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Calls extended to six candidates for Lowell superintendent interviews

••• East Grand Rapids Tyrus Wessell Jr. the only West Michigan selection.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A superintendent search which began back in late May reached the chosen six Monday night.

Lowell Area Schools Board of Education selected six candidates for interviews Sept. 3-5 from a file of 30 applications received.

"Lowell's Board of Education is happy with the quality of candidates brought to us," said Lowell board president, Nancy Hopkins. "We have strong candidates with good experiences in education and other related fields."

The list also appears to have something for everybody: a woman, a non-traditional candidate, and an out-of-state candidate.

The six candidates chosen for an interview are:

Shari Jo Miller: Deputy Superintendent for Instruction and Operations for the Lansing School District.

Michael W. Radke, Ph.D.: Director of Certification & Research for the American Board of Emergency Medicine, East Lansing.

Mark Shellinger: Superintendent of Rochester Public Schools in Rochester, Minnesota.

With the board's selection of **Tyrus R. Wessell Jr.:** Middle School Principal at East Grand Rapids, it also picked a candidate from within the Kent Intermediate School District.

Michael R. Lindley: Superintendent of New Buffalo Area Schools.

Robert C. Currie: Superintendent of Marshall Public Schools.

"They are all true professionals who care about kids," Hopkins explained. "The board is excited about the interview process."

Interviews will commence on Tuesday, Sept. 3 with Radke (5 p.m.) and Currie (7 p.m.).

Lindley (5 p.m.) and Wessell (7 p.m.) will be interviewed on Wednesday, Sept. 4.

The final set of interviews will take place on Thursday, Sept. 5 with Shellinger (5 p.m.) and Miller (7 p.m.).

Interviews will take place in the administration building's board of education room.

Following the final set of interviews on Sept. 5, the board will select final candidates for second interviews on Sept. 10-12.

The board will visit the candidates' communities on Monday, Sept. 16 with selection of a new superintendent to be announced on Monday, Sept. 23.

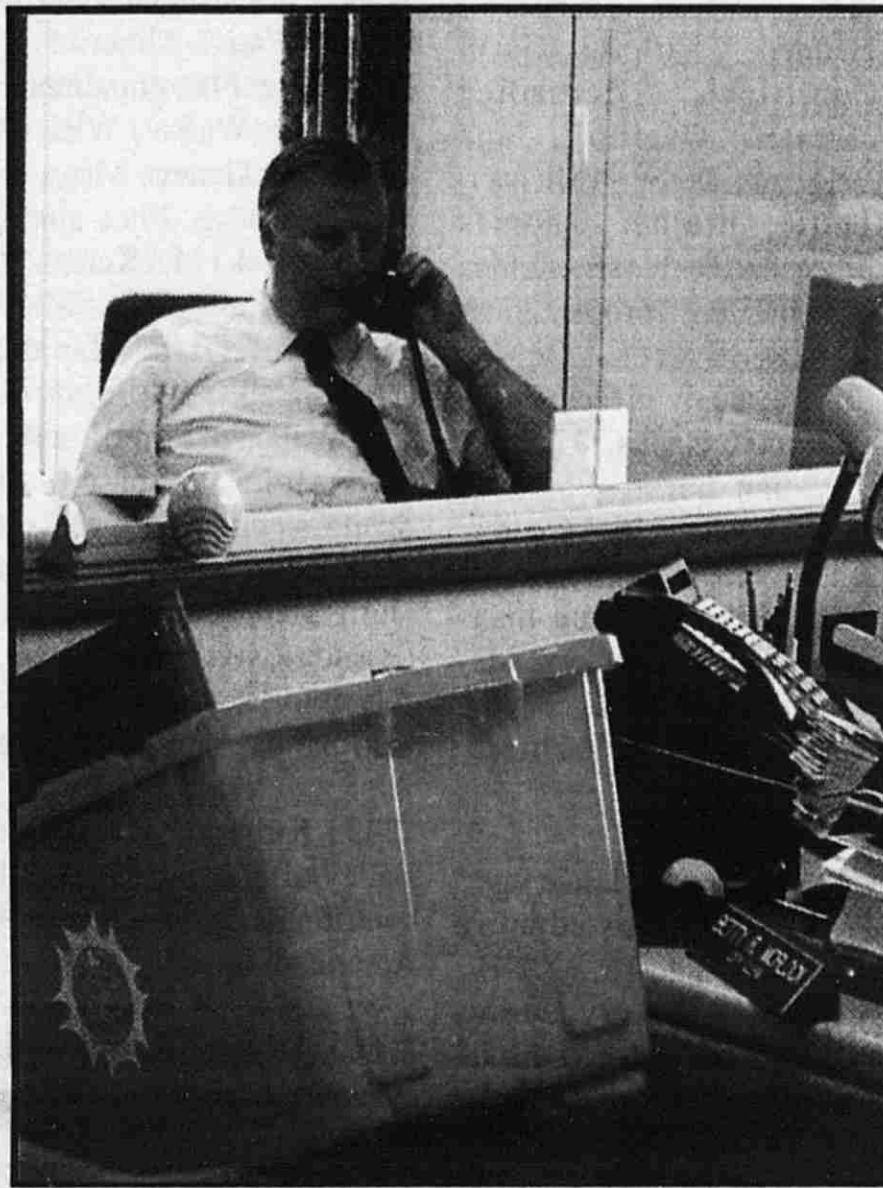
Lowell's superintendent search became necessary when former superintendent, Bert Bleke accepted the superintendent's position with the Grand Rapids Public Schools on May 17.

Jim White, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, and thought to be the one district representative who would run for the superintendent's position, gave written notification two weeks ago that he would not seek the position.

"The board of education and our community deserves to find the very best superintendent candidate available to

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City staff relocate, demolition of City Hall's interior commences



City manager, Dave Pasquale takes a phone call in his new, temporary office at Huntington Bank.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Friday was moving day for Lowell City Hall, as staffers and the entire police department pulled up stakes to make way for a year-long renovation of the 93-year-old building.

The relocation to 414 E. Main will make Huntington in Lowell quite possibly the safest bank in the country.

Recent consolidation of the bank's clerical services freed up enough space to make room for the city's temporary office.

"I'm really excited about the opportunity for this unique partnership with the city," said Chuck Myers, Huntington National Bank vice president in charge of Lowell's branch. Myers is also mayor pro tem.

While Myers helped de-

velop a relocation proposal to present to the city, he abstained from all council discussions and votes to avoid any conflict of interest.

Following the move, Lowell police vehicles have become a visible addition to the Huntington parking lot.

"Moving is kind of bittersweet; this is where my office has been for 19 years," said Lowell Chief of Police, Jim Valentine. "When I return, it will all be different."

A lockable storage room inside the bank will be used for evidence and contraband.

As for bank employees rubbing elbows with the occasional Lowell lawbreaker, it won't happen. The city doesn't have a court system, and all suspects are taken immediately to the Kent County jail.

"The bank's cash vault might make for a nice lock-up, minus the cash, of course," Myers explains.

"The move went well, considering... moving always has its trials, but the Department of Public Works staff deserves a lot of credit for their hard work and energy," Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale said. "City Hall employees also deserve credit for making the switch to a new environment."

The city pays about half the normal square footage lease rate in the form of improvements. Further cost savings come in the form of zero cost for heating, air conditioning, electric, power, cleaning, snow removal, and

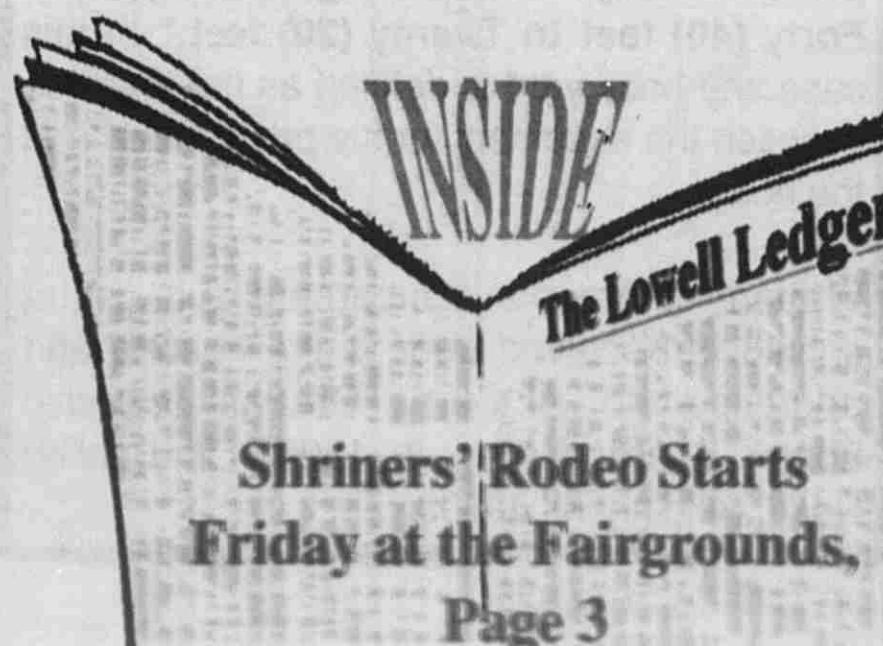
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Demolition of City Hall's second floor stage began in earnest on Monday.



DRIVING LITTLE DAISIES

Three year olds Mary Lane, left, and Harley Grace, visiting from Tarpon Springs, Fla., found time for themselves on a variety of rides from which to choose at the Kent County Youth Fair.



OBITUARIES

AVERILL - Paula K. Averill, aged 51, went to be with the Lord on August 6, 2002. Surviving are her husband of 30 years, Richard D. Averill of Lowell; two daughters Nikki (Chad) Addington of Cascade and Jamie (Chad) DeRuischer of Lake Odessa; grandson Nicholas Dale Addington; her parents Ivan and Maxine Marsman of Caledonia; brothers and sister Randy J.

(Elizabeth) Marsman of Pentwater, Stacy Lee (Jamie) Marsman of Lowell, Lori Sue (Lloyd) Heysman of Caledonia and Rodney Van (Elizabeth) Marsman also of Caledonia; her grandmother Josephine Van Til of Cascade; mother -in-law Ann (Lawrence) Koetsier of Cascade; brothers-in-law Rev. Dan (Linda) Averill of Grand Rapids and Timothy Averill

of Nevada; many nieces and nephews. Paula was a former elementary teacher in Alto and was an active member of her church. Funeral services were held on Saturday in the Cascade Fellowship Christian Reformed Church with her pastor William Renkema officiating. Interment at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Easter Seals, American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association or Hospice.

BALCERZAK - Richard Anthony Balcerzak, aged 49, of Lowell, passed away August 8, 2002. He was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Eleanor Balcerzak. Rich is survived by his soulmate Barbara Bussell; her daughter Brandy Fedewa; Barb's mother Betty Rowley; his sisters Patricia (William) Haddad, Charlotte (Gary) Courtright, Bernadine (Donald) Overholt, Jane Balcerzak, Dorothy (Michael) Tuttle; brother Thomas Balcerzak; Barb's sister Linda (Robert) Rensi; brother Frank (Candi) Bussell, Dennis Bussell; many nieces, nephews and cousins. Mass of Christian burial was held Monday at St. Patrick Church, Ada, Rev. Ronald D. Hutchinson, Celebrant. Interment Bailey Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick Church, Parnell.

LACIC - Casimir Lacic, aged 82, of Lowell, passed away Thursday, August 8, 2002. He served his country during WWII, attaining the rank of staff sergeant. A longtime member of the VFW and UAW, he was retired from

American Seating Company. He was preceded in death by his wife Lucy Lacic; sister Adeline Segal; brother Robert Lacic. Surviving are his brothers Walter and Albert Lacic Jr.; son James (Edie) Lacic; daughter Kathryn (Joel) Johns; step-children Peggy (Brian) Shoemaker, Pamela (George) Sheldon, James and Michael Powers; 10 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren. Services were held Monday at Graceland Memorial Chapel, Cascade Rd.

MIXER - Lee Katherine Mixer, aged 28, died August 8, 2002 in Long Beach, Calif. Lee was born in Grand Rapids to Iris and Gary Mixer. She was preceded in death by her parents and grandfathers, Daniel W. Walker Sr. and Howard Mixer, uncle Daniel Walker Jr. Lee is survived by brother Warren Mixer of St. Petersburg, Fla.; grandmothers Agnes (Walker) Wieland of Lowell, Geneva Mixer of St. Petersburg, Fla.; aunts, Sharon (Jack) MacKenzie of Pine Mt. Club, Calif., Mary Walker of Grand Rapids, Phyllis Walker of Alto, uncle, Cliff Walker of Lowell; aunt, Gail (John) Wiersma of Sparta; step-mom, Lois Mixer of St. Petersburg; aunt, Gwin (Jim) McFall; uncles, Gene (Brenda) Mixer, Greg Mixer. A memorial service will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Alto Methodist Church, 11433 Kirby St., Rev. Dean Bailey officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

MOL - Donald Richard Mol, aged 48, of Lowell, passed away on Saturday, August 10, 2002. A graduate of Comstock

Park High School, he also took classes at Grand Rapids Community College. He was employed as a security guard at the John Ball Park Zoo - a job he really enjoyed. Don was an avid fisherman, and if you gave him a fishing pole, you could see him dwell in relaxation. When his health was better, he would cut wood for heat. He is survived by his wife, the former Christine Anne Schlientz; his children Elizabeth Mol and Corey Mol; his mother Rose Mol of Rockford; his brothers Robert and Margaret Mol of Grand Rapids and Thomas and Char Mol of Belmont; nieces and nephews; a great-niece and nephew; his in-laws Holly Schlientz of Grand Rapids, Amy Schlientz of San Francisco, Calif., and Matthew and Mary Schlientz of Grand Rapids. He was preceded in death by his father Arthur Robert Mol on January 31, 1998. The service for Donald will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Pederson Funeral Home, Rockford, with the Rev. Dr. M. Bruce Irwin of Second Congregational Church officiating. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Educational Trust Fund for Elizabeth at Bank One, 200 Ottawa N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

PORRITT - Marvin L. Porritt, aged 80, of Alto, died August 9, 2002. He is survived by his wife of 55 years Gloria; children Jane Porritt, Phyllis Walker, Pat (Leo) Colburn, Sally (Rick) Doane, Joan (Don) Irwin, Valerie (Charlie) DeVoogd; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three sisters Elizabeth (Ken) Palmer, Marilyn (Harold) Johnson, Martha (Elwyn) Wellfare; sister-in-law Ann Porritt; many nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held Tuesday at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, Alto, Rev. Dean Bailey officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Bowne Township Fire and Rescue.

