tasks into smaller tasks that can be completed; and develop a set of self-renewal activities (i.e. hobbies, vacations, etc.).

Here's how to create environments that can help you: create an aesthetically pleasing environment for your home and work; reduce excessive input; spend time outdoors (walking, thinking, boating, etc.); arrange for some solitary quiet time; and reduce relationship conflict in your social environment.

Using these strategies will be helpful, but be sure to remember not to expect 100 percent perfection. If you do stress-reducing strategies about 80 percent of the time - that is good enough. Summer is a good time to start reducing the stress in your life. If you have any questions or would like to share a comment please email me at kathryndenhouder@gmail.com

Scout working on his Eagle badge spruces up the Showboat

Daniel Ruland, a boy scout from Lowell Troop #102, is working on his Eagle Scout leadership service project and has chosen for his required community project to scrape and paint all the gray decks and stairways of the Lowell Showboat.

Ruland had to have his project approved by writing and submitting a detailed proposal to his scoutmaster, Randy Jesberg, and to the Five Rivers District of the Boy Scouts of America.

Self Serve Lumber gave him a helping hand by donating 15 gallons of gray deck paint for his project. Now Ruland must enlist the help of fellow scouts and friends, then supervise them in working on the project. He expects to have the job finished in the next couple of weeks before the Summer Concert series begins.



Daniel Ruland is working on becoming an Eagle Scout.

happy birthday!

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My grandfather once told me that there were two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition.

- Indira Gandhi (1917 - 1984)

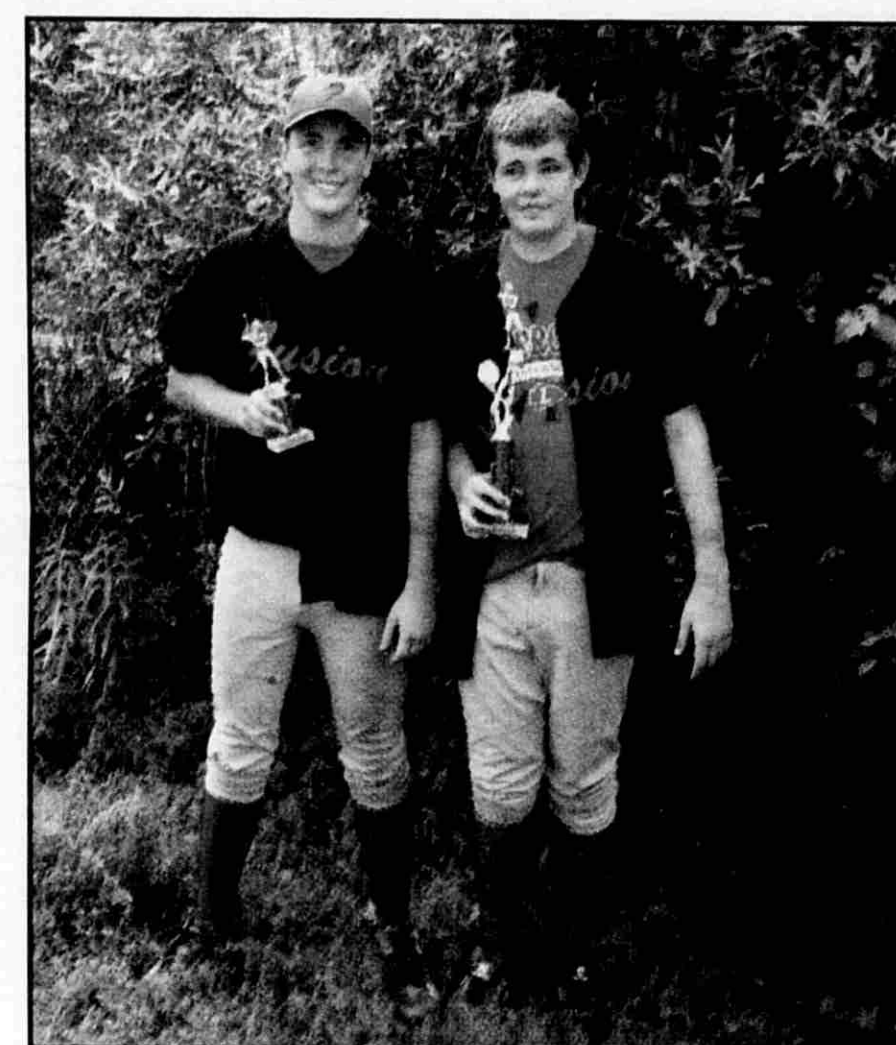
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Team Fusion makes it to semifinals

The Lowell Fusion 14U baseball team made it to the semifinals this past weekend at the Dewitt Diamonds Classic. On Saturday, two Fusion players placed first and second in the home run derby. Pictured are, Tyler Garter, right, who was crowned champion and Nate Smith, runner-up.



