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Prominent citizen remembered for a lifetime of public service, as a visionary and devoted family man

by Emma Palova

John Timpson will be remembered for his public service as the Lowell Township supervisor, as a passionate businessman, a fruit grower and a loving grandpa.

Timpson, 80, passed away after a long battle with Parkinson's disease on Friday. He was well-known and respected as a lifetime leader in the community.

"He was a visionary in many different aspects," said daughter Teresa Beachum, the oldest of five children. "He always embraced change. He progressed through changing times in farming."

As a third generation fruit grower, Timpson was



not afraid to adapt the business to the changing market on the brink of the new millennium. The family owned orchards in the Alto, Lowell Township and Belding area.

As the market got flooded with cheap Chinese product, Timpson changed the direction of the company to trucking. Son John Timp-

son is now in charge of the trucking business.

"He was very proud of the apple heritage," said Beachum. "He always delivered a fine high quality product. He embraced new variations of fruit to meet the demand of the customer."

But he was also a visionary as a public official in the township. He served as the township supervisor for 18 years. Timpson was instrumental in the development of the Grand River Waterfront Park in the township.

"He wanted to preserve green space for the children," said Beachum.

Timpson encompassed the entire concept of preservation by creating a park

with walkways, waterways, a pavilion, and a floating launch ramp.

During his service, the township hall was expanded with a large community room at the bottom level.

"He was instrumental in modernizing the township hall," said Beachum.

And people liked working with Timpson on various township projects.

Former secretary Gladys Fletcher worked with Timpson both full time and part time until 2003. The families knew each other, because Fletcher's father, Emerson Stevens, picked apples for Timpson's father.

"John liked to eat sweets and I baked pies," Fletcher said. "He always

looked for an excuse to have a party. We were all compatible."

Fletcher remembers that Timpson had a picture of the family in the office.

"He always talked about his grandkids," said Fletcher. "He had a great handle on history. He was a nice guy to work for."

Always on even keel, Timpson kept good track of things in the township.

Fletcher said the township will miss his expertise and knowledge of the functions of the township.

"He had so many contacts beneficial to the township," said Fletcher.

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This year the fair is "Built Tough"

— 2011 Kent County Youth Fair August 8-13

by Emma Palova

It's magic. So it seems. But, mainly the fair is a lot of hard behind-the-scenes work and preparations that start right after one fair is done. The fair this year runs from Aug. 8 through Aug. 13 with the theme "Built Fair Tough."

And everybody loves a good fair; fair office manager, Jessica Marks, can attest to that. For Marks, fair runs in the blood.

She grew up with the fair in Cadillac. So it was natural for Marks, as soon

as she moved to Lowell in 2000, to get involved with the youth fair.

Marks says fair kids are good kids that grow up with the showing experience and other skills necessary to show.

Her son Toby, 15, has been part of the fair experience his entire life. He remembers bits and pieces of participating in an open class in finger painting. He has done poultry and still

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Justin Doll and Phillip Lemmink set up tables and chairs at the fair for the food tent.

Still time to get your banner

The waves of pink are showing up on Main Street. Perry Beachum, a chairman on the Pink Arrow Project board, is 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, however, Beachum said it gives businesses and families a chance to show their support in their own way.

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

Beachum's biggest concern is to emphasize to families that this is available to them and can be made very unique and personal. For more information or to purchase a banner contact Perry Beachum at 616.460.3943.



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Regan worked with Timpson for six years.

"He was instrumental in getting water out to the high school, in developing the water district for Lowell Township," she said. "I enjoyed working with him."

Timpson was involved in the community at large, as a Rotarian and a member of veterans' organizations, and many different boards including the FMB Bank and Lowell Area Housing. Timpson served in the navy on the aircraft carrier USS Hornet.

"He was a wonderful man who will be missed by all of us who knew him," said Dave Thompson, fellow Rotarian.

For his many contributions, Timpson was named

the person of the year in 1998.

Mike Larkin placed, on the marquee at the Larkin's Other Place, his own tribute to one of his longtime customers that read:

"Another legend gone."

Timpson was a customer at Larkin's since it opened in 1978.

"He was a nice guy," said Larkin.

The family will remember Timpson for his boyhood stories and his great listening skills.

"He always treated others as he wanted to be treated," said Beachum. "No matter where I went in this community there was a presence of respect for my father from people of all ages."

People connected Beachum to Timpson and showed appreciation for his work.

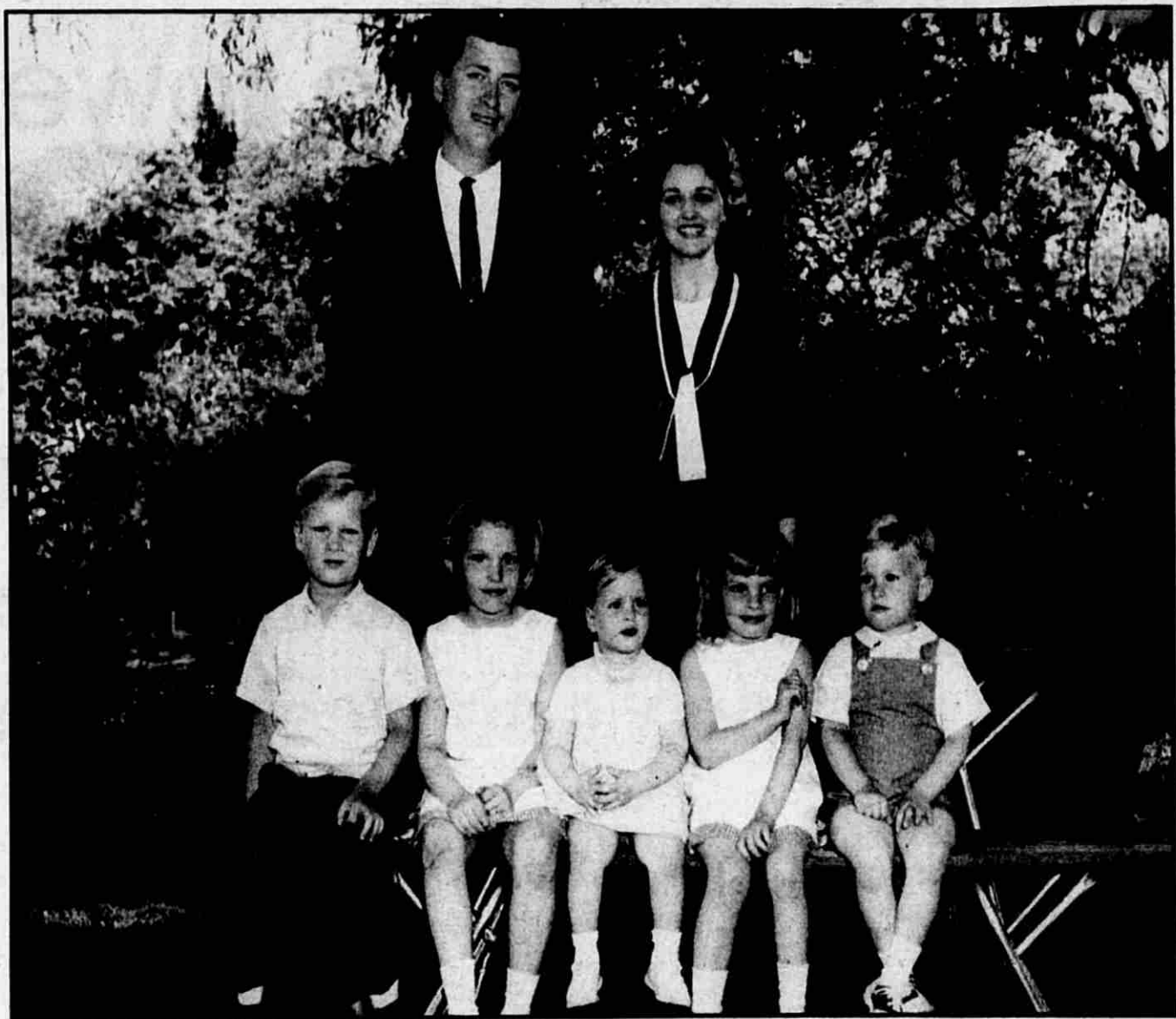
Granddaughter Meghan remembers dressing up as grandpa's apple queen, along with cousins as peach and cherry queens.