SHALANDER - Susan Y. Shalander, aged 61, of Lowell, passed away August 6, 2002, after a courageous battle of a very long illness. She is survived by her loving husband Michael D. Shalander; her daughters Saralyn (Jay) Vezino, Amy (George) Cook and Allison (Todd) Mahalic; precious grandchildren James, Tim and Amanda Vezino, Amber and Alexis Cook, and Tommy and Matthew Mahalic all of Lowell; her sister Linda (Richard) Durham; brothers Stephen (Sue) Weiss and Elliott (Linda) Myers of North Carolina; several nieces and nephews; and very special friends Michael and Joane Serne of Ada. She is preceded in death by her parents Abe and Frieda Myers. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Au-

gust 14 at 1 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson, Lowell, with the Rev. Roger LaWarre officiating. Contributions in Susan's honor may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the First Congregational Church of Lowell. Arrangements by Memorial Alternatives.

SIMPSON - Harold Vincent, aged 79, of Lowell, went to his new life on Saturday, August 3, 2002. He was preceded in death by his first wife Stella and children Harold Jr., Daniel and Susan. He is survived by his wife Donna; step-children Kim Lum, Karmle Conrad, Robin Shapiro, Arthur and Jean Conrad, Ryan O'Toole and step-grandchildren. Harold is also survived by his daughters-in-law Judy and Donna; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren of St. Louis, MO; best friends Joe Schottel, Roland Bouchard, Lou Papale, Bill Keating and many more. Harold was a WWII Navy veteran. He retired from Smith Industries in 1988 after many years working in the aerospace industry. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, August 14 at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 4252 Breton Rd., Kentwood. Memorial contributions in Harold's honor may be given to Holy Cross Meditation Garden or Paws with a Cause.

WILSON - Joe L. Wilson, of Grand Rapids, aged 62, passed away quietly in his sleep on August 9, 2002 after his courageous battle with cancer into the arms of Our Lord and Savior. He is survived by one sister Elsie; five children Rick and Christina Wilson of Florida, Jimmy Wilson, Nancy Wilson, Sherry Wilson of Lowell and Jason Wilson of Hudsonville; four grandchildren Becky, Jessie, Jeremy and Ryan; one great-grandchild Kayle in Florida; one step-son John Groeneveld and his wife Debbie. He also had two ex-wives Betty Wilson and Joyce Wilson, who remained his friends. He is survived by his close friends at Allied Finishing where he worked for 17 years. Before his illness he enjoyed hunting, fishing, visits to the casino; and shooting pool with his lifelong friend Harry Cole who later became his caregiver, along with his wife Elaine; as well as many other friends who supported him through his illness. We were blessed with wonderful, caring nurses and nurse aides, as well as other people at Hospice of Michigan. Funeral services were held on Tuesday by Pastor Robert Rouch with cremation to follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, or Moose Heart, through Lowell Moose Lodge.

Shrine Rodeo Starts Friday

It's wild! It's exciting! The Saladin Shrine Rodeo is coming to the Lowell community Aug. 16-18 at the Lowell Fairgrounds.

Three big performances featuring the Big Hat World Champion Rodeo Co. will be shown on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., and on Sunday at 4 p.m. Watch specialty events such as bareback riding, saddle-bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, girls' barrel racing and bull riding... plus clowns!

A big pavilion dance party will be offered Friday and Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to midnight. It is free to campers, public \$5 each.

Tickets are being sold at the fairgrounds now through Aug. 18. Prices are adults \$10; children (6-12) \$5; and children 5 and under free. Proceeds will benefit the Shrine Temple. For further information, call 957-4100.

COLLEGE NEWS

Albion College has recognized three Lowell High School 2002 graduates for superior academic achievement.

Matthew R. Barry received the Presidential Recognition Scholarship having graduated from high school with a grade point average above 3.7 and an ACT score above 27 or an SAT score above 1220. He is also recognized as an Albion College

"legacy," following the academic path of a family member. Barry is the son of Gordie (class of 1972) and Susan (class of 1974) Barry and brother of David Barry (class of 2004) of Lowell.

Kelsey L. Scheider also received the Presidential Recognition Scholarship having graduated from high school with a grade point average above 3.7 and an ACT score above 27 or an SAT score

above 1220. Scheider is the daughter of Michael and Marcia Scheider of Lowell.

Jennifer L. Wagner has received the Trustee Scholarship. To qualify for this honor a student must have graduated from high school with a grade point average above 3.8 and an ACT score above 29 or an SAT score above 1300. Wagner is the daughter of Sidney and Susan Wagner of Lowell.

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Fine country music to close out this year's Sizzlin' Summer Concerts!



(Artist scheduled to appear)

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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing before the Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809 on:

Wednesday, August 21, 2002
At 7:00 p.m.

At which time and place the following request will be heard:

Randy Joppie for a variance request of property located at 6737 Blue Hummingbird Way (formerly known as Twin Fawn Trail) on the East Side of Tower Lake.

I am requesting the following variance "To reduce the rear yard setback from the private road (Blue Hummingbird Way) from Forty (40) feet to Twenty (20) feet." In this case, the back yard is defined as the distance between the easement for the private road and the house.

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Al Berry, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

The trick is not how well you deal with success, but how well you deal with adversity.

Michael Blumenthal

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Reflections Of Faith

Pastor Bob Roush
Friendship Country Chapel
"Security"

When I meet people, one of the first things I say to them is, "How are you feeling?" I have received a variety of answers to that inquiry but there is one I have never heard, "Secure." No one has ever said, "Man, I feel secure." Security is the one thing we all seek after and the thing that evades us the most.

Many people think of security in terms of having all the money one needs to buy the things they think will bring happiness. Some look for it in a job, education, social standing or another person. But we have seen the frailty of those things in the stock market, and merging and folding of businesses these days.

I've been around long enough to realize one fundamental truth, one thing of certainty - there is no security! In fact, someone once said that nothing is as constant as change, and change always affects our security. Find a restaurant you like and in a few months the whole building may be gone. The job you thought was so secure just down-sized and you got caught in the crossfire. Buy a computer only to discover that the operating system is new and you have to relearn ev-

found in the Bible, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever." He is unchangeable and steadfast and I am told that "He will never leave me nor forsake me." Whenever I come to Him He will never tell me that this or that has changed. I'll never find that He has moved. I'll never have to worry about saying something He misunderstands, thus becoming angry with me and severing our relationship.

In this changing world there is one sure, constant, steady voice which cuts through all my insecurity and says to me, "Peace be still." Here is where I find that I will always be able to trust Him for all my tomorrows. Jesus said it best in Matt. 6:33, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Wittenbach/Horsley

Susan Wittenbach and Kevin Horsley, both of Lowell, wish to announce their upcoming marriage on August 14, 2002.

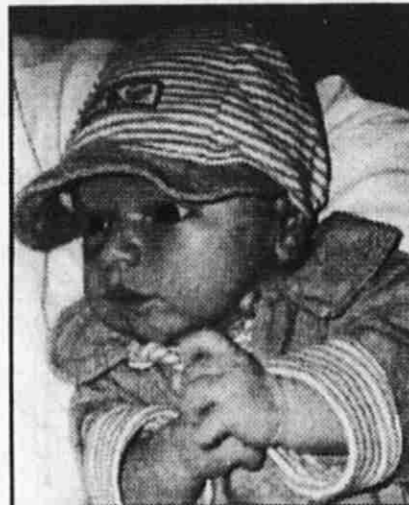
The couple plan to honeymoon in Las Vegas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST 15: Ben Raymor, Lila Thaler, Vada Kline, Bill Barber, Dena Baylis, Vivian Johnson, Donnie Shaffer, Barb Callihan, Kim Tubergen, Deb Wright.
AUGUST 16: Helen Vezino, Don Gasper, Trent Raab, Mike Mooney, Ryan Aksamitowski.

AUGUST 17: Brittany Essich, Jordan Harding.
AUGUST 18: Matthew D'Agostino, Sandy Dykhuizen, Sean Pawloski, Paul Reggie Owen, Paul R. Owen II.
AUGUST 19: Peggy Idema, Joseph Thaler, Lois Boonstra, Braydon Brown, Brian DeBold, Daryl Chamberlain, Charley VanKeulen.

AREA BIRTHS



Ryan and Tammy Pawloski are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Cameron Eugene-Carl, born on July 16, 2002 at 8:45 p.m. at Spectrum Health Blodgett Campus. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and mea-

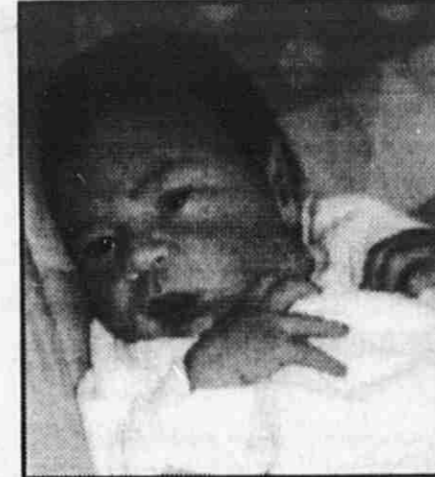
sured 20 1/2 inches long.

He was welcomed home by big sister, Ally.

Proud grandparents are Rick and Pat Wilcox and Ron and Maureen Pawloski, all of Lowell.

Dan and Laura (Roth) Jehner are happy to announce the birth of their son, Jarrett Edward Jehner. He was born on July 10, 2002 weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Ed and Connie Roth, Don and Kathy Jensen, and Carol Jehner.



Andy and Cris Buechler are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Josephine. "Mary Jo" was born on July 2, 2002 at 10:55 a.m., weighing 9 pounds even and measuring 21 inches long. Welcoming her home are big brothers Josh and Timmy.

Arbor Day Foundation giving away trees during month of August

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during August 2002.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit foundation's "Trees for America" campaign.

"The white flowering

dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," said John Rosenow, the foundation's president. "Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries which attract songbirds all winter."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be re-

placed free of charge.

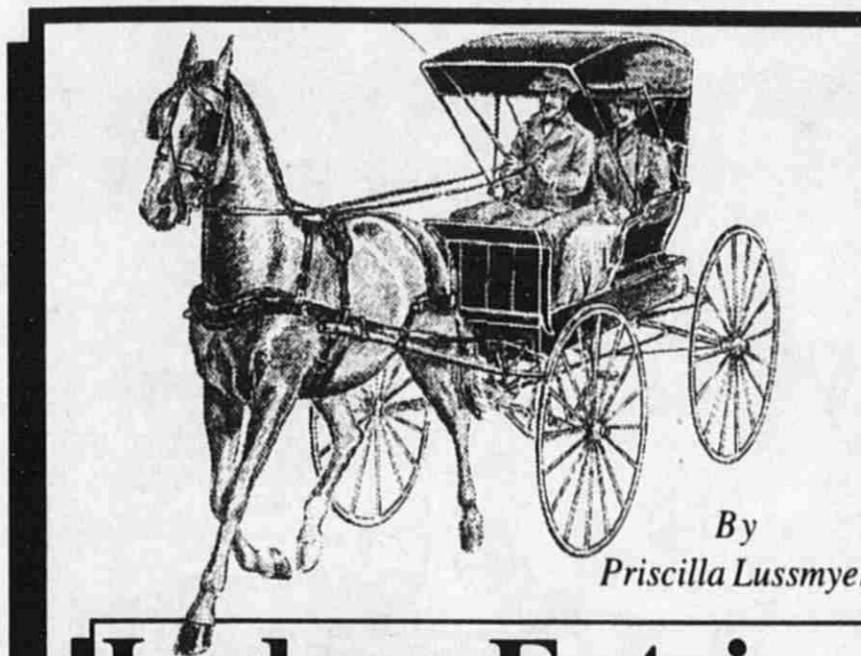
Members also receive a subscription to the foundation's colorful bi-monthly publication, *Arbor Day* and *The Tree Book* with information about tree planting and care.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Dogwoods, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410 by Aug. 31.

Too often we ... enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought.

John F. Kennedy

Viewpoint . . .



Ledger Entries of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL AUGUST 15, 1877

It is rumored that there is a 20-foot-long blue racer in residence at Cannonsburg.

The Lowell Cornet Band shows off its fine new uniforms, paid for by donations.

Grand Rapids has 282 streets and "more than 17,000 street gadders."

During this dry spell the Grand River at Grand Rapids is lower than ever before.

C.T. Wooding has had a special wagon made to order to carry his Boyce Feed Cutter and salesmen around the area.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 14, 1902

The Thursday and Clover Leaf clubs have the next season's programs planned and printed and challenge men of Lowell to join a debating club next fall.

John Kellogg at the Lowell Evaporator asks patrons to bring apples in before 5 p.m. so the help can quit at a reasonable

hour. Cost to have cider made is 1 1/4 cents per gallon.

Machinery of the old King, Quick & King lumber mill has been sold and shipped north.

An office of Highway Commissioner is proposed for the state. Present district pathmasters have a reputation for not maintaining roads in their districts.

There were 125 people who gathered for the fourth annual reunion of the Murray family at Murray's Lake.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO AUGUST 18, 1927

The auto races at the Ionia Free Fair Saturday promise record-breaking crowds.

