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green acres in Lowell



Grand River Water Festival comes to Lowell to educate about inland waterways

by Emma Palova

The Grand River Water Festival attracted environmental activists to the fairgrounds in Lowell last weekend. Some camped out, while others brought their blankets and listened to various speakers and music.

The West Michigan Environmental Action Council (WMEAC) organized the event on the banks of the Grand River so the public could take the time to celebrate Michigan's inland waterways.

The first time in Lowell, the two-day festival with a cause, attracted approximately 1,200 people. And the organizers are hoping to keep the festival in Lowell due to the availability of camping, according to communications director Dan Schoonmaker.

The festival is in its fourth year educating about water protection issues and the environment via the interactive advocacy tent. The tent had a storm water display, demonstrations and native plant display.

The common thread uniting the participants has always been music, so more people trickled in for the Saturday night concert of K.

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Environmental activists gathered at the fairgrounds for a weekend of music and interactive nature displays.

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Lowell's Relay for Life meets their 2011 goal





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banding geese







survivors Cancer gather around for a group picture at the Relay for Life. All the survivors were treated to dinner and a pancake breakfast by the Backwater Cafe.

by Casey Cheney

Members of the Lowell community and beyond came out in droves to the annual Relay for Life at the Red Arrow stadium, raising almost \$70,000. Themed

Come Play at Relay, the event met its fundraising goal.

The Pink Arrow Power Hour on Friday night, crowding the track with

hundreds of pink shirts, was "probably the busiest hour on the track," Relay for Life chairman Jerry Holmes said.

"It seems like they re-

ally came out for that," he said. "Hopefully that'll be the start of a new tradition. It was a natural tie-in."

> Relay for Life, continued, page 7



Jice Pharmaceuticals to invest \$215,000 into expansion

by Emma Palova

Jice

Pharmaceuticals the suite of King Milling, has caught the recent wave Attwood and Litehouse adof expansions. Following ditions, the firm has sub-



South Washington and Kent streets.

mitted a site plan for an expansion near the southwest corner of Washington and Kent streets.

The expansion will entail more space for storage and an adjacent metal building. The business located in an industrial zone will be applying to the zoning board of appeals (ZBA) for variances.

The existing structure on the site is non-conforming due to setbacks and an

adjacent residence. Also, the lot coverage cannot exceed 60 percent.

"It's a permitted use," said planner Jay Kilpatrick of Williams & Works. "It's a great reuse of industrial property."

The city may grant a variance allowing the expansion on a non-conforming property due to constraints imposed by the former Mid Michigan railroad.

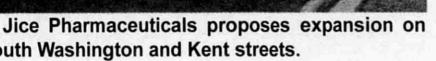
A new set of site plans

will be submitted by Augustus Construction Co. of Lowell. The site plan will show sidewalks, landscaping, lighting, elevations, parking and details of land exchange between the applicant and the landowner to the west.

The construction is expected to start in the fall due to the lengthy permit-

> City Council, continued, page 3







Water festival, continued

Ken Tamke of the Fallasburg Historical Society that partners with the WMEAC.

The group meets every third Monday at the Main Street Inn at 7 pm. Anyone interested in learning more about the Flat River can go online to flatriverwatershed.org.

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Come meet and have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers on the first Saturday of the month at 10 Sat., July 23, 10 am - noon. You may also order online using am at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza.

COVERED BRIDGE BIKE TOUR

The Fallasburg Historical Society will hold its 17th annual Covered Bridge Bike Tour, Sun., July 10. Pedal through the beautiful countryside at your own pace. All wellmarked routes from 12 to 100 miles. Register in advance online at www.fallasburg.org or on site at the Schoolhouse Museum 7-9 am the day of the event. For more information or to volunteer call 616-682-0785 or e-mail fallasburg@ vahoo.com



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Jones and the Benzie Playboys and always a

larger acts," said Rachel Hood, WMEAC di-

rector. "We're very excited about our part-

nership with the fairgrounds and the city of

showcase community organizations such as

the Fallasburg Historical Society represented

VKreations and activists like JoAnne Bee

man of "Don't Frack Michigan" from Char-

levoix, and Brian and Cheryl Pratt of "Happy

Bums" promoting environmentally friendly

The festival in 2012 will be held again a

The organization is hoping to recrui

volunteers for watershed protection efforts

through other nonprofit partners like the

Locally, the message of the WMEAG

has been put into action by the Flat River

Watershed group. The group started studying

the river, the volume of the flow and will be

organizing float canoe and kayak trips farther

away from bridges to get a better understand-

The festival was also an opportunity to

Present were jewelry vendors like

Lowell. They're very supportive."

by chairman Ken Tamke.

washable diapers and pants.

the end of June in Lowell.

Grand Valley Metro Council.

ing of its condition.

"We had more people at night for the

favorite, the Hawks and Owls string band.

Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., your debit or credit card. Go to www.angelfoodministries. Mutual Insurance are workcom. Any questions, call Esther, 897-7395.

DISCOVER LOWELL YOUTH WORKSHOP

The Lowell Area Historical Museum presents a handson children's workshop, Thurs., July 21 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. The workshop \$10,000 grants to help conis designed for children ages 8 to 14. An afternoon lunch and drink provided. Call 897-7688 for information and to register.

YOUTH THEATRE CLASS

"Kid-friendly" Shakespeare adaptation of Hamlet for theatrical production. Everyone will be involved in every facet of the production, from acting to simple costume and set design. Ages 7-18. Sat., July 23, at the Lowell Area Arts Council. "Auditions" - Everybody gets a part - this is just to determine who gets what part. Classes: August 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10 at Fallasburg Park. Public performance on Aug. 11, beginning at 6:30 pm. Call LowellArts! for information and to register, 897-8545.

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations. The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.



In recent years, many cities and towns across the nation have made the tough choice to scale back or cancel longstanding Fourth

of July traditions, due to stretched budgets. However, when faced with challenges impacting an entire community. Americans have shown time and again a passion for supporting their towns -- and at the same time, honoring the country.

With July 4th fast approaching, Americans again have the opportunity to show their community spirit. Whether it's bringing back patriotic parades, volunteering at schools and places of worship, or honoring the brave men and women who protect us, there are many easy ways to help your town.

Here are some ideas on how you can honor America in your community this July

★ Box it. A timeless way to show patriotism is to support our troops. Why not organize a care package drive this Fourth of July and send your local service men and women the things the important contributions of America's veterans, and ways to thank them, by using helpful resources found at www.va.gov/kids.

★ Encourage hometown spirit. Many communities have cut back their July 4th celebrations as a result of the recession. But businesses with local roots like Liberty ing with cities and towns to change this. For example, Liberty Mutual is hosting an online contest encouraging citizens across America to rally and earn one of ten tinue their towns' official Fourth of July celebrations. Visit www.BringBack-The4th.com to learn which towns won and how they ceremonies honoring veter- your hometown.



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How to honor America this Fourth Of July

* Participate in democracy. Local government officials need to hear from residents of their cities and towns in order to address regional issues effectively. You can do your part by joining or starting a community group, such as a neighborhood watch, or by attending a town hall meeting. Or write an op-ed for your local newspaper offering ideas to make a positive impact on your community.

> ★ Visit national a



landmark. The country is filled with local landmarks, from war memorials to state parks. Visiting one this sumthey miss from home. Or mer is a great way to teach teach your children about your family about American history and ecology in a fun, memorable way.

★ Broaden your horizons. America's strength comes from diversity. You can honor that tradition by learning about people with whom you share the country. From museums that celebrate Native American culture to multicultural dining. almost every town has something for you to experience. It may even be as simple as introducing yourself to your long-time neighbor whose name you never learned.

Once you've decided how to honor America this Fourth of July, spread the word. Social media tools like Facebook and Twitter can help you recruit other residents to your cause, plan to celebrate the big day building a sense of commuwith traditions such as pa- nity. Remember, what you rades, fireworks shows and do matters -- especially in

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by Emma Palova The Lowell Chamber of Commerce duck will wobble all over the threeday Riverwalk Festival set for July 7 through July 9.

