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by Emma Palova

From Tiffany, the nine-week old Syrian bear, parading herself in the hallways of the Lowell High School to the overpowering Zumba dance, the 15th annual Expo lacked nothing in between.

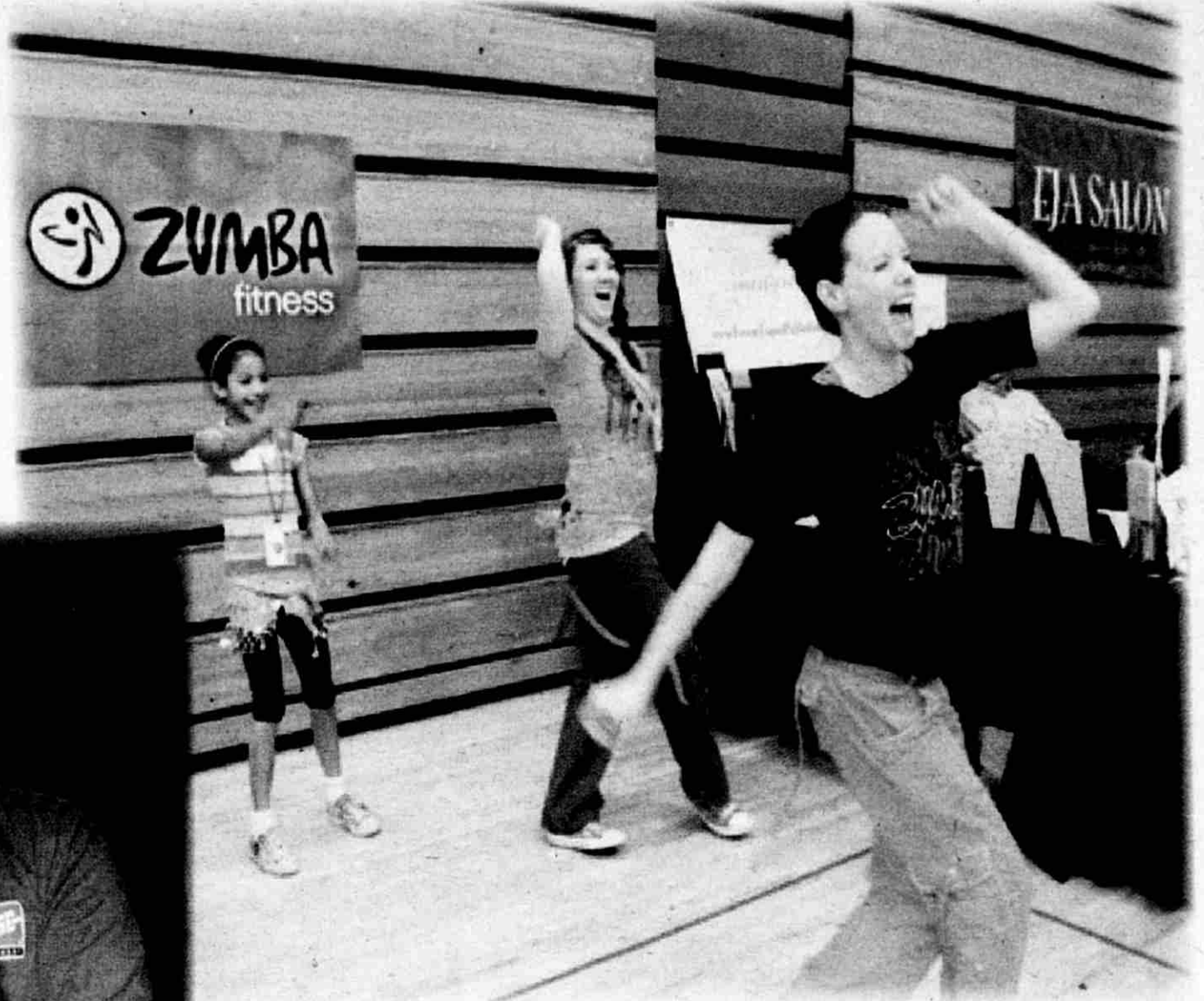
The gyms and the café were bursting at the seams last Saturday as the event showcased area businesses, nonprofits and individuals. And the entire community participated starting out with a pancake breakfast at the Look Memorial Fire Station.

Chef Lt. Paul Roderick flipped 500 pancakes for the annual breakfast at the station. Roderick is not a rookie, he has been flipping pancakes for the last 25 years.

The high school

was transformed into a platform, with clippers, hikers, politicians, musicians, fashion trendsetters, cookware peddlers, mascots and even a passport agency,

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Top: Nikki Snyder of Zumba with Kyra Snyder and Anna DuCharme.

Left: Bill Yoder with Tiffany, the bear.

Vergennes Township continues discussion on broadband Internet

by Emma Palova

The Vergennes Township Board discussed broadband Internet service after the annual meeting Monday night.

Ryan Peel, owner of Vergennes Broadband LLC, presented a timeline for providing the service if the grant from the Lowell

Cable Television Fund is obtained. The deadline for the application is April 15.

The township, as a non-profit entity, may apply for a grant from Lowell Cable Television (LCTV) under a fiduciary agreement with Vergennes Broadband LLC. The township would also administer any grant funds

until the partnership is dissolved.

Peel is expected to establish a cooperative that will provide high-speed Internet service to the residents.

Peel has been accepting pre-registrations for the service. Approximately 130

people registered during the Expo last week, according to Peel.

Following is an approximate timeline for Internet service in the township.

Within 45 days, Peel expects to have towers up with power. He already has

two towers secured. In 60 days, the radios will be installed and turned on.

So, there will be a signal within two months of depositing the funds.

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North Center Street project postponed for federal funding availability

by Emma Palova

The \$241,000 North Center Street project has been pushed back to June/July due to federal funding availability.

Project engineers Williams & Works informed the public about the delay last week in an informational public meeting held at the city hall.

The construction project has two major components that will impact residents along the street in several different ways. The water portion of the project will start on June 6 and it will run through July 18; the street reconstruction will start on July 5 and it will go through Aug. 15.

According to Dave Austin of Williams &



Works, the water main project is separated from the street reconstruction project by different funding.

The \$186,000 water main project is funded from the water fund, which is an enterprising fund.

On the other hand, the street reconstruction project is funded through a combination of local and

federal monies. The local street fund contributes to the project \$83,961 for fiscal year 2011-2012 and \$6,886 from fiscal year 2010-2011, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) contributes \$36,501, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds \$73,650 and the water main fund contributes to the reconstruction \$40,000.

The water main portion will increase the water main size from four to eight inches and it will give new service lines on the west side of North Center Street.

"It will not touch driveways on the east side," said Austin.

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North Center project, continued

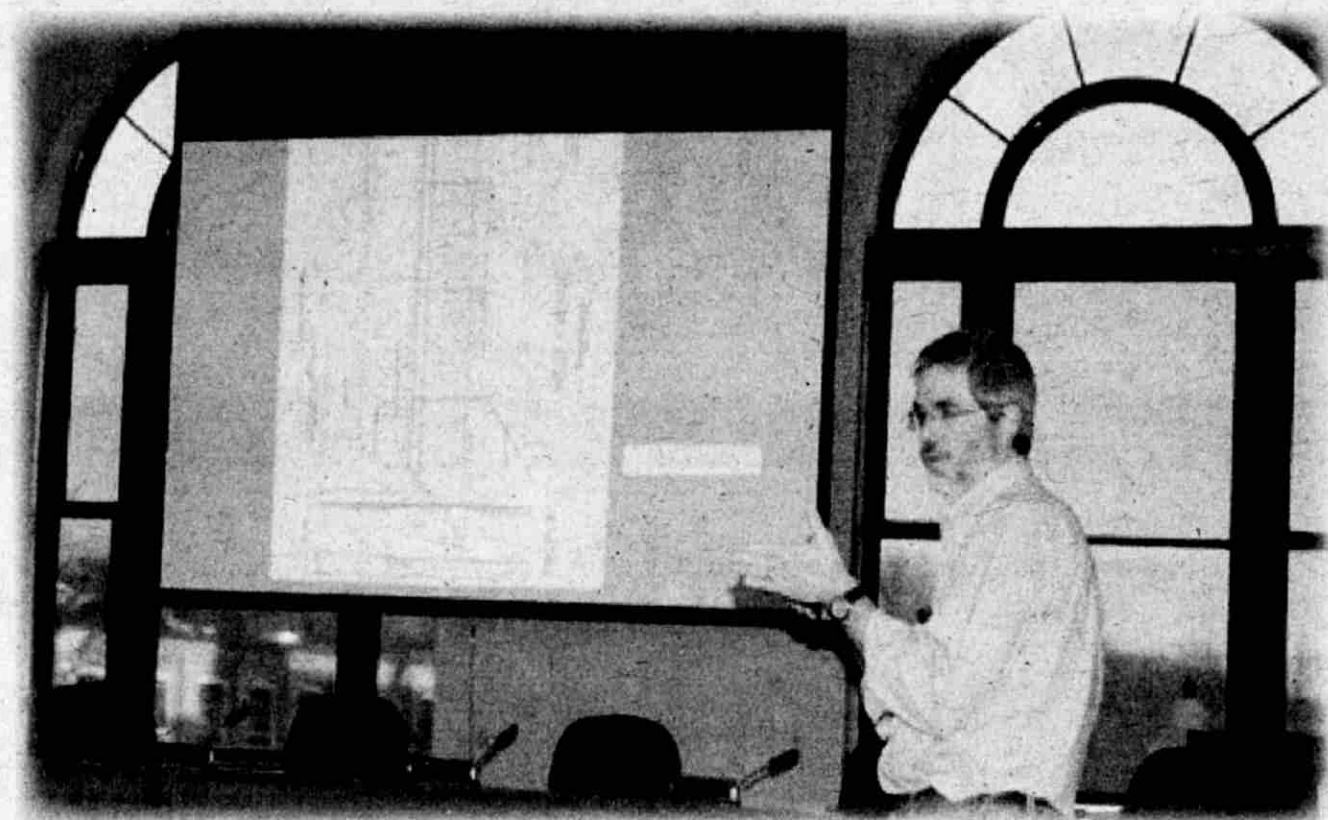
Some residents were concerned about their yards being torn up.

Austin assured whatever gets torn up will be restored. The approximate size of the yard disruption will be 36 square feet.

During the water main project, there may be disruption in water service lasting anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour. Businesses and residents with specific needs are encouraged to contact Austin or Kerwin Keen.

During the street reconstruction portion, North Center will get a reconstructed base, surfacing and the street will be narrowed down from 33 feet to 24 feet. The curb will remain on the east side; the lawns will get bigger on the west side.

Due to the narrowing, residents on the west side of the street will gain more yard. Austin said narrower roads are safer and they save



Dave Austin of Williams & Works explains North Center Street project.

maintenance costs over the long run.

During the water main project, access to homes will be maintained on a daily basis. However, during the street reconstruction, access will become more tedious.

For approximately one week, residents will not be able to drive into their driveways.

"Access will not be free and unimpeded," said Austin.

The mailboxes on the west side may be ganged up into one location, if the post office requests so. There will be a temporary drive to Laurels of Kent from West Street. During construction, parking will not be permitted on the street.

