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## Unemployment, rising costs coupled with poor economy increases the need at area food pantries

by Emma Palova

When Flat River Outreach Ministries moved out to a bigger location on Fulton Street, they had no idea how busy they would get within less than a year.

On a Thursday afternoon, both the thrift store and the pantry were busy like a beehive. Men were hauling furniture, while women did the grocery shopping with comfortable carts.

With high gas prices,

bad economy and weather damaging the crops, the need for food has risen multi-fold. And the outlook for fall isn't any better with the flooding of the corn in the Midwest.

Nowadays, the choices quite often come down

to: "Do I eat or do I buy medication?" according to pantry director Cindy Cornell.

"Employers are cutting back on health insurance," said Cornell, "and then you have the slowing down economy."

And summers seem to be worse for families than winters because of the break from schools. According to Marge Rehl, 21 percent of school age children in Lowell Area Schools qualify for free or reduced lunches.

"During the summer months these children are no longer receiving this help," said Rehl.

That is why, F.R.O.M. is planning a community-wide food drive from July 1 through July 12 culminating with the Riverwalk Parade.

"We are encouraging area churches, businesses and civic organizations to join in a community-wide food drive," said Rehl.

Donations can be dropped off at the pantry during business hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday 5 to 7 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. to noon.

Local auto dealers have agreed to host a food drive with their 'Battle of the Trucks' event. Each dealership will fill a truck with donations of food. Food donated will determine the number of votes for that make of truck.

During the Riverwalk Parade on July 12, community members may bring non-perishable items to the parade where the clowns will pick them up.

The parade is called F.R.O.M. the Heart to help those in need in the Greater Lowell Area.

The pantry needs the following items: canned potatoes, instant potatoes, canned fruit, jelly, bath tissue, dish soap, canned carrots, green beans and most hygiene products.

Also the Angel Food Ministries at the First Baptist Church located on 2275 Main St. are encouraging people in need to stop by July 3 from 4 to 6 p.m. and July 5 from 10:30 a.m. to noon to order regular food boxes for \$30, cash or food stamps. The next date to order will be July 11 from 4 to 6 p.m., and July 12 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The pick up is on the last Saturday of every month.

"Anybody who eats qualities," said Hadean

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Jan Stuart stocks shelves at the F.R.O.M. pantry.

## LAAC director plans to stay connected to Lowell community

by Emma Palova

Lorain Smalligan, executive director of the Lowell Area Arts Council, has accepted the position of development director for the West Michigan Center for Arts and Technology in downtown Grand Rapids.

Smalligan has been with the arts council in Lowell since the fall of 1999. During her tenure, the organization has grown tremendously. The No. 1 success instigated together with Chamber director Liz Baker has been the Sizzlin' Summer Concert series on the Riverwalk.

"We didn't have a solid music program," said Smalligan. "We wanted to bring back Showboat Nostalgia." The concert series has grown in

attendance and quality of concert line-ups.

The other big success has been the Thebes Players performing group that has

grown into its own over the years.

"The identity of that group has grown," said Smalligan. "They've pulled

a lot of actors and audience from Grand Rapids."

However, the foundation of the arts council remains the visual arts program, well known all over West Michigan. The West Michigan Regional Arts Competition has maintained its popularity.

"We have a solid gallery committee," said Smalligan. "They're very autonomous, very professional."

Also the artist residency programs at the Lowell Area Schools have grown. In the past, these have included welded sculptures, a butterfly project in 2005 that tied into the school curriculum and most recently, raku.

Smalligan will assume the full-time responsibilities of fundraising for the West Michigan Center for Arts and Technology in August.

"This was a very difficult, but exciting decision for me," said Smalligan. "I loved working at the arts council."

Smalligan, who is a resident of Lowell, will remain connected to the community through volunteer activity.

"I will miss the most the daily connection with the people," she said.

Smalligan will be leaving a strong well-supported organization by the community.

"I love this organization and I love what it does," she said.



Liz Baker and Lorrain Smalligan have worked on many city projects during their years together.

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# Obituaries



**MCKEAGE**  
Alta B. McKeage, 1913-2007. Beloved wife, mother and friend. She lived and loved well and she will be missed. There will be a celebration of her life at her home outside of Lowell, on Saturday, June 21 from 3 to 7 p.m. In remembrance, in lieu of flowers, please assist someone in need, in her honor.



**SCHWACHA**  
Irene K. Schwacha, aged 87 of Lowell, passed away Thursday, June 12, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband, Victor; sisters, Tillie Dyer and

Florence Morse; brothers, George, John, Albert and Bernie Ingenthron. Irene is the loving mother of Jeana (Dennis) Sypniewski of Lake Linden, Anthony (Mary) Schwacha of Wexford, Penn., and adopted daughter, Sandi Dehaan of Grand Rapids; grandchildren, Alec James and Kira Julia Schwacha of Wexford, PA; brother, Lee Ingenthron of Cascade; sister-in-law, Arlene Schwacha of Lowell; nephews, Kim and Jon Schwacha of Lowell; treasured friends, Jim, Vonnie and Therese O'Connor and Terry Steffens; also several great nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Monday at St. Mary Catholic Church. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Church in Lowell.

**VANDERHOFF**  
Bruce Joseph Vanderhoff, aged 62, of Grand Rapids, went to be with his Lord, June 9, 2008. Surviving are his children, Jane (James) Scott of Cedar Springs, Holly Vanderhoff of Clinton Township, Jeff Vanderhoff of Grand Rapids, Michael Kilbourn of Lowell; grandchildren, Crystal (Nick) Capizzi of Cedar Springs, James Scott II of Cedar Springs, Brandon Kilbourn and Hop Kilbourn of Lowell, Philip Haitt and Christopher Haitt; great granddaughter, Ava Marie Capizzi; father, Joe (Betty) Vanderhoff of Grand Rapids; sister, Judy Kinslow of Grand Chain, IL; step brother, Scott Hollis of Grand Raids; step sisters, Karen McKay and Lynn Isacson and many nieces, nephews and friends. Bruce was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie, mother, Donna Vanderhoff and step son, Philip "Skeeter" Haitt. Bruce loved the outdoors, animals, and University of Michigan. A memorial service was held Friday at the Ofield Funeral Home Chapel.

## Lend A Hand VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**VOLUNTEER HOSTS NEEDED FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

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are eligible to offer their hospitality.

According to Susan Kailing, the program's state manager, families that volunteer early have the opportunity to begin communication with their student before their August arrival. This bonding makes it easier for everyone to handle cultural obstacles once the student is here. "Most of the students feel like they know their host families even before they arrive, and are immediately ready to become a participating member of their new host homes - pitching in on everything from household chores to family discussions," says Kailing.

ICES is a non-profit organization, designated and monitored by the US Government. For more information call the regional office toll free at 1-877-681-1812, or visit the program's website at [www.icesusa.org](http://www.icesusa.org).

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 08-185,222-DE Estate of KEITH A. SHELDON, deceased Date of birth: 6/24/1948

TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, KEITH A. SHELDON, who lived at 16484 Larsen Avenue, Gowen, Michigan died 3/19/2008. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to CRAIG AVERY named personal representative, 6/5/2008

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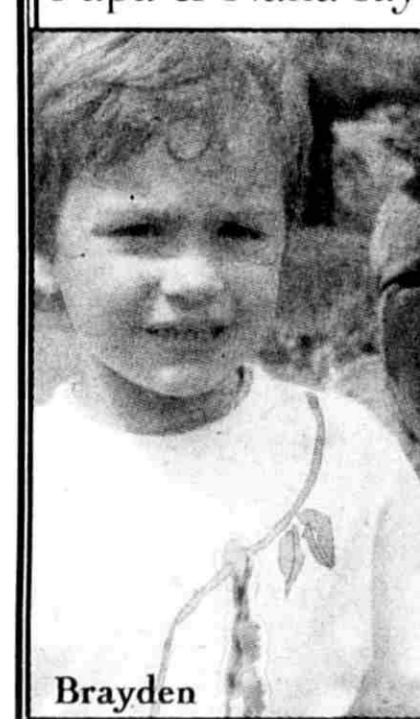
- Eleanor Roosevelt (1884 - 1962)

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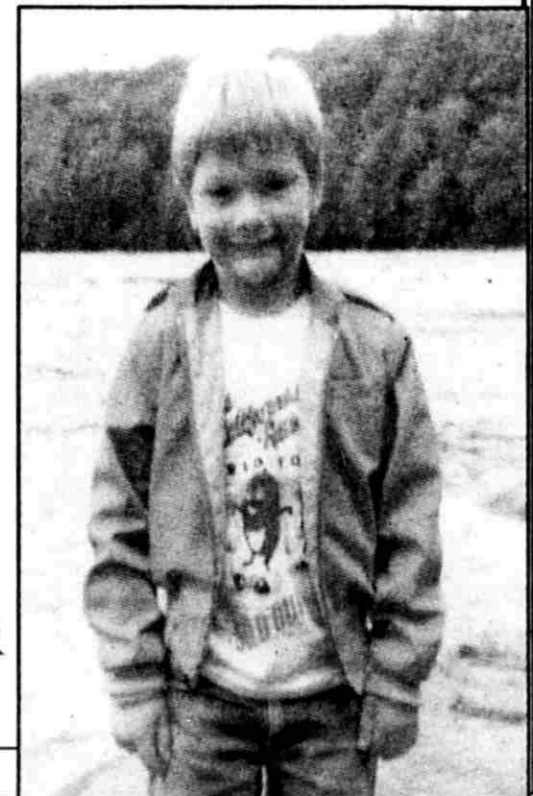
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*Loved and sadly missed by Husband Dave; Daughters Teri (Dave) Pembroke, Karen Johnson, Vickie (Kevin) McGraw; four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter*

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## Still almost Sizzlin' summer concert opens on the Riverwalk

The first concert of the Summer Sizzlin' Series was a big hit after the clouds have dispersed and the rain stayed away. Many dancers took to the sidewalks and the concrete platform. The chamber and the arts council booth handed out free t-shirts with the concert line-up. Country singer Dayna Malow provided good music. The next concert is Thursday, June 19 by the Adams Family, folk'n' rock and Alive & Well, classic rock.



Dayna Malow ushered in the concert season Thursday night at the Showboat.

## Stilt-walker begins final stretch in the U.P.

Stilt-walker Neil Sauter has reached the Upper Peninsula, completing more than 600 miles of his 830-mile trek across Michigan. Sauter, who has mild cerebral palsy, is raising awareness and encouraging support for United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan (UCP).

Sauter made his way through Lowell last month, walking down Cascade Road.

Sauter covered more than 100 miles each week, starting in Lambertville near the Ohio border. He will finish June 28 at the Wisconsin border in the U.P., near Ironwood. His journey has already been covered by more than 30 newspapers and TV stations from as far away as Texas and Florida.

