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City manager will retire after 24 years in Lowell

by Emma Palova

City manager Dave Pasquale, 63, will retire next year from his multifaceted job.

Pasquale came to Lowell in 1987 after working as the assistant city manager for Mt. Pleasant for six years. Prior to that, he worked as a planner for several communities.

"I wanted to become city manager," he said.

He was enticed to Lowell by the small town atmosphere and the good school system. Pasquale was hired under mayor Jim Maatman.

"I wanted to put down more roots," he said.

After having served in the local government for a total of 36 years, Pasquale believes that it is the form of government that is closest to the people.

"People can come up to me or call me to find out what's going on," he said. "There's much more of a contact in smaller towns. And it's easier to see the tangible outcome."

You can definitely see the outcomes in Lowell.

The accomplished projects included a new fire station, the completion of the Waste Water Treatment Plant, a new library, the renovation of the city hall, the downtown renovation, complete streetscape renovation of downtown in the late 1990s, improvements to the water distribution system, development of Stoney Lakeside Park in the early 1990s, and the dog park.

In spite of the ongoing financial challenges due to decreasing revenues, the community has been blessed, according to

Pasquale. Lowell has been endowed several times by local philanthropists. Harold Englehardt left \$12 million to the community in 1997. This enabled

the establishment of the Lowell Area Community Fund which is an advised fund of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation.

"It was a blessing," said

Pasquale. "It allowed us to do numerous projects."

Pasquale has sat on the Lowell Area Community

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City manager Dave Pasquale will miss the day to day working with people.

Battlefield cross memorial dedicated

On Saturday afternoon, under bright sunshine, the battlefield cross memorial honoring Sgt. Lucas Tyler Beachnaw was unveiled at the Lowell Veterans' Memorial Park on Main Street alongside the Flat River. A crowd of about 500 stood solemnly as a 21 gun salute rang out and TAPS were played with American Flags waving everywhere. In the front row, members of the Beachnaw family watched as the red fabric was slowly lifted from the battlefield cross memorial by the post commander Herm Weststrate of the VFW and Lowell American Legion commander Dave Thompson.

"It was a beautiful day for a touching tribute to Sgt. Beachnaw and his family," said Thompson.



The battlefield memorial is a cast bronze statue that includes a pair of military boots with an M-16 rifle and bayonet thrust into the earth between them along with a Kevlar battle helmet resting atop the stock of the rifle.

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Photo submitted by Bruce Doll

Safe medication disposal program to help keep pharmaceuticals out of water, off streets

by Emma Palova

A Kent countywide initiative to collect unused pharmaceuticals through local police agencies will keep unwanted drugs out of water supply and off the streets.

"Drugs never go away even after going through the wastewater system," said police chief James Hinton.

Most people get rid of old drugs by throwing them down the drain. That's how they eventually end up in the water supply.

The other reason for the program is to keep pharmaceuticals off the streets. Quite often, kids or grandkids take from home medical cabinets' painkilling drugs like oxycodone, better known as OxyContin, and sell them on the streets, according to Hinton. These are highly addictive drugs.

"It's a good way to get old drugs taken off the streets," said Hinton.

The Lowell Police Department is collecting old drugs in a big metal box placed in the lobby of the city hall, to the right, when entering. Only three people in the police department will have access to the box, which is sort of like a library dropoff box only with a lock at the bottom, and they are Hinton, detective Scot VanSolkema and Leslie Heffron.

"Anyone can just come in and dispose of the pharmaceuticals," said Hinton. "It's completely

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The event followed the traditional Saturday Riverwalk parade which was briefly interrupted by a summer downpour. However, the rain stopped and the sun returned in time for the dedication ceremony. The Holland American Legion band and the Grand Rapids Bag Pipe band provided music and American Legion Post commander Dave Thompson and Gordon Gould acted as MC's for the afternoon. The Reverend Dean Bailey offered the Invocation and Lt. Col. Dean DeGote, US Army, provided a beautiful tribute to Sgt. Beachnaw. Also involved were the VFW-American Legion Color Guard members of

both posts and the Patriot Guard Riders who were there for their own special salute to Sgt. Beachnaw. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and post members placed flowers at the other memorials to soldiers who have perished in previous wars. Mayor Jim Hodges, Vergennes Township supervisor Tim Wittenbach and Lowell Township supervisor Jerry Hale, placed a red, white and blue flowered wreath dedicated to all who have served in our country's military. The Battlefield Cross memorial has now joined other permanent memorials, but this one is quite different. It is a cast bronze statue that includes a pair of military boots with an



"All gave some Some Gave All!" inscribed on the face of the monument. It is set at the base of the pole that carries the POW flag with the words, "You are not forgotten."

City manager, continued

Board since its inception in 1997.

And it wasn't just Englehardt's philanthropy. Lowell also has the Look Memorial Fund, Lee Fund and the LCTV fund.

"The community is blessed with these monies," he said.

Current city projects include the bridge replacement with an

expected completion by Oct. 1.

There will always be unfinished projects for any administrator in charge. For Pasquale, it will most likely be the plan to make improvements to the old amphitheatre, as well as to the river frontage on the west side. Plans are to stabilize the riverbank. "I will miss the day to

day working with people and my fellow employees," he said. "But, it's time to retire."

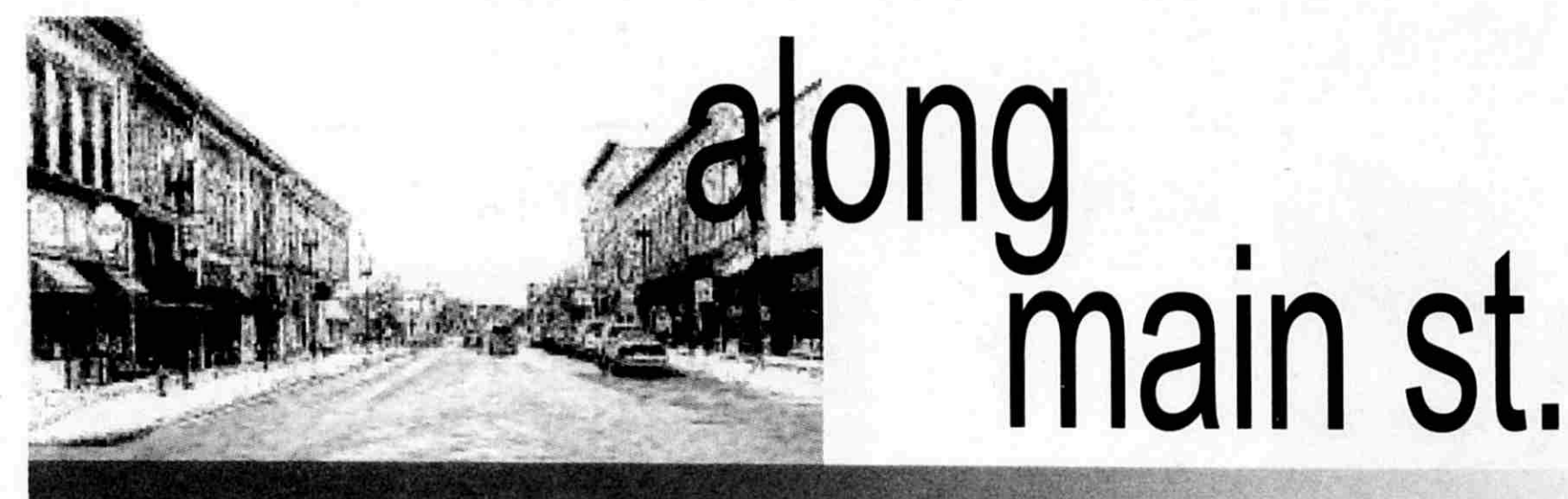
Pasquale plans to stay in Lowell with his wife Anne. He wants to do some volunteer work. With three master's degrees and one bachelor's degree, Pasquale is considering teaching government as an adjunct professor for some of the

local colleges. "I want to stay active," he said.

Mayor Jim Hodges said it has been a wonderful 23 years.

"We are also looking forward to the new manager," he said.

The council will work with the Michigan Municipal League to fill the position.



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NATIVE AMERICAN WORKSHOP

The Lowell Area Historical Museum presents another hands-on children's workshop, Thurs., July 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Wittenbach/Wege Agri-Science and Environmental Education Center will provide us the location. Choose two of the four classes offered: leather pouch making, beadwork, herbs and Native cooking, or living in nature (shelters & firebuilding). A Native American style lunch will be served. The workshop will be open to ages 8 to 14 years. Please call the museum to register 897-7688.

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Plan entices 17 Lowell teachers into early retirement

by Thad Kraus

The target for the state's early retirement incentive plan for Michigan School Districts was 28,000.

Of the 56,000 school employees eligible, roughly 17,000 were enticed to take the buyout.

The target of 28,000 retirements would have created savings projections of \$660 million next year and \$3 billion over the next decade.

