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Prominent citizen remembered as Mr. Showboat

by Emma Palova

Ivan K Blough was a man for all seasons. He will be forever remembered as Mr. Showboat. He designed everything on the boat from the Valentine heart to the Riverwalk duck on the top deck.

He graciously received the title of Mr. Showboat in 2004 from the leadership class long overdue after rebuilding the demolished boat from straight line winds on Aug. 19, 1978. That is what the weather service called it, not a tornado. Blough rebuilt the boat in 1979.

He was as integral part of the Lowell's symbol as were the cuttings on the replica of the boat he made many years later for parades. He believed in the community spirit and left an imprint wherever he was.



Ivan K Blough

"He was there for everyone," said grandson Nick Blough, history teacher at Lowell High School. "He was always there to listen."

That is how Ivan will be remembered - always there for everyone.

"He gave everything and more," said Nick. "He meant the world to me. He was a fantastic man. I am glad I knew him."

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker said it is hard to even imagine life without Ivan.

"Ivan was a teacher, helper, carpenter, photographer, volunteer, problem solver, thinker and most of all visionary for the Lowell

Community. He has done so much and asked so little in return. Ivan was a true

Mr. Showboat remembered, continued, page 7



Ivan Blough, in 2004, talks to a group of area children about the Showboat.

Bike tour raises funds for historical preservation of Fallasburg pioneer village

by Emma Palova

The 16th annual Fallasburg Covered Bridge Bike Tour will be held on Sunday, July 11, 2010. The tour raises funds for the preservation of the Fallasburg pioneer village.

The routes range from 12 to 100 miles, they begin and end at Fallasburg, north of Lowell.

"A strong turnout insures continued preservation of our museums: The Misner House, the Schoolhouse, and the John Fallas House," said chairman Ken Tamke.

"Last year proceeds from the Bike Tour allowed us to perform preventative termite work on the Schoolhouse Museum and repair a badly leaking roof on the John Fallas House Museum," he said.

However, ridership has dropped from an all time high of 216 in 2007 to 153 at last year's 2009 event.

The Covered Bridge Bike Tour has emerged as a "family friendly" event with approximately 30 percent of registrants choosing the 28

mile course that takes in two covered bridges (Fallasburg and Ada) and winds along the Grand and Flat rivers.

The middle distance

routes, 50 mile and 62 mile, are loops that head south of Lowell via mainly flat rural roads and then return through more farmland to the

Historic Fallasburg Village. The more advanced cyclists enjoy these distances.

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Bridge project approaches phase II



The downtown bridge replacement project is two weeks ahead of schedule. The traffic was switched over to the north side of the bridge last week.

Work will resume July 12 after the Riverwalk. In the meantime, crews like Consumer's will hook up new lines.

"They'll hit it hard after the Riverwalk," said Darrell Heuker, spokesperson for Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). "There's limited activity now. Stage II is controlled by the Riverwalk."

Lowell plans to have motel/bed and breakfast

by Emma Palova

Lowell will now have a motel/bed and breakfast sitting right on the newly halfway replaced bridge over the Flat River. The building will also have an 18 by 20 square feet conference room, as well as seven motel rooms.

Greg Canfield is restoring the old 1900s building to its former two-story turn-of-the-century look at 117 West Main.

"It will support other businesses," he said. "It is something needed in town."

permit Monday night from the planning commission since the building is located in the central business district.

"It fills a need in the city," said commissioner Maryalene LaPonsie.

Commissioner Jim Hall moved to approve the special use permit.

In related business: Owner of Daisy Floral, Jennifer Lopez, requested the rezoning of 119 Lincoln Lake, home to the old Masonic Lodge, from public

Bed and breakfast, continued, page 3

Jovial salesman remembered for his smile

by Thad Kraus
Roth Gerst Funeral Home isn't a place that has drawn a lot of smiles out of Roger Cahoon. But that changed when Cahoon walked into the Lowell funeral home and saw the name of his buddy above a room entrance. "It sounds funny to say, but seeing the name Woody made me smile," Cahoon explained.

A death of a friend, not so funny. Typical response when a friend or a stranger met Woody - "you bet!" "I never saw Woody have a bad day," said friend of 47 years, Kent Holst. "He was always smiling."

James D. Wood, "Woody," "Papa," age 74, of Lowell, passed away on Friday, June 25, 2010 at one of his most favorite places, the golf course (Deer Run). Following his visit to

the funeral home, Cahoon met with his buddies for their Monday night card game.

"He wasn't the toughest of competitors when it came to cards, but no one ever had more fun," explained Jim Parrish.

Wood retired from Steelcase Inc. after 32 years.

He also sold Rainbow vacuums for Rexair as a young man, and built his own business called "Woody's Vacuum Sales and Service," which spanned over half a century and soon expanded to include "Woody's Off the Truck Golf Sales."

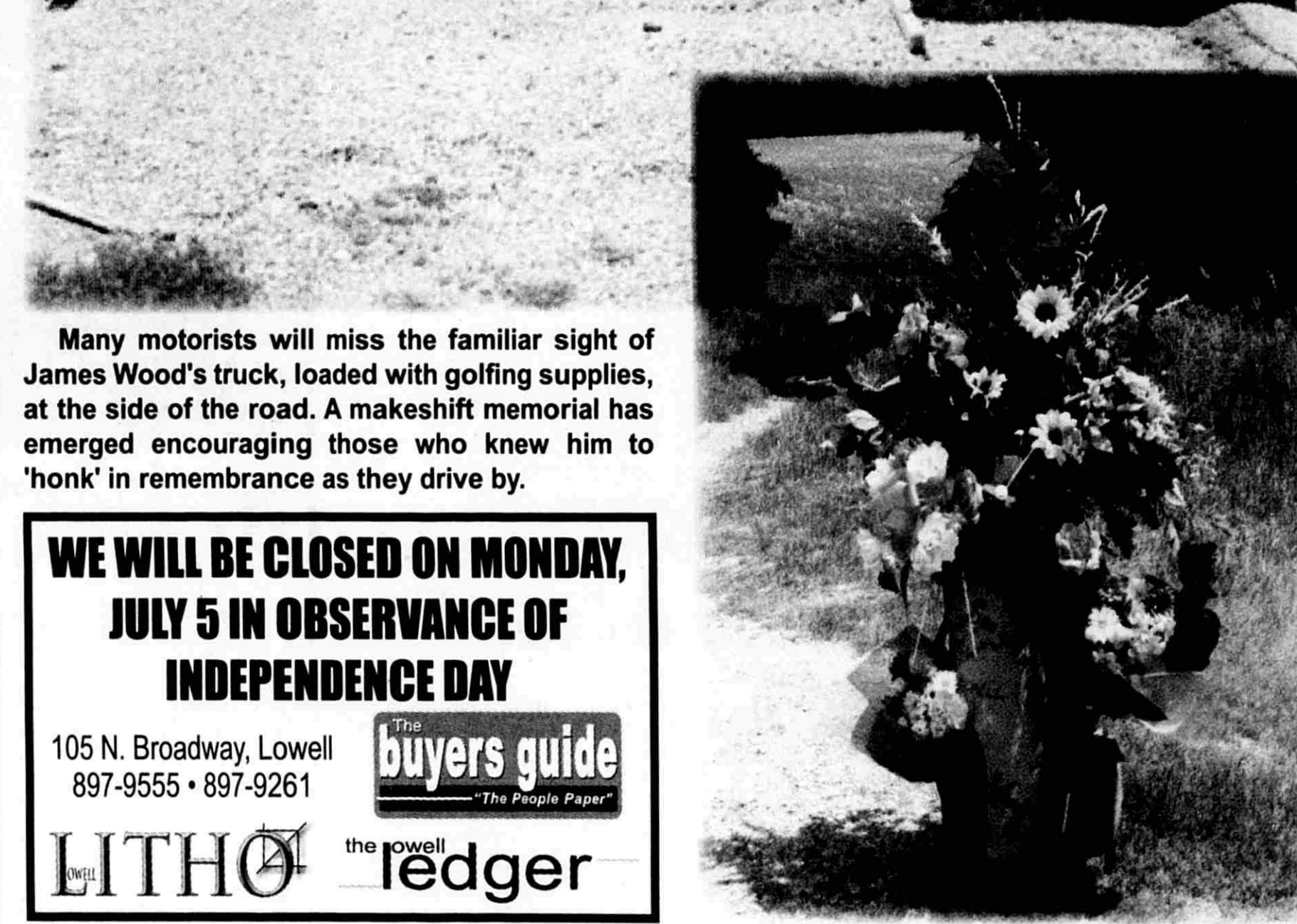
In recent years, he set up shop with his truck loaded with golfing supplies, just north of the expressway on Alden + Nash. For many golfers and friends that was the first sign of spring.

"He'd set goals and was always out there that first day of spring," Holst noted. The golf business grew and with it so did the need

for a bigger truck to haul all the clubs. The newly acquired truck also enabled him to clear out the garage so his wife, Ruthie (of 52

years), could park her car. "Woody had a love for life and always talked about Ruthie," said Ken Akers. "He was still in love."

Today, friends are remembering his love for life with a honk as they drive by Woody's Off the Truck Golf Sales site.



Many motorists will miss the familiar sight of James Wood's truck, loaded with golfing supplies, at the side of the road. A makeshift memorial has emerged encouraging those who knew him to 'honk' in remembrance as they drive by.

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BIKE TOUR

The Fallsburg Historical Society presents the 16th Annual Covered Bridge Bike Tour, Sunday July 11. Pedal through the beautiful countryside at your own pace. All well-marked routes from 12 to 100 miles begin and end in the historic village of Fallsburg. Register in advance online at www.fallsburg.org or onsite at the Schoolhouse Museum from 7 to 9 a.m. the day of the event. All proceeds benefit the continued preservation of Historic Fallsburg Village. For more information or to volunteer call 616-682-0785 or email: fallsburg@yahoo.com

USED BOOK SALE

Used Book Sale Fri., July 9, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. and Sat., July 10, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. under the striped tent at Riverwalk Plaza. Sponsored by the Friends of the Englehardt Library. Proceeds to support Library programming.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES SIGN-UP

Angel Food Ministries sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Saturday, July 17, 10 a.m. - noon. You may also order online using your debit or credit card. Go to www.angelfoodministries.com. Any questions, call Esther, 897-7395.