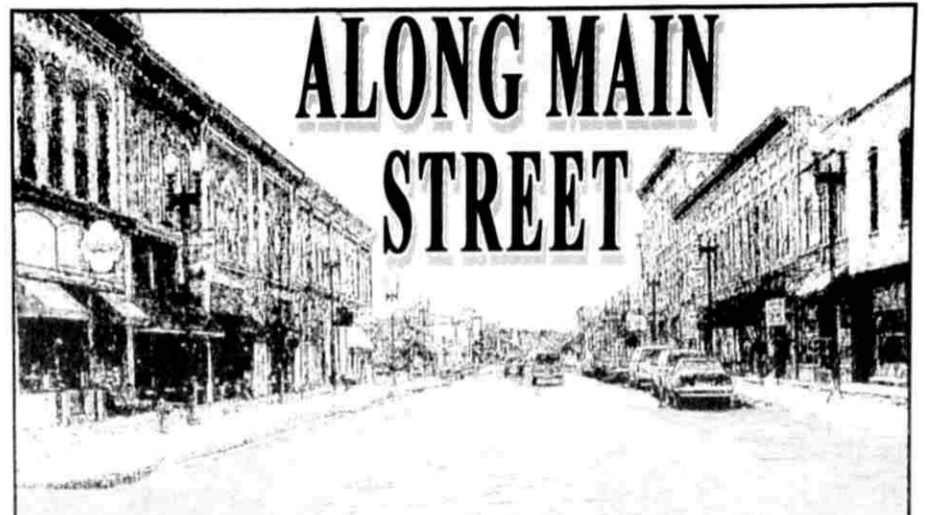
"From hundreds of cheering kids to the dozens of homes into which I've been warmly welcomed, I am so grateful to the people who have supported me everywhere I've walked," said Sauter, who has raised more than \$60,000 for UCP through a 3-1 matching grant from the U.S. Department of Education. "I took this trip to give something back to the community that has supported me, but, with the generosity I've received, I now feel I owe more than when I started."

"Neil has shown incredible perseverance, walking through rain, wind and gravel and wearing out two pairs of stilts," says Linda Potter, UCP Michigan's executive director. "He is raising awareness and providing important resources to UCP and those we serve."

Sauter's drive has been fueled by the many people he has met along the way. An impromptu assembly at a school he passed in Jackson, a free massage in Petoskey and the faces of countless



Stilt-walker Neil Sauter making his way through Lowell in May.



**LOWELL AREA CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION**  
A meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 24 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Englehardt Library. Any questions call Peggy, 897-7948.

**FIRE & WATER GALLERY**  
Marylu Dykstra, pointillist artist, is having an opening reception June 28, 2 to 5 p.m. at Fire and Water Gallery/Showroom. For further information, 616-890-1879.

**LHS ALL ALUMNI PICNIC**  
The Lowell High School Alumni Committee is planning an all LHS Picnic at historic Fallasburg Village on Sat., August 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All classes are invited. Bring your family and a picnic lunch. Beverages will be furnished. For information, call Barb at 897-5863.

**FOOD PANTRY**  
The FROM food pantry is presently in need of canned fruits, crackers, tuna, Hamburger Helper, and cereal.

**ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER**  
Alpha Women's Center of Lowell provides diapers, formula, wipes, children and maternity clothing as well as miscellaneous baby items. We also provide education programs for parenting and sexual health information. Open Mon. and Wed. by appt., Tues., 6-9 p.m. and Thurs. 10-4 p.m. Call 987-9533 for more information.

**PAPER DRIVE TRUCK**  
The softball paper drive truck has been moved to the football field at Lowell High School for the summer.

**DRIVERS EDUCATION**  
Drivers Education will meet at Cherry Creek Elementary due to construction.

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# Attwood Corporation expands with 43 new jobs in Lowell

by Emma Palova  
After a series of bad economic news, Lowell finally got a break. At the Monday night City Council meeting, representatives from the Attwood Corporation announced the consolidation of the Lancaster, TX operations into the Lowell facility. The first machinery from the Lancaster plant will be delivered by August 15.

The new jobs will be a combination of professional and assembly positions ranging from engineering to CNC operators and assembly. The company chose Lowell over Lancaster due to the plant's capacity. Another plant is located in Atlanta, Ga. Attwood is a marine part and accessories supplier, which includes manufacturing and assembly of marine products and direct sourcing of marine products. "We're expanding rather than contracting," said Drees.

The overall investment of more than \$1 million qualified the company for a tax abatement from the city over the next 12 years. The expanded operation at the Lowell plant will include the production marine pedestal products. The project is contingent upon the approval of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). "This is terrific news," said city manager Dave Pasquale. "A great shot in the arm."

Drees said he expects the payroll to eventually increase up to 50 people. "This will be great for the city of Lowell adding new jobs," said Drees. A public hearing on the tax abatement has been set for July 7. In related business: The city council approved agreement with Boy Scout Troop 102 regarding the use of the cabin.

Overnight parking will be prohibited in the city from Nov. 15 to April 15 upon the request of police chief Jim Valentine. City manager Dave Pasquale delivered the annual State of the City address. Some of the highlights include: DDA upgrade of the amphitheater, alley improvements between Larkin's and the post office. The number of building permits in the

city has increased by 13 over the last year. The city will continue to support the airport's efforts in upgrading to General Utility status. Sidewalks mainly to the schools will continue to be a high priority. By 2010, the reconstruction of Bowes Road from Valley Vista west will begin. The Love Skatepark committee will hold a benefit concert at Richards Park on July 12.

## Stilt-walker, continued ... From Page 3

children have been personal highlights of the trip. Many strangers have gone out of their way to buy Neil lunch, get him a bottle of water or to listen to the story of his trip. More information about sponsoring Sauter's walk

across Michigan or inviting him to speak is available at [www.stiltstory.org](http://www.stiltstory.org). After expenses, all donated funds will support UCP's Assistive Technology Loan Fund, a program providing communications tools, mobility aids and home

modifications for people with disabilities. UCP Michigan is a statewide association that promotes the productivity, independence and full citizenship of people with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. Cerebral palsy is the most widespread lifetime disability in the United States. More than 35,000 people in Michigan have cerebral palsy.

## Lend A Hand VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



### LITERACY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Tuesday, June 24 for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the Center and

its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training. The Literacy Center of West Michigan is a non-profit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in our community. Based on 1990 census figures, at least 19,000 adults in Kent

County cannot read at a functional level. At least 6,000 adults cannot speak or understand English well. By training people to be tutors, the Council can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL. The information session will be held at the Cascade Library located at 2870 Jacksmith Avenue, SE in Grand Rapids. Please call us at 459-5151 to register.

## Food pantries, continued ... From Page 1

Pomeroy, member of First Baptist Church. The \$30 regular boxes

may contain: ribeye steaks, hamburger patties, pork ribbles, chicken leg quarters

and breaded chicken legs, supreme pizza, mild Italian sausage, French fries, sliced carrots, mixed vegetables, dried milk, pancake mix, pork and beans, ketchup, macaroni and cheese, a dessert item. Special orders for \$20 may include: t-bone steak, baby back ribs, thick cut pork chops and bratwurst. Other specials for \$20 feature: New York strips,

sirloin and beef steaks. The third special is 10 pounds of chicken breaded breast strips.

"I would encourage anybody that is having problems to come and buy food at a lesser price than in a grocery store," said Pomeroy. "There are no limitations."

The contact number is: 897-6609.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendments to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance:

- Replace the term "BOCA" with the term "current Michigan Building Code" and current Michigan Plumbing Code" as applicable
- Change the term "township zoning official" to "Township Zoning Administrator"
- Provide a new definition of "Zoning Administrator"
- Delete the definition of "Zoning Administrator" from Section 4.3.4.B
- Change the term "Building Inspector" to "Building Official";
- Revise the duties of the Building Official, as specified in the current Zoning Ordinance, to correspond with actual duties.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, JULY 14, 2008  
TIME: 7:00 P.M.  
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE  
LOWELL, MI 49331

The proposed amendments are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary  
Lowell Charter Township  
Planning Commission

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# Viewpoint

## To The Editor

To The Editor,

After listening to the rhetoric coming from Washington surrounding the "excess profits tax" to penalize the five largest petroleum companies, I was disappointed. I was disappointed especially in our Michigan senators. Our great nation and our state is in the midst of an economic depression of immense magnitude, yet as vulgar as the Senate thinks the profits of the oil companies are, there was absolutely NO help for the cost of fuel for the 100 million families in the US, or the 4 million families in Michigan.

If the Senate wants to accomplish something that helps the voters, maybe they should fix the price of a gallon of gasoline and diesel fuel at 60 percent of today's price for one year. Then release the drilling rights in the Gulf of Mexico so we can keep our oil, rather than allow China and Cuba to drain our oil field. The same release should be made for drilling in ANWR (Arctic National Wildlife Refuge). Then the Senate should encourage our companies to construct new petroleum cracking plants.

Remember our Senator's help at election time.  
Doug Folsom

Dear Editor,

Headline in June 11 Lowell Ledger stated, "Lowell Light and Power manager resigns following drawn-out controversy". The article said a series of controversies culminated last year with the \$3 million sale of Lowell Cable TV owned by the subscribers to the system. The article also said it was unfortunate according to board chairman Greg Canfield; the sale had to be negotiated behind closed doors to stipulations by Comcast. I'll tell you what is unfortunate and that it came to his resignation. Lowell Cable TV was sold right out from underneath the subscribers' noses and the only thing to back that up was a bunch of crap. Along with the demise of many of Lowell's healthy tree's booth subjects lead right back to the Lowell Light and Power Board and the city council and there part in allowing all this to happen. What's next? Will Lowell Light and Power follow in the foot steps of the now defunct Lowell Cable TV?

Jim Howard



By Shelly MacNaughton

### 125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL JUNE 20, 1883

The telephone is a great convenience to Lowell, and has been extensively patronized.

The spring term of school closes this week. Prof. Stuart, the principal, has been given general satisfaction and will probably return.

### 100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 18, 1908

The Anti-Saloon League is the most powerful factor known in American history against the saloon. It brings people together in one great organization from every church, and political party. The wonderful prohibition victories of the past two years are the results of its leadership. If you want to know more about the plans, and hear this great issue discussed attend one or two of the Anti-Saloon League meetings next Sunday.

### 75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO JUNE 22, 1933

Thousands of people will be happy to know that "The Showboat" will make its second annual trip down Flat River the first week in August.

The showboat, which was presented here last year for the first time, proved one of the most unique and dramatic entertainments ever given in Michigan and news that the event will be repeated will be received with enthusiasm.

### 50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 19, 1958

Some men collect stamps or have a home workshop but A. B. "Curly" Howard, Lowell's jovial restaurant operator, has been working on his hobby of building a rodeo arena and staging a rodeo. "Curly" has spent his spare time building the arena on a plot of ground leased from the village south of the 4-H grounds for three years. July 4th week will bring the completion of his long project, with the staging of a full fledged rodeo with wild bulls, bucking horses and the many other rodeo events.

Orion Thaler left Monday to attend the Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio.

