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King Milling to invest \$11 million into major expansion

by Emma Palova

King Milling will invest \$11 million into a major plant expansion to the existing facility in downtown Lowell.

The addition will entail three new buildings, each approximately 90 feet tall. They will be duplicates to the existing concrete one sitting on the dam. The buildings will be used for storage of flour, for flour production and for storage of middlings. The bi-product is used as animal feed.

The driving forces behind the expansion are the need for more space for flour storage, flour production capacity and to add biproduct storage and load out. The new buildings will be located between the railroad tracks, Michigan Wire

and Water Street. All projects will be constructed on existing land.

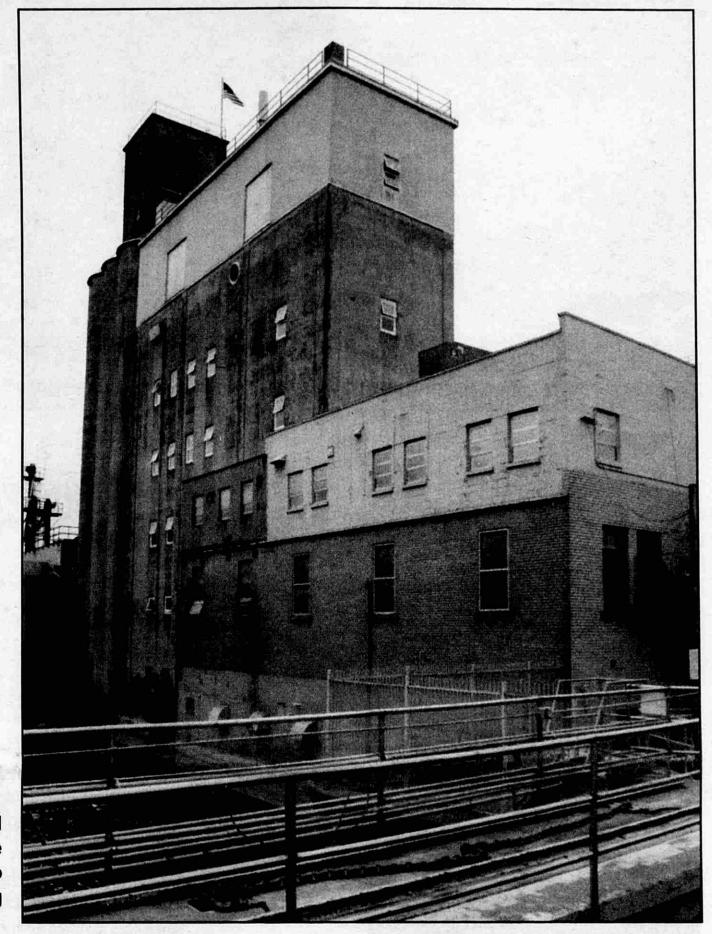
The addition will accommodate 500,000 pounds of capacity a day.

The investment into the mill feed load out system is \$3,173 million; the flour mill addition and milling capacity increase will cost \$6.6 million and the flour load out system is \$1.6 mil-

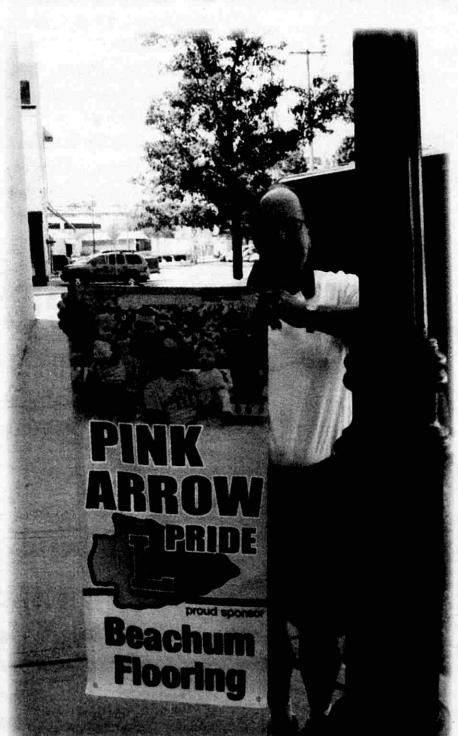
Since the King Milling complex is in the flood plain, the company will

> King Milling, continued, page 2

King Milling will expand by three more duplicate buildings to the existing one sitting on the dam.



Storyboard of banners will line Lowell's Main Street



Perry Beachum holds up an example of what the Pink Arrow banners to decorate Main Street will look like.

by Casey Cheney

The waves of pink, native to the stands during the Pink Arrow Project game, will take over Main Street this year. Perry Beachum, a chairmen on the Pink Arrow Project board, said they will be selling banners to hang from the street lights.

The idea, he said, was to, "Get Main Street pinked out more."

Beachum encouraged businesses and families alike to invest in one of the 126 banners that will adorn the 63 street lamps. Whoever makes the \$199 purchase can then choose a picture to put on the banner as well as what it says.

"We're going to have more of a storyboard," Beachum said.

Originally, the board had determined to rotate between four designs to brighten the lampposts. By making each personalized,

> Banners, continued, page 3

Sizzlin' concert series starts this week

by Emma Palova

The Sizzlin' Summer concert series kicks-off this week with 126 Army Band of the Michigan National Guard on June 16.

The concerts, held on the Riverwalk stage, are free and run from 7 to 9 pm on Thursdays. The \$6,000 for the concerts is funded from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

The Showboat and the Flat River create a lovely backdrop to the concerts with bleachers and lawn chair seating available in front of the Englehardt Library.

Annually, the concert series provides an eclectic mix of rock, country, blues, swing and jazz music. During the fair week, in the second week of August, the bluegrass band concert is held at the Kent County Youth fairgrounds.

Members of the official military band of Michigan have enjoyed performing at many state functions, such as the Governor's inauguration, at the Gerald R. Ford funeral in 2006 and during official visits of foreign leaders and United States dignitaries.

The band has been entertaining people for the last 100 years.

In addition to performing, the band trains and maintains high proficiency in all military aspects of being a United States soldier.

Concert goers may write a personal message to an active duty soldier in the "Love from Lowell" card campaign. Cards will be available during the concert and they will be mailed the next day so they reach the troops by July 4.

> Concert lineup, continued, page 3

in full swing, fundraising for rails to trails planned

Lowell Area Trailway and street construction

and crosses Vergennes Road

will be paved for non-mo-

torized uses for a total cost

of \$1.1 million. The funds

have been obtained through

grants and a private capi-

tal campaign, according to

project engineer Dave Aus-

tin of Williams & Works.

The fundraising for the trail

lowellareatrailway.org.

For map and route go to

Also, two rail to trail

started in 2008.

The 10-foot wide trail

to the nature center.

Alden Nash to the Lowell

Wittenbach Nature Center.

Wege property to the Al-

den Nash West subdivision

and through the subdivision

on an easement to the south

side of high school football

field parking. Then the trail

Downtown Development Authority approves \$20,000 for Lowell bucks

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Sat., June 18, 1-3 pm at Grand River Veterinarian, 661

approved \$20,000 for Lowell bucks as part of the com- last year's success," said munity wide business marketing plan from June 2011 to May 2012.

"We want to build on

owner of Chimera, Cliff The downtown busi- Lowell Gift Certificate es do not lose money.

Mike Sprenger, Dave Durkee, Shelly Catlin, Dave Pasquale and Jim Reagan.

BLENDING ART & NATURE EXHIBITION

ergy crisis - see how artists ages teen through adult find

inspiration in nature and use their art to help educate the

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Sustainability in art - recycling, nature, ecosystem, en-

ness marketing strategy was program is to sell \$10,000

modeled after last year's worth of Lowell certificates The Downtown Devel- bridge bucks during the at a reduced cost of 20 peropment Authority (DDA) bridge replacement project. cent. The chamber cost of \$2,000 will be supported by

Any additional costs would be absorbed by the The goal of the Shop marketing fund so business-

The marketing commitform of the Lowell bucks. These would only be spent and a new commercial to be coating of Ottawa Street.

"This is money well in the Grand Rapids area. spent," said chairman Jim Reagan.

ber website. The total cost of the

> DDA approved funds for the for \$1,080. milling and repaying of Otson to Brook streets for the the city hall.

