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## The tents are up for '05 Kent County Youth Fair

Opening ceremonies this Sunday

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Fairgrounds have been a flurry of activity the last week and a half. It will continue until the fair, in its 71st year, starts this weekend, as volunteers and the fairgrounds' regular work crew check off one item after another from the list of things that need to be done.

There's a lot of teamwork: cleaning, putting on fresh coats of paint, arranging parking and camping, setting up the beef arena, the dog agility arena; prepping the track for the horse and antique tractor pulls; moving bleachers; installing sound systems; setting up tables for still exhibits in the Foreman building. Over the weekend, tents went up all over the grounds.

The whole grounds needs to be carefully laid out. By the time the midway and commercial exhibits are

in place, there is scarcely a square foot of space available on the grounds.

"It's just a great team effort because one guy couldn't do it all," said Ron Wenger, fairgrounds manager.

In addition to Wenger, the fair employs three grounds workers and an office assistant.

"We've got a good crew down here, but we couldn't do it all because there's not enough hours in the day," Wenger said.

So every year before fair starts, volunteers head down to the grounds after work and on weekends. They are fair board members, 4-H club leaders and parents, and people from the community who stop by to help out. A lot of work has to be done year in and year out. But each year also brings an assortment of new projects.

"Every year there's a big project, something new every year," said Wenger. "But that's what makes the

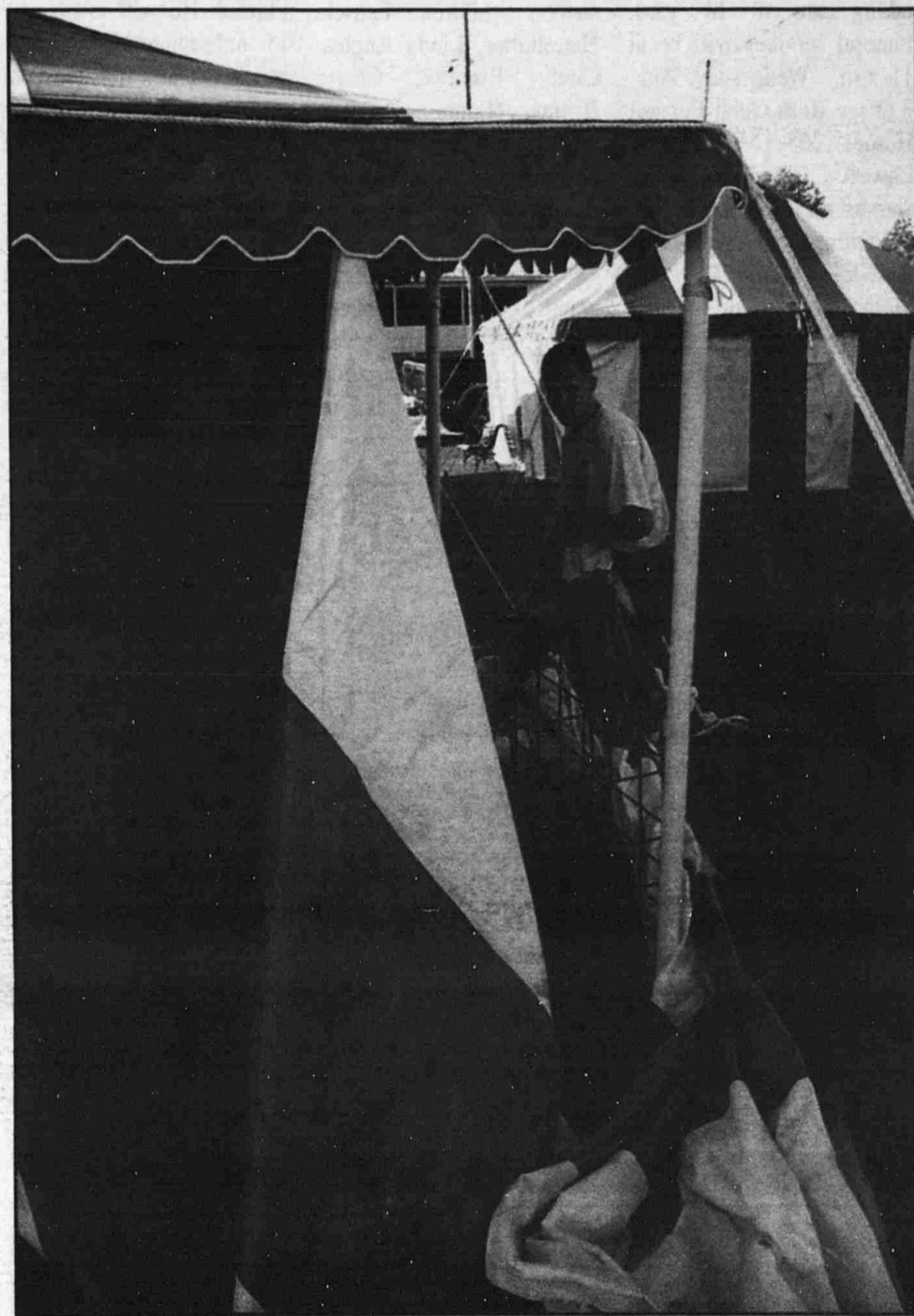
fairgrounds interesting, there's always something new. It's getting better every year."

This year, the Foreman building received a fresh coat of paint. A new sign will greet visitors to the fair. Last Wednesday, more than 30 volunteers got together to paint the beef barn and the electrical wiring is getting revamped.