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Lowell High School May Students of the Month

In conjunction with the LHS Academic Boosters, Lowell High School is proud to announce that Brianna Clarke, eleventh grade, and Alex Tobin, ninth grade, are the Lowell High School May Students of the Month. In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department.



Brianna Clarke

1283 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Clarke and Tobin. The students receive a \$20 movie



Alex Tobin

gift card and a certificate. Clarke was nominated by the English Department and they write, "Brianna is a

student who has been in team taught classes throughout the year. She struggles in school, but one would never know that due to her work ethic. She was nominated and selected due to her outstanding ACT score. Brianna worked diligently in ACT prep, asking questions, following tip sheets, and going beyond the class work. Her projected score was 15-19. She amazed us all by scoring a 22 on the March test."

Tobin was nominated by the Social Studies Department and they write, "Alex has

been a model student in World History A for all of third trimester. Even his peers, after learning about the ancient Greek's emphasis on the art of speaking, recognized his intelligence and have mentioned several times that he is a master of that kind of 'rhetoric!' His work is always done above and beyond expectations, and his joy for learning is apparent in his attitude and willingness to inquire about the subject further than any of his classmates. He has made an impact on the Business

Professionals of America program at LHS, being one of the only freshman from any school to advance to the state competition and also was a member of the musical cast at LHS. Alex is a leader and positive example for the ninth grade class."

This program is made possible by the support of the LHS Academic Boosters, who support the high school in many ways. If you are interested in helping support the LHS Academic Boosters you may call Janine Mork at 897-5671.

Hiking to the Heart of Michigan's Natural Wonders



Sen. Carl Levin

One of the joys of my job is that my travels across Michigan give me an opportunity to enjoy our state's abundant outdoor recreation opportunities. On a cool Saturday morning a few weeks ago, that meant hiking a portion of the North Country Trail - a great chance to enjoy some of Michigan's beauty and

country, and as we walked, the association members told me about the abundant plant and animal life we passed, their work maintaining the trail, and the damage done to local forests by a recent tent caterpillar infestation. We all owe these volunteers, who perform much of the work in establishing and maintaining these trails, a big thanks.

To celebrate National Trails Day, I joined about 15 members of the Tittabawassee Chapter of the North Country Trail Association on a portion of the trail near Alba in Antrim County. I hiked with them for two miles, over rolling and forested

into Hillsdale County from Ohio, and winds through some of Michigan's most scenic territory all the way to the Wisconsin border near Ironwood.

I and other lawmakers in the North Country Trail states have worked hard to support the trail and to protect wilderness areas through which it passes. I continue to seek "unit status" for the trail, a technical designation that would mean greater access to National Park Service funding and programs.

This year, I was joined by seven Senate colleagues in asking the Senate Appropriations Committee to boost funding for the trail. Last year, we enacted legislation that I introduced to ease the acquisition of land for the trail from willing sellers.

The North Country Trail may be our state's longest, but many paths, short and long, cross our state, highlighting our scenic beauty, history and culture.

On the same weekend as my North Country Trail hike, I visited the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary near Alpena, where we dedicated new improvements to the Great Lakes Maritime

Heritage Trail. The trail shows off the beauty of Lake Huron and some of the rich shipping history of the Great Lakes.

I am an enthusiastic supporter of funding for the Leelanau Scenic Heritage Trail, 27 miles of trail that connects the major scenic areas of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore on Lake Michigan with the villages of Empire and Glen Arbor. I have worked to secure funding for projects along the Detroit River establishing a walkway and