Garbage pickup will not be interrupted, since the contractor may help out and get the trash out to the end of the street.

"This is a huge project; the equipment is the size of your house," said Austin. "and sometimes the biggest concern is whether you can grow your grass. You will have a nice new road and new water service."

Scams are no joking matter; don't become an April fool

Being the butt of an April fool's joke is fine when it's good-natured fun, but no one wants to fall victim to a scam artist or identity thief.

You may think you're safe simply by not carrying your Social Security card with you and not providing your personal information over the Internet or by email but scam artists have become shrewd.

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Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 50 College SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov

DDA approves landscaping project, funding for assistance with MDNR application

by Emma Palova

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) approved a \$4,252 landscaping project last week.

According to a report by sexton Don DeJong, the project will replace dying trees in front of the former Antique Mall with raised beds planted with perennials.

An unhealthy tree by Dollar General will be replaced with a London Plane tree and a new raised bed.

Two trees near Superior Furniture will be removed to make room for the large maples near the building.

Two Honey Locust trees behind Sneakers and Pep Talk will be removed and replaced with new healthy trees.

The planting area close to the chamber office, with broken curbing and cement, will be repaired and the radius of a bed reduced, so trucks stay off plants.

The project was awarded to Landscape & Concrete Construction of Lowell.

"It will enhance the downtown by replacing the trees on south side of Main with raised beds and the concrete will get knocked out," said Dan DeJarden, Department of Public Works director.

In other business, the DDA approved \$7,000 to Williams & Works, for assistance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) application, for East riverbank improvements.

This is additional money

on top of a \$50,000 match provided by the DDA.

Some DDA members questioned the need for more money.

The DDA also approved \$4,800 for a city hall handicap entrance power box for automated opening and \$3,995 for purchase of a mower.

Chamber director Liz Baker gave an update on the upcoming events in Lowell.

A bicycle race is scheduled for July 4 from 6 am to 3 pm. The traffic will be detoured much like

during last year's bridge reconstruction project.

Eastbound traffic will be maintained, while westbound traffic will be detoured using the Grand River Avenue.

Approximately 400 bicyclists are expected to participate in the race.

The July 4th bicycle race will be followed by Riverwalk on July 7, 8 and 9.

Another bicycle race, the Michigander Tour, will be held on July 18 with

more than 400 bicyclists participating.

"They will be spending a lot of money here," said Baker.

This stage of the race, known as 4285 Stagers, will cover a loop 29.9 miles long with the finish end by the banner on Main Street.

The racers will be going 35 miles an hour to the finish line.

"I will be writing a lot of tickets," said, jokingly, police chief James Hinton.

The bicyclists will be staged at the fairgrounds.



along main st.

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This Saturday (and the first Sat. of each month) from 8 to 10 am have coffee with the city council. Held at the chamber office, 113 Riverside Plaza. Your concerns and ideas are welcome.

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Broadband, continued

And within 90 days, there will be Internet service with WiMAX installed and monitored. Then, the township broadband committee will be dissolved.

"I will have everything up and people online in three months," he said.

In 180 days, Peel expects to dissolve the relationship with the township and have the cooperative.

However, this is all predicated on the approval of the grant from the LCTV review committee.

The first subscribers' money would go into a separate account from the township, like an escrow account.

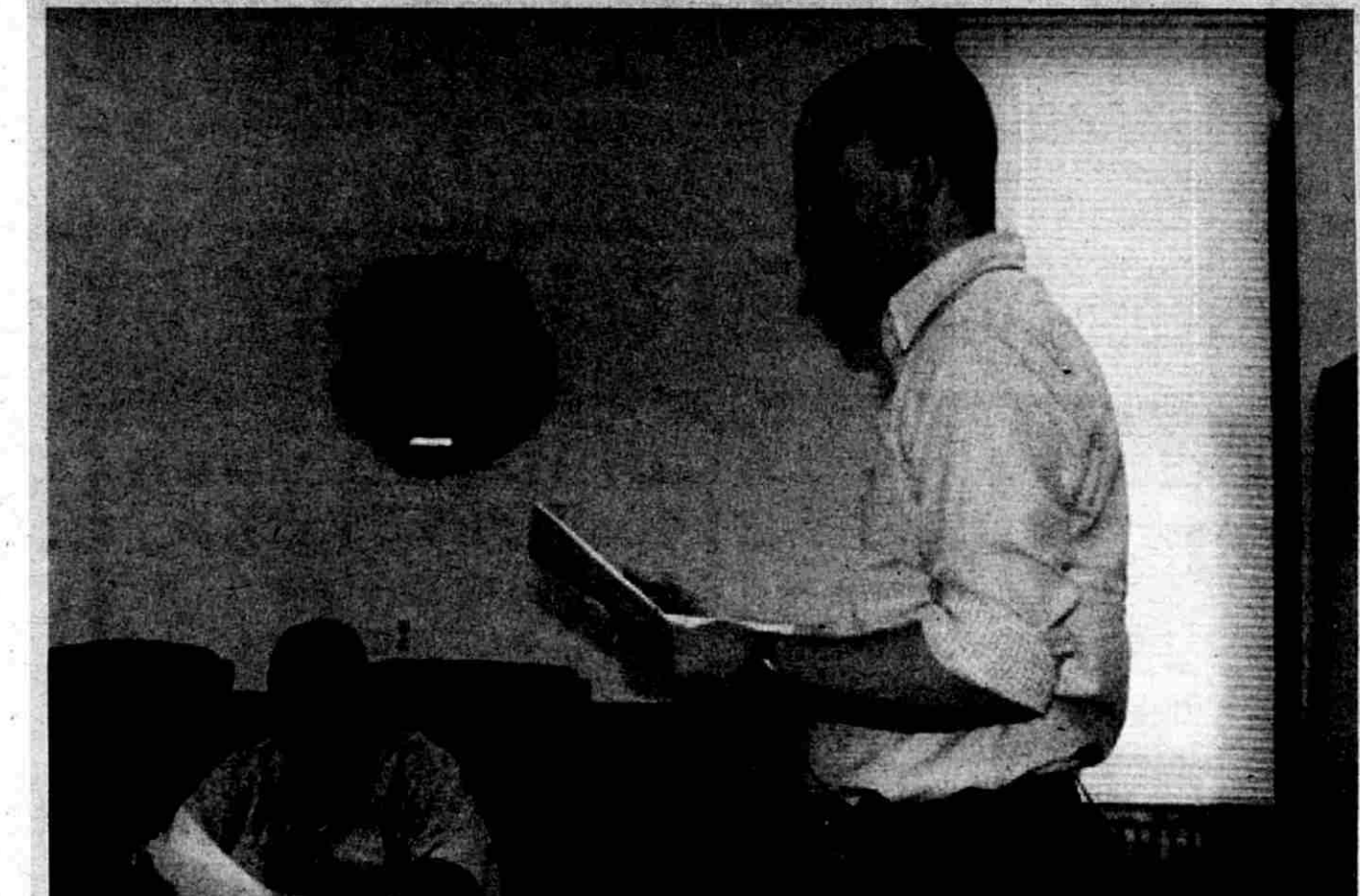
Peel said Vergennes Broadband LLC will operate until the cooperative is established. He will start organizing a board for the nonprofit cooperative to formulate a promise stating

how the nonprofit will operate.

"I assume you will have employees and billing," said clerk Mari Stone. Stone requested a statement of intent from Peel for the future board of the nonprofit cooperative.

LCTV will meet on April 26 to review applications; the township board meets on April 18.

Peel already has volunteers for Internet related services.



Ryan Peel, owner of Vergennes Broadband LLC and trustee Alan Baird.

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Odyssey of the Mind teams compete at regional

Where can you go on a tour that includes stops at locations across the world and even an imaginary location, see the show "America's ALMOST Got Talent" and watch inventors make money from wild ideas? They are all parts of solutions to problems used by Lowell Odyssey of the Mind teams at the Region 13 competition in Greenville.

Lowell was represented by 10 teams made up of students from all four elementary schools and the middle school.

Coach Julie Davis said, "It was a great day. I was very proud to see my team do their personal best."

The teams competed by presenting their solutions to a problem they have been solving since early in the school year, as well as solving a problem that was unknown to them until one minute before they had to solve the problem.

The teams are scored by how well their solutions solved the problem, how creative their solutions were and how well they worked

together as a team.

Clinching a first-place finish and qualifying for the State Finals tournament was the Division I "As Good As Gold...berg" team from Murray Lake Elementary. Their problem required them to present an uncomplicated real life task

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Middle school chess competitors

The Lowell Middle School Chess Club competed in a regional chess tournament Saturday, March 26 at Thornapple-Kellogg Middle School. 125 players from 13 school districts competed in kindergarten through eighth-grade levels.



William de Voest, brought home a runner-up trophy in the K-2 age group.

Pictured, front row, left to right: Zach Weston, Thomas Hubert, Caleb Kaufman (runner-up), Adam Korzen (runner-up), Steven Endres (runner-up), and Chris Miel (runner-up); back row, left to right: Dakota Henry, Jessica James, Andrew de Voest, Donald Trierwalder (runner-up), and Sean Henry.

Second graders learn about maple syrup

On March 17 and 18, nearly 300 Lowell Area Schools' second grade students visited the Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center to learn all about maple syrup. During their visit, the students visited three stations: Native Americans, early settlers and maple tree biology.



Luanne Kaeb shows how to use a shoulder yoke for carrying buckets of sap.

Bottom: Kendra Martino, Delaney Beimers, Isabelle Magnanti, Abby Stickney and Dillon DeGood look to see how much maple sap was collected.



Luke Skinner with the elderberry spile he made.

At the Native American station, Wittenbach/Wege Center staff person, Sheryl Helmus, taught the students how the Native Americans harvested maple sap. The students were able to make

their own spiles out of elderberry to take home. They also learned how the Native Americans used hot rocks to boil the sap and create maple sugar. The students sampled the maple sugar as well as the various Native American games they were able to play.

The students hiked out to the cabin where Lowell Historical Society's Luanne Kaeb taught them how the



early settlers would have tapped trees, collected the sap and turned it into maple syrup. Jolene Zaagman,

Gary Blough and Curt Kaeb served the students warm maple syrup over ice, fresh baked donuts and dill pickles. Why dill pickles you ask? The students will tell you that after a long day at the sugar bush, you crave a little sour so pickles are the perfect remedy.

Inside the Wittenbach/Wege Center the students created a human tree. Each student had a role - they might have been heartwood, roots, sapwood, phloem, cambium, leaves or bark. Regardless of their role, they learned each part of the tree is important. Afterwards, they created tree cookie name tags to take home.

A component of the second grade science curriculum is learning about plants. Studying the science and history of maple syrup collection is a fun, and "sweet" way to learn about trees.

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Christopher C. Godbold

Are your investments getting enough exercise?

Now that spring is here, you may find it easier to get outside to run, bike or take part in other physical pursuits that you enjoy. As you know, the more active you are, the more efficiently your body will work. And the same can hold true for your investments - the more exercise they get, the more potential to work on your behalf.

Just how do investments get "exercise"? Through lots of activity. And you can keep your investments active in at least two ways: through *systematic investing* and through *dividend reinvestment*. Let's take a look at both these techniques.