The annual fundraiser for the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will feature a parade at noon on Saturday, the biggest day of the festival, to benefit Flat **River Outreach Ministries** (FROM).

chamber and The FROM are encouraging people to bring non-perishable items for the clowns.

The fundraising goal for the chamber is to sell 10,000 ducks that range in price from \$2 to corporate ducks for \$150 for members.

"Riverwalk Festival is the chamber's major fundraiser," said chamber director Liz Baker. "It is our hope that we make \$20,000."

However, the last couple of years have been quite a bit lower.

"We also hope that people will shop and have a great time in Lowell," she said. "We show them a good time; we know they will come back. Have you got your duck yet?"

Last year, 8,300 ducks were dropped into the Grand River to race for the grand prize of \$1,000.

This year the duck race will take place on Saturday at 5 pm on the Grand River at the fairgrounds.

New this year is the Lowell Moose bingo stationed behind the Englehardt Library, along with the Divco milk truck display on Avery Street.

General Motors' massive Futurliner machine from the 1950s will be parked at the fairgrounds during the classic car cruise in from 8 am to 3 pm on Saturday.

Fans and enemies of local politicians and officials will get an opportunity to soak them in the flush tank by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce starting at 1 pm after the parade.

The line up features the following personalities: superintendent of Lowell Area Schools Greg Pratt, state rep. for District 86 Lisa Lyons, state senator District 29 Dave Hildenbrand, police chief Barry Getzen, city manager Mark Howe and mayor Jim Hodges.

The perennial favorite art and craft show will nestle along the Flat River and behind the library.

charming treasures, jewelry, scarves, knits, birdhouses and paintings of area scenery by local artists.



The banner announces the upcoming Riverwalk Festival in downtown Lowell.

All three days will be filled with entertainment ing and chilling on Avery Mowery and the Hawktones churches. will play on Thursday, the Here you can find will take to the stage on Fri- at 10 am on Saturday. day and finally the Douglas

> "We'll have some great entertainment," said Baker.

City Council, continued

ting process. Permits from the Department of Environmental Quality are required because the expansion is in a flood plain.

In related business, retiring city manager Dave Pasquale informed the planning commission about transition issues. Pasquale served in dual capacity for planning commission grantthe city, also as a planner advising the planning commission on zoning and site plans.

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On M-21, 5 Minutes East of Amway H.Q

However, since the incoming city manager Mark Howe does not have background in planning, the city will continue to use Williams & Works as consultants.

"Williams & Works will continue to do site plan reviews," said Pasquale.

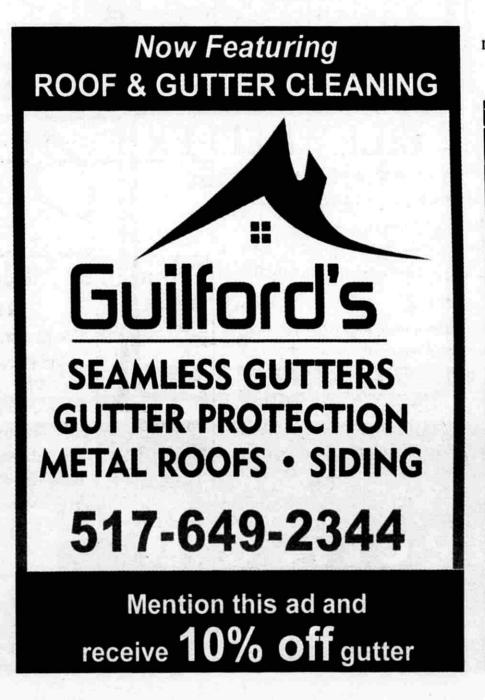
In other business, the

ed a six-month extension of a special use permit for the second story residential addition on Riverside Drive as requested by William urday. Wheeler.

The city may grant one extension of a special use permit prior to its date of expiration.

Some festival highlights include:

> July 7: Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series featur-



James Band.

ledge

and street musicians. Hank Street by local vendors and Bill & Paul's Kayak River Rogues Jazz Band fun and canoe race will start

The health and fitness fair will be offering blood River. typing, blood drive, physical therapy, spinal screenings, body composition analysis, grip strength analysis, fitness demonstrations. nutritional screenings, blood pressure testing, diabetes checking, vision screening

and balance analysis. The fireworks at Stoney Lakeside Park wrap up the festival at 10:15 pm on Sat-

There will be grill-

July 7: DIVCO Milk Truck Display, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Avery Street.

ing Hank Mowery and the Hawktones, 7:00 to 9:00 pm, downtown on the Flat River.

July 7, 8 & 9: Moose Bingo in the Arts and Crafts area, downtown on the Flat

July 8: D&L Tax stage featuring "The River Rouges Jazz Band" 7:00 to 9:00 pm, downtown on the Flat River.

July 8 & 9: Pink Arrows/Arctic Heating and Cooling Kidz Zone, Fri. night, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm and Sat., 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, downtown on Avery Street.

July 9: Lowell Riverwalk Festival Cruise-in 8:00 grounds, featuring the DIturliner.

July 9: Lowell Community Wellness Health and Fitness Fair at Lowell Police Station, 10:00 am to 4:00

July 9: Lowell Area Farmers' Market, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Tractor Supply parking lot.

July 9: Rumble the Riverwalk and FROM the Heart "Food Fight" Parade along Historic Main Street, 12:00 pm.

July 9: Laurels of Kent Pet Parade, 2:00 pm at 350 Center Street.

July 9: \$1500 State Farm Duck Race on the Grand River, 5:00 pm.

July 9: The Laurels of am to 3:00 pm, Lowell Fair- Kent Fireworks at Stoney Lakeside Park and the Low-VCO Milk Trucks and Fu- ell Fairgrounds, 10:15 pm sharp!





Know your investment risks and how to respond

take some risks. While you below your purchase price, interest rate risk by holdcan't totally avoid these and you then sell your risks, you can take steps shares, you will lose some to help reduce their impact of your principal. and increase your comfort level. And the more com- can't eliminate the risk of fortable you are with your investments, the easier it will be to follow a longterm strategy that can help ties and other types of in- by the issuer. (You can help cumulate, the greater your you meet your goals.

common types of risk relat- atility on your portfolio. ed to investing, along with some suggestions on helping to reduce these risks:

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Your response — You losing principal, but by owning a mix of stocks, bonds, government securivestments, you can help Let's look at the most reduce the impact of vol-Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.

Losing value when inknow that its value could ments, such as bonds. If

then the value of your bond will be willing to pay you the full price for it when newer, bonds are available.

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Your response — You When you invest, you go up or down. If it drops can combat, or even ignore, ing your bonds until they mature. By doing so, you'll get your full principal back. provided the issuer doesn't default, and you'll continue to receive regular interest payments unless the bonds are "called," or repurchased tion" and by owning bonds with different maturities.)

purchasing Losing applies to fixed-rate investments such as certificates of deposit (CDs). To illustrate: If you purchase a CD that pays two percent, and the inflation rate is three percent, you are actually losing purchasing power.

spite their vulnerability to inflation, CDs can offer you some valuable benefits, such as preservation of principal. Yet if you are visor. concerned about fighting

you purchase a bond that inflation, you may want to pays, say, a four percent in- look for investments than terest rate, and the market have the potential to ofrate goes up to five percent, fer rising income, such as dividend-paying stocks. In will drop because no one fact, you can find stocks that have increased their dividends for many conhigher-yielding secutive years. (Be aware, though, that companies can reduce or eliminate dividends at any time. Also, an investment in stocks fluctuates, and you could lose your principal.)

Apart from these individual techniques to reduce investment-related you should also save early and save often — because the more money you acprotect against this by pur- ability to follow a longchasing bonds that have term strategy that reflects some degree of "call protec- your personal risk tolerance. That's why it's a good idea to contribute as much as possible over the years power — This risk largely to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

By understanding the different types of investment risk, and by acting to help lessen them, you can reduce much of the stress sometimes associated with Your response - De- investing - while you increase your prospects for achieving your objectives. This article was written by

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

Dyspepsia is another ria can cause indigestion. name for indigestion. It can cause bloating or make you be a sign of something sefeel full too early when you eat. It may also cause acid reflux (a burning pain that moves up from your stom- though there are usually ach into your chest), nausea or vomiting.