### 25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JUNE 22, 1983

Francis Esch, Superintendent of the Akron-Fairgrove Schools has accepted the Superintendent position for the Lowell Area Schools with an annual salary of \$43,000, plus \$2000 a year in tax-free compensation.

## Outdoors

By  
Dave Stegehuis



### WINDOWS

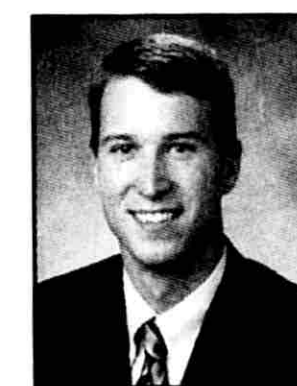
As I get older, my "to do" list seems to get longer instead of shorter. The reason is that some things were left undone and now I realize I am running out of time - running out of time because no one lives forever. If that isn't sobering enough, medical problems, some debilitating, become more probable as one ages. Now, you may be thinking you're not old, but that is what I thought and still do. Age alone is relative, but time has a way of slipping by unnoticed. The reality is that we are all running out of time.

Now that everyone is in a good mood, let's get to the point. I just finished reading a piece about the Sylvania Wilderness Area located in the western Upper Peninsula. The area is managed by the U.S. Forest Service. It has a unique history and continues to be protected as a wilderness area. Although limited vehicle access is available, camping, hiking, and fishing in remote sections requires walking and paddling a canoe. Many years ago our family, which

included two young children at the time, investigated the visitors center and planned to return later to explore and fish the backcountry. It never happened, and the Sylvania Wilderness is still on my list of things to do along with hiking Isle Royale, visiting Alaska, hunting Africa, and others.

It is easy to get tied to the routine of daily life or to keep doing what is familiar and comfortable. Making a departure from the routine and venturing into the unknown takes special effort to make it happen. In some cases, sacrifices have to be made.

Regardless of where you are on life's journey, it might be a good idea to make a list of priorities and then deliberately start picking them off when the opportunity comes around. These opportunities will appear as windows in time. For example, doing things with the kids while they are still at home because the period of time between when a child is old enough to appreciate meaningful experiences and when he or she seeks to become independent of mom and dad is sadly very short. In another case, a challenging activity might require a fit mind and body. Finally, as the world changes, that piece of unspoiled wilderness could fall to political expediency or natural disaster before you get there. When the window closes, there is no recourse. Keep an eye on the window so you won't have to repeat one of the saddest phrases in the English language: I wish I would have.



### Protecting Our Great Lakes

With Rep. Dave Hildenbrand

Michigan families love visiting our beautiful Great Lakes during the summer months. Another priority of mine is to make sure we do everything possible legislatively to protect these pristine natural resources for generations to come. I am committed to help usher legislation to comply with the recently developed Great Lakes Compact

Agreement. The Compact has been signed by all Great Lakes Governors and Premiers of the two Canadian provinces surrounding the Great Lakes and now has to be enacted by each state and province legislature. The compact is an important step in protecting the Great Lakes from diversions to other states, withdrawals outside the basin, nuisance aquatic species, and other potentially harmful impacts to our Great Lakes. Legislation is moving in both the House and Senate to comply with the compact and I will be sure to support and encourage these efforts. In the meantime, enjoy another beautiful Michigan summer.

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# Engagements

## Drenth/Curtis

Cori Lee Drenth and Ryan Thomas Curtis will be united in marriage on Saturday, August 16, 2008, at the Lowell United Methodist Church.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Tom and Carol Drenth of Lowell. She is a 207 Alma College graduate and is currently employed by Baudville in Kentwood.

The future groom is the son of Tom and Judy Curtis, also of Lowell. He is a 2007 Grand Valley State University graduate and is currently employed by Gordon Food Service in Wyoming. Both are 2003 graduates of Lowell High School.



Cori Lee Drenth and Ryan Thomas Curtis

# New Arrivals

## Bredin

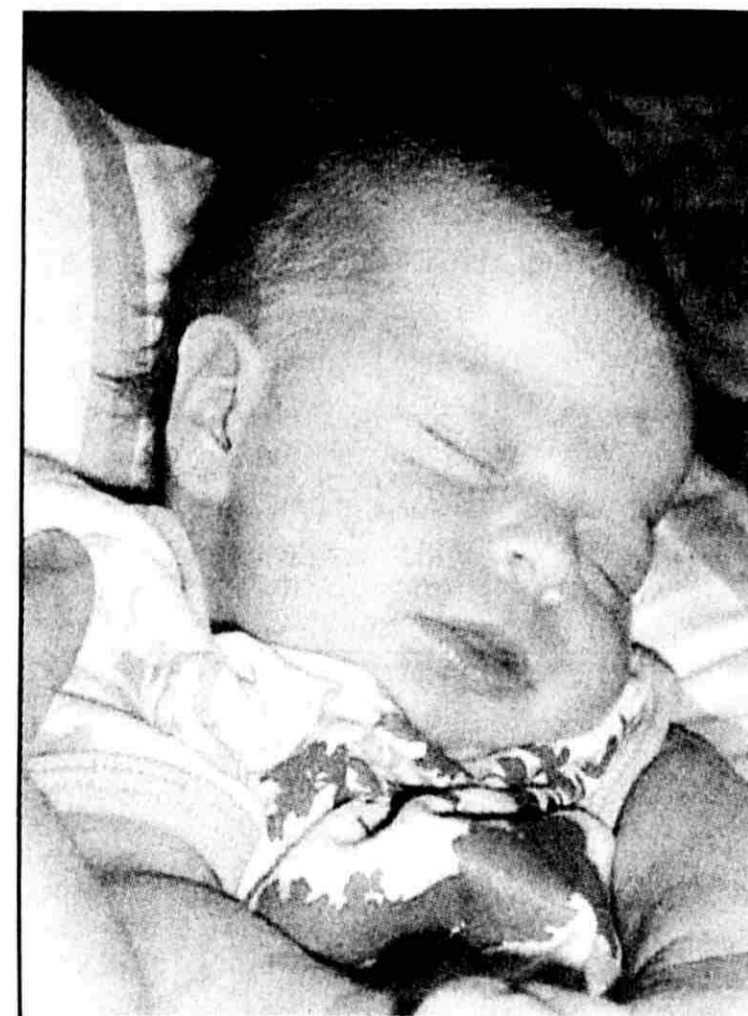
With a trumpet fanfare, Finn Atticus, born May 11, 2008, weighing 8 lbs. 9 oz and measuring 20 inches, was welcomed home. Proud parents are Eric and Lindsay Bredin of Lowell. Also welcoming him home were big brother, Teige Michael; grandparents, Mike and Deb Pavak of Ada, Cliff and Linda Schultz of Grayling, and Woody and Jean Bredin of Allen Park.



Finn Atticus Bredin

## Lutz

Jackson and Sammy Simmons and Everly Bear Kiedis are pleased to announce the birth of their cousin, Hayden Kalea Lutz, born on May 26, 2008, weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz, and measuring 19 3/4 inches. Hayden's parents are Jennifer and Timothy Lutz of Gilbert, Ariz. Hayden's very proud grandmothers are Peggy Idema of Lowell and Bonnie Lutz of Streetsboro, Ohio.



Hayden Kalea Lutz

## King's Brass to perform

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# Church in Alto plans construction project

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Sunday, May 18 at the Bowne Center Methodist Church following the church service. The church will be building a connector building to its hall, making them barrier-free. It will also include a nursery and larger entryway, and room for expansion to the sanctuary.

Plans are to have the building, which is being done by Lou D'Agostino, done by September 2008.

The church was started by a small group of people meeting in the Logan School, which was located two miles east of Bowne Center. In 1866, the group moved to the Bowne Center area meeting in the schoolhouse. In 1867, construction of the church began and was finished a year later. Remodeling was done during the years following and in 1959, the church removed the Michigan basement and put in a new one that was made

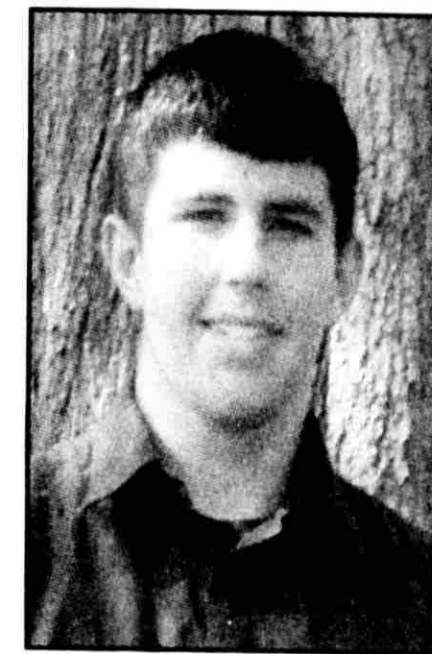
into classrooms for Sunday school. A new, enclosed entryway was included at the same time, plus restrooms. A new fellowship hall was built in 1988 which was larger, meeting the needs of the people.

Miracle Sunday will be held on Sunday, August 3 at 11 a.m. All interested supporters are invited to attend. For more information, contact Pastor Dean Bailey at (616) 691-8011.



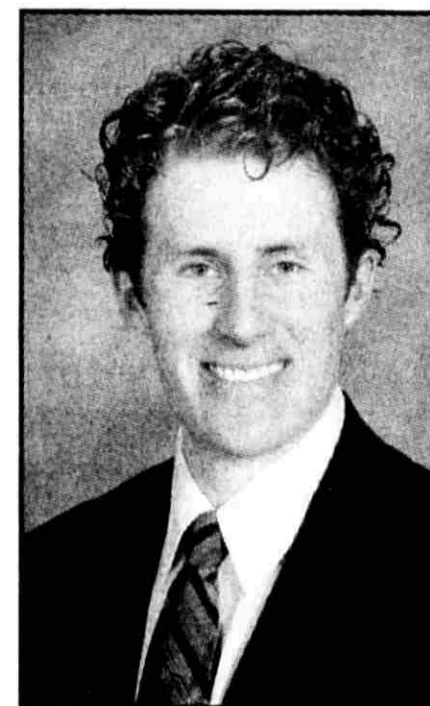
The groundbreaking ceremony at Bowne Center Methodist Church on Sunday, May 18.

## College News



Bradley Nordman

Bradley Nordman was placed on the Dean's List in the fall and winter semesters at University of Michigan. Parents are Mark and Margaret Nordman of Lowell.



Tyler Southwell

Tyler Southwell graduated Wayne State University school of Medicine on June 3. He was class representative in the Student Senate in his first year, class president in his second and third years, and Student Senate president in his fourth year. He will be at the University of Toledo pursuing a Urology Specialty degree as of July 2008.

## Collage Concert



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- Thank you to all the parents that helped put this concert together and donated refreshments.

Jillian Vitale, of Ada, has graduated from Boston College with a bachelor of science degree from the university's Wallace E. Carroll School of Management, majoring in marketing. More than 3,300 undergraduate and graduate students received degrees at the university's 132nd Commencement Exercises, held on May 19 in Alumni Stadium on the Boston College campus in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

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**JUNE 19:**  
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**JUNE 20:**  
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**JUNE 21:**  
 Thad Kraus, Dennis McClure, Bill Burt, Heather Brown, Jimmy Brown, Sean Briggs.