When you engage in systematic investing, commonly called "dollar cost averaging," you are continuously putting your money "in motion." Essentially, you put the same amount of money into the same investments at regular intervals. So, for example, you might decide to invest \$100 per month, in Company ABC stock. To impose this investment discipline on yourself, you could even have the money sent directly from your checking or savings account.

Of course, since the price of ABC stock, like that of all stocks, is constantly changing, your \$100 investment will buy different numbers of shares each month. This can work to your advantage, because when the stock price of ABC goes down, your \$100 will buy more shares. When the price goes up, you'll automatically be a smart enough "shopper" to buy fewer shares, just as you'd typically buy less of something when its price goes up.

Over time, systematic investing typically results in an average cost per share that's lower than it would be if you were to make sporadic lump sum investments. If you can lower the cost of investing, this may help boost your investment returns. This also can be an effective way to fund your retirement account(s) each year. (Keep in mind,

though, that even systematic investing can't guarantee a profit or prevent a loss in declining markets. Also, you'll need to have the financial resources available to keep investing through up and down markets.)

Dividend reinvestment is similar to systematic investing in that it allows you to build more shares of an investment. But when you reinvest dividends, you don't even have to take money from other sources to increase your shares - you simply have to request that a stock or a mutual fund, instead of paying you a dividend in cash, reinvest the dividend right back into that same stock or mutual fund. It's an effortless way of adding shares. Similar to dollar-cost averaging, dividend reinvestment imposes an investment discipline on you - you automatically keep putting money in the market during up and down periods. (Keep in mind that dividends can be increased, decreased or totally eliminated)

Exercising your investment dollars in these ways can help you go a long way toward keeping your portfolio in good shape - enabling you to make healthy progress toward your important long-term goals.

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By Shelly MacNaughton

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo March 26, 1936

One of the finest sights here-about is the young forest of white and red pine trees growing on village property in the northeast section of town. These trees, numbering about 10,000, were set out about six years ago as seedlings.

The project was sponsored originally by the local American Legion post.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger April 6, 1961

An unscheduled opening of the new swimming pool was held Saturday, it is reported, when two boys, about 10, jumped into the shallow end of the pool, blue jeans and all, to splash around. With temperatures near 30 degrees their stay was a short one.

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger April 2, 1986

Lowell Postmaster Charlie Doyle recently submitted an article about the history of the Lowell Post Office to the state postal newspaper. The article was published along with a 1939 photo post card of the building. His article also included some facts and history about our community which painted Lowell in a very nice light.

125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal April 2, 1886

The spring term of school opens next Monday. Observance of the "Lord's Supper" will take place at the Congregational church next Sunday morning.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger March 30, 1911

A telegram was received by Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Monday, announcing the death of their daughter Vesta's husband, which occurred Sunday night, of heart failure. Vesta had been married to him but a month and a day. She has the sympathy of all her Lowell friends.

outdoors

Survival skills Dave Stegehuis

Natural disasters around the world remind us of human vulnerability to the forces of nature. We tend to become complacent when living in a generally controlled environment, forgetting that despite our perceived sophistication we are taking our chances along with all the other creatures with whom we share the planet.

Wildlife doesn't have the advantage of manipulating the environment; so long term survival depends on a combination of perseverance and adaptation. Whittail deer provide a good example. Whittails have expanded their range across the country. Deer find a home in remote areas of the Upper Peninsula. Food is scarce there most of the year, and bitter cold and deep snow concentrate herds in cedar swamps which provide cover but little nourishment. Lower metabolism coupled with reduced activity make surviving the long winter possible - unless a late spring or roaming wolves increase the number of fatalities. Herd numbers fluctuate from year to year, but deer remain in residence.

Their rural cousins have found easier living foraging on agricultural crops in the southern part of the state. Weather is milder here, but mini-vans replace wolves as feared predators. Deer pushed out of natural habitat will move into your neighborhood and nibble on the tulips. Adapting to changing conditions is key to the long term survival of all species.

Hanging tough is the other requirement for evolutionary success. Moose in far northern latitudes continue to amaze me by their perseverance. Often their ears will freeze leaving a ragged outline and missing pieces. By fall, the back of their lower legs have open wounds caused by hordes of buzzing insects eating away the flesh. Several feet of snow, bitter cold temperatures, and relentless winds fail to discourage these majestic animals.

Just think about how cold it got here last winter. Two big storms left unusually deep snow in the woods. Out there with little shelter were bald-headed, bare legged turkeys wearing only a layer of feathers as they sought food in a barren landscape. Still, drive by a cornfield cut last fall and you may see a huge flock of rather fit looking turkeys picking through the stubble for leftover grain.

Like wildlife, humans are finding we too must persevere in the face of difficulty and also adapt to changing conditions.

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Author Michael Deeb visits the Englehardt branch of Kent District Library

Dr. Michael Deeb, author of a fictional series on the Civil War, will visit the Englehardt branch of Kent District Library at 7 pm on Tuesday, April 12. He will speak on his latest book in the series, *The Lincoln Assassination*, which features a main character from Lowell. Books will be available for purchase and a book signing will take place following this program for adults.

Upon retirement from his business activities, Michael Deeb returned to his first love, American history. His personal interest and the fact that there are literally tens of thousands of Civil War enthusiasts worldwide drew him to write of people who lived during that era. He published his first Civil War era historical novel, *Duty and Honor*, in 2007. The other books in the series are *Duty Accomplished* and *Honor Restored*.

For more information, please visit www.kdl.org or call 784-2007. The Englehardt branch of Kent District Library is located at 200 N. Monroe St. in Lowell.

health



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

Shingles

Shingles is a reactivation of the chicken pox virus that causes a painful rash in adults. When we were children most of us had chicken pox. After we recover from chicken pox, some of the virus remains dormant in the spinal cord only to be reactivated later on in adulthood causing shingles.

Shingles, also known as Herpes Zoster, affects one million people per year in the United States. The frequency of shingles increases as we age with most cases occurring after the age of 50. Nobody knows for sure what causes the reactivation of the chicken pox virus, but it is thought that immune system suppression from medications or certain illnesses may play a role.

The rash of shingles is always located on one side of the body only. Burning, tingling or pain can precede the rash. The rash appears as redness and blisters that eventually rupture and crust over. The rash will resolve spontaneously over a couple of weeks without treatment. After resolution of the rash some people will develop a condition called postherpetic neuralgia. This is a longer lasting painful condition that may continue for several months or longer. Again, this is most common in older individuals.

We usually recommend treatment of shingles as soon as possible with antiviral medications to decrease the incidence of postherpetic neuralgia. Steroids may or may not be prescribed as their effectiveness in Herpes Zoster is questionable. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications are recommended to alleviate pain. Sometimes stronger prescription pain medications are needed.

A shingles vaccine was licensed a few years ago by the FDA and is recommended for people over the age of 60. It may lessen the chance of getting shingles by about 50 percent. You can get the shingles vaccine at your doctor's office or your pharmacy.

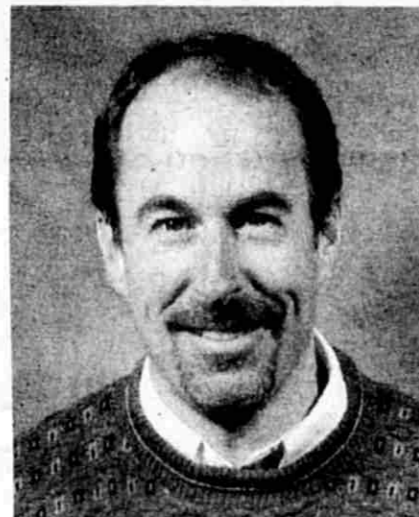
All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

business matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Kim Schwacha received Realtor of the Month in March.

This award recognizes Schwacha for his outstanding success and achievements.



in the service

Navy Seaman Jason M. Fizer Rau, son of Deb Hill of Lowell and James Fizer of Rockford, was recently selected to receive the Academic Excellence award of his recruit company at Recruiting Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Fizer Rau was cited for outstanding performance by a single recruit in his company while undergoing recruit training. Fizer Rau's commitment to excellence put his performance above all of his peers.

This Academic Excellence award is presented to the sailor who achieves the highest overall academic score during recruit training.

Fizer Rau is a 1996 graduate of Lowell High School. He is a 2008 graduate of Calvin College with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

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PUBLIC NOTICE LCTV ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT APPLICATION

The 2011 LCTV Endowment Fund grant application forms are available at Lowell City Hall, Lowell and Vergennes Township Halls, Lowell Area Schools Administration Building and the Englehardt Public Library.

LCTV Endowment Fund applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2011.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk
(897-8457)

Comedy rocks Larkin's Other Place with laughter

by Emma Palova

A great comedy does not need a grand stage. Just a stage will do.

The inconspicuous Larkin's Other Place, also known as the Strand, hosted Rick Abbot's "Sing on! A comedy about a musical" last week.

The play shows the struggle of community theaters for funding and to fill male roles.

That is why director Matt Tawney also took on the role of songwriter Monte Montague rather than scrapping the production.

"Couldn't you get more men to audition for this play," he asks in one of his lines.

Not enough men. That seems to be the bane of local theater, Tawney writes in his director's statement. So, Tawney splits his attention between directing and acting in the comedy.

At the heart of the plot is the feud between Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Mary of Scots.

What could possibly be poetic about these two women to put it to music?

Well, ask playwright Phyllis Montague played by Sue Bradford. Phyllis joins nephew, songwriter, Monte

Montague to obtain \$10,000 in funding for the troop from the Best Boosters.

After a disastrous previous show by Phyllis, the Thespian troop is forced to play along with her one more time to please the philanthropists.

Laurie Kuna plays Gerry Dunbar, who directs the play. She has her own doubts about the play, but wants the troop to continue.

The cast is skeptical not only about the plot of the

play, but also about Phyllis, who keeps changing the lines, not to mention that Monte plagiarizes other songs.

Moreover, characters Polly and Henry Benish are plagued with a cold and mix up the lines themselves, because their ears are plugged. The set is not dry and Queen Elizabeth is burning under the bright lamps. The piano needs to be hidden by the high throne of her Majesty.



Cast members Gary Brook, Courtney Kerry, Kelsey Ohle, Laurie Kuna and Casey Berg.

Photos by David Durkee

The elaborate costumes with large crinolines prevent the ladies from moving around freely and they are also the center of many jokes.

The play is gearing up for a disaster prior to the opening night, which will be brought to the Boosters via Skype.

The cast prays to the patron of all actors, St. Genesis.

"It's a great play," said Deb Apol. "It really gets funny in the second part."

And as in any good comedy, all is well and the community theatre is saved with much sacrifice from all the participants.

The play was in the format of a dinner theatre with lasagna and salad served accompanied by Australian wine.

It's all about quality of life and finding a happy balance between work and friends and family.

Philip Green

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Expo, continued

that is the city of Lowell.

And if the attendance is any indicator of better times, then they are definitely on the horizon. The show was completely sold out, with the chamber of commerce also accommodating latecomers.

