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Riverwalk Fest 2010 takes to downtown Lowell and to the fairgrounds this weekend

by Emma Palova

The almighty duck mascot will once again take to the streets in downtown Lowell on the halfway finished bridge during this year's Riverwalk Fest. Nothing can stop the duck, or the show from going on.

The festival promises a full spectrum of activities for three entire days. Kicking off will be Thursday night's concert, featuring Madcat, Kane and Maxwell Street. The band is named after a famous Chicago street market, where anything can be bought or sold.

Local food vendors and the Showboat cash bar will be open for business along the Riverwalk. There will be grilling and chilling on Friday on Avery Street along with the Englehardt

Library used book sale from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

New this year is the North Country Trail Pack and Paddle event on Saturday, July 10 at 9 a.m. Arts and crafts, the used book sale, street entertainers, and food booths open at 10 a.m.

Lowell Area Chamber director Liz Baker encourages visitors to compete in the Bill and Paul's kayak and canoe race at 10 a.m., or just plain enjoy kayak fun on the Flat River or the historic pontoon tours on both Friday and Saturday.

The parade will line up along Main Street at noon to benefit Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) on Saturday.

"Bring your non-perishable food items and toys to the parade and watch for the clowns to

donate your gifts," said Baker.

The 8th annual Brian Memorial Cruise-In will

start the parade this year. All cars in the show may

also be viewed at the

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This year the corporate ducks were placed on the bridge over the Grand River for greater exposure due to the construction project.

Lowell to offer accommodations downtown on the Flat River

by Emma Palova

Lowell will have a motel right in the heart of town overlooking the Flat River by this fall.

Deb Canfield of Canfield Plumbing and Heating said the motel will fill a big need in town. Currently, there are no accommodations available in the downtown area.

Not wanting to compete with local restaurants, the co-owner couple decided to go with a motel rather than a bed and breakfast.

Owner Greg Canfield is restoring a building at 117 West Main. The Downtown

Development Authority (DDA) contributed finances to the restoration.

Canfield purchased two buildings that were slated for demolition due to public safety concerns and structural instability. He requested \$30,000 from the DDA for the renovations that would, in the long run, save the city money by preserving their tax revenue. The money would be used to secure the south foundation wall, which is required even if the buildings are removed.

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Exterior of motel on the Flat River.

Lowell woman killed in motorcycle crash

The investigation of Wednesday afternoon's motorcycle fatality remains ongoing, pending prosecutor review.

Beth Schuivens, 50, of Lowell, was eastbound on her 1995 Kawasaki motorcycle at approximately 3:20 p.m. when a 1995 Ford F-150

pickup truck (westbound) driven by a 54-year-old Big Rapids' man failed to yield the right-of-way while making a left turn into a private drive according to the Michigan State Police.

The pickup truck struck Schuivens' motorcycle, ejecting her from the bike.

The Lowell woman

was pronounced dead at the scene.

She was wearing a helmet and was the only occupant on the bike according to the Michigan State Police report.

There were no passengers in the pickup and no injuries were incurred by the driver.

Alcohol and/or drugs are not believed to be factors in the crash.

State troopers were assisted at the scene by the Kent County Sheriff Department, Lowell and Ada Fire departments, Rockford/Lowell Ambulance and the Kent County Road Commission.

Any witnesses not contacted by troopers at the scene are asked to call Trooper Brian Komm at the State Police Post in Rockford (616) 866-4411.

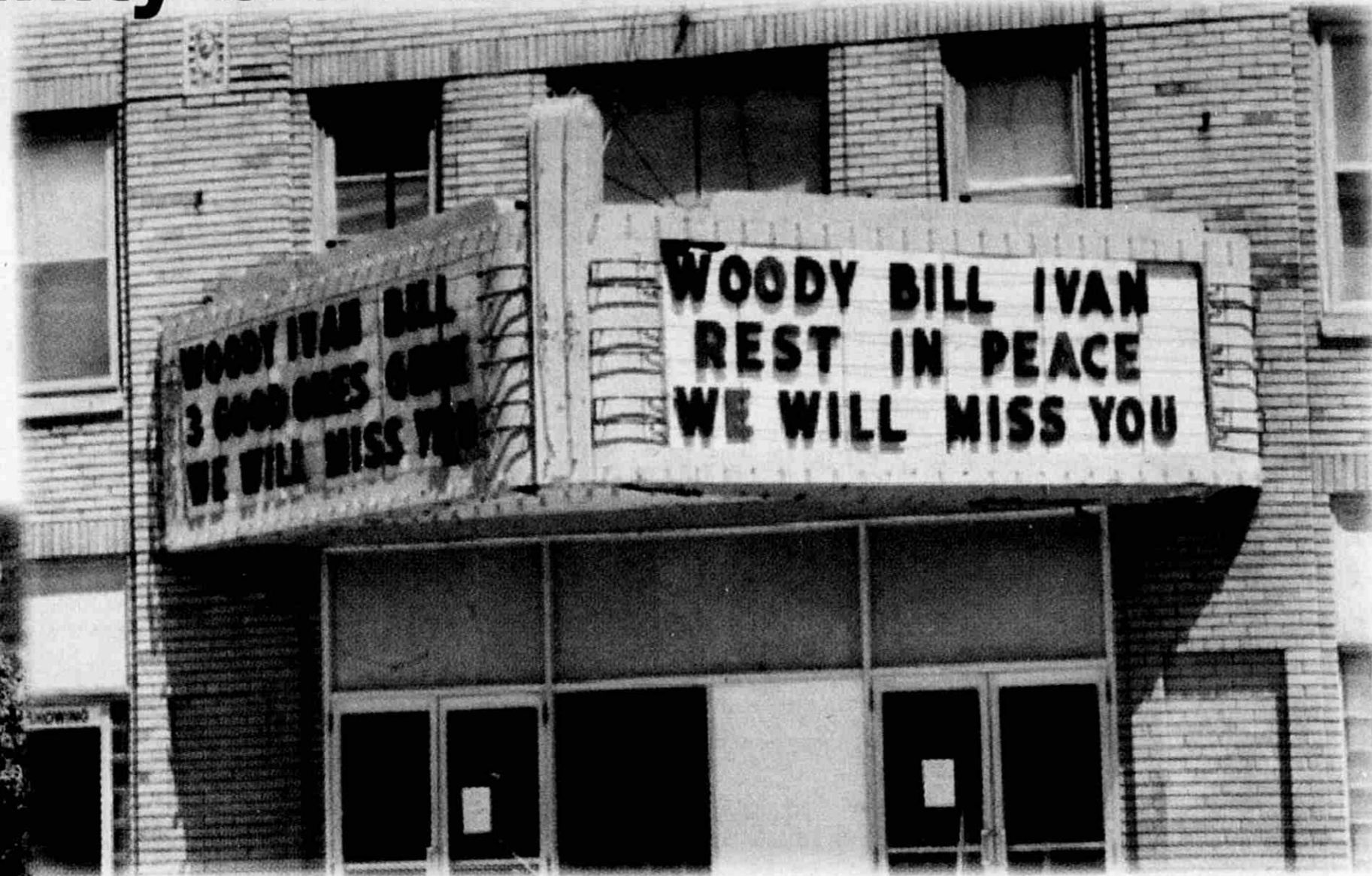
Lowell community bids farewell to three

Last week, the community bid farewell to Ivan Blough, James Wood and Bill Shepard, who all passed away within two days of each other. There were signs all around town expressing sorrow for the loss.