The group is applying total cost of \$48,750. Comtee is also considering cre- for \$21,000 from the Lowell munity Development Block ating local currency in the Area Community Fund to do funds will also be utilized more newsprint advertising for partial stripping and seal

played in motels and hotels If more funds become available, Maple and Grant However, most of the streets will also be upgradeffort will remain toward di- ed, according to director recting people to the cham- of Public Works Dan Des-

The DDA approved the proposed marketing plan is funding of Port-a-Jons at the Flat River boat launch for In related business, the the season through Oct. 26

The next meeting will tawa Street from South Hud- be held on Aug. 4 at noon at

King Milling, continued

have to obtain permits from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The projects may re-

King Milling has also is \$2.7 million and \$8,673 million into machinery and equipment.

A public hearing has been set for June 20 at 7:30

"These projects repre-

The equipment will come from Switzerland, according to Doyle.

King Milling is its own general contractor. The construction is expected to last

one and a half to two years. The last expansion was done in 2004.

"This is a natural progression," said Brian Doyle. "We need more flour milling capacity."

Since the business is capital intensive, not labor intensive, the jobs created will be during the construction, the installation of equipment and then hauling flour. "We're heavy in plant," said Brian Doyle.

The company employs 40 and it is one of the biggest mills in Michigan. There are only five mills left in Michigan: Augusta, Chelsea, Dowagiac, Quincy and Frankenmuth.

"This is the biggest expansion we've done," said Brian Doyle.

The flour milling industry of Lowell is the oldest manufacturing industry and also the longest operated by one organization, according to "100 Years of History of Lowell.'

King Milling supports many local community organizations such as the Kent County Youth Fair.

"We have to clear everything with DEQ," said president Brian Doyle.

quire filling a portion of the flood plain with a compensating cut. The city may have unused flood plain land where a compensating cut could be taken to meet

applied for a 50 percent tax abatement from the city for 12 years. The total capital invested into the buildings

Camp Sparkle - kids ages 6-12, 2-4:30 pm; Book Club - this months' discussion will be 'The Shack,' 4:30-5:30 pm; Teen and Tween Social - for youth in middle school pm at the city hall. and high school, 6-7:15 pm; all on Tues., June 21, at 314 S.

sent a significant investment into the business and into the Lowell community," said James Doyle, senior vice-president.

North Center Street reconstruction will be completed by mid July.

Banners, continued

gives businesses and families a chance to show their support in their own way.

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Local trail projects, as

The much awaited con-

struction of the Lowell Area

Trailway Phase I started last

week after 10 years of plan-

ning and fundraising. Phase

I is slated for Labor Day

man Road at the railroad

The trail starts on Fore-

are moving ahead.

completion.

well as street construction, High School and the Wege

tracks, connects into Safe picks back up on the north

Routes to School on Gee side of the high school at

Drive and it extends for the tennis courts' parking lot

The banners will go up August 1 and be displayed through the first game on Sept. 9. After that, those with banners can keep them.

they should be able to reuse "That goal takes care of itthem in following years for self." a nominal fee.

awareness, as is the case with every aspect of the Pink Arrow Project.

"Secondary is the mon-

however, Beachum said it If they want, Beachum said etary goal," Beachum said.

Beachum's biggest con-The primary goal is cern is to emphasize to families that this is available to them and can be made very unique and personal.

See LOW COST Aug. 11 - Steam Powered SPAY & Bluegrass and the Patchwork Bluegrass Band, con-NEUTER cert will be held at the fair-No restrictions. Available for everyone. Also vaccinations, tests grounds during the 4-H fair and parasite control Aug. 18 - The Trace, acous-Call 897-8865 www.spayneuterexpress.com

Concerts, continued

week

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Aug. 25 - Tami Helm with

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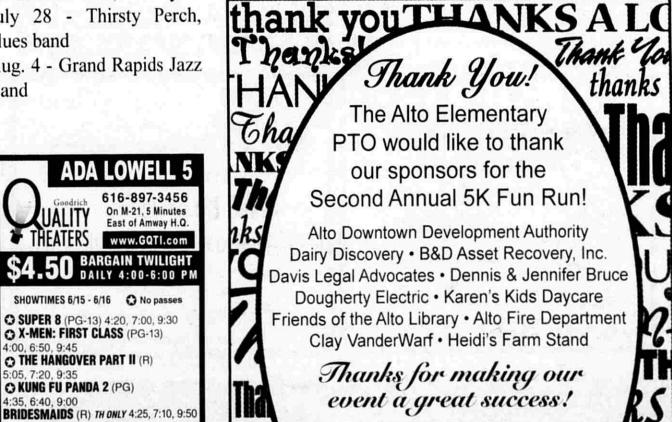
The following is the complete concert line-up: June 23 - The Adams Family, 50s and 60s music June 30 - Stolen Horses,

the Hawktones, blues July 14 - Java Jive, swing July 21 - Kris Hitchcock and Small Town Son, country July 28 - Thirsty Perch. blues band

July 7 - Hank Mowery and

Aug. 4 - Grand Rapids Jazz Band

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Fundraising is being planned for paving of the rails to trails of the Midwest Michigan Trail Authority network.

projects: the Fred Meijer 2013 with funding from the Grand River Valley Rail Michigan Department of Trail and the Fred Meijer Natural Resources, Michi-Flat River Valley Rail Trail gan Department of Transare in the works. Fundrais- portation enhancement ing for paving of the trails funds and privately raised between Lowell, Ionia and funds. The total project cost Belding is being planned. is estimated at \$10 million. The railroad tracks have Network connecting Alma program.

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The fundraising been removed. The trails are based on per capita spendpart of the greater Midwest ing that equals to \$44 per Michigan Trail Authority person over the life of the The trail system is

The rail to trail group viewed as an economic enis hoping to raise \$4 million gine for the trail side comfor the regional nonmotor- munities and for the entire ized trail system. The con-region, according to project via West Street. struction is slated for 2012- chairwoman Carolyn Kane.

project on North Center Street was completed last week. Now, the complete reconstruction of the street is slated for mid July. The city provided funding along with the Community Block Development grant.

On the same note of

construction, the water main

The street will be reconstructed from Main Street to the Laurels of Kent. The road will be narrowed to the same width of Sibley. The street already has sidewalks. The traffic will be detoured

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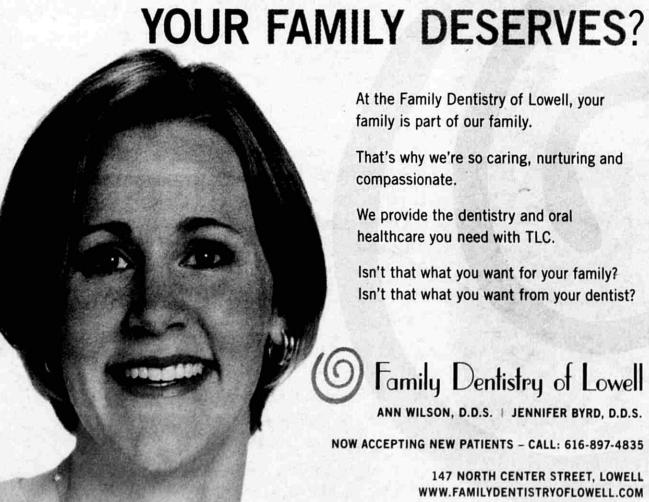
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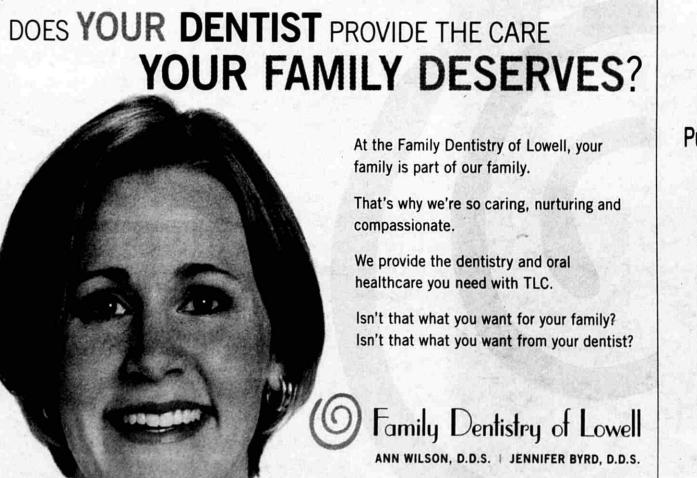
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tremor



A tremor is twitching or shaking of a body part that you can't control. Most tremors affect the hand, but your shares whenever you they can also happen in the want, for whatever the mar- arm, head and even voice. They are more common Although UITs can be in middle-aged and older

adults, but they can happen at any age. Some tremors are barely noticeable and some are more severe and may make it hard to write or hold things. There are different

types of tremors. A rest tremor happens when the When choosing how body is relaxed. An action to own bonds, you'll need tremor happens while you to evaluate many factors are moving a part of your — and we've only looked body. A postural tremor at some of them. You may happens when your arm or leg is held against gravity (holding your arm outstretched). A kinetic or intention tremor happens when you are trying to do a task (drawing or pouring maximize the advantages of a drink).