Dyspepsia can be this. caused by many things. tying properly or you may have acid buildup. Sometimes you can get dyspepsuch as ibuprofen or aspicers in their stomach from bacteria called H. pylori. pepsia. Infection from this bacte-



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Sometimes dyspepsia can rious, such as gallstones. In rare cases, it may be a sign of stomach cancer. alother more serious symptoms that go along with

To treat dyspep-However, in most people sia, stop taking over-thethe cause is unknown. This counter pain medications. is called functional dys- Drinking less alcohol, quitpepsia. In some cases, the ting smoking and changing stomach may not be emp- your diet may help. Try to avoid foods that make your symptoms worse. Indigestion may get worse if you sia from taking over-the- are under a lot of stress. counter pain medicines. There are several over-thecounter and prescription rin. Some people get ul- medications that may help with the symptoms of dys-





Defense bill protects nation, taxpayers and troops



year for the Senate Armed help ensure that our military Services Committee, which is fully capable of defending I chair, is crafting the annual our nation and its interests: National Defense Authori- to provide all the support zation Act. The committee's our troops and their families recent passage of the bill for need; and to be careful stewthe coming fiscal year was a ards of taxpayers' dollars. strong bipartisan statement of support for our troops, which now goes to the full and it means good things for Senate for consideration, our nation's security and for fulfills those responsibili-Michigan.

tion Act is a huge piece of legislation, setting funding igan's strengths in manufaclevels and establishing poli- turing and research and de- as terrorism, cyber warfare, overruns. cies for all Defense Depart- velopment, thereby making and nuclear proliferation; ment and many other nation- solid investments in our na- and by providing funding al security programs. It is the tional security and the Michprimary vehicle by which igan economy. the committee carries out

The biggest job each our chief responsibilities: to

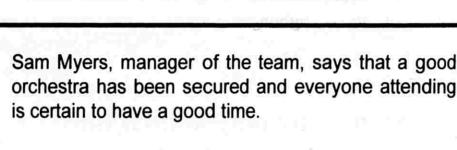
This year's legislation, ties. It also provides funding The Defense Authoriza- and policy support for many programs that tap into Mich-

support for our troops and cade of combat. their families. It includes a much deserved pay raise for were able to support our service members and con- troops and their families tinues important health care while finding savings of programs for our troops and more than \$6 billion without their families. By provid- weakening our defense. For ing funding for adequate example, we eliminated unpersonnel strength and for necessary military construcreplacing aging equipment tion funding; we cut \$1.1 and weapons, we give our billion from costly service men and women in uniform contracts; we cut \$452 milthe battlefield support they lion from a poorly performdeserve.

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The bill will also make program; and we cut \$406 fense by authorizing major air defense system. We also weapons programs; by en- approved language to rein hancing important programs in worrisome cost overruns ing camping. to combat violent extremist in the Joint Strike Fighter groups such as those in Af- program, our biggest single ghanistan and Iraq; by in- weapons program, by recreasing funding to counter quiring the contractor to abnontraditional threats such sorb 100 percent of any cost to restore the readiness of our armed forces, who have

The bill provides strong been stretched thin by a de-



50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger July 6, 1961

An open house will be held, from 7-8 pm Thursday July 6, on the rectory lawns of the St. Mary's Church, to enable parish members and friends to meet the Reverend Father Benedict Joseph Marciulionis, the new pastor of St. Mary's.

Father Ben, recently appointed to the Lowell parish by Bishop Allan Babcock, took up his new duties on June 28. He comes to this town from St. Mary's church in Custer.

A full-time kindergarten teacher and an instructor to high school junior and senior English classes are needed to complete the Lowell teaching staff, announced Stephen Nisbet, superintendent of the Lowell Area Schools.

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger July 2, 1986

Secrecy surrounded the Lowell Area Chamber of personal attacks will not be printed. Commerce first "Person of the Year" award presented Letters may be submitted via email to: ledger@ at a banquet held aboard the Lowell Showboat last lowellbuyersguide.com ("to the Editor" in subject line) Friday. Dr. Paul Gauthier served as emcee for the or dropped off or mailed to: The Lowell Ledger, 105 N. award presentation and delivered a long list of Broadway, Lowell, MI 49331. Also, our website, www. accomplishments earned by the recipient. As Gautheir lowellbuyersguide.com has a link to submit emails on the read the list, there were few in attendance who did left side of the home page. not recognize the honors as those achieved by Chris VanAntwerp.

VanAntwerp, 38, is currently an art instructor at Saranac High School and is also president of the Lowell School Board. He is founding president of the Lowell Area Arts Council and has served in numerous capacities within that organization since its conception in 1977. In 1980, VanAntwerp was named High School Art Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Art Education Association. The list of achievements and honors goes on and on, and is much too lengthy to list in detail.



125 Years Ago **The Lowell Journal** Entry missing from files.

> 100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger June 29, 1911

A quiet home wedding occurred yesterday afternoon at three thirty at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Yeiter in this village when their daughter, Miss Leena B. Yeiter was united in marriage to Doctor Charles H. Anderson also of Lowell.

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo June 23, 1936

Charles W. Cook of the Price Rite Hardware firm. who underwent an operation Saturday evening at the hospital in Ann Arbor, is reported to be getting along as well as could be expected. He plans to return home within a couple of weeks.

A good turnout is expected at the annual dance being given for the benefit of the Fallasburg Cubs at the Fallasburg Park pavilion on Friday night, July 3.

I am pleased that we

This year's bill also ensures that Michigan com-

> Levin, continued page 12



the last couple of decades the reliability and conveour culture has conditioned us to expect comfort and convenience as entitlements in our daily lives. Living in have also been busy. Moda house without two bathing aerial reconnaissance rooms and air conditioning is now considered by some for a stronger national de- million from an over-budget to be a hardship. This attitude extends into the realm of outdoor activities, includ-

> Camping equipment evolved from small floorless canvas tents to fifth wheel travel trailers with all the conveniences of home including cable television. These units are very nice, are extremely comfortable for extended trips, and for terior carrier can be addthose who require all the ed to handle the overflow creature comforts

over the last ten years there seems to be an increasing number of tents popping up in campgrounds around the state. Tent camping makes sense for many campers and can be challenging, fun, and relatively economical. Tent camping is a good option for folks who want to spend time outdoors with a minimum amount of equipment — keeping in mind that weather is a major factor in the nature of the tent camping experience.

While recreational vehicle manufactures have

Dave Stegehuis

Times change. During been working on improving nience of the over the road units, tent makers and basic camping gear suppliers ern camping equipment is light weight and user friendly. Tents come in a variety of shapes and sizes, and are designed for specific conditions. Quality sleeping bags, coolers, tables, chairs, cots, cooking gear, and containers to organize everything are available to the well prepared camper.

Equipment is easy to store between trips. The family car or van can be carefully packed and an exif necessary. Motor sports In spite of all that, enthusiasts, fishermen, and equestrians pulling trailers with off road vehicles. boats, or horses, find tenting the answer for traveling with equipment or animals. Backcountry hikers can rely on trendy light weight packable tents and accessories. For occasional fair weather camping, tent camping is a practical and economical option for exploring the outdoors.

> Michigan is a great place to travel. Get back to basics, and get up close and personal with nature.