In order to induce them to retire, the state offered veteran teachers an increase in the multiplier that

determines the size of their pension, which increased from the current level of 1.5 percent to 1.6 percent.

This will be funded by making teachers who remain contribute an additional three percent of their pay towards retiree medical benefits—in other words, by imposing a three percent pay cut.

Lowell had 17 teachers sign up for the early retirement incentive plan. In addition to the state plan, each received a one-time pay out of \$17,000 from the district. In addition to the early retirements, the district

laid off 4.5 employees and then recently recalled one full-time equivalent.

"Initially, we will save less in cost in year one than in year four," said Lowell superintendent Greg Pratt.

The early retirement plan cut \$1.125 million from this year's budget.

Despite the budget reduction, the district projects an operating deficit of \$465,000, \$30,000 more than a year ago based on current assumptions, according to Lowell's chief financial officer John Zielinski.

Small step increases, insurance increases (18.47 percent) and a 2.47 percent increase in the retirement rate have increased operational cost.

Zielinski has set a conservative budget of \$34 million for the 2010-11 school year.

"The starting budget is on the conservative side," Zielinski said. "The figure is based on what is most likely."

Last year, the projected deficit budget was set at \$500,000 and by year's end was down roughly \$75,000.

How successful the plan is will depend largely on the number of hires needed. Pratt says that will become clearer in August.

"We'll see how things fall out financially and what the impact is on the budget," Pratt explained. "We will work with our staff to fill all the roles we're losing without hiring any new staff."

The Lowell superintendent added that the district is filled with young wonderful people and educators.

"It's their turn to takeover," he said.

School districts recently learned that they will receive back \$11 per pupil from last year's \$165 prorated figure. For Lowell, that will mean an additional \$42,000. Countering that, the district projects its student enrollment in 2010-11 to be down 30 from 2009-10.

The state's tough economic times also pushed 30,000 people to migrate out of the state last year.

Disposal, continued

anonymous; there are no reports, no inventories. Privacy is a big issue."

The only way the police department will keep track of the disposed drugs will be by weight. The drugs fall through the box into a bucket which is weighed on a scale.

After collection, the disposed drugs will be taken to the Kent County incinerator to be incinerated, just like narcotics.

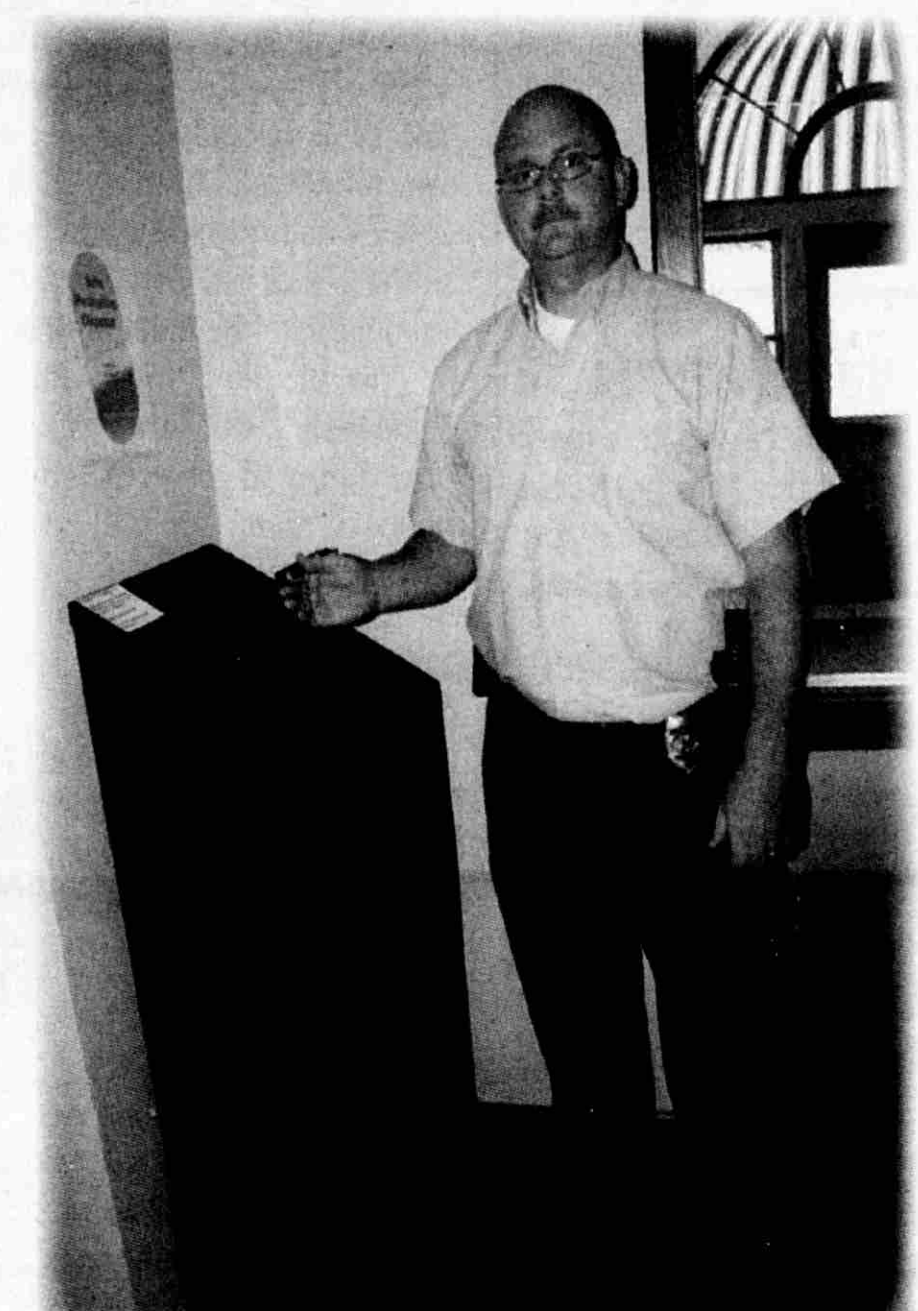
Hinton said the disposal program does not cost the department any additional money, just time.

"The benefits outweigh that," he said.

The disposal program does not accept syringes, IV bags or liquids, or medical waste.

"Just drop off old drugs and leave," he said.

The drugs can be dropped off into the box Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the lobby.



Police chief James Hinton pictured by pharmaceutical metal box in the lobby of the city hall.

Lowell couple killed in Ionia crash

A head-on collision on M-21 east of Bellamy Rd. took three lives Saturday night in Ionia County.

According to the Michigan State Police, a westbound Saturn driven by Lester Mahlich, 57, Greenville, crossed the

eastbound vehicle (Mercury Sable) were driver Ruth Kiefner, 56, and her husband John Kiefner, 69.

The Kiefners have resided in Lowell since 1993.

All three occupants were pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

State Police accident investigators responded to the scene and are continuing with the investigation.

Additional assistance at the accident scene was provided by the Ionia Department of Public Safety, Life EMS, Ionia County Road Commission, and Ruehs Towing.

Host families needed

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester and year homestay programs, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families. The students are anxiously awaiting news of their new families. This is the last chance for these young ambassadors to fulfill their lifelong dreams.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) president, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to

match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from one semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local public and private high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student

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Some succeed because they are destined to, but most succeed because they are determined to. - Unknown

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The Tale of the Troll, Part XIV

by Amy Hayes

Chapter 13 left us with more questions than answers. Things are certainly getting goofy in Lowell and if you haven't met all these delicious characters, well then might we suggest you take a trip to Main Street and introduce yourself to all of Lowell's trolls.

For those of you who may have just decided to tune into these Tales of Troll, you can go to the Chamber of Commerce and Mrs. Troll and Liz will be happy to make you copies of any chapters you may have missed.

So, now we must try to clear up some of the current loose strings with some of our more zany trolls. Sparkle, from Gilda's Club, did indeed get her hair fashioned after Ms. Iris and there are now two fuchsia-haired friends walking the streets of Lowell. Perhaps they will get all the female trolls to dye their hair in time for the upcoming pink game in the fall!

Nauga Hyde and Butch have practically set up shop at Bernard's Ace Hardware.

Now I know that Bernard's has just about everything a homeowner needs when it comes to home maintenance and repair. I also happen to know that they have the most helpful staff on earth, but I have never felt the urge to "live" there. So what the heck were Butch and Nauga Hyde up to?

Upon further investigation it has been discovered that a rather sophisticated, worldly and gorgeous troll by the name of Bernadette has moved into Bernard's. Now Bernadette is not only unbelievably beautiful, she is also "brainy" to boot! Bernadette has a master's degree from New York Troll University in bridge building. Nauga Hyde was quite accustomed to the lady trolls falling all over themselves to be noticed by him. However, this Bernadette creature left him completely speechless and dumbfounded. Nauga Hyde could barely get near the New Yorker because there was always a line of M-DOT workers waiting to ask her this or that about their bridge.