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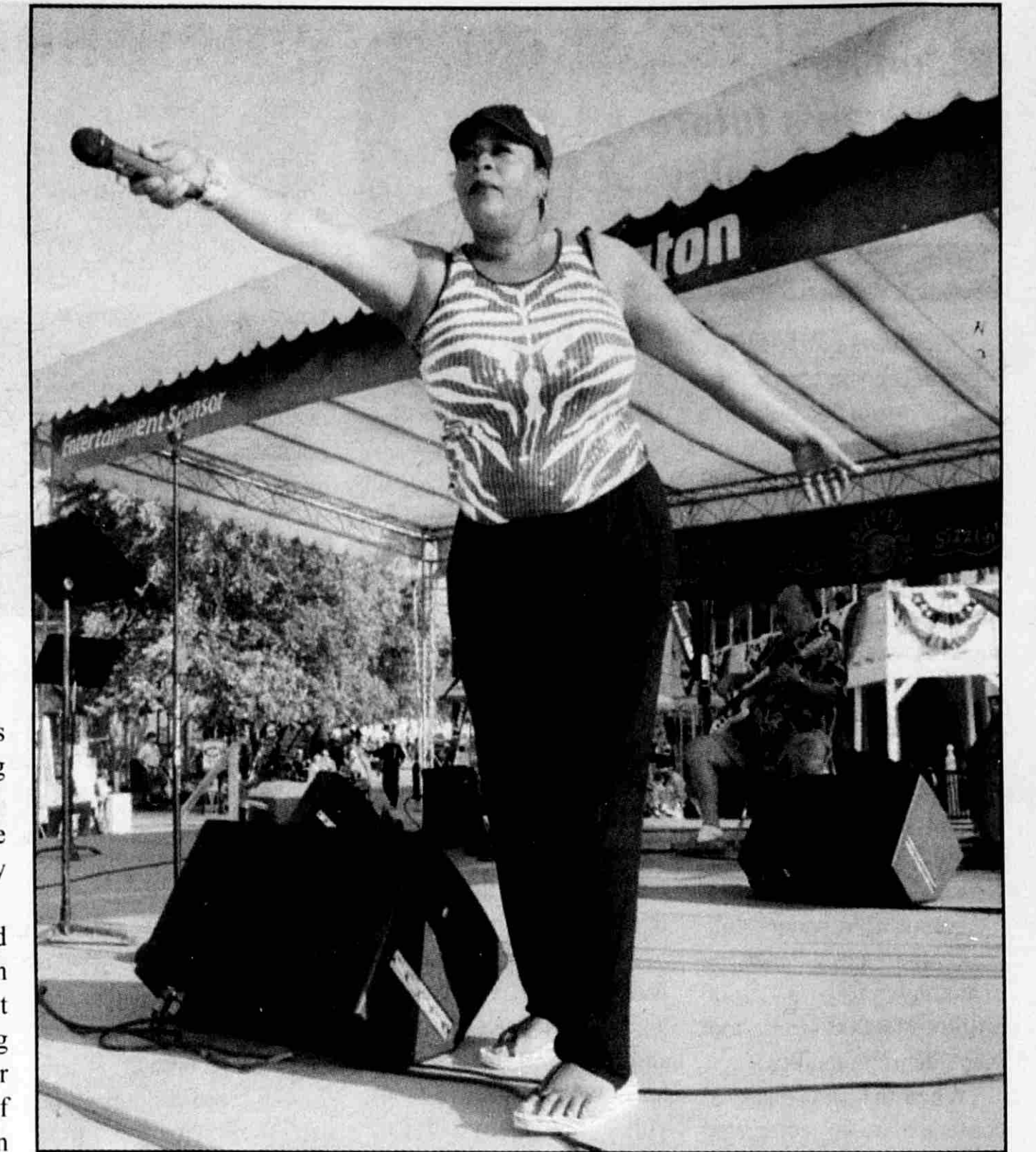
Kathy Lamar & Bob Van Stee Trio play on the Riverwalk stage

It was a perfect evening on the Riverwalk. The backdrop for the Kathy Lamar & Bob Van Stee Trio concert was the setting sun over the Flat River with kayaks and pontoon boats docking nearby to listen and to relax.

The voice of jazz

singer Lamar is often compared to Tina Turner, Toni Braxton and Billy Holiday. Lamar's sultry jazz sounds are sure to captivate the attention of every audience and leave every person mesmerized. Jazz pianist VanStee has worked with groups such as The

New World Singers during the 1960s; Kenny Gorgon and the Sound Gathering and Checkers Morton during the 1970s; Turning Point in the 1980s; and Madhouse in the 1990s. The next concert is on July 1 featuring Boogie Woogie Babies.



Bed and breakfast, continued

facilities and residential to general business to relocate her business into the lodge. She will need 13 parking spots.

"I will continue to provide a service," she said. "I want to keep brides local."

The business will dovetail well with Canfield's motel/bed and breakfast as well as with Kent McKay's Grand Volute.

The planning commission may have to look at off-street parking for the facility. The

building is approximately 2,500 square feet.

"It will be nice to get something in there," said LaPonsie.

Also, Litehouse Inc. is planning a 43,000 square foot addition with ground-breaking in August/September. A driveway around the building will be added and 28 parking spaces on a gravel parking lot. There will be one new driveway off Foreman Road lined up with the school drive.

The southwest corner has an easement for the walking path for school children.

"We want to encourage children to walk," said city manager Dave Pasquale.

Pasquale also informed the planning commission about capital improvement projects such as the upcoming Sibley and North Center Street projects. Portion of Bowes Road reconstruction is almost complete.

Bike tour, continued

Roughly 50 percent of total riders chose one or the other in 2009. There is also a dedicated core of century riders (100 milers) that tack on another 50 miles north of Lowell after conquering the south 50.

Michigan events cannot exist without food. The rest stops along all the routes feature home baked goodies, fruit, fluids and a chance to chill out for a few moments. A homemade

family style meal at the end of the ride is offered to all; tall tales, new friends, and a sense of camaraderie and accomplishment abound.

Last year there were riders from Berkeley, California; Colorado; Illinois; Ohio and Maryland, as well as from all over Michigan.

Register in advance online at www.fallsburg.org or on site at the Schoolhouse Museum from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. the day of the

event. Registration fee is \$15 for individuals and \$25 for families registered before 7/5; \$20 for individuals and \$30 for families registered after 7/5. All proceeds benefit the continued preservation of Historic Fallsburg Village. For more information or to volunteer call: 616-682-0785 or e-mail: fallsburg@yahoo.com

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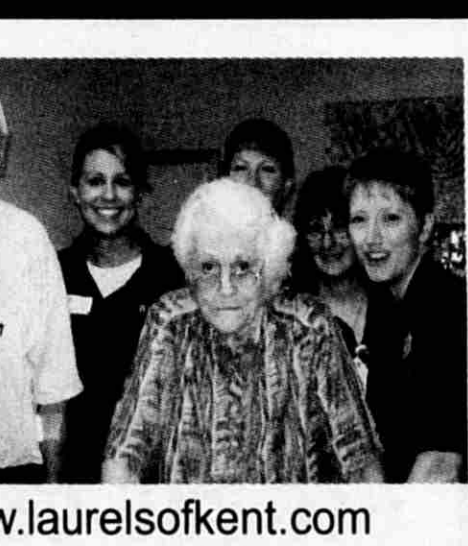
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Vision for Michigan's future becoming reality



Sen. Carl Levin

A few days ago, I watched a vision become reality.

The vision is one of a Michigan that ties its legacy as a manufacturing powerhouse to the needs of today's economy — clean energy and cutting-edge technology — and of government working together with manufacturers to create new opportunities for Michigan workers.

That vision is taking shape across our state, but on the day in question, it was in Midland, where Dow Kokam, Dow Chemical Co.'s advanced battery unit, held the groundbreaking ceremony for a \$600 million, 800,000-square-foot manufacturing facility.

When the final phase of construction is completed in 2015, this facility will produce the battery packs and cells that will power the next generation of green-technology vehicles, vehicles we'll design and build in Michigan. I attended the ceremony along with Vice

President Joe Biden, Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Sen. Debbie Stabenow, and other state and local leaders.

At full capacity, the plant will employ about 800 Michigan workers; another 1,000 or so will work on its construction. And these are jobs that look to the future. As transportation is increasingly powered by cleaner, more advanced hybrid electric technology, companies like Dow Kokam are perfectly positioned to put Michigan at the forefront of the transformation.

And it's not just Dow. A123 Systems is expanding high-tech facilities in Livonia and Romulus. Battery packs for GM's revolutionary Volt plug-in hybrid are rolling off an assembly line in Brownstown Township. And the vision extends beyond vehicle batteries: Michigan companies are at the forefront of developing equipment to generate wind energy, produce biofuels

and advance solar energy technology.

An important part of this vision is a partnership between government and private industry. Too often, our nation has failed to recognize that when American companies compete around the world, they're not just competing against companies from other countries; they're competing against the countries themselves, which provide a wide range of support to their own firms.

But we're taking steps to catch up. Among the things that made the Dow facility possible is a \$161 million grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act — more commonly known as the stimulus bill.

Dow's groundbreaking is another piece of evidence that the Recovery Act is creating jobs today, jobs that will have staying power in the green economy.

The project also is getting support from the State of Michigan's advanced battery grant program, as well as state tax credits that are part of Gov. Granholm's comprehensive effort to position Michigan's economy for success in high-growth industries.

Federal and state support, such as the grants and credits that helped make Dow's groundbreaking possible, is vital to our nation's economic future. Countries such as South Korea and India are making strategic investments in key industries for the future. To secure a future for American workers, we have to do the same and we've begun to do so.

The vice president was right when he called the Midland facility "the beginning of a revolution in the production of energy in this country." And it's a revolution that is beginning right here in Michigan. That's one of the reasons why, for all the tough times our state has been through, I am optimistic about its future.

More than a century ago, Michigan established itself as the heart and soul of a growing new industry. It took vision and hard work, but we secured a prosperous future for generations of Michiganders. I think we can do the same today. I think we're poised to enjoy a lot more days like Dow's announcement in Midland — days on which our vision for the future becomes reality.

health



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

sore throat

A sore throat is often a sign of a common cold or respiratory illness. It may feel painful to swallow, dry, or scratchy. Most sore throats are caused by a virus. Sometimes it can be caused by bacteria, often - times Streptococcus or "strep throat." A rapid throat swab can be used to diagnose this in the office.