Letters To The Editor:

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Factors that may keep college grads in Michigan

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A newly released sur- versities located throughout one student from each MCF vey of nearly 4,000 Michi- Michigan, commissioned institution, each developed gan college students has the study in partnership with their own plan for marketing of students value the earnidentified clear reasons Madison, Wisconsin-based the survey to students which why talented young people Next Generation Consulting, choose to leave Michigan leaders in the field of millennial market research and talit will take to get them to ent retention. Students on Michigan college students broad enough job opportu-MCF's Van Andel Millen-The Michigan Colleges nial Board (VAMB) were Michigan cities, what can major metropolitan areas Foundation (MCF), a con- also pivotal in the success we do to address perceptions Detroit, Lansing and Grand sortium of fourteen inde- of the survey. A 14-member and reposition Michigan as a Rapids - students feel the

resulted in the high number tial location when deciding of responses.

what do they value in "cool Rapids. communities" were the cen-

tral questions of this study. Although 89 percent

ing opportunities in a potenwhere to live, only 11 per-Why - and how - do cent agree that Michigan has form their opinions about nities. Of Michigan's three pendent colleges and uni- student board, consisting of smart choice for grads, and most positive about Grand

More than half (59 per-



Kelly Trapp

Kelly Trapp of Ada has been named a recipient of a Presidential Scholarship to Grand Valley State Unive sity. Trapp, a recent graduate of Lowell High School, is the daughter of Tim and Cindy Trapp.

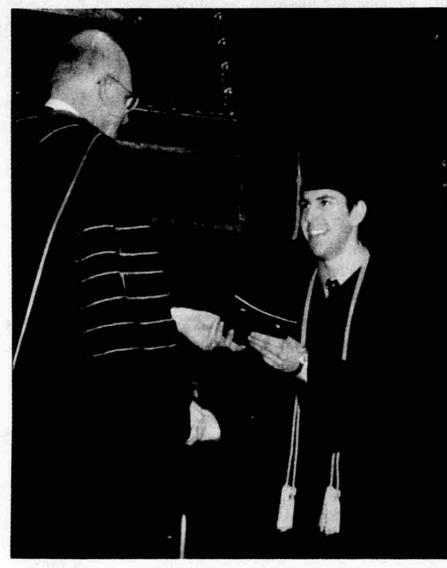
Deanna Hewitt of Lowell has been named to the dean's honor roll for the

spring 2011 semester at Lawrence Technological University. Hewitt is majoring in architecture. To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average for the term.

Brad Nordman has received his bachelor's of Aerospace Engineering degree, summa cum laude, from the University of Michigan College of Engineering.

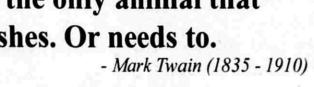
Nordman is a member of the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, the Sigma Gamma Tau Aerospace Engineering Honor Society, the Michigan Aeronautical Science Association, and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Nordman is a 2007 Lowell High School graduate.



Brad Nordman

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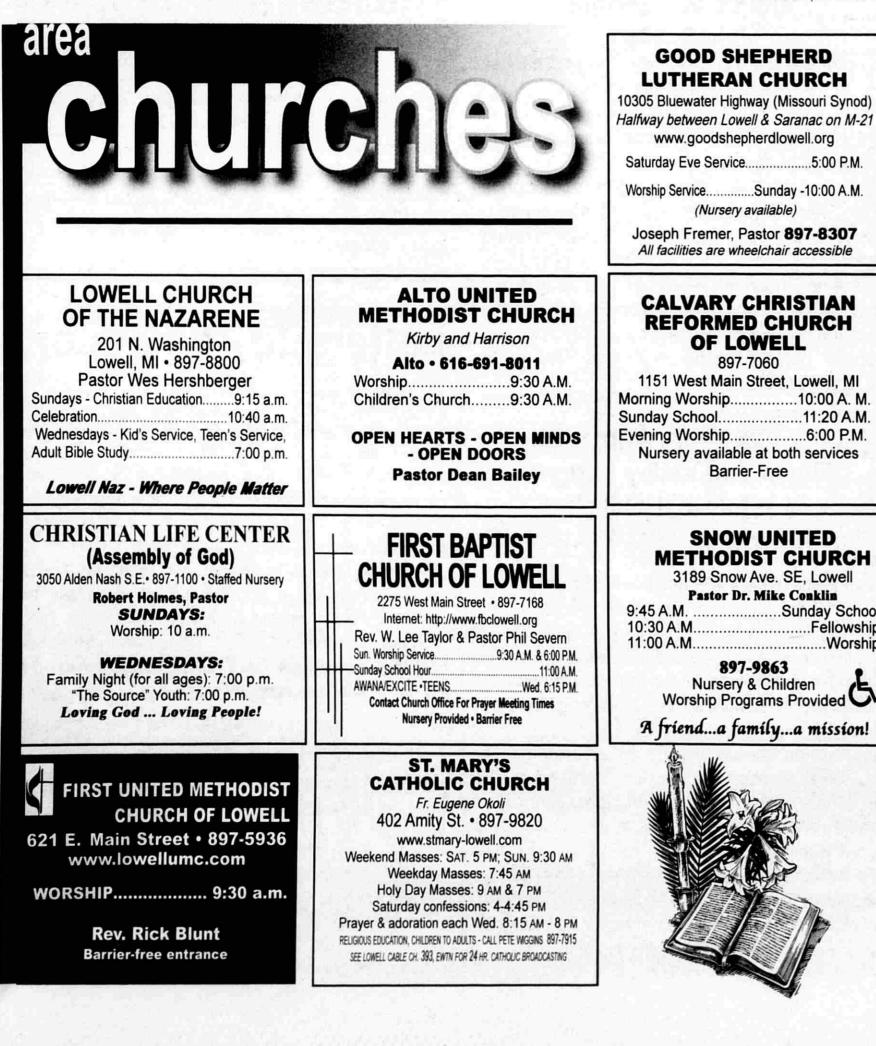
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The study is phase one components to influencing of MCF's Think Michigan campaign - an integrated, Michigan-focused strategy

> College grads, continued, page 12.

happy birthday!

JULY 3

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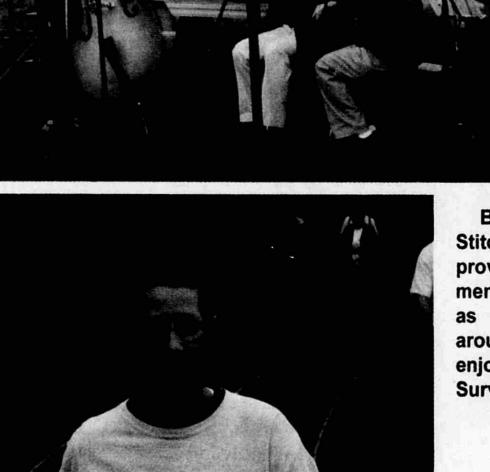
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port and, for the fifth year,

the Backwater Cafe catered

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night.

Britches Full of Stitches, shown above, provided live entertainment for relay attendees as they made laps around the course and enjoyed dinner in the Survivor tent.

LeCours laps the track at Relay LeCours, Life. for who attended one in Greenville and hopes to attend the Rockford relay, has spent the last year battling breast cancer. The treatment, she said, was successfu and she is enjoying her first month without it.



their waitresses proudly touted a "Survivor" sash as they prepared and served the Survivor dinner.

out and having fun," Altoft said of the event. "It's important to make a positive out of a negative."

"Lowell is fantastic about it," Altoft said. "Our customers have been huge supporters of our girls." But a resident in Low-

tend. Michael

though not a resident, participated this weekend, her second Relay for Life this year. The first was



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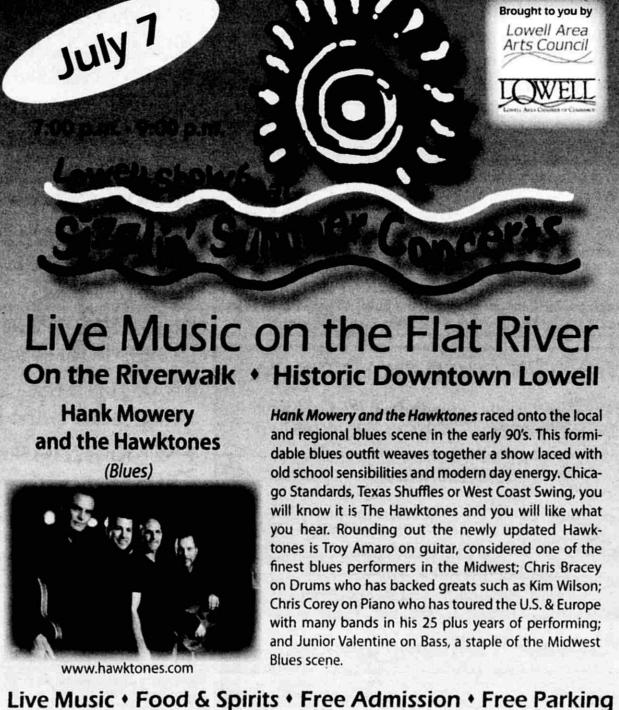
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Jake Tasma and his posse campaigning hard for the prestigious title of Miss Relay 2011 amidst some stiff competition. A staple of Lowell's Relay for Life, the winner is determined by who raised the most money.