Anyone can have a adding bonds to your investtremor in certain situations This article was written by For example, you might Edward Jones for use by your have a tremor if you are local Edward Jones Financial very tired, nervous, drink caffeine, or are doing certain movements (for ex-

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ample, threading a needle). Most tremors happen in people who are otherwise healthy, but a tremor can sometimes be a sign of a health problem.

Certain medications can cause tremors. Anxiety and other psychological problems, an overactive thyroid, alcohol use or withdrawal, and a stroke or head injuries can also cause tremors. Parkinson's disease causes a resting tremor and is most common in older adults. Some tremors run in families.

A complete history and physical is needed to evaluate a tremor. Sometimes. a test for blood sugar level, kidney function, or liver function may be done. Rarely, a scan of your head may be ordered.

Most tremors can't be cured, but they can be treated so that they are less bothersome. Specific treatment depends on what type of tremor you have. Treatments consist of medications, avoiding certain triggers and physical or occupational therapy.

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to the editor

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Downsizing is controversial

Dear Editor.

An article in the June 8 Lowell Ledger stated, "Council approves budget in spite of controversy over than it should be. It was police department spend-

The article raised concerns over the police department budget which is 35 percent of the city budget and the single largest part of the city budget. It was noted that the police department spending was up \$11,000.

The article noted that councilmember Jeff Altoft said, Belding, which is this years compatible ex- ty for their service to save change city, has half the money. Part of the city coun-

police force. It also noted that councilmember Altoft said the police department is spending \$150,000 more noted that councilmember Altoft voted against the approval of the budget that cut

in all areas except the police department. Now I would like to comment on the subject. It is pretty well-known that many communities in the last decade have downsized their police departments or have dissolved them altogether

and have gone to their coun-

cil's job is to bring all options to the table for a more affordable city budget.

I believe councilmem-

ber Altoft has been trying to do just that by bringing the cost of the police department to the forefront. But it seems to me, his colleagues on the city council have other ideas.

I believe the downsizing of the police department is too controversial to be left up to the city council. The decision should be made by the constituents of Lowell by putting it on a ballo so the community can vote

> Sincerely Jim Howard Lowell

outdoors

fussy fishing

Dave Stegehuis

ly easy because a minimum stay put for long periods of to locate fish. time. Walleve, on the other hand, are affected by a num- different techniques for getber of natural occurrences ting a bait or lure in front of like wind direction, cloud a hungry walleye. A weightcover, water temperature, ed jig in whatever color is nsect hatches, and some working that day is probother factors I don't know ably the simplest and most about. This makes walleve popular walleve fishing fishing a challenge.

finding the fish is easier, and dropped back down at but it is still up to the fisherman to know where to look. A sonar unit can tell if eyes. one guessed wrong and will

Fishing for pan fish need to continue looking. In such as bluegills is relative- clear shallow water the boat will probably spook fish out amount of equipment is nec- of the immediate area, so essary, and the fish tend to fishing will be the only way

technique. The jig is lifted Thanks to electronics a short distance off bottom various intervals to draw the attention of foraging wall-

> At least a dozen different artificial bait fish imitations, sometimes called le boxes of many anglers. These lures can be cast and retrieved or trolled on flat lines or pulled behind floating planer boards in order to get the lures away from the

commotion of the boat. Live bait rigs featuring floating jigs or crawler harnesses and baited with a night crawler or leach are slowly dragged along the

lake or river bottom. They are weighted down by a slip sinker on the line, so when the glassy eyed predator picks up the bait it will not be spooked by the pressure of the fishing line. A variation on this set-up is creat ed by fastening a weighted length of rigid wire to the There are a number of line. This rig, called a bottom bouncer, keeps the hook

> above the weeds and rocks. The above fishing methods can be accomplished by pulling the line with a boat powered by a gas or electric motor. Anchoring holds the boat in a particular area for jigging or casting. Drifting with the wind works with almost any set-up provided the wind speed and direction is suitable.

So, once the fish have been located, it is a matter of choosing one of the many crankbaits, fill the tack- presentation combinations. Sometimes the walleye are so aggressive that almost anything within the fish's vision will get bit. If the first choice doesn't work, then it is time to implement plan B. or whatever it takes that day. Sometimes nothing seems to work with these fussy predators, but that's what makes for challenging and fun fish-

Back LEDGERS By Shelly MacNaughton

125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal June 18, 1886

Dexter G. Look has purchased an interest in Yeiter's drug business and the firm name is Yeiter & Look. Success to the new firm.

A few years hence the Flat River log drive will be a thing of the past. The boys will be sorry, their parents glad. Not exactly glad, either, for all will regret to see the last pine log go through the chute.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger

June 15, 1911 Lowell put on gala day attire Tuesday to greet the

veterans of the old Seventh Michigan Infantry in their twenty-fifth annual reunion.

Mrs. Austin Miles was found dead in bed at the home of Ferris Taylor, south of this village Tuesday morning, by Miss Ellen Finch. She had been in ill health for a long time and had longed to be at rest. It was evident that she had passed away in her sleep without a struggle.

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feet in diameter. Two men have been employed on the work for two weeks by the King Milling Company. 50 Years Ago

The Lowell Ledger

75 Years Ago

The Lowell Ledger

and Alto Solo

June 11, 1936

The fronts of Richmond's Café and the Bert Charles

Seventy-five year-old wooden portions of the

cut-over flume, leading to the Lowell Cutter factory

buildings, are being replaced by heavy iron pipe several

barber shop have been painted a glistening white.

June 22, 1961 Fifteen local girls have entered their names in the 1961 Showboat Queen contest to be held at the Showboat pep meeting this Friday, June 23, at 8 pm, in the Runciman Elementary building.

Among the contestants are Elsie Backstrom, Rose Byrne, Karlene Detmers, Judy Doyle, Tammy Franks, Sharon Griffin, Carol Hunt, Karen LaDue, Darlene Mayou, Jerry Potter, Phyllis Rose, Sandy Rose, Donna Shaffer, Alice Tower and Tari Zahm.

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger June 18, 1986

The construction of Lowell's first Family Fare grocery store is still a clouded mystery concerning when ground-breaking will begin.

Officials at Family Fare's general offices in Hudsonville said that work would currently be underway at the future Spartan store, but they ran into problems and had to delay construction.

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Class of 2011 has essential role to play



One of the most exciting and fulfilling parts of my job comes around every year at about this time, when I have the honor of speaking to graduating classes at Michigan schools as part of their commencement ceremonies It was my privilege this year

to speak at two commencements, at Lansing Community College and at Kettering University in Flint. The message I conveyed to them is the same message I would give to all our new gradu-

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Northern Michigan University announces the dean's list for the winter 2011 se-

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Ian Woodworth of Ada as I. Beddows, Nicholas C has been named to the dean's Leach, Kati J. Niekerk, Kellist for spring semester at ly B. Shaheen, Gregory P. Smale, all of Ada; Andrew Students who receive at C. Brim, Andrew O. Hewitt, Brandon N. Lee, Seth more graded hours in a sin- D. Mayhew, Patrick R. Misner, Kristen E. Priest, all of Lowell.

Andrew O. Hewitt of Lowell received his baccalaureate degree, with a cum laude honor, from North-The following students ern Michigan University in

Burger King scholarship

graduate Kallie Holzhueter Quality Dining has funded is the recipient of a \$1,000 over \$1,233,000 in continuscholarship. She plans to ing education scholarships. attend Grand Valley State University and major in ed- tomers for their continued

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Wittenbach dealership expands lot, inventory

by Casey Cheney

The Wittenbach GMC has added Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep to its name, taking ownership of the Grand Chrysler Dodge Jeep dealership in Lowell. Mark Shoe, general sales manager, said this expansion is a way to invest further in the Lowell com- worth the trouble.