"He drove us all over the orchards," said Meghan. "I am going to miss his sense of humor. He made people laugh."

When tragedy struck the family with the deaths of Beachum's siblings, Suzanne and Jeffery, in the early 1990s the Timpsons were devastated.

"It was a huge loss for both parents," said Beachum.

Timpson is survived by wife of 56 years, Judy.



John and Judy Timpson pictured when they were just starting out with their young family.



MEET AND GREET

There will be a meet and greet for the new city manager, Mark Howe, and new chief of police, Barry Getzen, on Thurs., Aug. 4, at the Lowell Showboat, lower level, Riverwalk Plaza, from 5-6 pm. Bring your bag chairs and enjoy Sizzlin' Summer Concert featuring the Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra from 7-9 pm.

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Come meet and have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers on the first Saturday of the month, 8-10 am, at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza.

CHARITY POKER MOTORCYCLE RIDE

Payton's Ride for a Cure is presenting a charity poker motorcycle ride Sun., Aug. 7. Riders will enjoy a park to park group ride and compete for cash prizes. Registration

is 11-noon at Townsend Park near Cannonsburg. Proceeds will be donated to MitoAction and United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation. For more information contact Andrea, 616-890-4995 or e-mail: amaxim@paytonraceforacure.com. Payton's Ride for a Cure is a 501(c)3 organization.

LAHM CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARY

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will be hosting an open house in celebration of their tenth anniversary, Wed., Aug. 17 from 6-8 pm. All are welcome. A special gift for the garden will be unveiled during a short presentation. Light hors d'oeuvres, punch and cake will be served.

GILDA'S CLUB ACTIVITIES

Camp Sparkle, Aug. 9 and 16, 2-4:30 pm, for kids ages 6-12 on a cancer or grief journey; Cancer - New Member Meeting, Aug. 9 and 23, 2:30-3:30 pm and Aug. 9, 7:15-8 pm, introductory meeting for those who wish to join the cancer support program; Garden Days, Aug. 23, 1-3 pm, Knitting, each Tues., 6-7:15 pm; Lowell Summer Social, Aug. 16, 5:30-7:30 pm. Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson St. Call 897-8600 for additional information.

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THE SUPPLY OF BACKPACKS IS LIMITED; Therefore, there is no guarantee that all who register will receive backpacks. We also have a limited number of school supplies for high school students.

If you would like to make a monetary donation towards the cost of this program, it would be most welcome.

FROM will be distributing backpacks and school supplies on Monday, August 15 and Tuesday, August 16 from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

LHS REUNION

Lowell High School class of '71 and '72, needs your reservations in. Please mail them as soon as possible.

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.

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exhibits. This year, Toby has a big insect collection in a 24-foot long booth.

Toby, who helps out at the office, now has better knowledge of how much preparation goes into the fair. "We spend a lot of time entering names and numbers," he said.

But, the heart and soul of the fair are the exhibitors, says fair manager Ron Wenger.

"Exhibitors are the key, that's why we're still paying premiums," he said.

There are currently 183 explorers, which represent the next crop of exhibitors. The kids help each other out taking care of the animals.

"They learn how to work together," said Marks.

For most children, the animals are not just another project, but they are a part of the family. "If it's nice people will come," said Marks. "Everybody loves a good fair."

The Kent County Youth

Fair is a family affair for everybody. For many, the fair represents the best part of summer, as well as the highlight of year long preparations.

And the cooperation of the weather is expected, because weather can make or break the fair, said Wenger.

"Heat is worse than rain," he said.

But soda vendor Bayou Bill, a mainstay at the fair, begs to disagree. His homebrew soda sales skyrocket during hot weather.

Long before the fair starts, there is a hectic atmosphere at the fair office next to the Reath Barn. The tents arrived last Friday and soon vendors will be setting up on the Midway.

The total livestock exhibits are slightly up, while the still exhibits are at last year's level, around 1,000 to 1,100.

The fair still manages to pay out premiums in spite of the loss of funding from the

state. But thanks to sponsors and the general fund, the fair pays half of the premiums that it used to pay.

Belgians and Percheron horses will be pulling wagons for the regular shuttle transportation, between the boat launch and the front gate, every afternoon and evening except for Wednesday.

Wednesday is the much awaited day of the draft horse pull.

And the pig races are back by popular demand. They will be stationed next to the children's barnyard.

An all-time favorite that continues to grab the hearts of spectators is the dog agility competitive show on Tuesday, at the football field, at 4:30 pm.

"It's fast action and a lot of fun," said Wenger. "The contestants do it for the ribbons."

For every missed obstacle there is a deduction. The biggest day at the fair is def-

initely Thursday, which is the day of the livestock sale.

Every year, the fair offers a combination of traditional events and novelties. Senior board member Bruce Doll loves to see people smiling and having a good time whether dancing and singing or showing animals.

New this year is the Hula Hoopla at the free entertainment tent on Tuesday and Saturday. Anyone can hula and buy a hoop to practice at home long after the fair is done.

More new events are scheduled for Saturday. The "Minute to Win It" contest will take place on Saturday at 2 pm and the pie eating contest will be held at the entertainment tent at 3 pm on Saturday.

Puff the Dragon pedal pull is back by popular demand.

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Cowboy race will take place Saturday at 7 pm. Another highlight includes the Children's Barnyard across from the dairy barn.

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college news

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Katherine M. Baker and Sondra L. Huisman, both of Alto.

Elena G. Brubaker, Chad T. Drenth, Hannah E. Gerig, and Brook M. VanEck, all of Lowell.

Central Michigan University has named the following students to the 2011 spring semester honors list:

Eva Helene Cooper, Ashley Melyn DesSaint, Erin Michael Gavigan, Meredith Joan Greengard, Aaron Taylor Hamm, Taylor Brianna Hobbs, Peter Joseph Konyndyk, Brett Mitchell McMahon, Hannah May Messer, Jenna Marie Pope, Troy A. Prill, Gregory Eugene Roy, Kaelly S. Schlosser, Maria Danielle Schmieder, Matthew

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Kyle Raymond Bardwell, Heather Ann Burger, Christin Marie Cardani, Ethan Michael Drain, Krista Breanne Foster, Kenneth David Garrett Hayes, Shelby Leigh Herb, Kelsey E. Ligman, Rebecca Myers, Becky Ann Osborne, Matthew Thayer Schloop, Taryn Patricia Schumacher, and Taylor Leigh Schumacher, all of Lowell.

Central Michigan University May 2011 graduates are:

Lynann Bell, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Scott King-stand, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Ailee Kleiman, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Erika Murray, Bachelor of Science in Education; and Ashley VanBelkum, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; all of Ada.

Meredith Evans, Bachelor of Science; Lindsey Forton, Bachelor of Science; and Michael Jacobs, Master of Arts; all of Alto.

Christin Cardani, Bachelor of Applied Arts; and Sharon MacDermaid, Master of Arts; both of Lowell.

Jeremy Goff, of Lowell, has graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. Goff earned a Juris Doctor in Law.

health



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

Blood Clots in the Leg

Blood clots often develop in the veins of the legs. When the clot occurs in the superficial veins close to the surface it is called superficial thrombophlebitis. The area involved is usually red, inflamed and tender. Superficial thrombophlebitis is common in people with varicose veins.

When a clot develops in the deeper veins of the leg it is called a deep vein thrombosis and is more dangerous because a small piece can dislodge from the clot and travel to the lung causing a pulmonary embolus. A deep vein thrombosis can occur without any symptoms but most patients will notice some swelling or soreness of the extremity.