Warnings about possible bank robberies here prompt Deputy Sheriff Pat Bowes to round up help, do research on the possible robbers and stay up most of the night.

The state authorized only two miles of the Grand Rapids-Lowell M-21 connection. Petitions and protests are making the rounds.

The women's page suggests that having a bank checking account simplifies paying monthly bills.

Japanese school officials have found that students are listening to the radio in the evening instead of doing homework.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 14, 1952

The Christmas Seal Mobile X-ray Unit of the Kent County Tuberculosis Society will be in town next Wednesday. Fee tuberculin tests and X-rays to all adults.

Earl Thomas and Jim Cook donate use of their land next to the 4-H fairgrounds for the tractor plowing contest and raising and selling a wheat crop for the 4-H treasury.

Polio cases are up over past years and parents are reminded about avoiding the disease and recognizing symptoms.

Only 29 Michigan cities got through 1951 without a traffic fatality, and the Highway Commission's signs warn against crossing the yellow line.

A two-hour hurricane force storm at Grand Haven State Park knocks tents and campers over and blows fish into the camp grounds, but no one is seriously hurt.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER AUGUST 18, 1977

The Citizens for Extra Curricular Activities has raised enough money to keep the varsity and JV sports going. Other activities will be added as the money is raised.

Lorna Krum Bergwell, now of Grand Rapids, has received the Ledger since 1910 - 67 years.

Alden Nash Avenue is slated to be improved and black-topped between the I-96 interchange and Segwun Avenue.

The 4-H Fair is in full swing this week. An added attraction is the first filly to be born at the fair. It is doing fine.

Showboat Garden Club lists many winners for the garden show held during Showboat Week, along with photos of several outstanding arrangements.

Financial Focus

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MUTUAL FUNDS VS. STOCKS - WHICH ARE "BETTER"?

If you've been investing for a while, you've probably been exposed to both stocks and mutual funds. And, at times, you may have wondered which of these investments is "better." Does one offer more advantages than the other? If so, are you putting your money in the right place?

There's no one "right" answer for everyone. In truth, both mutual funds and stocks offer distinct benefits. Let's take a quick look at some of them:

Advantages of mutual funds

- **Diversification** - When you buy a mutual fund, you automatically achieve a degree of diversification, because each individual fund may invest in dozens, or even hundreds, of different securities - stocks, bonds, government securities, money market accounts, etc. This diversification can help lessen the impact of downturns that affect one particular type of financial asset.

Professional management - Mutual funds are run by professional money managers who possess years of experience in analyzing the markets and selecting the mix of securities needed to achieve a fund's particular goals - growth, growth and income, income, etc. Of course, there's no guarantee that your fund's managers will live up to your expectations. Yet, there's no denying the fact that just by investing in a mutual fund, you are usually putting a great deal of expertise to work on your behalf.

- **Affordability** - It doesn't take much money to invest in mutual funds. In fact, you can set up a bank authorization to automatically invest as little as \$25 per month in some funds. Thus, it's easy to invest in a variety of mutual funds - which will further diversify your portfolio.

Advantages of stocks

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OUTDOORS
By Dave Stegehuis

VISITING THE POND

Some of the guys had carried a boat through the Upper Peninsula forest to a lake that was accessible only on foot. We believed that the remote lake held untold quantities of jumbo perch. Minnows would be the ideal bait.

My companions, Tim, Chris, Mike, and Jim knew of a beaver pond where we could set two wire mesh minnow traps which Tim had located in a tool shed. The pond was within walking distance of the cabin, and the day was cool and sunny so we set out on foot.

As we broke through the tag alders surrounding the one acre pond, we spotted a beaver swimming in wide circles near the shore. To our surprise, the beaver did not slap its tail in alarm and dive out of sight. It swam around the entire time we were there. We all stood still and watched for a long time.

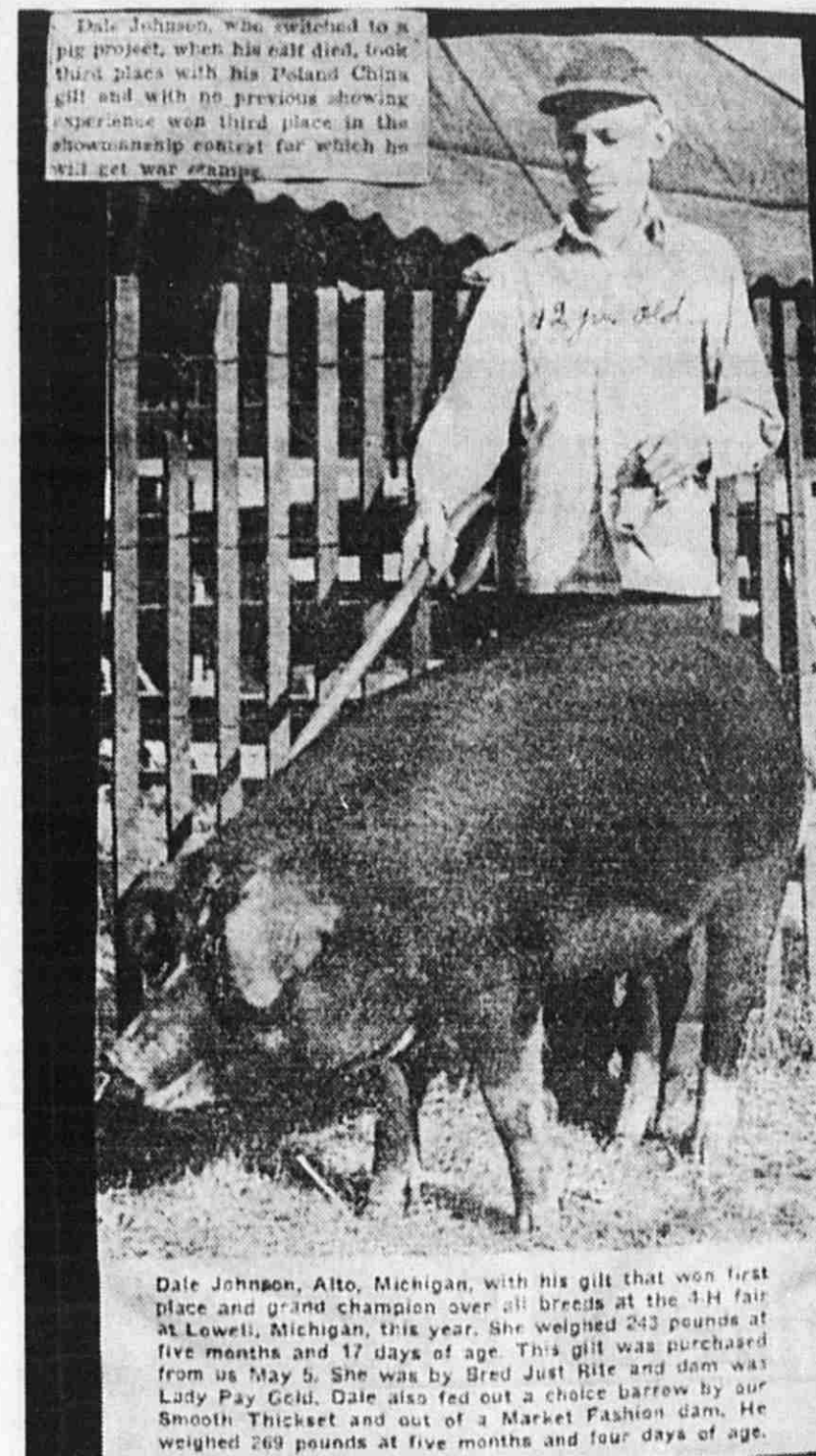
We finally tossed the traps into the water and secured the attached lines to log snags on the bank. I turned and started back to the cabin. Before I could leave, Mike pointed out an iris

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HYPERTENSION

Hypertension or high blood pressure is one of the most common chronic medical conditions treated in the family doctor's office. Because high blood pressure usually does not cause symptoms, it has been referred to as the "silent killer." However, if high blood pressure is detected early enough and treated properly, long-term complications can be avoided.



Dale Johnson, Alto, Michigan, with his gilt that won first place and grand champion over all breeds at the 4-H fair held at Lowell, Michigan, this year. She weighed 243 pounds at five months and 17 days of age. The gilt was purchased from us May 6. She was by Bred Jant gilt and dam was Lady Jay Gilt. Dale also fed out a choice barrow by Sir Smooth Thicket and out of a Market Fashion dam. He weighed 269 pounds at five months and four days of age.

Hard work and grandpa's cane hook another grand champion

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The judge cited good length, muscle tone, terrific hams and the look of a well-finished market hog as reasons for naming Harley, Lisa Johnson's white pig, the grand champion of all breeds.

Johnson, 12, however, couldn't help but think there must have been some magic in that wooden cane she used to guide Harley around Reath Barn.

"It's the same lucky cane my grandfather (Dale Johnson) used when he showed his gilt (young female swine) in the fair," Johnson explained.

Dale Johnson was 12 (1943) when, with his gilt, he won first place and grand champion of all breeds at the Kent County 4-H Youth Fair.

Her grandfather was there again on Monday and Tues-

day when Lisa won the market hog class and grand champion, and then added the title of super grand champion.

"I was very nervous watching her," Johnson said afterwards. "When you're competing, once you start the nerves go away, but not when you're watching. I'm very proud of Lisa. She did very well."

The young Johnson showed a second swine named Davidson in Showmanship. They took a fifth-place finish. "Davidson did good. Right at the end he moved a little too fast," she explained.

Johnson has been working with Harley and Davidson for five months. She's been prepping them for their day at the fair since June. "I walked them around the yard so they'd become more comfortable with me," said the younger Johnson.

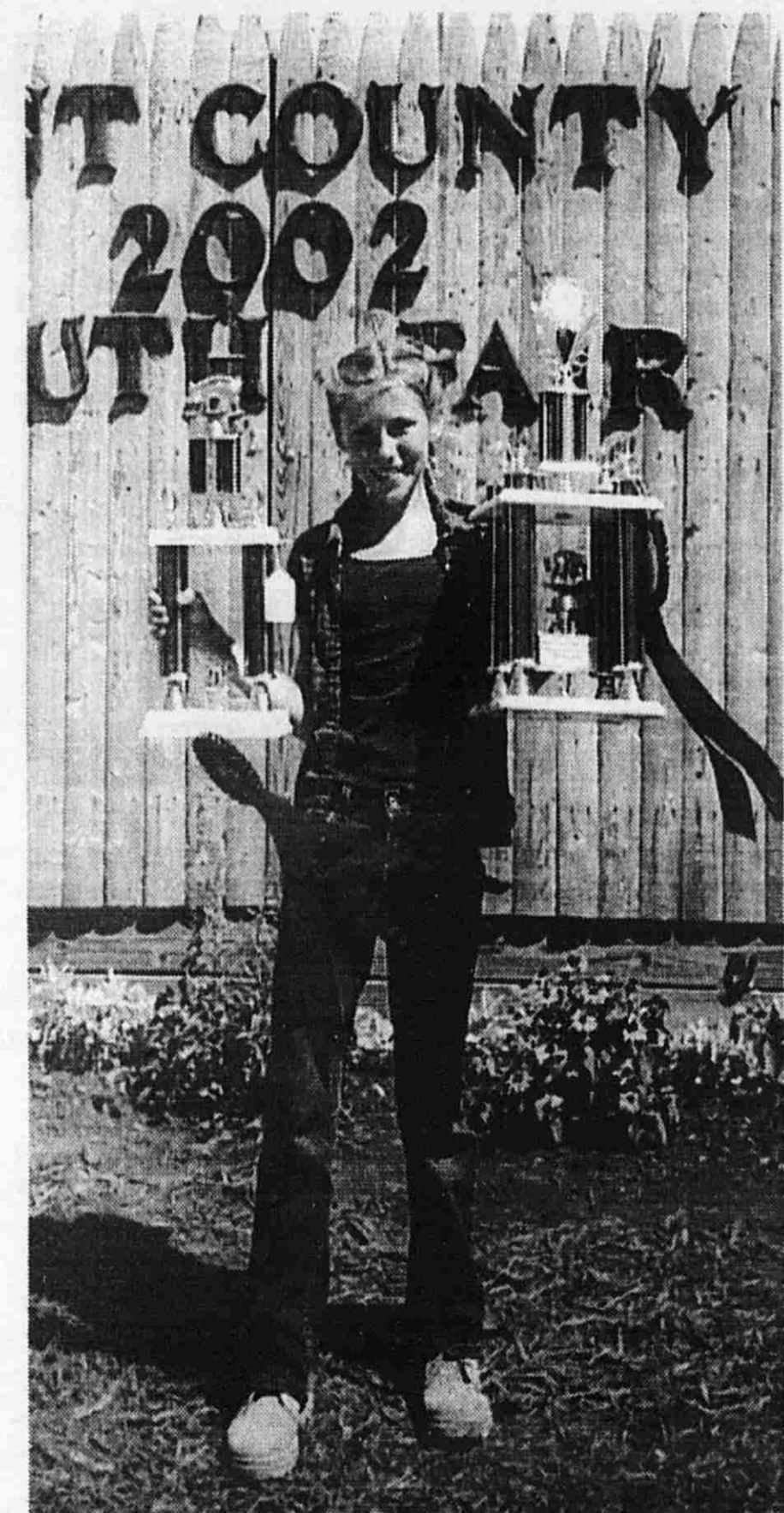
The Lowell middle schooler said her goal was to work hard and to do her best. "Pigs are probably the easiest animal to show, but with this being my first year, I wanted to start slow," Johnson explained.

Her swine friends require feed and water twice a day - between 7 and 8 a.m. and at 6 p.m.

Her father, Mark, showed beef at the fair between the years 1970-'78.

"The fair and the work involved help teach responsibility," Mark Johnson said.

Neither the work nor responsibility has scared away Lisa. "I will show again next year," she concludes.



Lisa Johnson stands with her trophies from last week's fair.