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"We are their hometown filled," he said. dealer and we want to invest more in them," Shoe said.

technically Wittenbach has owned the Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep dealership for a while, Shoe said he wants to officially announce the addition.

number one GMC dealer in customer satisfaction in pretty much all the state."

Shoe added that only one dealer has higher rat-

"There are 200 used cars underneath the Wittenbach sign and that's huge for Lowell," Shoe said. "They've never seen something like that before."

To complement the expansion in inventory is a notable growth in sales: new cars are up 86 percent and has 400 cars and is looking to expand to 500 or more in the coming months.

Much of this success can be attributed to their shift to market-based pricing. The best deal.

ingly as vehicles depreciate. "It's irrelevant what we is set in stone."

paid for the car," Shoe said. The transition was difficult at first, used car manrals and volume. One car ager Tim McCormick said. However, the change was

"It's a lot less stress

car's price changes with its

market value, so Wittenbach

marks prices down accord-

To ensure the dealership maximizes its profit, Shoe said the salesmen have to make their sales quickly. Because this pricing guarantees the best deal and because Wittenbach sources the cars people want to buy, Shoe said, "We are the Shoe said that they often do sell quickly — many times, customers purchase a car that has not been delivered to the dealership yet.

> Last month, in fact, Wittenbach sold 50 used cars, compared to 24 in that month a year ago.

"Which call are you going to make first? I already gave you the best deal,' Shoe said.

The transition in pricing technique came from a need to innovate to continue making a profit. The old method, used are up more than 50 which Shoe described as percent. Wittenbach now a heckling match between the salesman and customer, strained that relationship and often left the customer uneasy. Ultimately, the customer best at arguing got the

The key to making profit is customer loyalty, refer-

"Bad negotiators got sale reels in less money, so taken to the cleaners," Shoe they need to sell more.

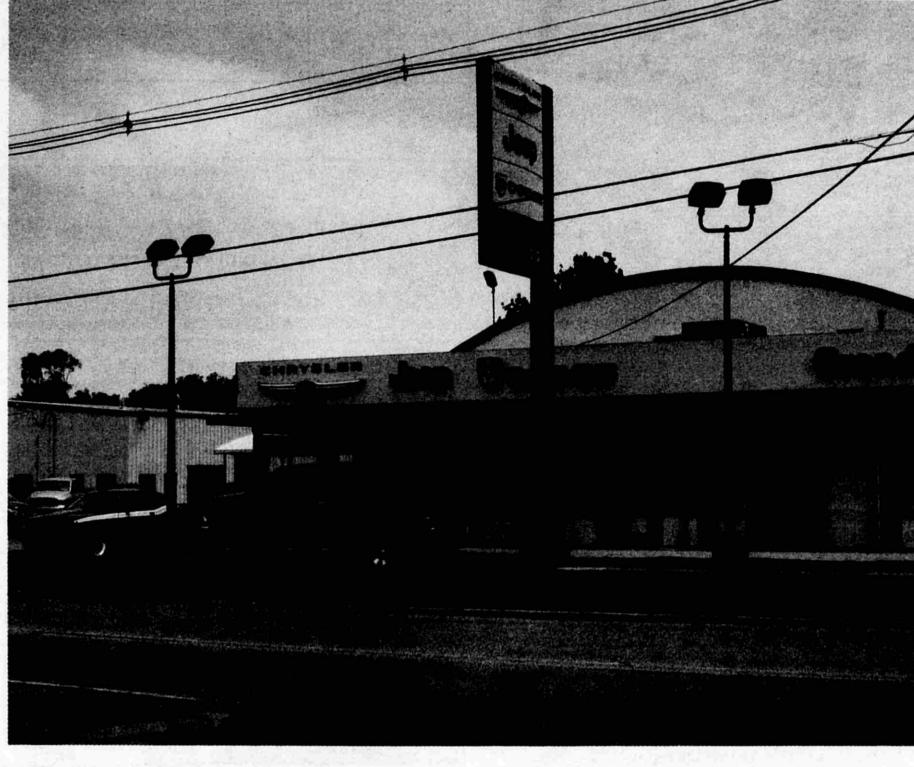
"All you have to do is Now, he said, "Nothing be nice to the people and the cars fly off the lot," Shoe

> The referrals that come from those sales, he said,

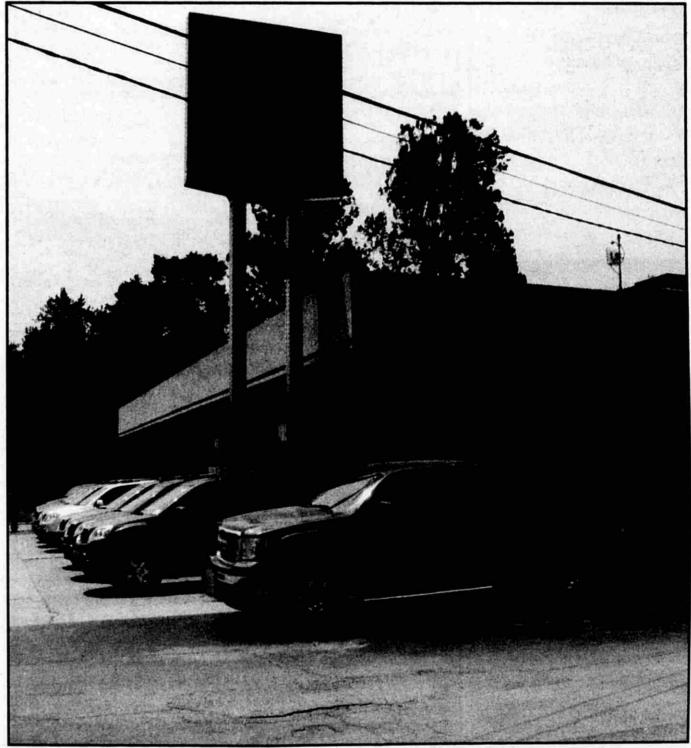
frequently produce more

Wittenbach dealership plans to have a celebratory sale in the near future that would feature food and

fice has moved to the new dealership down the road Those wishing to contact him can visit him at that dealership or call his office number, 897-9281.



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building to a working condi-

tion, including landscaping

up-front and possible resto-

purchase, the business add-

ed new full- and part-time

the original sand color.

employees.

ration of the front façade to

In anticipation of the

"We're taking this big

empty building, freshening ing lot.

lëdge:

said Brent.

The restoration, so far,

included power washing of

the walls, waxing and paint-

ing the floors, seal coating

and re-striping of the park-

Spanning almost an en- for storage now, but that he is open to suggestions in retire city block and a century of history, the Superior Fur- gards to any new uses. He will also rent the parking niture building on the east side of town will get a new lot.

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Brent and Marni Slagell been used as a furniture of Lowell Township bought manufacturing facility since the expansive building at the early 1900s, is zoned inthe beginning of June for a dustrial. deal of the cen-

tury. The Slagells bought the building that was in foreclosure \$200,000, with the help of Great Lakes Signature properties, after eight months of negotiating with a bank in Florida. The building has been sitting empty and on the market for the last three years.

However, they will be using only the offices and the new part of the building for warehousing of Marni's busi-Shoreline Medical Sport Supply is a Michigan-based catalogue order business that supplies high schools, colleges, clinics and rehab centers.

The fate of the rest of the building is and electricity wired for the condos and retail. entire building.

In order to facilitate any still up in the air since the new use, Brent said he will couple will be using only a apply for rezoning to C2. small fraction of the 52,000- Mixed use zoning would fasquare-foot building. The cilitate commercial as well building has loading docks as residential uses, such as

The Slagells are in Brent said he will rent the process of bringing the

it up," said Brent, "and giving it new life."