**JUNE 22:**  
 Michael Korte, Byron Pat Brenk, Jim Francis I. Ken Stager III.

## Vacation Bible School Saint Mary Church

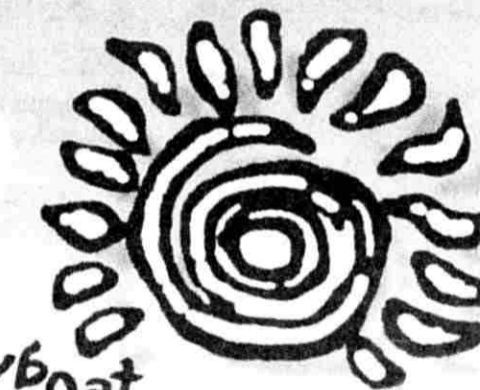
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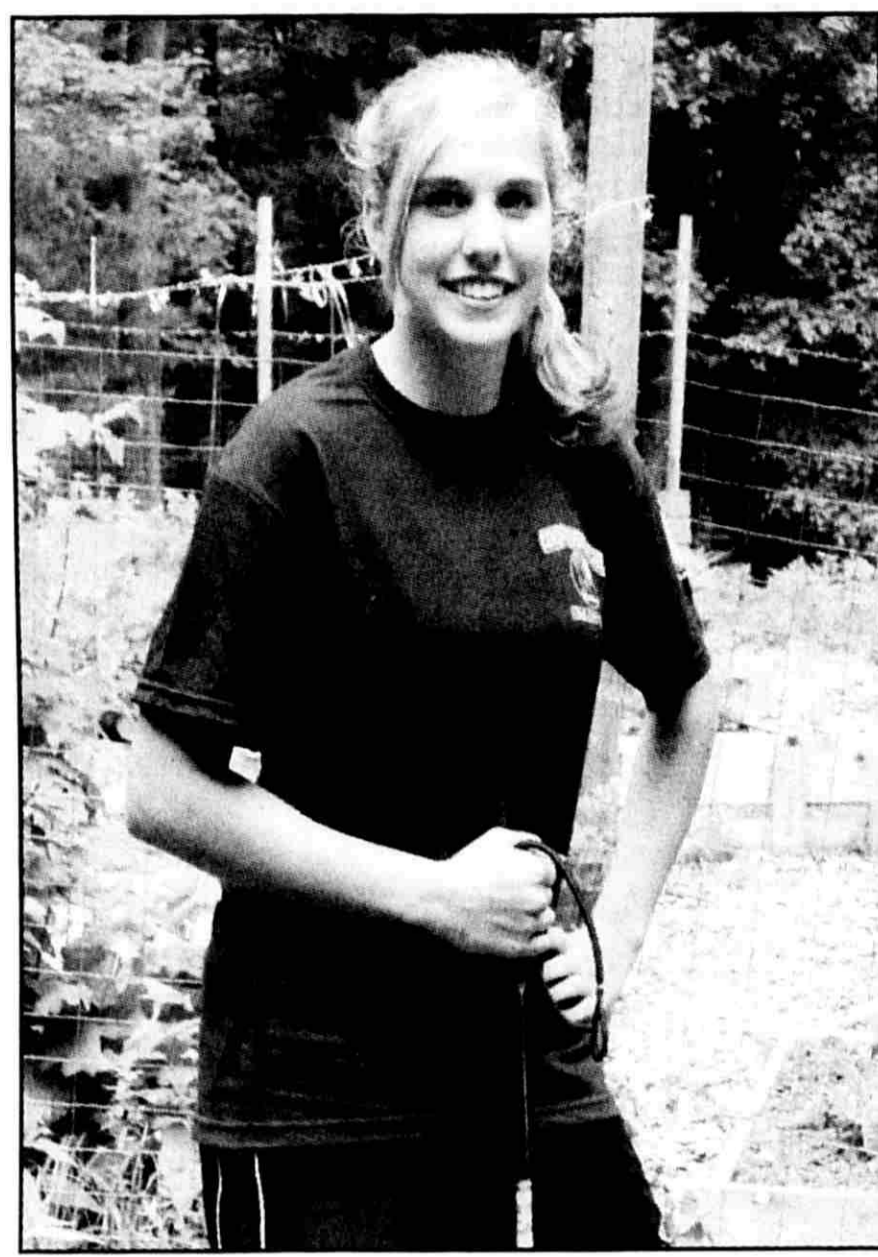
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## Lowell teen spends time volunteering at Greenville camp



Shelby Herb enjoys working at Camp Tuhsmehta.

Shelby Herb, a 16-year-old from Lowell, is spending more time this summer at Camp Tuhsmehta, a camp for blind and visually-impaired youth, located on 300 acres of wooded area in Greenville.

Herb has worked for two years at the camp, and has many volunteer hours. She was involved in the Lowell Service Learning Project.

Herb said she finds the camp fun and exciting, and "feels like she is still a kid at heart".

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## Last Thebes production of the season now on stage

The Lowell Area Arts Council is now presenting Neil Simon's comedy "Jake's Women" for their last production of the 2007-2008 season.

The main character, Jake, has quite a dilemma on his hands. Ken Parrish, who plays Jake, says "Jake, who's a writer of novels, wants loving and trusting relationships in his life. Events in his past have shaken his ability and desire to be trusting and trustworthy. With the help of the women in his life, he's able to get past all of that to identify what and who it is that he truly wants in his life."

Audiences will remember Ken from his first Thebes production in Escanaba in the Moonlight and recently in Moon over Buffalo. He will again lend his comedic slant to this classic tale of a man struggling in his later years to find his role in life.

How can any man relate to one woman, let alone six of them? Jake has his own devices. Ken says "What's unique about this show is that several of the women show themselves only through Jake's thoughts and memories. They include

Julie, Jake's first wife who died suddenly at a young age, and Molly, his daughter, who Jake thinks of at two different ages. She appears at age 12, only two years after the death of her mother, and at age 21, her real age today. The other two whom he talks with in his mind are his sister Karen, supportive yet to the point, and Edith, his analyst, who Jake calls on (in his mind) at any time, day or night. The two women that we see in "real life" are his current wife, Maggie, whom Jake loves but can't seem to fully commit to, and Sheila, the woman he sees as his "safety net" if his marriage to Maggie doesn't succeed."

The play is directed by Barbara Wepman, who brings a great wealth of experience to Lowell for the Thebes Players in this production. She has

directed many plays for Circle Theater, Thornapple Community Theater, Calvin Alumni Players, and Jewish Theater Grand Rapids. She was "thrilled to direct Jake's Women." She says "I love Neil Simon. He is truly one of our most talented, popular comedic playwrights of today."

She says that the cast "is eager and willing, open and helpful as we dive into the script to understand all that Simon has written and what motivates the characters as well as their relationships to each other. My goal is to entertain the audience, providing them with moments that are enjoyable, amusing, funny, and even touching as well as some insights and awareness about relationships that we all experience in our lives."

Dates of the play are June 13th, 14th, 20th, and 21st at 7:30pm at the Lowell High School's Performing Arts Center. There will be a Sunday matinee on June 22nd at 2:30 pm. The play is acceptable for all ages. Tickets are available in advance at the Arts Council or on the Lowell Area Arts Council's web site [www.lowellartscouncil.org](http://www.lowellartscouncil.org). They are also available the night of the show at the high school box office.

## Cleaning? Dust off your financial plan

by Vonda VanTil, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Spring is in the air. As you're dusting your house and cleaning out the clutter, don't forget another important matter deserving of your attention - your financial plan.

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Each year, every worker age 25 and older is mailed a Social Security Statement. Read it carefully because it is a roadmap to your personal financial future. It shows how much you and your family can expect to receive from Social Security when you retire, or if you become disabled or die. If you can't find your last Statement you don't have to wait for your next one. Just visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

gov/mystatement to ask for a new Statement to be mailed to you.

In addition, you should also visit Social Security's financial planning website at [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners). You can use the calculators there to test

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# Collage concert spotlights Lowell's young musicians

submitted by Cindy Kehoe

The Lowell Music Boosters hosted an evening of entertainment at the Lowell Performing Arts Center on June 3. The evening included a broad variety of music by talented youth from the Lowell area.

The Collage Concert format allowed for a quick transition from one

performance to another. The 8th grade band performed a number from West Side Story on center stage, then the lights came up on the high school string quartet and then on to the next act. Two times during the evening the screen was lowered and the audience saw the competition performances

of Almost Home (the Middle School Flagline) and Exit 52 (the High School Flagline).

Several groups performed including the Eight Grade Band, the High School String Quartet, the Red Arrow Fiddlers, the Middle School Symphony Orchestra, the Middle School Jazz Band and the High School Symphony

Orchestra. The cast from the High School musical "Copacabana" performed the number "Just Arrived". Rachel Folkersma, Conner Swift, Phil Getzen and Cody Herring performed solos. The audience also heard ensemble performances from the High School Flue Choir, Stephanie Winsor and Heather Wieberdink.

Kate Bredwell, the Middle School Band teacher, and Wendy Tenney, the Orchestra teacher, on the cello, performed a piece entitled Concertpiece No. 2 by Felix Mendelssohn. They were accompanied by Debbie Duckwork.

The Collage Concert was a fundraiser for the

Lowell Music Boosters. This is a parent organization created to provide support to the students who are involved in the Fine Arts programs within the Lowell Middle and High School. This program was supported by local industry and individual donors for a silent auction. Another event is being planned for next year.



Eighth-grade Jazz Band.

All photos submitted by Beth Thebo



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# 'Just because I can't remember' to feature senior photography

by Emma Palova

As Dorothy Olthof rests her head into husband Norman's shoulder, the camera captures a precious moment in time without the flash. It's not just wrinkly skin, silver hair, dry lips, and closed eyes, it's the gentle gesture of love that speaks out the loudest. There were probably many times like this before, but no one has captured them.

So, why now? Lowell photographer Brandon Mulnix explained his passion for capturing the grace and beauty of elderly people.

"It probably started with my grandma," he said. "Grandma was really cool. Besides the threat of Red Pepper, she really cared about me."

Yeah, maybe it was grandma who inspired Mulnix in his recent project to photograph the seniors at Fountain View. But, it also could have been his career as paramedic assisting seniors in different situations that has fueled his passion.

"Usually my patients were seniors, but my heart grew cold," he said.

Then all of a sudden, the fancy wedding and senior portrait photographer, challenged himself to photograph seniors on their

bingo night at the assisted living community after reading an article in a trade magazine.

Most people hate cameras, seniors hate them even more. Like any good photographer, Mulnix knew he wouldn't be able to photograph the seniors without establishing a certain relationship with them.

"How do you photograph people playing bingo," was his first question. "I mean what is there to playing bingo. This was documentary style photography, not portraits. I had to get to know them."