Signs and symptoms of a viral infection accompanied by a sore throat:

- Sneezing
- Cough
- Watery eyes
- Mild headache
- Mild body aches
- Runny nose
- Low-grade fever (less than 102°F)

See a healthcare provider if you or your child has:

- A sore throat that lasts longer than 1 week
- Difficulty swallowing or breathing

- Excessive drooling (young children)
- Temperature higher than 100.4°F
- Pus on the back of the throat
- Rash
- Hoarseness lasting longer than 2 weeks
- Blood in saliva or phlegm
- Symptoms of dehydration (dry, sticky mouth; sleepiness or tiredness; thirst; decreased urination or fewer wet diapers; few or no tears when crying; muscle weakness; headache, dizziness or lightheadedness)
- Contact with someone with strep throat
- Recurring sore throats

Antibiotics are only needed if strep throat is detected. One should not return to work or school until they have been on antibiotics and are fever free for 24 hours.

viewpoint

to the editor

Dear Editor,

Headline in the June 16 Lowell Ledger - [School district works to eliminate over \$3 million from its budget.] [In that article there's 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.] But I did not read anything about reducing the cost of their health care or pensions in the article. You would think if the administration was serious in saving Lowell's school district money that they would bring these subjects to the forefront. Michigan was ranked at 37th among states in per capita personal income at \$34,025 in 2009 while Michigan's school teachers average pay was ranked at 8th in the nation at approximately

\$65,285 in 2009-2010. Michigan taxpayers now spend approximately two billion dollars per year for school employee health care insurance. Teachers, on average, contribute four percent to their own health care premiums compared to the state average contribution of 22 percent. Michigan's retirement assessment is now at a record high. Hopefully, in the near future the school administration will focus tirelessly on reducing the cost of teachers' benefits. Hopefully, the next time teachers march on the capital for more school funding, they are reminded of the two billion dollars that they are costing the system in just health care insurance.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard
Lowell

To the Editor,

I would like to take this time to show our appreciation to the City of Lowell and the Lowell Charter Township water customers for their patience and understanding during the down time of the water softening process at the Water Treatment and Filtration Plant. Any questions or concerns about your water quality, please call our facility.

George Regan
Plant Superintendent

Dear Editor,

The wife and I enjoyed figuring out the hometown crossword puzzle. We were hoping to see another one in the next issue. Also would like to have them be a bit easier.

C.L. Giessner

outdoors

birding

Dave Stegehuis

Bird watching is an outdoor activity which is taken seriously by a large number of people. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 51.3 million people are birders.

I don't travel far and wide to locate and identify a particular species, but if I happen to be in an area where there is a bird I haven't seen before or is considered rare, I will seek it out. For example, we spent a considerable amount of time and effort to find the Kirtland's Warbler which nests only in young jack pines in a relatively small area in Northern Michigan. The bird is still on the endangered list but is doing much better because of habitat management by the state. A few weeks back we were surprised to find

Herring gulls nesting in south central Alaska, and last week a Northern Oriole, also known as a Baltimore Oriole, was nesting in a tree above our camp in the western Upper Peninsula.

Seeking out birds in their native habitat requires all of the skills necessary for hunting big game. These include knowledge of the habitat where the bird is found, its daily habits, and life cycle. A successful hunt can produce a photograph or at least a fond memory of the encounter.

Bird watching gear for serious birders should include proper clothing and footwear for the season and locality. A quality field guide for bird identification will provide pictures and descriptions of your quarry, as well as the specific habitat where the bird is found and the seasons. Knowing the nesting habits and the song

of the bird provides additional information to help locate the bird. Learning to identify birdcalls adds another dimension to the birding experience. The difference between related members of a species can be subtle and careful observation is required to accurately identify the individual, so a good is binocular almost a necessity. An 8 power by 32 mm objective lens (8X32) binocular will provide adequate magnification and a good field of view as well as enough light to sharpen the image.

Whatever your reason for being out in the woods, fields, or mountains, your days outdoors will be more meaningful if you have knowledge of the wildlife you may encounter. Considering all of the plants and animals out there, a quiet woodlot can be a very interesting and exciting place. Walk softly, be observant, and be surprised by what you hear and see.

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By Shelly MacNaughton

125 Years Ago
The Lowell Journal
July 4, 1885
Bernard Petted, living near Alaska in this county, was badly poisoned by handling Paris Green.
A street owned by Geo. Haskins dropped dead in the street Monday while being ridden by a boy.
A blue racer, nearly six feet long, was killed a few miles south of this village one day last week.

100 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
June 30, 1910
Handbags that are a wonder for size and quality, \$1.00 at Payne's.
Born, in Lowell, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Jones, June 21, a daughter.
The public library will be open to patrons in the new quarters at the City Hall Tuesday, July 5.

75 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo
July 4, 1935
That Lowell will rank with the most progressive cities of Michigan in the enjoyment of airport facilities

appears to be within the realm of possibility as a result of the proposal of the federal government to construct many hundreds of new airports throughout the country as part of the four-billion-dollar public works program. Village President John Arehart informed The Ledger, this Wednesday morning, that tentative official approval has been given for the construction of a new reservoir for the village of Lowell and also for the construction of 2915 feet of 15 inch sewer and 5264 feet of 12 inch sewer in the southwest section of the village under the federal government's four-billion-dollar public works program.

50 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
June 30, 1960
Heavy duty grading equipment moved into operation last Friday morning at the site of the new Attwood Corporation plant, preparing the way for construction. Top soil near the river edge will be stripped away and the site of the plant will be built up. According to Edward Ward, Attwood engineer and official in charge of plant relocation, the building will lie 8 feet above the level of the river to eliminate the danger of floods. Lowell's record flood, which occurred in 1904, reached a level of approximately 6 feet above normal.

25 Years Ago
The Grand Valley Ledger
July 3, 1985
Bob Ford approached the Lowell City Council, Monday evening, with a request to build a home run fence at the Recreation Park softball field and explained that the construction costs to erect the six foot high wood fence are about \$8,000. The fence is designed to accommodate advertising placards. Ford says that if all the available sign space is sold at the rates he has set, one year of advertising will generate about \$10,000. Ford proposes that revenues from the advertising should be used to cover initial construction costs in the first year and then used to maintain and upgrade Recreation Park until 1989. After 1989, Ford proposes that the advertising revenues be used to develop other recreational facilities.

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Declare your own financial Independence Day
The Fourth of July is almost upon us. To commemorate Independence Day, we shoot off fireworks, attend picnics and maybe even walk in parades. While it might not be as dramatic, another celebration of freedom should eventually play a big role in your life — specifically, your personal Financial Independence Day. And you can speed the arrival of this day by making the right moves.
Here are a few ideas to consider:
• **Boost your 401(k) contributions.** To build the resources you'll need to become financially independent during your retirement years, you should take full advantage of your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan. Whenever your salary goes up, try to contribute more to your 401(k). Generally, your contributions are made with pretax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. And your contributions grow on a tax-deferred basis. In 2010, you can put up to \$16,500 into your 401(k), or \$22,000 if you're 50 or older.
• **"Max out" on your IRA.** In 2010, you can contribute up to \$5,000 to your IRA, or \$6,000 if you're 50 or older. Your traditional IRA contributions may be deductible, depending on your income level, and your earnings can grow tax deferred. Contributions to a Roth IRA are never deductible, but earnings can grow tax free, provided you don't take withdrawals until you're 59½ and you've held your account at least five years.
• **Build an emergency fund.** Try to build an emergency fund, containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, placed in a liquid account. Without such a fund, you may be forced to dip into your long-term investments to pay for needs, such as a new furnace or a big doctor's bill — and

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college news

Alison Huffman of Lowell has been named a recipient of a Faculty Scholarship to Grand Valley State University. Huffman, a recent graduate of Lowell High School, is the daughter of Eric and Sue Huffman.



Alison Huffman

To be considered for a Faculty Scholarship, the recipient must have a 3.6 high school grade point average (GPA), a minimum ACT score of 29, and attend a scholarship competition. The award is renewable for three additional years with a minimum of a 3.5 GPA or better.

Jane Ramsay was among 115 seniors awarded the Burger King continuing education scholarship of \$1,000.

Since 2001, Quality Dining has funded over \$1,065,000 in continuing education scholarships for deserving high school seniors. The Burger King Scholarship was designed to recognize students who work part-time and experience success on the job as well as maintain academic standards and are also involved in co-curricular and/or community service activities. The recipient may be, but does not have to be, a Burger King employee.

Ramsay is a graduate of Lowell High School and is planning on attending Grand Valley State University.

Ian Blodger, an English and Philosophy major at Hillsdale College, was named to the Dean's List for the 2010 spring semester. He is the son of Mark and Karen Blodger of Lowell and is a 2009 graduate of Lowell High School.

Erin Beaddows of Ada was among those honored on the Lewis University Deans' List for spring semester 2010. To be eligible for this honor, students must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of credit with a grade point average of 3.25 out of a possible 4.0.

David R. VanderMark of Alto was among those honored on the University of Northwestern Ohio Deans' List for the March 2010

session in the College of Technologies. He is the son of Gary and Bonnie VanderMark of Alto. To be eligible for the Dean's List the student must be full time and receive a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Colleen Myers, of Lowell, was placed on the Dean's List at Davenport University for the winter 2010. She is the daughter of Karen Myers of Lowell and Bill Myers of Ada.

Jenna V. Den Houter graduated with her DVM degree from Michigan State University on May 7, 2010. Dr. Den Houter is practicing at the Dickman Road Veterinary Clinic in Battle Creek.

Benjamin V. Den Houter graduated from Calvin College with a B.A. in Philosophy. He is planning for further graduate studies in the fall of 2011.

Quality Dining, Inc., a local Burger King franchisee, has announced that 47 of their Michigan and Indiana employees received \$1,000 scholarships funded by the Burger King Have It Your Way! Foundation and eight employees received \$5,000 scholarships from the James W. McLamore Family Foundation. A total of \$19,000 has been awarded

locally. Four Grand Rapids area employees received the \$1,000 scholarship and three employees received the \$5,000 scholarship. The awards were made possible due to Quality Dining, Inc.'s support of the Burger King Scholars Program.