Risk factors for deep vein thrombosis include prolonged inactivity due to an injury or recent surgery. Pregnancy, estrogen medications and birth control pills may also increase your risk of developing deep vein clots. Some families are at increased risk due to a genetic mutation.

Diagnosis of superficial thrombophlebitis is usually straight forward and is usually made by your doctor through the history and clinical exam. The involved area will be red, tender and swollen. Deep vein thrombosis is difficult to diagnose clinically and an ultrasound exam is needed to confirm the presence of a deep vein clot.

Treatment of superficial thrombophlebitis involves elevating the affected extremity, applying moist heat and taking anti-inflammatory medications. Further treatment of varicose veins may be needed to prevent recurrent episodes. Treatment of deep vein thrombosis involves the use of anticoagulant medications for several months and sometimes indefinitely depending on the cause.

For more information on blood clots you can contact the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute at www.nhlbi.gov.

viewpoint

understanding insurance



Dave Emmette

Tips to save on your insurance

Home and auto insurance rates are on the rise across the board, but there are some things that you can do to offset the increases and lower your overall insurance premiums.

As a result of the major storms Michigan has experienced in the past year, along with a tough economy, more claims have occurred and more people are turning in claims that a few years ago they would have paid for themselves. The result was the market transitioning from a "soft" market to a "hard" market. There are things that you can do to save on your insurance premiums, which are listed below:

1. Higher deductibles - by choosing a higher deductible, you could reduce your premium by 10 percent or more.
2. Evaluate the current value of your vehicle

- does your 1990 Ford Escort still need full coverage? Collision is a large part of your insurance premium; consider removing collision on vehicles with little blue book value.

3. Check your credit - most insurance companies use some variation of credit scoring, which is known as an insurance score, as it is not an exact FICO score. If you feel your credit score has improved ask your agent to check. Caution - before having them do this make sure that if the score comes back lower that it will not affect your current rates.

4. Review your driving reports (Motor Vehicle Report & Loss History) - check to make sure that you are not still being charged

for the accident or speeding ticket from four years ago. Typically, at-fault accidents and minor violations remain on your insurance record for three years. If it is past that time, ask to have them removed.

5. Combine your policies (multi-policy discount) - combining your home and auto insurance can save you up to 25 percent with many companies. So look at combining your home or renter's policy with your auto insurance company. Some companies will provide additional discounts for having an umbrella and life policy too - ask your agent for details.

6. Take advantage of discounts - most, if not all, companies offer premium

discounts and 85 percent of auto insurance consumers say they take advantage of them. Depending on the insurance company, consumers can often lower their rate by up to 35 percent. Below are some of the most popular discounts:

- Good driver/accident-free
- Multiple cars on one policy
- Anti-lock brakes
- Airbags

- Multiple policies with one insurer
- Passive restraints
- Anti-theft devices
- Group discount, example - Chamber of Commerce member
- Good student
- Senior citizen/retiree
- Nonsmoker
- Away at school
- Good credit history

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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Like the weather, hot investments can cool off

We're in the "Dog Days" of summer - traditionally the hottest, steamiest time of year. But in a few weeks, the temperatures will begin to cool down. Nature isn't alone in this heating-and-cooling pattern - you can also find evidence of it in the investment world. To be specific, today's "hot" investments can lose their sizzle quickly - which means that, as an investor, you'll need to take steps to avoid being left out in the cold.

An investment can become "hot" - that is, its price can shoot up - for any of a number of reasons. For example, a company that provides a well-known product or service may decide to "go public" by making its shares available to investors; when this happens, the stocks become "hot" for a while. An investment may also become hot if a favorable event occurs, as might be the case with a drug company that gains permission to sell a medicine that's

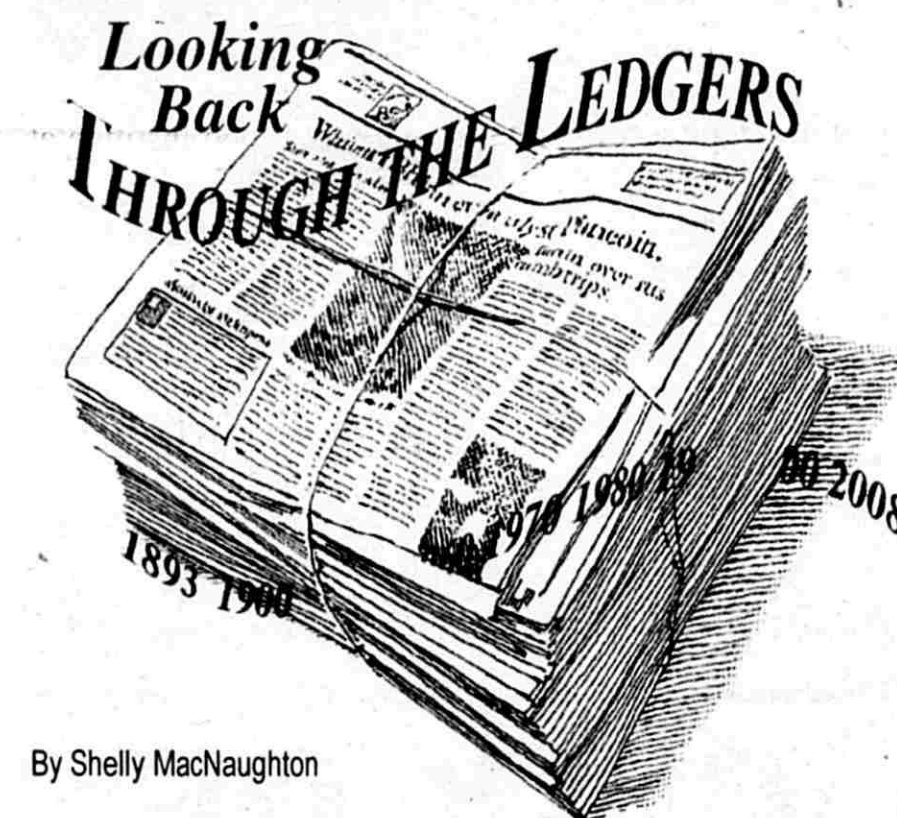
much in demand. And some investments heat up because an "expert" is touting them in the media.

But although different investments may get hot for different reasons, they all share one thing in common: They will cool off. In fact, by the time you and many other investors hear about a hot stock, it may already be cooling off. If you buy into an investment that's been hot for a while, you should recognize that its "upside potential" may not be what you think.

To help achieve your financial goals, you may be better off by not chasing after hot stocks. Instead, consider these ideas:

- Increase share ownership. One key to building wealth is to increase the amount of shares you own in your investments. Hot stocks are often expensive stocks, so you may be limited in the number of shares you can

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By Shelly MacNaughton

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Wayne Young and Norton Avery returned from a canoe trip from Belding, where they purchased their canoe. The water was quite low, but the boys report a fine trip.

All the latest popular copyright books just received at Henry's Drug & Book Store.

It was Norman Ballard, not Walter, reported in our last issue as arrested on the charge of housebreaking. Walter is a brother of the accused and did not enjoy the mix-up.

75 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo
July 31, 1936

The fine start made by the Lowell Metal Products Co., which began the manufacture of sprayers only a few months ago, was augmented a few days ago when Mr. H. W. Baldwin, president of Baldwin Laboratories, of Saegertown, Pa., paid a visit to Lowell where he called on the company. He was so well-satisfied

with sprayers furnished during the past season that he placed specifications for 1937 which amount to approximately \$50,000.

50 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
August 3, 1961

Michigan State Police shot the rear tire of a car, driven by Eugene C. Shafer, 25, of 606 Cyrus, Ionia, about midnight Tuesday and the vehicle crashed into a power pole at the corner of Main and Jackson Street in Lowell.

The police had chased Shafer from the corner of Leonard and the East Beltline after he ran a stop street at high speed.