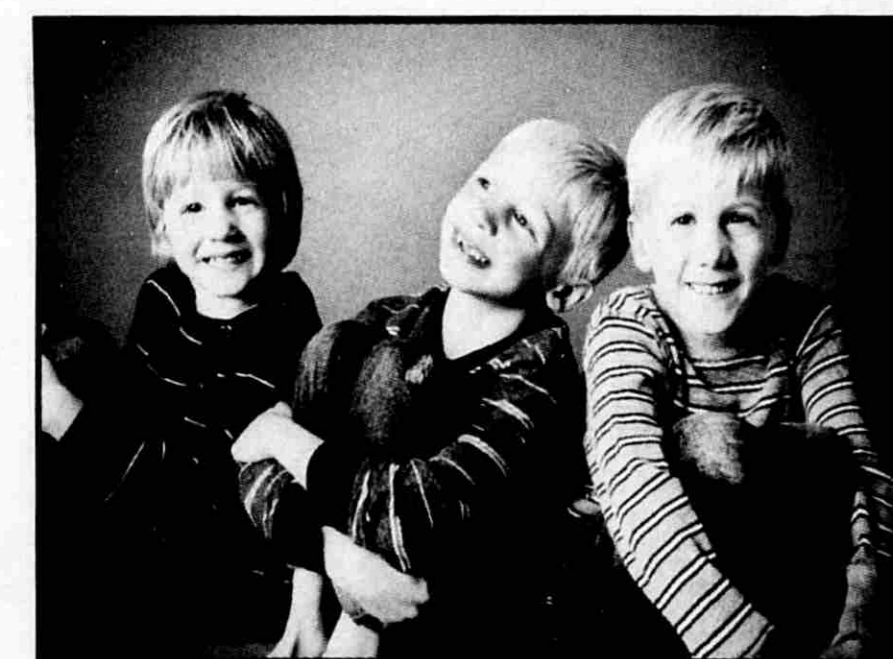
A sign by Showboat Auto, read, "Lowell's Loss is heaven's gain, thanks Ivan."

The services for Blough were held at the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center. Boy Scouts from Troop 102 including Alex McIntire gave out programs and guided mourners to the seats in the auditorium.

The halls had easels with collages from Blough's life and the showboat replica from the fairgrounds was placed at the high school.



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BEAD WORKSHOP
 Karyn Moulton will lead us in a creative bead workshop on Tues., July 13, 6-7:30 p.m. at Gilda's Club, 314 S. Hudson St. For information call 897-8600.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES
 Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Sat., 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.

HEALTH FAIR & BLOOD DRIVE
 2010 Lowell Community Wellness Health and Fitness Fair at the Lowell Police garage on Sat., July 10 from 10-4 p.m. to learn more about your health and give back to your community by donating blood. Michigan Blood will have their mobile bus on site for anyone to give the gift of life. Walk-ins are welcomed but if you'd like to make an appointment, contact Meggan Johnson at 987-1002 or mjohnson@lowellschools.com

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ASK THE DOCTOR
 Dr. Paul Gauthier will be at Gilda's Club, 314 S. Hudson, to answer your questions and lead a discussion on Tues., July 13, 5:30-7 p.m. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to speak with a medical professional. For information, call 897-8600.

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Riverwalk, continued

Lowell fairgrounds and awards will be presented at 1 p.m.

"And don't forget to stop at the flush tank where famous Lowell personalities can be flushed," said Baker.

As Paul Fabu of Pauly's promised last year, "There will be a Brew-B-Q

Throwdown this year." The event is sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society and is one of 300 barbecue events that take place throughout the country.

The contestants compete in four categories: chicken, ribs, pork butt and brisket. The competition begins at 8 a.m. with awards at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Even though you cannot sample the barbecue, there will be BBQ and food vendors on hand at the Lowell fairgrounds.

What would a barbecue be without a beer?

Wristbands for \$5 will allow entry into the beer

barn inside the Reath Barn with crafted Michigan brews. Live entertainment will feature Stolen Horses at 4 p.m.

"This is your true country group of the north," said Baker.

Also new this year is a very personalized event to Lowell, "Trolling for

Grub" by the participating local restaurants.

The \$1,500 duck race will take place on the Grand River at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. The duck winner will receive \$1,000 and the following five ducks to finish the race will receive \$100 each.

The corporate ducks this year have been placed on the bridge over the Grand River for greater exposure due to the bridge replacement project.

Fireworks at the Stoney Lakeside Park on Bowes Road at 10:15 p.m. will wrap up the festival.

Accommodations, continued

The building will have its original two-story look with conference rooms.

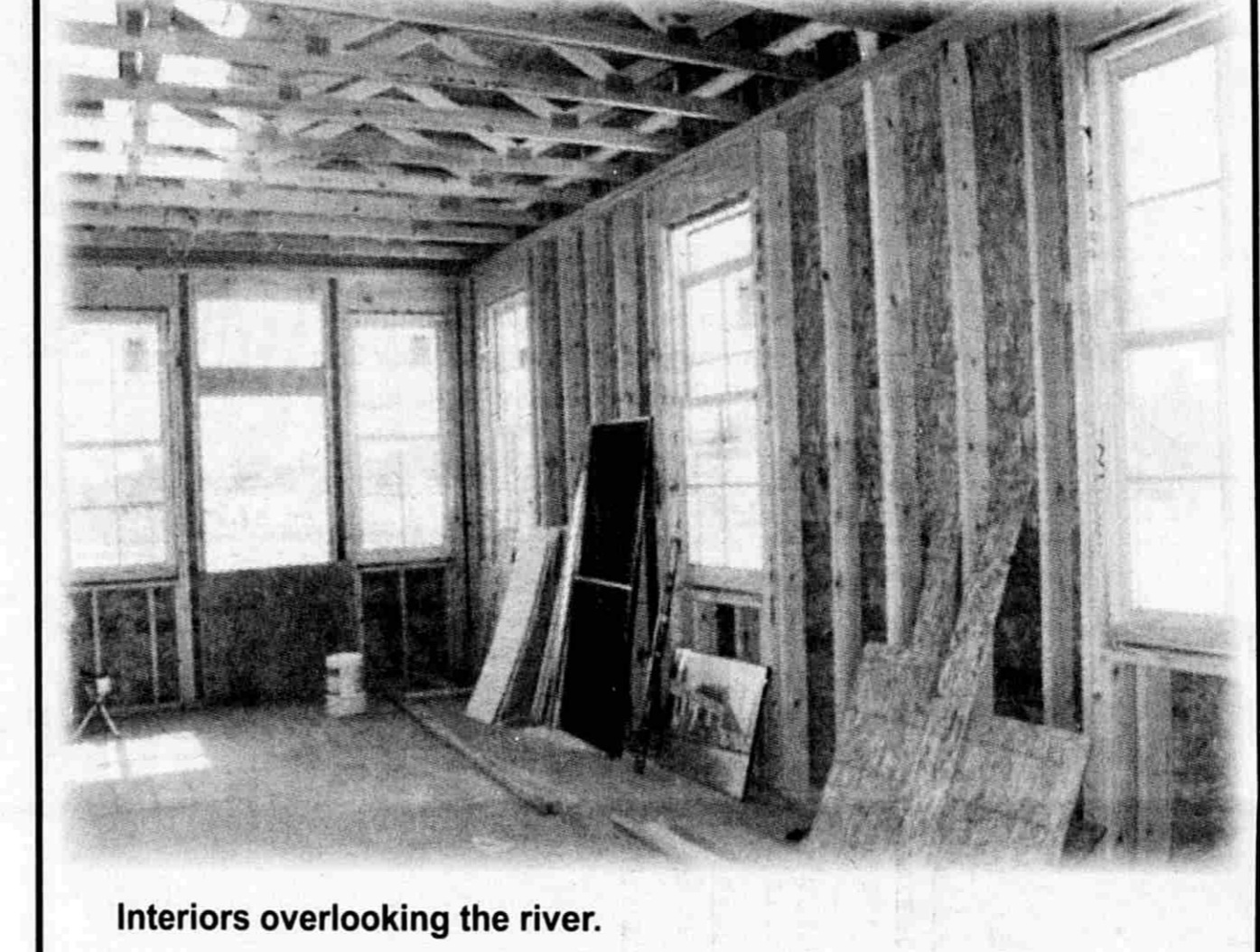
It is framed for seven rooms with one honeymoon suite facing the north side of the river. However, all rooms have fabulous views

of both sides of the river with balconies.

The prices, depending on the market, will run around \$100 with the honeymoon suite for more. The plan is for the guests to

shop and eat downtown, according to Deb Canfield.