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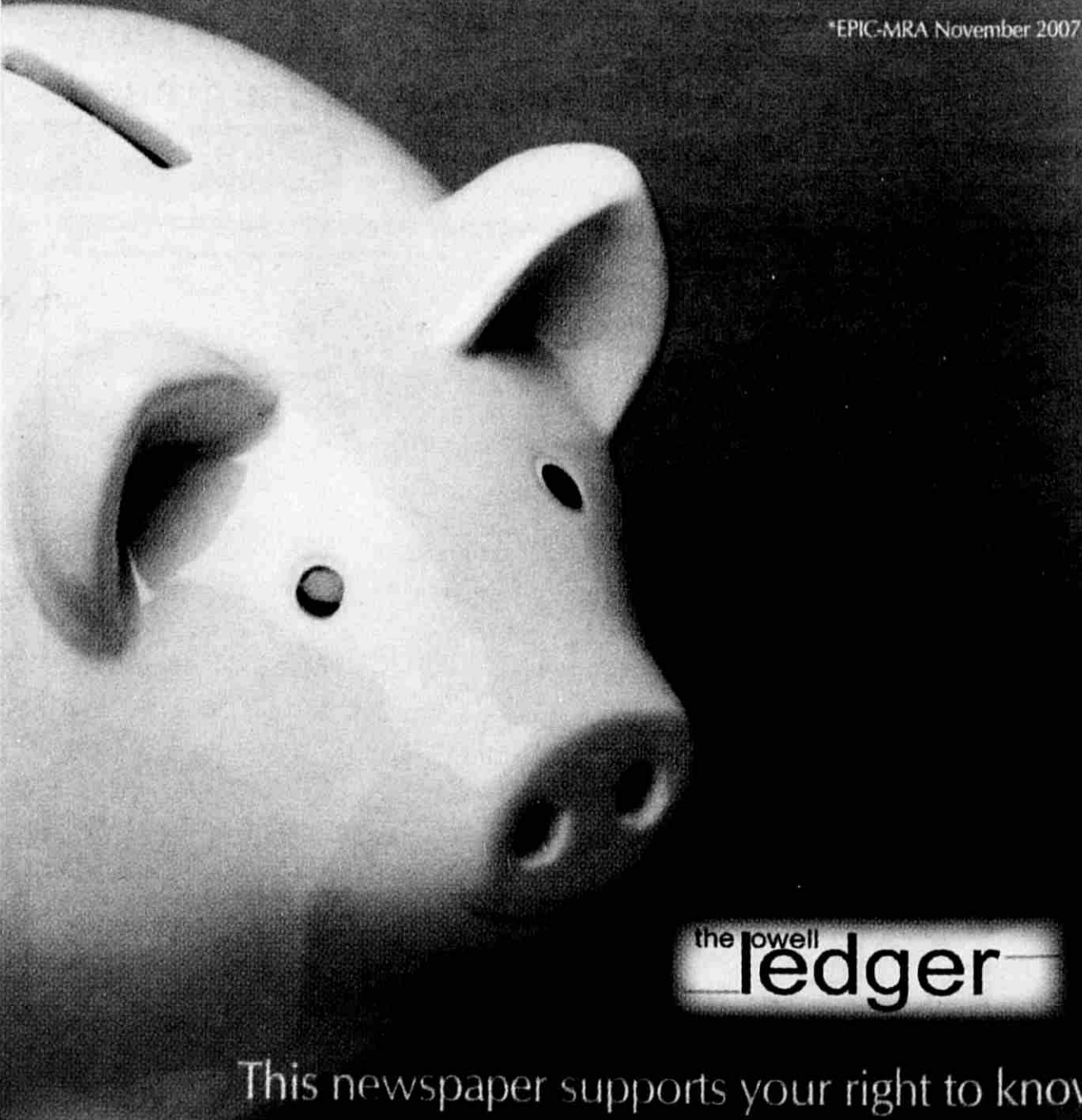
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Relay for Life, continued

The 19 teams participating in Lowell's Relay for Life help raised over \$59,000. The event is in support of families and patients with cancer in addition to raising funds for program development and cancer research. The local fundraiser has now taken in nearly \$260,000 over a five-year period. This year's co-chairpersons were Paul Mundt and Carol Briggs.



college news

Michigan Technological University has released the Dean's List for the spring 2010 semester, recognizing students who achieve grade point averages of 3.5 or higher.

Among the honorees are the following students:
Noah D. Buikema, Sophomore, Environmental Engineering; Daniel S. Freiberg, Sophomore, General Engineering; Stephanie S. Garback,

Senior, Environmental Engineering; Thomas W. Reid, Freshman, Mechanical Engineering; and Kyle G. VerHoef, Sophomore, General Engineering; all of Alto
Sydney S. Machiela, Junior, Chemical Engineering; of Lowell.

Western Michigan University is proud to announce the following students who have achieved

the Dean's List for the spring 2010 semester:
Bieber, Stefany M., Arts and Sciences, Criminal Justice; Brown, Lisa M., Arts and Sciences, Psychology; and Tasma, Kaitlin V., Arts and Sciences, Psychology; all of Lowell.