25 Years Ago
The Grand Valley Ledger
August 6, 1986

Problems Plague Bushnell
Lowell superintendent Fritz Esch seems to be under a lot of fire from many members of the community lately.

In May, Esch sent a letter to the parents of students in the Bushnell Elementary district explaining a problem of overcrowding at the school. In the letter he informed parents that some students may have to be bused to Alot Elementary this September to compensate for the overcrowding at Bushnell.

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In The Service

Navy Seaman Trevor M. Kutzli, son of Janice K. Kopenski, of Irons; and Robert E. Kutzli, of Lowell; recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Kutzli completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

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Kutzli is a 1999 graduate of Rockford High School.



Josh Vaughan

Josh Vaughan has successfully completed 13 weeks at Marine Boot Camp in San Diego, CA. He is currently home spending time with family and friends. Vaughan will be returning to Camp Pendleton, CA, for extensive combat training. He is the son of Shirley (Bruce) VanHaren of Clarksville and Tom (Nancy) Vaughan of Fowlerville.

happy birthday!

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Understanding insurance, continued

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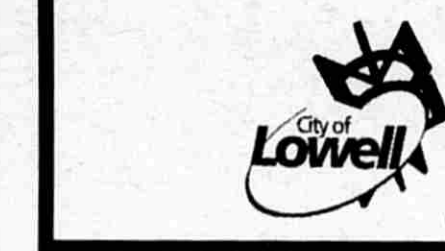
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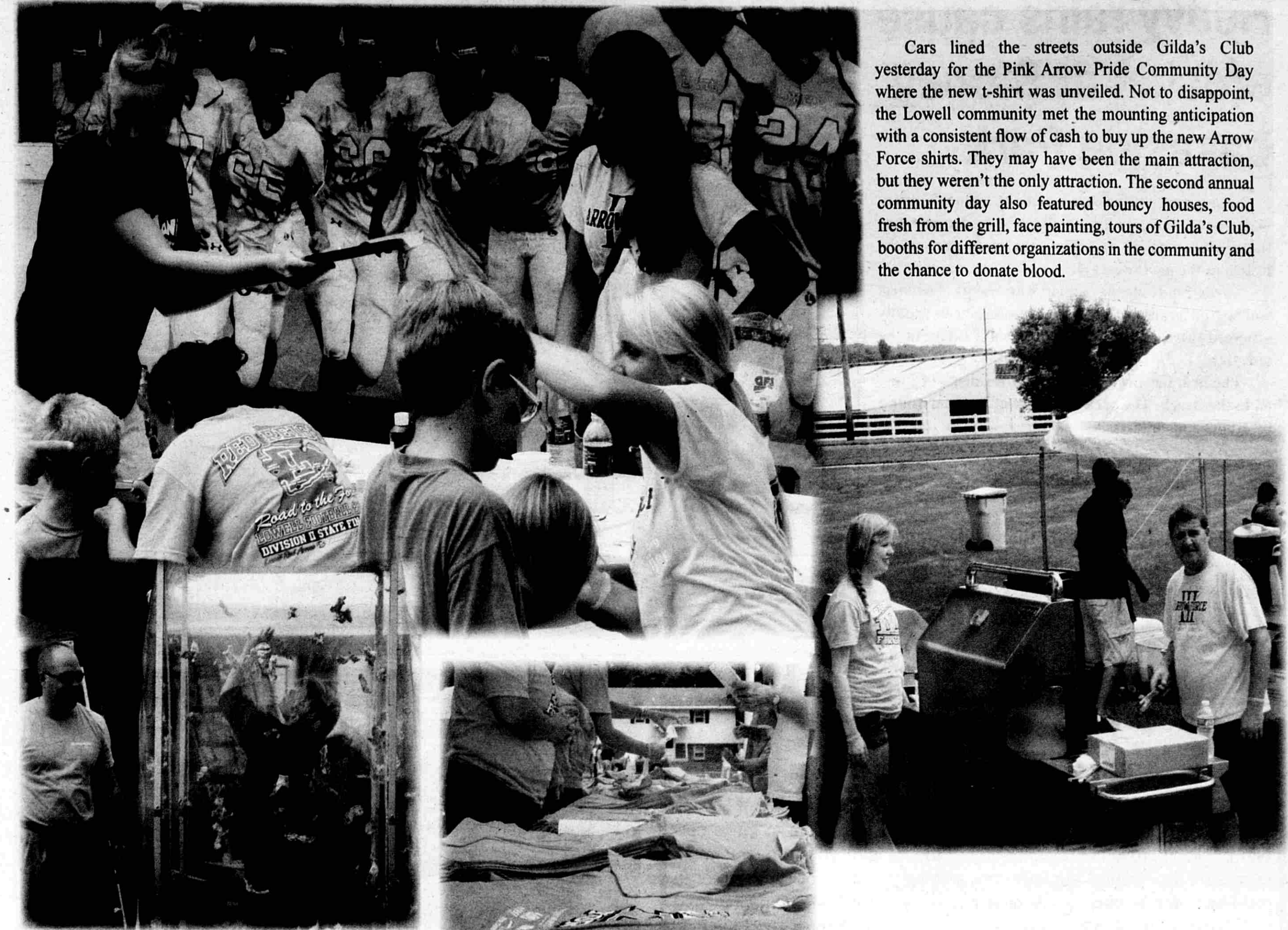
The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 15, 2011 at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on a request from Jice Pharmaceuticals to establish an Industrial Development District for 218 South Washington Street and 320 Kent Street in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 198 of 1974 as amended.

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

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk



Everyone was in the pink for annual community day



Cars lined the streets outside Gilda's Club yesterday for the Pink Arrow Pride Community Day where the new t-shirt was unveiled. Not to disappoint, the Lowell community met the mounting anticipation with a consistent flow of cash to buy up the new Arrow Force shirts. They may have been the main attraction, but they weren't the only attraction. The second annual community day also featured bouncy houses, food fresh from the grill, face painting, tours of Gilda's Club, booths for different organizations in the community and the chance to donate blood.

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Heavy rains cause erosion at Stoney Lakeside Park

Heavy rain last week washed out a portion of the beach at the Stoney Lakeside Park. A loader groomed the eroded portion, as well as the main part of the beach on the northwest side.

Parks and streets supervisor, Scott Fosburg, worked on grading the beach. The beach is usually groomed twice a week on Mondays and Fridays in the morning.

The heat has brought out many residents of Lowell to the beach. The park gets a lot of use year-round by adults and children.



It is of interest to note that while some dolphins are reported to have learned English -- up to fifty words used in correct context -- no human being has been reported to have learned dolphinese.

- Carl Sagan (1934 - 1996)

CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intent to make certain public improvements consisting of the construction of a watermain extension and related appurtenances along a portion of Hunt Street to provide water service to adjacent properties (the "Improvements") and has resolved its intention to proceed pursuant to Chapter 10 of the City Charter and Chapter 18 of the City Code to make said Improvements in the City. The City Council has tentatively determined that a portion of the cost of said Improvements estimated to be \$41,600 shall be specifically assessed against each of the following described lots and parcels of land, which together comprise proposed Hunt Street Water Improvements Special Assessment District 11W:

Street Address	Permanent Parcel Number
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825 Hunt Street	41-20-02-101-042
898 Hunt Street	41-20-02-103-021
1030 Hunt Street	41-20-02-101-053
1060 Hunt Street	41-20-02-101-039

TAKE NOTICE the City Council of the City of Lowell will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., local time, at the City Hall located at 301 E. Main Street in said City to hear and consider any objections to the proposed Improvements, the proposed special assessment district, and all other matters relating to said Improvements.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans and estimates of cost for the Improvements are on file with the City Clerk for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a person must either appear and object at the public hearing or submit a letter of appearance and objection to the City prior to the public hearing in order to protect his/her right to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to appeal a special assessment the record owner of land must file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the special assessment roll.

PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF THE COST SHALL NOT BE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 12% WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING.