In order to establish some kind of a connection, Brandon spoke with a 94-year-old resident.

"So, what do you want to be when you grow up?" he asked the lady.

A beautiful spark came back into her eyes as she remembered.

"I want to be a beautician," she said.

Well, the lady once used to own a beauty salon, and that memory fired up the beautiful spark in her eyes.

At that point, Mulnix probably coined the term and the theme for the upcoming event showcasing senior photography, "Just Because I Can't Remember."

The next question that



Dorothy Olthof rests her head into husband Norman's shoulder at the Fountain View. The image was captured by Brandon Mulnix.

automatically popped up was: "What do you do with these pictures?"

Well, a lot has happened in that woman's 94 years of life or in the life of the Olthof couple.

"I want to educate people about their stories, about history," said Mulnix. "The pictures are one way to preserve history for the

kids and the grandkids. They're intimate pictures, not portraits."

In a different session, Mulnix talked to the seniors about the Bible, about their favorite passage. They all had the same favorite about being prepared, being ready. So, Mulnix captured their hands on the Bible.

Many seniors have

even passed away since the shoot, so Mulnix has already captured history in photographing the seniors.

"It brought passion back into my photography," he said. "This experience has opened up a different side of photography."

Mulnix has teamed up

with Fountain View for a senior photography gallery and slide show to be held on June 26 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. All donations and proceeds will benefit F.R.O.M.

"We are very excited," said Carrie Pattee, administrator of Fountain View.

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## STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008

To: Mayor Shores, Members of the Lowell City Council and Citizens of Lowell

Once again, I have the opportunity and challenge to address the community every month of June. Our conditions are examined as issues are identified and goals established. At this time, we question if the community is headed in the appropriate direction.

Building permits, as mentioned in each address, have been an indicator of the local economy. In 2007, 67 permits were issued amounting to approximately \$2.5 million in value. This is an increase of 13 permits and over \$935,000 more in value than the previous year.

State Revenue Sharing remains tenuous. While efforts continue within the State Legislature to increase the local share, it is very questionable whether this will happen. The payments continue to amount to 15% of General Fund revenues dropping from 25% just a few years ago.

The challenges of the economy from a State and National perspective remain. Challenges are in many ways tougher each year. But, I continue to remain optimistic that Lowell will prosper. The following goals for the new 2008-2009 budget are established and in some cases re-established:

- Continue to strengthen the General Fund raising the fund balance. The 2008-2009 budget provides a \$153,000 General Fund balance representing about 6% of planned expenditures. The goal of \$300,000 balance or 15% of expenditures is established.
- Continue to promote the Equipment Fund replacing vehicles in the Public Works Department. With the sharing of the Mechanic between the Public Works Garage and the Water Treatment Plant, opportunities for purchase are becoming more likely.
- Support the work of the Downtown Development Authority and Downtown Historic District Commission. Seek opportunities to further enhance the downtown, such as upgrading the old Amphitheater, which is becoming a DDA priority. Also, the DDA will complete the upgrading of Riverside Drive and the accompanied parking lot as well as the alley improvements between Larkin's and the Post Office.
- Continue to support the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce in its marketing strategy. The campaign "The Next Place To Be! Lowell" which promotes the business and entire community is in its third year. The Downtown Development Authority has allocated \$25,000 per year for three years toward this effort.
- Support the Planning Commission and the new master plan which outlines community land use and development goals.
- With the establishment of the LCTV Endowment Fund, there will be many project opportunities for the Council to consider. In September, a decision for the first project will be made.
- Promote a concerted effort continuing to upgrade City streets. The City has set aside \$96,000 for the coming year to assist in the upgrading of local streets. By 2010, Bowes Road from Valley Vista west will begin reconstruction through federal funding.
- Sidewalks, particularly the school walks, continue to be a priority. A walk along Gee Drive has been identified for possible funding under the Safe Walks To Schools program.
- Work closely with the Michigan Department of Transportation to provide a clearly communicated process for the public and particularly downtown merchants with the M-21 Flat River bridge reconstruction project.
- Recognizing our heritage with the Boy Scout Cabin and the wooded natural areas within the 27 acres of City owned land on North Washington Street.
- Continue to recognize the Lowell Area Historical Museum, Lowell Area Arts Council and the YMCA as important resources to the City's quality of life.
- Support the Airport Board's efforts to attain General Utility status for the Lowell City Airport thereby qualifying for State assistance. Tree cutting is nearly complete along with the acquisition of air easements.
- Recognizing Rockford Ambulance as an integral part of our community health system. To this end, the recent addition to the Look Memorial Fire Station will provide better accommodations for the ambulance service.
- Appreciating the service of the Lowell Little League, YMCA, Xtreme Softball, Kent County Youth Fair, Lowell Youth Football, Lowell Rugby and Lowell Lacrosse given to the community's young people, but understanding the cost of up keeping the City's parks used for these organizations must be shared.
- Continue plans and construction of a community walking trail in cooperation with Lowell Charter Township and Vergennes Township through the Lowell Area Recreation Authority.
- Continue to plan for improvements to the Wastewater Treatment and Water Treatment Plants.
- With the joining of the REGIS program, the City's computer mapping capabilities will be greatly enhanced. As always, while projects have been provided in our goals, the City places prime responsibility for service to the citizens of Lowell.



Respectfully submitted,  
David M. Pasquale  
City Manager

## College News

Culver Redd has been named to the Albion College dean's list for the spring 2008 semester. He is the son of James and Marsha Redd, of Lowell.

Stephanie Wagner graduated from Albion College in May, with a degree in psychology, with a concentration in human services. She is the daughter of Sidney Wagner of Lowell.

Northern Michigan University announces the Dean's List for the Winter 2008 semester. The following students qualified with a grade point average of 3.25-3.99.

Keith Sabin and Sara Wisniewski, both of Ada, and Thomas Wynsma, of Alto.

Richard Ford, of Lowell, graduated cum laude May 17 from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. He was on the Dean's List, the Honor Roll, and Law Review, where he served on the Board of Editors, as Casenotes Editor (three semesters), and as Managing Associate Editor (one semester).

Kirstin Anne Johnson was recognized by the College of Crative Studies for making the Dean's List for the 2008 Winter Semester. Kirstin will be continuing her studies with CCS at Griffith University in Brisbane, Australia this fall.

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Let's take a look at the investment objectives of some of the most popular types of mutual funds:

**Growth funds** — These funds invest in the stocks of growing companies, with the goal of providing investors with capital appreciation. In plain English, you invest in these funds for the potential to make your money grow. If you invest in these funds, you will almost certainly

## Getting the most from a tank of gas when boating

With boaters facing record high fuel prices this summer Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatU.S.) has a few tips that could help stretch their fuel dollars:

1. Leave the extra 'junk' home: Don't load the boat up with weight you don't need. Do a little spring cleaning - unused equipment that has been collecting mildew in the bottom of lockers for years should be taken home.
2. Water weight: At 8.33 pounds per gallon, why keep the water in the tank topped off if you're only going out for the afternoon?
3. Tune her up: An engine tune-up is an excellent investment and should easily pay for itself over the summer.
4. Tune your prop: If your boat goes 30 mph with a like-new prop and only 27 mph with a prop that's dinged and out of pitch, that's a 10% loss in fuel economy, or, you're wasting one out of every ten gallons you put in your tank.
5. Paint the boat's bottom: When boating in salt or brackish waters a fouled bottom is like a dull knife. It takes a lot more fuel to push your boat through the water.
6. Keep the boat in trim: Using trim tabs or distributing weight evenly will help move your boat through the water with less effort - and less fuel.
7. Go with the flow: Consult tide tables and try to travel with the tide whenever possible.
8. Install a fuel flow meter: A fuel flow meter is like a heart monitor: when consumption starts to rise, it's an early warning that something is amiss. A fuel flow meter also allows you

experience the "ups and downs" of the market, but if you hold your funds long enough, and they are well managed, you may increase your investment's potential return.

**Growth-and-income funds** — As its name suggests, a growth-and-income fund is structured to provide the potential for both growth in value and current income payments, in the form of dividends. Generally speaking, these funds are less risky than growth funds yet offer lower growth potential. Keep in mind, though, that dividends can be increased, decreased or eliminated at any time without notice.

**International funds** — You can choose from several types of international funds: global funds, which invest in both U.S. and international stocks; international funds, which invest primarily outside the U.S.; country specific funds, which focus on one country or region; and emerging market funds, which concentrate on small, developing countries. These funds generally invest for growth, but they involve special types of risk, such as currency fluctuations and the prospect of investments being affected by political or economic turmoil.

**Bond funds** — When you invest in a bond fund, you are

to select a comfortable cruising speed that optimizes the amount of fuel being consumed.

9. Do the math: If you don't want to spring for a fuel flow meter (about \$300), you can calculate your fuel mileage by dividing distance traveled by gallons at fill-up. Using your logbook, you can then approximate fuel flow using average speeds and time underway.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday July 7, 2008 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance.

The Township is proposing to delete the Historic Districts Commission Ordinance, Section 201.427 from the zoning ordinance.

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendment can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674]** or on the website at [www.vergennestwp.org](http://www.vergennestwp.org). Written and oral comments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: [zoning@vergennestwp.org](mailto:zoning@vergennestwp.org).

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Dated: June 18, 2008

Ray Zandstra  
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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Spring sports season finds records broken and titles won

by Molly Benningfield  
Editor

### Red Arrow baseball gets league and district titles in big season

The baseball team ended their season in the Regional finals against Jenison, but had already broken through quite a few records.

The Arrows ended their season 31-7, and ranked No. 10 in the state. They also claimed the OK-White title, their first in 35 years, and had a District championship, something they hadn't done since 1999.

Coach Justin Miller said the team had made three of their four goals - a District title, a league championship and a 30-win season. "We explained to them all the hard work it would take to achieve [the preseason goals]. We only returned four starters from last year, which was a big challenge for us in the off-season. But people found their niche," Miller said.

The team bonded through a trip to Gulf Shores, Ala. for spring break training, as well as a strong preseason.

They will return a core group of juniors for next season, although Miller

noted the leadership the seniors portrayed will be missed. "We hope next season is just as successful. I'd hate to offend this year's seniors by not coming back and working hard."

### Softball team finds niche after slow start

The softball team ended their season with a 19-14 record, one win short of their 20-win goal, but with a lot of improved play coming from many players.