A year ago, before the fair, there were finishing touches being put on a new horse barn and a handicapped-accessible viewing stand for the horse arena. There was also grass to grow where a house was torn down.

Last week, department of public works employees mowed that grass and the rest of the expansive lawn before the tents went up. It's all part of the community cooperation that makes the fair tick.

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Jim Crosby, a member of the Alto Active Achievers 4-H Club and a youth member of the Kent County Youth Fair board, gets the children's barnyard tent ready for next week's Kent County Youth Fair.

## Decision on annexation may take longer than usual

By Dan Schneider

Changes to the Michigan boundary commission's roster may delay

its decision on the petitioned annexation of 177 acres of Vergennes Township to the city of Lowell.

DuRay Development,

Inc. filed the annexation in October of 2004. The property petitioned for annexation is L-shaped, with boundaries on Alden Nash

Ave. and Vergennes Street. The boundary commission held a public hearing on the matter at Lowell City Hall on March 3.

Since then, the term of one of the commissioners, Lloyd E. Walker has expired and another commissioner, Jeff Ishbia, has resigned. This makes commission chairman Ken Verburg the only remaining state commissioner who was present at the public hearing. In May, Gov. Jennifer Granholm appointed Vicki Barnett to take Walker's place. A commissioner to replace Ishbia is yet to be appointed.

A decision on the petitioned annexation can still be made, even with the smaller commission.

"The statute (governing the boundary commission) states that for adjudication, number one, you need to have a quorum and number

two, you need to have three concurring votes," said state boundary commission manager Christine Holmes.

A quorum requires at least two state-level commissioners and one county-level commissioner. With a vote missing at the

state level, and the Kent County roster intact with two commissioners, it raises the possibility of an inconclusive tie vote on the annexation.

In any case, the reorganization could stall

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A developer, the city of Lowell, and Vergennes Township wait for the state to decide whether this piece of property becomes part of the city or stays in the township.



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"That's what it takes to make it all go," Wenger said. "The reason it happens is we keep working and the community supports us."

Wenger counts the fair's neighboring businesses—King Milling and Michigan Wire—as important contributors to the fair's success. They'll lend a tractor or forklift when one is needed, he said. Earth Tech Inc., which manages the wastewater treatment plant, donated 40 gallons of paint for the Foreman building project this year. The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and the Lowell City Council are also important supporters of the fair.

The fair, with 1,034 exhibitors, officially opens with a ceremony Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the stage tent, followed by the royal court coronation; a parade of 4-

H clubs is at 5:30 p.m.; and a pork dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. will be in the event tent.

There are a few events on Saturday: a draft and pony show from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the horse arena, some dog events at the beef arena and Reath Barn, and still exhibit judging at the stage tent.

On Monday, everything is open. Horse judging and an ATV safety class by the Kent County Sheriff's Department start at 9 a.m.; the safety class lasts until 2 p.m. That evening is "Family Night Out" with an antique tractor pull at the track and a youth talent contest at the stage tent, both at 7 p.m.

For the remainder of the week, the fair starts at 8 a.m. "Family Tradition," an oldies/variety act, will give a free concert Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the stage tent.

Besides storytelling, puppetry and theater judging on Wednesday, the Chicago Honey Bear Dancers will host a dance camp at 4:30 p.m. The singing and dancing group, billed by their promoters as "the country's hottest full production family-oriented dance show," will give performances at 7 and 8:30 p.m. A lightweight horse pull will take place at the track at 7 p.m.

"Agriculture Day" is next Thursday, with the John

Ball Zoo on hand from 2 to 4 p.m., a garden tractor pull at 6 p.m.; an extrication demonstration by the Lowell Area Fire Department will be at 7 p.m. And the Lowell Showboat Sizzling Summer Concerts moves its stage to the fairgrounds with a performance by Reggae Boyz.

The livestock sale takes place in the Reath Barn Thursday, as well. Starting with small animals at 2 p.m., swine, sheep, feeder calf and beef go up for sale at 2:30.

Handi-capable day is Friday, with carnival rides for special needs individuals from 10 a.m. to noon on the midway. Country karaoke starts at 6:30 p.m. at the stage tent.

The fair is open until 11 p.m. on the last day, Saturday, Aug. 13. It's Kids' Day with special events like a pedal pull on the midway at 3 p.m. The stage tent hosts an acappella variety act "Elmo Thumm" at 5 p.m., hypnotist Chuck King at 6:45 and 8:15 p.m.,

and the Saline Fiddlers, a giant bluegrass band of high school musicians from Saline, Mich., at 8:30 and 10 p.m.

This is just a sampling of events to take place at the 2005 Kent County Youth Fair. A full schedule is available on the fair's web site, [www.kcfg.org](http://www.kcfg.org). Printed schedules should be available at various locations in town by the end of the week as well as this week's back page of the Ledger.

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the decision. But it would be a delay in an already slow process. Six out of the last 11 recommendations by the boundary commission came more than a year after the annexations were petitioned.

DuRay Development can give the state input about whether it prefers to wait for the governor to appoint a new boundary commissioner, or have the annexation decided by the smaller commission. But Verburg has the final say on when the adjudication will be scheduled.

"It seems like they have a pretty good team of people, so we trust the state's judgment," DuRay Development owner Rob Munger said.

At the July Vergennes

Township board meeting, some township residents expressed concern that Barnett and the new boundary commissioner would not be familiar with the case since they didn't attend the public hearing.

"I don't know if it's good or bad," township supervisor Tim Wittenbach said. "But firsthand knowledge is always better."