"It's good to see people

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LeCours, an 11-month

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The stories, the inspiration, the new friends of the fight against cancer. and the chance to help Her hair, still short after someone: these are the her recent chemotherapy, is things Altoft and LeCours starting to grow back. She said bring them to Relay for

> "We're happy to give back," Altoft said.

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Green Acres offers quality assisted retirement living

by Emma Palova

A community within a community, Green Acres has been designed for quality retirement living with the 3R concept in mind. Expected to open by mid July, the assisted living home is located right next to the bowling alley west of town on M21.

The layout of the apartments, along with the streetscape inside and a town square, embody the reside, reflect and relax (3R) philosophy of assisted liv-

The focus is on independent living where residents can bring their furniture and decorate the walls with their own memorabilia. Each apartment has a kitchenette, a bathroom, living room and a bedroom.

"Lowell needed a new assisted living facility to keep up with the times," said owner Doug Maas. "Our company is communi ty driven."

Green Acres will hold different events and offer volunteer opportunities to the community. Moreover, the residents will participate in the Lowell events and venture out in either a bus or a van.

to participate in our events," groups and we want to in- shop, pharmacy, post ofhe said.

These may range from like home." church services to exercis-

daily life will be activi- food preparation, medicaties coordinated by life en- tion management and mainrichment coordinator, also tenance around the house known as activities director, known as activities of daily James Wyman.

the families in our residents' tal of 20 units and a com-



Administrator Kelly Ann Marie Johnson has worked in geriatrics for 15 years.

"We're inviting fami- lives," said Maas. "We munal town square with a tegrate residents so it feels fice, café and restaurant

There are several criteing, crafts and music. The ria to consider when makresidents will have an op- ing an important decision to portunity to take lunch trips move into an assisted living to Keiser's or to events in facility like Green Acres. downtown Grand Rapids. These include the need for An important part of help with bathing, dressing, living (ADL).

"We want to involve The facility has a to-

"Cattails." The name was inspired by the surrounding marshy area of the Grand River. Green Acres also contracts with a pharmacy and for medical supplies. A defistaff assistance available. A laundry room is on-hand with assistance if needed.

A versatile menu will be available featuring meals made on the premises three times a day. It also accommodates special diets.

The community room lies to tour the facility and will be bringing in musical beauty salon and a barber opens to a beautifully land- ly Ann Marie Johnson has scaped outdoors area with worked in geriatrics for 15 sidewalks overlooking the years. marshes.

> facility will employ 17 to 20 "I want it to be the next best employees. The future plans thing to home." include an expansion to the east that will house memonite favorite is the spa with ry care residents in seven units.

> > Maas, is to fill the first facility within three to four anytime and have lunch," months.



Administrator Kel-

"We have a great family When fully filled, the atmosphere here," she said.

> An open house is being planned for August.

Residents can pick which house they want and The goal, according to bring items from home.

> "Families can come said Johnson.

Retirement Living Management has been in the Lowell area for 30 years and the company continues to grow with new facilities in Mason and Fruitport and several existing facilities in Ionia and Greenville.

"Lowell needs a quality assisted living facility," Maas said.

To schedule a tour call Johnson at 1-616-987-9115.

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St. Patrick's Parish Festival celebrates Irish heritage

rick's Parish Festival cel- have to fear for their toys. the Parnell area while rais- a 5K run on Friday night, ing funds for the school last weekend.

combination of music, dancing, food and classic cars. The St. Patrick's Parish history books were available for purchase at the entrance of the church.

The festival raked in the two best days with beautiful sunny weather, so clas- Band.

The annual St. Pat- sic car enthusiasts did not ebrated the Irish heritage of The festival kicked off with a euchre tournament and a beer tent. On Saturday, the It was a good eclectic auction was followed by Las Vegas night.

The Sunday chicken barbeque dinner was accompanied by homemade pies and desserts. The following bands entertained the visitors, EZ Idle, Phoenix Rose and the Diddle Styx Polka

EZ Idle string band played bluegrass on Friday night.





Classic cars were on display Sunday.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The Lowell Charter Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to consider a request from the Michigan Department of Transportation to expand the park and ride lot located on Alden Nash Avenue just north of I-96. The property is zoned Industrial Planned Unit Development (IPUD) and the request is to amend the Preliminary PUD Site Plan in order to permit the proposed expansion. The property consists of 3.19 acres.

General Location: West side of Alden Nash Avenue SE; halfway between the I-96 expressway and Cascade Road.

Parcel Number: 41-20-28-200-028

The public is invited to attend this hearing which will be held as follows:

WHEN: **MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011** 7:00 P.M. TIME: LOWELL CHARTER WHERE: **TOWNSHIP HALL 2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE LOWELL, MI 49331**

The proposed site plan and other materials pertaining to this project are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Townshin

Food collection reaches record 21,000 items so far

new milestones, surpass- plenty of game remaining." ing the collection of 10,000 As of Sunday, the South led food items each, in the Flat the North, 10,769 to 10,643. River Outreach Ministries The 2010 final score had annual Food Fight cam- the South winning, 8,360 paign. "The 2010 champion to 8,023. "We are so grate-

Both teams reached board member, "but, there is



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generosity from the Lowell community has been fantastic and the Food Pantry surely needs the help." "This is a great compe-

tition and for a great cause," proclaimed Greg Canfield, South team looks pretty de- ful for the overwhelming with Canfield Plumbing and termined to repeat," stated response this year," added Heating. "It brings the com-Kraig Haybarker, FROM Haybarker. "The outpouring munity together in a fun way... but I do

> think the North will win!" The friendly competition is in its third year, divides which Lowell into two large teams of residents and businesses. The boundary between the teams is Main St./M-Approximately, 14,000 people versus 14,000 people. "To quote Yogi Berra, it's never over 'till it's over," stated Jack Reedy,

from Rookies Sportcards Plus. "The South team has a lot of pride and we'll be right there on parade day."

The competition ends at the conclusion of the "FROM the Heart Riverwalk Food Fight Parade" on Saturday, July 9. Food collection barrels will line the parade route, red barrels for the North and White barrels for the South. North and South team fans can make their final donations for their team of choice and the winning team will be announced at the 7:00 pm concert, that evening. More information and pictures can be found at www.FROMfoodfight.org

by Casey Cheney

store, after approximately change, but for every one of \$20,000, has reorganized those, you get a handful of and expanded its inven- people who like it." tory. Originally, Matt Bernard said they were "kind of landlocked."

With the addition of Craftsman tools, Bernard said he needed to reorganize shelves in order to make room. He and his staff have taken this opportunity to give certain sections more space, including Lawn and Garden, which used to be Bernard and Guthrie agreed "chopped up into short little it has been profitable. rows."

To make room for the seven new aisles. Bernard said a lot of shelves had to get shifted around "whether it got moved a few inches or ing. a few feet."

Ace employee Bob Guthrie said he really liked the change.

"It's opened it up real do I go?" nice," he said. "Still, on oc-

Bernard's Ace Hardware casion people grumble about

The key, he said, is for customers to realize it was done for a reason.

Part of the move required moving the rental vehicles outside, which Guthrie said hasn't negatively affected that aspect of the business.

As for adding Craftsman to their inventory, both

"It made you more of a tool stop," Bernard said.