Bernadette never went anywhere without her set of blueprints, her blackberry or her hard hat! As a matter of fact, it happened that Mrs. Troll saw the coveted blueprints in Bernadette's hands one day. Without much thought, Mrs. Troll tackled poor Bernadette to the ground and snatched up the blueprints while shouting, "Ah ha!"

Bernadette staggered into the first store she could find to assess the damages to her poor disheveled, tackled body. Bernadette quickly forgot about her pain and torn clothing as she looked around at the lovely store she had entered. Bernadette was quite speechless as she took in the pure beauty of her surroundings at Fire and Water Art! She actually felt as if she were in a gallery back in New York. She was staggering around the show place when she bumped

into the most interesting and special troll she had ever laid eyes on. Joy gently placed her hands on Bernadette and guided her to a small bench to help her in her confused state.

Bernadette and Joy became instant kindred spirits and Bernadette knew she would be visiting Fire and Water Art often to take in all the spectacular works of art (by local artists) that literally covered the magnificent building. If you haven't been to Fire and Water Art, it is a must see!

So, we still have no idea why Mrs. Troll wanted the bridge blueprints. We do however, know that Nauga Hyde is over the top in love! And we are no closer to learning who caused all the troubles at Salon 206. Next week will undoubtedly just bring more confusion...but it's all so fun. See you then.

Bridge buck winners

This week's Bridge Buck winners: the \$50 winner is: Ann Marvin; \$20 winners are: Tiana Peavey, Kevin Homrick, Mary Banghart, Helen Vezino, and Natalie Blunt; and \$10 winners are: Jordan Schaezwle, Dick Noskey, Marck Batchelor, Annette Wicks, and Jen Borrello.

outdoors

Get involved Dave Stegehuis

Touring vacations can be educational and interesting, as well as a great way to meet people with backgrounds much different than our own. There are many destinations where touring, alone or with a group, is the most practical way to see new places. Traveling through remote wilderness areas and observing wild animals or snow-capped mountains through a picture window in the comfort of an air-conditioned rail coach is a pleasant and memorable experience.

Sitting alone on the rocky shore of a remote sub-arctic river and hearing brush cracking in a nearby alder thicket lends a whole new perspective to the wilderness experience. Realizing that you may not be at the top of the food chain in that neck-of-the-woods sharpens the senses. The heartbeat increases and breathing becomes a conscious effort. Eyes search intently for anything out of the ordinary and focus on the slightest movement. Ears sort through sounds of wind and water to pick out clues which could identify the source of the disturbance in the brush. This may be an extreme example, but the point is that a direct relationship with the land, wildlife, and people creates a deeper understanding of life in a particular part of the world.

Most any kind of hands-on activity will afford an opportunity to make this connection. Volunteer service helps others, but you will likely return home with a lot more than you gave. It could change your life. Fishing, hunting, bird watching, rock climbing, photography, hiking, or just walks in the woods are some other ways to acquire real insight into of the places one may visit. It might be a good idea to skip running with the bulls in Spain.

So the next time you are planning a trip or visit somewhere, do some research and see if there is an opportunity to get on the ground and become part of what is going on there. You will take away more than a picture and fading memory.

viewpoint

to the editor

Dear Editor,

What a wonderful tribute was paid to Ivan Blough by the Lowell community he loved so well! So many people stepped forward to show support. The school's kitchen, custodial and administrative staff helped in countless ways. Scouts served as ushers. Museum and chamber groups set displays and tributes. The Grand Volute provided the podium which Ivan had recently constructed for them. Hundreds provided food from many different organizations. Roth-Gerst staff served so professionally. On behalf of all the staff and volunteers of Lowell First United Methodist, thank you to every person who helped in any way. We could not have done it without your help. On the way to the cemetery, the first car to respectfully pull over for the procession was a young working man, wearing a baseball cap, driving a red truck. How fitting. The honor you paid to Ivan demonstrates exactly why he so deeply loved this community. What a fitting celebration. Ivan would have been humbled, but proud.

Rev. Rick Blunt

Dear Editor,

Representative Justin Amash is running for the Congress, the same seat of Gerald R. Ford and Vernon J. Ehlers. A big card came through the mail showing his lovely family in summer (angelic?) whites whilst proclaiming how big he is on "life." To be fair, he is not some blood thirsty pro-lifer simultaneously advocating the tactical bombing of North Korea, Iran, and Cuba for patriotism. Especially in the South, the Republican party crawls with them.

I went into his attractive web site which prompted a letter, not a lousy e-mail, to the East Beltline campaign office. a) He alleges government "central planning" responsible for the economic *débâcle*, but names no agencies / departments / commissions. A "free markets" man. b) Amash is an ardent supporter of amendment IX, even tendering a superfluous House resolution in support thereof.

Regarding a) some bare few specifics. For b) how does the Ninth's reservation of "power to the people" and to the several states go with his hotspur anti-abortion position? As of the close of business on the 10th there has been no convenient e-mail reply. He is a male Sarah Palin without the phantasy value, unready for the U.S. House of Representatives, but [he] is young yet.

G.M. Ross
Lowell

Dear Editor,

Fry Daddy's recently completed its M-DOT Adopt-A-Highway trash pickup and I appreciate Mary Schultz and

Gina Grover for their help with this project. Following is a brief, very scientific analysis of what was found:

A person, who was so very conscientious to have purchased "organic" chocolate milk, tossed the empty carton out the window.

Marlboro Light smokers outnumber all else. People are choosing McDonald's over Burger King, although we did find four White Castle fry containers. Coke drinkers outnumber Pepsi drinkers and Bud drinkers prevail as well.

Skoal and Kodiak chewers were equal. I cannot give a scientific evaluation of the styrofoam coffee cups as they contained no company logo information, but there were a LOT of them!

There is no good reason for anyone to have to pick this stuff up from along our highways and roadsides. Most vehicles come complete with an ashtray - use it. For everyone else, I'd sure like to know why you feel it's okay to toss your trash and not simply keep it in your vehicle until you can properly dispose of it. So much of the trash we cleaned up does NOT biodegrade very well and needs to be disposed of appropriately.

Please consider the environment before finishing your burger, your pop or your last cigarette.

I also appreciate the golfers at Centennial Country Club for the nearly two dozen "gently" used golf balls I found. My golf game is not that great either.

Nancy Stroosnyder

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By Shelly MacNaughton

125 Years Ago
The Lowell Journal
July 15, 1885
To Mrs. Will Perrin born Sunday, July 12, a 9 lb girl, just in time to take to the fair this fall.
For the library, the sum of \$200 was appropriated. At present there are 1254 books in the library. The northern resorts are not yet crowded.

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Gen X'ers must consider needs of three generations

If you're a member of Generation X — the age group born between 1963 and 1981 — you may well be in the busiest time of your life. You're probably in the early to middle stages of your career, for one thing, and if you have children, they're likely still at home. Yet despite the hectic nature of your days, you still have to look after the financial concerns of your children, yourself and possibly even your parents. This three-generational effort may seem challenging, but with some planning and persistence, you can help your family make progress toward a variety of goals.

To begin with, let's consider the needs of your children.

Obviously, you're already providing for their living expenses, so from an investment point of view, your biggest concern may be how you'll help them pay for college. Here's a suggestion: Put time on your side and start saving as soon as possible. You might want to consider opening a 529 college savings plan, which offers potential tax advantages.

Saving for college is important — but so is saving for your own retirement. Consequently, you'll have to find the right balance of resources to devote to these two goals. To avoid shortchanging yourself, take full advantage of your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. Contribute as much as you can afford right now, and whenever you get a raise, increase your contributions. At the very least, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. Your 401(k) accumulates on a tax-deferred basis, and your contributions are generally made with pretax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income.

You aren't confined to investing in a 401(k), either, because you can also put money into a traditional IRA, which accumulates tax deferred, or a Roth IRA, which accumulates tax free, provided you're at least age 59 1/2 when you start

making withdrawals and you've held your account at least five years.

Once you've started saving for college for your kids and investing for your own retirement, you've got one more generation to consider — the older one. For example, you'll need to make sure your parents have adequate financial protection for their health care expenses. If your parents have saved and invested throughout their lives, they may not need any financial help from you — but that doesn't mean you'll never be called upon to straighten out their affairs. That's why now is the perfect time to ask your parents some key questions: *Where are your assets located? Do you have a will? How about a durable power of attorney?* You might think these inquiries will make you sound "selfish," but the opposite is true: The more you know about your parents' financial situation and estate plans, the bigger help you'll be to them, and to other members of your family, if the day arrives when your parents need some assistance.

It may not always be easy to act on behalf of three generations — but it's worth the effort.

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college news

Elyse Marie Welcher of Ada recently graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design. Welcher earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in accessory design.