Holmes said new boundary commissioners are given time to review all of the materials and testimony presented in the case. This includes a transcript of the public hearing.

"The new commissioner has all the docket material," Holmes said. "She's got everything she needs to make an informed decision."

The earliest the commission could possibly schedule an adjudicative meeting would be Aug. 18, but Holmes said it will more than likely occur later. In the meantime, the city and township could come to a 425 agreement. This is an agreement under which the two municipalities would share property tax revenue, provision of things like sewer service, and zoning control.

But the last time the two parties communicated on the issue was through letters in June.

"We're pretty much at the point where they know pretty much what we want and we pretty much know what they want and there hasn't been too much deviation from those two points," Wittenbach said.

The main point of contention is over who controls the zoning of the property.

"The biggest thing we want is to have control or at least a vote in the zoning of the property," Wittenbach said.

"A major concern is we want to have the final say in the zoning and we want to give them as much input as possible and even let their planner be part of the process," Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said. "But basically our view is we would like the city to have the final say on zoning."

While all three parties wait for the state to decide the annexation question, Munger says DuRay Development continues to prepare for developing the property.

"We're constantly evaluating the project and working on the project," he said.

He didn't specify what that work consists of.

## Folk Festival this Saturday on the Riverwalk

The Lowell Area Arts Council and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce have expanded the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts to include a one-day Folk Festival this Saturday from 4-9 p.m. Flat River Grill will provide food and spirits on the Showboat overseeing the concert stage!

Hawks and Owls will start off the event at 4 p.m. The high-energy combination of music by Bruce Ling on fiddle/mandolin and Becca Shilt on acoustic guitar produces

music backed up by crisp vocals and showcases tunes drawn from Appalachia, Country Blues, Bluegrass, Swing and Celtic, as well as original material.

Featured at 5 p.m. is Josh Rose, somewhere between folk, pop and roots music. Originally from the U.P., he now resides in Lowell. Rose's music is sometimes edgy, sometimes collective, and sometimes romantic.

Blue Dahlia, at 6 p.m., is a unique modern music quartet which includes Leslie Boughton (vocals, vox and various other sonic

emissions), Carolyn Koebel (percussion instruments, vocals), Derek Menchinger (guitar, mandolin) and Levi Strickland (bass, acoustic guitar). Their music invites both close listening and dancing, and has an unusually broad range of appeal.

Celtic music will be spotlighted at 8 p.m. when FonnMor takes the stage. Fiddle, flute, modal guitars and unconventional percussion strategies are used to project songs and dance tunes that expose the influence of Scotland, Wales, Brittany and Ireland. The

group includes Curtis Tramel (vocals, guitar), Michele Venegas (violin, vocals, bouzouki), Carolyn Koebel (percussion, dulcimer, vibes, vocals), Rick Stubbs (bass) and Mike Kirkpatrick (flute, high guitar, electric sitar, vocals).

Admission and parking are free, with handicap/senior parking provided at Englehardt Library.

For more information, visit [www.lowellartsCouncil.org](http://www.lowellartsCouncil.org) and [www.lowellchamber.org](http://www.lowellchamber.org) or call 897-8545 or 897-9161.



Josh Rose will perform at 5 p.m.



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## Business owner wants candles to be part of Lowell's ambience

By Dan Schneider

The entrance to D and L Tax Service in Lowell now has a more pleasant aroma... not that the odor was bad before.

It's just that now, at 220 W. Main Street, there are 53 candle scents wafting into the entryway from a doorway on the left. Through that doorway is where "The Lily Pad" is located. It is a new Lowell business, open since June 10, that sells hand-poured candles made exclusively from soy wax made from soy beans grown in the U.S.A.

"It's really good for the

American farmer because it's a renewable resource for them," said Lily Pad owner Christine Miller. "That's why we make sure all our wax comes from the United States."

Her decision to open a candle shop comes from an interest in more local economies.

"I've always wanted to open a little store," Miller said. "The future, with the downtown like Holland with the little boutiques, we think Lowell has an opportunity to become that way also, and we just want to make sure we become a part of Lowell."

At first, Miller intended to open a shop selling candles from wholesalers. But when she looked around to see what was available, she decided she could make better candles herself. So about two years ago, she started pouring candles and selling them at craft fairs around Michigan.

Now, three rooms in her Saranac home are devoted to candle manufacture. She and her husband stay busy pouring candles after work and on weekends.

Scents vary from florals to amaretto to spiced pumpkin pie. Miller also puts together some of her own custom blends like wild kiwi-melon and a scent called "lily pad."

The candles come in

different shapes and sizes-- tea lights, candles poured into bud vases. But most of the shelves in the store are filled with candles in lidded jars. These come in four sizes: 1.5-ounce, 6-ounce, 10-ounce and 16-ounce. Prices range from \$2.19 to \$11.49.

Soy-based hand lotions are also available. In time for the holidays, Miller plans to expand the variety of products available at the store. She'll introduce new scents and start selling wax-dipped stuffed bears, which can sit in a room and add scent to it. Handmade soaps are also in the works. Candle holders and jute-wrapped vases made by friends will be sold in her shop, as well.

Currently, the shelves in the shop are rustic, brought in from L&S Pharmacy in Saranac when that business closed, and the general decor is simple. Miller has plans for new wall coverings and shelves made of cherry.

The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays; and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.