"It's nice not to have to drive into the city to get them," Guthrie said, agree-

You can always tell who the regulars are, Guthrie said, because they aren't "looking around like 'where

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obituaries

BLOCHER

Darcee Weaver-Blocher, age 61 of Lowell, passed

away unexpectedly from a heart attack Monday, June 27, 2011. She was preceded in death by her parents. Bob and Delores Weaver; sister, Robin Weaver-Kennedy. She is survived by her daughter, Lisa (Kevin) Smith of Lowell: son. Mike (Amberlei) Blocher Lowell sisters. Pam (Dave) Benson Belding, of Gina (Mark) Nyp of Lowell;



brother, Todd (Judy) Weaver of Wyoming; grandchildren, Josh and Brandon Smith, Jack and Hannah Blocher: great granddaughter, Isabella; many nieces and nephews; and very dear friends Judy Levingston and Ruth Worthington. Funeral Service will be Friday 11:00 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI. Visitation will be Thursday 2-4 and 6-8 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Blocher family to help with funeral expenses.

DEZWAAN

Patricia Ann DeZwaan, 67, of Lowell, went to be with the Lord Friday, June 24, 2011. Patricia (Pat) was diagnosed with M.S. in 1992. She worked for many years at Heartland Health Care, formerly Ionia Manor. She was also very active at the Fulton Street Citadel of the Salvation Army. She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, Robert Paul DeZwaan; a brother; a sister; a sister-in-law; and parents. She will be remembered always by her brother, Harry (Laura) Shepard; sister, Fran (Harvey) Slavens; brother-in-law, Ed (Linda) DeZwaan; children, Jeff (Sharon) DeZwaan of Howard City, Paula (John) Hunt of Saranac, Paul (Shelley) DeZwaan of Ionia, Lorraine (Matt) Tait of Lowell; grandchildren, Steven and Gregory DeZwaan, Tonya Hunt, Kimberly (Kyle) Jones, Shaun and Storm DeZwaan; many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Salvation Army.



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KELLEY

Charlotte Kelley, age 74, passed away peacefully on June 23, 2011, and is now in the arms of her Lord. She was preceded in death by her parents, Asa and Flora Kelley: brother.

Robert; sister. Pitcher: Joan infant brother. Lester: and special nephew. Ronald Kelley. She will be lovingly missed by her brothers. Stanley (Dean) Kelley, Gordon (Marcia) Kelley, Leo (Elaine) Kelley, Raymond (Helen) (elley: sisters. Patricia Gansmiller and Donna (Jim) Anderson: and

special sister-in-law, Bunny Kelley. As per Charlotte's request cremation has taken place. Visitation and a memorial service will be held June 29 at 11:00 am at Trinity Chapel at The Terraces of Maple Creek, 2000 32nd Street S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49508. Pastor Becky Ebb-Speese officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding Ave. SE, Ada, MI 49301.

Levin, continued

continue our state's histor- acy continues today. ic role in strengthening our the vehicles, equipment, and weapons systems on which our military depends. Michigan provided the "arsenal of democracy" that defeated

panies and institutions will II, and I am proud that leg- as enhancing energy secu-

The bill also provides security. Companies from \$200 million for the new Menominee to Charlotte and Rapid Innovation Program, Muskegon to Detroit make designed to fund innovative provide significant oppor- duce a strong bill that prolab to the battlefield. This advance the Defense Deprogram focuses on areas in partment's research and dewhich Michigan universities velopment efforts that will dictatorships in World War and companies excel, such ultimately maintain and ad-

rity, developing advanced materials, and improving manufacturing technology.

College grads, continued

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gan to national millennial elsewhere, is a critical comrable cities nationally, as- retention trends and iden- ponent to the state's ecosessing their efforts to at- tifying clear marketing ap- n o m i c growth."

"Our plan is to uti- next phase perceptions of opportunities dent Bob Bartlett. "Connect-



to attract, engage and retain in Michigan's major urban ing students in personal and the state's top young talent. areas. A comprehensive re- meaningful ways to Michi-With seed funds from the port was developed bench- gan's future, before they Charter One Foundation, marking Southeast Michi- graduate and plan their lives The

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state's urban regions with a statewide marketing campaign designed to reach a sizable population, of the more than 38,000 emerging college graduates on its campuses, on the brink of making "place" decisions.

The campaign will include consistent and frequent messaging to reach students through on-campus programs and city-based events and activities, as well as interfacing with MCF's new "concierge" recruiting program with leading Michigan employers.

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preceded in death by her parents. Carlos and Violet Smith; and husband, She William. survived by her children, Richard (Sheila) McClish, (Lynn) Charles Rogers, Della (Rev. Charles) Keyworth; brothers, Dennis (Betty) Smith Richard (Marge) Smith: sisters Barbara Williams Loretta Gnivecki: brothers-in-law, Joseph (Theresa) Rogers, Paul Ridenour; sisters-in-law, Gloria Smith, Marie Raines, Caroline (Joseph) Loney, Della Norgan; grandchildren, Rebecca (Zach) Howard, David Keyworth, Helen (James) Medina, James and Austin McClish; and greatgrandchildren, Ashley, Whitney, Samantha and James Medina Jr. Verna was a member of the Cyclamen Chapter, Order Eastern Star of Lowell. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Rev. Charles Keyworth officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Schneider Manor or a charity of one's choice.

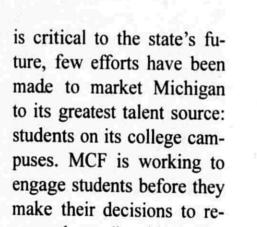
ROGERS

Verna Rogers, age 84, of Lowell, born September 22, 1926, in Mishawaka, IN, passed away Friday, June 24, 2011. She was



vance the technological superiority of our nation's military capabilities.

I am pleased that the This program could committee was able to provaluable contributions to technologies, reduce weap- tunities for Michigan com- tects our country, does right ons costs, and rapidly move panies, universities, and by our troops, and protects new technologies from the other organizations to help taxpayers' dollars - and was able to do so in a unanimous, bipartisan fashion.



locate," said Denise Christy, president of Humana Michigan and Indiana and MCF

board chair. "The implications this of

campaign will be far-reaching and will benefit all of Michigan's urban centers."

MCF will be partnering with existing organizations working in the state on talent retention and development. For more information about MCF, visit www. michigancolleges.org.

To inquire about funding or partnership opportunities for the Think Michigan campaign, call 248-356-



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OFFICE MANAGER - The North Country Trail Association seeks a multi-talented individual to manage its national headquarters office in Lowell, MI. Supports team of 4 professionals. Duties front office reception, human resources, volunteer supervision, retail management, contracts supervision, membership services and conference management. The office manager serves and sets example as part of a resilient NCTA staff truly committed to a collegial, team-based approach. Please send cover letter & resume to Bruce Matthews at bmatthews@ northcountrytrail.org

THE LAURELS OF KENT IN LOWELL - is looking for a director of housekeeping/laundry. Full-time with generous wages & benefits, long term care experience perferred & housekeeping experience required. Cal Jasmine or Susan at 897 8473.

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SANDY C. HAS BEEN ACCEPTED - to receive a Paws For A Cause service dog. Please donate items for fundraising garage sale Contact Sandy, 616-868 6019 or sandyc129@gmail com.

> SOUND OFF LINE 897-0787 Voice your opinion! (good or bad)

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DANCING ON THE RIV ERFRONT LOWELL Every Sunday - Country night, 5-7 p.m. Theme nights on Wednesdays. 7-9 p.m. - July 6 theme is Beach Party. Donations accepted. For more info contact softonthefeet entertainment@yahoo. com

LHS ALL ALUMNI GATH-ERING - Brunch at Keiser's Kitchen, Sat., July 9, 2011 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$15 per person by June 30. Reservations are needed. Send check to: LEF, 806 Lafayette, Lowell MI 49331. Info e-mail: larrymartin@ameritech.

sales

July 1 & 2, 9-6 p.m. Misc. baby items, infant car seats, baby swing, baby bouncer/saucer, baby gate, women's & chidren's clothing, books & misc. items. 11165 Woodbushe Dr. (Eastgate).

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

THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION - second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 300 High St., Lowell.