Aquino, Alvin Q., Engineering and Applied Sciences, Pre-Civil Engineering; Droge, Naomi M., Fine Arts, Music;

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Sciences, Mechanical Engineering; Contreras, Evan M., Arts and Sciences, Biomedical Sciences; Heys, Jesse A., Fine Arts, Art Education; Secondary Education; Isaac, Josephine M., Fine Arts, Music Ed: Instrumental-Sec; Jacobson, Erik L., Fine Arts, Music; Kucharczyk, Justin P., Arts and Sciences, Criminal Justice; and McCarthy, Katee M., Arts and Sciences, Psychology; all of Alto.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Driesenga, Eagles send Arrows home in regional final

by Thad Kraus
For the second time in two weeks, two of West Michigan's top softball hurlers faced off. Rockford's Tricia Graham and the Rams bested Morgan Groom and the Red Arrows 4-0 in the Mandy Tichelaar Memorial softball tournament. Saturday, in the Division I regional semifinal in Hudsonville, Groom and her Lowell teammates turned the tables on Graham and Rockford as the Red Arrows won the contest 1-0. The victory advanced Lowell to the regional final where the Red Arrows were shutout 3-0 by Hudsonville's Sara Driesenga.

"How can you fault these girls? They played hard, never gave up and never quit," said Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse. "We lost to the best pitcher in the state. She has given up a total of four earned runs all year." Lowell managed three hits off of Driesenga on Saturday. KaylynDeWaard recorded two of them. The Red Arrow booked three hits against Driesenga in two games. Lowell had just four hits against the Michigan-bound hurler over 14 innings. Lowell's Kaylie Petrolje pushed Driesenga the entire way as she allowed just three hits while walking two

and striking out four Eagle hitters. "Kaylie deserved better than she got," Rodenhouse said. "None of the runs were earned. If we play better defense (six errors) behind her it's 0-0 going into the eighth inning." Hudsonville scored two runs in the third after Lowell was out on an error and an RBI single. Two Lowell errors in the fifth inning enabled the Eagles to push across a third run. The defense was solid behind Groom's six-hit shutout in her win over Rockford.

"Morgan had good location on her rise ball and was relaxed out there," Rodenhouse said. Groom not only battled through a tough Ram lineup, she also battled fever symptoms. "I had a fever of 102 on Friday night. I told Rode at 9 a.m. on Saturday I didn't think I'd be able to pitch," she said. "When I got up on Saturday, I went through the motions of pitching and that made me dizzy." When Groom got to the park she decided to give pitching a shot. "I took it pitch by pitch," she said.

Her teammates helped to plish her with water and Gatorade throughout the game. Rockford loaded the bases with one out in the second inning before Groom struck the Rams' eighth and ninth hitters. Rockford put runners on first and second in the seventh inning before Groom induced a game-ending ground ball to second baseman Shelby Roberts. Lowell finished its 2010 season with a mark of 26-14. The season included a number of team records: most games played 40 (old record 36 in 2005-06-07); 1052 at-bats (old record 980 '05); most hits 340 (old record 315 '98); most doubles 50 (old record 45 in '99); and most post pop outs 735 (old record 720 in '05).

Uncle Jim did what any good boss would do who has an employee that is just not getting the job done. He sent her on "break." What did you think he would do? We did mention that Molly was his niece. Ha ha!

So Molly quickly fled outside to learn more about these two amazingly good looking trolls. Their names were Turk and Timmy. Ohhhh, she might be in love - with both of them. Turk was working at

the new batting and pitching facility called Spring Training. Turk was fresh out of college, where he had had a college scholarship playing baseball. Turk figured he knew absolutely everything there was to know about baseball. Did I mention he played baseball in college? He told Molly that she ought to come down to Spring Training where she could get a "one on one lesson" from Turk on how to hit a baseball. Taking a baseball lesson was absolutely the last thing Molly needed to do. But she looked over at her cousin Daisy's friend, Charlie, and you could actually see her plotting about how she could enlist Charlie's help. Charlie would be taking baseball lessons for several weeks and that would work out just fine with Molly. Well, Timmy sat back listening to all the plans. He knew that Molly would swoon as soon as he decided to join in the conversation. You see, Timmy was the

had hoped it would be. Timmy stayed in Dr. Reagan's offices and even got a dazzling new smile from Dr. Reagan. Things were awesome for Timmy. He spent his winter skating all over the Flat River, well, all over the frozen parts, and he was looking forward to the summer in Lowell as well. Finding the lovely Molly was icing on the cake. Sure enough, the minute Timmy uttered his first sentence, Molly was smitten.

Oh whatever was Molly to do? Two handsome, eligible trolls and just one Molly - hmmm. It got her thinking. Molly wondered what her great friend Ginger was doing these days. Ginger was Molly's friend and she was the beautiful, exotic troll over at Glass House Designs. Let's see what she thinks of our two bachelors next week.

Bridge buck winners

This week's Bridge Buck winners: the \$50 winner is: Bravard Helms; \$20 winners are: Lisa Shenk, Pat Drake, Del Rockwell, Fran Clouser, Angie Gillett; and the \$10 winners are: Pam Clark, Mike Wilzewski, Dale Valentine, Anne Amodeo and Jan Thompson.