The building is beautifully decked out in green fitting perfectly into the downtown area.



Interiors overlooking the river.

Schedule of new passport fees

The U.S. Department of State has published its Schedule of Fees for Consular Services in the Federal Register. The schedule includes fees for passports, immigrant visas and other consular services. The changes will take effect on July 13, 2010.

The 27 adjusted fees are based on a Cost of Service Study completed by the Bureau of Consular Affairs in June 2009. The study, which was the most detailed and exhaustive ever conducted by the U.S. Department of State, established the true cost of providing these consular services, which the Department recovers through the collection of fees.

For a U.S. Passport book for first time adult applicant

(over 16) fees include \$110 for the passport fee, payable to the Department of State; acceptance fee, payable to acceptance facility \$25. Total first time application fee \$135.

For a U.S. Passport card for first time adult applicant (over 16) fees include \$30 for the passport fee, payable to the Department of State; acceptance fee, payable to acceptance facility \$25. Total first time application fee \$55.

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A full list of adjusted fees can be viewed at www.travel.state.gov



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17,000 school employees retire statewide

More than 17,000 school employees retire, saving schools \$515 million; part of reform agenda proposed by Governor Granholm

Number of retirements more than three times the yearly average.

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm announced that 17,063 school employees

have filed for retirement with the state's Office of Retirement Services (ORS) as a result of school employee retirement reforms. Changes to the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System were among the major reforms to Michigan government proposed by the governor in January, and she signed school retirement

reform legislation into law on May 19. Calculations from the State Budget Office estimate that the school retirement reforms will produce first-year savings of \$515 million for school districts across Michigan.

"The number of school retirements is more than triple what we typically see in a given summer," Granholm said. "The school retirement reforms are working as we intended: helping resolve the long-term structural imbalance in the School Aid Fund so we can properly fund K-12 education and creating thousands of job opportunities for new teachers just entering the profession."

Ninety-five percent of schools across the state had employees retire. Of the 17,063 retirement applications filed, more than 10,000 came from the ranks of teachers and administrators. More than 14,000 applicants met the traditional age and service requirements.

The ORS has utilized a secured data exchange gateway to provide officials in every Michigan school district with information about the employees in their district who are retiring, including their effective retirement date. Retiring employees had to declare their retirement date as July 1, August 1 or September 1.

The ORS will be working closely with school districts throughout the summer to provide final pension information for retiring school employees. School districts were given a small number of extensions to retain selected retirees for up to one year. Of the 3,200 extensions made available statewide, school districts utilized only 1,295.

Gold medals for YMCA Tae Kwon Do student



Remington Phillips, 11, of Lowell, demonstrated form (a pattern of kicking and punching techniques) and one step sparring (self-defense techniques against an opponent) at the Meijer's Michigan State game on Saturday, June 26 at Cornerstone College. With only five months of hard work and determination under her yellow belt, Phillips walked away with gold medals in both events.

Among the many highlights of the martial arts tournament was a demonstration by Lowell's world champion martial artist Mariah Moore.

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Christopher C. Godbold

Financial moves for non-retiring Baby Boomers

Deciding what to do about Social Security isn't the only move you need to make if you work during your "normal" retirement years. You'll also want to contribute as much as possible to your IRA, 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. During these years, with your children grown and your mortgage possibly paid, you may have more investable income available — so take advantage of the opportunity.

You'll also need to carefully review your portfolio to help ensure your investment mix is appropriate for your needs. To stay ahead of inflation, you'll still need to invest for growth, but since you're not that far from retirement, you'll also want to control risk and volatility as much as possible.

Furthermore, you're at the time of life when you may want to consider consolidating your investment and retirement accounts. If you have an IRA here, a 401(k) there and another account someplace else, you have a lot of paperwork to keep track of, both during the year and, especially, at tax time. But even more importantly, with all your accounts scattered, you might not be following one central, unifying investment approach — an approach that could help make it easier for you to pursue your long-term goals, including a comfortable retirement. By consolidating your accounts with one company, you can save time and possibly reduce administrative fees — while your accounts can work in harmony on your behalf.

This may be a good time to consult with a professional financial advisor — someone who can help you make those choices that can help provide you with the freedom to spend this next phase of your life doing as you please. After all, you've earned it.

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health



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

Temporomandibular joint (TMJ) pain

The TMJ connects the upper and lower jaw bones. This joint allows the jaw to open wide and move back and forth when you chew, talk, or yawn.

There are many causes of TMJ pain. Repeated chewing (ie. with gum) and clenching your teeth can cause pain in the joint. Grinding your teeth during sleep also induces pain. Some TMJ problems have no obvious cause.

There are many things you can do to help your pain get better. When you have pain:

- Eat soft foods and stay away from chewy foods.
- Try to use both sides of your mouth to chew.
- Don't chew gum.
- Don't open your mouth wide.
- Don't bite your cheeks or fingernails.
- Lower your stress and worry levels - exercise works well for this.
- Over-the-counter medicines - Tylenol or Motrin may help.

If these measures don't help, consultation with your dentist may help. Perhaps a bite splint to wear during sleep may help.



By Shelly MacNaughton

except the house, on the farm of King Rickert in Keene at 11:30 a.m. July 1. The loss is a heavy one including a large amount of personal property, wagons, binder, bean-puller, hay and grain.

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo July 11, 1935

You can get windshield stickers for advertising the Lowell Showboat at any one of the drug stores or at The Ledger office.

Signs reading "No U Turns" are now in place at the intersection of Main and Lafayette streets.

The situation at the oil well remains about the same. Workmen are drilling through solid rock at a depth of about 2650 feet.

sneakers or hitch up the camper and get out of town. This year's Macker, the twelfth annual, promises to be bigger and better than ever with well over 600 teams competing; Scott "Gus Macker" McNeal's wedding and a controversial Sports Illustrated article all combine to enhance the annual (pardon the pun) "Hoopla."

The July 8 issue of Sports Illustrated carried a 12-page story complete with 17 color pictures from last year's tournament. The article was mostly positive and will go a long way in promoting Macker basketball. However, some of the quotes and innuendos contained in the article have upset several neighbors and city officials.

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125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal July 8, 1885

Mr. Merriman, the expressman, is suffering with erysipelas in his face. Murphy, the butcher, bought a calf six-weeks-old that weighed 188 lbs.

For sometime a dispute has been going on between the townships of Ada, Bowne and Lowell as to which township shall support Mrs. Mary Younglove, a pauper who has been supported by each of the above townships at intervals for a long time. The matter was submitted to the county superintendents of the poor who decided that she belonged to Ada.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger July 7, 1960

Thursday, July 21, has been set as the day for the Lowell fire department to get out the hoses and wash down Main Street in preparation for Showboat. The dirt piled high along the curb will be trucked away before the final cleanup.

The council met Tuesday evening and it was revealed that they are still looking for a city manager. Two offers have been made to men who have turned down the job, so the council is still seeking a man to take the position.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger July 7, 1910

Fire destroyed the large barn and other buildings,

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger July 10, 1985

Well this is it, "Macker Week." Depending on how you feel about "Macker," it's time to either get out your

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Films from around the world premiere in Cannes to create an unforgettable experience

Note: The Lowell Ledger ran two stories on the Cannes Film Festival held in the French Riviera on June 9 and June 23. More about the festival in the next story.

by Emma Palova

Walking the red carpet to the Grand Theatre Lumiere at the Cannes Film Festival to see a premiere of an African movie "A Screaming Man," after a long wait for the invitation, is not a regular social occasion.