Lowell resident Alice A. Blumm received a Bachelor of Science in diplomacy and international relations in December 2009 from the Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University.

Rebecca Myers of Lowell was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2010 semester at Central Michigan University. She is the daughter of Karen Myers of Lowell and Bill Myers of Ada.

The National FFA Organization awarded a \$1,000 RAM Trucks

scholarship to Paula Blough of Lowell High School FFA. RAM Trucks, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, sponsors the scholarship. Blough plans to use the funds to pursue a degree at Kansas State University (KS).

This scholarship is one of 1,446 awarded through the National FFA Scholarship program this year. Currently, 132 corporate sponsors



Paula Blough

generously contribute over \$1.9 million to support this program. This is the 26th year that scholarships have been made available through the National FFA Foundation by business and industry sponsors to reward and encourage excellence and enable students to pursue their educational goals.

Scholarship recipients were selected from 8,305 applicants from across the country. Selections were based on the applicant's academic record, FFA and other school and community activities, supervised agricultural experience program in agricultural education, and future goals.

Students have been named to the Albion College Dean's List for the spring 2010 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded

courses and a minimum of four units completed.

Natalie Hewitt is a sophomore with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts program in professional management. She is the daughter of Gregory and Barbara Hewitt of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell High School.

Culver Redd is majoring in physics and computer science. He is the son of James and Marsha Redd of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell High School.

Timothy Wernet is majoring in economics and management and minoring in communication studies with a concentration in the Gerstacker Liberal Arts program in professional management. He is the son of Timothy and Suzanne Wernet of Rockford and a graduate of Lowell High School.

weddings

Palm/Halbeisen



Julie and Daniel Palm

Daniel Athur Palm and Julie Lynn Halbeisen were wed on April 10, 2010 at the MSU Alumni Chapel in East Lansing.

Parents of the couple are Jeffrey and Mary Palm and Linda LeSage and Alan Halbeisen.

Maid of honor was Nicole Halbeisen and matron of honor was Heather Stevens. Bridesmaids were Lerin Bommarito, Jennifer McIlhargey, Molly Megargle, Jeanna Zehnder and Janelle Kolhagen.

Best man was Brian Kern and groomsmen were Jeffrey Palm Jr., Shaun Palm, Steven Krieger, Kyle Ryan, Ben Kolhagen and Pieter Serne.

Soloist was Emily Nurmikko.

The couple reside in Reese.

business matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Elaine Wingeier received Realtor of the Month in June.

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Thank You
Words cannot express how moved we are by the outpouring of love you have shown us during our loss. The cards, food, prayers, unique signs and tributes, hugs and stories are still supporting us as we move through the days ahead. We are so grateful to all our family, friends, and strangers who have become our new friends. We are truly touched by your love, care, and generosity. We will be forever thankful to you for carrying us through our loss. A special thank you to Deer Run's wonderful staff and all the rescue and response personnel who tried so very hard to save this beautiful man. A heartfelt thank you to the First Congregational Church of Lowell and Reverend Chris Schwab for the service and funeral luncheon. Thank you also to Roth Gerst for your caring support. We love and thank you with all our hearts!
The family of Jim "Woody" Wood

Ella's Coffee & Cuisine to feature specialty coffees, fresh baked pastries and Litehouse products

by Emma Palova

Lowell now has a nice place to gather for a discussion, to read a book, or to surf the Internet while sipping on a cup of specialty coffee - that is Ella's Coffee & Cuisine just a few doors down from the city hall.

Freshly redecorated with walls painted in warm colors, the shop promises a great coffee sipping experience.

Owner Ella Bolan is excited to start her very own business after working in different positions in the restaurant business. Bolan has a culinary degree from the Florida Culinary Institute in West Palm Beach. She grew up in Alto and went to Forest Hills Central.

"I have a concept of what the place could be," she said. "I have a lot of experience."

Her experience ranges from dishwashing,

cooking, food and beverage serving, to audits. She wants to share her passion for the restaurant business with the community.

"I think Lowell is the next place to be," she said. "It's a growing community.

It's a small town that has a lot to offer."

Plus, her parents, Julie Claire De Voe and Cliff Yankovich, run the Chimera Design jewelry business in downtown Lowell.

Bolan is looking for

artists to display their artwork in the coffee shop. She carries all Michigan products, including specialty blend coffee from Evelyn Bay Coffee Company, Ted Nugent's Nuge Java Blends, Light of

Day teas, smoothies, frozen drinks, Dorothy & Toto's Gourmet Kettle Corn and Patricia's Chocolates.

What would be a coffee shop without pastries?

So, freshly-made pastries by Gunta and Ivers are displayed in the glass case up front by the counter. Also, the much wanted Litehouse products are available here

a small meeting or take a right at the coffee shop. The products include dressings, spices, caramels, blue

cheese crumbles, and much more.

"We can be an asset to the community," said Bolan.

Bolan is hoping the coffee shop will become a social place to come to. She is planning to have a book exchange and a menu with easy, fresh, quick food.

"Come have coffee, a small meeting or take a lunch break here," she said.

The grand opening was held last Saturday.



Ella Bolan behind the counter at Ella's Coffee & Cuisine.



Grand opening of Ella's was last Saturday.

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Playful weather puts on a spectacle during Riverwalk parade and other festivities

by Emma Palova

It was the playful weather that crowned this year's parade and other Riverwalk Fest activities. The sidewalks Saturday were crowded with spectators, with only a small section of sidewalk open on the south side due to the construction.

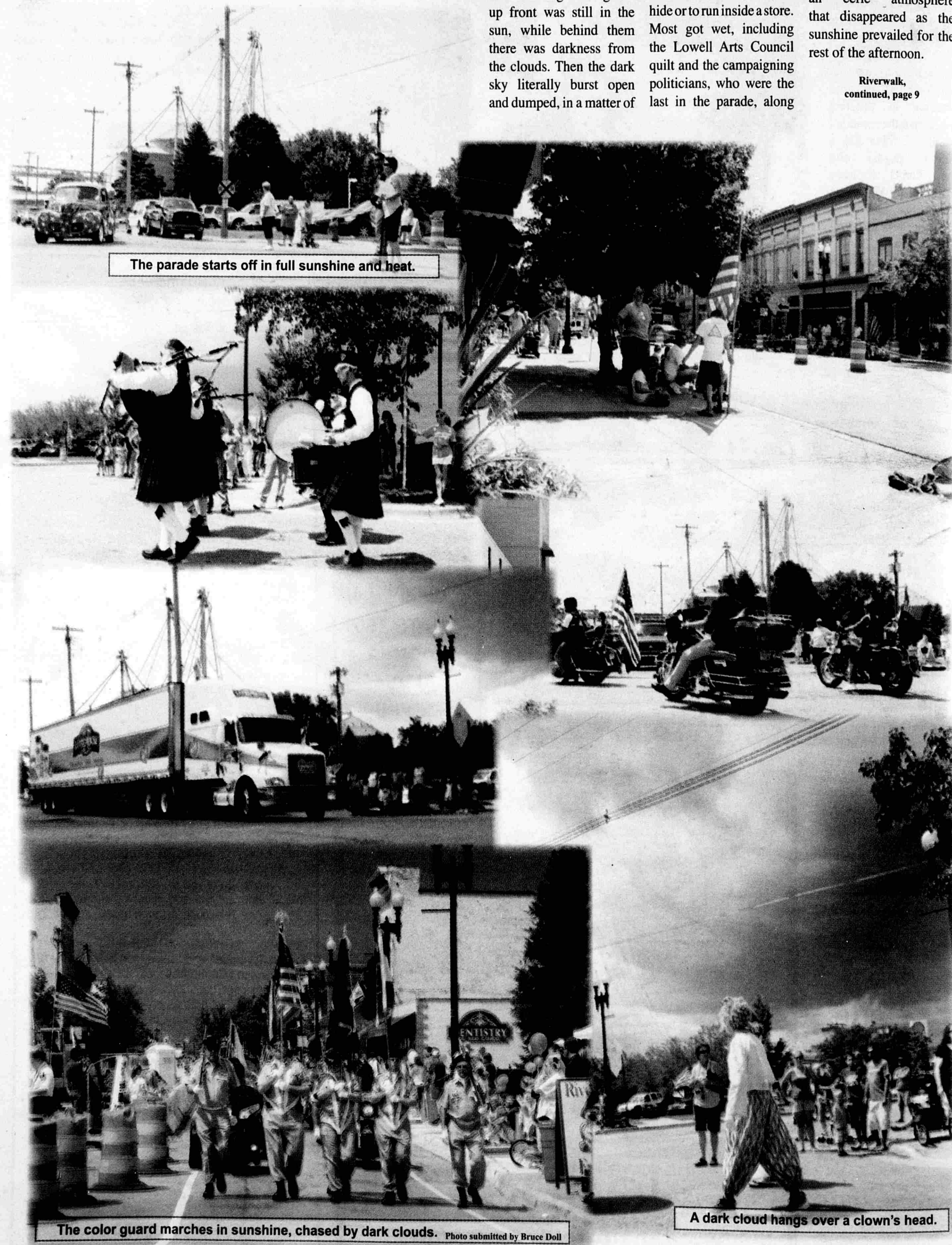
The annual parade with FROM the Heart theme lined up on both sides of Broadway Street started in beautiful sunshine in more than 90-degree heat at noon. The parade entries were merging from left and right onto Main Street, some large semi-trailers had difficulty making the right turn into the one lane bridge.