Marni said she never thought they would own a freight elevator.

always been known as the Superior building, the name will stay the same, only the

Brent will also pursue chased by the Ellis family of

getting the \$700,000 assess- Charlotte Chair Company ment of the building low- and William S. Lee. It manered by the city. Right now, the bank payments on the other Grand Rapids furni-Since the building has

> property taxes. Many doors in the rian reproductions.

furniture part will be taken building still remain locked with padlocks on them

"We would like some-"We're excited about the future of the building," thing that will benefit the community," Brent said

> building up to code would present a multi-million dol-

history. In 1936, it was pur-

ufactured contract chairs for

ing their own line of Victo-

During World War II. the company assisted the war effort by producing dinette chairs for the Federal Housing Authority, as However, to restore the well as making dogsleds for

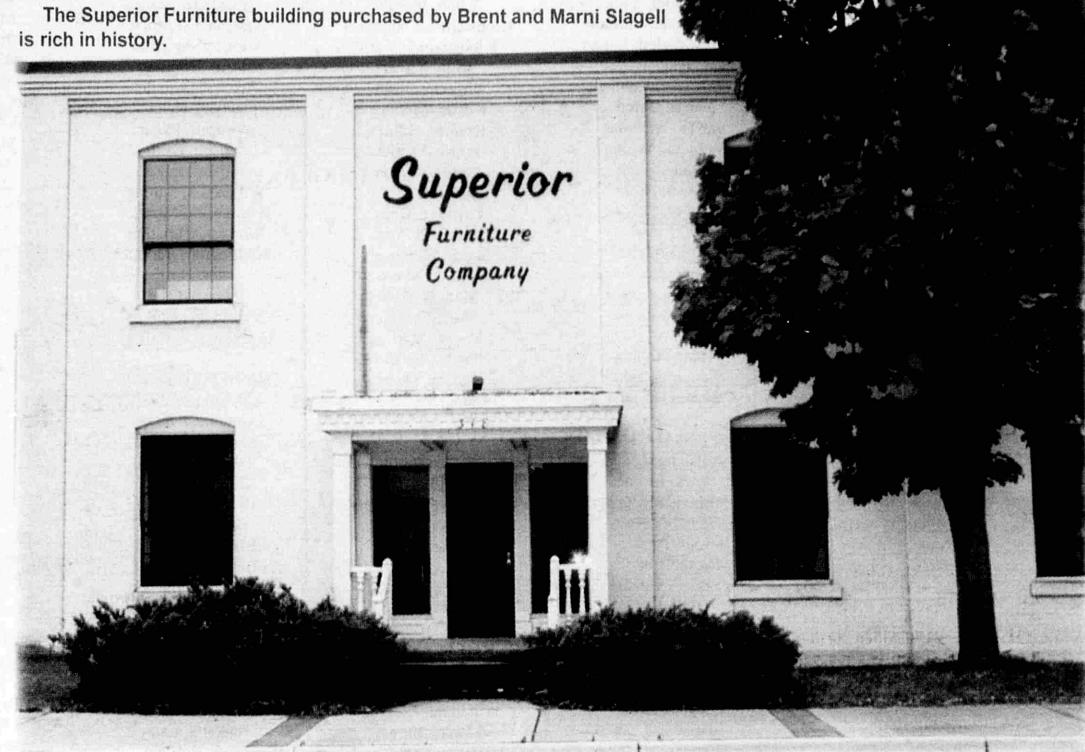
troops in Russia. After the war, Superior expanded on its line of Vic-The building is rich in torian reproductions using solid cherry lumber.

> During the 1990s, son Bill Lee expanded the product line to include casual dining and bedroom. But, occasional tables remained the mainstay of the business. Lee introduced multiple finish options, distressed finishes, quick delivery and the ability to custom-In 2009, Su-

perior forces with The Taylor Company located in Grand Rapids, MI. The Taylor Company is a manufacturer of wood components with advanced technology for producing wooden

In September 2010 the Taylor Company, along

with Superior, merged with the 110-yearold Grand Rapids furniture manufacturer, Kindel Furniture Company, to form a building are lower than the ture makers, while develop- new, larger furniture entity.





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Hot Rod Power Tour rumbles through Lowell



David Delmick takes out his 1961 Corvette, atop his 1961 Dodge D300 car hauler, to greet the power tourists. The car hauler is the most recent addition to his collection.

by Casey Cheney

Scattered streams of gussied-up hot rods shattered the morning air in Lowell Friday morning, roaring through as early as 8:30 am. Their early arrival took people by surprise, but those hot rod fanatics who spectated during the schedthe full show.

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Drivers who did follow the route through Lowell said many of their compa-

June 16, 10:30 am.

triots skipped over it due to the weather, looking to reach Detroit more quickly.

Carol DeVito and David and Rhonda Delmick. Carol DeVito and her

husband Jeff participated uled 10 am to 12 pm missed in the Power Tour in 2004 with Jeff's 1967 Ford he purchased in 1985 for \$200. She had the car on display that morning.

At Your

Local

Kent District Library programs at Englehardt Branch

200 N. Monroe St. For additional information call 616-784-

Teen Advisory Board

ty where we discuss teen programs and assist with library

Around the World Easy as 1-2-3

Famiy Storytime

a family; develop early literacy skills and encourage a love

of reading. For children ages 6 and under with a caregiver.

Drop-in Craft Time

self-directed activity. For children ages 6 and under with a

Ruff Readers

kids ages 6 and up with trained therapy dogs and handlers

who love to hear a good story. Registration is required and

participation is limited. Presented in partnership with the

West Michigan Therapy Dog Association. Wednesdays,

Ruff Readers is a unique read-aloud program that pairs

Drop in at the library for some creative fun with this

Thursdays, June 21-July 28, 10:30 am.

June 22-August 10, 6:30 pm.

caregiver. Fridays, July 22-August 12, 11 am.

Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement as

tasks. For teens, grades 6-12. Wed., June 22, 2 pm.

Meet other teens with this volunteering opportuni-

1961 Corvette, though he left the car cover on due to

Delmick brought his

Greeting the Power Tour rain and transported it by drivers were Lowell natives his recent purchase, a 1961

Delmick said of his '61 Corvette, adding, "I'm a big advocate of using the stuff."

Dodge D300 car hauler.

Each Hot Rod Pow- may have another chance to "I drive it a lot," er Tour begins where the watch thousands of muscle last one ended, so Lowell cars cruise by.

ATT - ATTE

David Delmick waves to a Florida driver taking part in the Power Tour. He said the rainy, cool weather was a welcome change from the oppressive heat down south.

Young children love to count! Explore new cultures with stories, songs, activities and crafts that celebrate counting around the world. For children ages 6 and under. Thurs.,

Important information for public employees mula to calculate your benin benefits a spouse, widow. workers. They had the ad-

ployer who does not withhold Social Security taxes lower Social Security benefrom your salary, such as fit than you otherwise would a government agency, the receive. pension you get based on that work may reduce your Social Security benefits under the "Windfall Elimination Provision."

This provision affects how the amount of your retirement or disability benefit is calculated if you receive a pension from work where Social Security taxes

efit amount, resulting in a Why a modified formu-

la? The law requires we determine Social Security benefit amounts with a formula that gives proportionately higher benefits to workers with low lifetime earnings. Before 1983, people who worked mainly in a job not covered by Social Security had their Social Security were not taken out of your benefits calculated as if they pay. We use a modified for- were long-term, low-wage

or widower can receive. vantage of receiving a Social Security benefit representing a higher percentage of their earnings, plus a pension from a job where they did not pay Social Security

Congress passed the Windfall Elimination Provision to remove that advan-

In addition to the Windfall Elimination Provision. there is another reduction that could make a difference

er pension plan and do not pay into Social Security, any spouse, widow, or widower benefits available through Social Security may be subject to a Government Pension Offset. Generally, if government employment was not covered by Social Security, any Social Security benefits must be reduced by two-thirds of the govern-

ment pension amount

If you pay into anoth-

obituaries

KOLENBRANDER

Louis John "LJ" Kolenbrander, age 59, of Lowell, passed away peacefully at home June 7, 2011. John

will be deeply missed by his wife of 31 years, Sherri: mother. children. Lois; (Sue) John Kolenbrander. Melissa (Kevin) Hunter; siblings, (Rose) Paul Kolenbrander, (Chris) Ruth Jorgensen; grandchildren. Chelsea Victoria, Calab. Ryan. David. Shontae. and Lindsy: Richard in-law. (Kathy) Lovins:

sisters-in-law, Kelly (Tim) Knight, Barb (Doug) Brown: many nieces, nephews and friends. A gathering to celebrate John's life and share stories will take place on his birthday, July 20, 2011, at 5:30 pm at Fallasburg Park. Fishing and hunting attire encouraged. Condolences and memories may be submitted online at www.gerstfuneralhomes.com

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF KENT

PUBLICATION OF

NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 11-190405-GA

In the matter of

MARVIN GROENDYKE.