This notice was authorized by the City Council of the City of Lowell.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Longtime artists present a strong show together

by Emma Palova

Artists Sylvia Krissoff and Loretta Sailors have a stunning show now on display at the Lowell Arts gallery through September 2.

This is their first time showing together since the gallery and the arts council were established in the early 1980s. So the title of the show "Then & Now" is very fitting. Krissoff and Sailors were part of the first show "Harry & Friends" at the arts council.

The two friends met while painting under professor of art Harry Hefner 40 years ago.

As artists they evolved each in their own direction. Their styles are immediately recognizable. Krissoff leans toward cubism in her portrayals of architecture, while Sailors exhibits bold florals,

color is a remarkable medium.

"I love the way of watercolor," said Krissoff. "It's always surprising and unexpected, you find different solutions and different forms."

The longtime artists share the love for color. Krissoff likes blues, while Loretta adores red.

"Red turns me on," she said.

As far as subject matters, Krissoff likes to paint boats, flowers and architectural constructions.

"That's where I get into cubism, one form just slips into another one," she said.

Sailors has spent a lifetime painting florals, sometimes even white on white.

"Style is a gradual thing," says Krissoff. "We

recognize each other's style."

Sailors and Krissoff like to paint on location,

whether it be Ball's Garden,

along the Flat River, by the dam in Rockford or in Ada.

Sailors' students are getting



Sylvia Krissoff and Loretta Sailors have a stunning show at Lowell Arts gallery.

Painting is an integral part of these two artists' lives. It's a means of expression.

"I have to paint to breathe," Sailors said. "It's part of me."

Throughout the years of painting, Krissoff and Sailors have learned that sometimes it's better to lay aside a painting and come back to it later.

"You have to learn closure," Krissoff said. "You have to know

in the process of moving out of her residence of 50 years, watercolor continues to be challenging and inviting.

"There's always that next piece just around the

corner, or that bouquet of flowers that is enticing and so I continue to pick up that brush and palette to lose myself in this special form of expressiveness."

A reception for the artists will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 10, from 5 pm to 7:30 pm.



both on traditional canvas and on yupo.

Both ladies now in their 80s have a lot in common. They are primarily watercolorists and they have mastered the tricky medium elusive to many. At different times in their lives they have both taught; Krissoff taught art history and worked as an art critic.

Sailors still teaches four classes a week in watercolor. Approximately six years ago, Sailors started working with yupo and developing more abstracts.

In 1987, Sailors retired from Grand Rapids Community Education and felt the need to express herself by wearing purple coat and red boots. At that time she painted a large red and purple oil painting.

Krissoff went from abstract to realism and back incorporating the influence of cubism.

For both artists, water-

more than just art lessons. They're getting lessons in life learning a different way how to look at life and art.

"People are touched by her," said a student who wishes to remain unnamed, about Sailors.

Unlike popular belief, watercolors can be corrected by using a sponge, going over a painting, glazing or scraping.

And people react emotionally to paintings.

"They sometimes pick a painting to match the sofa," laughed Krissoff.

when to stop."

The two friends love showing together.

"It's fun to be in a show together," said Krissoff.

One has to wonder if these two artists ever throw out a painting?

Hardly.

"It's a good sheet of paper," said Sailors laughing.

She tries not to think about her arthritic fingers when holding a brush. After all, painting keeps Sailors on the move.

And for Krissoff, who is

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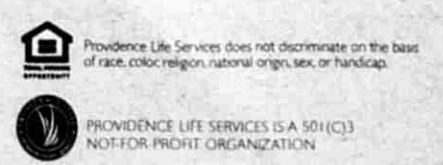
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Thirsty Perch concert spotlights guitar work



The Thirsty Perch concert, last week, put the spotlight on great guitar work by Dan Lomas and Phillip Lindstrom. The concert series, now in full swing, attracted the band's fans of all ages in spite of the heat. The band is known as a rocking blues powerhouse, reaching beyond an average blues band, on the local scene. This week, the Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra will feature some of the finest musicians that play original compositions and arrangements as well as traditional favorites. The band was founded in 1977 by the late Bruce Early.

Social Security benefits will be paid on time

Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, announced today that Social Security payments for August 3 will be made on time and as scheduled. Payments for August 10, 17, and 24 also will be made as scheduled. "I am happy to announce there will be no delay in the payment of August Social Security benefits," Commissioner Astrue said, "which should be a relief to those people who were concerned about their benefits. I'm pleased the President and Congress were able to come together in a bipartisan fashion to avoid an interruption in payments."

People still receiving paper checks from Social Security should consider signing up for Direct Deposit, the secure and convenient way to receive Social Security payments. All current beneficiaries must switch to electronic payments by March 1, 2013.

Lowell welcomes international visitors



Volker and Astrid Pott, of Barnstedt, Germany, at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport.

A little nonsense now and then, is relished by the wisest men.
- Anonymous

Volker and Astrid Pott came from Barnstedt, Germany, to watch graduation on May 19, 2011, while visiting with Leonard and Melissa Mittelstadt of Lowell.

Their son was an exchange student at the Grattan Academy.

They stayed at the Main Street Inn in the historic downtown. "They loved Lowell," said owner Greg Canfield. "We're the only game in town; that helps."

Canfield said he has had repeat visitors already staying at the inn.

"People like the small town atmosphere," said Canfield. "They were here for graduation."

The Mittelstadts said the visitors thoroughly enjoyed Lowell.

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Mari C. Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

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Notice is hereby given that official certification has been received from the Michigan Secretary of State that the township of Vergennes has a population exceeding 2000 (Vergennes' 2010 Census number is 4,189) according to the most recent United States Census and is therefore eligible to be incorporated as a charter township under the provisions of section 3a of the Charter Township Act, 1947 PA 359 (MCL 42.3a).

The township board has exercised option 1, as depicted in PA 359 of 1947, by adopting by majority vote a resolution opposed to incorporation as a charter township.

Township electors have the right to referendum regarding this decision. For further information, you may e-mail the clerk at clerk@vergennestwp.org, or contact the township offices at 897-5671 during regular business hours.

Documentation from the Secretary of State regarding this matter can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., on Monday and Wednesday from 9am to 3pm, and Friday 9am to noon.

EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear Earth-Talk: As I understand it, "Debt-for-Nature Swaps" are arrangements by which countries can erase debt by preserving land. Are any being done today? -- Bill Hunt, Topeka, KS

The debt-for-nature swap concept, whereby a portion of a developing nation's foreign debt is forgiven in exchange for local investments in environmental conservation measures, dates back to the mid-1980s when Thomas Lovejoy of the non-profit World Wildlife Fund (WWF) first proposed it as a way to deal with the problems of developing nations' indebtedness and the negative consequences for their natural resources and diverse environments.

The theory goes that if



a country with, say, valuable tropical rainforests, is up to its ears in debt, it will sell off or otherwise deplete those natural resources, instead of protecting or conserving them, in order to raise the money needed to pay off its debts. Debt-for-nature swaps can therefore be useful financial mechanisms for helping countries reduce debt without de-

stroying their most valuable natural resources.

Since the first swap was brokered with Bolivia (to protect its Beni Biosphere Reserve and adjacent areas) by the non-profit Conservation International in 1987, many national governments and conservation groups have engaged in similar types of debt-for-nature swap negotiations, especially in tropical countries which contain diverse and threatened species of flora and fauna. Costa Rica has exchanged tens of millions of dollars in debt to protect some of its most pristine and biologically productive rainforests.

In 1998 the U.S. government passed the Tropical Forest Conservation Act to codify debt-for-nature swaps, including formally welcoming non-profit groups like Conservation International, the Nature Conservancy, WWF and others to help arrange the deals and oversee implementation of local initiatives. A 2010 Congressional Research Service report found that since 1987, debt-for-nature swaps have channeled upwards of \$1 billion toward tropical forest conservation initiatives instead of back into creditors' coffers.