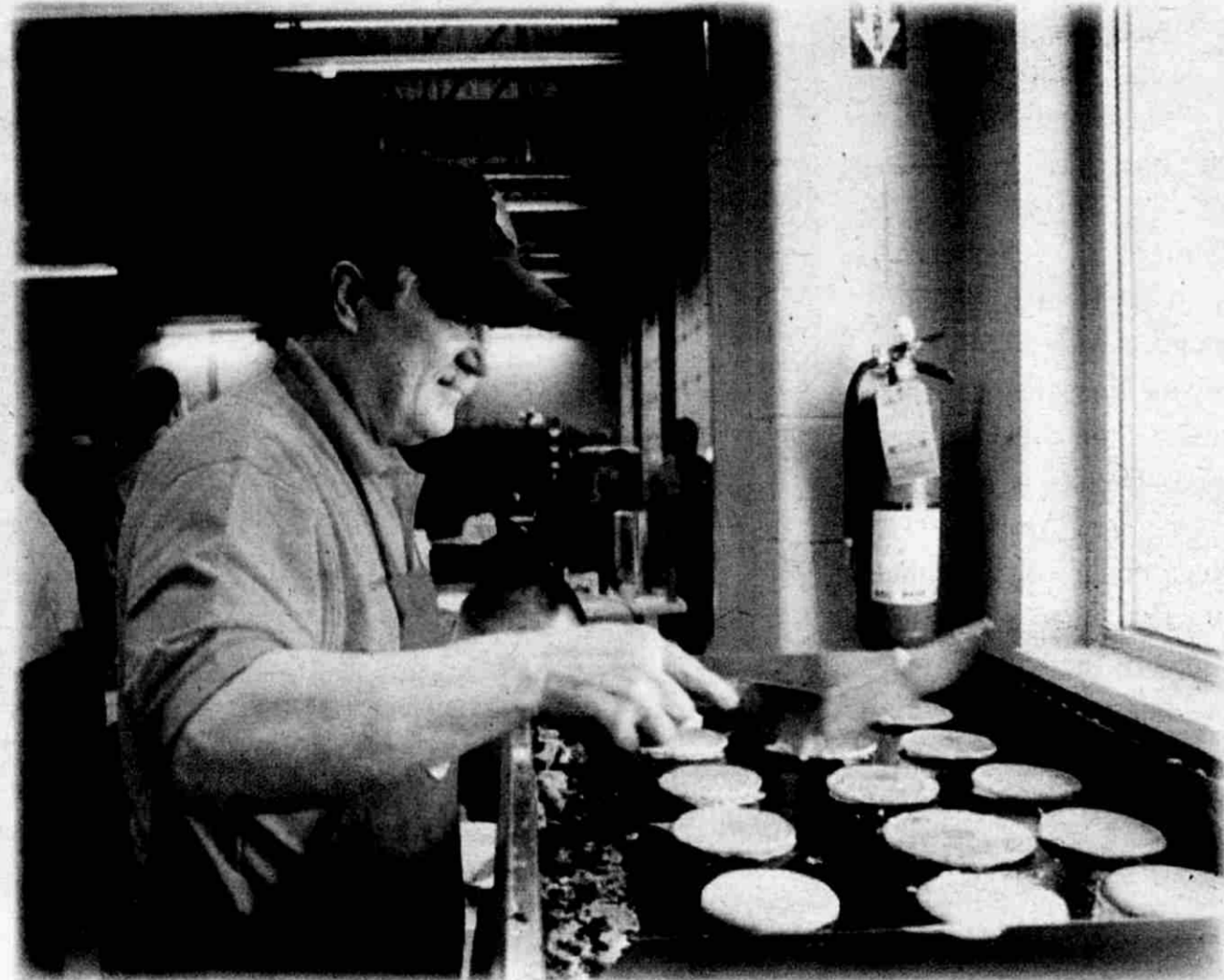
So, the theme "Business in Business" fit the bill perfectly.

All the parking lots were full and cars had to park on the grassy areas. A steady stream of visitors flocked into the high school hallways and gymnasiums. During the peak time from 10:30 am to 1 pm, it was hard to get through to the individual exhibitors and vendors.

"We've just had a great turnout," resonated among vendors in both gyms, the café and the main hallway.

Greeting visitors at the entrance were the anchor chamber of commerce booth and the major sponsor Lowell Ledger and Litho booth. The 2011 Lowell City Directory was unveiled and all the copies of the handy book were gone as soon as they were put out on the table.

The same went for the various food and culinary booths. Culinary creations presented by Bob Schultz, instructor of the culinary arts program at the Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC), were gone early in the morning.

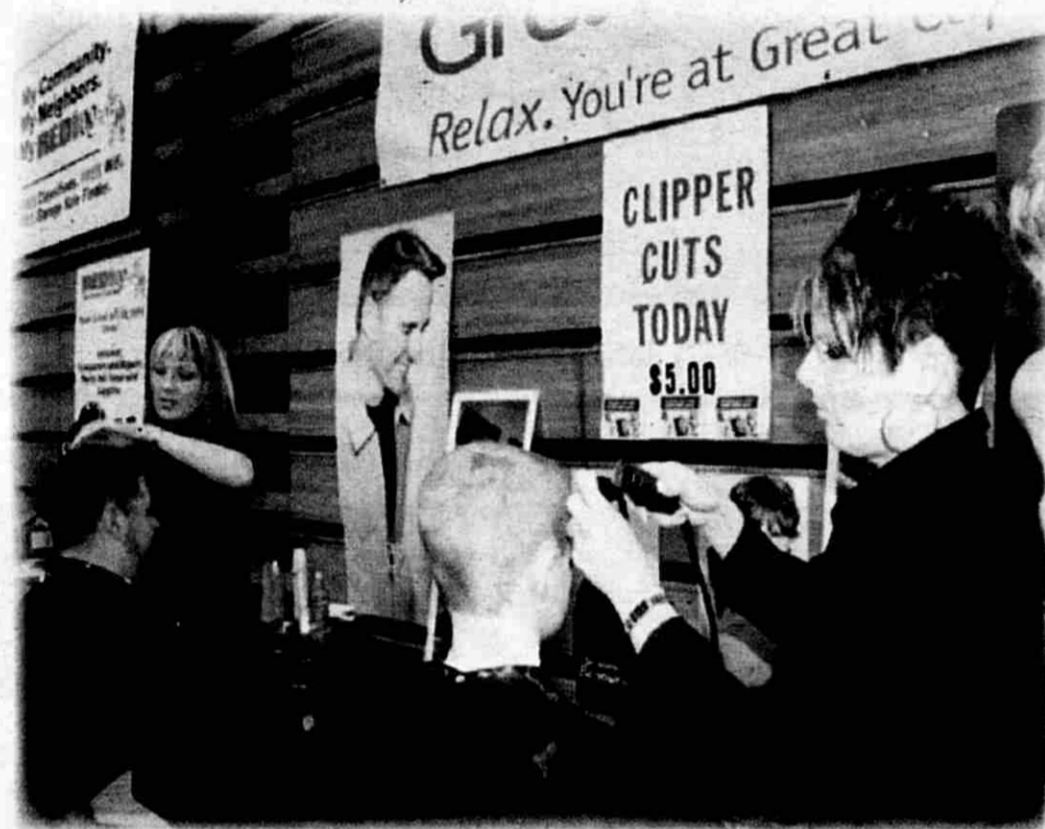


Pancake chef Paul Roderick.

Tina Greene of Kissing Rock Kitchens offered samples of Tuscan fare, while Steve and Susan Merrill showcased various breads, dips and spreads.

Jan Herb of Cater Cat cooked up some steak with fried onions. To complement all the culinary goodies, Patricia, owner of Maui Wovi, had a selection of smoothies ranging in flavor from mango orange to black raspberry.

Newcomers like the GRCC booth, staffed by construction trades instructor



At the Clipper's station, Kelley Smith and Eric Gridley, Stephanie Strandberg and Del Rockwell.

some classes now available directly in Lowell.

The Expo did not lack in animals either. Rivendell Stables had a miniature horse on hand, but the real attention getter was Tiffany.

Tiffany, a nine-week old Syrian brown bear from Russia, grabbed the attention of all. Crawling around and cuddling, Tiffany looked more like a toy, but with her claws ready.

Bill Yoder, owner of Yoder's Live Deer & Exotic Animals, got Tiffany from a small zoo in Ohio. Yoder is now bottle-feeding Tiffany every three hours until she is ready for another zoo.

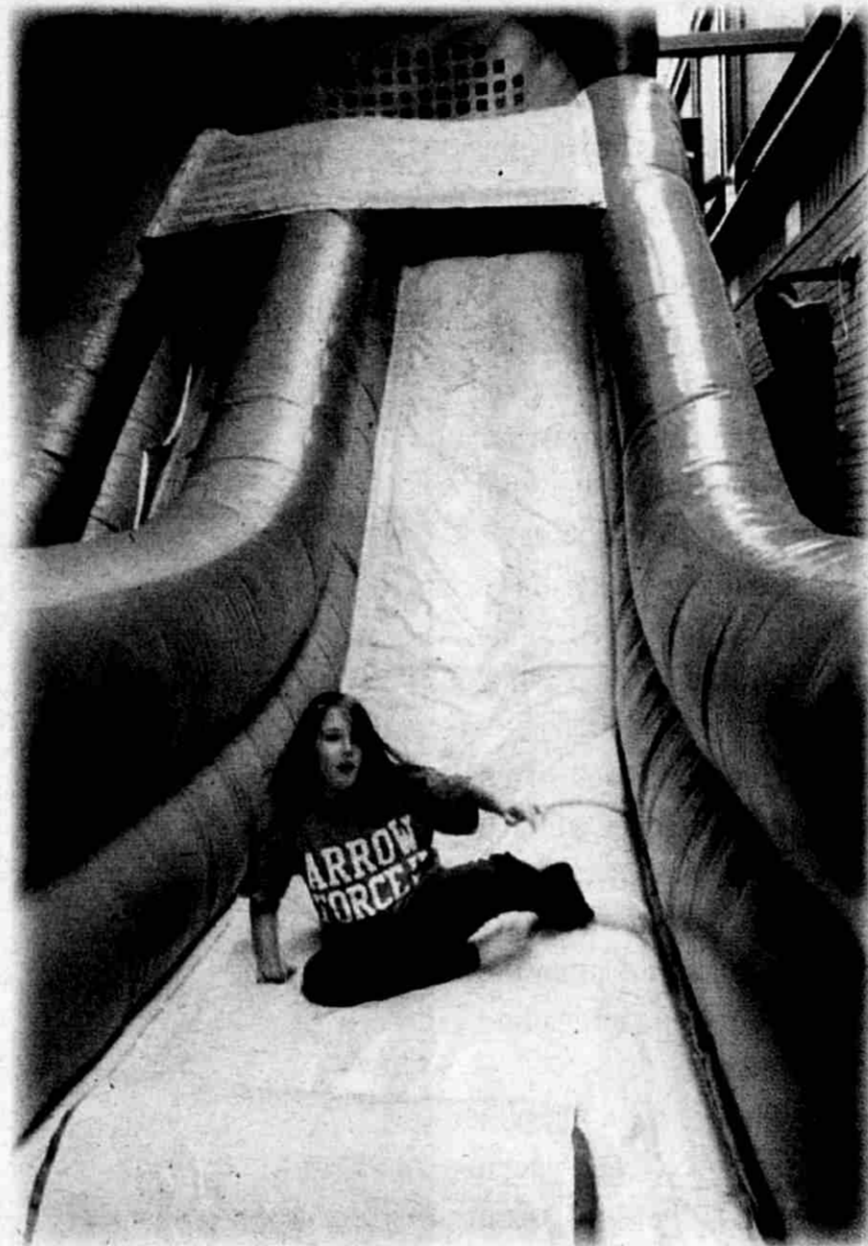


Carolyn Price at the Flat River Cottage.