TO ALL INTERESTED

PERSONS including:

David Groendyke and

of Marvin Groendyke

whose interest in the

matter may be barred

or affected by the

hearing will be held on

July 5, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

at 180 Ottawa Avenue

NW, Grand Rapids, MI

49503 before Judge

David M. Murkowski

following purpose:

for

06/10/2011

Michele Bolev

616-248-1387

49507

121 Franklin SE

Grand Rapids, MI

TAKE NOTICE:

unknown heirs

and

following:

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Groendyke.

Ada, MI 49301

616-897-6632

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address(es)

Social Security FAQ

must now receive my bene-

fits through direct deposit? plying for benefits on or required to receive their payments electronically. ing paper checks will need to switch by March 1, 2013. tercard. Switching from the process of getting a new checks to electronic pay- card and where to take your ments is fast, easy, and free information. At that webat www.godirect.org. You site, you can also download also can call the U.S. Trea- a copy of the simple applicasury Processing Center's toll-free helpline at 1-800-333-1795 or speak with a bank or credit union representative or contact Social Security for help.

Question: I'm getting a

Ouestion: Is it true 1 my Social Security card. Do tor, you can get estimates I need to get a new one?

of your benefit at various **Answer:** Ask your po- ages from age 62, the earli-Answer: Anyone ap- tential employer if he or she est eligibility age, to age 70, needs to see the card or if the age when you can take after May 1, 2011, will be just the number is required. full advantage of delayed Knowing your number is retirement credits. It allows usually what is important. If you to key in multiple scewhile those already receiv- you do need to get a replace- narios so you can get an inment card, come to your lo-stant, personalized estimate cal Social Security office of your future retirement Paper checks will no lon- and show us documents benefits. It's the best way ger be an option for most proving your identity and, to begin planning for your and people. If you don't have a possibly, citizenship. You retirement. You can find the bank account, you can get can go to www.socialsecu- online Retirement Estimayour benefits through the rity.gov/ssnumber for more tor at www.socialsecurity. Direct Express debit Mas- specific information about gov/estimator. Question: What is the benefit amount a spouse may be entitled to receive? Answer: If you are tion to have pre-filled when eligible for both your own

> Question: How do I will always pay you ben- benefits, we will automatiknow when it's the right time for me to begin getting re- first. If your benefit as a tirement benefits?

retirement benefit, you will Answer: If you use our summer job and I can't find online Retirement Estima-

before he or she reaches full retirement age. For example, based on the full retirement age of 66, if a spouse begins collecting benefits:

At age 65, the benefit amount would be about 46 percent of the retired worker's full benefit;

At age 64, it would be about 42 percent; At age 63, 37.5 percent:

Answer: You will re-

ply to people with perma-

nent kidney failure and those

with "Lou Gehrig's Disease"

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Question: I'm thinking

about getting disability in-

Social Security questions,

DLES - 32" x 32", approximately 40 pcs. 16" lg. \$9. At age 62, 35 percent. Call 897-2985.

Question: I'm applying for disability benefits. Do I automatically receive Medicare benefits if I'm approved for disability benefits?

ceive Medicare after you re-SAVE 15% ON YOUR PREceive disability benefits for PAIDAD - when you bring in retirement benefit and for 24 months. When you be-5 non-perishable food items benefits as a spouse, we come eligible for disability for the F.R.O.M. Foodfight! Offer is valid on classifieds & display ads. Must be paid efits based on your record cally enroll you in Medifor when placing ad. Buyers care. We start counting the Guide & Lowell Ledger. 105 spouse is higher than your 24 months from the month N. Broadway, Lowell, Ph. 897-9555. you were entitled to receive receive a combination of disability, not the month ADJUSTABLE BED - Inwhen you received your first payment. Special rules ap-

cludes memory foam mattress. Never used. \$1,299 can deliver. 616-682-4767 or 293-5188.

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RE-FURBISHED COM-PUTERS - Different brands, different speeds, 90 day failure replacement. Al w/Windows XP, priced from \$50 to \$165. Call Jim 897-7570.

1978 VW BEETLE CON-VERTIBLE - bright red w/white interior & black top, 1.6 Liter carburetor engine, like new tires on custom rims, 27 mpg, 115,000 miles, \$6495, 987-4211,

FOR SALE - Dutchmen 2002 trailer 39', 2 bedroom, 2 slide outs, well cared for, fully furnished, \$12,000. Can be seen at Lincoln Pine Resort, RV lot 159. 616-897-7800 or e-mail: NancyZywicki@sbcglobal.

FRIGIDAIRE GAS DRYER - hardly used, \$75; hardwood table w/4 chairs, \$400; cherry Norwood loom w/storage bench, \$400;616-868-0613.1987 red Comanche, runs but needs work, \$200, 616-987-6008.

1995 VULCAN - new tires, new battery, new pipes, asking \$2,500. 616-693-

MATTRESS SETS - All

new. Twin \$125, full \$149, queen \$159, king \$199 up; pillowtop sets, \$175 up; bunkbeds, \$199 up. Can deliver. 616-682-4767 or 293-5188.

help wanted

NURSE MANAGER - Unit

of Kent is currently look-

ing for a Unit Manager

w/management experience

preferred. The Laurels of

Kent is a skilled nursing

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Terrie Kerschen or email:

iiones1@laurelhealth.com

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Coordinator - RN. The

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OWNER OPERATORS

sales

5 FAMILY GARAGE SALE

- antiques, glassware, ce-

ment mixer, 10 ft. aluminum

boat, household goods,

dolls & a lot more. Wed.

thru Fri., June 15-17, 8 a.m.

GARAGE SALE - 1560

Sargent, Ada. Fri., June 17,

9 to 5 & Sat., June 18, 9 to

noon. Girl's clothes, kid's

toys, bikes, many misc.

BLOCK SALE - on S. West

St., Lowell. Sat., June 18

9 a.m. - ? Boys clothes sz

3T to sz. 6, 45s (records)

lots of misc.

crib, cross country skis &

HUGE MULTI FAMILY

SALE - June 17 & 18

4978 Ada Dr., 8:30 - 5:00.

Air hockey table, boys Air

Jordans, American Girl

dolls, outdoor fountain

name brand teen girls/boys

clothing (AE, Hollister,

etc.), women/men's name

brand clothing, wall art.

nome decor, metal detector,

phonograph arms, bedding

& bedding for dorm, cam-

eras, world war 2/military

items, jewelry, books, video

games (PlayStation, Xbox,

GameCube), iPod Touch.

MULTI FAMILY GARAGE

SALE - Thur. & Fri., June

16 & 17, 9 to 6. 11018 Ver-

gennes (btw. Cumberland &

Parnell). Little Tykes slide

picnic table, toy boxes &

swing, Spiderman, Hulk,

Power Ranger & Imaginex

Dinosaur toy sets, Tonka

trucks, Lincoln Logs, Pack

& Play, strollers, & car

seats, bedding sets, boy's

name brand clothes 2T to

14, women's clothes size 18

to 22 & men's XL, movies &

more. All priced to sell.

11850 Bluewater Hwy.

ONE BEDROOM APART Manager RN. The Laurels MENT - downtown Lowell. utilities included, no pets, \$150/week. Call Bob. 299-3198 or 897-7176. WATERFRONT-Cottages.

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Martiny Chain of 10 Lakes accessible, Barryton, MI. Furnished, very nice, AC, cable, canoe, paddle & row boat included, pontoon rental available. Call Ron,

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.TEN

PRICELESS STOR-AGE - Indoor/outdoor. New Units on Alden Nash, 1 mile South of 196. Call for specials 558-2900.

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.TFN

misc.

GRAND OPENING June 20, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. CRICKETS **CROP SHOP, Scrap**booking Supplies, 11768 Old Belding Rd., Grattan. Make & takes, prizes 8 refreshments. 616-826-1872.