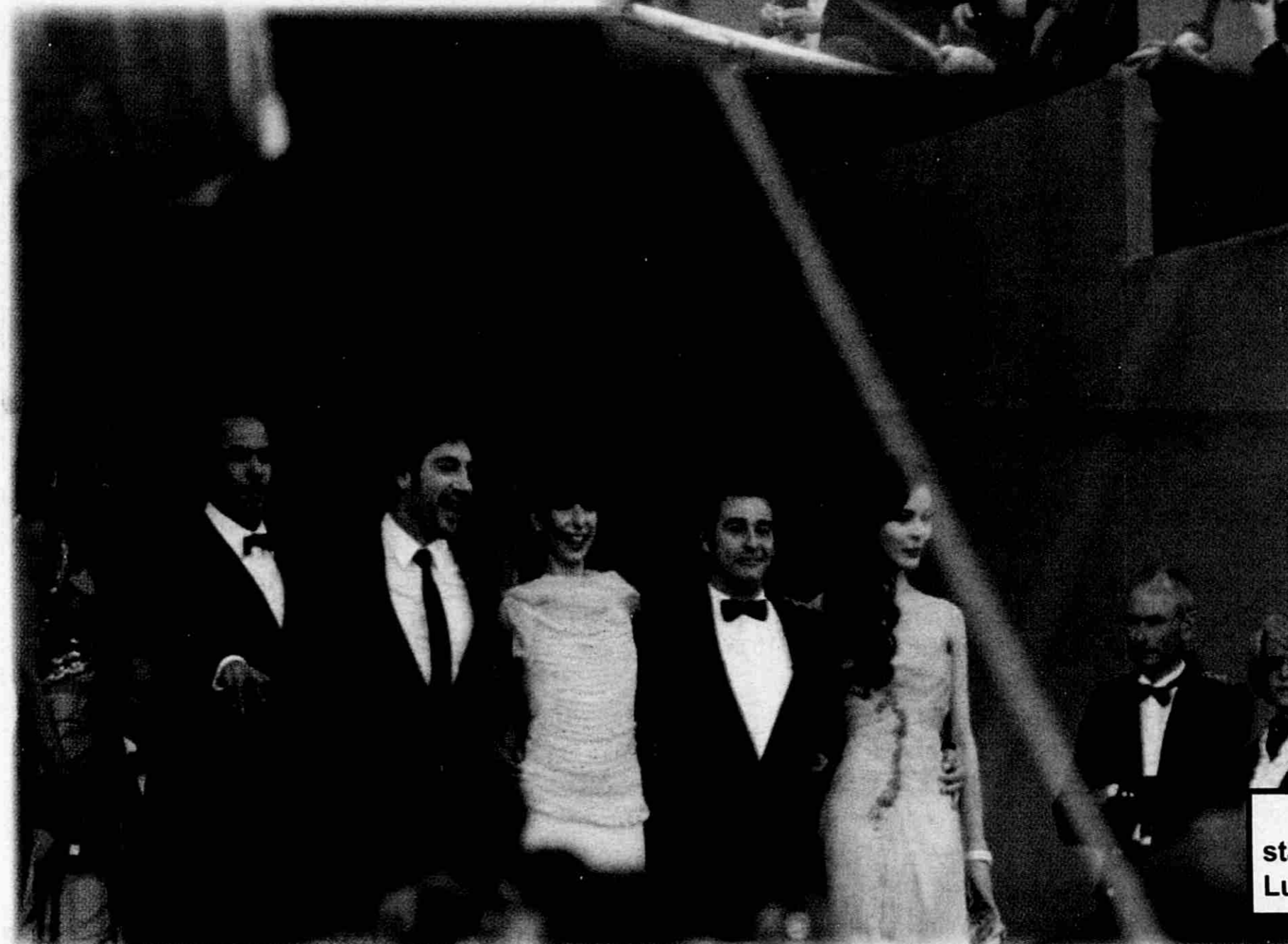
No wedding, funeral, a reunion or a newborn baby will beat it.

You have to be dressed up to the nines, that means for men a black tie and a tuxedo and for women a nice dress and high heel shoes. Still, not everyone gets to go. Either you have to have an invitation from the producers of the movie, or you are in the lottery for the tickets, or you stand in the last minute line.

But, if you do get to go, you will never forget it. You are guarded by the police, surrounded by Renault limousines that haul the movie makers



The invited spectators walk the red carpet to screen films from around the world.



Actor Javier Bardem and director Alejandro Inarritu stand on the red carpet in front of Grand Theatre Lumiere in the French Riviera.

in, while spectators and paparazzi watch you, and TV networks' staff stand on ladders to get footage of the walk on the carpet.

You walk the Boulevard Croisette to the theater under the palms as the symphony plays the music. And Electrolux sponsors the big screens outdoors where you can see yourself as you are entering the theater.

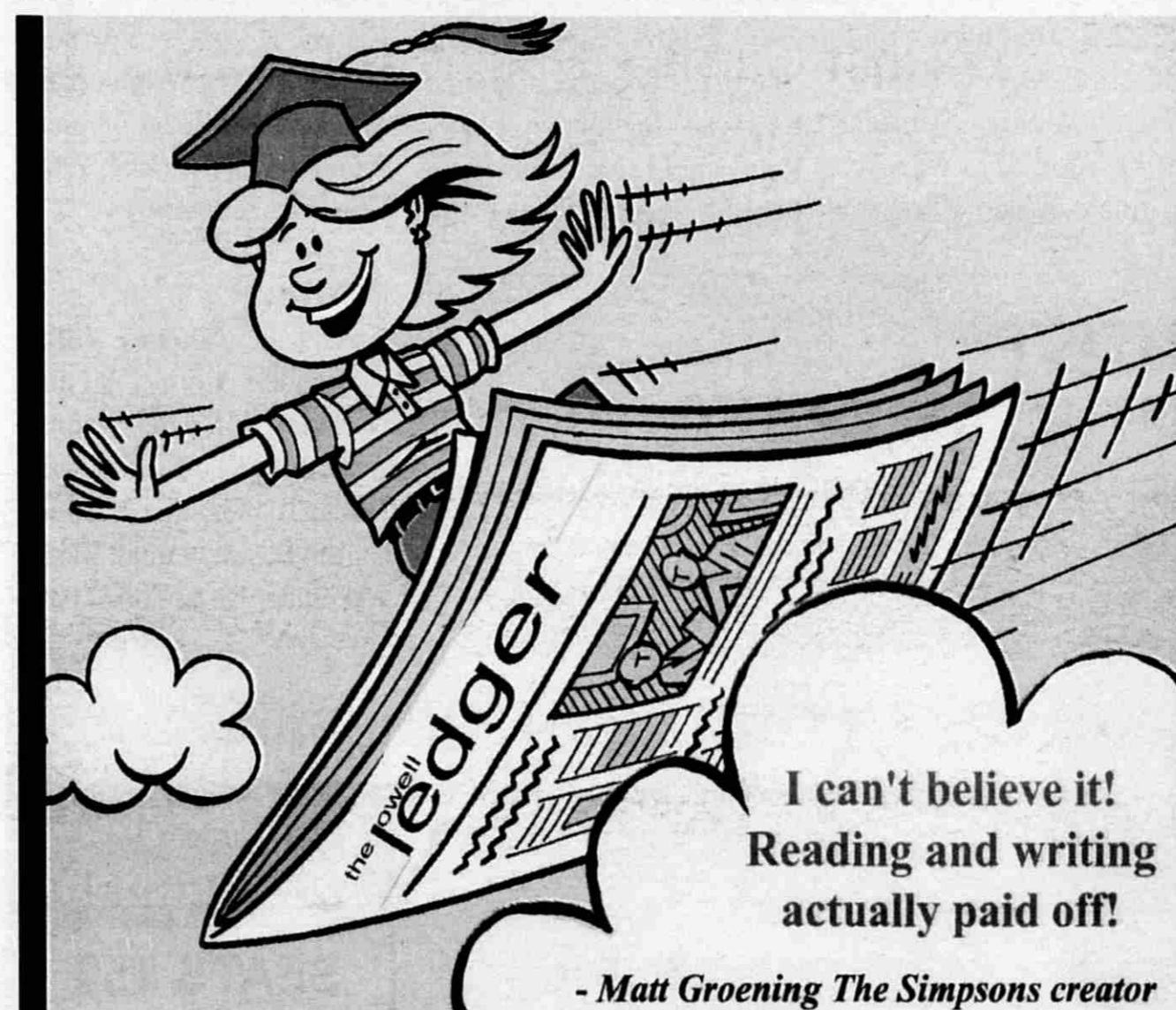
The theater seats 2,500 and has an opera style seating for acoustic purposes. The creators of the productions walk in last to the audience's applause. You can see them on the big screen as they enter.