But far fewer deals are

occurring today for a number of reasons. For one, says the Congressional Research Service, other agreements for debt restructuring and cancellation have reduced developing nations' debt by significantly more than debt-for-nature swaps can. Another is that the concept has fallen somewhat out of favor. Some experts argue that the financial benefits are overstated, that funds are misdirected to less needy countries, that external debt is not a primary driver of deforestation and other environmental ills, and that funding does not necessarily equate to effective implementation of conservation

strategies. Criticism aside, some deals are still getting done. In 2008, France forgave \$20 million in debt owed by Madagascar to help the biodiversity-rich nation triple the size of its protected areas to better protect its native flora and fauna. In 2010, the U.S. forgave \$21 million in Brazilian debt to fund several ecosystem protection initiatives in Brazil's still vanishing tropical rainforests. The U.S. has also forgiven debt from the Philippines, Guatemala and Peru in recent years in exchange for on-the-ground conservation efforts. Germany and the Netherlands

have each forgiven some of their foreign debt to tropical nations for forest protection as well. So while debt-for-nature swaps are not as popular as they once were, they are still a key tool in the toolbox of environmentalists looking to promote conservation in tropical countries.

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All NEW players must bring a copy of their Birth Certificate to walk-in registration or e-mail a copy to the league. We cannot accept new players without seeing the birth certificate. You must know your player's clothed weight for registration

obituaries

COOK

George Lloyd Cook, age 65, of Grand Rapids, born in Kalamazoo, July 16, 1946, passed away Monday, July 25, 2011. He was preceded in death by his brother, Timm Cook; and grandson, Brody. He is survived by his daughter, Danielle (Jeremy) Churchill; grandson, Bryce; brothers, James (Patty) Cook, Bill (Darla) Cook; and sisters, Marianna Cook, and Cathy (Chuck) Emrick. The family met with friends and relatives Thursday at Roth-Gerst Chapel.



Anything that has real and lasting value is always a gift from within.

- Franz Kafka

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT FILE NO. 11-190384-DE Estate of KENNETH ROOT, deceased. Date of birth: October 3, 1922.

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING TO ALL CREDITORS:*

FILE NO. 11-190645-GA

In the matter of BONNIE DEGROAT. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including:*

Richard Bishop whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKENOTICE: A hearing will be held on August 19, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: on the petition of Michele Boley for the appointment of a guardian for Bonnie DeGroat.

John D. Flynn (P27413) 1275 Hawthorne Hills SE Ada, MI 49301 616-897-6632

Michele Boley 121 Franklin SE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 616-248-1337

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Kenneth James Root, Sr. 3620 Heron SW Wyoming, MI 49509 616-532-6284

OGDEN

Theresa Lynn Ogden, age 48, of Saranac, passed away unexpectedly Friday, July 29, 2011. She was preceded in death by her son, Ryan Rood. She is survived by her children, Christine, Amanda, April and Daniel (Devon Miller) Ogden; parents, Roy and Shirley Rood; brothers, Lee, Roy "Eddie", Burton Rood; sisters, Becky (John) Trierweiler, Carol (Barry) Dyer; grandchildren, Ryan, Alexis, Camron, Daniel, Carlos, Adriana and Natalie; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, 12:00 pm at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Mike Zanthston celebrant. Interment Rosedale Memorial Park.



TIMPSON

John Robert Timpson, age 80, of Lowell, went to meet his children, Suzanne Timpson and Jeffery Todd Timpson, in heaven on July 29th after a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. John was also preceded in death by his sister, Carol Hilton. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Judy; children, Teresa (Perry) Beachum, John (Colleen) Timpson, Tracy (Michael) Toschi; daughter-in-law, Michelle Timpson; grandchildren, Zachary and Meghan Beachum, Katie (Bill) Roberson, Emily and Elizabeth Timpson, Jordyn Timpson, Tricia Thomas, and Gianna Toschi and brother, Gerald (Jean) Timpson. John was a lifelong fruit grower and served as the Lowell Township supervisor for 18 years. During which time he was extremely proud to be a part of the development of the Grand Riverfront Park. He also served on many boards, including FMB Bank, Lowell Area Housing, Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Assoc., and was a Lowell Rotary member. John was honored as Lowell's Person of the Year in 1998. He had many proud memories of the time he served in the Navy on the aircraft carrier USS Hornet. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Rev. Chris Schwab and Rev. Roger LaWarre officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations to be made to Pink Arrow Pride, PO Box 246, Lowell, MI 49331 for cancer in memory of his son, Jeff Timpson.



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In loving memory of JERRY STRAUSS lost one year ago, August 4th

We thought of you today But that is nothing new We thought of you yesterday And will tomorrow too We think of you in silence And make no outward show For what it meant to lose you Only those who love you know Remembering you is easy We do it everyday Its the heartache of losing you That will never go away Mary, Lauri, Sean, Jake, Stacy and 7 grandkids - Imy and Lynn

Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner P.L.C. Frederick C. Overdier (P40684) 4301 Fashion Square Blvd. Saginaw, MI 48603 989-498-2256

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for sale

FIREWOOD - Tree tops, You cut. \$25 per Pickup load. Lowell/Belding area. Call 616-540-3233.

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for rent

HOUSE FOR RENT - Lowell area, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. \$800/mo. + utilities. No pets. Call 691-7505.

APARTMENT FOR RENT - Lowell 2 BR upper unit, no pets. \$700 month. Gas, water, electric included. \$400 deposit immediate availability. Call 897-7176 or 299-3198.

PRICELESS STORAGE - Indoor/outdoor. New Units on Alden Nash, 1 mile South of I96. 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.

WATERFRONT - Cottages. Martiny Chain of 10 Lakes accessible, Barryton, MI. Furnished, very nice, AC, cable, canoe, paddle & row boat included, pontoon rental available. Call Ron, 897-5062.

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help wanted

LPN - P.T. for sm. Christian Assisted Living Community. Call 616-954-2366 or send resume to: 6117 Charlevoix Woods Ct., SE, G.R., MI 49546.

DRIVER - CDL-A, 2 years experience, clean driving record, regional 6 state area, home every weekend, pay is based on percentage of load. Send resume and references to: Driver, P.O. Box A, Ada, MI 49301.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - The City of Lowell is seeking an F-4, F-3 or F-2 licensed water plant operator or person with the ability to obtain the required state license within one year, to work in their lime softening & filtration plant. Salary commensurate with experience & education. College, science & mechanical background is preferred. Send resume to City of Lowell, Attn: City Manager, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 by Fri., Aug. 5, 2011.

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MULTI-FAMILY SALE - Wed. - Fri., Aug. 3-5, 8:30 - 7 p.m. 1297 Whites Bridge Rd.

LARGE 3-FAMILY YARD SALE - Fri. & Sat., Aug 5 & 6, 10443 36th St., Lowell. Some antiques.

sales

GARAGE SALE - Clothes, BB guns, frames, exercise equipment, treadmill, trolley motor, tires, many new items & much, much more. Fri. & Sat., Aug. 5 & 6, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 1201 Sibley St.

misc.

HUNTERS SAFETY COURSE - Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club will offer a free Hunters Safety Course beginning Aug. 22, continuing on Aug. 24 & 25. The class will run from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. There is no age requirement & you must attend all three sessions to earn a certificate. The class size is limited to 50 & will be first come, first served. No pre-registration. The class will be held at 8731 West Riverside Dr., Saranac. If you need additional information, our website is www.Qua-Ke-Zik.org

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Community Calendar

PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are ran on a space available basis & ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO RUN. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. We will not run ANY Garage or Rummage Sales as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

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

ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER - 2251 W. Main. Hours: Mon. 11-5 p.m.; Tues. 6-9 p.m.; Thurs. 10-6 p.m. 987-9533.

FREE SENIOR COFFEE - Every 4th Friday, 8 - 9 a.m., sponsored by Laurels of Kent, Lowell McDonalds, 1300 W. Main St.