Hershey track meet Friday

Future Lowell track stars ages nine to 13 will compete Friday in the Hershey track meet at Lowell High School. The track meet will mark the end of a week-long track camp held by Lowell girls' track coach Robin Briggs. All participants who earn a first in an event qualify to compete in the Hershey state tournament. Those who finish first at the state meet will qualify for the national meet in Hershey, PA. Friday's meet begins at 9 a.m.

Someone had to say it!



Thad Kraus

Much like the vaulted baseball trading deadlines, which oftentimes come and go without a big deal. Well, it now looks as though the anticipation of the college football conference shuffle will quietly waltz into the night.

When Nebraska bolted for the Big 10, Colorado for the Pac 10 and Boise State for the Mountain West, the talk was how the landscape of college football would be changing forever. Well, with the settlement of Texas and the remaining

schools of the Big 12 announcing Monday they will stay put in an effort to preserve the downsized Big 12, the landscape of college football will be much the same rather than changing faces. They say money talks and in this case it did. Money and lots of it is what will keep the Big 12 together. Reports state that money induced schools to stay. Projections of increased TV revenue - \$20 million a year for Texas, Texas A&M and Oklahoma, with \$14-\$17 million for the other seven Big 12 schools. This will represent a substantial increase from the \$8-\$13 million distributed this past year. Texas also gets to pursue its own TV network. There is no deadline in the Tom Izzo sweepstakes. Well, there really isn't a sweepstakes. Everybody is just waiting on Izzo's decision to stay or go.

Stay at MSU or go to Cleveland. It appears that LeBron James isn't willing to commit before July 1. I can't imagine Izzo will jump to the NBA (Cleveland) unless he is absolutely sure LeBron is going to return. Money will not take Izzo to the NBA. He's already making \$3 million a year at State, \$6 million in Cleveland isn't going to change his lifestyle. Ego and James is what pulls him toward the NBA. Izzo has already proven himself at the college level. I'm sure he's been reminded of the names of Rick Pitino, John Calipari, and Mike Montgomery, college coaches who have failed at the next level. At the time this goes to press, the basketball world still waits for Izzo's decision. I do not believe he will leave MSU without a guarantee that James will stay in Cleveland.


Crew battles for its place among high school sports

by Thad Kraus

Lowell is one of five O-K conference high schools that classifies crew as a varsity sport. In the program's seventh year, the school's participation number dwindled to 16. In an effort to create awareness and interest in the sport of crew, a learning to row camp for an adult and children (8th grade to 80 years old) will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 6-7:30 p.m. throughout the summer on the Flat River (Lafayette Street) near the amphitheatre. "We are also going to intensify our effort to get into the schools to introduce the sport of crew," said Lowell crew coach David Cadwallader. That's significant when one takes into account that Lowell competes against schools who have as many as 100 crew members. The setback in numbers can be attributed to new coaches and cost, according to Cadwallader. Senior Steve Trierweiler, who placed second in the state final singles competition, supports Cadwallader's claim. The Red Arrows also found success in the Grand Rapids regatta; Lowell's boys' finished fourth and the girls' were third in the doubles (two-person boat) race. "Rowing is a good total body workout sport," Cadwallader concluded.

race, football games, along with selling candy, helps supplement the student expense. The school does cover the insurance expense. It also has provided the program property to store their 11 boats. If participation numbers were higher, Cadwallader said the program would ideally need more singles boats, of which it currently has one. Lowell also has five eight-person boats, three four-person boats and two doubles. "Right now we have good equipment and enough boats for a 50-person team," Cadwallader said. The low participation numbers makes winning prohibitive. "There is no way to win events when there are not enough athletes to enter in every event," Cadwallader explained. "However, we do well with the low numbers and are competitive in the events we enter." Senior Steve Trierweiler, who placed second in the state final singles competition, supports Cadwallader's claim. The Red Arrows also found success in the Grand Rapids regatta; Lowell's boys' finished fourth and the girls' were third in the doubles (two-person boat) race. "Rowing is a good total body workout sport," Cadwallader concluded.

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"A coach is someone who can give correction without causing resentment."
- John Wooden

The Tale of the Troll, Part X

by Amy Hayes
Oh my! Do you remember that last week we left a situation brewing at Ball's Softee Creme? Let us refresh your memory. Molly, the 21-year-old vixen niece of Mr. Jim's, was holding up the line at Softee's. Molly was flirting outrageously with two of the most handsome trolls she had ever laid eyes on. The crowd was getting a tad restless as they tried to patiently wait for their turn to order an ice cream. But, enough was enough already. Uncle Jim did what any good boss would do who has an employee that is just not getting the job done. He sent her on "break." What did you think he would do? We did mention that Molly was his niece. Ha ha!