Zumba with Nikki danced the day away with Kyra Snyder and Anna DuCharme.

Spring was in the air in the café section of the Expo. The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce said chamber director Liz Baker. "The Expo is here

"We had 166 vendors, the weather was perfect and we estimated our attendance at 6000. It was a record breaking year," said chamber director Liz Baker. "The Expo is here



Larissa Rohde glides down the inflatable slide.

Trailway joined forces with the Rails to Trails for a strong green presence, along with floral shops like Daisy Floral.

New masters of the Farmers' Market, David and Betty Deans, said they were looking forward to the new season.

Kids too, had a great time trying out the inflatable colorful slide.

Last, but not least, outside in front of the school, the Lowell Light & Power offered the ride of your life, that is in a bucket.

to increase community awareness, spotlight vendors and give vendors an opportunity increase exposure to prospective customers."

Baker said the only surprise was a visit from a 9 week baby grizzly bear.

"Is the economy getting better?," she said. "Well that is anybody's guess, but I would say that our vendors are thirsty for business and this a great way to do the face to face marketing."



Kurt Hieshetter and Lowell Ledger publisher Jon Jacobs.

Expo, continued



Tina Marie Greene of Kissing Rock Kitchens with Carol Price.



Keith Ferguson, Hope Oudbier, Halley Reed and Dan Clark at the GRCC booth.



Betty Morlock and Darlene Schut at the passport station.



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Spotlight On Sports

Each week, Shane Beach will visit Lowell High School athletes to find out a bit more about each one and get a closer look at the kids we're all so proud of in the community.

This Week: Titan Anderson and Travis Gordon Lowell Varsity Baseball

everything possible. I don't take it for granted that I have to work hard. TG: Jeff Bagwell was my favorite because he had a strange batting stance and still hit for power and had a quietness about him and let his play speak for him. I always admired him and watched him play as much as possible. My room is filled with Astros' stuff.

Do you think MLB player's salaries are out of control?

TA: Depends. Yankees are some, but not that much. Many people don't understand how hard they work. 24/7, 162 games. What they get paid is reasonable.

TG: That's a hard one. It's a very stressful sport; players are away 162 games (nine months) and only get 10-15 days off for a whole season, plus all the work they do in the off-season. It consumes your life. It's a lot of money, but all the guys have worked hard to get where they are at.

This will be your first season playing varsity baseball full time.

What are some of the challenges you know you'll need to adjust to and improve on to have success at the varsity level?

TA: Probably just being able to go into the box and have the confidence to hit and play the field and make the plays, throw strikes. Keeping confident at the highest level.

TG: One is that we had too many infielders and I moved out to outfield. Compete for positions and work as hard as possible. Do the best I can. Whatever is needed I'm ready to do. I love the game, just want to play and help our team.

Anything that has surprised you in spring practices thus far?

TA: I've been around the guys when it's all fun and games, but when they get on the field they focus and it's all business.

TG: When I was a freshman I wondered how am I ever going to get to that point? Seemed so hard to me. Now that I'm here (on varsity) I feel a part of accomplishment. Seeing the freshman look up to us. That's a cool experience I did not expect.

What should our community know about the Lowell baseball program?

TA: Our team is very young but we are coming out and getting better. We will compete and beat all the other teams. Fans should come out and enjoy the game, understand the game and all the great things with it. We all work hard and give our best effort to be at a high level. On and off the field, we are working hard to make the season the best it can be.

TG: Love our fans. Please come out and see our games. We don't get many for baseball, but when we do it really lifts spirits and energizes us. Thanks fans for supporting us.

Mom, dad, brothers, sisters?

TA: Parents are Daneena and Gavin; younger brother, Sterling. TG: Parents are Esther and Dan; younger brothers, Garrett and Zach.

Anything else?

TA: We are going to have a great year. We are working hard and going to go out and win some games. Come out and support us.

TG: Hardworking young guys putting in effort and looking forward to a great season.

When did you start playing baseball and how did you get interested in the sport?

TA: Started playing five-six-years old. I started with coach pitch baseball. My dad played and started me out; he taught me and has taught me all the way through. I love the sport, people say it's boring, but I love it and I like telling people all the different things about the sport they didn't know.

TG: Had a bat and ball by age of two. First game was at seven-years-old. My parents and brothers were always playing and that got me in it.

What are your biggest strengths on the ball field?

TA: Attitude. Always like having fun with it and even after errors I stay up. TG: The fact that I always try to be aware of everything that is going on and what I need to do with the ball.

What are some of your goals going into the 2011 season?

TA: Play as much as possible. Play third base year-round, be one of the top pitchers, help people that may get down and be a leader on the team as a sophomore.

TG: Hit above .300, hit at least one home run, do some pitching and win some games.

What do you say to people that don't think hitting a baseball is easy?

TA: If you can hit a baseball I'd try out for the team. If you can hit, they will find you a spot on the field.

TG: All other sports have bigger balls and you don't have to swing at them. You have to concentrate, train mentally and physically. Train your muscle memory and be ready at all times.

Describe the most exciting moment you've ever had in baseball.

TA: No one thing really, but what's most exciting is when the team does well and especially when we battle back for a victory. Just beating teams is exciting to me.

TG: When I was eight playing pitch machines. Bases were loaded with no outs, ball hit back to me and I turned an unassisted triple play.

Baseball players are genuinely superstitious. What are your superstitions?

TA: I always wear the same undershirt, a black undershirt, I've worn for the past two years under my game jersey. If I ever had to go without it, it would be a bad day.

TG: The only one I really have is that I will chew bubble gum during a game, but I never chew gum any other time.

What Major League Baseball (MLB) players do you most resemble and why?

TA: Well, not the Josh Hamilton of old, but my favorite player is Josh Hamilton now. He had a history of drugs and losing everything. He battled back through all the problems. I read his book and it changed my life. Anything at anytime can be taken from you in a matter of seconds. It takes time to earn everything and then he lost it; he had to spend a lot of time to get it back. I want to keep working hard at things and get

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Odyssey of the Mind, continued

and create a device made out of an unnecessarily complex series of components that would perform the same task as the existing item.

Also advancing to the State Finals was the Division II "Full Circle" team from Lowell Middle School. This team's problem was to create a humorous performance where something changed appearance several times and eventually returned to its original form and appearance. This team also took home the prestigious Ranatra Fusca award for outstanding creativity. Teams receiving this award exhibit exceptional creativity, which represents the essence of Odyssey of the Mind.

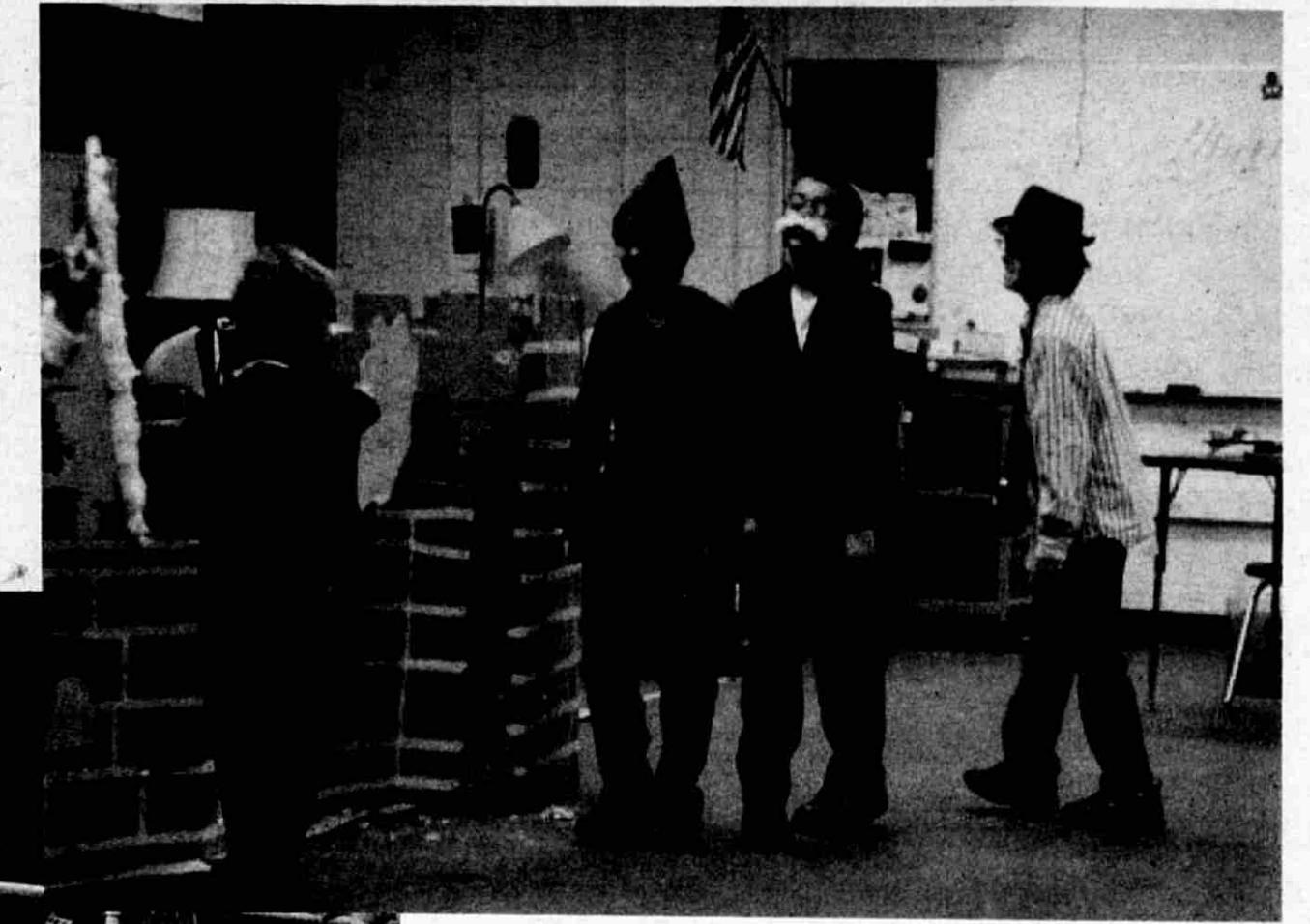
The "Full Circle" team representing Murray Lake Elementary placed third, in their spontaneous portion, out of 14 teams and the "Le Tour Guide" team representing Cherry Creek Elementary placed fifth out of 15 teams in their long-term problem. The complete list of scores can be found online at www.miodyssey.com under the Region 13 competition page.

Coach Angela Baerwalde said, "The day of competition is so exciting. The team only has eight minutes to perform and as a coach you pray and hold your breath that the set stays up, the team remembers their lines and their performance impresses the judges. The 'Arrows In The House' team created such a funny and creative skit that no matter how many times I saw them rehearse, it was still funny. I am so proud of them earning the Ranatra Fusca. And I'm excited that they have earned second place and will be advancing to State Finals on April 16."