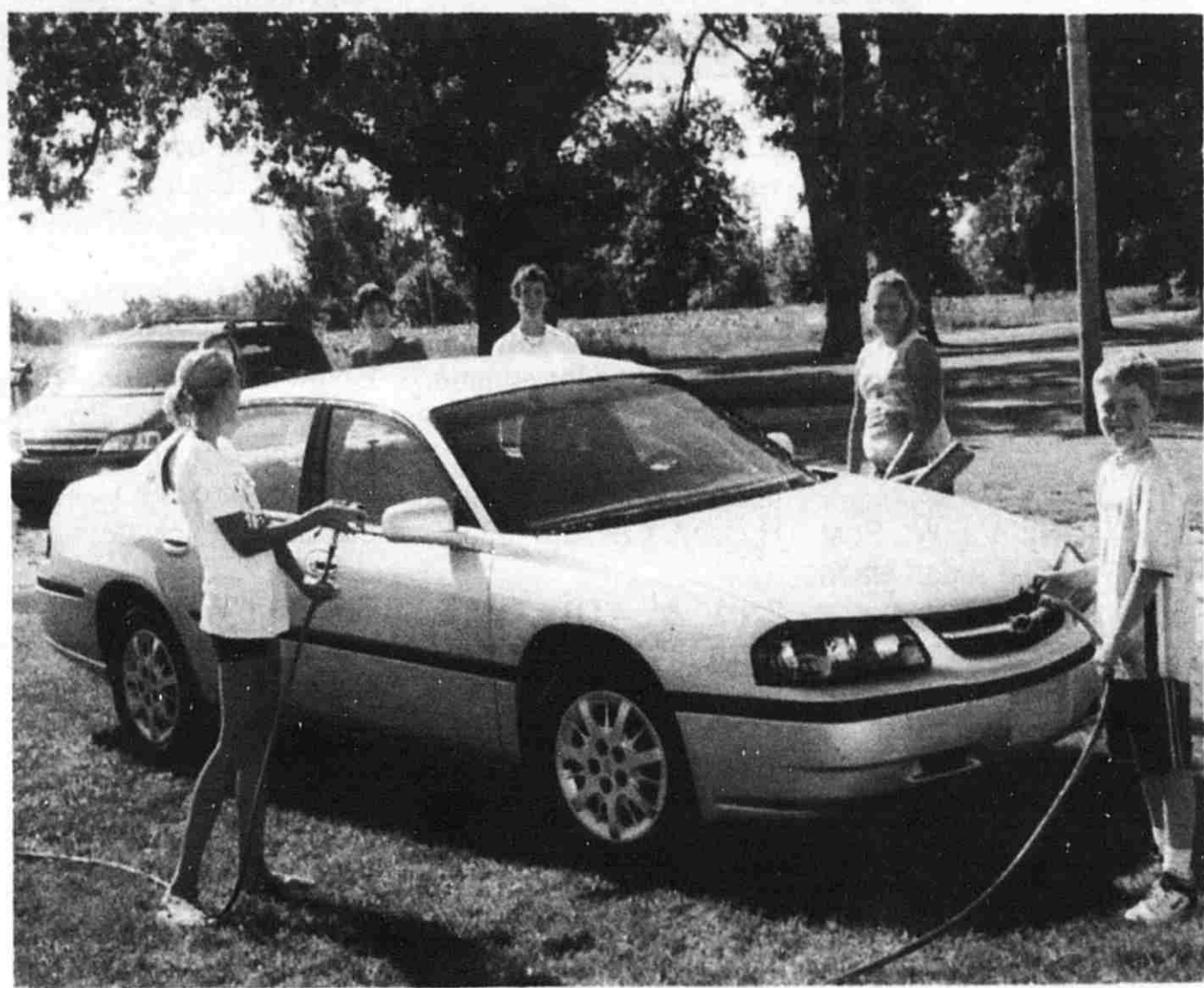
Christine Miller and some of the candles in her new shop, "The Lily Pad" at 220 W. Main Street.

## Washing cars for a cause

Montania and Kari Bergy wanted to help raise money for Anna Organek, 8, who has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. They organized a car wash at their grandparents' farm, (Don Bergy

on Hastings Rd.) and with their brother Dakota, and cousins Travis and Blake Bergy, and Brandon, Michael, Tristin and Alaine Thomas, the group washed 20 cars and raised \$260.

Pictured counterclockwise, Montania, Dakota and Kari Bergy and their cousins Brandon and Michael Thomas wash cars to raise money for Anna Organek.



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## Featured Artist

Jerri TeeLander

By Dan Schneider

A broad spectrum of colors and shapes fill the different frames now hanging on the walls of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

Local artist Jerri Teelander has been painting almost six years now. She has become comfortable using wild colors by taking classes from another Lowell artist, David Davis. When she started watercolor classes in the fall of 2000, she invited two friends to go with her but they didn't last as long as she did.

"I stuck with it probably because the other two had preconceived notions and I didn't have a clue,"

Teelander said.

Over the past six years, she has developed a capacity for painting realistically-- some flowers and seashells on display, for instance-- and in a more off-beat style. Two of her paintings contain amoeba shapes in far-out colors. They were made by cutting shapes out of contact paper, affixing them to paper, painting, and removing the contact paper.

In "Two Sisters," a pair of yellow irises tower in the foreground; simple gray shapes in back denote the rest of the garden resembling a concrete city skyline.

Another painting started with a yellow and red border of circles and shapes, and Chinese letters.

"I don't know what they mean," Teelander admitted.

The painting is of some koi from a photograph taken at a greenhouse.

"My idea when I did the border was to put that picture in it," Teelander said.

Most of the artwork is two years old or newer. On display through Aug. 24, Teelander will host an artist's reception Friday, Aug. 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. She will also be at the exhibit during the Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts on Riverwalk Plaza.