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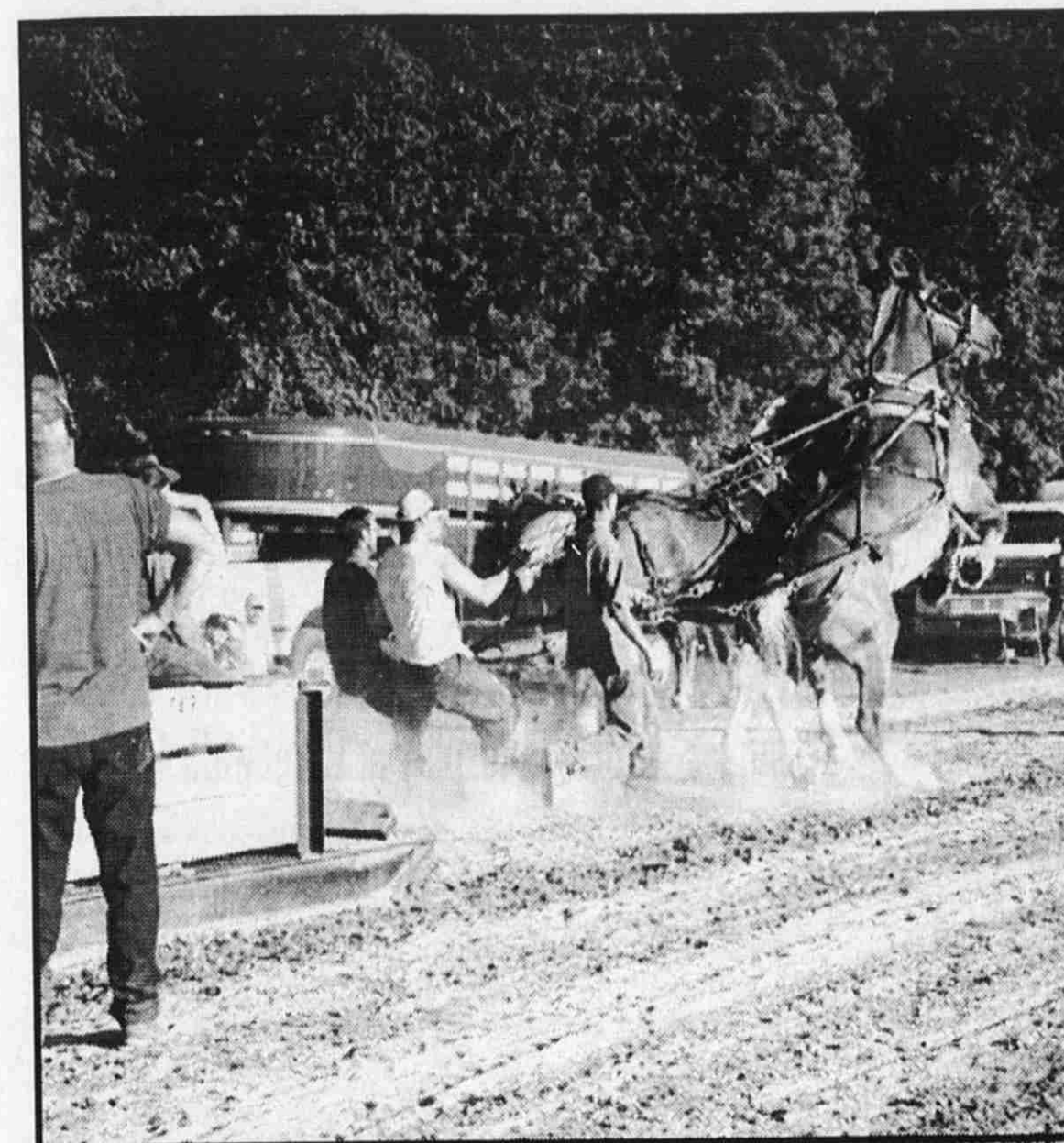
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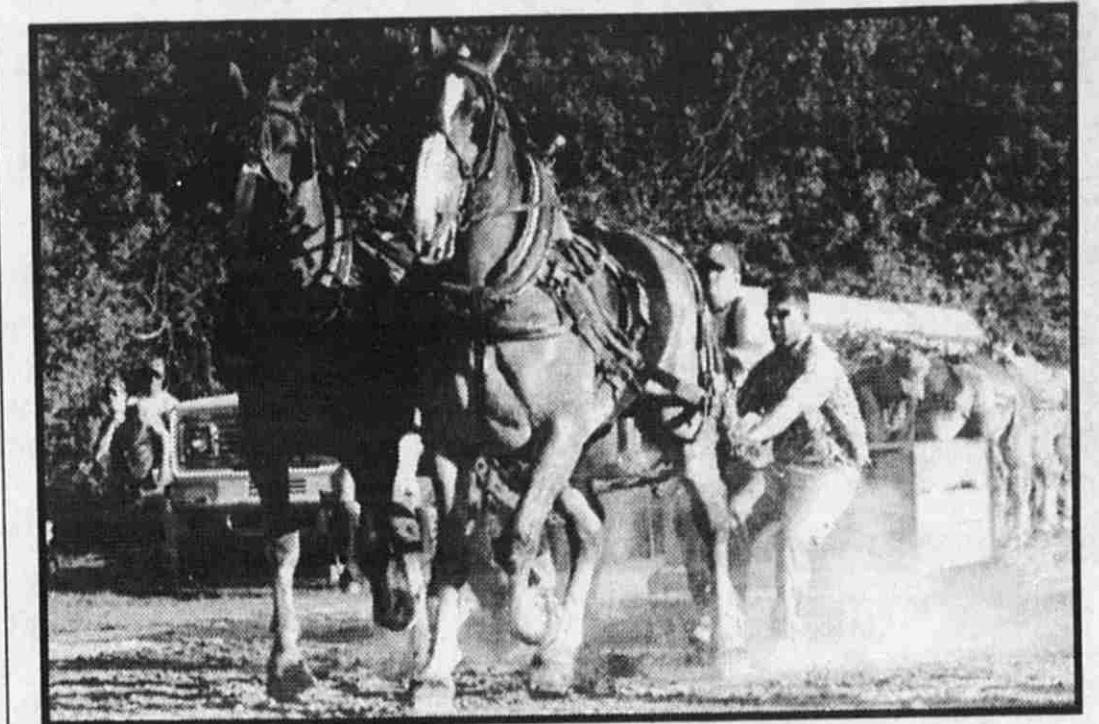
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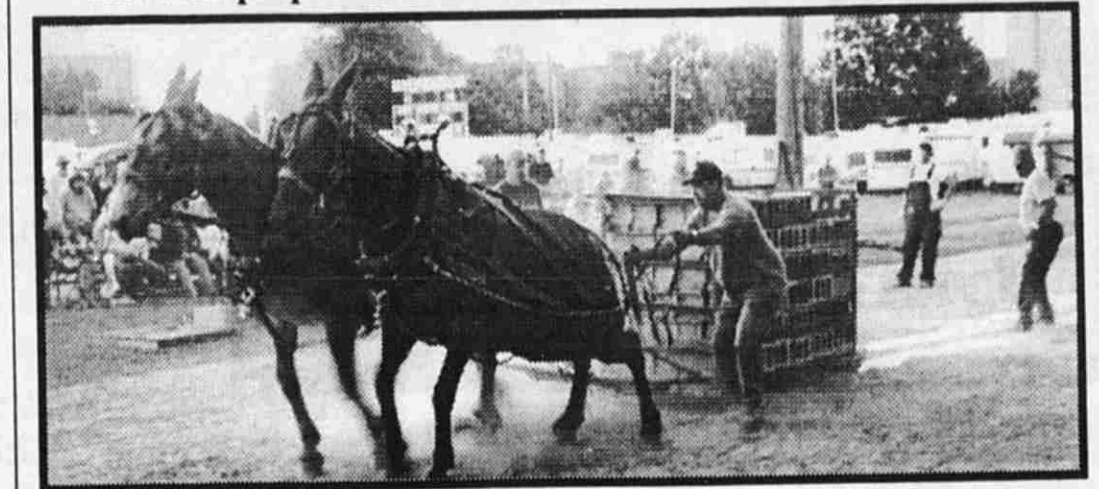
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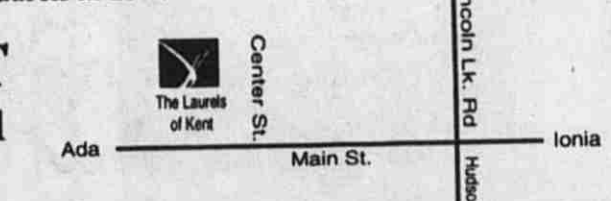
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RIVERWALK GALLERY WATERCOLOR DISPLAY

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce has a watercolor and mixed media exhibit by Lowell artist, Jerri Teelander. A reception will be held Friday, Aug. 23 from 6-8 p.m. and runs through Sept. 3 at Riverwalk Gallery. Call 897-9161 for viewing.

PRE-SEASON ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING
The Lowell Athletic Boosters Club will have its first meeting of the school year on Monday, Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. at Red Arrow stadium concession stand. Regular business meeting; then concession training for new parent reps.

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An orientation for new students and Freshman will take place at Lowell High School on Sunday, Aug. 25 from 4-5

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Teelander's work on display at Riverwalk Gallery

Lowell artist, Jerri Teelander has a watercolor and mixed media exhibit on display at Riverwalk Gallery now through Sept. 3.

Teelander started watercolor painting classes with David Davis in the fall of 2000 after a friend talked her into taking the class. She has been taking classes with Davis ever since.

Teelander's artwork was first on display in February 2001 at Huntington Bank and Lowell Area Arts Council, and most recently in the Botanika '02 exhibit at LAAC.

A reception is planned for Friday, Aug. 23 from 6-8 p.m. at Riverwalk Gallery. For gallery hours, contact the chamber at 897-9161.

Superintendent Search, cont'd... From Page 1

lead this district to even greater heights," White said. "While I have chosen not to apply, I have offered my services to the board for as long as they need me in the role of acting superintendent. I believe my 30 years of experience in Lowell has given me the skills necessary to continue with the direction and the vision laid out by the board of education and I am honored to serve in this capacity."

Leading Lowell through the interview process are Thomas and Sharron Pridgeon from the Michigan Leadership Institute.

City Hall, cont'd... From Page 1

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Mario Andretti

Harriers warm up for fall season at Ludington camp

The Lowell cross country team recently returned from a week-long intense training in the trails and dunes of Ludington State Park.

"The amazing thing is that this camp is strictly non-mandatory, extremely intense, and yet, the kids keep coming and keep working harder and harder," said camp director, Mike Mull.

Throughout the week, the team participated in up to three workouts each day.

During the first few days of the camp, the team concentrated on hills by climbing a 75-meter sand dune (near vertical incline).

"They were given 30 minutes to see how many times they could climb up and come down the dune," Mull said.

Winning the big dune run with 27 laps was junior, Scott Riddle. Tying for second with 26 laps were freshmen, Nick Huizenga, Brett Ostrander and Jon Riddle. Mike Solon finished fifth with 24 laps.

Rebekah Woods won the girls' race with 23 laps. Lisa Wojciakowski and Holly Plattner tied for second with 22 laps. Tying for fourth place were senior, Natalie Kent and junior, Megan Shellenbarger.

The middle of the week brought about the challenging 10-mile Mohave race through the dunes, hills and trails.

Scott Riddle won the boys' race in a time of 1:20:09. Following Riddle home were Huizenga (1:22:34), Solon (1:24:03), Jon Riddle (1:26:34), and sophomore, Eric Schumm (1:28:03).

Wojciakowski came home in a winning time of 1:30:25 in the girls' race. Rounding out the top five were Plattner (1:31:49), Woods (1:37:33), and Sarah

Swab (1:40:17).

The final race of the week was the 5K.

Winning the boys' race was sophomore, Steve Ellison (19:10), followed by Scott Riddle (19:12), Huizenga (20:15), Solon (20:25) and Schumm (20:33).

Wojciakowski won the girls' race in a time of 22:19, followed by Swab (23:28), Abbie Blanding (23:56) and sophomore, Emily Gerard (24:25).

A total of 18 girls and 16 boys participated in the camp this year.

Receiving camp awards were Schumm and Gerard (Rookie of the Year); Sean Fitzpatrick and Julie Webb (Most Improved); Scott Riddle and Lisa Wojciakowski (Most Valu-

able Runner); Mike Armstrong (Counselor of the Year).

Others who participated in the camp were Mike Wernett, Andy Roberts, Nate Clements, Joe Mull, Alex Getz, Adam Baker, Caleb Baker, Steven LaFave, Katie Clements, Brittany Dietz, Abby Vos, Eric Huizenga, Kristie Luebs, Elly Drain, Kim Seaman, Andie Wood, and Amanda Oracz.

Alumni counselors helping were Mike Armstrong, Andy Oetman, Sergio Saldivar, Sarah Lesky, Courtney Baker, Andrea Baker, Alyssa Gillikin, Jana Young and Melissa Deebes.

Camp directors were Mull and cross country coach Clay VanderWarf.