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NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY TO INCORPORATE AS A CHARTER TOWNSHIP AND RIGHT TO REFERENDUM

Official certification has been received from the Michigan Secretary of State that the township of BOWNE has a population of 2,000 or more, and the township board has the right to exercise one of three options concerning status as a charter township under the provisions of the Charter Township Act, Public Act 359 of 1947, as amended (MCL 42.3a):

1. Adopt by majority vote a resolution opposed to incorporation as a charter township.
2. Adopt by majority vote a resolution of intent to approve incorporation as a charter township by resolution. At least 60 days after the adoption of the resolution of intent, the township board may adopt the resolution to incorporate as a charter township.
3. Adopt by majority vote a resolution to place before the electorate at the next regular or special township election the question of incorporation as a charter township.

If Option 2 is adopted by the township board, the citizens of the township have the right to file a "Right to Referendum Petition." This petition must be filed before the final adoption of the resolution to incorporate as a charter township.

The petition must follow, in general form, the nominating petition form as prescribed in the Michigan Election Law (MCL 168.488), and the heading must indicate "Disagreement of Intent to Incorporate as a Charter Township." The petition must be signed by not less than 10% of the number of electors of the township voting for township supervisor at the last election in which a supervisor was elected.

If the petition is successful, the question of incorporation will be placed on the ballot at the next general or special township election.

(Option 1)

Resolution of Intent Opposing Incorporation as a Charter Township Township County, Michigan

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk has been notified by the Secretary of State of the State of Michigan that _____ Township has a population of 2,000 or more inhabitants, excluding the population of any incorporated village, and notice of that notification was duly published in the _____ (identify newspaper), a newspaper of general circulation in the township, as required by law, and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of MCL 42.3a, the Township is eligible to be incorporated as a charter township by resolution of the Township Board, and

WHEREAS, after notification is received by the clerk, the township board may adopt, by a majority vote, a resolution opposed to incorporation, and

WHEREAS, the Township Board does not desire to incorporate as a charter township,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, **IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Township Board does hereby declare its intent to not incorporate _____ Township as a charter township.

Motion was made by _____, seconded by _____, to adopt the foregoing resolution.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Yes": _____

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "No": _____

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "No": _____
The chair declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

Township Clerk

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, being the duly elected and acting Clerk of the Township of _____ hereby certifies that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board at which a quorum was present on the _____ day of _____, 20____, and that the members voted thereon as hereinbefore set forth.

Township Clerk

(Option 2—First Resolution, Subject to Petition of Disagreement Calling for Referendum)

Resolution of Intent to Become a Charter Township Township County, Michigan

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk has been notified by the Secretary of State of the State of Michigan that _____ Township has a population of 2,000 or more inhabitants, excluding the population of any incorporated village, and notice of that notification was duly published in the _____ (identify newspaper), a newspaper of general circulation in the township, as required by law, and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of MCL 42.3a, the Township is eligible to be incorporated as a charter township by resolution of the Township Board stating its intent to so incorporate, and a second, subsequent resolution of said Township Board incorporating the township as a charter township, adopted at least 60 days after the adoption of the first resolution of intent, and

WHEREAS, if no petition of disagreement calling for referendum on the question of such incorporation is received by the Township Clerk signed by not less than 10 percent of the number of electors of the township voting for Township Supervisor at the last election, said township shall be incorporated as a charter township on the date of the second resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, **IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Township Board does hereby declare its intent to incorporate _____ Township as a charter township by resolution to be adopted not less than 60 days from the date hereof, unless a petition of disagreement with this resolution of intent to so incorporate is filed with the Township Clerk prior to the passage of the final resolution.

Motion was made by _____, seconded by _____, to adopt the foregoing resolution.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Yes": _____

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "No": _____

The chair declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

Township Clerk

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, being the duly elected and acting Clerk of the Township of _____ hereby certifies that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting

of the Township Board at which a quorum was present on the _____ day of _____, 20____, and that the members voted thereon as hereinbefore set forth.

Township Clerk

(Option 2—Second Resolution, to be adopted at least 60 days after adopting Resolution of Intent)

Resolution Incorporating as the Charter Township of _____

WHEREAS, the _____ Township Board on the _____ day of _____, 20____, by motion duly made, seconded and passed, adopted the Resolution of Intent to Incorporate _____ Township, County, Michigan, as the Charter Township of _____, under Public Act 359 of 1947, as amended; and

WHEREAS, notice of adoption of said resolution was published in the _____ (identify newspaper), a newspaper of general circulation in the township, as required by law, the _____ day of _____, 20____, and again on the _____ day of _____, 20____, and considerable publicity has been given this matter; and

WHEREAS, more than sixty (60) days have elapsed since adoption of said resolution and no Petition of Disagreement to the Intent to Incorporate as Charter Township has been filed as in said Act provided;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of _____ County, Michigan, being qualified, having completed all necessary action preliminary thereto, hereby does **INCORPORATE AS THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF _____ COUNTY, MICHIGAN**, a municipal corporation pursuant to PA 359 of 1947, as amended, which act shall constitute the charter of this charter township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF _____ COUNTY, MICHIGAN, shall, as provided by law, succeed to and be vested with all of the property, real and personal, money, rights, credits and causes of action belonging to _____ Township as it formerly existed, and all debts and liabilities of _____ Township and all taxes and assessments levied and uncollected as of the date of this Resolution of Incorporation shall stand until discharged or collected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to file certified copies of this resolution with the Secretary of State for the State of Michigan, and with the Clerk for _____ County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect as of this date.

Motion was made by _____, seconded by _____, to adopt the foregoing resolution.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Yes": _____

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Yes": _____

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Yes": _____

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "No": _____

The chair declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

Township Clerk

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, being the duly elected and acting Clerk of the Township of _____ hereby certifies that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting

hereby certifies that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board at which a quorum was present on the _____ day of _____, 20____, and that the members voted thereon as hereinbefore set forth.

Township Clerk

(Option 3)

Resolution of Intent to Place the Question of Incorporation as a Charter Township on the Ballot at the _____ (Month, day, year) _____ (Regular or Special) Election Township County, Michigan

WHEREAS, the Township Clerk has been notified by the Secretary of State of the State of Michigan that _____ Township has a population of 2,000 or more inhabitants, excluding the population of any incorporated village, notice of which notification was duly published in the _____ (identify newspaper), a newspaper of general circulation in the township, as required by law, and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of MCL 42.3a, the Township is eligible to be incorporated as a charter township by resolution of the Township Board placing the question of incorporation on the ballot at the next regular or special township election, and

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to place the question of incorporation before the electorate,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, **IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Township Board does hereby declare its intent to place the question of incorporation as a Charter Township on the ballot at the _____ (Month, day, year) _____ (Regular or Special) Election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Clerk shall prepare a ballot for the submission of such proposition at such election in accordance with the general election laws of the state and setting forth the proposition as follows:

Shall the Township of _____ incorporate as a charter township which shall be a municipal corporation subject to the provisions of Act No. 359 of the Public Acts of 1947, as amended, which act shall constitute the charter of such municipal corporation?

Motion was made by _____, seconded by _____, to adopt the foregoing resolution.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Yes": _____

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "No": _____

The chair declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted.

Township Clerk

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, being the duly elected and acting Clerk of the Township of _____ hereby certifies that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board at which a quorum was present on the _____ day of _____, 20____, and that the members voted thereon as hereinbefore set forth.