Lowell artist Jerri Teelander with her watercolor "Two Sisters."

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## Lowell hosts Xtreme Girls Softball Club tournament



Nicole Lange of the Lowell Xtreme Softball Club's 10-and-under team takes a swing during the long-ball hitting challenge, part of the club's invitational tournament Saturday at Creekside Park.

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Xtreme Girls Softball Club hosted its first softball tournament Saturday at Creekside Park.

Teams came from Byron Center and Middleville to compete. Lowell fielded three teams in two age divisions.

The 12-and-under Lowell White team won its first tournament championship of the summer, beating Byron Center 12-and-under Black. Lowell White lost its first game of bracket play before rallying for three straight wins to claim the championship. It was a big victory for a team that started the tournament with a record of 1-9 this summer. The first pitch was thrown at 8:30 a.m. and the final inning wasn't in the books until 6:15 p.m. Bill Paiz, Dan Petrojle and Ron Wolbers coached Lowell White.

Lowell's single 10-and-under team, coached by James Hinton and Tim Mueller, won the 10-and-under championship by defeating Middleville. It was the first championship this summer for that team, as well.

Middleville's 14-and-under team beat Byron Center twice to win that division's championship.

"We had a good day," tournament director Bill Smith said.

The day's events also included a long ball hitting challenge. Lowell's Nicole Lange won the 10-and-under division with a 189-foot hit. Byron Center players won in the 12-and-under and 14-and-under challenges, hitting 213 feet and 220 feet, respectively.

This is the second year for the Lowell Xtreme Softball Club. Smith said the club plans to add a 14-and-under team next year. By 2007, he said, the club hopes to have a 10-and-under team, two 12-and-under teams, and two 14-and-under teams. That will allow the Lowell Xtreme Softball Club to feed directly into the varsity softball program at Lowell High School.

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FILE NO. 05-179,922-DE

Estate of VIVIAN J. SLOT, deceased Date of birth: 06/27/1923

TO ALL CREDITORS, INCLUDING LARRY L. SLOT, whose address and whereabouts are unknown:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, VIVIAN J. SLOT, who lived at 802 Coldbrook NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan died 10/08/1998. Creditors of the decedent

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Susan M. Potyraj (P46249) 410 Bridge St. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-454-4119

Russell L. Slot c/o 1845 Boston SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506

## Businesses in town supportive of skate park

By Dan Schneider

If skateboarders in Lowell can put together a viable plan for a skate park at Stoney Lakeside Park, there are businesses in town willing to help make it happen.

Earlier this year, 14-year-old skateboarder Denny Denton began attending city council meetings to present the idea of a skate park in the city. The city council gave approval for a skate park, along with a list of other capital improvements at the meeting in June. The parks and recreation commission recommended the Stoney Lakeside Park location. The

commission has also set aside \$6,000 from its budget to help the cause.

Now it's up to the skate park advocates to put together a plan and get the park built. Not least among the necessary tasks is raising the estimated \$80,000 it will take to build a park. Some local business owners have said they would be willing to contribute.

David Gerst owns Roth-Gerst Funeral Home on Hudson Street, which is an occasional hangout for skateboarders. Gerst would rather it wasn't, as the skateboarders often cause a disturbance.

"Not any real damage other than tearing the shrubbery down and just being a nuisance on the parking lot and on the porch," Gerst said.

He likes the idea of a skate park where skateboarders could practice their moves without being bothered and without bothering anyone else.

"I'd like to see them have some place to play other than our steps and parking lot," Gerst said. "We'd probably give a contribution, but I'd like to see something solid."

Christine Miller, who opened The Lily Pad candle

shop on Main Street in June, is very interested in helping establish a skate park.

"The youth around here need something to do, and I totally agree with the fact that these kids are looking for something to do in a positive way," Miller said. "It's going to be a lot safer, too, having kids not out on the streets and away from the pedestrians on the sidewalks."

Miller has sold candles for fundraisers in the past, such as for churches.

"What I'm proposing is anyone who comes in and buys a six-ounce candle at a price of \$9.99, four dollars

will go for the skate park," she said.

Lowell skateboarders wouldn't have to go far to find advice on putting a plan together. Saranac and Ionia both have public skate parks. In Saranac, a group of youth and adults formed a committee to plan the park.

"One of the interested parties was my son, and he and a bunch of his friends (approached the village council)," Saranac village treasurer Becky Beaudry said. "They said, basically,

'bring us some information and we'll go from there.'"

The skate park equipment company sent a consultant to help plan the site. The Saranac skateboarders were able to put together a layout using foam models of the equipment. They had an easier time fundraising as the village allocated the full \$100,000 cost of the skate park; at least \$10,000 was also saved by recruiting more than 30 volunteers to do the installation.

## Lowell High School Class of 1936 reunion

Schneider Manor was the setting for the LHS Class of 1936 69th reunion, held on July 8. Four graduates, and their spouses and guests turned out for the potluck dinner.

Pictured, back row, left to right, are: Jason Onan, Carol (Shores) Gage, Josephine (Eickhoff) Onan, John Raymor, Pauline (Christoff) Eskes, Eileen (Onan) DeWolf, Helen (Shores) Houseman, Grace (Denny) Green and Joan (Ripstra) Roth; front row: 1936 graduates - Alfred Roth, Marian (Monks) Rutherford, Pauline (Kysner) LaDue and Michael Hoover. Not pictured are Marj Harding and Denise (Hoag) Dykhuis.