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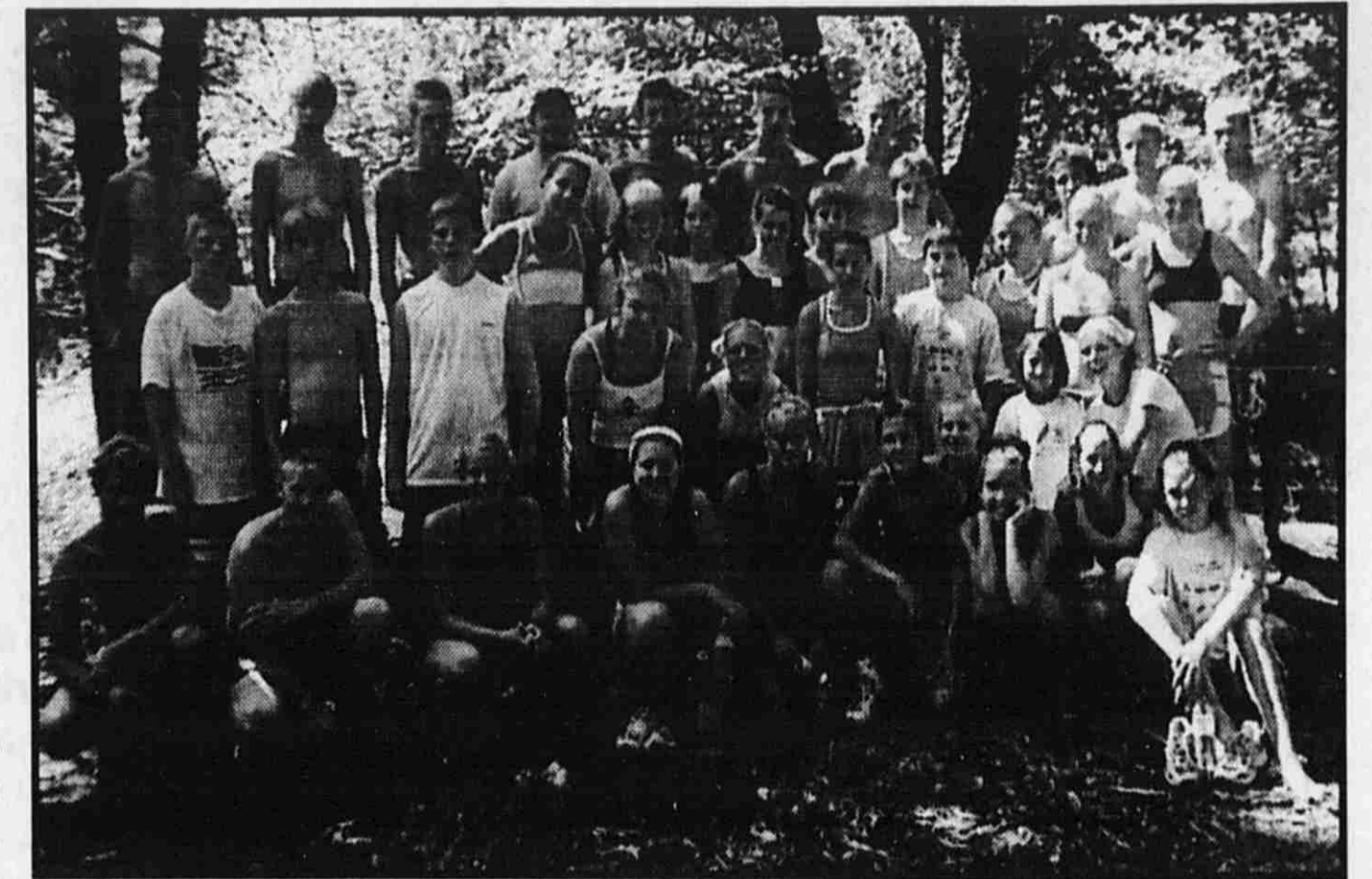
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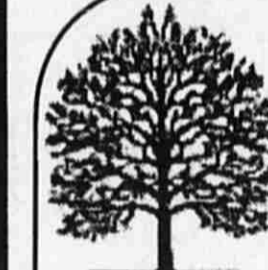
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Aug. 15 & 16, antique & new furniture, barrel furniture, dishes & china, horse tack, blankets, leg wraps, etc. Wrangler jeans, baby clothes, 7921 Robbins Rd, Clarksville, E. of Big L.

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Before auction. Tools, hardware, furniture, toys, records, books, etc. Priced to sell! Aug. 16 & 17, 9-? 1751 Gee Dr.

GARAGE SALE

4 family, Aug. 15, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Nintendo: Super & 64, games, toys, computer chair, lots of misc. 715 Hunt, off Beech by Middle School.

BARN SALE

Fri. & Sat., 9-6 p.m. 4187 Hilton. Lots of misc. Clothing, shoes, household items, rototiller, lawnmower, CD's, sewing machine, dishes, scales, musical items, desk, firewood (cheap), some furniture.

GARAGE SALE

Friday/Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Antiques, collectibles, collectors 33 1/3 records. 421 N. Washington.

AUG. 16 & 17

9 to 2. Baby stuff, clothes baby thru adult, beds, household items & misc. 1252 Laurie Gail, Lowell.

BARN SALE

Something for everyone! Fri. & Sat., 9-5 p.m. 7849 Pratt Lake Ave, Alto.

MULTI-FAMILY SALE

Thurs., Aug. 15, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. & Fri., Aug. 16, 9 a.m. - noon. 11641 McPherson St. N.E. (1/2 mile W. of Alden Nash). Quality school clothes: boys & girls. Teens & ladies name brand clothing, queen-size bedspread & drapes, fishing lures, Barbie dolls/stuff, TOYS, etc.

GARAGE SALE

Thur., 8/15, Fri., 8/16 from 9-5 p.m. & Sat., 8/17, 9-noon. 928 Riverside Dr., Lowell. Toys, girl's clothes, books, puzzles & more.

HUGE SALE

Fri. & Sat., Aug. 16 & 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 13520 Crestwood Dr. (Off Washington, past the cemetery. Crestwood is on the right, go to top of the hill). Bikes, Power Wheels car, portable basketball hoop, rollerblades, antique furniture, china, framed artwork, photography, Beanie Babies, Cats Meow houses, TV's, sewing machine, computer stand & much more!!

YARD SALE

216 & 226 Elizabeth Dean, Sat., Aug. 17. Lots of toys, Little Tikes, etc. Clothing, household items, misc. 9-3 p.m.

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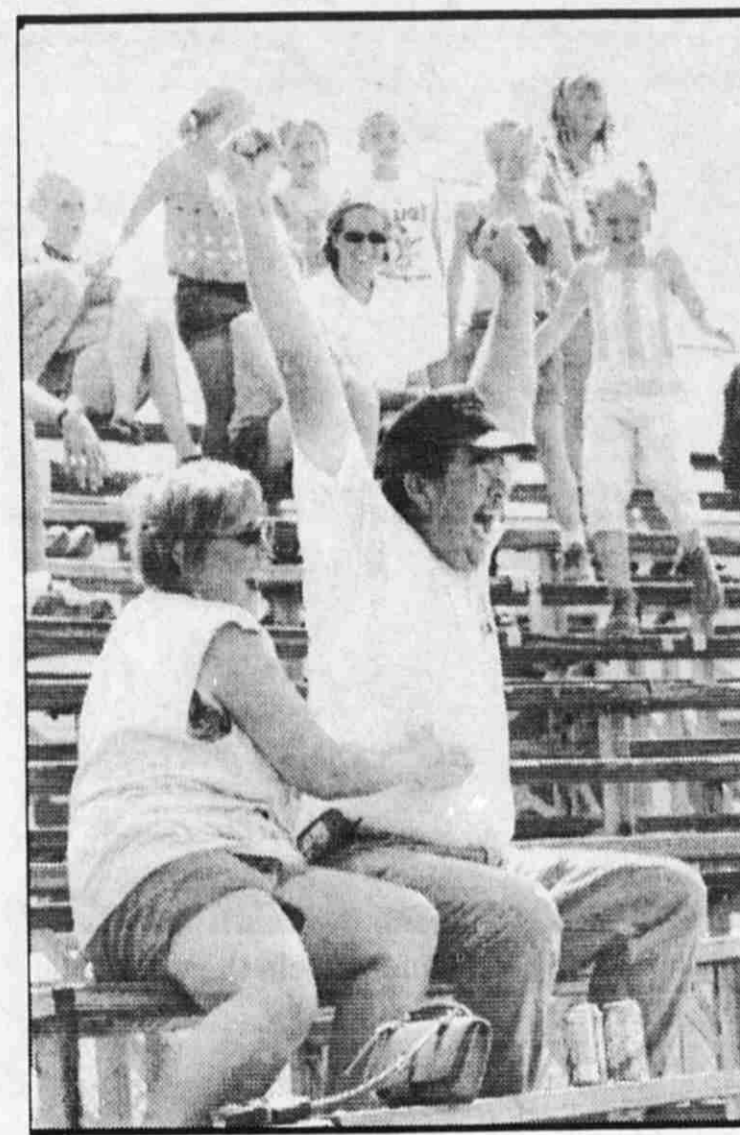
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Merrimans drive home new truck

Joe and Susan Merriman (left) react as they hear their name announced as the winners of the raffle of the Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck. Joe, Kendra, DeeAnne and Susan Merriman (right, from left to right) stand in front of their new truck. Joe is sporting the winning ticket, and a very big smile. "I am 46 years old and have never owned a new car. I can't believe it," he said.

Photos Courtesy Bruce E. Doll



Area youth travel to Toronto for World Youth Day celebration

Some called it "Pope-Fest," while others called it "Popstock," but officially it was known as World Youth Day, 2002.

Young people from nearly 200 countries gathered in downtown Toronto, Canada, not to greet a rock star, but to cheer on the 82-

year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church.

Cross-cultural dialogue added to the impact of the event, which enabled the youth to see that even though they came from remote corners of the globe, they are united in their beliefs.

World Youth Day events began with a Mass. The Pope met with the youth from Thursday to Sunday at different prayer gatherings and culminated with the Papal Mass on Sunday before an estimated one million people.

"He focused on the theme of World Youth Day and en-

couraged the youth to become 'salt of the earth and light of the world.' He meant that as young people, full of energy and enthusiasm, they should work to spread the love of Christ to the entire world," said Erin Doyle, one of 10 local teens to attend World Youth Day.

The Pope encouraged listeners at the Papal Mass on Sunday saying "the harm done by some priests and religious, to the young and vulnerable fills us all with a deep sense of sadness and shame. But think of the vast majority of dedicated and generous priests and religious whose only wish is to serve and do good."

The Pope reiterated his confidence in the future of the

church, carried on by the youth, when he stated that although he has "lived through much darkness... I have seen enough evidence to be unshakably convinced that no difficulty, no fear is so great that it can completely suffocate the hope that springs eternal in the hearts of the young."



Pictured above, front row, left to right, are: Magan Crystler, Carrie O'Connor, Marie Wade and Diane Johnson. Back row, left to right, are: Allison Crystler, Scott Sprenger and Mike O'Connor.

Pictured to the left, from left to right, are: Rebecca Pfaller, Mike O'Connor and Erin Doyle.

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Clarksville engine show preserves the past

You might see something first or you might hear something first. You might even smell something. If you are passing through Clarksville on Aug. 23, 24 or 25, these are all clues that you are near the Clarksville Steam & Gas Engine Association's 13th annual show. The smoke you see is from the steam engines, the sounds you hear are from the antique tractors and the smell is either burning coal or delicious food, both of which are possibilities at different areas of the showground.

The Clarksville Steam & Gas Engine Association's mission at its show is to exhibit the old-time farming and trades the club is trying to preserve. With the steam engines and antique tractors, it is nearly impossible not to

think of earlier farming days. Visitors can watch early tractor plowing, which is a small operation in comparison to modern farming. Corn binding and husking are also taking place at the show.

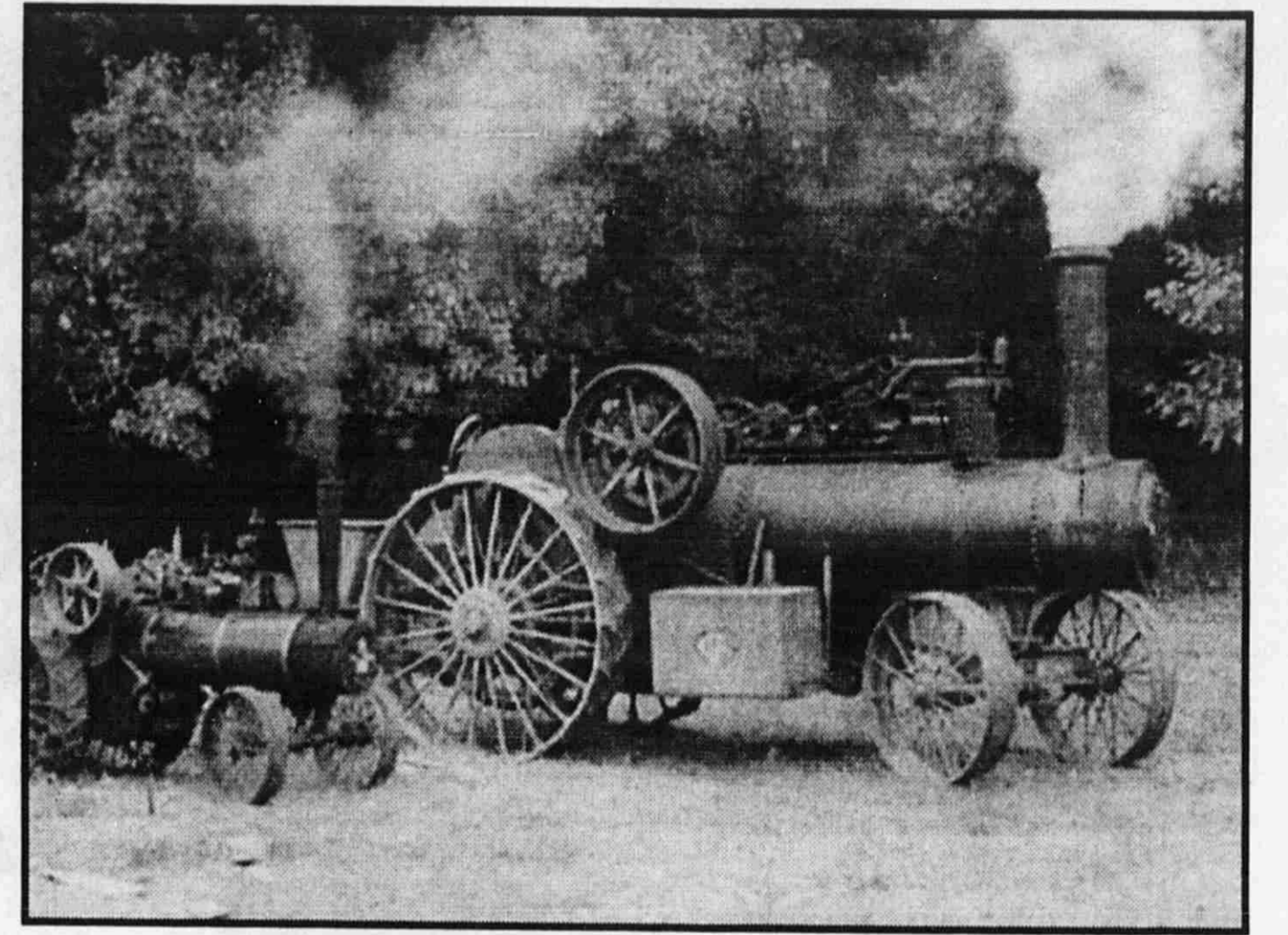
There are old-time trades, such as a steam-powered sawmill cutting wood and a blacksmith using a coal-powered forge to create various items. Antique gas engines and garden tractors are being displayed by the people who created the exhibits; they know their subjects well.