As the parade slowly progressed, all of a sudden large, dark blue clouds emerged from southwest over the silos heading toward the parade area. They could be seen all the way from Parnell, eight miles out north of town.

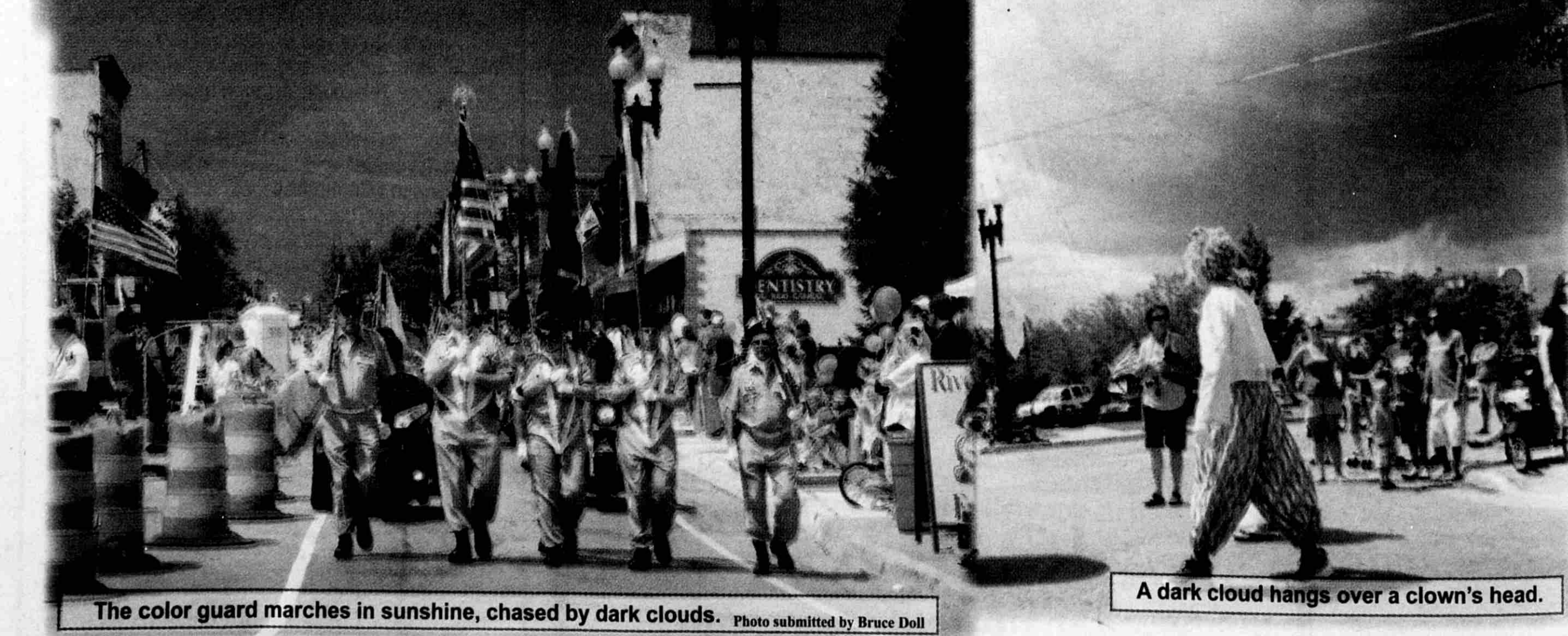
As the system moved, a dark cloud was hanging over a clown's head, but the marching color guard up front was still in the sun, while behind them there was darkness from the clouds. Then the dark sky literally burst open and dumped, in a matter of a few minutes, more water on the spectators and the parade than the dunk tank on the celebrities. And hard rain poured without mercy.

"Can you believe that?" yelled totally soaked chamber director, Liz Baker from her cart. There was no time to hide or to run inside a store. Most got wet, including the Lowell Arts Council quilt and the campaigning politicians, who were the last in the parade, along

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The parade starts off in full sunshine and heat.



The color guard marches in sunshine, chased by dark clouds. Photo submitted by Bruce Doll

A dark cloud hangs over a clown's head.

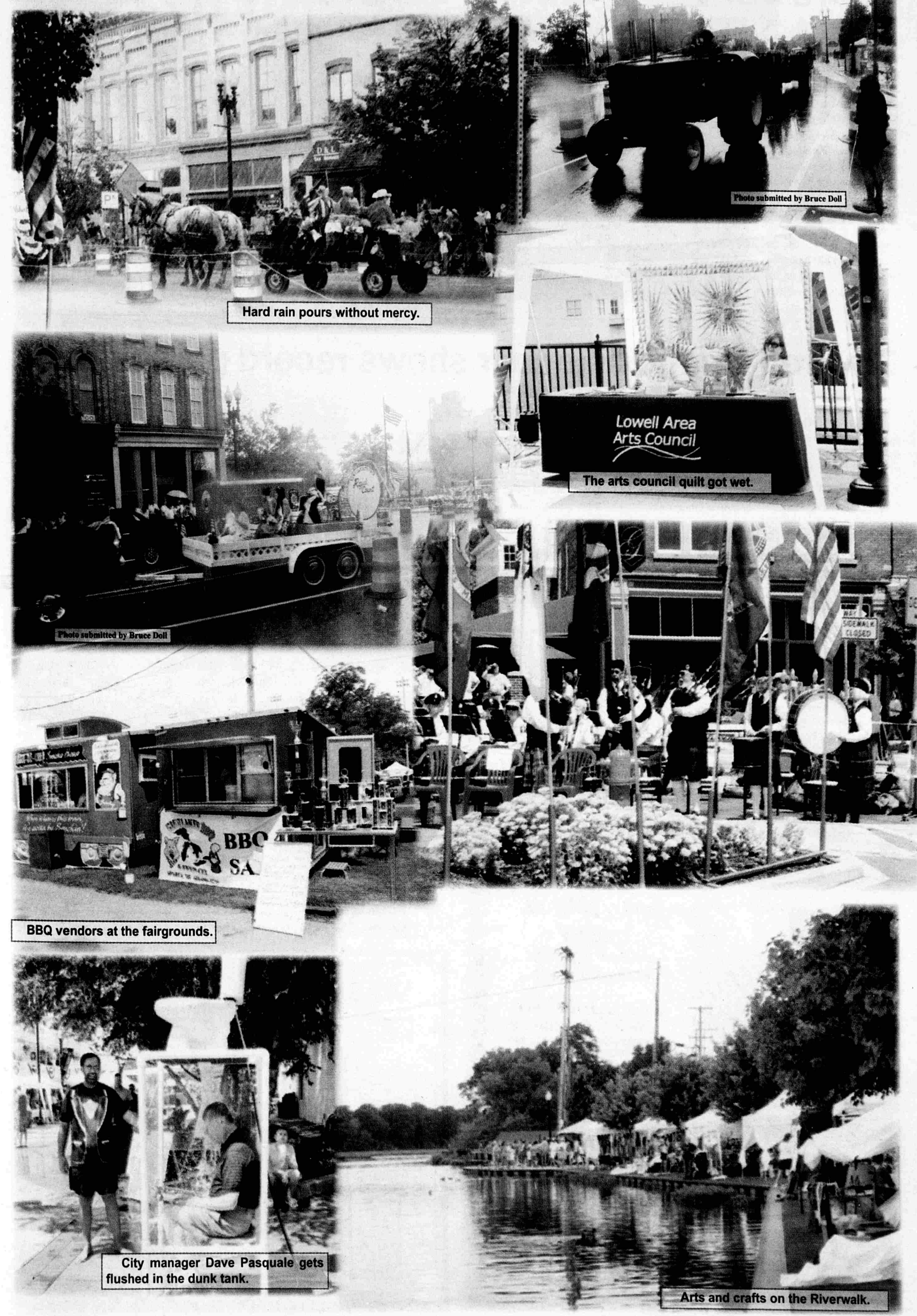
Riverwalk, continued

Back on the Riverwalk, both city manager Dave Pasquale and mayor Jim Hodges got flushed in the dunk tank for famous personalities.

The fairgrounds enjoyed good attendance at the car show and the Pauly's Brew-BQ Throw Down. The new Beer Barn

located inside the Reath Barn attracted many thirsty visitors and distributors from Michigan breweries.