### • LEGAL NOTICE •

STATE OF MICHIGAN 17TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/ POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 05-06779-CH

Court address: 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 Court telephone no.: 616-336-3679

HON. GEORGE S. BUTH (P11479)

Plaintiff Justin Michael (P34349) 4550 Cascade Rd. SE, Ste. 102, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 616-940-9991

Plaintiff's attorney: In Pro Per v. Defendant James E. Yost, address unknown, unable to locate

To James E. Yost: IT IS ORDERED: You are being sued by

plaintiff in this court to quiet title in land and seek a declaratory judgment. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before September 7, 2005. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in this case.

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Lowell Ledger for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

A copy of this order shall be sent to James E. Yost at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Dated: July 14, 2005 Judge George S. Buth

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 4.08 AND 5.05 REGARDING MINIMUM LOT AREA, MAXIMUM LOT AREA FOR NON-AGRICULTURAL DWELLINGS, MINIMUM LOT WIDTH, AND REAR SETBACK IN THE AG AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 11, 2005 at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment:

- 1) amends Section 4.08, Schedule of District Regulations, to reduce the minimum lot area in the AG Agricultural District from 3 acres to 1 acre, reduce the minimum lot width in the AG Agricultural District from 330 feet to 250 feet, reduce the rear setback in the AG Agricultural District from 70 feet to 40 feet, and add a footnote 11 to provide that the maximum lot area in the AG District for non-agricultural residential dwellings shall not exceed 5 acres.
- 2) amends Section 5.05 to reduce the minimum lot area in the AG Agricultural District to 1 acre, reduce the minimum lot width in the AG Agricultural District to 250 feet, reduce the rear setback in the AG Agricultural District from 70 feet to 40 feet, and establish the maximum lot area for non-agricultural residential dwellings in the AG Agricultural District at 5 acres.

Interested parties may be heard at the public hearing. Written comments will be received until the close of the public hearing. The proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance may be examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

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### AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

The next six articles will highlight autism spectrum disorders, also referred to as pervasive developmental disorders.

During the middle of the 1900's, a name was developed for what appears to affect one out of every 500 children. This disorder often causes disruption in the lives of families, and unfulfilled lives in many children. In 1943, Dr. Leo Kanner

(at Johns Hopkins Hospital) studied a group of 11 children and introduced the term "early infantile autism." At about the same time, Dr. Hans Asperger described a milder form of the disorder that is known today as Asperger Syndrome. These disorders are characterized by varying degrees of impairment in communication skills, social interactions, and repetitive and stereotyped patterns of behavior.

Autism spectrum disorders can often be reliably detected by the age of three years, and in some cases as early as 18 months. The appearance of any of the warning signs of ASD is reason to have a child evaluated by a professional specializing in these disorders. Parents are often the first to notice different and unusual behaviors in their child, i.e., unresponsive to people or focus intently on one item for a very long time. The first signs of ASD can also appear in children who seem to have been developing normally when quite suddenly, these outgoing toddlers become silent, withdrawn, self-abusive and indifferent to social interactions. Research has shown that parents are most often correct about noticing developmental problems.

Children with ASD or pervasive developmental disorders demonstrate deficits in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication, and repetitive behaviors or interests. In addition, they will often have unpredictable responses to sensory input (i.e., certain sounds or how an object looks.) Each symptom can range from very mild to severe, and will present quite differently from child to child.

In some cases, hints of future problems may be apparent from birth. Often, a child's problems with communication and social skills become more noticeable as a child lags behind his age mates. In other situations, a child may start out well, but often between 12 and 36 months, they might notice a marked difference in how their child acts around people. They may reject people, act strangely, and lose language skills and social skills that they had previously acquired.

These are general indicators of ASD. Specific indicators and symptoms of ASD or pervasive developmental disorder will be discussed next. It is important to remember that there is help for children with these disorders, but an early accurate diagnosis is necessary to obtain the help they need.