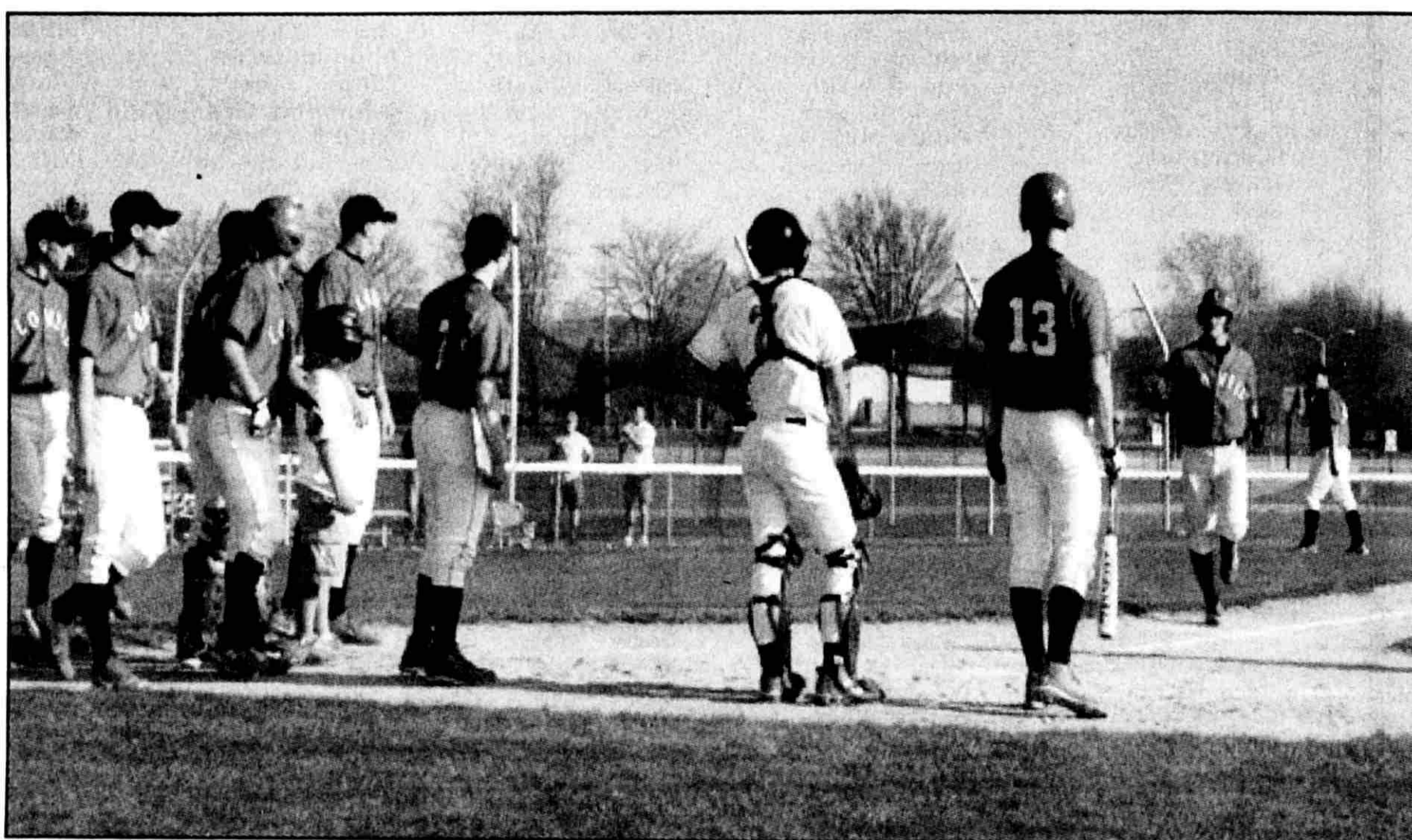
Coach Bob Rodenhouse said, "We had such a bad start, and then we got going. It was a mix of pitching, fielding, settling down the errors. It's nice to see the kids grow and develop."

The Arrows picked up after their slow start and took second in the OK-White. They were defeated by Rockford in the second round of Districts.

One of the best moments on the field was in the game against Hudsonville, when the Arrows won 3-0.

Rodenhouse said, "Lauren pitched a great game. [Katie] McElroy, [Samantha] Mundt, and Beth [Wyckoff] all had base hits."

He said any time you beat an OK-Red team, it's a



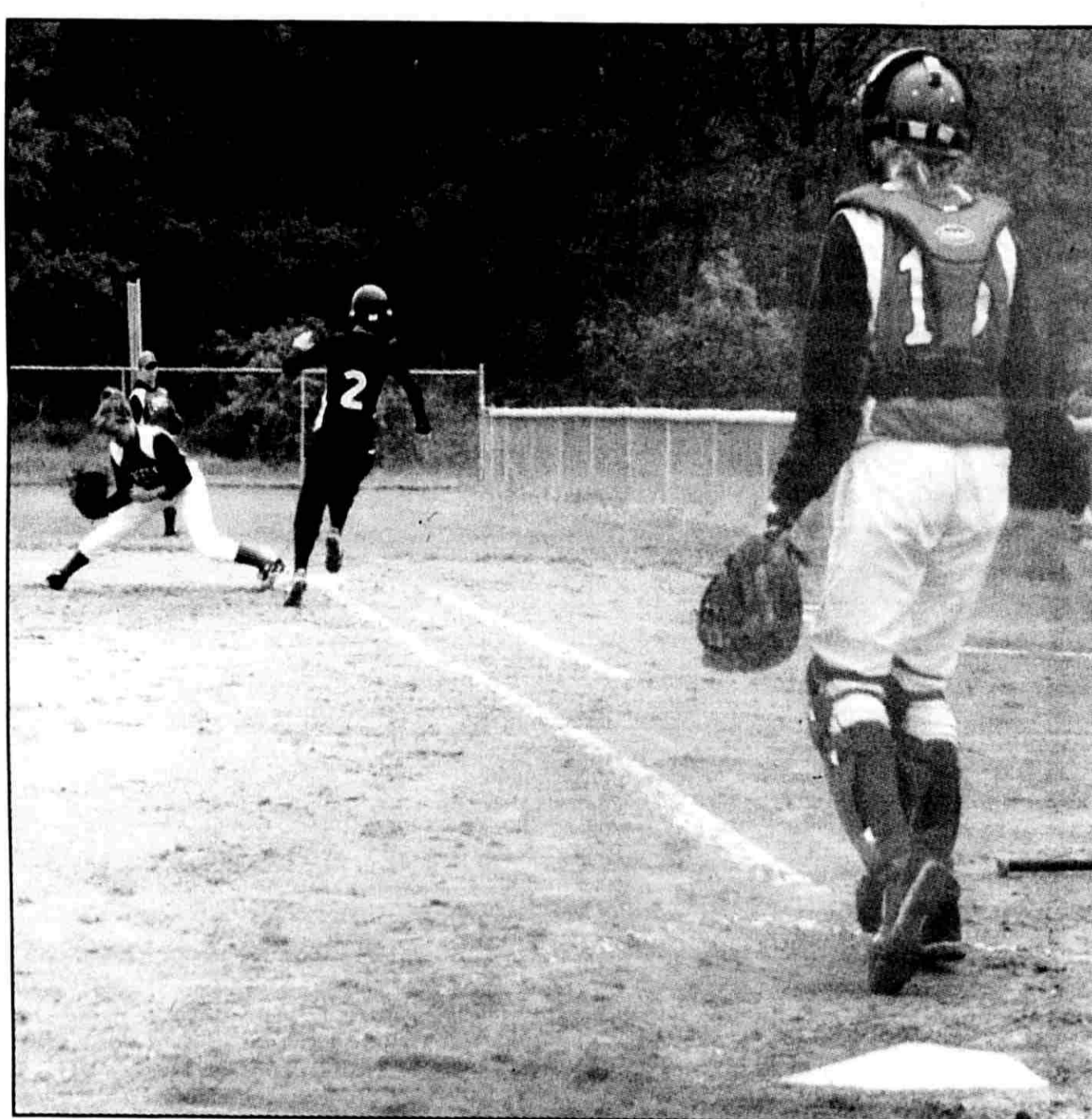
The baseball team comes out from the dugout as Torsten Boss (4) runs in from a homerun.

good day. "We played some of the OK-Red teams, that was very rewarding to win."

The Arrows were disappointed they didn't win the league, although Rodenhouse pointed out that Caledonia is a good team. They did, however, "beat pretty much everyone we were going to beat."

Lowell will have a tough time next year as it rebuilds after eight of its seniors will graduate. "This is the biggest [rebuilding] I've ever had to do," Rodenhouse said.

He said it'll be an interesting challenge to see



At first base, Cassie DeCator (17) gets her foot on the bag after a throw from catcher Ashley Nawrocki (13).

who steps up. "It's a great opportunity for girls to step up, if anybody has a chance, it's anybody. It's wide open - all positions are open."

He said the team is playing through the summer and he'll be trying different players in different positions. "It'll be interesting to see how good we'll be after losing our seniors."

And they will be missed. "The thing is, the seniors did what they had to do as seniors," Rodenhouse said. "They had great leadership, got along with each other, and they're going to be missed."

The team saw a variety of awards come their way. McElroy, Mundt, Jessica Meyer, and Lauren Dood

all made All-District, while McElroy and Mundt were also All-Region.

As for team awards, McElroy was MVP, as well as scholar athlete. Ashley Nawrocki was best sportsmanship. Andrea Coffey had the most team spirit. Kristin Nagy was most improved, and Mundt won the Mandy Tichelaar Scholarship.

### Soccer finishes season 12-3-4

Coach Paul Legge said this season of girls soccer at LHS was "probably the best girls season that I have been a part of at Lowell."

He said that from the start they set goals to "get

better every day and to get to our potential by the end of the season" and that the team progressed every day up until about the midpoint of the season. At that point we probably had reached our potential, and unfortunately never really progressed or maintained the level we had gotten to."

The best match of the season was by far the game against Forest Hills Central, where the team won 2-1. Legge also called the game the key moment that defined the season. "It was at that point we realized how talented and how special of a group we had. It was also

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cont'd., page 17

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Spring sport season continued ... From Page 16



Chelsea Harrison (15) and Lauren Ferguson (9) go for a header in front of the Northview goal during Districts.

at that point that I think we started a slow slide down the hill to end our season."

At the time, the Rangers were ranked No. 1 in the state, and became the state champions. Their only loss of the season came at the hands of the Arrows.

"I think that we were more successful than most expected us to be this season," he said.

Legge said the worst match was against Forest Hills Eastern in the second round of Districts, which "ultimately ended our season prematurely. It was a game we should have won and just didn't execute."

The team will return 17 players and only lose three starters. However, Legge said seniors Chelsea Harrison and Catherine Howard will be the hardest players to replace. Both were All-Conference and All-State players for the past two years, as well as being four-year starters. But the team looks forward to a great freshman class coming in.

Legge said this season was a "very exciting season for me, and the group of girls we had this year were a very special group of individuals. They were fun to be around and consequently fun to watch play."

The team has "lots to look forward to next season, and lots of work to get ready for the next season."

### Tennis ends with 8-3-1 record

The girls' tennis team ended with an 8-3-1 record in duals, which coach Bonnie Wall said was a "respectable record."

Highpoints of the season were beating Forest Hills Central and Northpointe Christian, who took second at the state tournament in

Division 4.

Wall said the team had a couple of disappointing turns, after they missed qualifying for state as a team by two points, and taking fourth place in the conference tournament, when "we had a chance to place second."