DANCING ON THE RIV-ERFRONT - Lowell. Every Sunday - Country night, 5-7 p.m. Theme nights on Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. June 22 theme is 50s & 60s. Donations accepted. For more info contact softonthefeetentertainme nt@yahoo.com

help wanted

GREEN ACRES - An assisted living facility in Lowell, is currently seeking an experienced full-time cook to prepare nutritious tasteful meals & snacks for residents. If you have a passion to work with the elderly & truly want to make a difference then we want you! For immediate consideration, apply in person at: 1845 Birming ham SE, Lowell, MI 49331 or email your resume to greenacreslowell@rlmgmt. com. No phone calls

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

GARAGE SALE - 9356 Centerline Rd. Saranac. Everyday 1 to 6 p.m., Wed. thru Sat., June 15 - 18. A little bit of everything.

sales

SARANAC MULTI-FAMILY SALE - Cherrywood Lane, off Morrison Lake Rd, just south of Saranac. Baby, kids, CDs, movies, petsafe containment, household & holiday items. Thurs. & Fri., June 16 & 17. 9-? NEIGHBORHOOD GA-

RAGE SALE - Alden Nash Lowell High School. Thurs. & Fri., June 16 & 17, 9 a.m. 4 p.m. Furniture, household items, mens, womens. boys, girl & baby clothing! Lots of toys too!

ing is available. We are HUGE ESTATE, MOVING & YARD SALE - June 16, 17 & 18, 606 N. Washington. Lowell. Everything must go, come see what treasures or visit: The Laurels of you can find. Years of accumulation. Tools, furniture, appliances, flatbed trailer. misc. items, too many to

GARAGE SALE - Thurs.. with tandem axle tractors. June 16 thru Sat., June Dedicated auto part runs 18, 9-5 p.m. Dresser, misc. pickup in Springhill, TN to housewares, pictures, toys, Lansing, MI. Great pay games, books, baby items, benefits, hometime! CDL clothes: mens, womens, A, 18 mos. exp. 22YOA kids (NB thru 10-12). 3535 Clean MVR. 800-723-6046

services

BONNIE'S CREATIVE CAKES - for all your special occasions, 897-4363.

AUTO DETAILING - by Professional Car Appearance LLC. Multi years experience. Competitive rates. References available. Call Eric at 616-706-4421.

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GEE'S ROLLING DUMP STERS - 15 yard. \$170 for household trash or \$250 for shingles/drywall. 616-205-6871.

DAYCARE - 2 full time openings, any age, 11 years experience, open Food Program. Call Pam, 897-9566.

services

YOGA CLASSES - Balance, Flexibility, Strength! Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 p.m & Fridays 8 a.m. \$6 walk-in at 901 W. Main, Lowell, 616-893-5661.www.hammocklearning.com

NEED A DUMP-STER? - 14 to 20 vards available. Garage, attic, household cleanup, roofing, trash, junk etc. Dependable service & affordable prices. Mention this ad & receive 10% off. Call for free estimates Contact Doug 616-295-6640.TEN

SUMMER PIANO LES-SONS - Experienced & popular teacher has openings available. \$65 per month Vergennes Twp. Call 897-9485. MissMeowsic@msn.

locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198.TEN

for Darryl.

HANDY REPAIR SERVICE - All kinds of service work:

BRICK - BLOCK - STONE - Chimney repair & concrete work. Call 897-0698 ask

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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. 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. JUNE GARDEN CLUB MEET ING - Mon., June 20, 6:30 p.m. at the Nazarene Church, 211 Washington, Lowell. Presentation by Ian Warnock from the Frederik Meijer Garden &

Gardens. Public welcome. ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES Sign up at the Nazarene Church 201 N. Washington St., Sat. June 18, 10 a.m. - noon. You may also order online using your debit or credit card. Go com. Any questions, call Esther 897-7395.

Sculpture park on Alpine & Rock

COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL - Come meet & have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers. First Saturday of each month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza, Lowell. 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

SUMMER CARNIVAL - Sat., June 18, 10 a.m. Celebrate read-

ing! Join the Englehardt branch of the Lowell Area Arts Council. the Kent District Library for games. crafts, prizes & carnival-style fun! Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell. 616-784-2007, www.kdl.org

SOWNE TOWNSHIP HISTORI-CALSOCIETY-meets the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Historical Museum at 84th/

NEEDLERS - Second & fourth Monday evenings, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Schneider Manor Commu-

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

MASTER ARTS STREET THE-ATRE - Performing in the style of medieval street theatre, this high energy team brings to life folktales, fables & more. Audience participation is used to convey a message in a fun & creative way. Wed., June 15, 6:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell. For more information:

16-784-2007. www.kdl.org **GRIEF - NEW MEMBER MEET-**ING - Call the clubhouse to schedule your introductory meeting for grief support groups. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

TEEN GROUP - CANCER AND GRIEF - First & third Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m. A committed group for teens in ninth - twelfth grade on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities & discussion. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

FLAT RIVER WOOD CARVERS - meets every Wed. 2-4 p.m. at

New carvers welcome.

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.

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

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

LOWELL SHOWBOAT GAR DEN CLUB - meets the 3rd Monday in the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211

N. Washington St. at 6:30 p.m. BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing

5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Randy Jesberg at 897-4569 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814. 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.

continued, page 14 on the number of months 1320 Elmdale, NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505, died of CHARLES Estate of CHARLES on 5/4/11. There is no HARRINGTON. Date of HARRINGTON.

TO ALL INTERESTED birth: 06/14/1939.

Kenneth C. Harrington TO ALL CREDITORS:

whose address(es) are unknown and whose NOTICE interestinthemattermay **CREDITORS:** be barred or affected by decedent. the following: TAKENOTICE: Ahearing Lowell, Michigan, died

will be held on July 11, 04/04/2011. 2011 at 3:33 p.m. at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Creditors Grand Rapids, MI 49503 decedent are notified before Judge David M. that all claims against Murkowski (P35026) for the estate will be forever the following purpose: on the petition of Iris to Iris Harrington, named Harrington for her personal representative appointment as the or proposed personal personal representative representative, or to Harrington and for at 180 Ottawa Avenue Lost Will of Charles Rapids, MI 49503 and Harrington to probate.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS LONIJA SAUNDERS LIVING TRUST

TO ALL CREDITORS: The Settlor, Lonija Saunders, who lived at personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration been issued. Creditors of

have decedent are notified thatallclaimsagainstthe Lonija Saunders Living dated 10/14/08. will be forever banned presented to Sandra Saunders. Trustee, at 6792 Kitson Dr., Rockford, MI 49341. or Craig A. Bruggink, attorney for Trustee, 429 Turner Ave., NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, within four months after the date of publication. Notice is further given

that the Trust will for the estate of Charles both the probate court thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

06/10/2011 Grand Rapids, MI 49504

June 8, 2011

Sandra Saunders **Successor Trustee of Lonija Saunders** Living Trustee, uad 11/14/08 6792 Kitson Dr. Rockford, MI 49341

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benefits equaling the higher

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June 17, 2010 If love could have kept vou alive. vou would have lived torever. Love,

Wife, Ethel & Family



ANNUAL REPORT OF PRIVATE FOUNDATION

The annual report of the Lowell Area Housing, Inc. Foundation for the year ended December 31, 2010 is available for inspection at its principal office, 725 Bowes Road, Lowell, Michigan during regular business hours by any citizen who requests within 180 days

Date: June 15, 2011

President

NOTICE

after date of this notice.

Marcia Roth

CROSSWORD

Four players, sponsor, to enter Freeport softball Hall of Fame

class of inductees to the moved up a month this coaching both games. He He also did a stint manag-Freeport area fast pitch softball Hall of Fame. Don Blough, Keith Buehler, Terry Weiland, and Terry Nichols are the new player ing was founded by Robert nominees and Munn Man- Munn in 1967, then sold ufacturing of Freeport is to Steve and Wendy Buethe honored sponsor. In- hler in 1994. The company duction ceremonies will be has sponsored a team in the held during a break in Hall of Fame tournament play, at noon, Saturday, June 18, both baseball and softball 2011.

The tournament and as a youngster and gave Merchants and the Bradmid July.

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induction ceremony were 27 years to playing and ley Native American team. year due to conflict with played fast pitch ball in ing the Merchants. Buehler state tournament play in the army and for the Free- played catcher and outport Merchants. He later coached the Merchants for

> Keith Buehler played pitch team and was catchsoftball for the Runci- er or outfielder for Calvaman team, the V.F.W., the ry Grace Bretheren church

from 1963-79. He's currently assistant coach for Lowell High School fast pitch softball team.