## HEALTH

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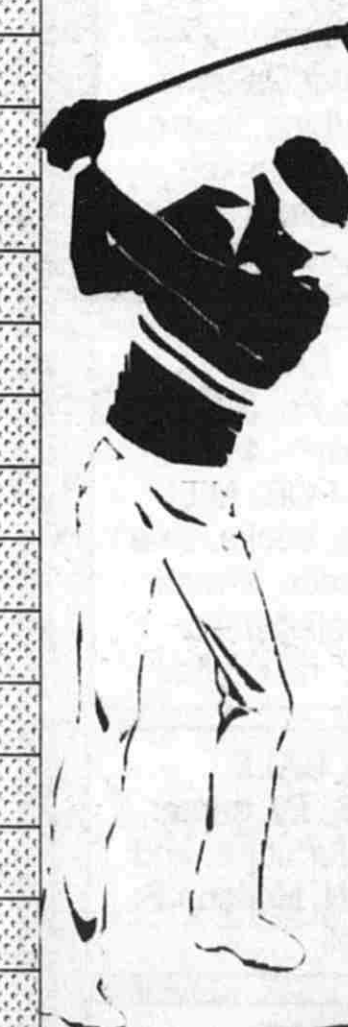
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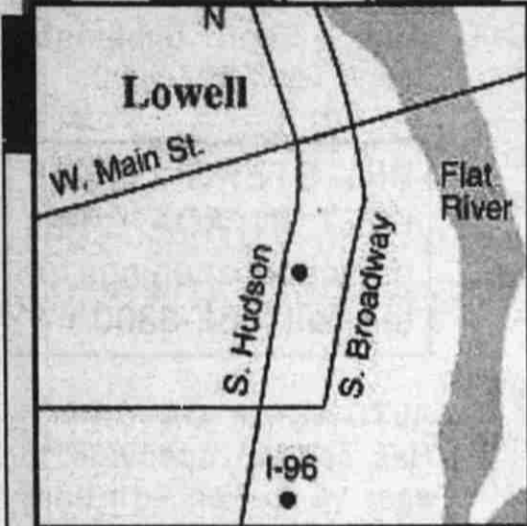
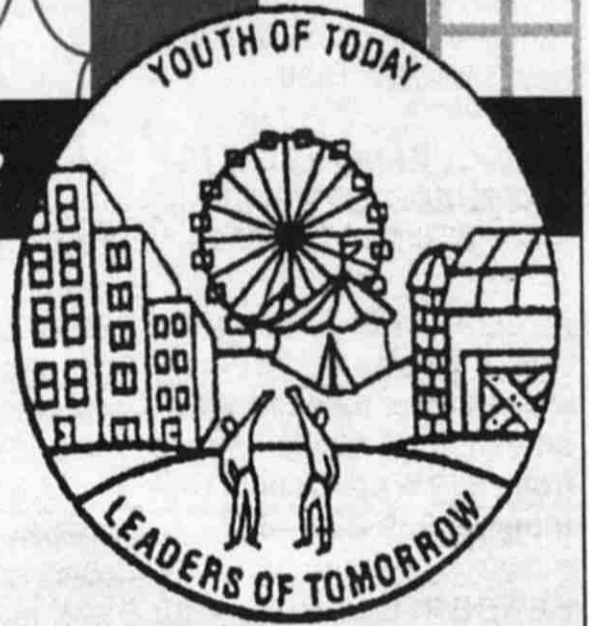
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 9:00 am Dog Obedience ..... Reath Barn  
 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Still Exhibit Judging ..... Stage Tent

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

4:30 - 6:30 pm Pork Dinner ..... Event Tent  
 5:30 pm Parade of Clubs ..... South End of Fairgrounds  
 6:30 pm Opening Ceremony ..... Stage Tent  
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### MONDAY, AUGUST 8 FAMILY NIGHT OUT



9:00 am Horse Judging: ABC Grouping, Parade of Clubs ..... Horse Arena  
 9:00 am - 2:00 pm ATV Safety Class, presented by Kent County Sheriff Dept. ..... King Building  
 Please register at (616) 897-6050  
 9:30 am Goat Judging, costume contest follows ..... Reath Barn  
 10:00 am Cavy Breed & Showmanship ..... Rabbit Tent  
 12:00 - 2:00 pm Youth Talent Contest Registration ..... Stage Tent  
 12:30 pm Horse Judging: Explorer Showmanship ..... Horse Arena  
 1:30 pm Horse Judging: Showmanship ..... Horse Arena  
 1:00 pm Rabbit Breed Judging ..... Rabbit Barn  
 3:00 pm Horse Judging Explorer Project Evaluation ..... Horse Arena Office  
 5:00 - 10:00 pm Carnival Rides Open - Unlimited \$10.00 ..... Midway  
 5:00 pm Fox 17 Remote ..... Midway  
 6:00 pm Swine Showmanship ..... Reath Barn  
 6:30 pm Youth Fashion Show ..... Stage Tent  
 7:00 - 8:30 pm Old Country Buffet's "O.C. Bee" ..... Midway  
 7:00 pm Horse Judging: Senior Presentations Horsemasters ..... Horse Arena  
 7:00 pm Antique Tractor Pull - Open Event ..... Track  
 7:00 pm Youth Talent Contest Special Thanks: St. Cecilia Musical Society ..... Stage Tent  
 7:30 pm Beef Explorer Showmanship ..... Beef Arena  
 8:00 pm Horse Judging: Warm-up, Down & Back Poles ..... Horse Arena

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 9 GRANDPARENTS DAY

Tuesday Sponsor:



Today Chainsaw Carving ..... Midway  
 8:00 am Horse Judging: Grand & Reserve Showmanship, Stock Seat Equitation ..... Horse Arena  
 9:00 am Poultry Judging ..... Poultry Barn  
 9:00 am Swine Judging: Market Class, Explorer Showmanship Following ..... Reath Barn  
 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Boating Safety Class ..... King Building  
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 9:30 - 11:30 am Performing Arts Dance Judging ..... Stage Tent  
 10:00 - 11:00 am Free Grandparents Coffee, sponsored by: Cumberland Manor ..... Event Tent  
 11:30 - 12:30 pm Performing Arts: Other Evaluation ..... Stage Tent  
 Noon - 10:00 pm Carnival Rides Unlimited \$15.00 ..... Midway  
 Noon - 4:00 pm Blood Pressure Check ..... Event Tent  
 1:00 pm Horse Judging: Jumping ..... Main Arena  
 1:00 pm Horse Judging: Ground Poles Class and Hunter Hack ..... Horse Arena  
 1:00 - 4:00 pm Performing Arts: Vocal & Instrumental ..... Stage Tent  
 2:00 - 3:00 pm Free Grandparents Coffee, sponsored by Cumberland Manor ..... Event Tent  
 4:00 pm Dog Agility Registration ..... Football Field  
 4:30 pm Dog Agility Judging ..... Football Field  
 6:00 pm Rabbit Judging: Showmanship ..... Rabbit Tent  
 6:30 pm Horse Judging: Stick Horse Event ..... Horse Arena  
 7:15 pm Horse Judging: Flag Race, Cloverleaf ..... Horse Arena  
 7:30 pm Family Tradition, Free Concert, Variety/Oldies ..... Stage Tent