There are flea market and craft booths; parades and games of skill will feature the steam engines and tractors. A kiddie tractor pull takes place at 3:30 on Saturday.

Food is available from

dawn to dusk. Breakfast is served from 7-9 a.m. with lunch and dinner served by the Clarksville Cub Scout Pack. There will also be a pig roast at 6 p.m. on Saturday as well as homemade ice cream.

To find the show, take I-96 to Clarksville exit #59, then follow signs south through Clarksville to Robbins Rd., then west one mile. Admission is \$3 for adults; children under 12 are free. Seniors are \$2 on Friday. For more information call 642-9509 or 693-2103.



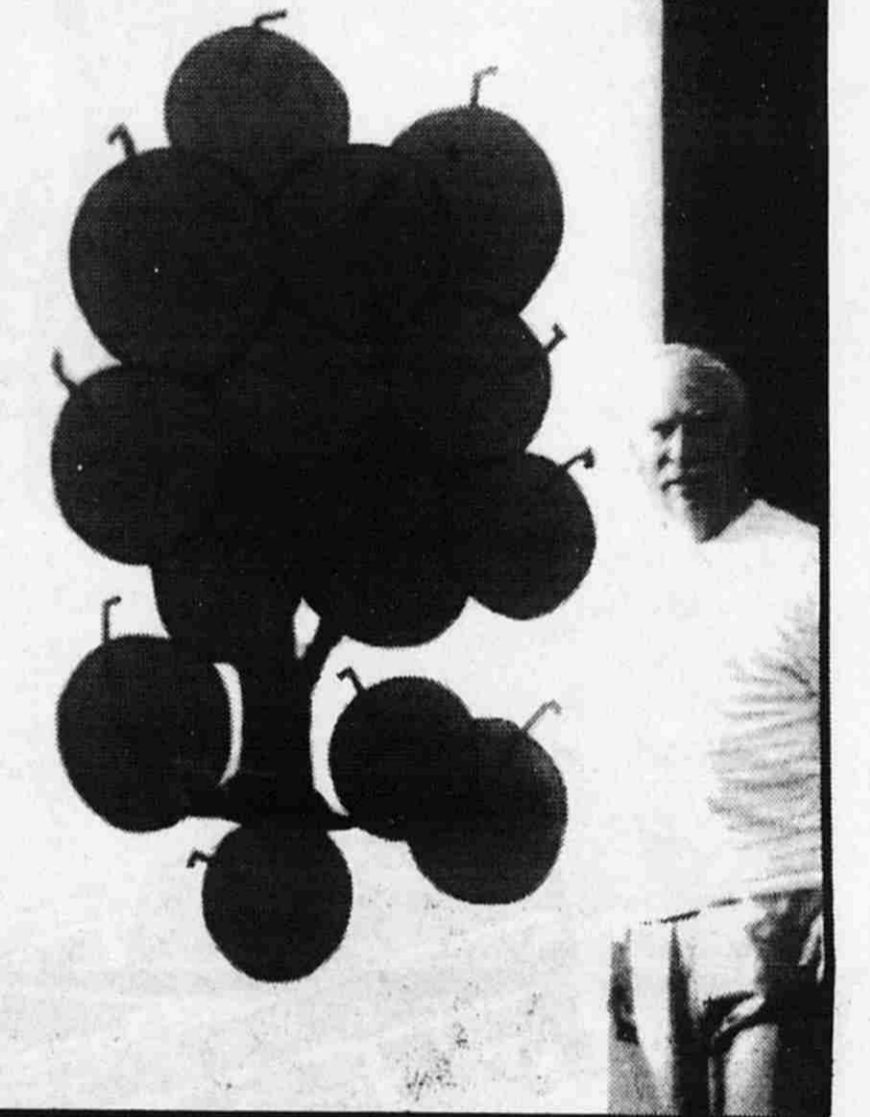
Touch of Frost

The Lowell Area Arts Council will host an exciting retrospective exhibition of artworks created by nationally acclaimed Lowell artist, Oren Jack Frost. Opening Aug. 18 with a reception open to the public from 1:30-3:30 p.m., this exhibition will include a 15-minute videotaped interview with Frost's wife, Dodi.

Artworks by Frost will also be on display from Aug. 19 - Sept. 21 at Huntington Galleria, 414 E. Main St. during regular business hours. Susan Burton, an artist from Ada, is the guest curator for this exhibition.

Among his famous images is the Republican Elephant logo as well as logos for such corporations as Pan Am, Ford, RCA and Eastman Kodak.

Gallery hours at the Lowell Area Arts Council are Tuesday - Friday from noon - 5 p.m. and Saturday from 1-4 p.m.



LEGAL EASE
By Jonathan David

Legal Ease

DEAR JONATHAN: I sold a piece of property on land contract in 1990. The buyers will be paying off that land contract in a few months. I know I am required to give them a warranty deed at the time the contract is paid off, but who is responsible for paying the real estate transfer taxes, which by my calculations will run around \$860 based on a \$100,000 sale price?

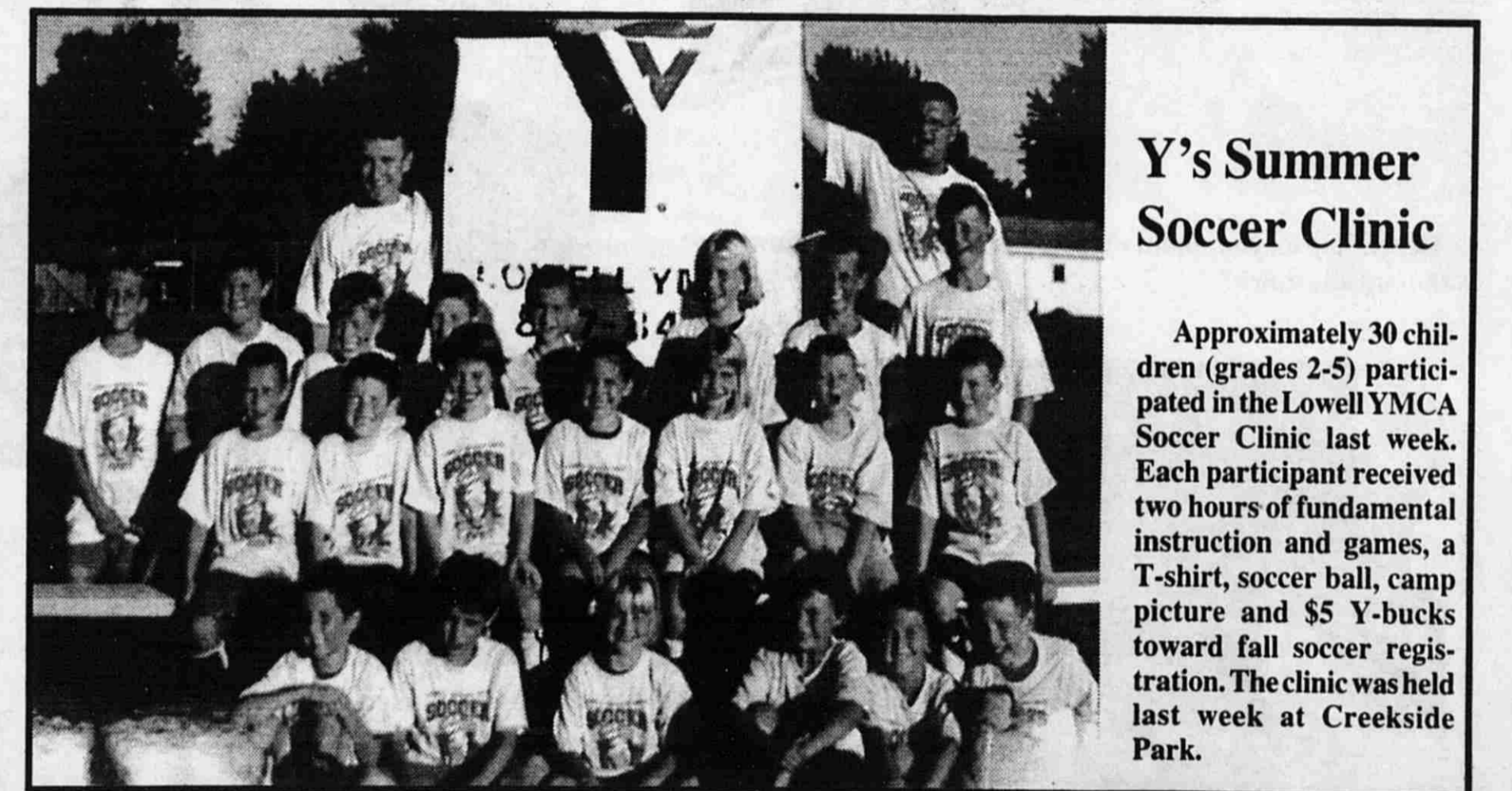
JONATHAN SAYS: Unless the contract states differently, the seller is responsible for the real estate transfer taxes. Since, as you indicated, the land contract does not mention who is responsible for the payment of the real estate transfer taxes, then, as the seller, it will be your responsibility.

As for the amount of the real estate transfer taxes, there are two transfer taxes that need to be paid: the county transfer tax which is imposed at the rate of \$1.10 per \$1,000 and the state transfer tax which is imposed at the rate of \$7.50 per \$1,000, for a combined rate of \$8.60 per \$1,000. If, in your case, both the county and the state transfer taxes were due, you would be right that the total taxes would run \$860 based on a sale price of \$100,000. However, you will not be required to pay the state real estate transfer tax because that tax did not become effective until January 1, 1995, and as a result, your transaction is exempt from the state transfer tax. Therefore, the transfer tax you will be responsible for paying will be based solely on the county transfer tax rate of \$1.10 per \$1,000, or a total of \$110.

DEAR JONATHAN: I am named as my mother's agent under her durable power of attorney, as well as the trustee of her living trust. Some of my mother's assets are in trust and some of her assets are held in her name alone, such as her bank accounts, but on those accounts I am named as her agent and I have the ability to write checks on her behalf. My mother died a few weeks ago, and I have been paying all of her bills with one particular checking account which is in her name alone with me as her agent under the durable power of attorney. Am I doing this right?

JONATHAN SAYS: Actually, no. Your authority as your mother's agent under her durable power of attorney ended at the time of her death and consequently, any assets that were titled in her name alone, including her checking account, are technically frozen until a personal representative has been appointed of your mother's estate and is issued letters of authority to be probated prior to being distributed to the beneficiary or beneficiaries named in her will, or if she did not leave a will, to her heirs at law.

I recommend that you set up a meeting with an estate planning and probate attorney for the purpose of reviewing your mother's will, if she has one, and opening a probate estate with the probate court, so those assets can be managed in the proper manner and with the proper authority. At the same time, that attorney can advise you as to how to go about administering those assets that are in trust and explain to you your responsibilities as trustee of that trust.



Y's Summer Soccer Clinic

Approximately 30 children (grades 2-5) participated in the Lowell YMCA Soccer Clinic last week. Each participant received two hours of fundamental instruction and games, a T-shirt, soccer ball, camp picture and \$5 Y-bucks toward fall soccer registration. The clinic was held last week at Creekside Park.

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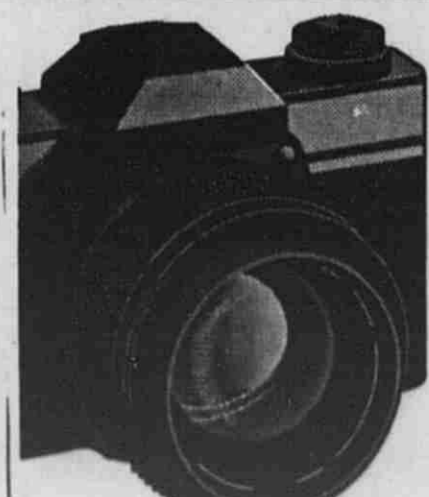
DEAR JONATHAN: My husband died a few months ago. There is no probate estate because everything was titled jointly between the two of us. I am named as the personal representative in his will and I remember when I was appointed personal representative of my sister's estate a few years ago that I had to file her will with the probate court when her probate estate was opened. When there is no probate, as in my husband's case, what needs to be done with the will, if anything?

JONATHAN SAYS: Michigan law requires "a custodian of a will or codicil of a person having possession or care of a will or codicil shall forward it to the court having jurisdiction with reasonable promptness after the death of the testator either by delivering it personally or by sending it properly addressed by registered mail." Consequently, even though your husband will have no probate estate, his will needs to be filed with the probate court in the county where he was a resident at the time of his death.

That it will never come again is what makes life so sweet.