Grand Rapids area Burger King employee recipients include:

- \$5,000: Adrienne Andries, Ionia (A graduate of Ionia High School plans on attending Lansing Community College)
- \$5,000: Krista Maynard, Belding (A graduate of Belding High School plans on attending Montcalm Community College)

- \$5,000: Erin Schaffer, Westphalia (A graduate of Westphalia High School plans on attending Baker College of Owosso)
- \$1,000: Ethan Drain, Lowell (A graduate of Lowell High School plans on attending Central Michigan University)

- \$1,000: Cody Kleeves, Belmont (A graduate of Comstock Park High School plans on attending Cornerstone University)
- \$1,000: Kayla Malone, Grandville (A graduate of Jenison High School plans on attending Western Michigan University)

- \$1,000: Ryan Versen, Grand Rapids (A graduate of Kenowa Hills

High School plans on attending Cornerstone University)

Scholarships were awarded to qualified high school seniors and undergraduate students that maintain academic standards, have been a Burger King employee for at least one year, demonstrate participation in community service and/or co-curricular activities, maintain a positive attitude in school and on the job and will enroll or are enrolled in a full or part-time

course of study at an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational/technical school. The recipients competed with hundreds of Burger King employees nationwide.

In addition to the Burger King employee scholarships, Quality Dining, Inc. has funded over \$1,065,000 in continuing education scholarships in Michigan and Indiana since 2001 through the Burger King Scholars Program.



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- JULY 1**
Brandon Hewitt, Dylan Borton, Amy Markel.
- JULY 2**
Bradley Ball, Marilyn Sauber, Brandon Lee, Logan Brenk, Landon Trierweiler, Ryan Lynne Roth, Mary Jo Buechler, Calihan Janowiak.
- JULY 3**
Alice Ryder, Jamie Capen, Maxin Ligman, Janet Bieri.
- JULY 4**
Anne Armstrong, Barb Austin, Zachary Rhodes, Tara Sherman, Dan DeHaan.
- JULY 5**
Dave Burdette, Jacob Hiskey, Randi Ellis, Phyllis Condon, Brennan Page, Devinne Ossewaarde, Bob Canfield, Dee Doyle, Junie Hoag.
- JULY 6**
Marty DeYoung, Jason Barber, Amy Stencel, Darrel Hesche, Chris Page, Ed Walling, Jan Bieri.

Mr. Showboat remembered, continued

"He meant the world to me. He was a fantastic man. I am glad I knew him."

- Nick Blough

beacon for God. His spirit will live on in our community forever, because he has touched so many lives and given from his heart. It's not very often that people like Ivan come along and not every community can be truly blessed by someone like him."

"The most important thing is that his life is a legacy; one that we all need to look at and see what part of his legacy we can take forward. Maybe today is a new day for you, a time for you to think about what really is important in life! We can't all be an Ivan Blough, but we can all do a little bit to make our life and community better."

"Ivan K Blough was an outstanding volunteer in the community. He was an intricate part of any construction project at the museum. The Victorian rooms and the Victorian porch are a few examples of his workmanship," said Pat Allchin, museum director.

"I could write an article on all the projects, exhibits, oral histories, or school programs Ivan took part in for the museum. His passion and his love for the museum will always be present in the things that he built. It has been a great honor to have been able to work with him and get to know someone so special. It will take several people to fill his shoes. The Lowell Area Historical Museum has been truly blessed to have

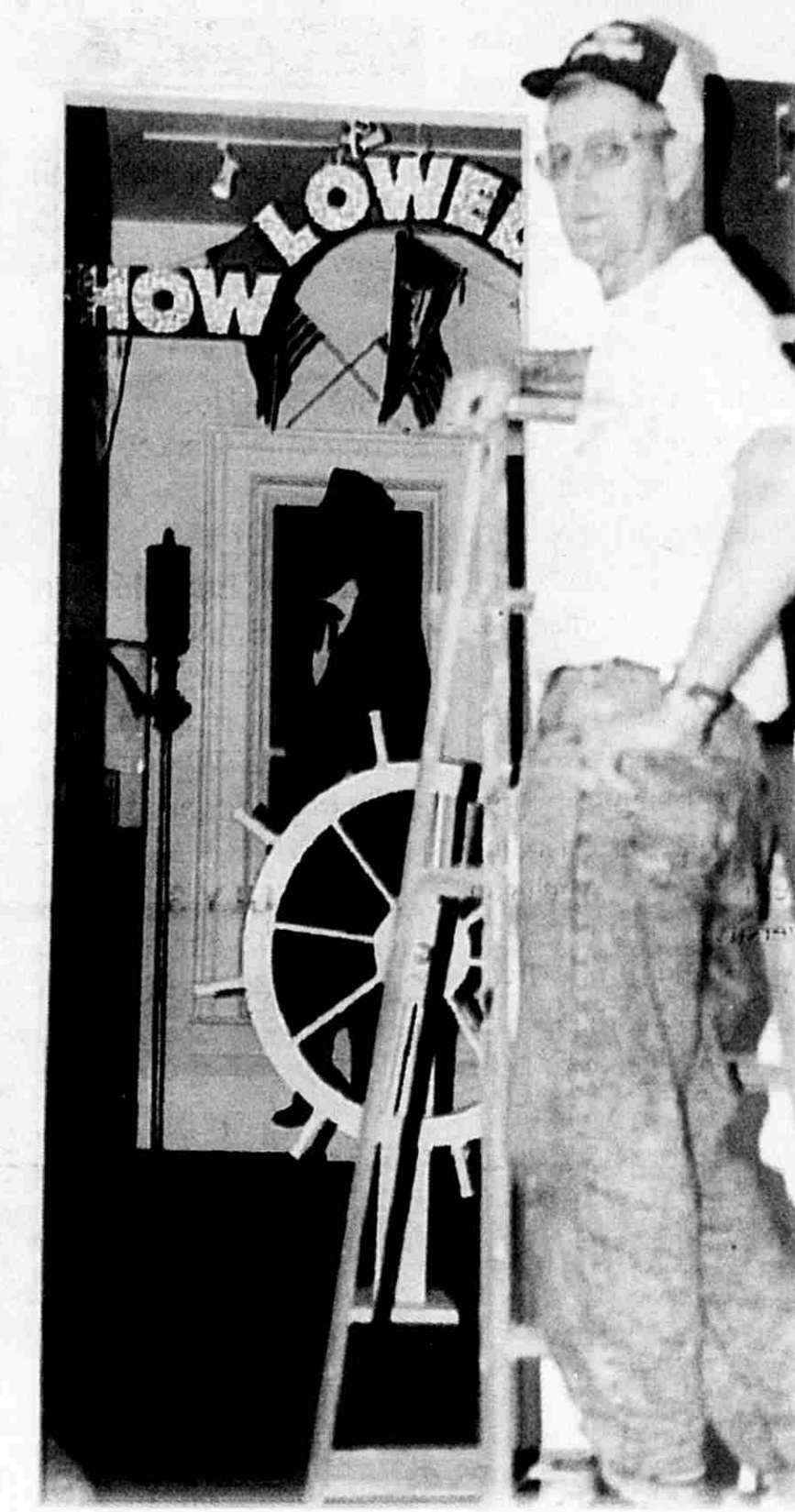
Board and made the cable TV happen.

"He was instrumental with the beginning of cable TV," said Hodges.

City manager Dave Pasquale said Ivan was heavily connected with the Showboat.

"He was deeply rooted in community," Pasquale said.

Ivan died while mowing the lawn by the Boy Scout cabin on Saturday. His funeral will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at the high school performing arts center.



Nicknamed "Pig Pen" for his propensity to get in the dirt during a game, Ivan Blough was proud of his accomplishments playing softball.

At left, Blough is pictured working on a display at the Lowell Area Historical Museum.



Financial Focus, continued

the more you tap into your investments, the longer it will be until you can attain financial freedom.

• Cut down on your debt. It's easier said than done, but by reducing your debt load, you'll have more money to invest for the future. You might want to start by eliminating the smallest debts first, then moving on to whittle away at the bigger ones.

• Don't "over-focus" on your investment statements. Obviously, you want to know how your investments are performing, but you may be better off not checking on

your investments every day, or even every week. When you pay extremely close attention to the movements of your investments, your emotions may lead you to make decisions based on short-term events rather than long-term goals. Invest with your head, not your heart.

• Avoid "time traps." Many people know they need a certain amount of money at a certain time for a specific goal, such as a down payment on a home, the first college tuition payment or even the first year's living expenses during retirement. Yet they get into trouble because

they set aside the money in an inappropriate investment — that is, one whose price can fluctuate greatly. If you know when you're going to need the money, put it in a lower-risk investment and avoid the time trap. Taking these steps won't instantly enrich you. But eventually, they can lead you down the path to your personal Financial Independence Day — and that may be reason enough to celebrate.

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Farmers' Market offers abundance of fresh produce

Farmers' Market this week offered shelled peas, raspberries, strawberries, cherries, baked goods and fresh flowers.

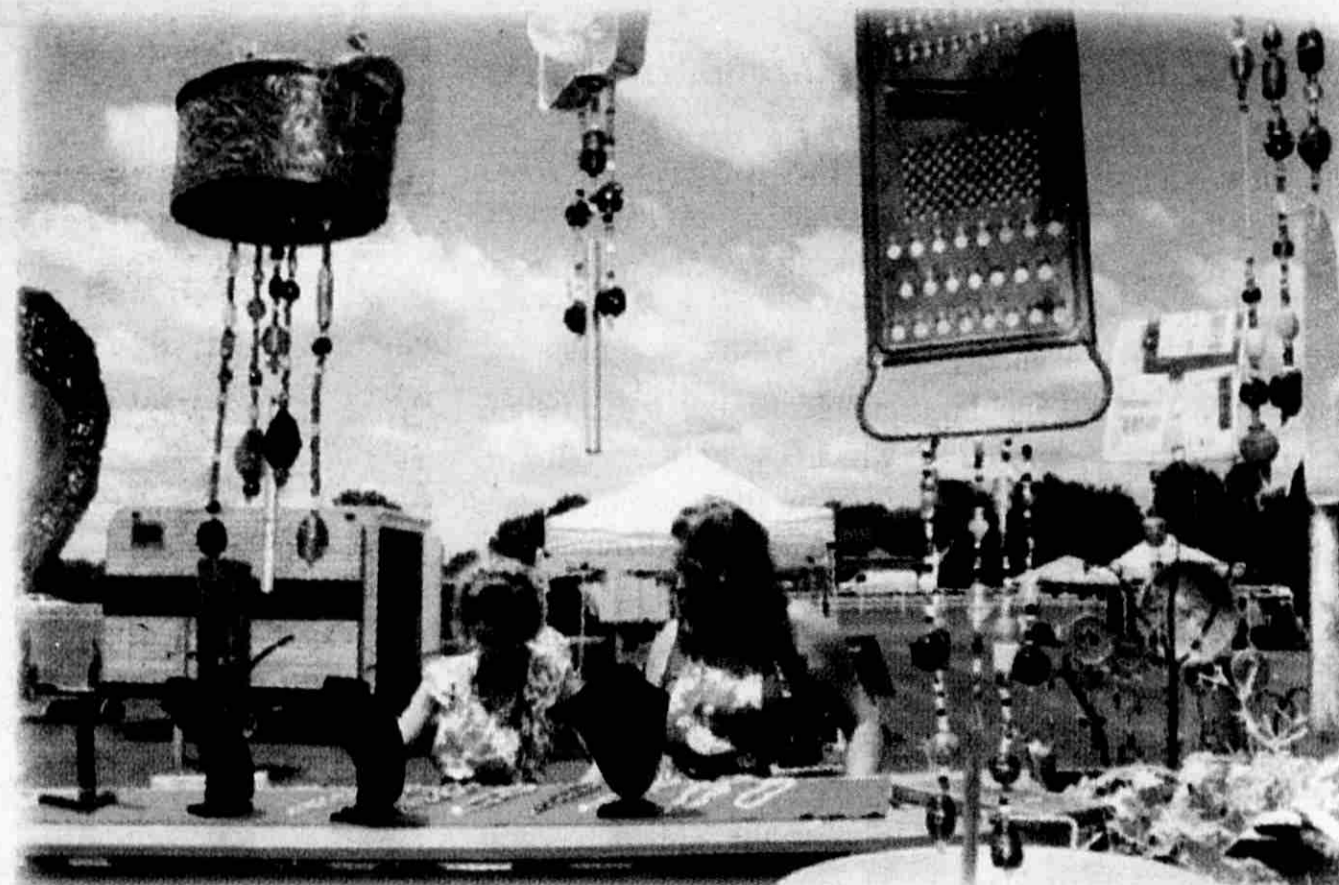
Vendors, both local and from the surrounding communities, set up canopies and tables well prior to the opening at 2 p.m. The market hours have been extended this year from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., just in time to catch a tune at the nearby Sizzlin' Summer concerts.