The State Finals competition will be held April 16 at Davenport University in Caledonia. Teams that do well at the state competition will be invited to compete at the World Finals competition May 27-30 at the University of Maryland.

The Odyssey of the Mind program fosters

creative thinking and problem-solving skills among kindergarten through college level students from around the world. New teams will be forming in the fall if you have a student that may be interested in participating. Watch for information at your school building in the fall.



The Division I "Le Tour Guide" team from Alto Elementary, left to right: Dominik Peplinski, Willem Jewell, Poitiven Saintel and Ethan Jewell.

A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life.

- Charles Darwin



The Murray Lake Elementary "Le Tour Guide" team embarking on their tour of Egypt, left to right: Nathan Rublein, Phoebe Looman, Olivia DeCator, Abby Davis and Leah Bredwell (missing are Jared Lardie and Brecken Pawloski).

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Please take notice that on Thursday evening, April 14, 2011, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the old Bowne Township Hall located at 8240 Alden Nash SE, Alto, Michigan 49302, the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding proposed amendments to the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, involving medical marihuana, exotic animals, private zoos, wildlife rescue operations, nature centers, and outdoor recreation facilities. The proposed changes involve new or existing Sections 2.52a, 3.42 and 3.43 of the Zoning Ordinance (medical marihuana), together with new or existing Zoning Ordinance Sections 2.05a (animal preserve), 2.05b (animal rescue facility or animal sanctuary), 2.31 (exotic animals), 2.56a (nature center), 2.59 (outdoor recreation facilities), 2.64a (public or private zoo), 2.91a (wildlife park), 3.12a (exotic animals) 3.13 (C)(4) (delete this subsection), 5.04(L) and (M) (special land uses - animal rescue facility or animal sanctuary and kennels), 6.04(J) (special land uses - nature centers), 7.04(G) (special land uses - nature centers), 11.04(C) (multiple use of buildings - change in language regarding what is permitted), 11.04(F) (delete this subsection), 12.04(E) (multiple use of buildings - change in what is permitted), 12.04(F) (indoor or outdoor recreational facilities, including a list of allowed uses), 13.04(B) (multiple use of buildings - change in what is permitted), 14.01(R) (outdoor recreational facilities), 14.01(Y) (outdoor recreational facilities), Section 14.05(R) (outdoor recreational facilities - change in permitted uses) and Section 14.05(X) (outdoor recreational facilities - list of permitted uses as well as a significant number of regulations regarding those uses).

The Bowne Township Planning Commission will also be holding a public hearing on April 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. regarding a special land use request by David Hoekstra regarding his property at 8313 Pratt Lake Avenue (Permanent Parcel Nos. 41-24-14-400-008 and 010) for a private zoo, outdoor recreational facility and/or wildlife park pursuant to Section 5.04(I) (and related sections) of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended.

Copies of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments and the special land use application can be reviewed, purchased, or inspected at the Bowne Township offices during normal business hours (Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to noon), or by contacting the Bowne Township Clerk at (616) 868-6846. In addition to taking public comments at the Planning Commission meeting, written comments regarding the above will be accepted by the Planning Commission up until the time of the hearing.

Respectfully submitted by
 Sandra L. Kowalczyk
 Bowne Township Clerk

obituaries

BERGY

Gordon A. Bergy, age 49, of Saranac, passed away March 27, 2011. He was preceded in death by his father Warren Bergy in 1975. He is survived by his parents, Doris (Gerald) Magle of Alto; foster parents, Danny and Dawn Huff; brothers, Daniel (Annette) Bergy, Thomas (Melodee) Bergy, John Bergy; stepsisters, Patricia (James) Jones, Barbara Magle, Mary (Tony) Schwacha; step-brother, Gerald (Michele) Magle; also aunts, uncles, and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Bowne Center United Methodist Church Building Fund, 12051 - 84th Street, Alto, MI 49302.

HUMMEL

Mary Del Rivette Daniels Hummel, 1953-2011, peacefully passed away on Saturday, March 26, 2011, in Baltimore, Maryland due to natural causes. Many of us will remember her in her teenage years, water skiing at Murray Lake. She had a lifetime of wonderful memories from those summer days. Mary Del was the elder daughter of Gould O. and Ethel Anne Rivette, long-time Lowell residents. She grew up in Lowell, graduated from



Lowell High class of '71 and went to the Lowell First United Methodist Church. She had a full and exciting youth both in Lowell and Murray Lake. She then went to Ferris State University for one year during which she met her former husband, John. They had two children. She lived in Leonard and Oxford, Michigan while her children were growing up. She earned her associate's degree in social work at that time. Mary Del was the geneologist and computer expert of the family. She was a wizard at geneological research, helping many people. In 1995 she met Joseph Hummel of Baltimore, Maryland. They married and she remained there until her untimely death. Mary Del is survived by her husband, Joseph Hummel; children, Rosmond Winowski and Jacob Daniels of Oxford; granddaughter, Morgan; sister, Jane Rivette of Broomfield, Colorado; and brother, Bill Bennett, of Phoenix, Arizona. Local surviving relatives are the family of the late Jimmy Cook, her cousin and many dear high school friends. Services and interment are private. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

SCHAFFER

Earl James "Jim" Schaffer, age 62, of Lowell, passed away March 22, 2011. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Zada Schaffer. He is survived by his children, Andrew Schaffer, Kristen (Glenn) Morgan; granddaughter, Addison Morgan; brother, Gerald (Jean) Schaffer; sisters, Marilyn (Donald) Williams, Jan (Jack) Tamboer; many nieces; nephews; and close friends. A memorial visitation was held Sunday at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

SCHWAHN/BRIGGS

Judith (Briggs - Jehly) Schwahn, born April 1, 1941, went to be with her Lord, surrounded by her family, on Monday, February 28, 2011, in Naples, Florida. She fought a seven-month courageous battle with breast cancer. Judy was a remarkable loving wife and mother. She enjoyed cross stitching, quilting, sewing,



Request your SSA-1099 online. If you receive Social Security benefits, you may need to pay taxes on a portion of your Social Security benefits. If so, you'll need your SSA-1099, which shows the total amount of benefits received in the previous year. An SSA-1099 was mailed to you in January showing the total amount of benefits you received in 2010. If you receive Social Security and have not yet received a 1099

golfing, her cats, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Her smile was one that brought a smile to everyone's face. She was preceded in death by her infant son, Jason Jehly; father, James L. Briggs Sr; mother, Dorothy G. Mulder; brother, James L. Briggs Jr.; and nephew, Jim Hale. She will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed by her loving and devoted husband, Duane; son, Jordon (Naomi) Jehly and family; daughter, Andrea Jehly; sisters, Joan (Cameron) Hoffman and family, Pam (Norris) Carstensen and family; half sister, Cam (Briggs) Wilson and family; and several stepbrothers and sisters and their families. At Judy's request cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held in Wisconsin at a later date.

Your spring to do list

It's spring cleaning season! There's no better time than now to start organizing, and getting important tasks cleared off your list of important things to do. Social Security would like to share a suggested "Spring To-Do List" with you.

Tax deadline is Monday, April 18. The due date for 2010 Federal tax returns is Monday, April 18, 2011. If you plan to claim your children or any other dependents on your tax return, you'll need to have a Social Security number for each individual. If you don't already have a Social Security number for a dependant, applications and filing requirements are available online at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnnumber.

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for 2010, or you lost the one we sent you, you can request a replacement online at www.socialsecurity.gov/1099. Medicare Open Season ends on March 31. If you are eligible for Medicare Part B medical insurance, but you didn't sign up for it when you first became eligible for Medicare, you have another opportunity to apply. Open season for Medicare Part B runs from January 1 until March 31, 2011. If you miss the deadline, you will have to wait until 2012. You can learn more about Medicare by visiting the Medicare website at www.medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

Spring may be a busy time, but if you keep this to-do list handy, staying on top of things should be a spring breeze. For more information about Social Security programs, visit www.socialsecurity.gov. Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 50 College SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on March 21, 2011, the following Ordinance was adopted: Ordinance 02-2011 Outdoor Furnaces, a summary of which follows:

Ordinance No.02-2011 - An Ordinance to amend the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance to add Section 4.39 which will regulate outdoor furnaces. This ordinance provides a definition for outdoor furnaces and allows them only in the AG-1, AG-2 and R-1 zoning districts with a permit. It establishes setbacks from property lines, requires a minimum distance from houses on nearby properties and prohibits the burning of certain materials.

This Ordinance shall become effective April 6, 2011. A complete copy of the Ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during regular office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE LAST DATE TO FILE NOMINATING PETITIONS TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011 4:00 P.M.

City of Lowell registered residents of the City interested in seeking election to the Lowell City Council to fill any of the three (3) two to four year term vacancies occurring must obtain nominating petition forms for circulation and return no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2011. Petition forms are available between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from the Lowell City Clerk, Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell.

Betty R. Morlock City Clerk



classifieds

office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. closed Sat. & Sun.

for sale

LOGBED SET - Cedar (complete), \$125. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. Delivery available.

PRICE REDUCED - low down, 2 bedroom single wide mobile on very nice wooded lot. Newer well & septic system. \$58,800. Call Ron at 616-291-1413.

FREE ADI - Place & pay for a classified ad in the Buyers Guide & Lowell Ledger for 3 weeks & receive the 4th week FREE! You must mention the special in order to receive this offer. Must be paid for when ad is placed. Call 897-9555, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell, Ph. 897-9261.

200 APPLIANCES - Washers, dryers, refrigerators & stoves. Guaranteed. From \$69. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main, Carson City, 989-584-1600. Delivery available.

SAFE WOOD HEAT - Remove fire hazard, smoke & dirt from home. Central Boiler Classic Outdoor Wood Furnace with 25 year warranty. Winter Sale. Call SOS your "Stocking Dealer" Dutton, MI 616-554-8669 or 616-915-5061.

LAKEFRONT LOTS - 2 mobile homes with lots in Oakwood Resort on Campbell Lake near Hesperia. Purchase separately or together. Call 231-798-2712.

DOLL CLOTHES - American Girl doll fits 16" - 18" doll. Homemade outfits \$10 and under. Call 642-6097.

SIX - 1 HOUR GOLF LESSONS - \$69 - "Simply the best lesson format in the country." Master teaching professional Norm Davidson & staff. Call now GOLF EMPORIUM, 754-2280.

POTTED TREES - Maple, Spruce & Pine, \$10 & up. 616-761-7588.

BED & MATTRESS SET - queen, Sealy \$95 includes frame. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main, Carson City, 989-584-1600. Delivery available.

DO YOU WANT TO SAVE MORE ON YOUR GROCERY, UTILITY BILLS ETC? - Join us for a 90 minutes seminar, Monday, April 18. Call Lowell Community Education, 987-2550 or email: tstranger@lowellschools.com for more information.

2006 SMOKER CRAFT 161 STINGER - w/trailer included, is a 50 horse 2 stroke Mercury oil injection electric trim & tilt at the helm, side console steering, lots of storage, livewell, 2 batteries, X-75 Lowrance fish & depth finder. Asking \$9,500. Call 616-902-1778 or 897-2667.

for sale

CLAW FOOT BATHTUB - antique, reglazed, \$350. 698-9419.

for rent

VERY SMALL 2 BEDROOM HOUSE - 2 miles N of Lowell. Lg. garage, sm. shed, flower beds, garden space. No laundry, \$550 a month, w/\$550 deposit. References required. 897-7130.

HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! www.vfw8303.org. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.

3 BED, 1 BATH HOUSE IN LOWELL - Fenced back yard. Great neighborhood, close to schools & downtown. \$725/month. 432-770-1793.

PRICELESS STORAGE - Indoor/outdoor. New Units on Alden Nash, 1 mile South of I96. Call for specials 558-2900.

LOWELL MOBILE HOME PARK - Under new management. Nice 1, 2 & 3 bedroom trailers for rent. Rent from \$350 - \$550. For info call George at 616-754-0276 or 616-813-8041.

APARTMENT FOR RENT - in Lowell, 2 bedroom, utilities included. \$700/mo. Available immediately. Call 897-7176 or 299-3198.

help wanted

COMMERCIAL CLEANING POSITION - Janitorial position available in the Lowell/Ada area. Part-time 3rd shift, 10 p.m. start time, 4-5 hrs./night, Mon. - Fri. Reliable transportation & valid driver's license required. We offer competitive wages. Stop in soon & fill out an application. Metropolitan Building Maintenance, 868 Barnum SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49509.

NOW HIRING - and training for career positions with West Michigan's leading real estate company. Call Rick Seese, Greenridge Realty, Inc. for a confidential interview. 616-437-2576 or 616-974-4250.

FOOD SERVERS - Must be available 3 Saturday nights per month. Able to lift and carry 35 pounds. No experience necessary. Apply in person M-F, 9-5 Grand Volute Ballrooms, 655 Lincoln Lake Ave.

CENA'S - The Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center St., Lowell has current openings on all shifts in our sub acute & skilled nursing center. Our building is newly renovated & air conditioned. We offer great benefits w/high wages based on your experience. Visit us for a tour or call Terrie Kerschen, RN, DON for more info. 897-8473.

help wanted

CAREER OPPORTUNITY - King Milling Company is seeking an individual for a second shift-milling position. Good mechanical skills are an advantage for this position. Please apply at 115 S. Broadway Street, Lowell.

KENNEL ATTENDANT - Love Dogs? Work Hard? Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary, a non-profit all breed dog sanctuary in Lake Odessa, needs an enthusiastic, versatile, team player for busy kennel. Details at: www.mackenzies.info

BARN WORK - honest, responsible, hardworking person to work at top quality show barn. Includes: stall cleaning, general maintenance & cleaning, driving tractor (or willingness to learn). Horse experience a must. 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 4-5 days, more hours available. M-50/Cascade Road area. 897-5139.

HOUSEKEEPING POSITION FOR SMALL - assisted living community. Part-time, 18 hrs./week. Experience required. Call 616-954-2366 if interested or come in to fill out application at 6117 Charlevoix Woods Ct. SE, G.R.

GREEN LEAF TREE SERVICE - is now accepting applications for tree trimmers and ground men, will train. Must be 18 to apply. Valid driver's license, mandatory drug test. Send resume to: PO Box 159, Middleville, MI 49333. No calls please.

PHOENIX PERSONNEL IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS - for packaging, assembly & warehouse. Apply at 615 Chatham, Lowell, or online www.phoenixpersonnel.com or call 897-7881 for information.

free

PLEASE NOTE - All ads in this category must be prepaid.

FREE FIREWOOD - 30 ft pine, 4-6 inch, still standing. West of Alto 3 miles. 460-2773

sales

4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE - April 8, 9 & 10, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 5701 Lincoln Lake Road, Belding.

wanted

WANTED - Used treadmill in good condition. Call 897-0942 or 550-3885.

CRAFTERS WANTED - Spring Craft Show at W. Catholic High School, Sat., May 7, 9-3 p.m. www.westcatholicband.org

LOWELL AREA - Local father and son desperately looking for home to rent or lease, possibly with option to buy. Have impeccable references. We're good guys! 570-8800.

misc.

TEXAS HOLD 'EM - presented by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at Larkin's Other Place. April 1, cash games at 5 p.m. & April 2, cash tournament both days, 7 p.m. Call 897-5977 for more info.

services

TAXES, PAYROLL, QUICKBOOKS, & ACCOUNTING SERVICE - by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-6351.

NEED A DUMPSTER? - Dudley's Dumpsters. Dumpsters priced to get rid of your trash & save you cash! Garage, attic, household clean-up, roofing, trash, junk etc. 14 to 20 yards available. Call for free estimates. Contact Doug 616-295-6640.

SOUND OFF PHONE LINE 897-0787

services

DAVID P. LINDEN, CPA TAX PROFESSIONALS - Personal or business, tax preparation & planning, financial consulting, payrolls, Quickbooks. Affordable rates. Your satisfaction guaranteed. See us at 6440 E. Fulton in Ada. Call us at 616-676-9061.

COMPUTER REHAB - \$65 all repairs - Virus & Spyware removal. No diagnostic fees! Mon. - Sat., 505-B West Main, Lowell. 987-1155, www.computerRehab.ws

HOTWATERDR - Hotwater Dr Pool & Spa Service. Every make and model. Hot tub cover specials! Call 616-874-3385 or visit hotwaterdr.com

SPRING IS COMING - Will clean up brush, limbs, leaves, & trash; also rototilling. Reasonable rates. Call 897-7979 or 648-1549, ask for Bob.

ZOOLAND DAYCARE - has two full time openings - Call 897-8386 or 308-0195. www.zoolanddaycare.com

CLASSIFIEDS ARE NOW ON OUR WEBSITE ALSO - www.lowellbuyersguide.com.

services

DOGGIERANCH - Here for you & your loving dogs. We offer a vacation for them, as you vacation. Your dog will be welcomed into our home as family. 616-723-1709.

DAISY FLORAL NOW OPEN - original owner since 2001. Wedding & sympathy. Full service. We deliver. 505 W. Main. 897-2588.

SPRING PROGRAMS - Women's, co-ed & men's volleyball; body sculpting, Zuma & Pickleball. Call Lowell Community Education, 987-2550 or email: tstranger@lowellschools.com for more information.

WATSON'S HANDYMAN SERVICE - Decks, Doors, Drywall Repair, Misc. Repairs. Small jobs welcome. As always 10% senior citizen discount. Call Steve 897-6906.

TUTORING/ACADEMIC MENTORING SERVICES - ready to meet your student's needs at The Hammock LLC (Lowell). Call 616-893-5661 to schedule. www.hammocklearning.com

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

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. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. We will not run ANY Garage or Rummage Sales as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

STORYTIME - April 12, 19 & 26, at 10 a.m. Stories, songs & crafts. Saranac Public Library, 61 N. Bridge, Saranac, 642-9146.

EASTER EVENT - April 23, 10:30 a.m. Bookmark hunt for all ages & Easter goody bags for all participants. Saranac Public Library, 61 N. Bridge, Saranac, 642-9146.

DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP - 2nd Tuesday at Schneider Manor Community Rm., 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - meets the 2nd Saturday at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

MASONIC LODGE #355 - serving the Belding, Ionia, Lowell, Saranac & Lyons areas, will hold its regular communication, 7:30 p.m. Mon., April 4 at the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding. Dinner will precede the meeting. All Masons may attend.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL GALLERY HOURS - Tues. - Fri., 10-6 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m.; Monday by appt.; 149 S. Hudson. Visit www.lowellartsCouncil.org or call 897-8545.

THE EAST KENT COUNTY REPUBLICANS (EKCR) - meets the second Saturday of the month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce (113 Riverwalk Plaza) from 8:30 to 10 a.m. to discuss current events on the local, state & national levels. Bring your concerns & issues to our meeting for open discussion! Share information about what you can do to become involved! For more information, please call Dave Ennette, 644-0759 or Nancy Steckler, 897-6380.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT STORE - is open Wed. 10 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 10-6; Sat., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 11535 Fulton St. E. Thrift Shop, 897-8260, Food Pantry 897-8260, Emergency Services, 897-8260.

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

AVERILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF ADA - 7144 Headley, is open every Friday & Saturday 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Closed Jan. & Feb. 676-9346.

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LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM - open Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday: 1-4 p.m.; Thursday: 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individual \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

ST. MARY'S PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER - 402 Amity. Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursdays: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Non-denominational. Help for pregnant women/adolescents in need. Provides support, referrals, food, clothing/ infant items. Lowell area. 897-9393.

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS - (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs.: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues. & Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 p.m. & 8-9 p.m.; Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

DORIC CHAPTER #75 - Order of the Eastern Star, will hold its regular communication on Tues., April 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding. Dinner will precede the meeting. All Stars may attend.

PRUNING 101 PRESENTATION - at the Lowell Showboat Garden Club's meeting on Mon., March 21 at 6:30 p.m. Presented by a certified arborist. Meetings are held at the Church of the Nazarene fellowship hall at 211 N. Washington, Lowell. Public is welcome.

CLOTH DIAPERS 101 - TOTS & West Michigan Diaper by Everything Birth for a FREE class on modern cloth diapers - these are not your mom's cloth diapers! No pins, no plastic pants, no fuss. Tues., April 12, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. At For more information call Lori at 987-2532.

Lowell Middle School Honor Roll

**Lowell Middle School
honor roll for the
second trimester
2010-2011 school year.**

6TH GRADE

Anderson, Adam
Anderson, Karmen
Anderson, Sterling
Andrus, Jordan
Baerwalde, Angela
Barber, Nathan
Barnes, Keagan
Barnhart, Angelica
Barry-Coulter, Hayden
Battle, Brennan
Bauman, Sela
Beach, Tyus
Beachler, Matthew
Bem, Johanna
Bergin, Jeremy
Bierlein, Delaney
Bileth, Dakota
Bishop, Jacob
Bishop, Maxwell
Bodemann, Katherine
Boulton, Elijah
Bouman, Trevor
Bowers, Collin
Bramble, Casey
Branagan, Austin
Briggs, Maria
Brown, Clayton
Brown, Mitchell
Burt, Madeline
Cater, Kyle
Celori, Samantha
Chapin, Emma
Chapman, Brodrick
Chrisman, Autumn

Churches, Colton
Clarke, Ryne
Clemenshaw, Katie
Clouse, Paige
Coxon, Riley
Curtis, Amber
Dalessandro, Nicholas
DeCator, Maria
Dee, Ricky
DeHaan, Paige
DeVito, Samuel
deVost, Andrew
Dixson, Kyla
Dodde, Sydney
Dollar, Megan
Dommer, Alexander
Downing, James
Doyle, Michael
Dubisky, Robert
Dull, Preston
Endres, Shane
Fezzey, Victoria
Fisher, Edward
Flippo, Makhaila
Ford-Weber, Callie
Ford-Weber, Rose
Forward, Alise
Fosburg, Paige
Fox, Brady
Franklin, Cassandra
Frederickson, Laurel
Fuller, Darby
Furtaw, Taylor
Garter, Bridget
Geldersma, Bethany
Godbold, Haley
Grant, Parker
Grasman, Sonja
Green, Abigail
Grile, Elizabeth