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- Asphalt Maintenance
- cleverness
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- Card Shop
- Other Place
- parking area
- sugars and candies
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- orange pekoe
- Meyers, Beckett & Jones
- John D.O.
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- "hey!" (slang)
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- sorry, F.R.O.M.
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- "won't hurt a bit"
- Milling Co.
- that is to say ...
- garden tool
- clips for Hair
- energy draining, tough exercise
- Carson, explorer
- tongue depressor sound
- Scooby's "stop horse!"
- cute little terrier
- ermine relative
- air release tube

ACROSS

- Ribbon Feed
- Backwater
- Roast Beef Restaurant
- "dunnit?"
- small bit
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- Greenville is of Lowell
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- "I've got!"

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48. local periodical
51. winning punch
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65. owl
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70. displayed in gallery
72. round tube chocolate/caramel
73. not named abbr.
74. Rite Aid dispenses a or two
76. Files, science fiction
77. lye is an
78. not sweet
79. conglomerated metals
82. show host
83. a great life!
84. A C
85. Spanish for lake
86. eyelid dream motion abbr.
88. dormitory manager abbr.
89. Century Post
91. Arts Council
92. where the chicks go

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This Week!

MULTI-FAMILY SALE
Fri., June 18 & Sat., June 19, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Northwest corner of Lincoln Lake & Vergennes.
Indoors if rain. Household, infant & kids, furniture,
Boyd Bears, Noah's Ark, misc gallore!

HEADWATERS NEIGHBORHOOD SALES
June 17 & 18, 9-5 p.m. Multiple homes with a
variety of childrens/adult clothing, baby gear,
housewares, & much more. North off Bailey,
between Alden Nash & Parnell.

MOVING SALE
June 11-13, 9 a.m. - ? carpenter's tools, furniture,
electric fireplace, bikes, sleds, winter coats, toys,
nice computers, 11439 Fulton St.

MULTI-FAMILY SALE
Thur-Fri, June 17 & 18, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.,
5000 Kyser Rd. Between Saranac & Lowell -
south of Riverside Dr. Misc vehicles w/wo snow-
plows, trailer axles w/brakes and tires, 14ft V-bot-
tom boat w/trailer, incubator/3 turning tray/50 egg
hatching tray, 12 ft. pop-up camper, natural gas
space heater, Native American beaded jewelry,
furniture, old records, teaching supplies, books,
holiday decorations, children toys, clothes,
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GARAGE SALE
830 Lafayette, Friday, June 18, 9 to 4 & Saturday,
June 19, 9 to noon. Furniture, clothing &
household goods.

4 FAMILY YARD SALE
Lots of stuff, from baby to adult. 237 Elizabeth
Dean, Lowell, June 17, 18 & 19, 9 to 4 p.m.

HANDS OF GRACE CHARITY SALE
June 18 & 19. We are trying it again! New loca-
tion, lots of new stuff, and HG bracelets. Fri., 9-6
p.m. & Sat., 9-1 p.m. at 9421 Bluewater Hwy,
corner of M-21 and Pinckney. Cancelled in the
event of rain.

GARAGE SALE
Tue. & Wed., June 15 & 16, 9-4. Key Heights,
Sara St., Lot 117. Cedar chest, trunk, old hats,
and more. Good variety. New sale.

RAIN OR SHINE
June 18 & 19, 9-? 3825 Hilton Ave. SE
Boy stuff 0-4T.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
414 N. Jefferson, Lowell. June 19, 8-5 p.m.
Everything must go!

MULTI-FAMILY SALE
790 Parnell Ave. NE, Fri. & Sat., June 17 & 18,
9-5. Infant to adult clothes, toys, household
goods, picture frames, misc.

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A GLANCE
around
THE GLOBE

JUNE 9 - JUNE 15

- The United States has discovered nearly \$1 trillion in untapped mineral deposits in Afghanistan, far beyond any previously known reserves, and enough to fundamentally alter Afghan economy and perhaps the war.
- Abby Sunderland, 16, was plucked from the Indian Ocean from her disabled sailboat. Her goal was to be the youngest person to circumnavigate the globe solo and non-stop.
- On Saturday night Obama sent a letter to Congress asking for \$50 billion in emergency aid for state and local governments to fend off "massive layoffs of teachers, police and fire fighters" and to prevent a possible double dip recession.
- After the massive Arkansas flood, 19 people have died and several are still missing.
- Country music artist and sausage entrepreneur, Jimmy Dean, died at his home in Varina, Virginia, Sunday, at the age of 81.
- 79-year-old Frank Dryman, a fugitive for almost forty years is behind bars again. He had been on the run living a "normal" life since he was paroled on a murder conviction in 1969.
- An 5.9 earthquake rattled fans at a San Diego Padres game on Monday.