Pictured, clockwise, are: Derek and Dillon Grost of Rasch Farms, located on Lincoln Lake and 4 Mile, have been coming to the market since it started. Among other produce, they were selling raspberries for \$4.

Deb and Elisha Bravata of Wild Iris from Caledonia and Middleville. They peddled jewelry, cut flowers and artwork.

Rachel Gunnink and Lu Baxter, of Flower Farm in Alto, set up a canopy and tables for floral sales.

"It has been even par with last year," said Gunnink.



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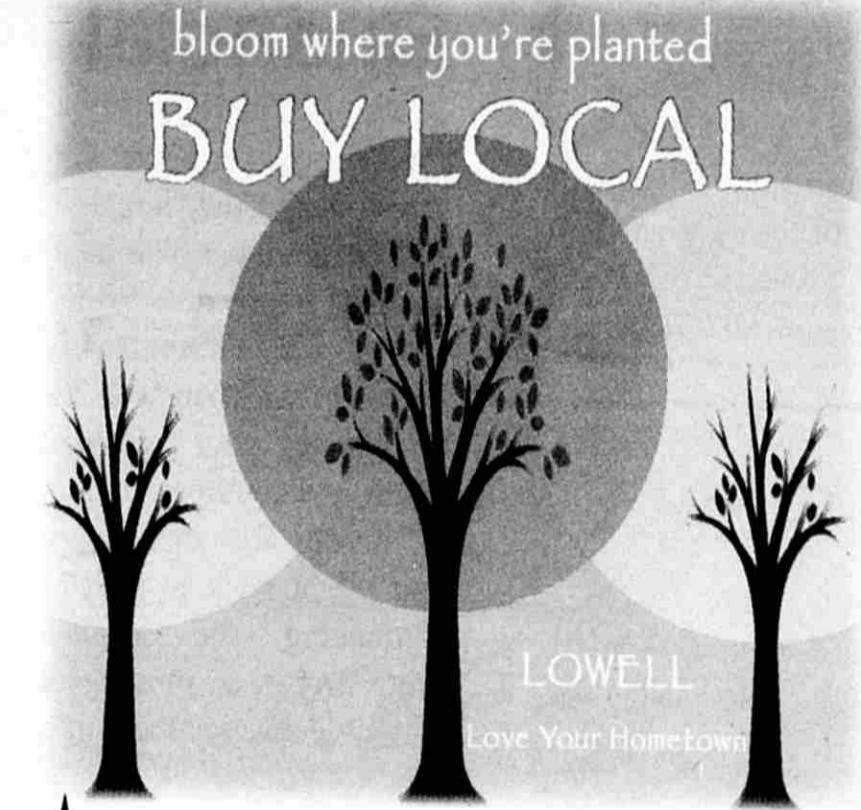
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on June 21, 2010, the following ordinances were adopted: Ordinance 03-2010 Fence Regulations, and Ordinance 05-2010 Non-farm Dwelling Regulation. Summaries of each follow:

Ordinance No. 03-2010 - An amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance regarding fences and clear vision areas. The fence amendments establish location and height requirements for fences as well as construction, type of fence materials and maintenance requirements. The clear vision amendments would restrict the height of structures and plantings within 15 feet of an intersection as measured from the right of way lines.

Ordinance No. 05-2010 - an amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance to delete Section 5.06(a) which regulates the number of non-farm dwellings in a quarter section in the AG-1 Zone and re-numbers the remaining portions of section 5.06 accordingly.

The ordinances shall become effective July 7, 2010. A complete copy of each ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township



★ In The Service

Army Spec. Owen Muhich has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training. During the nine weeks of basic combat training, the soldier received training

in drill and ceremonies, weapons employment, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid skills, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield

operations and tactics, and experienced use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

The Advanced Individual Training course is designed to train infantry soldiers to perform reconnaissance operations; employ, fire and recover anti-personnel and anti-tank mines; locate and neutralize land mines and operate target and sight equipment; operate and maintain communications equipment and radio networks; construct field firing aids for infantry weapons; and perform infantry combat exercises and dismounted battle drills, which includes survival procedures in a nuclear, biological or chemical contaminated area.

He is the son of Steve Muhich and Deborah Taber of Ada. The specialist graduated in 2003 from Forest Hills Central High School and received a bachelor's degree in 2008 from Grand Valley State University.

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Children learn area history at Lowell museum

submitted by Pat Allchin

The Lowell Area Historical Museum has been bustling with activity. School tours have been presented as part of the Lowell Area Schools' educational curriculum since the museum opened in 2001. Executive director Pat Allchin says, "The museum's goal is to educate these children so that they will become inspired about our city's history and the unique history of the Graham home. We are proud of the Lowell Area Historical Museum and all of our children's programs, and want to enrich as many students as we can. Our goal is to create a positive experience about the past that will then expand into pride for our community. This should help insure that all can become good stewards for the future."

This year a total of 470 Lowell elementary students toured the museum. The curriculum-based tour for third graders is entitled *Past versus the Present* and helps guide them to think about how modern inventions have changed our lives. For example, a hand-held fan has been replaced by an electric fan or air conditioner; a bucksaw has been replaced by a chainsaw; and a handkerchief has been

replaced by Kleenex or paper napkins.

The *Grandma's Trunk* program, presented by Education and Program Director Luanne Kaeb and assisted by Curt Kaeb, is another children's program which is presented to all of Lowell's second grade students. It is taken into the classrooms and is a hands-on education about early pioneer life and their daily routine to survive. It includes *The Story of the Trunk* and how it traveled with the people from Switzerland to Lowell, Michigan.

This year, the *Native American Lifeways* program had a new setting. It was presented by Luanne Kaeb, at Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience Center's cabin during Michigan History Week, May 17-24. This program educates students on the Native American way of life and how they hunted, cooked, and dressed and even teaches them the games that children played. The fourth grade classes who attended also enjoyed the Farming Program interpreted by Ivan K. Blough and the hands-on planting of veggies in the community garden.

Upcoming Museum programs include a one day hands-on "Native American Workshop" for children ages 8-14. The Wittenbach/



Luanne Kaeb instructs a group of kids during a Native American workshop at the museum.

Wege Agriscience Center will provide the location for this unique opportunity to be held on Thursday, July 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Most activities will be held outside. Children will be able to choose two of the four crafts offered and will be served a Native American style lunch. For more information about any of the programs, contact the Lowell Area Historical Museum, 897-7688.

Daggett wins feature event at I-96

submitted by T.J. Buftenbarger and Richard Bila

Dustin Daggett won Saturday night's feature event at I-96 Speedway. The win was Daggett's sixth in a row at the Lake Odessa half-mile oval in ASCS SOD competition and seventh win of the 2009 season.

Daggett started in 10th after suffering a flat tire in his heat race event and used a tremendous start to quickly shoot through the field and take the lead from his father after the restart for the only caution flag during the 25-lap event.

"The car was on a rail," said Daggett in victory lane. "I need to thank Phil and Marty Mott, my family, crew, and all of my sponsors."

Mike Daggett and Louie Carufel started on the front row with Mike Daggett leading into turn one. Dustin Daggett used a tremendous start to move into fourth by the second corner and third by the end of the first lap. Daggett then quickly disposed of Steve Irwin for second and started to chase down his father for the lead.

Dustin caught his father for the lead when the caution flag occurred for Sean Robinson's off-track excursion. Mike Daggett hung on for a couple of laps after the restart battling high

and low with his son until Dustin was able to dive under his father to take the lead off turn two.

From there Dustin Daggett took off and lapped up to sixth place at the finish. Gregg Dalman came on late in the event and eventually took second place away from Irwin to maintain his point lead. Brett Mann and Tim Norman rounded out the top five.

Gary Fast, Gregg Dalman, and Steve Irwin won heat race events. Tim Norman won the dash after two drivers were penalized from a jumped start.

Also racing on the half-mile track were the UMP mods. Lap one of the feature saw two former track champions, Todd Feutz and Shannon Fisk, bring the field to the green flag. During the first lap, Jacob Poel, Tim Stemler and Mark Anderson brought out the yellow with a wreck on the back-stretch. Poel went pit side for repairs and later returned several laps down. Back under green and Fisk led the first lap. During the fourth lap, Steve Shellenberger went off turn one hard, bringing out the red flag. Shellenberger's car was pretty torn up, but he was okay.