The Beer Barn featured Founders, Great Lakes Brewing Co., and from the Arcadia, Schmoz, Shorts.



Hard rain pours without mercy.

Lowell Area Arts Council

The arts council quilt got wet.

Photo submitted by Bruce Doll

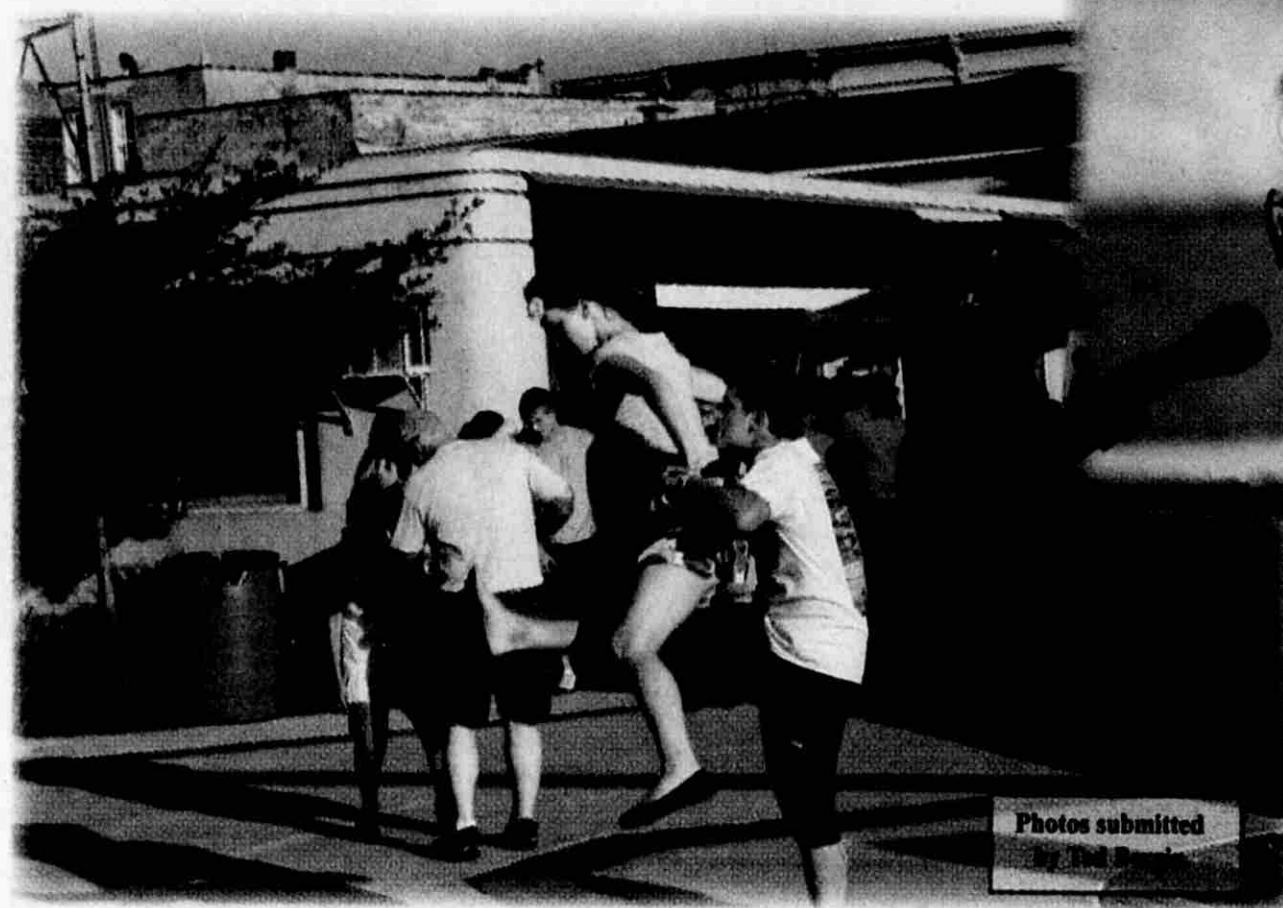
BBQ vendors at the fairgrounds.

City manager Dave Pasquale gets flushed in the dunk tank.

Arts and crafts on the Riverwalk.

Bands rock the Riverwalk and the fairgrounds during this year's fest

In spite of the unpredictable weather, entertainment persevered during this year's Riverwalk. Madcat, Kane and Maxwell Street took to the stage on the Riverwalk Thursday night. The band specializes in acoustic blues and American roots music. Other bands that played during the Riverwalk were Union Guns and Stolen Horses at the fairgrounds. Festival goers enjoyed entertainment out on the streets by Easy Idle bluegrass band. The next band on the Riverwalk stage is Alive



Photos submitted by Dan Tamke

Covered Bridge bike tour shows record participation

by Emma Palova

A record 247 riders participated in the 16th annual event in the Fallsburg Historical Society's biggest fundraiser last Sunday.

"It was a little bigger this year," said society director Ken Tamke.

"A beautiful start to the day certainly helped attract the crowd."

The scattered rain showers beginning in early afternoon occurred after a majority of riders had completed their tours.

"Now switch that scenario around, rain in the morning, sun in the

afternoon, and some people might have stayed home, but the weather broke perfectly on our big day," said Tamke.

But, the rains did not affect all areas of the bike routes. Some riders stayed dry. In addition to the tremendous "walk in" crowd the day of the tour, 75 people had pre-registered.

"That's also a record, so we knew we had successfully gotten the word out there and were hoping for a big turnout," said Tamke.

And riders enjoyed Dottie Blain's cooking. Blain, a society board member, made 500 meatballs, a vegetarian

dish and a strawberry shortcake. Plus the riders got lemonade.

"Everything went beautifully," Blain said. "The little rain was refreshing for riders."

and Well. Seven friends, Dale and Cindy Adams, Roger MacNaughton, Carl Andrews and Dan Lomas, bring their full-bodied, high energy sound, combined with intricate harmonies and four dynamic lead vocalists to deliver the best classic rock/pop from the 1960s to today. The band will play on July 15 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.



Bike tour participants pedal through Lowell to Fallsburg Park, the end point of the tour.

The most often heard comment was about the hospitality the volunteers extended to the two-wheeled guests. "We made people feel at home and welcomed them into Fallsburg Village," said Tamke. "Our riders were number one. Great food, down home people, and beautiful countryside through which to ride, what more could you ask for?"

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Someone had to say it!



Thad Kraus

Lebron James' narcissistic, self-absorbed and disingenuous way of dealing with his free agency assured his NBA tour around the league in 2010-11 will not be a quiet nor pleasant one.

Within hours of his announcement, James was blistered with inflammatory remarks authored by Cleveland Cavalier owner Dan Gilbert. Cavalier fans took to the streets and began

burning any and all Lebron uniforms. Most recently, Jesse Jackson, who never misses an opportunity to play the race card or grab any available national attention, criticized Gilbert's letter declaring James quit on the Cavaliers, his teammates and coach during Cleveland's playoff run. Jackson turned Gilbert's feelings of betrayal into the personification of a slave master mentality. "He sees James as a runaway slave," Jackson

said of Gilbert. "He speaks as an owner of Lebron and not of Cleveland."

First of all, to compare anything to slavery, or the Holocaust, is a nonstarter. Jackson isn't concerned for Lebron or what's right or wrong, it's about attention and 15 more minutes of national limelight for a political figure who no longer has any relevance.

"By Gilbert saying Lebron has gotten a free pass and that people have covered for him way too long, he suggests that Lebron has

done something illegal or illicit," Jackson said.

What's illegal or illicit about saying a professional athlete gets preferential treatment? When he/she gets in trouble there is a team to clean up the mess, to clean the slate. A professional athlete has the latitude to do things others don't dare.

I suggest it's Jackson who has gotten a free pass to spew garbage (much like Rush) and who needs to go away.

This has nothing to do with illegal or illicit unless

you believe that's where Jackson's comments should be classified.

Jackson also called for Lebron to speak out on Gilbert's letter.

The only speaking out Lebron will do is on Miami's South Beach.

When asked where he chose to play in 2010-11,

James said, "I choose to go play in South Beach with Dwayne Wade and Chris Bosh." I think it's telling he did not say Miami or The Heat - but South Beach!

New START treaty makes us safer today and tomorrow



Sen. Carl Levin

When we have an opportunity to help make the people of Michigan, the United States and the world a little safer, we should jump at it. I believe that's my obligation as a father and grandfather, let alone as a senator and as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. That's why I support a new treaty on reducing nuclear weapons that the Armed Services Committee recently discussed in a hearing before our committee.

The New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, or New START, as it is known, will reduce U.S. and Russian deployed strategic nuclear weapons by 30 percent. As with all international treaties, the Senate must ratify New START, and I hope we will do so later this year.

As Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, described it, New START will "make our country more secure and advance our core national security interests." This treaty is in keeping with a long tradition of bilateral, verifiable arms control agreements with Russia and its predecessor, the Soviet Union, and it strengthens the U.S. commitment to stopping the spread of nuclear weapons.

While the treaty would reduce the number of deployed nuclear warheads in our inventory, our nuclear arsenal would still deter potential enemies. We would maintain our "strategic triad" - the combination of land-based missiles, submarine-launched missiles and nuclear-armed bombers that gives us our flexible nuclear deterrent.

During the Cold War, our arms reduction treaties with the Soviet Union were designed primarily to limit the dangers of a nuclear confrontation between the superpowers. In today's security environment, it is the threat of nuclear terrorism and the spread of nuclear weapons to countries like Iran that concern us. Through this treaty and related efforts to secure nuclear materials, we will reduce these dangers.

How? The United States and Russia together possess more than 90 percent of the world's nuclear weapons. Reducing the number of these weapons, and the systems that could deliver them, reduces the chances that terrorists might acquire one or that they could be used accidentally.

This treaty is also a strong statement that the United States is committed to reducing the dangers to the world that nuclear weapons present. That commitment makes it easier for us to work with the international community, including Russia, to contain the threat of nuclear weapons programs in countries such as North Korea and Iran.

The treaty accomplishes these important goals, but there are some things it does not do. For instance, there have been many statements suggesting that the treaty imposes constraints on our missile defense plans and programs. That is simply incorrect. This treaty limits strategic offensive nuclear arms, not missile defenses. As Defense Secretary Robert Gates told the Armed Services Committee, "The

treaty will not constrain the United States from deploying the most effective missile defenses possible nor impose additional costs or barriers on those defenses."

Along with this treaty, President Obama's administration has brought a new focus on maintaining the nuclear stockpile through increased scientific and technical rigor. To keep a credible deterrent, and to be confident that we can make reductions in the number of warheads, we have to make sure our remaining warheads will work. If an adversary does not believe that our weapons work, the weapons don't serve as a deterrent. The administration has laid out a plan to restore the needed funding to ensure that for the foreseeable future, U.S. nuclear weapons are safe, secure and reliable. Our top scientists testify that we can achieve that goal without new warheads and without testing.

I hope the Senate will promptly ratify this important agreement. The New START treaty will make us safer today, and leave a safer world for our children and grandchildren. It will reduce the chance that a terrorist or rogue nation can use these terrible weapons against us. That's an opportunity we should be eager to seize.

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

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obituaries

KAEB

Hermine (Wieland) Kaeb, age 90, of Lowell, formerly of Bay City, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Thursday, July 8, 2010. She was born July 22, 1919, in Kawkawin and was baptized at the Bay City Apostolic Christian Church along with her husband in 1950. She was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 59 years, Alpheus C. Kaeb; her son, Kevin; and her brother, Gerald Wieland. She is survived by her children, Curt (Luanne) Kaeb and Mary (Bob) Singer; six grandchildren, Melanie (Tim) Tomic, Heidi (Ned) Stoller, Loren, Aaron, Benjamin Kaeb, and Megan Steer; ten great-grandchildren, Christopher, Brian, Jonathan, Matthew Tomic and Ellie, Ivy, Lena, Josie, Lowell, and Oliver Stoller. Also surviving are her sister-in-law, Lois Wieland; her brother and sister-in-law, David and Mary Kaeb; her special nephew, Lyman (Vivian) Feldman; many other nieces and nephews; plus a faithful neighbor, Teresa O'Shea. Hermine made her home, with her son Curt, in Lowell and daughter Mary in San Diego, since July 2005, flying back and forth once each year. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Alto Apostolic Christian Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Apostolic Christian World Relief.

MCQUEEN

Annie Lou McQueen, age 91, of Alto, passed away Monday, July 12, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond D. McQueen; son, Charles L. McQueen; one sister and one brother. She is survived by her daughter, Kay (Kirk) Barnes; brother, Milford (Sue) Morton; sister, Flossie Carter; grandchildren, Kimberly (Richard) Kossen, Christie Longsdorf, Charles (Tara) McQueen, Raymond (Lisa) McQueen and Erin L. McQueen; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Graveside services will be 3 p.m. at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton Township. Memorial contributions may be made to Spectrum Health Hospice, 4500 Breton Rd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.



07/04/2010
Dorothy Hoag
972 Ada Place Dr. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

— LEGAL NOTICE —

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 10-188775-DE

Estate of ROBERT AUGUST STRUTZ, Date of birth: 02/28/1951.

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ROBERT AUGUST STRUTZ, who lived at 835 Everglade Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI, died 06/18/2010.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 10-188503-DE

Estate of MAXINE HARRIGAN, Date of birth: 09/20/1906.

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MAXINE HARRIGAN, who lived at 1551 Franklin St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506, died 04/04/2010.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 10-188,755-DE

Estate of PREM VATI MCKAY, Date of birth: 03/09/1934.

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, PREM VATI MCKAY, who lived at 205 Morris Ave. SE, #2, Grand Rapids, Michigan died 05/18/2010.

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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.

misc.

LOWELL CLASS OF 1978 50th BIRTHDAY PARTY! - Aug. 14, begins 5 p.m. Home of Laura Dey Leasure, 2880 Pratt Lake Ave., Lowell. Please send \$10 per person to Laura by Aug. 1. Facebook: Laura Dey Leasure, 616-897-5739, lauraleasure@sbjglobal.net. No mailing - please invite classmates! Bring your own chair & drink.

card of thanks

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK my many friends for all the lovely cards, flowers & food that was sent to me during my surgery and "down time." They were very much appreciated.

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct two public hearings on Monday, July 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

To consider a Special Use Permit request from William J. Wheeler who wishes to construct a second story addition to his building for living space at 103 Riverside. A Special Use Permit is required as stated in Section 11.03 (E) when providing residential dwellings in the same building with commercial uses.

Jennifer Lopez, owner of Daisy Floral, is requesting to rezone 119 Lincoln Lake (old Masonic Lodge property) from PF (Public Facility) and the vacant lot at the southeast corner of Chatham and Lincoln Lake from R-3 (Residential) to C-3 (General Business).

Interested persons may submit comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street prior to the meeting or appear in person at City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

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Diabetes and heart disease

If you have diabetes, you're at an increased risk of having a heart attack or stroke compared to the general public. Diabetes is considered one of the five risk factors for heart disease. The other four consist of a family history of heart disease, smoking, high cholesterol, and hypertension (high blood pressure). If you have diabetes, there are things you can do to reduce your risk for heart disease. Learning the ABC'S of diabetes can help you control your condition and stay healthy.

A stands for A1C test. This test, also called the glycosylated hemoglobin test, gives a three-month average of your blood sugar levels. This test should be performed every three to six months and should be kept below seven percent.

B stands for blood pressure. Having high blood pressure overworks your heart. All diabetics and non-diabetics should be screened regularly for high blood pressure. However, diabetics must keep their blood pressure below 130/80, which is lower than required for non-diabetics who must stay below 140/90.

C stands for cholesterol. "Bad" cholesterol, or low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol, can build up and clog your arteries. Diabetics should have their cholesterol checked yearly and keep their LDL below 100. Once again, this value is lower than the level required for non-diabetics who must stay below 130.

S stands for smoking. This is an obvious one. All smokers are at increased risk of heart disease, but if you're diabetic that risk is more than doubled.

If you have questions about managing your diabetes and reducing your risk of heart disease, see your healthcare provider.

Less time inside means more time outside

The sun is out and there are a thousand and one things you could be doing outside.

The last thing you want to do is sit in traffic on your way to the Social Security office, or to wait in line once you get there. From your doorstep to the local office and back again, you could spend a lot of extra time taking care of your Social Security business. On the other hand, you could choose

to visit our online office at www.socialsecurity.gov and complete your Social Security business in a matter of minutes with no commute whatsoever.

You can do so many things at our online office. For example, you can apply online for retirement benefits. Our website makes it simple, allowing you to apply for retirement benefits in as little as 15 minutes. In most cases, once you fill

out the application, you're done. There are no forms to sign and no documents to submit.

If you're within four months of your 65th birthday, you can apply for Medicare only online. Most people, even those who don't plan to start getting retirement benefits right away, need to apply for Medicare coverage at age 65. The application takes as little as 10 minutes, from start to finish.

So if you'd like to soak up some sun this

summer, we suggest you take your Social Security business online. You may even be able to take your laptop outside and conduct your business in the great outdoors. See for yourself at www.socialsecurity.gov

Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her at SocialSecurityAdministration@50CollegeSEGrandRapidsMI49503 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov



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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.

Very nice to see the Cannes coverage. We had a Lowell Ledger in our luggage when we went to France, England and Scotland!