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY meets every Monday, 7-8 p.m. at **Bowne Center United Methodist** Church, fellowship hall, 12051 84th St., corner of Alden Nash. Call Sue at 868-6219 or www. womenforsobriety.org

JOHN BALL TRAVELING ZOO July 14, at noon, Clarksville school pavilion or village hall, 616-693-1001.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP HISTORI-CAL SOCIETY- meets the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Historical Museum at 84th/Alden Nash.

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

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.

WORLD WIDE KIDS - Extension of 4H, June 30 at 10 a.m. All ages welcome. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

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

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE TOUCH OF CLASSIC LIMOS - \$170 for 2 hours. Text or call 616-902-3236.

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PLEASE NOTE - Coming and up or completing 5th grade. ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Tues. Events are for non-profit orga- Call Scoutmaster Randy Jesberg & Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Mon. & Sat., at 897-4569 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814 TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372 - every Tuesday at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins

at 5:45 p.m.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTS- MAN'S CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.quake-zik.org for information. New members 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.

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 Emmette, 644-0759 or Nancy

Steckler, 897-6380. FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MIN-**ISTRIES 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 MU-SEUM 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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CLASSIFIEDS ARE NOW ON OUR WEBSITE ALSO - www.lowellbuyersquide. com.

9:30-1:30 p.m.; Thurs., 1-5 p.m. Info., call 647-3820

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS - Mon.-Wed., noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 647-3920.

LOWELLAREAARTSCOUNCIL GALLERY HOURS - Tues. - Fri., 10-6p.m.; Sat., 1-4p.m.; Monday by appt.; 149 S. Hudson. Visit www.lowell artscouncil.org or call 897-8545.

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 ee. 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. Nondenominational. Helpfor 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.

SHOTGUN & ARCHERY SHOOT-ING LEAGUES - at Caledonia Sportsman's Club (Alto/Freeport) Contact Al Potas 698-2051 or email shooting@csc.us.com

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY - at Cascade Fellowship Christian Ref. Church, 6655 Cascade Rd. Free perishable food. 1st Monday. Register: 4:30 p.m. Distribution:

BINGO - Every Sunday, 2 p.m. The Moose Rec Hall, 1320 E. Main St. Sponsored by W.O.T.M. Chapter #1388. Open to the public.

EVERY THURSDAY - Night service at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 865 Lincoln Lake SE at 6:30 p.m. Public welcome.

NEW CLASSES FOR EVERY-ONE - children - adults at Christian

Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. Every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. Bible-centered classes or children through 5th grade, youth group for 6th grade thru high school & adult prayer & Bible study. Everyone is invited to attend.

ST. PATRICK PLAYGROUP -Thursdays 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m St. Patrick's preschool room Stories, games, crafts, music & snack. Parents with young children welcome. Call Jennifer Post, 897-0251 or Sally Goffer, 863-4952 with any questions.

JOHN BALL TRAVELING ZOO July 14, 10 a.m. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

FOOD PANTRY - at Lakeside Community Church, 6201 Whitneyville Rd. Free frozen perishable food. First Friday Registration 2:30, distribution 4 .m. Bring own container.

ORIGAMI - Each Tuesday, 2-3 p.m. Learn the ancient art of paper folding. Gilda's Club Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

GRIEF-ADULT GROUP-Each Tuesday, 2-3 p.m. & second & fourth Tuesdays 5:30 - 7 p.m. A committed group for adults who have experienced the death of a family member or friend. Gilda's Club-Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

PARK PARTY - July 28, 1:00 p.m., Clarksville school pavilion, 616-693-1001.

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

TEEN GROUP - CANCERAND 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.

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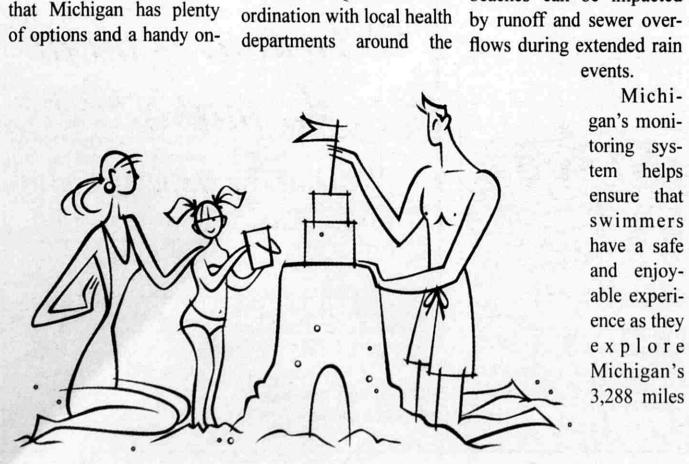
Walgreens' (Lowell) Kudos the employees! They are the friendliest retail employees in Lowell. I am always greeted with a "Hi!" and a smile right when I walk in the door and they are very helpful if you need help. I just started shopping there about three months ago and I get excited to shop there every week, sometimes I even shop more than once per week because I enjoy shopping there so much.

To the honest person who found my billfold on Grand River Drive - a huge thank you! All monies, credit cards, license and memorablia were intact. It certainly renewed my faith in humanity.

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Michigan beaches ready for holiday visitors - State website offers updated water quality information

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Beach results are reported on a daily basis on the DEQ's BeachGuard website at www.deq.state. mi.us/beach/.

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monitoring Beach work along the Great Lakes shoreline is funded through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Inland lake monitoring work is supported by funds from the Clean Michigan Initiative.

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Threatening or deliberately cruel comments will not be accepted and, of course, no advertising a product or

- A very happy customer

- Ron Stevens

Wonderful standing ovation for Father Eugene Okoli's farewell Mass. So many members crying. I don't know why the



ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Facebook lost more than 7 million users last month. Have you changed the way you use Facebook?

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Grand River Orthodontics fills niche in community

ledger

by Emma Palova

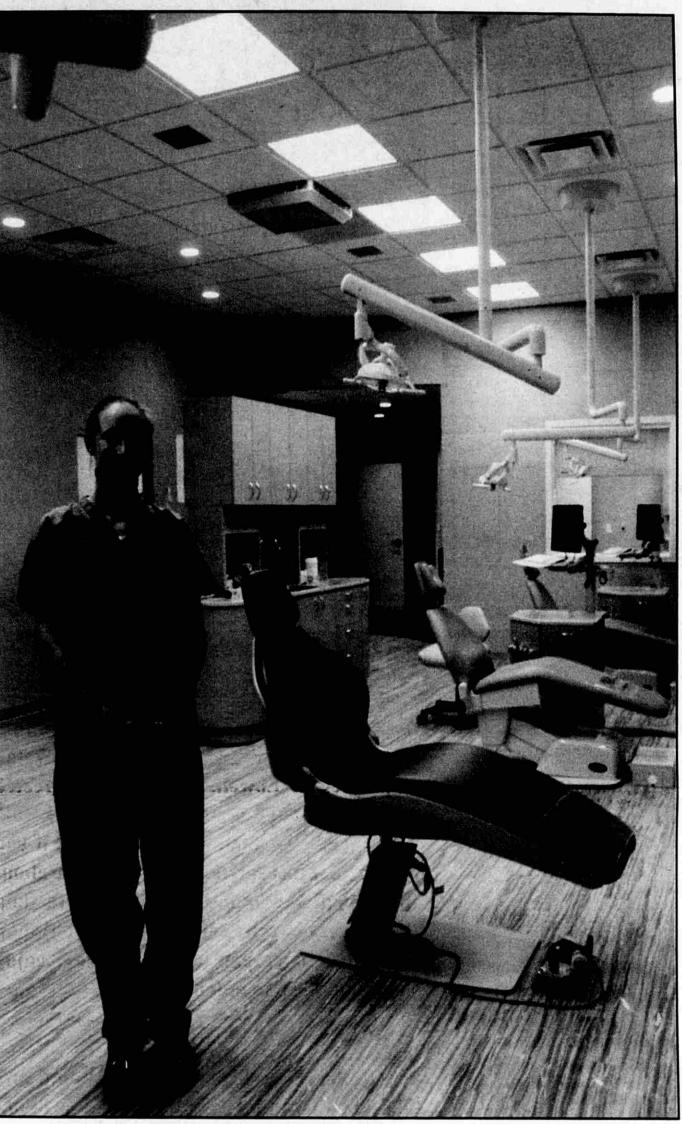
Heather Gietzen did her research prior to opening the Grand River Orthodontics this March in the strip mall next to YMCA.

vate practice in the greater

Grand Rapids area, Gietzen came across the "Lowell, The Next Place to Be" billboard on the freeway. "I thought maybe it is

Looking to build a pri- the next place to be," she at the Expo to get to know said.

option in 2010 was to open started looking at spaces in a private office after talking the community. to several dental professionals. So that year she stopped



Heather Gietzen inside Grand River Orthodontics



Kent District Library programs at Englehardt Branch, 200 N. Monroe St. For additional information call 616-784-2007

Marimbamania! with David Hall

Virtuoso marimbist Daivd Hall brings 20 years of experience to this unique program of music from around the world. Musical selections are heard on marimbas and xylophones. Audiences sing, dance and clap along. Registration is required. For the whole family. Tues., June 28 at 6:30 pm.