Township Clerk

THEME:

COMIC BOOK HEROES

ACROSS

1. Heidi's shoe
6. *Superhero team, acr.
9. *Attribute of Casper the Friendly Ghost
13. Like color blue
14. Old-fashioned over
15. Elegant sitting room
16. Based on number 8
17. Pigeon sound
18. Devoutly religious
19. * Incredible _____
21. Sent _____
23. "Four score and seven years _____"
24. Suite cleaner
25. Beaver construction
28. Tangerine and grapefruit hybrid
30. Reason by deduction
35. Prayer leader in mosque
37. Electrically charged particles
39. Relating to kidneys
40. Cannonballs to cannon
41. Do this before walking
43. Lope de _____, Spanish playwright
44. Wealthy man in the Orient
46. Freight horse cart
47. What Rumpelstiltskin did
48. Relating to anode
50. "All's well that _____ well"
52. Late Kennedy
53. SAT, e.g.
55. You owe who?
57. Has paleness as symptom
60. *America's rank
64. Tropical fruit
65. Romanian money
67. 1/100th of Finnish marka
68. Mary-Kate or Ashley
69. Hole punching tool
70. German surrealist Max
71. Sixth month of civil year
72. Ctrl+Alt+ _____
73. Atkins and "Cabbage Soup," e.g.

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4. Nebraska's largest city
5. Popular language in India
6. Opposite of geek in high school?
7. "Anna Karenina" author
8. Smell of baking bread, e.g.
9. Jack and Jill went to fetch this
10. Sunburn aid
11. High in decibels
12. Half the width of ems

15. *It bit Peter Parker
20. Reasonable judgment
22. International help, e.g.
24. Mosque's distinctive feature
25. *Wonder Woman's name
26. Capital of Jordan
27. Cuban dance
29. Master of castle
31. Rpms
32. Incompetent
33. Lacking clarity
34. African antelope
36. _____ ring, 1970s fad
38. Tchaikovsky's fowl
42. Ancient kingdom in Anatolia
45. *His butler is Alfred
49. Hula girl's flower
51. Soaked
54. Often tossed before eating
56. Wombs
57. "_____ Lang Syne"
58. Space shuttle Atlantis owner
59. Never without n
60. Reject
61. *Cast as Catwoman in upcoming Batman flick
62. Of the present month
63. Lice eggs
64. India's smallest state
66. One of Bo Peep's flock

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On gay marriage - Whether or not Michigan is ready, the bigots better get over it and get out of other people's bedrooms. Morality is about more than bed partners. How about a little Christian (and other religious and secular) tolerance and kindness?

Rumors about privatizing the janitorial jobs at the schools will only cause the cleanliness to deteriorate and put people out of work. Check with other schools that went this route.

ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Gay marriage? Is Michigan ready?

- YES definitely 47%
- NO not yet 16%
- NEVER 37%



JULY 27 - AUGUST 2

Washington - Congressional leaders and President Obama, on Sunday night, announce they've cut a deal to avert a historic U.S. default. The framework cuts some spending immediately and uses a "super congress" to slash more in the future.

According to the latest statement from the U.S. Treasury, the government has an operating cash balance of \$73.8 billion. The tech juggernaut, Apple, has a whopping \$76.2 billion in cash. It raises the question that maybe the government should start selling iPads.

Wichita, Kansas - A lemonade stand that raises money for the children of Joplin had its biggest sale yet, Friday. The kids of College Hill Elementary served up lemonade to George and Deven Holland who paid \$10,000 to help young tornado victims get ready for school.

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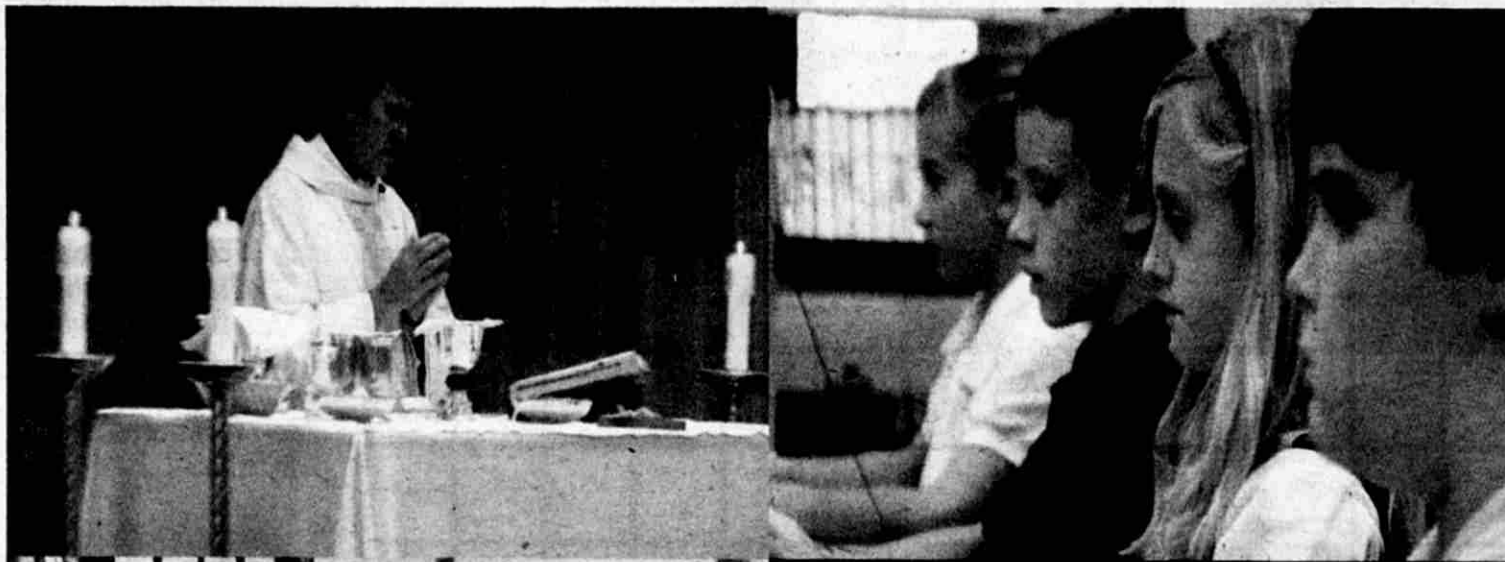
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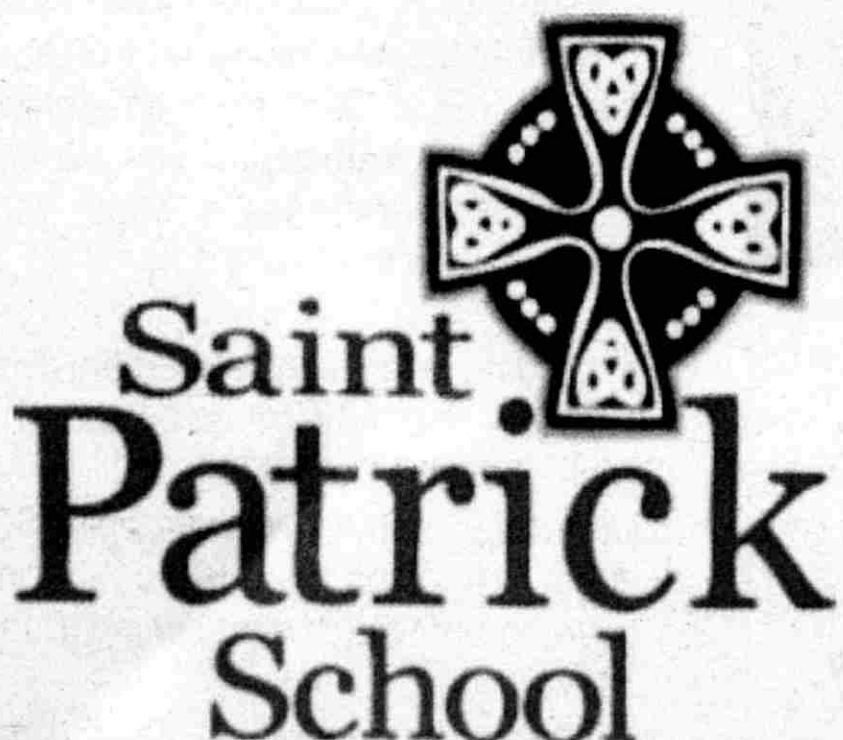
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