Then the magic golden palm branch logo appears on the big screen and you are in for a treat.

In the movie *Biutiful* by Mexican director Alejandro Gonzales Inarritu, Javier Bardem plays Uxbal. It is a



The creators of the films stand on the steps after walking the red carpet.



I can't believe it! Reading and writing actually paid off!

- Matt Groening *The Simpsons* creator

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story about a devoted father, a tormented lover, a mystified son, an underground businessman, and a friend of the disposed.

Uxbal sensing the danger of death tries to reconcile with love and save his children, as he tries to save himself.

Uxbal's story is simple: just one of the complex realities of the world.

obituaries

BRUINEKOOL

Elliot Lamont "El" Bruinekoal, 82, of Bellevue, died June 30, 2010 at Battle Creek Health System. He was born October 16, 1927, the son of Arthur and Augusta (Arthur) Bruinekoal. Elliot graduated from Lowell High School and attended Hope College. He worked as a track supervisor for Grand Truck Railroad for 40 years, retiring in 1987. Elliot is survived by his wife, Evelyn (DeVormer) Bruinekoal of Bellevue; their ten children, 22 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, three sisters and two brothers. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers. Funeral services took place Monday, July 5, 2010 at The Community Church, RCA Ministry in Ada with Rev. Julie VanDerVeen Van Til officiating. Interment, Ada Cemetery. Memorial donations may go to Shriners Hospitals for Children. The family is being served by Shaw Funeral Home, Lehman Chapel, Bellevue.

DRAKE

Ruth Elizabeth Drake, aged 87, of Ionia, passed away July 3, 2010. She was born December 16, 1922 in

Ionia, the daughter of Michael J. and Anna M. (Hacker) Dreger. She married Richard S. Drake September 30, 1942 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ionia. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church all of her life. She was very serious in her faith. She worked as a bank teller at Ionia County National Bank for over 20 years. She enjoyed golfing. Ruth is survived by her loving husband of 67 years, Richard Drake of Ionia; sons, Douglas (Judith) Drake of Lansing, Brian (Patricia) Drake of Lowell; brother, William (Betty Mohieu) Dreger of Kalamazoo; grandchildren, Timothy, Kerri Lynn, Benjamin (Rachel), Matthew, Daniel (Sally) and Jeffrey (Linda); five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles (Carl), Wilbur (Bud) and Herman; four sisters, Josephine Mathe, Elenora Teichmann, Minnie Kobel, and Anna Browning. Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 8 at 11 a.m. at the St. John's Lutheran Church with Pastor David Bogda officiating. Visitation will be at the Lake Funeral Home in Ionia on Wednesday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Anyone wishing may make memorial contributions to St. John's Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be made at www.lakefuneralhomes.com

KONING

Rhyné Koning, aged 80, of Alto, went to be with his Lord on Friday, July 2, 2010. Rhyné was a residential builder for many years and enjoyed woodworking. He also enjoyed volunteering at Bibles for Missions Thrift Center for the past 10 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nell (Draisma); a brother, Henry Koning; and a sister, Jeanette Bosscher. Surviving are his wife, Joyce (Geelhoed); his children, Renee (John) VanderWilt, Ed (Kim) Koning, Ruth (Ron) Koning, Carol (Steve) Mayne, Mary (Scott) Froehke; his step-children, Barb (Rick) Lutke, Sandy (Tom) Groen, Ken (Sherri) Meines, Doug (Jill) Meines; 21 grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; five great grandchildren and three more due this year; his sisters, Tryn Schettler, Harriet Bouw, Henrietta (Harry) Kwantes; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Al Bosscher, Myrna Koning, Wilma Draisma, Sadie (Jim) Koldenhoven, Tom (Marilynn) Draisma, Don (Betty) Geelhoed, Ken (Kathy) Geelhoed; many nephews and nieces. The funeral

service will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 7, at Trinity United Reformed Church, 7350 Kalamazoo Ave. SE, with Rev. Brian Vos officiating. Interment in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Bibles for Missions Thrift Center or Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) Foundation.

SCHUIVENS

Beth Suzanne Schuivens nee Van Heulen of Lowell, died of accidental injuries Wednesday, June 30, 2010. She was preceded in death by her dear friend and sister-in-law, Sandy VanHeulen. Surviving are her husband of 29 years, Jerry Schuivens; her loving daughters, Kayla Schuivens (Ryan Strasser) and Megan Schuivens (Brett Laux); mother, Connie Phillips, father, Thomas VanHeulen; mother and father-in-law, Gerard and Ann Schuivens; brothers and sisters, Lori VanHeulen, Bill (Linda)VanHeulen, Diane (Scott) Struyt, Jim (Lorie) VanHeulen, Scott VanHeulen, Sheila (José) Sandoval, Matthew (Nina) VanHeulen, Mark (Teresa) Phillips; sister-in-law, Catherine (Evert) Bek; special niece, Kimberly Bek (Steve Simon); step brothers and sisters, Mary (Bob) Decker, Barbara (Jim) Looman, Patty (Mike Smit) Livingston, Jim (Penny Grover) Phillips, Tonya Gorby; also many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be 1:30 PM Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at First Congregational Church of Lowell, 865 Lincoln Lake SE, Lowell with Rev. Chris Schwab officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation one hour prior to service at church. Memorial contributions may be made to D.A. Blodgett for Children, 805 Leonard St. NE, Grand Rapids 49503.



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28 YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT 2009-2010

Table with 2 columns: RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS. Includes items like June 1982 - May 2010 (\$545,182.87), Rent (1032) families assisted (\$229,803.00), and Total Disbursements (\$519,931.43).

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 10-188-732-DE Estate of MARGARET A. NERN, Date of birth: 01/08/1927. TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MARGARET A. NERN, who lived at 3121 Lake Michigan Dr., Apt. 142, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 02/21/2010. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to THOMAS R. NERN, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue, NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and...

Advertisement for 'Family Doctor' featuring a dog and a cat. Text: 'We want to be your Other Family Doctor.' Includes contact info for Dr. Peter Langley, D.V.M. at the Animal Hospital of Lowell.

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for sale: MEMORY FOAM MATTRESS - 50% less than Tempurpedic. Better sleep, better health, saves money too! Queen \$495, king \$695 & up. RCD Wholesale, 1803 Plainfield NE, G.R. 616-293-1179. help wanted: COMMERCIAL CLEANING POSITION - Janitorial position available immediately in the Ada area. Part time, some weekends, approx. 25 hours/week. Reliable transportation and valid driver's license required. wanted: WANTED - in Lowell. Must be accredited. Email resume to: info@grvh.com or fax to Grand River Veterinary Hospital 616-897-5022. services: HANDY REPAIR SERVICE - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198.

card of thanks

The family of IVAN K BLOUGH would like to thank the entire community and beyond for their outpouring of love during this difficult time. The community's thoughts and support of caring are so much appreciated.

lost: NOT FOUND YET - STILL HOPING - Still hoping to find an ALL black, long-haired, male cat named BLACKIE. VANISHED 10-28-09 from Ryan Ridge SE/Alden Nash Area, S. of Lowell. He has a "feather duster" tail & BRIGHT light round yellow eyes. Age 2 1/2 years old now. If you have ANY INFO please call 897-8385. REWARD. Thanks for your caring calls. found: FOUND BEAGLE - Found June 18, by Burger King. Older female. Call & identify. 616-308-4776. free: FREE SWING SET - at Country Hills Realty. Call Joice Smith at 293-0980.