Back under green flag

racing, with Fisk leading, Feutz tried to pass Fisk pulling alongside on the

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Lowell Middle School third trimester honor roll

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SEVENTH GRADE:
 Alderink, Anthony; Annable, Allison; Barber, Maxwell; Barnes, Tanner; Bazem, Rachel; Bieri, Daniel; Bigham, John; Bladey, Abrielle; Blattner, Nathan; Blough, Maria; Bohr, Alexander; Bonney, Michael; Boot, Ian; Boulton, Santana; Bozman, Mikayla; Branagan, Josh; Breimayer, Zachary; Briggs, Hannah; Bronkella, Laurel; Buechler, Joshua; Bush, Katelyn; Bush, Mackenzie; Carpenter, Amy; Casalina, Angela; Cater, Colleen; Chapdelaine, Alexandra; Chapin, Tess; Clark, Jay; Clay, Mitchell; Conner, Braylin; Cook, Amber; Cornell, Emily; Cornish, Ciara; Coxon, Kennedy; Crosby, Paul; Cummings, Bailey; Curtis, Serbenta, Ashley; Shurlov, Trevor; Smit, Austin; Smith, Kyle; Smith, Madison; Sprague, Jacob; Steed, Gabriel; Steffen, Brooke; Stevens, Ryan; Stockreef, Allyson; Stormzand, Bailey; Struckmeyer, Andrew; Sutton, Hayden; Talalay, Joshua; Taylor, Katie; Thalison, Carter; Tidd, Lakota; Timmerman, Devan; Urban, Jamie-Lynn; VandenBerg, Micaela; VanderMark, Courtney; VanDerWarf, Kenneth; VanEnk, Morgan; VanLaan, Breanna; Vescolani, Isabella; Warning, Calvin; Washburn, Kyle; Watson, Courtney; Webster, Amanda; Weed, Douglas; Weeks, Donelle; Wester, Kyle; Whittsett, Brian; Wilterdink, Sarena; Wittenbach, Morgan; Worsley, Christian; Worthington, Summer; Yates, North; Ysasi, Alysia; and Ziomkowski, Mallory.

EIGHTH GRADE:
 Alberts, Isobel; Anderson, Kelvin; Anible, Michael; Antel, Shelby; Ashenbrenner, Kiersten; Baker, Lauren; Barton, Nicholas; Bauman, Zachary; Beachler, Kortney; Bearup, Joshua; Beers, Dominic; Bergin, Connor; Bertone-Haywood, Patrick; Bieri, Austin; Bigham, Benjamin; Bishop, Tyler; Bitely, Ashley; Bladey, Kaeziah; Blake, Michael; Blanchard, Lauren; Blattner, Brie; Blough, Emmalee; Bocskey, Alexis; Borton, Hayleigh; Botma, Kailey; Branagan, Brittany; Brenner, Isaac; Brinks, Randal; Brower, Dylan; Brown, Madeline; Brubaker, Travis; Canfield, Katherine; Carey, Taylor; Carvajal, Blythe; Chapman, Makela; Chappell, Sarah; Churches, Hannah; Churches, Levi; Cummings, Abigail; Cupp, Jason; Darby, Alyssa; Davies, Kayleigh; Davis, Justin; Dean, Kanon; DeBoer, Luke; Decker, Kaelobb; DenBraven, Ryan; DeVito, Nicholas; Dlouhy, Alexander; Dubisky, Allysen; Duma, Erin; Duma, Isaac; Engels, Hunter; Everhart, Max; Falkenstern, Madeline; Fitzpatrick, Hannah; Flentje, Caleb; Flier, Cassandra; Fogarty-Thomas, Michael; Fotis, Zachary; Fox, Sydney; Frederickson, Makenzie; Fuller, Morgan; Garter, Tyler; Gordon, Garrett; Graves, Jessica; Griffioen, Michelle; Groendyke, Morgan; Groom, Parker; Grover, Noel; Haan, Kathryn; Hale, Paige; Harris, Taylare; Hayden, Krelli; Heikkila, Britney; Hess, Nicholas; Hewett, Mackenzie; Holmes, Madison; Houston, Jeffrey; Inda, Grace; Jack, Bailey; Jahnke, Zachary; Johnson, Anna; Kaminski, Alex; Kaywood, Zachary; Kazen, Jordan; Kelsey, Liam; Kloosterman, Luke; Krajewski, Derek; Kramer, Mallory; Krelli, Austin; Landheer, Brianna; Larson, Joshua; Larson, Tristan; Lazar, Matthew; Lubbers, Ryan; Lubitz, Vanessa; Lytle, Jordan; Majnska, Catherine; Martin, Brittany; McBride, Brianna; McCormick, Alyssa; McCready, Kennedy; McKenna, Paige; McKaughton, Catherine; Menzel, Joshua; Metternick, Andrew; Mitchell, Adrian; Mitchell, Carl; Mohr, Athena; Moseler, Kaelyn; Mullin, Kelsey; Murray, Sarah; North, Jacob; Oesch, Sarah; Paffhausen, Emily; Paiz, Mallory; Perkins, Morgan; Perry, Paige; Petersen, Jacob; Peterson, Benjamin; Peterson, Chase; Phelps, Rachel; Phillips, Tonya; Plunkett, Jacob; Plutschow, Meghan; Poll, Jacob; Pomper, Keaton; Proefke, Nicholas; Ritsema, Sean; Roberts, Bailey; Rozell, Paige; Sage, Samantha; Saunders, Jenna; Selli, Cody; Sellner, Casey; Senneker, Brett; Sherrill, Austin; Shurlov, Kyle; Simmons, Jackson; Sirowatka, Austin; Sirowatka, Christian; Slaktoski, Mark; Slupe, McKenzie; Smith, Karah; Smith, Michelle; Smith, Nicholas; Smoes, Tyler; Sova, Rachel; Spaulding, Kourtney; Stadt, Madison; Starkey, Danielle; Starkey, Michelle; Stasiak, Hailey; Steed, Aubreigh; Stehley, Garrett; Stephens, Jacob; Stoffers, Forrest; Stormzand, Ashlee; Strzyzewski, Brandon; Summerfield, Quinn; Sweet, Jacob; Taylor, Trevor; Theisen, Joshua; Tremblay, Alexandra; VandenBerg, Marc; vanOverbeek, Sydney; VanOverloop, Kimberly; VanTil, Evelyn; Walters, Rachael; Walters, Ryan; Wenger, Jeremiah; Whorley, Thaddeus; Willemstein, Madelynn; Wise, Cuerstan; Wold, Kaylee; Woodman, Alexander; Wyckoff, Jonathan; Young, Shelby; and Yuhas, Katelyn.

The Tale of the Troll, Part XII

By Amy Hayes
 Hmmm, so did Doughboy land in a heap of trouble for neglecting to pick up his mother at Salon 206? His fear of getting grounded was quickly replaced by his fear of, "what happened?" as he made his way to Salon 206 only to find it surrounded by ambulances, police cars, and a fire truck. What in the world was going on?
 Doughboy inched his way through the gathered crowd to peer into the salon to see if he could learn what was the cause of all the commotion. Sure enough, the place was packed. It was wall to wall trolls and regular folks in what appeared to be a rather heated debate. It looked to him like a rally taking place, but upon closer inspection it became clear that Mrs. Troll was in a dead
 away faint on the floor. He also saw that Iris, from D & L Tax Service was in a state of shock, with what looked like shocking pink hair, and Ms. Gertrude from Alliance Insurance Agency looked to be missing her hair altogether. There was even smoke emanating from Ms. Gertrude's head. What was that about?
 Doughboy spotted his mom in all the chaos and rushed to her side to learn what was happening in her salon. Hairy-it, Doughboy's mom, had been styling the troll's hair successfully for the past 15 years and had never had a day like the one that was unfolding around her.
 Usually Salon 206 was a tranquil place filled with laughter, stories, and a place to be pampered. Clearly today was an exception. Hairy-it started to tell her son the crazy tale of the past few hours.
 It all started when Iris came to her appointment carrying a stack of the latest IRS publications regarding all the tax law changes for 2010. Now Iris is a sweetheart, but Hairy-it knew she had to try to talk her "too serious" friend into shaking things up a bit. Iris could make tax season seem like a vacation for all her clients because she knew the laws inside and out. There wasn't a tax return that Iris couldn't tackle when she helped at D & L Tax Services. She was a genius, not so much a genius when it came to "cutting loose."
 So, Hairy-it finally talked Iris into changing her look altogether.
 She had Iris convinced a

safe driver. She was convinced she could save all the teens in town money.
 Hairy-it was quite used to listening to Ms. Gertrude just ramble on and on. Ms. Gertrude was right, however, Alliance Insurance did have some great rates and it was worth getting a quote. It was just difficult letting Ms. Gertrude know she was "right" about anything.
 So, it seemed like things were moving along smoothly, a typical day in the salon. Hairy-it moved on to start removing the foils from Iris's hair and asked her co-worker to do the comb-out on Ms. Gertrude.
 When she removed the first foil from Iris's hair and saw the shocking fuchsia color, well, Hairy-it knew something was very wrong. Hairy-it quickly rotated Iris's chair so that Iris could not see her reflection in any mirror. Iris could, however, read the expressions on the other patron's faces and she herself sensed a problem. Then Ms. Gertrude caught a glimpse of Iris and in an attempt to drown out Ms.
 Gertrude's shrieks, her stylist quickly turned on her blow-dryer. As luck would have it, the blow-dryer shorted out and a spark landed in Ms. Gertrude's hair.
 The spark somehow ignited because the spray they were using had been clearly tampered with.
 Yep, you guessed the reason the fire truck was there. Ms. Gertrude's hair was ablaze. At that particular moment, Mrs. Troll rushed into Salon 206 screaming about stolen blueprints. Mrs. Troll took in the scene of "fuchsia-haired" Iris and "fire-head" Ms. Gertrude and Mrs. Troll flat-out fainted, hence the ambulance. Oh, and everyone was convinced that these accidents were not "accidents" at all, but perhaps foul play. Ergo, the police.
 Huh, so Doughboy now knew why the emergency vehicles were all parked outside Salon 206. What he did not know was how this would all play out, and neither will you, unless you tune in next week.