One-Derful World Comedy Show Get ready to laugh as versatile entertainer Joel Tacey presents his juggling and comedy show. Registration is required. For the whole family. Thurs., July 7 at 10:30 am.

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale Shop under the red-striped tent during the Lowell Riverwalk Festival. Fri., July 8, 6-9 pm and Sat., July 9, 10 am - 4 pm.

Steampunk Junque

Create edgy, indie jewelry with materials from the hardware store. Make a keychain, necklace, bracelet or earrings from unexpected materials. For teens, grades 6-12. Wed., June 29 at 2 pm.

Kids and Teens Craft Sale

Find amazing pieces of art, wonderful crafts and the most creative kids in town. Kids and teens: If you are interested in having a booth at the sale, stop by the library for an application. Sat., July 9, 10 am - 1 pm.



An orthodontist office has a different design than a regular dental office. There are no individual denta stalls, instead there is one large open bay that accommodates the dental chairs. The majority of the patients here are children, so Gietzen likes to keep an eye are healthy," she said. on what's going on in the

"The children don't feel as isolated," she said.

for someone anxiously waiting for treatment, the observation of others may allevi- said ate possible fears.

packs in cubbies.

digital from one of the offices to the other.

The lab is used to make models of people's teeth using alginate for impressions of teeth. Gietzen studies the models to decide on a treatment plan in coordination with the general dentist.

One of the many advantages of orthodontics is the length of the treatment, up said. to 2.5 years, allows Gietzen to get to know the families. Ouite often the treatment i

practice.

er kids are having it done lies and Lowell. too," Gietzen said.

The x-ray room with

For Gietzen, the only the community and Gietzen done in two phases with the first screening recommended around the age of seven. The treatment is timed around growth and development of each individual child.

But, no one is ever too old to get braces. Gietzen has had patients in their 60s that never got around to having braces at an earlier age.

"As long as their teeth

The majority of patients get braces around 12 to 14 years of age regardless of gender. Most kids wor-The other plus is that ry they won't be able to eat gummy bears and popcorn. "Well, they won't," she

Gietzen enjoys getting "They can see that oth- to know the patients' fami-

"Why wouldn't some-For now, only half of one want to be here," she the bay is built out in an- said. "Everybody roots for ticipation of future growth. each other. I wanted to find There is also an area where a place where I can be a part children can brush their of the community. People teeth and leave their back- stop in and show me pictures from prom."

Gietzen wants to keep equipment takes regular a local office, as well as photographs add more employees. She lower radiation. The grew up in Sterling Heights lab and sterilization rooms and she has lived in Detroit, complete the flow of tasks Philadelphia and Ann Arbor.

She has a Bachelor of Science from Wayne State University and a doctorate in dental medicine (DMD) from University of Pennsylvania. She also has a master's degree in orthodontics from University of Michigan. She spent a total of 11 years in higher education.

"I like school," she

After volunteering in an emergency room at a hospital in Detroit, she decided to make the switch from general medicine to dentistry and eventually to orthodon-

"I like to help people where nobody is dying, but they still need help," she said. "I don't have to be the bearer of bad news."

Even though Gietzen likes general dentistry, she likes orthodontics even more due to its narrow fo-

"It encompasses so many different things: physics, physiology, growth and development," she said. "I found my ideal job. I love it so much, it's hard to think of it as a job."

Gietzen met husband Matt after graduating from orthodontics in 2005. He was very supportive of her starting a private office.

"I wanted to do my own thing," she said. "We don't need to work together."

Gietzen wants to balance being an orthodontist and having children. The couple is expecting a little girl in September.

"I can work it in," she said. "You can do both."

There is a mutual aid between orthodontists in case of emergencies.

"I always want to be prepared," she said. "I will cover for other orthodontists.'

The office is located at 1335 W. Main Street in suite D.



DNR, 4-H youth and Ducks Unlimited band Canada geese

4-H Shooting Sports Members with their instructors and families, along with members of Ducks Unlimited worked with the Muskegon office of the Michigan DNR to band Canada geese, Branta canadensis, at the Attwood Corporation property along the Flat River in Lowell last Sunday.

Nick Kalejs, biologist from the Muskegon DNR office, was in charge of the event. He handled each bird while the leg bands were installed and then determined the age and sex of each.

Eighty-eight geese were captured and of those 79 were new juvenile or adult birds. Each bird was treated with care, to avoid stress while its sex and age was determined and a metal ankle band was installed ,and released back into the wild.

One injured female, ensnared with heavy twisted fishing line, was captured with special effort by Ducks Unlimited member Eric Egan. Fish line was wrapped around both legs and in one area was found above the knee almost to the bone cutting into the flesh. The line was removed and the injury site was disinfected prior to releasing the animal.

Goose banding is an effective way to track migration patterns and determine the lifespan of the animal.

Birds taken during the hunting season with bands are reported to (800) 327-BAND. Special thanks go to Attwood Products of Lowell for the use of their property along the river and Bill & Paul's Sports of Grand Rapids for their donation of kayaks and gear for the project.

Michigan State University promotes youth development through the 4-H Shooting Sports program, consisting of target shooting of archery, riflery, shotgun and muzzle loading sports.

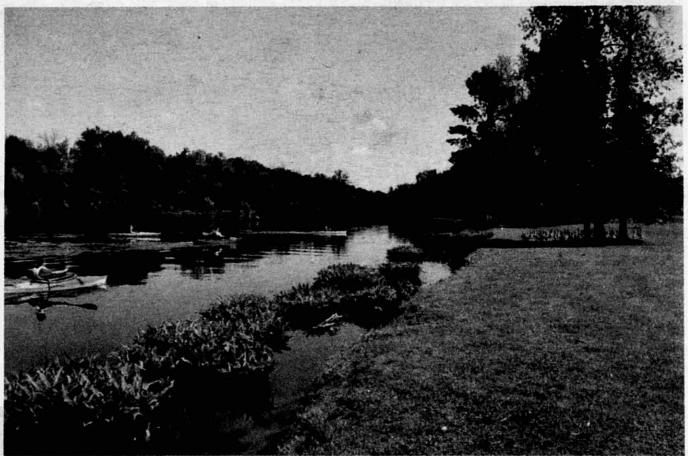
Many olympic athletes have started their Olympic careers in 4-H programs nationwide. Michigan's program is a model for the rest of the states in ensuring a safe and effective program. If you or your child ages 9-19 is interested in becoming a part of the program, contact your local 4-H club or a MSU Extension office for a club near you.



Nick Kalejs carries injured goose.



Qualifying shoot at Rockford Sports Club.



Kayaks driving the geese onto land.

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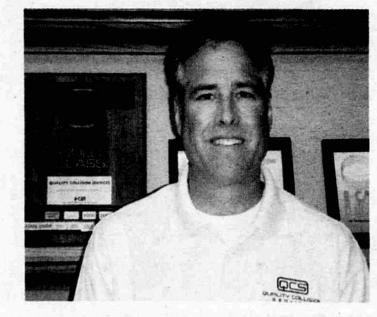
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