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The Ledger's
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Sound Off! is meant to be a way for you to compliment or vent your feelings with civility. A healthy way to get something off your chest or spread a little kindness.

We welcome your comments, with or without signatures, but signing your name to your comment does increase the odds of seeing it in print.

Threatening or deliberately cruel comments will not be accepted and, of course, no advertising a product or service please.

So basically, submit anything - but not everything will make it to print.

The Ledger reserves the right to choose what is printed, and reminds the public that views expressed in Sound Off!, unless otherwise stated, are not the opinions of The Ledger staff or its publishers.

In regards to lawn mowing schedule, 9 p.m.? It's still daylight! With all the rain we've had, folks need to mow as their schedule permits. Lawn mowers are white noise like a fan. Lots of people sleep with a fan on! Hope your kids didn't flunk out because of this? Maybe next week you can offer to do your neighbors lawn for him so it gets done when you allow it? If-rain was in the forecast for that night, maybe cutting at 9 p.m. was necessary so you weren't complaining in the Sound Off about your neighbors hay field? Also, maybe it wasn't a him. Many women enjoy yard work too. Sounds like it may be a long summer for you. How unfortunate. Don't sweat the small stuff.

I think that it's about time that Lowell Township addresses the issue of the leaf problem in Eastgate. Either give us a place to dump them or something. And no, nobody will pick them up, as in waste services.

Kudos to the folks at the water department. Our good water is back again and we do appreciate it.
- Sharon Weicht

The hot weather is upon us and once again the idiots who think their dogs love to go for a ride also love sitting in their hot cars in parking lots. If I see your dog in a car, whether the windows are cracked open or not, I will call the police. The police have said to treat the situation the same as if it were a child left in the car. Please, if you love your dog, remember the car heats up inside very fast.

The Lowell Post Office is the best. It really makes living in Lowell "The best place to be." They are the most helpful and the friendliest.

I don't know about everyone else but I am not purchasing my gasoline from BP. We thought the Exxon Valdez incident was horrible, that was nothing compared to this mess.

last week's **poll result:**
Sound Off **poll result:**
Who, in the best of worlds, could solve the Gulf oil leak problem?

- MacGyver 25%
- Jack Bauer 15%
- Mr. Bean 10%
- Your Mama 15%
- The A-Team 0%
- Superman 35%

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You need money? **Damn!** Our money tree just died!

Oh, brother! Will he ever get tired of that same old joke?

Captain Allowance believes that having a fixed amount of money helps children to think about and make decisions about how to spend money.

Captain Allowance says, "Kids learn from both the GOOD decisions ... and the BAD ones!"

Rats! I blew all my money on candy!

Yay! I saved and got the fun game I wanted!

Sometimes things kids want cost more than they earn. By learning to get through the tricky allowance gap, kids discover that with financial power comes financial responsibility!

Allowance Gap

Leonard has a goal. He wants to buy a pair of sneakers that cost \$25. But he only gets \$3 a week for his allowance. Help Leonard make a plan to buy the shoes.

Week	Savings	Earnings	Total
Week 1	\$	\$	\$
Week 2	\$	\$	\$
Week 3	\$	\$	\$
Week 4	\$	\$	\$
Week 5	\$	\$	\$

Each week, Leonard could save \$ _____

Leonard could work for extra money by doing chores at home and for neighbors. He could earn \$ _____ per week for doing extra chores.

Following your plan, how many weeks would it take Leonard to reach his goal? _____ weeks

Make a plan to reach one of your goals!

Standards Link: Economics: Students understand that since people cannot have everything they want, they must make choices about making purchases of goods and services.

How would you spend it?

Imagine that you get \$3 per week for allowance. What would you do with your money?

- Flip Flops \$5
- Combo Crayons \$3
- Rubber Bracelet \$1
- Monster Pen \$4
- Video Game \$29
- Squashy Putty \$2
- Backpack Bear \$4

Pretend you want to buy three of the items at right. Come up with a plan, like Leonard's, that will help you reach your goal.

Twenty Big Ones
This year, Father's Day is celebrated on June 20. Look through the newspaper or your newspaper's website for numbers that add up to exactly 20.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

What is a numismatist?

Use the coin code at right to reveal the answer.