—Emily Dickinson

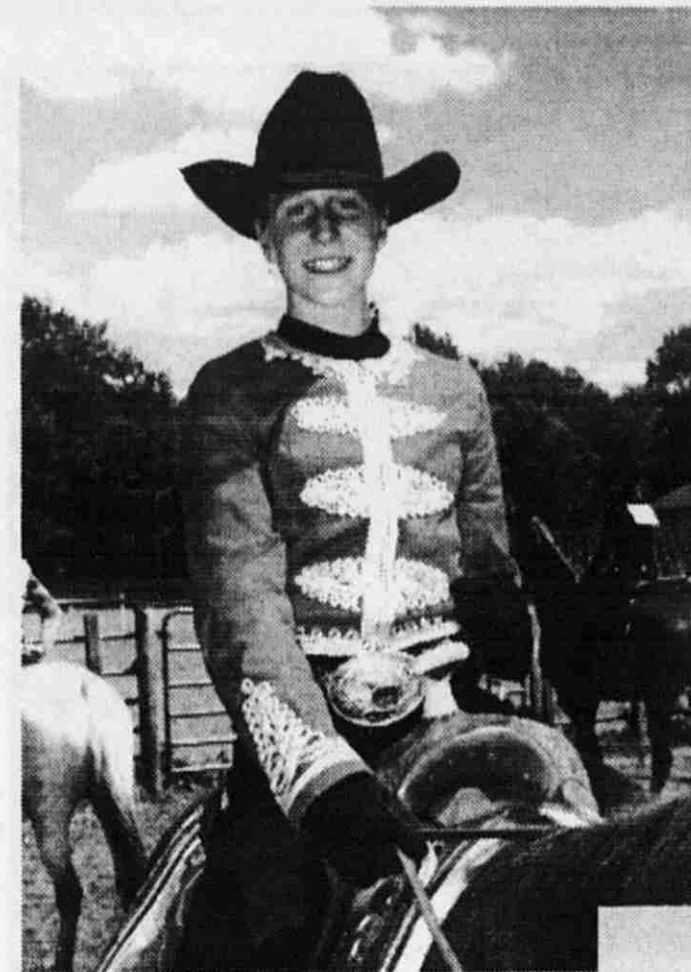
Attention All Coaches, Proud Parents, Athletes & Others Who Wish To Submit Photos In The Ledger...



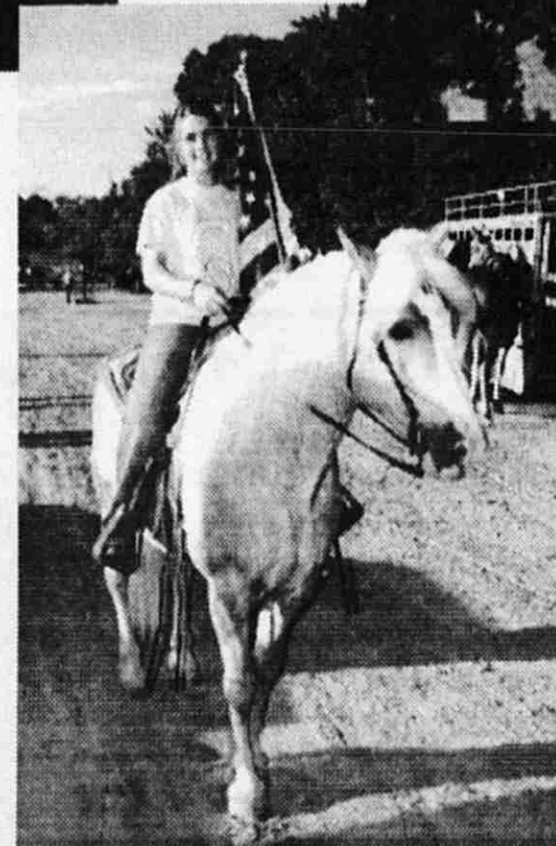
It is important that the subject's face not be shaded in order to print your photo clearly in the paper.

All group pictures should be taken WITHOUT caps, visors, etc.

Photos will no longer be accepted if faces are too dark.



Megan Vanderhyde (above) is sitting pretty on her horse Lillabelle. Megan competed in several events during the fair.

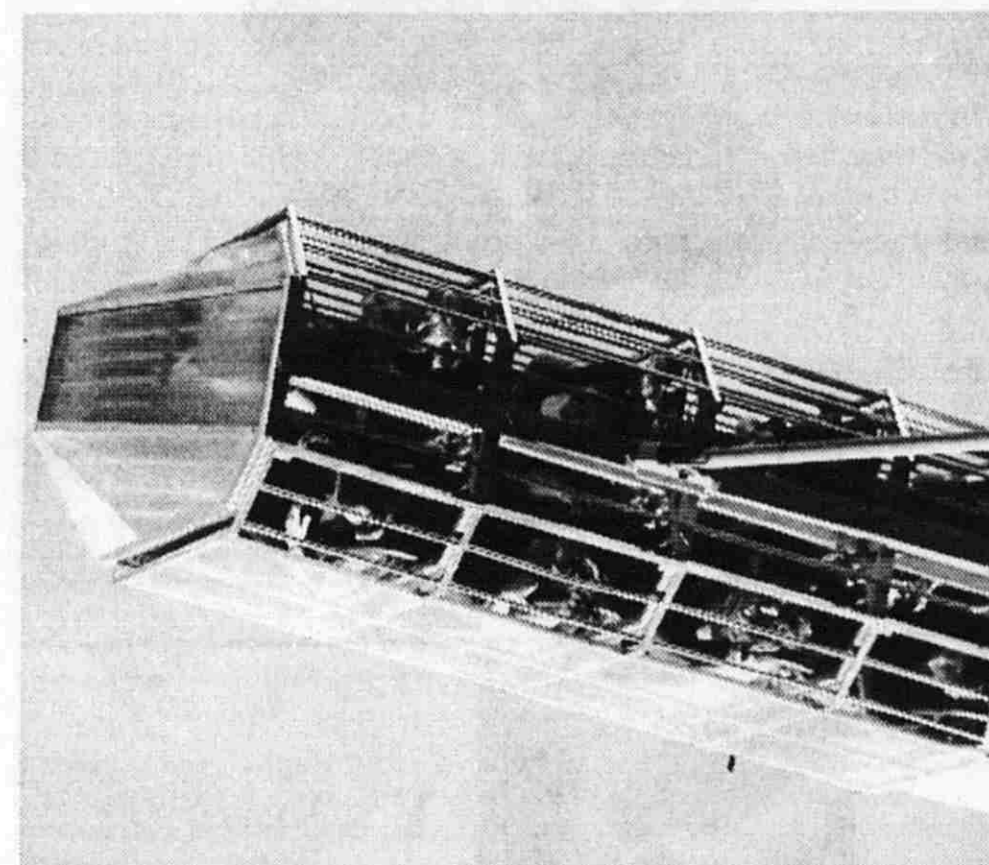


A great view of the fair could be seen while riding on the Ferris wheel. The fair had rides of all kinds and games to play.

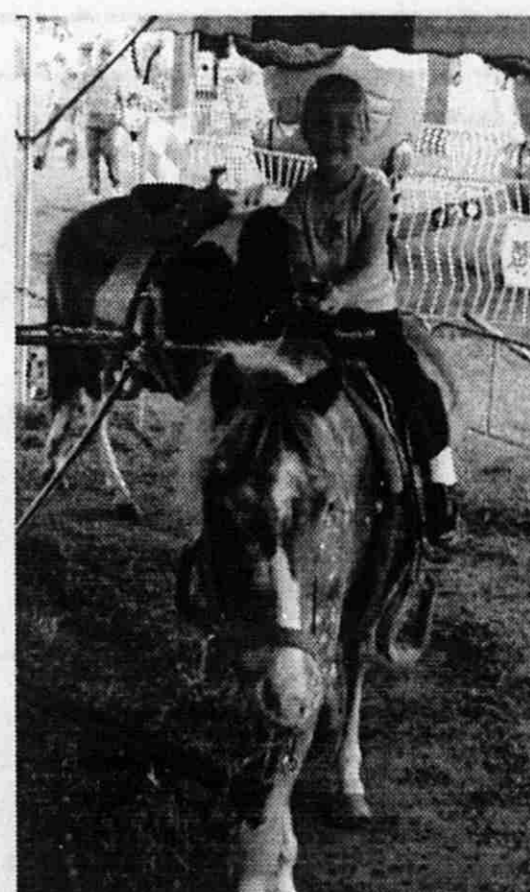
A Fair Days Week

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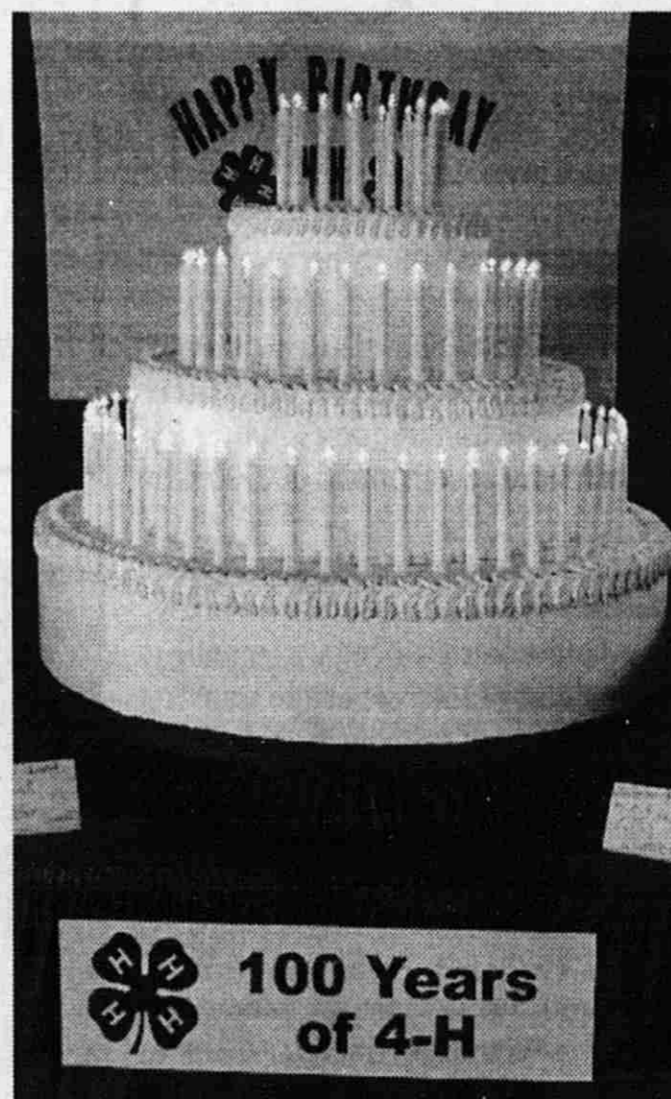
Rynne Oetman, left, riding Stroh carried the colors for the opening of the Mule Pull.



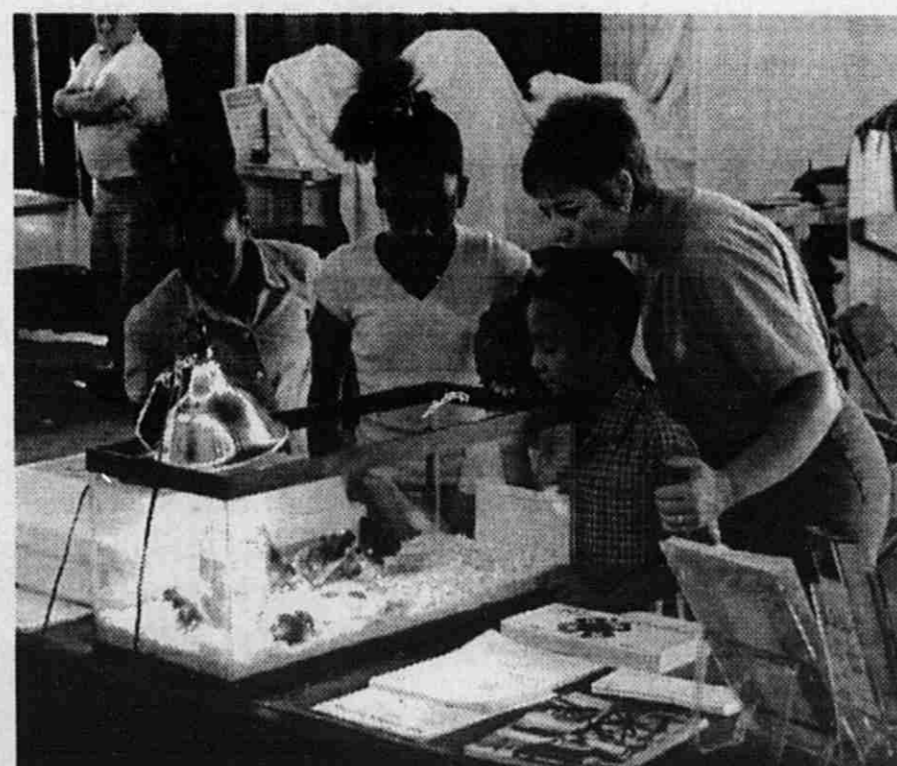
Depending on your point of view you're either up or down or is that upside down?



Leevi Hansen, three, of Grattan enjoys her pony ride.



The Kent County Youth Fair celebrated 4-H's 100th birthday.



Sneaking in a look at the chicks are members of the Grand Rapids inner city 4-H Club, from left to right, Ante Hart, Aalyiah Williams, Virginia Brown (leader), Maleeka Perry, and Jentay Bailey.



Amanda Gillard, left, attempts to keep her dinner from her friend "Marc." Gillard's friend Kelsey Larson looks on.



Diane VanderPol spins yarn out of rabbit's fur. The furry friend is "Mr. Goodbar, owned by Matthew Lockwood.

COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac areas. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

EVERY MONTH: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse (11841 Potters Rd.) east of Montcalm Ave. For dates and times call 897-5015. Guests are welcome.