Terry Nichols began playing fast pitch softball in 1973 with the Hastings Moose Lodge team, which became the Hastings Merchants in the later 70s. He won a state championship

as a pick-up player for Abbie's Bar of Eaton Rapids. Nichols was a home run hitter, getting as many as six per tournament several times. He once hit the leg of the Freeport water tower on the first bounce of a long homer.

Levin, continued

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our recovery is fragile.

places of work. But lots of these mid-career students. those things will have to vative than ever before.

Security disability benefit?

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Terry Weiland pitched

for the Logan School fast

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The eminent historian Bruce Catton wrote a history of Michigan, where he grew up, and in it he wrote: "The great American feelthe unknown, to something some of them must happen common in this new econo- advances in medicine and ity that must lie beyond the in state capitols, and some my, and LCC has embraced information technology that mists - is perfectly repreof them must happen in our the mission of educating will lead our nation forward sented here." That is so true and will create the jobs on of our state. It is true, too, of Kettering, meanwhile, which middle-class success America, which will ride the energy and spirit and drive The students I spoke to of the Class of 2011 to a fu-

> I wish the members of the Class of 2011 all the happiness and fulfillment

eral revenue taxes, not So-

cial Security payroll taxes.

though they have been with Many of the students grad- from Kettering and Michihad a tough few years in ample, came to the school Michigan, that our country having already established will help us end the autois emerging from the worst a career, and were finishing mobile's dependence on recession most of us have up the education they need ever experienced, and that to be better at that job, or to environment, a dependence

Social Security questions, continued surance from a private com- ance you may have. But have on the benefits they SSI is paid through genpany. If I become disabled workers' compensation and provide.

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Ouestion: What is Sup-

based program administered by Social Security that pro- your provider. If you are unvides monthly income to able to get your question anpeople who are 65 or older, swered or problem resolved, have limited income and fi- CARE. For more informanever worked in a job cov- gov.

nent residence. plemental Security Income question about my Medicare

Answer: First, contact then contact 1-800 MEDInancial resources. You can tion about Medicare benbe eligible even if you have efits, visit www.Medicare.

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28. *Tire swing hangs from it 30. *Often involves a

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accept that being barefoot is a healthy way of living and if

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to the sports section? There are so many spring sports you

have failed to cover. While we applaud the success of our

football and wrestling programs, we do have other athletes

Nice edition on the graduation class but what happened

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we had was, we could not hear our band and that was the

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Weiner resign?

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Have a little faith - we hear you and agree.

Editor's note:

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in other sports that deserve recognition.

JUNE 8 - JUNE 14

The Dallas Mavericks win the NBA title in six games over the Miami Heat.

Larry Summers: More stimulus needed for job crisis. Over the last five years, from the first quarter of 2006-2011, the U.S. economy's growth rate averaged less than one percent a year. At the same time, population working has fallen from 63.1 to 58.4 percent.

Vintage WWII B-17 bomber crashes outside of Chicago. FAA spokesperson believes the seven people on board escaped uninjured.

Top democratic leaders ask for Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-NY) to resign after his photo



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Question: If I have a bill, who should I contact

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Paddle to Peddle tour brings awareness to new rail trails

by Emma Palova

The first annual "Paddle to Peddle" tour combined kayaking with a bicycle ride through Smyrna's picturesque countryside and historic covered bridges last Saturday.

Approximately 20 people participated in the event designed to bring awareness to the new rail trail system.

"The views were great and the water was fun," said event director John Ploeg.

Most people took the 12-mile bike loop between the Double R Ranch and the

Whites Road historic covered bridge over the Flat River.

In spite of cloudy skies, the weather held up without a drop of rain. The groups boarded kayaks and canoes in Belding at the Water Park and floated to the landing at the ranch.

There they switched to bikes for a ride on natural

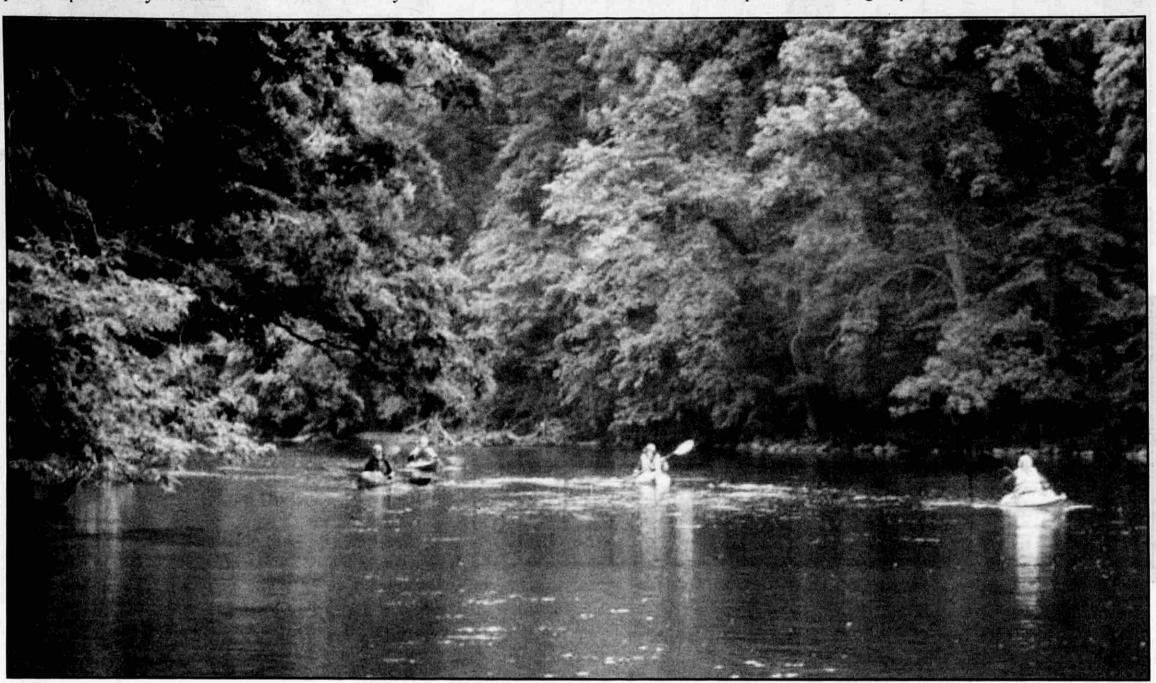
and tar roads. The approximate float time, depending on skills, was 2.5 hours followed by a two-hour bike ride.

"We're definitely going to do it again," said Ploeg. "We have reached our main goal to raise awareness for the trails."

"All in all I'm very pleased with how the event flowed through the day," said Ploeg.

The event broke even with \$500 raised.

tour The participants switched to bikes by the Double R Ranch landing in Smyrna.



South takes a slight lead in food fight

shelves, at Flat River Outreach Ministries, are looking a bit better thanks to the North Lowell and South Lowell teams and their efforts over the first two weeks of the annual food and fund drive. At the moment, the South team leads in the collection of nonperishable food items and donations, 5,972 to 5,962.

"Those are some pret-

The food pantry ty big numbers, especial- took the final lead with two ly this early in the game," said Dave Emmette, FROM board member. "We really didn't know what to expect this year, but we are extremely pleased."

> The 2010 first quarter ended with both teams collecting 2,872. This year, each team has more than doubled that total.

"It was a seesaw battle last year, when the South days remaining," commented FROM board member, Kraig Haybarker. "There have been four lead changes so far this year."

The inaugural year of 2009 saw the North team win 4,292 to 4,204. Last year, the South team won 8,360 to 8,023.

"We appear to be on track for some great numbers, but quite honestly, we

need them," explained Kurt Lardie, FROM board member. "The food comes in and the food goes out, especially after we begin our Summer Lunch Program this week. We helped feed over 300 kids weekly, last summer."

"The monetary donations this year have certainly helped," added Haybarker. "We are blessed with a community with big hearts and an enthusiasm to compete. That's a great combination to help our food pantry."

The FROM Food Fight 2011 ends July 9. More info and scoring updates can be found at www.FROMfoodfight.org.

The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.

- William James