● = A
● = C
● = E
● = I
● = L
● = N
● = O
● = R
● = T

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Learn the definition of grade-level appropriate words.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

ALLOWANCE
OBSTACLES
NEIGHBORS
ENDLESS
LIMITED
SUPPLY
CHORES
WISDOM
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E S M O D S I W E O

Standards Link: Letter sequencing, Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE KID SCOOP LESSON LIBRARY
ABCDad
Find words in the newspaper that start with each letter in your dad's name (or an uncle, grandparent, or a friend's name). Use these words to write a poem about that person.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of forms and genres including poetry.

Why was the dad so upset about paying the plumber to unclog the sink?

ANSWER: It was money down the drain.

Kid Scoop Together:
A Phrase That Pays

Complete the quote below by replacing the missing vowels. Use the lines below the quote to write what you think this quote means. Then, share what you wrote with a parent and talk about it.

"It is g _ d to h _ ve m _ n _ y and the th _ ngs that m _ n _ y can b _ y, but it's g _ d too, to ch _ ck up once in a wh _ le and m _ k _ s _ re _ y _ u hav _ n't l _ st the th _ ngs m _ ney c _ n't b _ y."

— George Lorimer

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word MONEY in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS
This week's word: **OBSTACLE**
The noun **obstacle** means something that is in the way.

Lack of money was Hayley's **obstacle** to buying new clothes.

Try to use the word **obstacle** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Write On!
DADvertisement
Write a classified ad advertising for a father, uncle or grandfather. Look at the newspaper's classified section for ideas. What special skills are needed for the job?

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Michigan promotes clean boats, clean waters through Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness Week

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm has proclaimed June 12-20 as Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Awareness Week to highlight the need for citizens to take action to stop new introductions and control the spread of AIS. The Great Lakes and Michigan's inland waters, which draw millions of tourists and recreational users, are threatened by more than 180 AIS now found in the region, and others,

including the Asian Carp, are at our doorstep.

Michigan has taken a lead in seeking to protect the Great Lakes from AIS from a number of pathways. New federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding will help Michigan better protect our waters from the introduction and spread of AIS and address some areas where invasive phragmites plants have impacted shorelines.

The success and benefit of these efforts, however, also depend on recreational users doing their part by taking a few simple preventive measures to help protect Michigan's pristine waters from the spread of AIS. Recreational boaters should inspect their watercraft before leaving a lake, any vegetation found should be removed, all live wells drained, areas that may contain water cleaned, and

unused bait disposed in the trash.

AIS Awareness Week is sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment's Office of the Great Lakes (OGL) with collaborative efforts from other state and federal agencies as well as private and nonprofit organizations. For AIS Awareness Week information, the Governor's proclamation, event listings, activities and more, visit

the OGL's AIS website at <http://www.michigan.gov/dequaquaticinvasives>; or contact the OGL at 517-335-4056.

The DNRE is committed to conserve, manage, protect, and promote accessible use and enjoyment of the state's environmental, natural resource, and related economic interests for current and future generations.

Levin, continued

greenway along that historic waterway, which once was an industrial wasteland and is now being transformed into a hub of recreation and environmental preservation. And this year, I am seeking funding for several trail projects, from the historic Iron Range near Marquette to the Lake St. Clair shoreline in Macomb County.

I support these trail

projects because for some Michiganians, they are places to exercise; for others, they're a means of transportation; for still others, a way to find

quiet and inspiration. For all of us, they're an important connection to the natural beauty that lies at the heart of Michigan's identity and

spirit. Through farmlands and forests, along the shores of mighty lakes or the banks of quiet streams, these trails mean the scenic wonders of

our state are just a short hike away for all of us. I hope you'll join me this summer in taking advantage of these paths to Michigan's beauty.

Transit assessment, continued

the potential expansion of transit service beyond the current scope of existing transit service providers in the county.

Kent County Transit Needs Assessment's primary goals are to a) examine the current transit use and service provided and identify gaps in service, b) anticipate future transit demand by identifying areas that may need transit to meet demand, and finally c) if a latent demand is identified, to identify options

and financial implications of future public transportation service.

Each meeting will be an open discussion and offer ample opportunity for everyone to voice their opinion about the future of transportation in rural Kent County.

Meetings have been scheduled at multiple locations, times, and days in an effort to meet a variety of schedules.

The meeting schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, June 15:

6:30-8 p.m. Gaines Twp, lower level community room (lower level parking area and entrance) - 8555 Kalamazoo Ave.

Wednesday, June 16:

6:30-8 p.m. City of Cedar Springs, Council Chambers - 66 S. Main, Cedar Springs.

Thursday, June 17:

6:30-8 p.m. Plainfield Twp., Board Room - 6161 Belmont Ave.

Thursday, June 17:

9-10:30 a.m. Hope Network, Education Center, Inspiration Room - 755 36th Street SE Wyoming, MI 49548.

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10% OFF Summer Salads	897-8455
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