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10 WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

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Today Chainsaw Carving ..... Midway  
 8:00 am Horse Judging: Hunt Seat Equitation & Dressage Seat Equitation, Suitable to be Dressage Horse ..... Horse Arena  
 9:00 am Storytelling, Puppetry, and Theater Judging ..... Stage Tent

9:00 am Beef Steer Market Classes ..... Livestock Arena  
 12:00 - 10:00 pm Carnival Rides Unlimited \$15.00 ..... Midway  
 1:00 - 4:00 pm Car Seat Safety Inspection ..... Parking Area  
 1:00 pm Feeder Beef Judging, followed by Beef Breed Heifer Show ..... Livestock Area  
 1:00 pm Goat Milking Contest, Goat Team Fitting & Showing Classes ..... Reath Barn  
 1:00 pm Horse Judging: Saddle Seat, English/Western Riding ..... Horse Arena  
 2:00 pm Goat Trail & Fun Class ..... Reath Barn  
 4:30 pm Dance Camp, sponsored by Chicago Honey Bears ..... Stage Tent  
 5:00 pm Sheep Judging: Market, Showmanship & Breed ..... Reath Barn  
 6:15 pm Freestyle Demonstration ..... Horse Arena  
 7:00 pm Explorer Pattern ..... Ring A, Horse Arena  
 7:00 pm National Lightweight Horse Pull ..... Track  
 7:00 pm Chicago Honey Bears Dance Team ..... Stage Tent  
 8:00 pm Horse Judging: Team Performance ..... Stage Tent  
 8:30 pm Chicago Honey Bears Dance Team ..... Stage Tent

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 8:00 am Beef Showmanship ..... Livestock Arena  
 9:00 - 11:00 am Goat Quiz Bowl ..... Stage Tent  
 10:00 am Rabbit-Cavy Explorer ..... Rabbit Tent  
 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Clown Judging ..... Stage Tent  
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 12:00 - 10:00 pm Carnival Rides Unlimited \$15.00 ..... Midway  
 1:00 - 3:00 pm Kid's Sing-A-Long, sponsored by St. Cecilia Music Society - Choral Program ..... Stage Tent  
 1:30 pm Horse Judging: Saddle Seat Equitation, Gymkhana Equitation ..... Horse Arena  
 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Traveling Zoo and Touch Table, presented by John Ball Zoo ..... Event Tent  
 2:00 pm Livestock Sale: Small Animals, sponsored by L&A Rental & Harold Zeigler Ford Lowell ..... Reath Barn  
 2:30 pm Livestock Sale: Sale Order: Swine, Sheep, Feeder Calf, Gallon of Milk, Beef ..... Reath Barn  
 3:30 pm Horse Judging: Reining ..... Horse Arena  
 5:30 - 6:30 pm Youth Variety Show ..... Stage Tent  
 6:00 pm Garden Tractor Pull - Open Event ..... Track  
 6:30 pm Horse Arena: Keyhole - Speed & Action ..... Horse Arena  
 7:00 pm Ice Cream Social, courtesy of Cherry Valley Livestock 4-H Club ..... Midway  
 7:00 pm Lowell Fire Dept. Extrication Demonstration ..... Midway  
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8:00 am Horse Judging: English/Western Pleasure ..... Horse Arena  
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 10:00 am Dairy Showmanship Classes, Dairy-type classes immediately following ..... Reath Barn  
 11:30 am Horse Judging: Grand & Reserve Horsemanship ..... Horse Arena  
 12:00 - 5:00 pm Carnival Rides Unlimited \$15.00 ..... Midway  
 1:30 pm Horse Judging: Trail ..... Horse Arena  
 2:00 - 4:00 pm Teen Leadership Judging ..... Event Tent  
 2:30 pm Tractor Driving Contest ..... Livestock Arena  
 4:00 pm Explorer Recognition ..... Stage Tent  
 6:30 - 7:30 pm Pizza Party, followed by Country Line Dancing from 8:00 - 11:00 pm ..... Reath Barn  
 6:30 - 10:30 pm Country Karaoke, brought to you by B93 and Farrow's Music ..... Stage Tent  
 7:00 pm Lowell Fire Dept. Extrication Demonstration ..... Midway  
 7:00 pm Horse Judging: Costume ..... Horse Arena  
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### SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 KID'S DAY

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9:00 am Showmanship Sweepstakes ..... Reath Barn  
 9:00 am Horse Judging: Pro-Am Pleasure ..... Horse Arena  
 Noon - 11:00 pm Carnival Rides Unlimited \$15.00 ..... Midway  
 12:00 pm Barnyard Pull ..... Track  
 1:00 pm Horse Judging: Ride-A-Buck ..... Horse Arena  
 1:00 pm Carnival's Giveaway ..... Stage Tent  
 2:00 pm Rabbit Awards ..... Stage Tent  
 3:00 pm Puff the Dragon Pedal Pull, Youth Classes ..... Midway  
 3:30 pm Horse Combination Awards ..... Reath Barn  
 6:00 pm Horse Judging: Survivor Relays ..... Horse Arena  
 5:00 - 6:30 pm Elmo Thumm, A Capella, Variety ..... Stage Tent  
 6:45 - 8:15 pm Chuck King, Hypnotist ..... Stage Tent  
 8:30 - 10:00 pm Saline Fiddlers, Bluegrass ..... Stage Tent  
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