The team did, however, send Kelly Trapp to state finals at No. 1 singles. Trapp lost in the first round match to Amanda Cornwell of Waterford Kettering. Trapp finished her season with a record of 23-6.

Wall said the team will lose seven seniors for the starting lineup, and said next year will be a "rebuilding year for us."

"Fortunately, we have our No. 1 singles player [Trapp] returning as well as No. 3 singles Lauren Heemstra, along with three other experienced players: Megan Willemstein, Caitlin Baker and Taylor Mankel."

She said she's looking forward to seeing how the young players step up. "With some hard work from some of our JV players and a few incoming freshmen, we'll see how it goes," Wall said.

"We'll miss No. 2 singles Melissa Zuiderveen and No. 4 singles Tanya Baker, both who had tremendous seasons, as well as No. 1 doubles Katrina Schollaart

and No. 2 doubles Leara Glinzak. This has been a very hardworking team."

### Lacrosse team has best talent since program started

The lacrosse team had

a season of great games and tough losses. The Arrows hosted their third annual Lacrosse Day, and beat Holland 8-2 during the match.

Coach Eric Bredin said his team was probably the best talent-wise, that they've ever been.

"To be honest, I have been very impressed, and a little surprised with how skilled we are this year," he said. "Whether or not we are as successful as we are

talented will depend on how well we come together as a team."

They also had two of their best games of the season against Northview, in which they won 8-6, and against Grand Haven, losing a close match 6-7. "The kids played the games on back-to-back nights [against Northview and Grand Haven], and played some of the best lacrosse I've seen here at Lowell," Bredin said. "We controlled the ball extremely well against Grand Haven (currently first place in our conference). We probably doubled their time of possession and shots, but their goalie did a nice job and they scored on some unsettled situations that proved to be the difference in the game."

### Crew finishes first season as varsity sport

The crew team finished their first season as a varsity sport. Previously, they were a club sport at LHS.

Highlights of the season were the team of Jessica Mankel and Lauren Hanson rowing to a second place finish in Women's Double at the Flint Regatta, as well as the men's senior 4 of Matt Crain, Seamus Donahue, Jordan Warren, Andrew Brim and coxswain Mankel, who also took second in Flint. The Junior Women's 8 crew team of Cheyenne Brown, Annalisa Crain, Chelsea Dyer, Bailee Emelander, Sam Hagerman,

Hanson, Mattie Kropf, Jillian Lane, and Mankel took first in their division at East Grand Rapids.

### Track sees two athletes to State finals

The girls track team saw two if its athletes make it to State finals this year. Richelle Kimble, a junior, was second in state in pole vault, with her best jump coming in at 11 feet, 3 inches. Amy VanEms, a senior, was eighth in state in high jump, coming in at 5 feet, 2 inches.

## DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008

Minutes of the June 2, 2008 regular meeting and May 19, 2008 closed session meeting were approved as presented and the accounts payables were approved.

The following actions were taken: City Manager David Pasquale presented the 2008 State of the City Address.

Motion to approve the request for street closing of Lincoln Lake from Suffolk to Mercer to Amity on Saturday, July 12 noon to 9 p.m.

Motion to approve the request from Our Love Skatepark Committee to hold a benefit concert at Richards Park and to close Spring Street from North Hudson to Lincoln Lake on July 12 from 12 noon to 4 p.m..

Motion to establish a public hearing for Monday, July 7, 2008 to consider the Attwood Corporation application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate under Public Act 198.

The Council directed Chief of Police Jim Valentine to review the ordinance on overnight parking prohibition during the non winter months.

Motion to approve the resolution for property use agreement between First United Methodist Church on behalf of Boy Scout Troop 102 and the City regarding the cabin and immediate property on North Washington.

Motion to enter into a three year contract with Hydro Designs of Troy, Michigan for a cross connection control program.

By consensus of the Council, Diane LaWarre was reappointed to a three year term to the Arbor Board that expires June 30, 2011.

Motion to go into closed session at 8:32 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 9:56 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, July 7, 2008.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on July 7, 2008 on the City's web page at [www.ci.lowell.mi.us](http://www.ci.lowell.mi.us) or at City Hall.

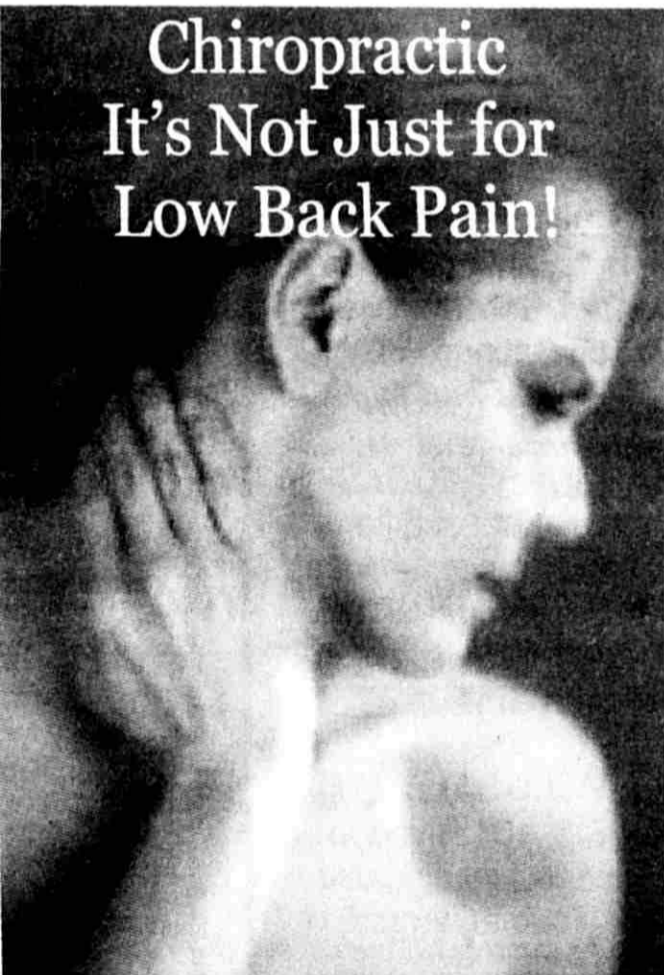


Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

## THANK YOU

The 2008 Senior Class Would Like To Thank  
The Following Merchants/Individuals For  
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| Ada-Lowell 5 Theatre     | FirstBank                  | Meijer                    |
| Amway                    | Flat River Grill           | Mynt Fusion               |
| Arrowhead Golf Course    | Fry Daddy's                | Napa Auto                 |
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| Backwater Cafe           | Gilbert & Sandy VanWeelden | Penny Cour-Heiler         |
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| Cathy Scudder            | Janine Mork                | The Garage Of Lowell      |
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| Dee Crowley              | Lily Pad                   | Three Brothers Pizza      |
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| Diana Schramm            | Lowell Lanes               | Tractor Supply            |
| Digital Image            | Lowell Vision Center       | Trombly Chiropractic      |
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| Fifth Third Bank         | Wellness Center            | Wolverine Water Treatment |



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# Sound Off

The Ledger  
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The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Sound Off" comments, but would like to remind readers of the nature of the column. "Sound Off" is meant to be a community notice board, a means for comments that can be regarded as helpful, congratulatory, thankful and informational.

We will not print any comments that are offensive or libelous. Direct aims at individuals, political figures and businesses will not be printed. For direct opinions on a subject (including, but not limited to, politics, businesses, city government and Ledger criticisms), please send a letter "To the Editor". All letters must be signed (first and last names). Please check Page 5 of this week's paper for the complete guidelines.

All comments are submitted by the public and do not necessarily represent the views of the Ledger.

Vote for a lawyer, married to a lawyer or vote for a True American War Hero whose wife owns a beer distributorship? Why are we even having an election?

A state that does not smog check cars wants a no smoking law? Very misguided!

Take a break but not when a long line of customers are waiting.

"I'll take a Cheese Burger with no meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato, bun, and ketchup because of e-coli, salmonella, bugs and rat poop." "Good grief, just a pickle and popcorn, please."

The Democrats and environmentalists have nothing to do with the gas prices. The executives at the oil companies get greedier every year.

Why is there no after-school day care for the summer for parents who both work full-time jobs?

Maybe if you paid attention, you'd know the Democrats and environmentalists are not at fault. Go read a book.

Lowell isn't the only place that is above the national average. In fact, the majority of Michigan is.

It irritates me when women don't remove their caps during the singing of the National Anthem. Both men and women should remove their hats.

Hey! Guess what? I was all around Michigan this weekend and gas in Lowell was 8 to 10 cents cheaper than all those places. People who have phones at least pay attention to the roads and stop texting. Just call them!

In response to who caused the high gas prices - The current administration and Washington with their hands deep in the oil companies pockets caused it instead of producing alternate energy cars.

I'm sorry to hear that Tom Richards has resigned as manager of Lowell Light & Power. He had done an excellent job in a most difficult position. I've always been proud that my power and cable service were provided by our own company. The citizens of the Lowell area owe Tom Richards a big and a hardy thank you for a job well done.

- Dave Simmonds

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### FOR SALE

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NEW HOME NEAR COMPLETION - 8705 Vergennes, Ada Township. Call John 498-0020.

MOTORCYCLE - 125T-6, 342 miles, \$1,700. Call 897-0062.

NEWSPAPER ENDS ROLLS AVAILABLE AT THE BUYERS GUIDE OFFICE - Many uses, table cover, art projects, packaging, etc. Stop by & grab one today! 105 N. Broadway.

MEMORY FOAM MATTRESS - Relieves back pain! Tempurpedic queen, \$1,899; Theratouch queen "something", \$899. Is the name worth that much? Brand new. Also twin, full & kings. Try them at RCD Wholesale, G.R. 682-4767 or 293-6160.

FISHING BOAT & TRAILER FOR SALE - Motor is 5 hp Gamefisher, rebuilt last year, used once. Paddles, life jackets, portable seat & gas can included. \$500. Call 897-7668.

2 MAUVE SWIVLE ROCKERS - \$35 each; electric fireplace, \$45; metal tea cart, \$10; 2 wrought iron chairs, \$5 each. 897-7826.

AIR BEDS - Selecta comfort firmness for each of you. Dual chambers. Digital remote, never used. Perfect for couples with different firmness needs. Queen \$795, king \$995. Air Bed Store, G.R., 682-4767 or 293-6160.

FOR SALE - 10 week old Irish Setter puppy. 299-5589.

HOT TUB FOR SALE - \$200. 6-8 person tub. Needs a pump. Call 616-901-6592.

1997 JAYCO EAGLE FIFTH WHEEL - model 253RK, very clean, one owner, no pet, non-smoker. \$5,750. Call 682-0217.

MATTRESSES - All new. All sizes starting at \$49. Large selection. Low overhead = lower prices. Shop & compare before you buy! R.C.D. Wholesale, G.R. 682-4767 or 293-6160.

WANTED - Looking for a 3 bedroom home - to rent in Lowell school district by July or August. Call Dan at 328-2809.