Library Book Sale - awesome; Veterans Memorial - awesome; Riverwalk craft booths - awesome; pontoon tours - awesome; fireworks - awesome. Thanks Lowell Chamber of Commerce for all the hard work you do for this community - you truly are AWESOME.

I thought that the purpose of Riverwalk was to bring the community together. [so people] enjoy themselves and want to come back. So why did our police department feel the need to write parking tickets? Didn't we want people to stay more than two hours?

The 2010 Riverwalk Parade = new theme: dunk tank for the whole town. Congrats to everyone who braved the rain.



JULY 7 to JULY 13

- Bern, Switzerland - The Swiss government declares renowned film director Roman Polanski a free man on Monday after rejecting a U.S. request to extradite him.
- Spain wins its first World Cup by beating the Netherlands 1-0.
- Secrets of next-generation British stealth plane reveals the prototype roboplane, named Taranis, took four years to build and cost \$215 million.
- New Orleans - underwater robots steadily assemble heavy metal pieces Monday as BP prepares to install a tighter cap over its busted well at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico.

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Water Games

Mix some ordinary things from around the house to cool off with Kid Scoop for extraordinary fun!

HERE'S THE STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- Some pennies or small pebbles
- Two or more sewing needles
- A plastic cup
- Clear tape
- A pitcher for water
- 2 pencils
- An empty milk carton
- Soap
- Clean eyedropper

...And plenty of towels!

Spiller Thriller

Fill the cup with water until the water is nearly to the brim. Start adding small pebbles or pennies to the cup. How many do you think you can add before the water spills from the cup?

What Happens: You will add lots of pebbles or pennies. The water actually rises above the rim of the cup and stays there! **Surface tension** holds the water together.

Standards Link: Science: Conduct a simple investigation and analyze results to develop a logical conclusion.

Waterdrop Microscope

Rest two pencils on a table (or the side of your bathtub), about 3 inches apart. Stretch a strip of wide, clear tape between them. Using your eyedropper, put a drop of water on the tape. Surface tension holds the drop together and the force of gravity flattens it against the tape to make a lens.

Slide a small object such as a postage stamp or a picture from the newspaper under your waterdrop lens. What happens?

Standards Link: Physical Science: Understand the unique properties of water.

Soap-Powered Boat

- Cut out a boat from a milk carton shaped like this one.
- Put a tiny chip of soap on the back of the boat.
- Gently put your boat in water and watch it go-go-go!

How can soap power a boat?
Surface tension! Surface tension pulls on things that float in water. Soap breaks surface tension at the back of the boat. **Surface tension** pulls the front more than the back and the boat moves forward.

Standards Link: Investigation and Experimentation: Follow a set of written instructions for a scientific investigation.

What IS Surface Tension?

The water molecules below the surface pull more strongly than the air molecules above the water, and this keeps the water molecules on the surface from flowing over. As more objects are added to the cup of water, the surface stretches as if it's made of elastic. When too many objects are added, the pressure to pull the water molecules down becomes too great and the surface bursts, spilling water everywhere.

Standards Link: Physical Science: All matter is made up of very small particles called atoms. Atoms combine to form molecules. Atoms exist in solids, liquids and gas.

Draw a line from each square to where it appears in the picture.

Ever noticed little beads of water on the sink after you've brushed your teeth? That's surface tension at work.

Floating Needle Trick

You alone will be able to float the needle on water!

- Carefully set a needle in a cup of water until it floats.
- Ask another person to do it after you. If you know the trick, his or her needle will not float.

The TOP SECRET Trick:

- Scrape some soap under the nail of your middle finger.
- Use your index finger and thumb to float your needle.
- Use your thumb and middle finger to remove the floating needle. The soap under your nail will mix with the water. This breaks the surface tension and the next needle will sink.

(Use a fresh cup of water and a clean needle to repeat this trick.)

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: The same word used as different parts of speech.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you find the ducky that is different?

Standards Link: Visual discrimination; differentiating between similar objects.

Double Double Word Search

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

DUCKY SURFACE TENSION CLEAN SOAP WATER MOLECULES LENS BOAT SPILLS FLOATS SINK BRIM TAPE DROP

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E D D F L O A T S T
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Water Journal

Clip and collect articles about creeks, rivers, lakes and all kinds of water. Make lists of people, agencies and places that appear in the articles. What are the main topics of discussion or issues about water in your newspaper?

Standards Link: History/Social Science: Understanding environmental issues in the local community.

What kind of shorts do clouds wear?

ANSWER: Thunderwear!

Kid Scoop Together: Wet Work

Jacob wants to earn \$38 to buy a house for his dog, Jacob Junior. He is willing to work, but wants to do jobs that keep him wet and cool on hot summer days. He only did the jobs on the list below that included water in the work. Check off the jobs he did. Did he raise his \$38?

HINT: Underline each word that gives a clue the job included water.

- Washed Mr. Thompson's car \$12
- Watered Mrs. Toya's houseplants \$3
- Rinsed Grandma's porch off with the hose \$5
- Walked Aunt Jenny's dog \$6
- Washed Aunt Barbara's dog \$8
- Returned mom's books to the library \$3
- Washed Uncle Bill's new car \$10



Kid Scoop - John

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

T	W	A
W	A	T
R		T

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **TENSION**

The noun **tension** means the state of being stretched.

You can create **tension** in a rope by stretching it between two people.

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

Write On! My Own Water Game

Make up a game that includes water. It could be played in water or with water. It might use a hose or squirting device.

Students, continued

applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

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in two special government-funded programs to bring scholarship students from the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union as well as predominantly Islamic countries such as Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Kuwait, Iraq and Qatar to the United States.

P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that

has sponsored more than 25,000 students from 45 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Department of State and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for

International Educational Travel programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community

representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-866-546-1402. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

South Lowell wins FROM Food Fight 2010

The competition was extremely close for most of the game, offering eleven lead changes mostly from the second quarter on. When all the dust settled, South Lowell won 8,360 to 8,023, to claim the Flat River Outreach Ministries Food Fight 2010 championship. The South team victory evens up the score with the North's win in 2009.

"When it rains, it pours. But that can be a good thing," said FROM boardchair Kraig Haybarker. "It may have rained on our parade Saturday, but it also rained food for our Food Pantry. We are so blessed by the generosity of this community," he continued. New standards were set during the competition this year, such as 1,678 food

items collected during the parade and 7,123 food items during the frenzied final 10-day fourth quarter. However, the big number was the amazing 16,383 total food items that were collected in 2010 compared to 8,496 in 2009.

The added attraction of "Food Fight Specials" offered by businesses certainly provided more donations throughout the game as customers realized that a food item became a "coupon" and also a donation to the Food Pantry at the same time. The fromfoodfight.org website, viewed over 400 times during the final quarter of the game, will be the main communication vehicle in future years. The website also provided for several on-line monetary

donations for both teams as each \$1 donated counted as a food item. Additionally, the new Food Fight logo and red and white food containers provided visual reminders of how to help those in need throughout the community. "The red and white containers provided a means for both businesses and their customer base to get involved. The fun of using food donations as coupons made for some very creative specials for our local retailers," said Rick Seese, FROM treasurer and marketing director. "We're still pioneering, but we're also branding our community food drive in a fun way," he added.

In addition to the continuous help from area churches, there were

several new businesses that participated for both teams in 2010. Sixty-five different businesses, organizations and churches collected food and there were over 100 Food Fight containers on display throughout the community. The scoring difference this year can be attributed to an added spark from the Alto area. Last year's team leadership from Schneider Manor and Lowell Senior Neighbors/Gilda's Club was again paramount to the South team success as the two provided nearly 1,000 food items between them. However, newcomers Heidi's Farm Stand, Alto Beauty Shop, Ice Cream Caboose, along with Alto Bar and Deer Run Golf Course chipped in another 1,000 items. On

the other side of the field, the North Lowell team was led by last year's superstar, Curves-Lowell, with nearly 1,000 items by themselves. Considerable North scoring was also provided by Dollar General and newcomer B.C. Pizza. In addition, there were large contributions from many area churches for both teams, as well as general Pantry donations and FROM Thrift Shop collections from their Food Fight Specials.

"It seemed to go very smooth, especially for a second-year event," said Seese. "We'll look for ways to enhance the Food Fight for next year, especially with the Interact Club and Lowell Schools. There is much more planned for awareness of hunger in

America, worldwide, as well as locally. We will help educate throughout all age groups for 2011," he said. "We can't thank the Lowell community enough for how they have embraced our event and needs," said Mary Novello, FROM executive director. "Our Pantry shelves really needed this boost and the Lowell community responded beyond our dreams," she continued.

The North Lowell vs. South Lowell rivalry continues in 2011, each with a team victory. But again, the real winner is Flat River Outreach Ministries and their Food Pantry, and of course, those they serve.

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South	1,685	1,287	1,662	3,726	8,360

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