Community Calendar

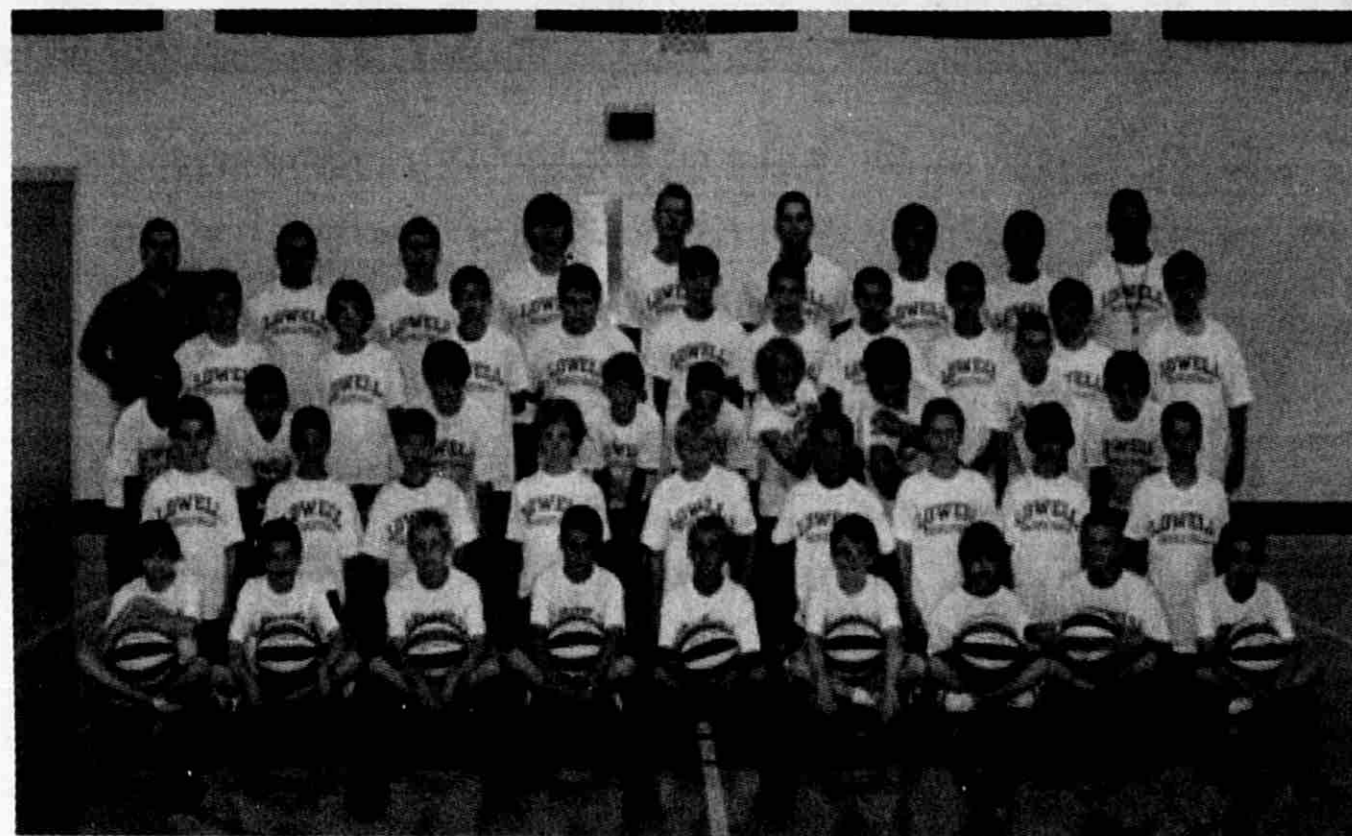
PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are ran on a space available basis & ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO RUN. EVERY THURSDAY - Free soup supper at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 865 Lincoln Lake Ave SE at 6:30 p.m. Public welcome. ST. PATRICK PLAYGROUP - Thursdays 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. ST. PATRICK'S PRESCHOOL ROOM. Storys, games, crafts, music & snack. Parents with young children welcome. Call Jennifer Post, 897-0251 or Sally Goffner, 863-4952 with any questions. FAMILY STORYTIME - Thursdays, now to July 8, 10:30 a.m. Share books, stories, rhymes, music & movement as a family. For children ages 6 & under with a caregiver. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, 616-784-2007. FOOD PANTRY - at Lakeside Community Church, 6201 Whitneyville Rd. Free frozen, perishable food. 1st Friday. Registration 2:30 p.m. Distribution: 6 p.m. Bring own container. DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP - Tues., 7 p.m. at Elmdale Church, located just 3.3 miles E. of M-50 on 64th St. Phone 868-7690 & leave a message if interested or if you would like to meet at another time or location. BINGO - Every Sunday, 2 p.m. The Moose Rec Hall, 1320 E. Main St. Sponsored by W.O.T.M. Chapter #1388. Open to the public. DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP - Meets 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Elmdale Church, 11830 Drew Rd. (same as 64th), Alto. Just 3 1/3 miles E. of Marathon Station on M-50. For info call 868-7690.

Fundamentals the focus of basketball summer camps

The annual Lowell basketball summer camps concluded last week with four-day sessions for first- and second-grade and for third- and fourth-grade participants.

Camps were held for fifth- and sixth-grade and seventh- and eighth-grade players the week of June 21-25.

These camps focused on basketball fundamentals.



There were 65 Lowell players who participated in the summer camps held by Lowell varsity basketball coach Jeff McDonald.

Pictured are the sixth, seventh and eighth grade participants.



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Sound Off! The Ledger's "Almost" anything goes column!

When submitting your opinion to Sound Off!, we ask you to follow a few guidelines.

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 The Ledger staff or its publishers.

Let me be among the first to say thank you, thank you, thank you, for fixing Bowes Road. I Love It!

All these years Woody has watched all of us going by at the expressway. It seems strange not to see him at his post. We will miss you Woody.

Sign by RR tracks on Hudson. What part of "Do not stop on tracks" don't people understand?

We will all miss Woody and Ivan in this community.



JUNE 30 to JULY 6

A 178-foot long U.S. Navy blimp will be used to detect oil, direct skimming ships and look for wildlife that may be threatened by the disaster in the Gulf.

A justice department lawsuit challenging Arizona's controversial immigration law is looming and it could be filed as soon as today.

A memorial pool nears completion at Ground Zero in New York City.

State and local government in the U.S. are slashing thousands of jobs; total job losses could hit 900,000.

CAMP KID SCOOP

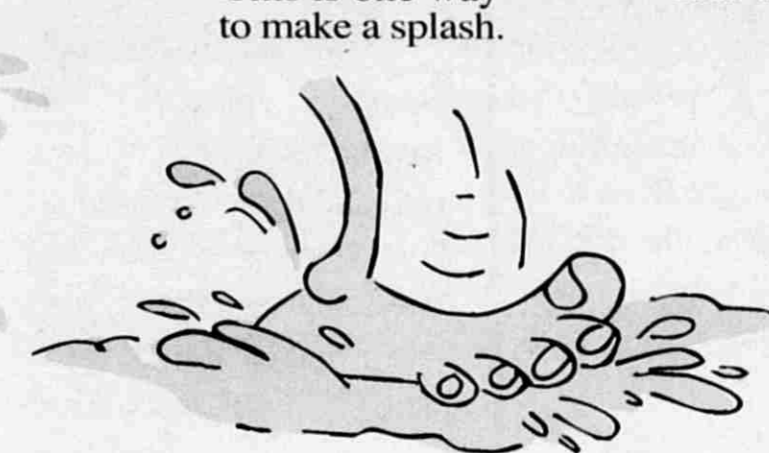
Kids Make a Splash!

Making a splash has two different meanings. One is to actually splash water and make the droplets fly.

The other is an idiom, to make a splash, which means to get attention and do something significant.

This is one way to make a splash.

This is another way to make a splash.