WANTED TO RENT - Pontoon boat, must be insured & transportable. Wanted Thursday eves. thru summer. 897-0261.

FOUND - Orange & white male cat, neutered & declawed. Found near high school. Call 897-8512.

### FOR RENT

ONE BEDROOM - one bath house in Lowell. \$450 per month. Call 616-862-6712.

HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.

APARTMENT FOR RENT - Upstairs, 1 bedroom, utilities included (heat, lights, water, cable & air conditioning). \$125/week. No pets or smoking. Call 897-7668.

BELDING - Security deposit as low as \$99! Limited time. Lease special. Select units available. Visit our website: www.flatsontheriver.com or call 616-794-0370. Immediate assistance, Nicole 616-477-3829.

WATERFRONT COTTAGES - It's time to get away, weekly & daily rental, completely furnished. Boats & air conditioning included. 897-5062.

HALL FOR RENT - with kitchen, seats 150. Call 897-6050.

LOWELL - 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment, \$400 + utilities. Call 897-4829.

LOWELL MOBILE HOME PARK - Under new management. Nice 1, 2 & 3 bedroom trailer for rent. For info call George at 616-754-0276 or 616-813-8041.

LARGE 1 BEDROOM APARTMENT FOR RENT - \$775 + utilities. Ready June 1, 214 E. Main, Lowell. 616-291-1760.

### EVENTS

ADA TOWNSHIP INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL CRAFT SHOW - Fri., July 4, 2008. Established 30+ years. Booths \$25, 12'x12' grassy area. 10:30 a.m. till 3 p.m. M21 (East Fulton) across from Arway flag display. For application call Pat Kain, 616-481-5890.

### PERSONALS

A Colossal Congratulations To CRAIG LOETZ  
We are so proud of all you have become, all you have accomplished and all you will do in the future.  
Much love from Dad and Mom

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### HELP WANTED

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL - a nonprofit arts organization in W. Mich., is seeking a FT Executive Director. The ideal candidate has experience in non-profit budgeting, operational & program planning, communication skills & marketing, volunteer development, fundraising, strategic planning & management of a small staff. Bachelor's Degree required & 5+ years exp. preferred. Salary & benefits negotiable & commensurate w/experience. Send a cover letter, resume & references by July 1, 2008 to: Search Committee, Lowell Area Arts Council, PO Box 53, Lowell, MI 49331. Email info@lowellartscouncil.org to receive a job profile. For more info on the Lowell Area Arts Council visit www.lowellartscouncil.org.

### SERVICES

HORSE BOARDING - \$150 per month. Stalls with pastures, 100X200 outdoor arena, some trails and dirt road riding. Sherry, 691-7489.

COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER - The North Country Trail Assoc. seeks a Comm. Mgr. to direct all facets of a comprehensive communications program for a small not-for-profit membership organization. Responsibilities include print & electronic publications, news releases, brochures & other media. The Comm. Mgr. works extensively w/volunteers, managing & developing their skills in creating & implementing broad-based & effective communications efforts. These may include elements of public relations, development & fundraising, advocacy, outreach & marketing. Apply to: Bruce E. Matthews, Executive Director, North Country Trail Assoc., 229 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331, 897-5987, hr@northcountrytrail.org.

IMMEDIATE OPENING IN ALTO!! - \$9/hour full-time, 1st shift, (M-F), start time, 5 a.m. Seeking self-directed person to perform general cleaning & operating of floor care equipment in a production environment. Experience preferred in commercial cleaning but will never over-look to train a motivated person! Apply in person June 16 & 17, 9-4; June 18, 9-noon; June 19, 9-4; June 20, 11-4. ENVIRO-CLEAN, 3801 Eastern Ave. SE (between 36th & 44th Streets), Grand Rapids. 616-574-2623. EOE.

DELIVERY DRIVER - CDL-A drivers needed. Looking for dependable customer service oriented person w/chauffeurs CDL-B, CDL-A license. Good working environment. Also hiring nights/weekends. 616-732-9954.

ALTERATIONS - Experienced professional men's, women's, leather coats, all fabrics, zippers replaced, wedding & prom dresses altered. Call Helen 897-6071.

ANGELA'S DAYCARE - Immediate full time opening. Licensed, food program, fenced play yard, 13 years experience. Call 826-1192 or 868-6247.

BUILT RIGHT COMPUTER SERVICE - PC repairs, upgrades, system maintenance tune-ups. Custom computer builds, home networking, virus, spyware & adware removal. We help you sell & ship on Ebay. Affordable rates. Call 616-723-8911 or email builtrightcomputer@yahoo.com.

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Voice your opinion!  
(good or bad)

### SERVICES

GARDENER AVAILABLE - for personalized help with new plantings, cleanups, revamping or routine care. Sensible earth friendly methods. 897-4220.

HORSE BOARDING - Lessons & horse camps. Call Kat, 616-690-0646.

FLAG POLE SALES - Installation, repairs & maintenance. Call United Sign, 616-693-2400.

GALLERY AND CUSTOM FRAMING - Fire and Water Art! 219 W. Main St., Lowell 890-1879. OPEN Wed. - Sun. 1-6 p.m. and Friday 1-7 p.m. NEW ART created by OUR 25 leading local artists! ART CLASSES! www.fire-and-water-art.com

ADAMS ADULT CARE HOME - has opening for one female. Private room available. Call Val, 897-5526.

HANDY REPAIR SERVICE - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, plumbing, electrical, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198.

NEED A DUMPSTER? - Dudley's Dumpsters priced to get rid of your trash & save you cash! Garage, attic, household cleanup, roofing, trash, junk etc. 14 to 20 yards available. Call for free estimates. Now accepting credit cards. Contact Doug 616-295-6640.

PIANO LESSONS - Encourage your child to learn something fun and beneficial this summer! I use the latest technology for learning theory, and introduce Jazz and Blues along with the classics. Vergennes Township 897-9485, \$15 per week. Email MissMeowwic@msn.com.

WATSON'S HANDYMAN SERVICES - Decks, doors, drywall & misc. repairs. Small jobs welcome. 897-6906.

JOHNSON TREE SERVICE - Tree trimming, removal & stump removal. Call Steve 485-1374.

DAWN POLMANTEER - is now working at Brenda's Hair Designs in Lowell. Dawn's Monday Special in June are \$10 haircuts or \$10 off any chemical service. All walk-ins welcome or call 897-7131 for app.

DAYCARE OPENINGS - off Lincoln Lake, full and part-time openings. CPR and First Aid Certified. Warm and friendly home with structure and love. Non smoking and no pets. Contact Becky at 616-450-0530.

## GARAGE & YARD SALE FINDER

ESTATE SALE  
Alto, MI, 8782 66th St. SE. Fri., June 20 & Sat., June 21, 12-7 p.m. Furniture (nice dining room set), linens, kitchen & household, many craft supplies, ladies clothing, outdoor & garden items, some old, no early sales. Rain or shine.

MOVING SALE BARGAINS!  
Riding mower, \$150; snowblower, \$150; rototiller, \$25; washer, \$50; brand new dryer, 1 month old, \$150; beautiful desk, beautiful bookcases, exercise equipment, BowFlex & treadmill, like new large tanning booth, \$300; some tools, much, much more. Ph. 957-0300. June 16, 17 & 18, 1-5 p.m. 7071 W. 2 Mile Rd., off Honey Creek Dr., Ada.

NEIGHBORHOOD SALE  
800 block Grindle Drive. Toys, kids & adult clothes, puzzles, paperbacks, household, whirlpool bathtub. June 19 & 20, 8 a.m.

BACKYARD/ANTIQUES SALE  
Sneak Peek, Fri., June 20, 5-8 p.m. Sat., June 21, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1580 Lincoln Lake Ave NE, Lowell. If you're a seamstress, quilter or crafter we have it all. Household items, holiday decorations, furniture. Christmas dishes w/matching silverware. Doolies & table runners. And of course the antiques. And much more!

GARAGE SALE  
Everything must go! Clothes galore, all sizes, too much to list. Household, misc. Fri., June 20, 9-5 & Sat., June 21, 9-3. 13725 84th St., Alto.

YARD SALE  
June 19 & 20, 9-6 p.m. 10443 36th St., Lowell.

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## CITY OF LOWELL

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL WATER CUSTOMERS

The Department of Public Works will conduct a hydrant-flushing program of the complete water system. Flushing will begin on Monday, June 9th through Friday, June 27, 2008.

City of Lowell  
Water Department

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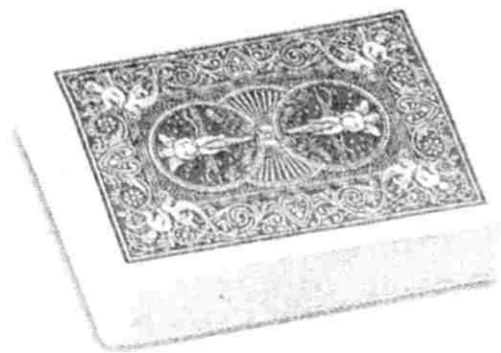
Parnell Road at 5 Mile, N.E.

**CHICKEN BAR-B-Q DINNER** (Sunday, June 29)

Served from 12-5 pm - Take Outs Available

Adults \$8.00 Children (12 & Under) \$3.00

## FRIDAY



### EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

7:30 PM

### BEER TENT

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

## ST. PATRICK PARISH

### CASH RAFFLE

Drawing June 29, 2008 at 6 pm

**Grand Prize: \$20,000**

2nd Prize: \$2,500.00

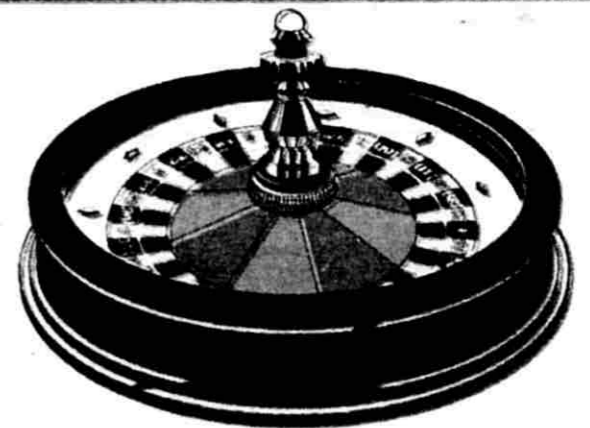
3rd Prize: \$1,000.00

4th Prize: \$500.00

Ticket Price: \$5.00 per Ticket

Raffle License No. C24171

## SATURDAY



### LAS VEGAS

7:00 PM - 12:00 AM

### BEER TENT

6:00 PM - 12:00 AM

## SUNDAY FAMILY FUN

*Children's Games*

*Horse Rides*

*Live Music*

*Annual Custom Classic Car, Truck & Antique Tractor Show*

*50/50*

*Bingo*

*Beer Tent*

Music By:

**Live Music**

**Saturday -**

**8:00 - Midnight**

**Virgil Baker**

**Polka Band**

**Sunday 1:00 - 5:00**