1ST SUN. OF EACH MON.: Family Council of Laurels of Kent volunteer group meets at 3 p.m. to discuss enhancing the lives of residents & staff, promoting more pleasant living and working environment. Public invited.

EVERY OTHER SUN: Single adults, ages 25-50 years, meet 4 - 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Social time/ It. Bible study. Call Mark 897-8642 or Tammy 897-0872.

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. See poster in high school cafeteria or call 676-1355 for details.

SECONDMON.OFEACH MONTH: Needlecraft Day at Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd., 1 p.m. following senior meal. Come knit & crochet or learn the craft. Call Lana at 691-8450 for info.

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SECONDMON. OF THE MONTH: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Nazarene Church. Info. call Dave : 897-2533.

MON. OR TUES.: Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, Alto or Lowell. Call Terry Amidon at 897-8751.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Schneider Manor, Bldg. D, 725 Bowes Rd. at 8 p.m.

THIRD MONDAY OF EACHMONTH: Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303 (men only) meets at V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, 7:00 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th-grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin on N. Washington St. Enjoy hiking/camping. Call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

TUES: Walking-exercise program at 9 a.m. in Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. No charge. Call Lana 691-8450 for info.

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC 6:30-8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

TUES., WED, THURS.: Ionia County Literacy Council, free help with learning English: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at SS Peter & Paul Catholic School, High St., Ionia. Call 527-2345 or 897-7020.

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EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 meets St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, S. Hudson.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Bellline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda 874-5662; teen group call Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

EVERY OTHER WED.: 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

EVERY WED.: Pioneer Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church, 10501 Settlewood Dr. Children ages 4 thru 7th grade. Call 897-5894 for details.

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement.

EVERY WED.: Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

EVERY WED.: The "Peppers" (senior adults) meets at Franciscan Life Process Center from 1-3:30 p.m. \$10 per week. Transportation available. Call Pat at 897-7842.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at King Memorial Youth Center at the Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Grand Rapids Machine Knitters Club meets at Kentwood Library, 4799 Kalamazoo Ave. - 1 p.m. Sara Coates 365-1247 or Bette Frieswyk 949-8655.

EVERY SECOND WED.: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Elderly volunteers needed for Intergenerational program with school-age children from Lowell in activities. Times: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Support group for Peripheral neuropathy meets at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. Grand Rapids. 897-9794.

THURS.: Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Registration begins 1/2

hour before meetings. New members invited 1-800-651-6000.

EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help, for pregnant women and adolescents at the school: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club meetings at Lowell Middle School choir room. 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

FIRST AND THIRD THURS.: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

EVERY 2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

EVERY 2ND THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary meets at 3 p.m. at VFW Clubroom, 307 E. Main. No Bingo.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents-support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offers topics/ discussion for parents of children all ages. 897-7842.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children welcome. Ada church. Call 752-8300.

THIRD FRI.: All players & listeners: Join Nick & Patti at The New Riverview, M-21 E. of Lowell, for a "Folk Music" session, 7:30 p.m. - ? Call 897-0099 Nick or 897-9948 Lyle.

FRI: Walking-exercise program 9 a.m. in Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. No charge. Call Lana 691-8450 for info.

SECONDMON. OF EVERY MONTH: Ada Historical Society meets 1 p.m. at Averill Historical Museum of Ada 7144 Headley.

SECONDMON. OF EVERY MONTH: Genealogy - Alto Family Tree

Club at Alto Library 6:30-8 p.m.

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club @ Lowell High School 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

EVERY FRI. & SAT.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley 1-4 p.m. By appt.: 676-9346.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOURS: - Tues., Sat. & Sun.: 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed., Thurs. & Fri.: 12-6 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 897-2037. Gift certificates.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. - Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri.: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Call 647-3920.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Open Tues., Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs.: noon - 7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

MON., AUG. 19: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152 family picnic at Creekside Park, 6 p.m. Bring a dish to pass & own table service. Meat & pop furnished.

MON., AUG. 19: Lowell Athletic Boosters meeting at Red Arrow stadium concession stand at 7 p.m.

FRI. - SUN., AUG. 23-25: Clarksville Steam & Gas Engine Show on Robbins Road. Adults \$3; seniors \$2 on Fri., children under 12 free. Call Dave 642-9509 for information.

SUN., AUG. 25: 7th annual Parish Festival & Chicken BBQ at St. Anthony Church, Saranac. \$6.50 general; under 12 \$3; serving from 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Arts & crafts, raffle, baked goods, games, musical entertainment.

SUN., AUG. 25: Smart Start at Lowell High School for new students and Freshman. Orientation from 4-5 p.m. Freshman schedule, building tour & parent info. sessions. Call 897-4125 for information.

THURS., AUG. 29: Commodities at Moose Lodge Recreational Building. Call 897-6792 for list of foods available. Bring your card.

SAT., AUG. 31: Wanted: parade participants for Lowell annual Labor Day Parade & Riverwalk Festival. Call Chamber of Commerce at 897-9161 for an application or info.

FRI., SEPT. 6: St. Mary's mobile mammography unit at Grattan Twp. Hall. Call 752-6266 or 1-800-639-6266 for appt. There is a charge/insurance information is required.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

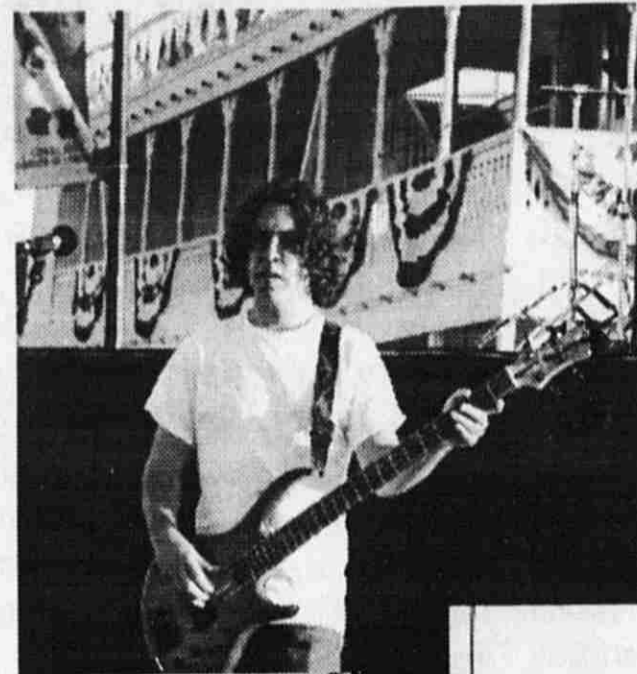
LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR
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<p>MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.</p> <p>TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.</p>	<p>THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at the Malls; 9:30 Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.</p> <p>FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.</p>
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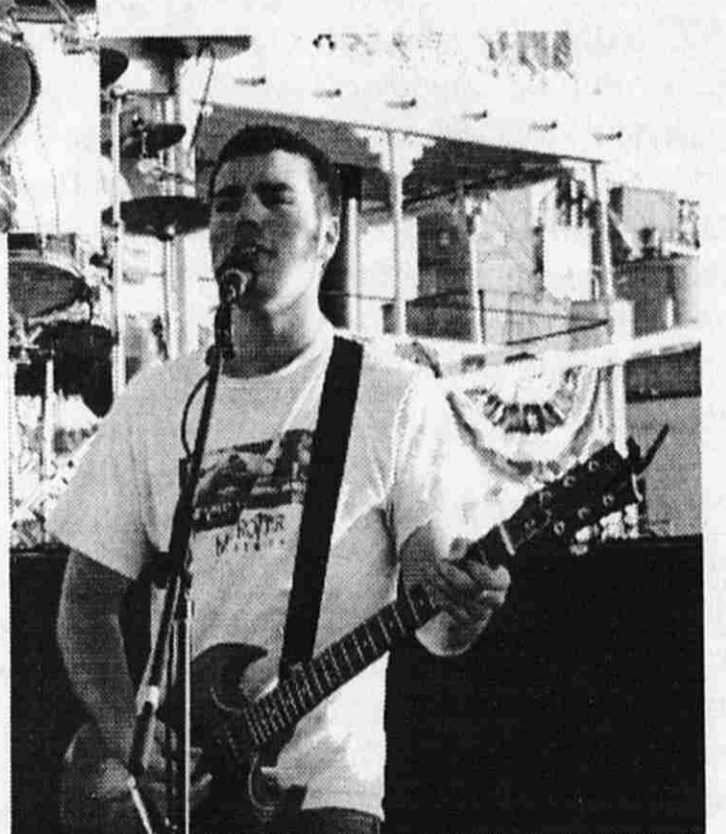
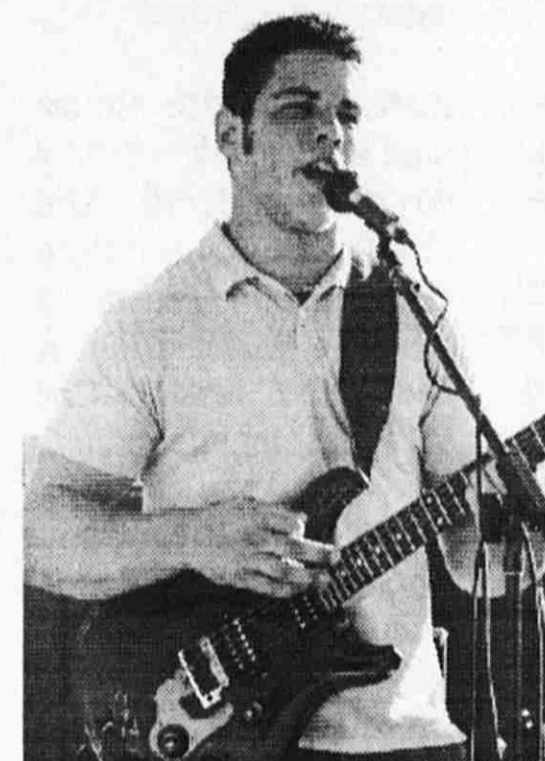
SPECIAL EVENTS

<p>WED., AUG. 14: 8 a.m. Co-ed Breakfast; 10 a.m. Nails by Sharon; Noon Movie.</p> <p>THURS., AUG. 15: Noon Dance, West Side Complex; 1 p.m. Euchre.</p> <p>FRI., AUG. 16: Noon Birthday Celebration; Bingo.</p> <p>MON., AUG. 19: 12:45 p.m. Shop Ionia K-Mart & Sav-A-Lot.</p> <p>TUES., AUG. 20: 7:15 Rockford McDonald's Breakfast & Country Music.</p> <p>WED., AUG. 21: 10 a.m.</p>	<p>Advisory Council; 12:45 p.m. Shop Family Fare.</p> <p>THURS., AUG. 22: 1 p.m. Euchre.</p> <p>FRI., AUG. 23: 11:15 a.m. Potluck Picnic at Creekside Park.</p> <p>TUES., AUG. 27: 9 a.m. Tour Douglas and Saugatuck; Lunch on your own, Bus \$5.</p> <p>WED., AUG. 28: 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast; 12:45 Shop Family Fare.</p> <p>THURS., AUG. 29: Noon Dance, West Side Complex; 1 p.m. Euchre.</p>
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Sounds of Thursday night on the Riverwalk



Vanishing Point and Flat Broke performed their original alternative Christian rock music last Thursday in week nine of the 10-week Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series.



Chamber ducks to climb light poles to avoid vandals

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Over \$1,200 was lost in corporate duck sales last year due to vandalism.

Liz Baker, Chamber of Commerce executive direc-

tor, took her plight to the Lowell City Council asking for its permission to mount the ducks higher on the light poles with plastic zip ties.

"We're hoping this will

discourage vandals," Baker said.

Ducks were mounted on flag poles last year and inserted into the existing holders located on the cement sidewalk in the downtown

area, and dug into the ground on the east and west sides of town.

"Installation of the ducks



Bushnell Elementary principal, Karen Burd.

Bushnell's principal will wear the costume if the chamber reaches its goal of \$13,000 in sales.

The duck race, on the Grand River, will leave the starting gate at the Division Street Bridge at 5:30 p.m. The

race is being sponsored by Huntington Banks and Chapman State Farm Insurance.

Area residents can sponsor a duck for \$5, giving them a chance to win \$1,000 (1st), \$300 (2nd), and \$200 (3rd) in cash prizes.

went smoothly, however, because they were not mounted securely, they were easily taken by pranksters," Baker explained.

Twelve ducks and several poles were taken.

Last year's corporate duck program was well received by business members and the community. The chamber sold approximately 82 corporate ducks out of the 100 purchased.

"Riverwalk Festival promotes our city, community and businesses. The ducks enhance a festive spirit for the festival," Baker said.

Riverwalk festivities will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 31 with arts and crafts, entertainment, food booths, chainsaw sculpture, a health fair and children's area.

The parade, along Main Street, will feature the Riverwalk Duck... this year



The Circus is Coming

Come out and experience the 2002 edition of the Kelly Miller Circus on Sunday, Aug. 25 at the Lowell Fairgrounds. The circus, which is being sponsored by the Lowell Lions Club, will present two big shows at 2 and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Hahn Hardware, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and The Lowell Ledger office. The journey gets started as the circus arrives on the grounds at 7:30 a.m. and begins the transformation into an educational wonderland. As the hustle and bustle of circus life envelop the fairgrounds, patrons will get lost in the unloading of equipment and animals. Tickets are now on sale: \$8 for adults and \$5 for children (under the age of 12) when purchased in advance. Tickets are \$10 and \$6 at the gate.

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FOUND - Photographs in the McDonalds/M-21 area. Call Angie at 897-9190 to identify.

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Grand Steer

Ken Gregersen, of Ken's Signs and Lettering, donated the sign signifying the Kent County Youth Fair's Grand Champion Steer. This year the honor went to Mitch McDonald, right, for his 1,290 pound steer named Spot 113L. Pictured, left, next to Gregersen are Sharon Jonker, assistant beef superintendent to the fair, and Heath Lang, beef superintendent to the fair.



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