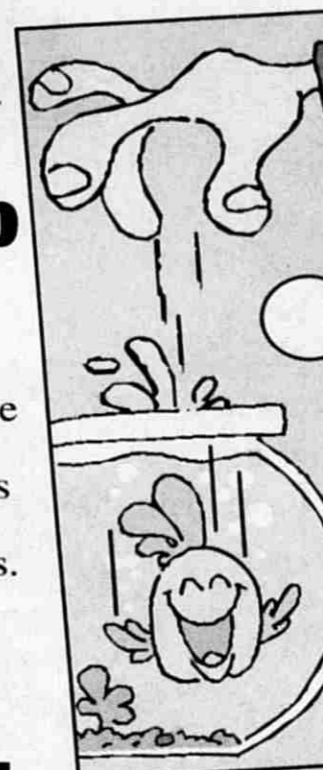
Craft Sales to Help an Orphanage

Neha Gupta, a 13-year-old from Pennsylvania, started when she was just nine years old. Since then, her non-profit has raised \$30,000 for orphans in India thanks to Gupta's fundraising activities: selling handmade greeting cards and wine charms.

Use the math code.

Neha's 2010 fundraising goal is:

Math code: 29-19-10, 15-12-3, 17-13-3, 19-14-5



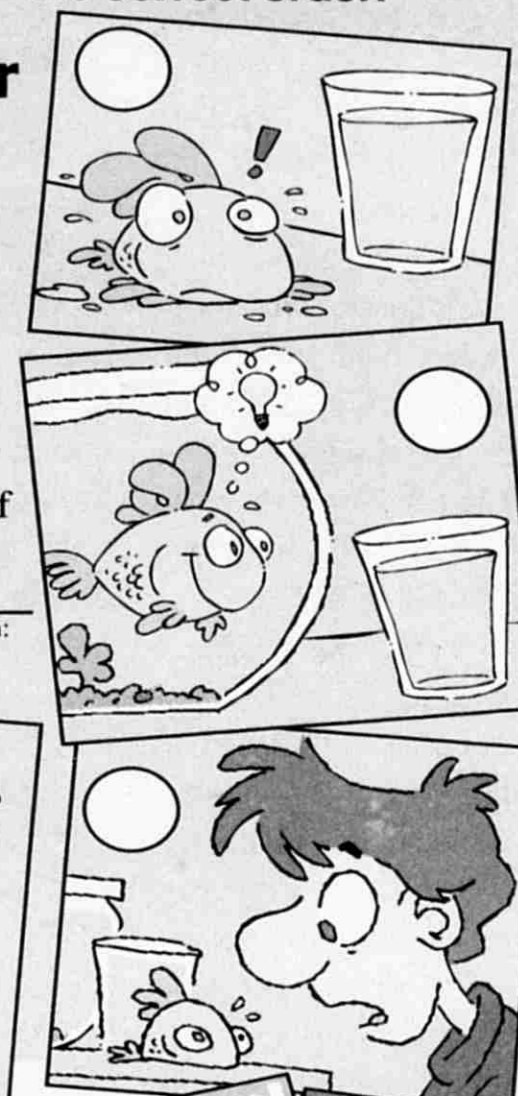
Kid's Book Raises Money for Animal Rescue

Last summer, eight-year-old Joshua Bayer wrote a book about monsters. "M-M-M-Monster!!!" was created to raise money to help save the lives of abandoned pets.

The book was sold in local stores in his hometown. All of the money went to animal rescue organizations.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Know the sequence of events in a story.

Number these pictures in the correct order.



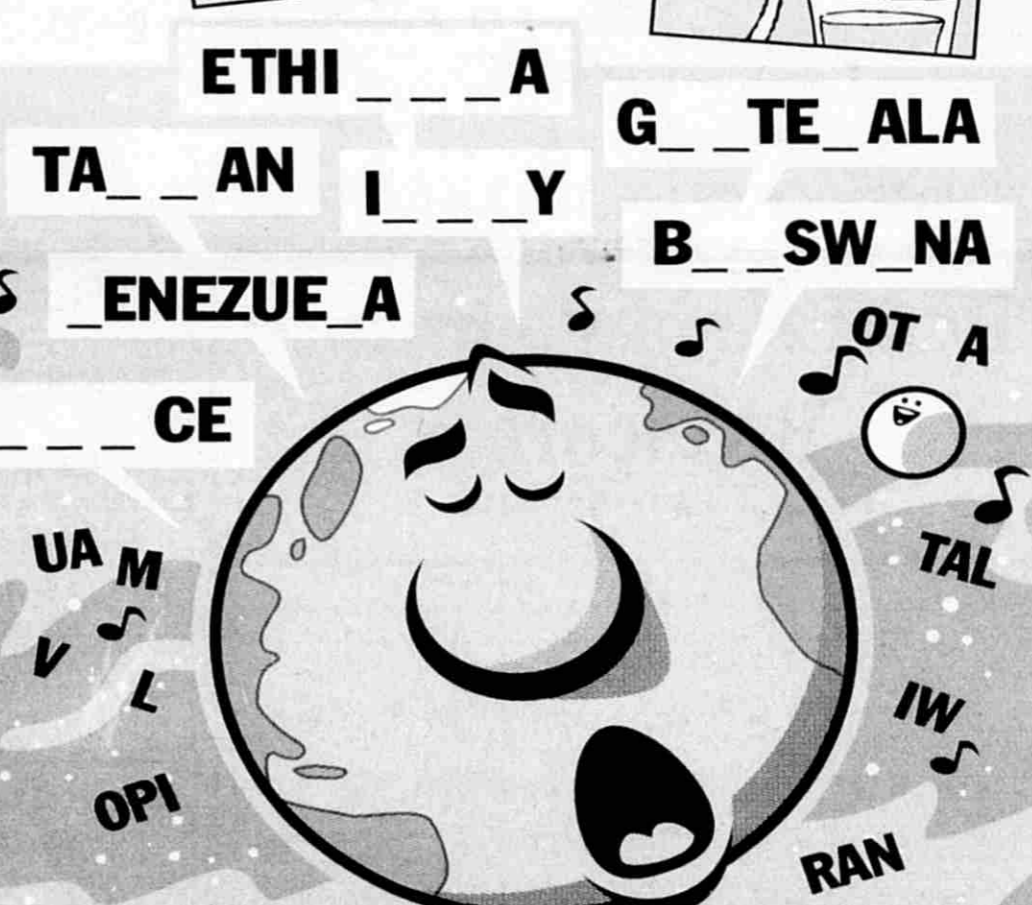
A Song to Save the Planet

I am a 12-year-old boy who likes music and doesn't like global warming.

I am not old enough to solve the problem. But I am old enough to convince others to try by having school children from Africa, South America, Europe, Asia and North America sing my 100 Generations song with me. That way, the world can hear that children everywhere care about nature.

You can be a part of this project by singing the song, sharing videos of kids around the world singing it and even by buying the song.

You can learn more at: www.kidearth.us/Site/kidearth.html



Fill in the missing letters to discover from which countries Aitan has received videos of people singing his song. (Use the floating letters.)

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Making a Difference

Look through the newspaper for an article about someone making a difference. Summarize the article by listing the following:

Who: What: When: Where: Why: How:

Standards Link: Reading: Summarize information in texts.

Kid Scoop Together: Missing Words

Read through this article. Then, working with a parent or friend, fill in the blanks using the words in the word box.

Reading the Newspaper Leads to Making a Difference

It all started when eight-year-old Stephanie Cohen read an article about an baby manatee. After reading the newspaper, Stephanie wanted to do something to help.

She started by making manatee pins and selling them to family and friends to raise money for the animals and to increase public awareness of them.

In June of 2000, Stephanie and her friends started a non-profit organization called Kids Making a Difference.

Today, Kids Making a Difference is run by kids and for kids, bringing youth to have a positive impact on the world. Through the organization, kids are supporting kids with disabilities and materials to help their communities. These kids have started city street cleanup programs, collected items for homeless pets, lead fundraising efforts for the care of endangered wildlife and more.

WORD BOX table with words: AWARENESS, CLEANUP, INJURED, PRESERVATION, INFLUENCE, TOGETHER, ARTICLE, FRIENDS, RAISE, IDEAS

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand the meaning of text from context clues.

Kid Scoop Joku

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

Word search grid with letters: A, S, P, S, P, L, A, S, H, H, S, P, H

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: SIGNIFICANT

The word significant means something very important or major.