Slim lead held by South Lowell in annual Food Fight

Submitted by Rick Seese
 After six lead changes and 8,356 food items donated to Flat River Outreach Ministries Food Pantry, the South Lowell team leads the North Lowell team by a mere 34 food items. As the third quarter comes to a close this Wednesday, the total non-perishable food items collected is just 140 shy of the total food items collected in the 2009 Food Fight.
 There have been a total of 54 businesses, churches and organizations that have collected for the contest so far this year, but participation is expected to rise as the competition nears the finish.
 The fourth quarter will begin Thurs., July 1 and end at the conclusion of the "FROM the HEART" Riverwalk parade on Sat., July 10. Forty-two businesses continue to offer Food Fight Specials in exchange for non-perishable food items.
 There are now North and South monetary donation buttons on the website. Each dollar donated counts as one food item for the team of your choice.
 More information is available in The Lowell Ledger and Buyers Guide, or at www.FROMfoodfight.org

Bridge buck winners

This week's Bridge Buck winners: the \$50 winner is: Kathy Ogrodzinski; \$20 winners are: Ruth Wise, Simon Kelley, Terri Holst, Susan L. Kline and Judy Potter; and the \$10 winners are: Stephanie Sherman, Sue Clay, Tammy Petersen, June Jolerig and Ann Marie Roth.

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on June 21, 2010, the following ordinance was adopted: Ordinance 04-2010 Sidewalk Maintenance Ordinance, a summary of which follows:

Ordinance No. 04-2010 - An ordinance to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by the adoption of regulations concerning the maintenance, repair, and safety of public sidewalks within the Township; imposing a duty on adjoining or abutting landowners to repair, maintain, or keep safe said sidewalks; to provide standards of proper sidewalk maintenance, construction and repair; to require indemnification of the Township by adjoining or abutting landowners for failure to repair, maintain, or keep safe said sidewalks; and to impose liability on said adjoining or abutting landowners for injuries or damages caused by their failure to perform such maintenance or repair duties.

This Ordinance shall become effective July 30, 2010. A complete copy of this ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
 Lowell Charter Township

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\$15 OFF Exam/Glasses (Restrictions Apply)	897-7000
ALL WEATHER SEAL	309 E. Main St.
10% OFF Any Purchase	897-7300
ALTO BAR (Must Call for Details)	6064 Linfield
FREE NY Strip Fri 5-8/Restrictions Apply	868-9961
ALTO BEAUTY SHOP	6077 Linfield
20% OFF Total Cost	868-6454
ARROWHEAD GOLF	2170 Alden Nash NE
\$5 OFF w/Cart Reg Open Play	897-7264
ARTIC, INC. HEATING & COOLING	
FREE 10 Yr. Warranty/FREE Estimates	897-4123
BALL'S SOFTEE CREME	503 E. Main St.
10% OFF Total Purchases	897-7878
BC PIZZA	1335 W. Main St.
20% Off Regular Price (Dine-In/Pick-up)	897-9776
BIRCHWOOD GARDEN APTS.	765 Hunt St.
FREE Backscratcher	897-8049
CANFIELD PLUMBING & HTG	411 E. Main St.
\$10 OFF Service Call	897-0887
CHIMERA DESIGN	208 E. Main St.
15% OFF Any Non-Sale Item	897-9480
COUSIN'S HALLMARK	223 W. Main St.
10% OFF Any Purchase	897-5000
CURTIS CLEANERS	1410 W. Main St.
15% OFF Regular Price/\$5 Max	897-9809
CURVES-LOWELL	11635 E. Fulton St.
Guests Try FREE On Tuesdays	897-2686
DAISY FLORAL & GIFTS	505 W. Main St.
10% OFF Any Purchase	897-2588
DEER RUN GOLF	13955 Cascade Rd. SE
2 for 1 18 holes (cart & 2 food items req)	897-8481
DERY PHYSICAL THERAPY	901 W. Main St.
FREE One Trial Exercise Class	897-7055

FROM Food Fight 2010
Boxscore
 Through Sunday, June 27

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North	1,187	1,779	1,195		4,161
South	1,685	1,287	1,223		4,195

THIRD QUARTER ENDS JUNE 30
 GAME ENDS ON JULY 10 AFTER THE "FROM THE HEART" RIVERWALK PARADE
www.FROMfoodfight.org
 For up to date scoring, pictures and stories

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES

WEEKLY FOOD FIGHT SPECIALS!
 June 27—July 3
 Bring in a non-perishable food item and get:

FLAT RIVER GRILL	201 E. Main St.
10% OFF Food Purchase	897-8523
FROM THRIFT SHOP	11535 E. Fulton St.
\$2 OFF Total Purchases Over \$10	897-8260
FRY DADDY'S	608 W. Main St.
\$1 OFF Reg. Priced Basket	897-3474
GIGGLES & GUMDROPS	217 W. Main St.
\$5 OFF \$25+ Purchase	307-7340
GRAND CHRYSLER DODGE	930 W. Main St.
35% OFF Oil Change (Restrictions Apply)	897-9281
GREENRIDGE REALTY	1160 W. Main St.
FREE Refrigerator Picture Magnets	897-9239

HEIDI'S FARM STAND	11999 Cascade Rd. SE
40% OFF 1/2 Dozen Donuts	897-6707
ICE CREAM CABOOSE	6300 Alden Nash SE
10% OFF Purchases	868-6602
KEISER'S KITCHEN	700 E. Main St.
10% OFF Summer Salads	897-8455
LACC & LAAC (Begins June 17)	Riverwalk Plaza
FREE Thursday Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts	
LARKIN'S RESTAURANT	301 W. Main St.
10% OFF Food Purchase	897-5977
MAINLINE COFFEE	11260 E. Fulton St.
FREE 12 Oz. Coffee	Drive-Thru
MYNT FUSION BISTRO	800 W. Main St.
FREE Special Appetizer w/Entree	987-9307
PAULY'S	11250 E. Fulton St.
Shop Pauly's! Go South Team!	897-2669
REDFROG TECHNOLOGIES	1400 W. Main St.
10% OFF Any Repair/Cleaning	897-5814
RITE AID	1401 W. Main St.
20% OFF Digital Photo Order	897-9629
ROOKIES SPORTSCARDS	106 W. Main St.
20% OFF Any Board Game	897-5650
SELF SERVE LUMBER	925 W. Main St.
FREE Nail Apron w/Carpenter Pencil	897-4857
SNAP FITNESS	2173 W. Main St.
FREE One Week Trial	987-4000
SNEAKER'S BAR & GRILL	211 E. Main St.
FREE Soft Beverage w/Meal	897-6746
SPRINGROVE VARIETY	123 W. Main St.
15% OFF Purchases	897-9918
TWO SEASONS	M-21 Next to McDonald's
10% OFF Flat of Pansy's	Drive-Up
WALGREEN'S	11980 E. Fulton St.
20% OFF Photo Order	897-3160
WITTENBACH GRAND GMAC	749 W. Main St.
\$20.95 Oil Change (Restrictions Apply)	897-9227

obituaries

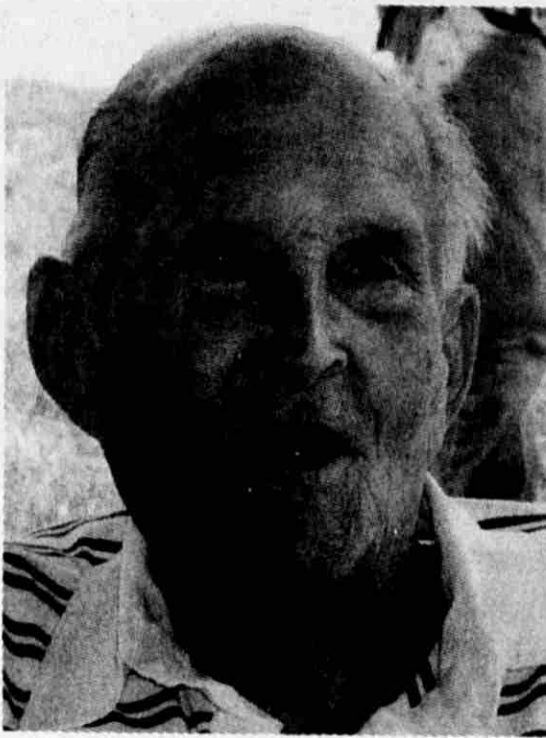
BLOUGH

Ivan K Blough, age 78, of Lowell, passed unexpectedly on Saturday, June 26, 2010 doing what he loved - volunteering for his community. He was born and raised in the Alto/Bowne Center area to parents Ira and Laura Blough. After marrying his high school sweetheart, Carolyn Jane (Barber), they moved to Lowell. His lifelong philosophy was "God, Family and Fellowship." Ivan was very active in many organizations: Boy Scouts, First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Lowell Area Schools, Lowell Area Historical Museum, and the Lowell Showboat were among his most passionate community activities. If he wasn't volunteering in the community, he could always be found at the ball field. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Jane Blough, married 58 years; children, Michael (Toni) Blough, Lucinda Winzenried and Robert MacIntyre, Mark (Janice) Blough, Melinda (Lou) D'Agostino; nine grandchildren, Nicholas Blough, Katherine Blough, Zachary Winzenried, Jacob Blough, Neal Blough, Lucas Blough, Rene Blough, Sophia D'Agostino, Matthew D'Agostino; brothers-in-law, James (Barbara) Barber, William (Ardis) Barber; many nieces, nephews and cousins; extended family, Daniel Winzenried, Doris Rhines, Christine Fonesbeck and six exchange students. Services will be Thursday, July 1, 11:00 a.m. at the Lowell Performing Arts Center, 11700 Vergennes, Lowell, with Rev. Rick Blunt and Rev. Dean Bailey, officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday 2-7:30 p.m. with a 7:30 p.m. Masonic Service Under the Auspices of Belding-Ionia Lodge #355 Free and Accepted Masons at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to either Lowell Area Historical Museum, 325 W. Main St., Lowell, MI or First United Methodist Church of Lowell, 621 E. Main St., Lowell, MI.



PORRITT

Kendall D. Porritt, 85, of Alto, joyfully slipped into the arms of Jesus on June 17, 2010. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Althea (Rosenberger); his parents, John and Fedora Marguerite (Hunt) Porritt; and his sister, Beverly Heaven. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Ethel (Vallad); children, Douglas and Sandy Vallad of Lansing, Larry and Shirley Vallad of Georgia, Steven and Margaret Vallad of South Carolina, Mark Vallad of Oklahoma, and Carol and Mark Hyzer of Alto; brother, John and Nancy Porritt of Traverse City; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held July 10 at 11 a.m. at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene, 210 N. Washington St., Lowell. Visitation will be held on Friday, July 9, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Elmdale Church of the Nazarene.