Groom, Blake
Haines, Madeleine
Hall, Megan
Hall, Rebecca
Harden, Mikayla
Haywood, Brianna
Heffron, Joseph
Heikkila, Edward
Hieftje, Kollin
Higgins, Taylor
Hock, Emily
Hock, Olivia
Hoekstra, Shannon
Holdridge, Kamryn
Holmes, Jacob
Hoseth, Molly
Hubert, Thomas
Huizinga, Noah
Humphreys, Jerrod
Huston, Henry
Idema, Joshua
Inda, Bailey
Jamison, Logan
Jeffries, Kara
Jernberg, Danton
Johnson, Savannah
Judd, Eric
Jurmo, Kelsie
Kargl, Jeremy
Kaufman, Caleb
Kaufman, Corah
Kooistra, Bretton
Korzen, Adam
Ladner, Josie
Landman, Logan
Lane, Aidan
Launer, Clayton
Lezan, Jared
Liddle, Kyle
Lubbers, Kayleigh

MacPherson, Mallori
Majestic, Sara
Malone, Jack
Martinez, Makyla
Mason, Samuel
McDonald, Carsen
McIntire, Alyssa
McLarty, Kenzie
Mears, Alyssa
Melle, Jarrod
Micho, Tessa
Mierendorf, Aron
Smith, Nicole
Moore, Daniel
Moore, Daniel
Nault, Mikayla
Nellis, Trinity
Nethercott, Riley
Nietling, Nova
Noffke, Benjamin
Nurmikko, Olivia
Owens, Hunter
Paiz, Grace
Patrick, Lawrence
Peavey, Tiana-Marie
Perry, Nicolas
Perysian, Jayce
Peters, Jasmine
Peterson, Chad
Peterson, Katie
Peterson, Mary
Petricevic, Tiana
Phillips, Remington
Pickett, Abigail
Pontius, Josealyn
Powell, Alexander
Pratt, Jacob
Preston, Griffen
Price, Lisa
Pytlik, Jacquelyn
Reagan, Jacob
Reed, Mansel
Remar, Aiden
Reynolds, Andi
Richards, Gina
Ritchie, Megan
Robinson, Samantha
Roest, Alyssa
Rogalke, John
Roth, Emily

Rozell, Alexander
Russell, Samuel
Schneider, Hayden
Schram, Madisen
Schramm, Braydon
Schwarz, Kaden
Selleck, Brian
Sherman, Trevor
Simpson, Courtney
Slagell, Brevon
Smit, Brandon
Smith, Brandon
Smith, Benjamin
Smith, Logan
Smithee, Connor
Sobie, Trinity
Solomonson, Sage
Steinebach, Hana
Stephens, Nathan
Stewart, Benjamin
Stewart, Jonathan
Stickney, Dakota
Stickney, Kiley
Stoffers, Bradley
Striplin, Kayleigh
Sturgeon, Jason
Swanson, Evan
Taylor, Garret
Taylor, Hailey
Thompson, Jakob
Thomson, Fiona
Travis, Patrick
Trierweiler, Donald
Tripp, Steven
Underwood, Jacob
VandenHout, Clayton
VandenHout, Sydney
VanderLaan, Matthew
VanDyke, Trevor
VanTil, Nicholas
Vulpetti, Annina
Walters, Sara
Wenger, Corrina
Weston, Zachary
White, Lauren
Whittum, Nathan
Wilcox, Kodie
Williams, Maya
Wingeier, Danielle
Winn, Sophia
Wosinski, Jacob
Wroten, Kendra

Barrett, Jessica
Bates, Ethan
Bell, Kyle
Bennett, Baylee
Bishop, Elena
Blough, Logan
Bowen, Alexis
Bramer, Leah
Brenner, Amanda
Brooks, Paige
Browning, Lauren
Brzeznjak, Jared
Campbell, Ethan
Chappell, Alina
Coble, Elle
Commire, Grace
Cooke, Jack
Copeyong, Logan
Dean, Zeth
Dec, Sarah
Delgado, Veronica
Dickson, Billy
Dickson, Elizabeth
Doane, Tyler
Doom, Mason
Duvernay, Hannah
Emelander, Madison
Emmanuel, Kelsey
Engels, Haley Jo
Fisk, Kaleb
Fox, Rachel
Frederickson, Alexis
Gable, Eric
Gaskin, Madison
Gerig, Abigail
Grim, Austin
Grover, Kyrsten
Guinn, Kellen
Gustafson, Greta
Haefner, Katie
Haehnel, Brandon
Hamilton, Autumn
Harper, Cameron
Havlik, Jessica
Hawley, Sylvia
Hemingsen, Seth
Hess, Mary
Hessler, Ryan
Hewitt, Victoria
Hiline-Gilchrist, Justin
Holloway, Maranda
Huber, Lance
Hull, Talitha
Huver, McKenzie
Jakubiak, Aaron
Kaminski, Madison
Karns, Reece
Khodl, Megan
Kline, Joseph
Kloosterman, Nicholas
Kloosterman, Sara
Kole, Kayla
Kopecek, Kalie
Kramer, Hunter
Kruse, Daniel
Laird, Allyson
Litchfield, Anna
Majinska, Maxwell
Mankel, Kyle
Marks, Adam
Marks, Marilla
Massey, Brianna

7TH GRADE
Aalsburg, Maya
Anes, Justine
Bailey, Shelley
Bancroft, Riley
Barnes, Anastasia

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Honor Roll, continued

Massey, Derek
Maughan, Jarrett
Maxim, Brett
Mayhew, Sarah
McGee, Collin
McGillicuddy, Bryndal
McMillian, Hensley
McQueen, Jennifer
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So the district needs to make cuts. Instead of totally removing principals from schools, what about the curriculum director? I'm not really sure how effective that position is.

In the past year there have been many incidents of vandalism along Sibley St. Parents, do you know what your kids are doing as they walk to and from the movies on Fri. or Sat. nites? This is no longer cute, but costly and scary. What next?

Great Expo! This was my first year attending and I know I will be attending again next year! Fun time!



March 23 to 29

- A Boeing executive says that the Air Force will get the tanker it ordered and no more. Boeing won the competition to build 179 planes under a contract worth at least \$35 billion.
- Legendary actress Elizabeth Taylor dies at the age of 79. Taylor, a two-time Oscar winner, for "Butterfield 8" in 1960 and "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" in 1966, was also known for her eight marriages.
- The growing Hispanic population in the U.S. reaches a new milestone, topping 50 million or 16.3 percent of the nation, officially solidifying its population as the country's second-largest group.
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Spring arrives with thunder

by Emma Palova

A storm last week brought in everything from thunder, sleet, snow and rain to freezing rain.

Unexpectedly the next morning in Lowell, instead of frosted tree limbs and frozen water in the pot holes, the local waters went wild running out of their courses.

Stoney Lake thawed at the fringes flushing the beach trees knee high, submerging the small island on the north side and sending the ice fishermen shanties floating ashore.

Water covered the benches of the picnic tables at the Lowell Township Park; the wooden canoe and kayak launch pad was floating in the water.

The winter has finally loosened its grip.

The churning butterscotch colored water of the King Milling Dam over the Flat River widened the river, well over the banks, reaching high under the wooden trestles.

Although the unpredictable weather is expected to continue, the inevitable signs of spring are here.

Birds singing have broken the dead white silence of winter and the water fowl is enjoying floating by the Showboat again. The days are getting longer.

And the sun peeks out shyly from the heavy clouds from time to time, if only to tease.

Gardeners are pruning trees as the city fathers

schedule new plantings and flower boxes to beautify the downtown. Little green stems of the first spring flowers are pushing up from the ground.

Spring is here.

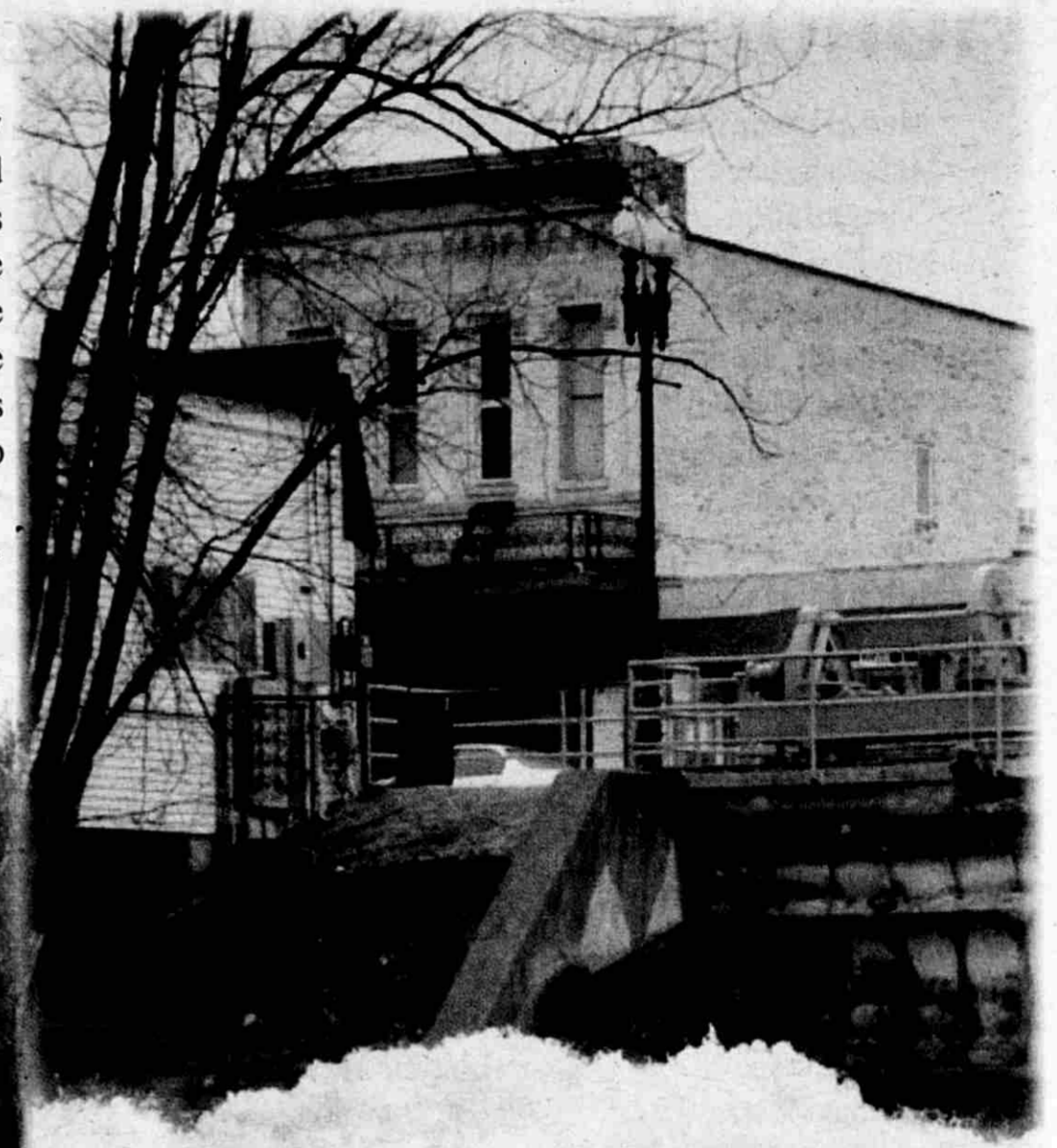


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