Significant improvement was needed to raise Kevin's grades.

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

Write On! How I Made a Difference

Tell about a time you made a difference in someone's life. Be sure to include who, what, where, when, why and how.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler. Draw a line between each idiom and its two meanings. ORPHANAGE, ATTENTION, MONSTERS, SPLATTER, PROBLEM, RESCUE, PLANET, SPLASH, IDIOMS, WATER, RAISE, MUSIC, SOLD, PETS, OLD.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY. Idiom Time. To "make a splash" is an idiom—a phrase that has a different meaning than the literal meaning of the words.

Why can't a magic carpet be trusted? Illustration of a magic carpet.

Write On! How I Made a Difference. Tell about a time you made a difference in someone's life.

FROM Food Fight ends Saturday

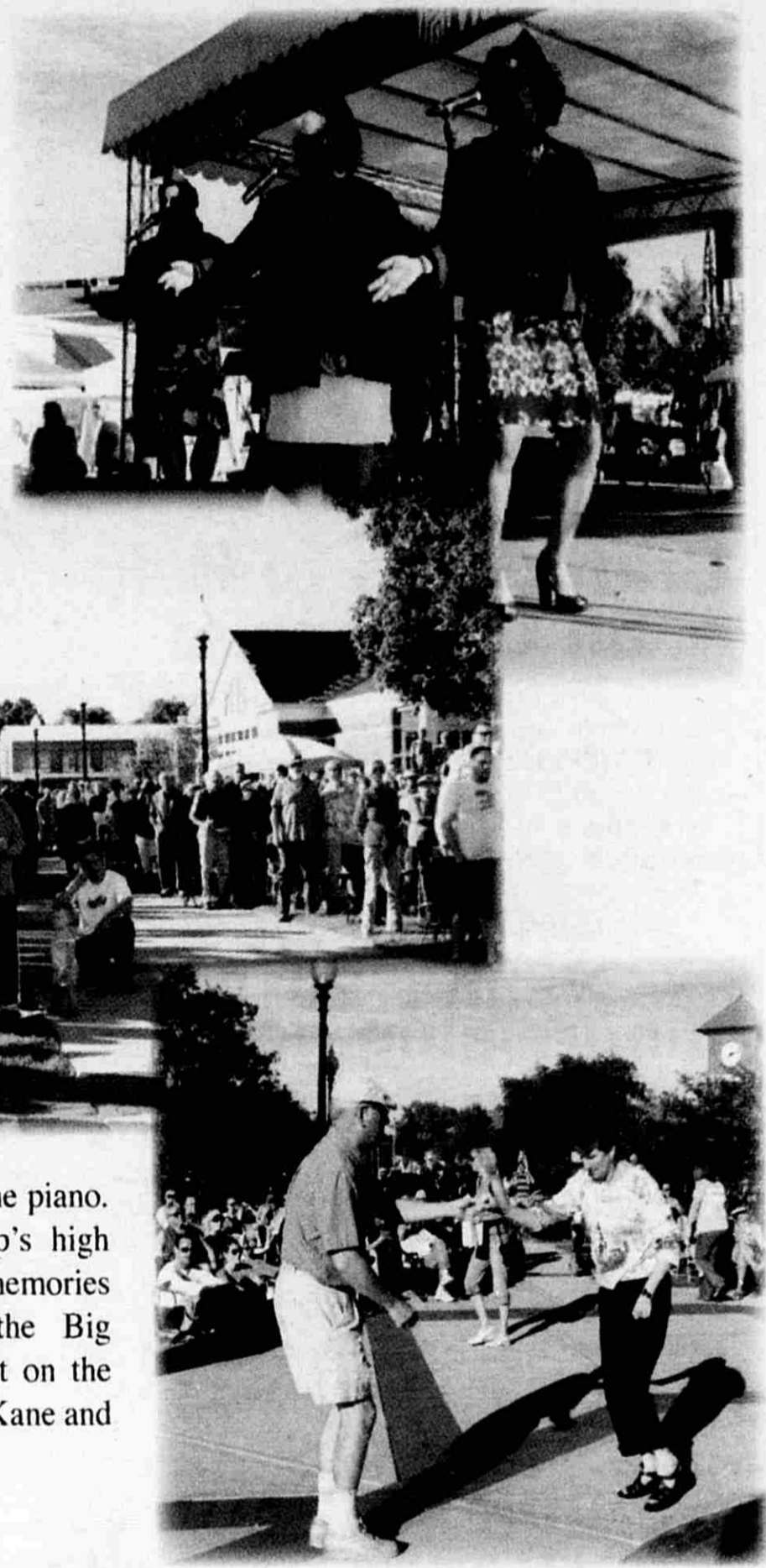
submitted by Rick Seese
 There are rivalries and then there are RIVALRIES, as in North Lowell vs. South Lowell. It appears that the 2010 Flat River Outreach Ministries Food Fight is going to be decided on the last day, as it was last year. "It's been exciting and unbelievably close," proclaimed Mary Novello, FROM's executive director. "Every time we turn around, there's more food to be counted and to be placed on our pantry shelves. It's been a wonderful bonus because this time of year donations are traditionally slower," she continued. During last year's inaugural Food Fight competition, the Lowell community raised 8,496 non-perishable food items for the FROM Food Pantry. Through this past Sunday, the 2010 competition has raised 10,445 items. "This is an amazing community," stated Kraig Haybarker, FROM's board chair. "The people of Lowell are very generous and the friendly competition gets everyone involved," he added.
 Last year found the South Lowell team ahead nearing the game completion, when there

was a sudden North team surge in the final days. The North team ended up winning by only 88 food items on the final day during the FROM the Heart Riverwalk Parade. This year finds the North team leading the South team by a score of 5,227 to 5,218, a mere nine food item difference with less than a week remaining in the game.
 This year, the South team jumped out to a sizable lead after the first quarter, 1,685 to 1,187. However, the North battled back with a big second quarter, but the South still led by six, 2,972 to 2,966 at halftime. The third quarter was a see-saw battle with the South extending their lead to eight, 4,634 to 4,626. Neither team has led by more than 134 items since the second quarter and there have been a total of nine lead changes in the game.
 Food has been picked up regularly from businesses, so that daily highlights and an updated score can be posted on the website, www.fromfoodfight.org. There have been over 60 businesses, churches and organizations that have collected food donations so far this year.

For those that are still wanting to donate food items, they are encouraged to either patronize one of the many businesses offering Food Fight Specials; find donation containers during activities on the Riverwalk; and/or attend the FROM the Heart Riverwalk Parade this Saturday at noon. Large red (North team) and white (South team) Food Fight containers will line the parade route for last minute donations. There will also be FROM clowns walking in the parade collecting food and local dealership collection trucks in the parade and at the beginning of the parade collecting "food" entry fees. Everyone is encouraged to place their food donations in the parade route containers before the parade is over. The final outcome will be posted on www.fromfoodfight.org; the FROM Facebook page, and announced at the Saturday afternoon concert at the fairgrounds.
 "Looks like another great Food Fight finish on Saturday," said Haybarker. "There is one thing for certain, no matter who wins the contest, our Food Pantry is already the big winner," he added.

Boogie Woogie Babies play the Riverwalk

The Boogie Woogie Babies played the Riverwalk last week to a full audience. Dressed as G.I. Janes, they recreated an era from the 1940s. The band featured three main vocalists-Mary Rademacher, Francesca Amari, Barbara Wisse,



with Mark Kahny playing the piano. Audiences adore the group's high energy, harmonies, fond memories and swing tunes from the Big Band era. The next concert on the Riverwalk will be Madcat, Kane and Maxwell Street on July 8.

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FROM Food Fight 2010

Boxscore Through Thursday, July 1

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| North | 1,187 | 1,779 | 1,660 | 102 | 4,728 |
| South | 1,685 | 1,287 | 1,662 | 162 | 4,796 |

LAST WEEK!

GAME ENDS ON JULY 10 AFTER THE "FROM THE HEART" RIVERWALK PARADE

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July 4 — July 10

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