WOOD

James D. Wood, "Woody," "Papa," age 74, of Lowell, passed away on Friday, June 25, 2010 at one of his most favorite places, the golf course. Jim was a kind, loving and always cheerful man who loved all people and showed it every time he spoke with someone. His family was important and treasured by him. He attended every event of his children and grandchildren over many years. He loved to dote on his wife "Ruthie" of 52 years and she was the love of his life. Jim started selling Rainbow vacuums for Rexair as a young man and soon built his own business called "Woody's Vacuum Sales and Service," which spanned over half a century and soon expanded to include "Woody's Off the Truck Golf Sales." He also worked for Steelcase Inc. before retiring after 32 years. He will lovingly be remembered by his wife, Ruth; children, Angie (Troy) Sloan, Candi (Jeff) Bowne; three grandchildren, Nathan Sloan, Bryant Sloan-Johnson, Skylar Bowne; brothers, William (Nancy) Wood, Ronald (Jane) Wood; sisters, Winnie Onan, Margaret Kehrer; sisters-in-law, Bea (Henry) Hoekstra, Esther Newell, Lorraine Meeuwse, Dorlores Meeuwse; several nieces and nephews; stepbrothers, Howard (Barb) Briggs, Rick (Carol) Briggs, Pat (Bernard) Hendricks, Vicki Kropf, Ann (Don) Schneider; many special friends who knew him as "Woody," and all his "adopted" grandchildren who loved him and fondly referred to him as "Papa." He was preceded in death by his parents, George Wood and Dorothy Wood (Briggs); stepfather, Harry Briggs; sister, Ruth Sisson; brothers-in-law, Hugh Onan, Dick Sisson, Charles Kehrer, Russell Meeuwse, Robert Meeuwse, Wayne Meeuwse, and Clyde Newell. Funeral service was held Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at First Congregational Church of Lowell, 865 Lincoln Lake SE with Rev. Chris Schwab officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Woody LHS Sports Memorial Fund.



SHEPARD

William O. "Bill" Shepard, aged 46, of Lowell, formerly of El Paso, Texas; died unexpectedly, Saturday, June 26, 2010. He was preceded in death by his brother, Victor. He is survived by his children, Derek, Christopher, Timothy, Elizabeth "Libby" and their mother, Michelle; parents, Donald "Red" and Fawnlee Shepard; brother, Donald (Lori) Shepard; nieces, Nicole (Kenneth) Bieri and Melissa



LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 10-188683-DE

Estate of JAMES MICHAEL RIECKMAN, Date of birth: 08/30/1951.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JAMES MICHAEL RIECKMAN, who lived at 13356 Larray Lane, Cedar Springs, MI, died 06/02/2010.

Karen S. McFadden (P-57043) 403 W. Main Belding, MI 48809 616-794-1220

L. Arlene Rieckman 13356 Larray Lane Cedar Springs, MI 49319

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 10-188708-CA

In the matter of RAYMOND BURT.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: the missing and unknown heirs of RAYMOND BURT whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on 07/13/2010 at 9:00 AM at 180 Ottawa Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: to appoint a conservator for Raymond Burt.

John D. Flynn (P27413) 1275 Hawthorne Hills SE Ada, MI 49301 (616) 897-6632

Michelle Boley 121 Franklin SE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 (616) 248-1387

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE FOR TESTING OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 3, 2010 Primary Election will be conducted Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI 49331.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

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lost

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misc.

LOWELL YMCA - My daughter loves all the different exercise programs, especially the yoga. Thank for all your good work. Joice Smith.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - at Lakeside Community Church, 6201 Whitneyville Rd. Free frozen & perishable food. First Friday/month. Registration 2:30, distribution 4 p.m. Bring own containers. 616-868-6402.

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HANDYREPAIR SERVICE - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198.

LAMINATING SERVICE AVAILABLE - Next day service. Drop off & pieces will be available by 9 a.m. the next day. Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

STEVEN R. SIMKINS, ATTORNEY AT LAW - I am a lifelong resident of the Lowell community offering superior legal representation at affordable rates. Call 350-0909 for your free consultation.

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LAWN MOWING - Scheduled or on call. Price per job, not hour. 10th time FREE! 897-6173.

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR AVAILABLE FOR BABYSITTING - in the Lowell area. Please call 406-6038.

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Community Calendar

PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are on a space available basis & ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO RUN. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. We will not run ANY Garage or Rumage Sale as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

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LHS CLASS OF 1973 - Informal party on Sat., Sept. 4 at Fallsburg Park, 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. 73 grads & friends invited. More info close to the date.

FREE ADDICTIONS PROGRAM - every Friday, 7 p.m. at Bible Believers Church, 404 N. Hudson St., Lowell. For more information call 616-485-2385.

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WOMEN OF THE MOOSE - third Monday at 7:30 p.m. for business meeting.

AMERICAN LEGION CLARK-ELLIS POST 152 - meets the fourth Monday at 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post.

V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.

LOWELL SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB - meets the 31st Monday in the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington St. at 7 p.m.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Randy Jesberg at 897-4569 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372 - every Tuesday at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

CUB SCOUT PACK 3188 - meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main.

CREATIVE PLAYTIME - Fridays, July 16 to Aug. 6, 11 a.m. Fun activities that encourage creative play & early literacy. For children 6 & under with a caregiver. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. 616-784-2007.

tain View of Lowell, 11535 E. Fulton, 1 p.m. Call 897-8413.

SUMMER READING CLUB - now to Sat., Aug. 7. Sign up for Summer Reading Club. For kids entering grades 5 & under, all readers & pre-readers. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. 616-784-2007 and Alto Branch Library, 6071 Linfield Ave, Alto. 616-784-2007.

PIRATES AHOY! - Come on board for a pirate adventure with stories, games & crafts. Thurs., July 15, 1:30 p.m. Alto Branch Library, 6071 Linfield Ave, Alto. 616-784-2007.

JOHN BALL'S TRAVELING ZOO - Thurs., July 1, 1:30 p.m. Z's Kid's Club will bring the zoo to you with live animals in the library. Alto Branch Library, 6071 Linfield Ave, Alto. 616-784-2007.

FAMILY STORYTIME - Mondays, now to Aug. 2, 10:30 a.m. Share books, stories, rhymes, music & movement as a family. For children ages 6 & under with a caregiver. Alto Branch Library, 6071 Linfield Ave, Alto. 616-784-2007.

LHS CLASS OF '65 - 45th class reunion, July 10 at 6 p.m. to midnight at Victory Club, 396 Pettis, Ada. For more information call Sharon Miller Johnson, 897-7311.

ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER - 2251 W. Main. Hours: Mon. 11-5 p.m.; Tues. 6-9 p.m.; Thurs. 10-6 p.m. 987-9533. Diapers, formula, clothing & free pregnancy testing available.

EVERILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF ADA - 7144 Headley, is open every Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 1 - 4 p.m. Also by appointment. 676-9346.

Bluegrass at St. Pat's Festival



The Easy Idle bluegrass band played last week at St. Patrick's Parish Festival. The band will play again this Thursday in the Sizzlin' Summer Concert series. The festival was well attended and preceded by a 5K run.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Ordinance 2010-1

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vergennes Township Board adopted Ordinance 2010-1, amending various sections of the Zoning Ordinance, at their regularly scheduled meeting on June 21, 2010 at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI. The Ordinance amendments are summarized below:

In Chapter 2, Definitions Section, amends definitions of agriculture, child care center, family child care home and group child care home.

In Chapter 3, the R-A District, clarifications have been made to the Permitted Uses of agricultural, government owned open space and adds family child care home. In the R-A District for Special Exception Uses group child care home is added, day care centers are amended and floor area requirements are added. In the R-1 District, the purpose section is clarified, Permitted Uses are amended to add uses that were described with a pointer to the R-A district, and family child care home is added. In the R-1 Special Exception Uses, group child care home is added, day care center is amended, and floor area requirements are added. In the R-2 District, clarifications are made to the Permitted Uses and adding uses described with a pointer from R-1 and adding family child care home. In R-2 Special Exception Uses group child care home is added, clarifications to other uses, adding schools, libraries, community buildings, municipal structures and uses and churches and parish houses. In R-3 District, Permitted Uses, family child care home is added and other added specific uses described as allowed listed in the R-2 District with a pointer. In R-2 Special Exception Uses, group child care home is added, other uses are clarified and adding schools, libraries, community buildings, municipal structures and uses and churches and parish houses and floor area requirements. In the R-L District, Permitted Uses, family child care home and cemeteries are added and clarifications to other uses. In R-L Special Exception Uses, group child care home and floor area requirements are added. In the Commercial District, child care center is added to Permitted Uses and floor area requirements are amended to match the other districts numbers. In the Commercial District, family and group child care homes are added to the residential uses section.

In Chapter 4, sign section, child care home sign regulations are added. In Chapter 4, parking section, clarifications are made to the driveway parking areas, parking lighting and adding a parking formula for group child care home.

The complete ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674] or on the website at www.vergennestwp.org. These amendments take effect on the 8th day after publication.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

Lowell lacrosse players earn high honors

submitted by Eric Bredin

As a sophomore lacrosse player, Alec Downing had aspirations to play for the varsity team, but didn't make the cut. Instead of letting this get him down, he used it as motivation to be the best. According to the selection committee comprised of coaches from all across the state, he did just that.

This year, four All-state awards went to Lowell for the first time in school history. Downing, a senior attackman, earned third team All-State while Matt Hanks, a defenseman, received an honorable mention. In addition, Dylan Olin and Matt Hanks were honored with Academic All-State.

"I couldn't be more proud of these young men.

They put in a lot of overtime throughout their lacrosse careers and it's a nice way for them to finish," said coach Eric Bredin. Downing, the team's leading scorer and captain, was recruited by Division III colleges and will be attending Aurora University in its inaugural lacrosse season next spring. Matt Hanks will head to Ann Arbor in the fall and is looking to walk-on for the University of Michigan. Joining him is fellow defenseman Charlie Young, another All-State nominee and first team All-Conference. Players must be first team All-Conference selections to be nominated for All-State.

Bredin noted, "We preach excellence on and off the field and it's nice to see our boys recognized at such

a high level for both." Academic All-State winner Dylan Olin is a senior goalie who also won a National Merit Scholarship and will attend Michigan State. Bredin says these players are living proof for the adage, "hard work pays off." Their awards also represent the efforts of the entire team. "Every player on our roster had a hand in Alec, Matt, and Dylan winning those awards. We finished in the top ten in the state (Division II) and that gets the attention of those on the selection committee."

Other lacrosse players earning honors this season were All-Conference honorable mention winners, Isaac Tawney and Tyler Bitterman.

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can make any stand against good wit.**

- Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882)

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