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Rockin' on the Riverwalk

by Emma Palova

The Sizzlin' Summer concert night last Thursday enjoyed record crowds underneath a bright blue sky. The evening started with Adams Family Folkin' Rock and the highlight was

delivered by classic rock band Alive & Well. The showboat was packed with patrons, both local and from Grand Rapids. The brew on tap was Oberon Summer Ale with the smiling sun in their logo. In the setting sun, local

pontoon boaters watched the concert from the water. The next concert is June 26 - Blue Moon, swing-style blues. Many dancers took to the platform and the sidewalks.



Open space contest celebrates abundant water resources in Eastern townships

by Emma Palova

The Eastern Township Open Space Council is holding the second annual photo contest in its coverage area to promote public awareness of the abundant water and wetland resources.

This year's theme is "Wetlands and Water". Photographers from the six participating townships of Ada, Cannon, Cascade, Grattan, Lowell and Vergennes are encouraged to submit their entries.

One of the goals of the contest is to enhance public stewardship of water resources, according to Kate Dernocoeur.

"Our main goal is to raise awareness among the local population about the vital importance of protecting and preserving the wetlands and watersheds in the environment in which we live," said Dernocoeur.

The photo show is meant also to celebrate the exquisite beauty of the water-filled world from the small things to the ones more grand.

"I hope photographers of all ages will get out there with their cameras and record the tremendous resources we have in our wetlands, lakes and rivers," said Dernocoeur.

Wetlands, according

to Dernocoeur, are vital for retaining topsoil and preventing erosion and subsequent silting and polluting of large rivers.

"It only takes one uneducated or uncaring person to interfere with the delicate ecosystem," said Dernocoeur. "A good example would have been the annexation in Vergennes Township. There is wetland on the southern corner and a creek that runs through it."

Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone said the contest's main purpose is to keep people interested in wetlands and water.

"We want to remind people how important these resources are to local economy," she said. "They're a big part of our rural character."

Entries have to be delivered to each individual township between Sept. 22 and Sept. 26. Contest rules

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LL&P names new interim general manager

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

Lowell Light & Power has named Greg Pierce as interim general manager, after Tom Richards resigned two weeks ago.

Pierce comes to Lowell from Traverse City Light & Power, where he was deputy director.

He said the move will keep pace with what he was doing in Traverse City, since

both places are municipally locally-owned. Pierce said he is looking forward to the new job. "It's going to be a good opportunity."

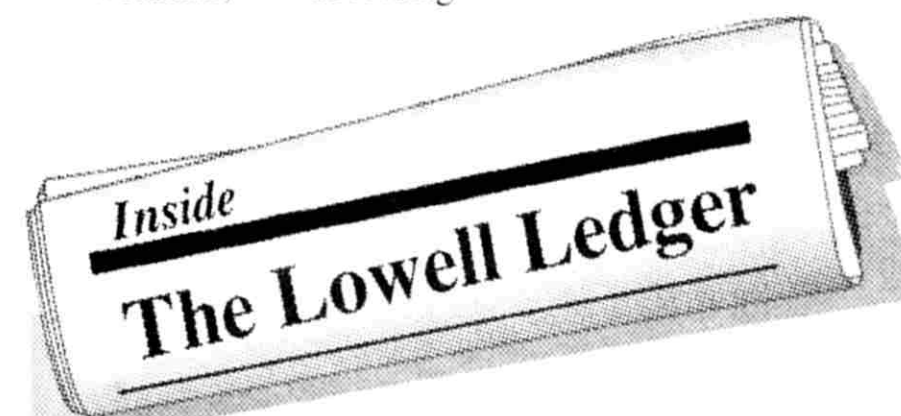
He said he is going to "try to fill in Richards'

shoes" as much as possible.

Pierce is originally from Adrian, Mich. He has a wife, Cindy, and six children: Leslie, Kristen, Nathan, Kelsey, Matthew and Jason.



Pictured are (first row, L-R): city manager Dave Pasquale; Mayor Jeanne Shores; Sergeant James Hinton; and Lowell Light & Power board chairman Greg Canfield. (Second row, L-R): newly-appointed interim general manager Greg Pierce; Jeff Mullins, the operations manager at LL&P; and Dan Desjarden, public works director.



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Obituaries

SELLNER

Joseph "Casey" Marcus Sellner, age 82, went to be with his Lord, Wednesday, June 18, 2008, after a long fight with cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Nina Sellner of Ludington; his brother, Theodore Sellner; and his father and mother-in-law, Harold and Alice Fonger. Joseph will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 51 years, Mary Lou Sellner (Fonger); his sons, Mark and Patty Sellner, John and Tammy Sellner; his grandsons, Christopher (Jennifer) Sellner, Cody Sellner, Spencer Sellner, Casey Sellner; his sisters-in-law, Jean Sellner and her children, Marilyn Antas and

her children. He was a hardworking man his entire life, who loved Ludington, Hamlin Lake and all his friends and family there. In recent months, he was reunited with his brother, Chester; two sisters, Isabel and Louise; and he was preceded in death by siblings, Stanley and Delores. Funeral services were held Saturday at Grandville United Methodist Church. The family welcomes memories and messages in their guestbook online at www.cookfuneralservices.com. In honor of Joseph, contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, Grandville United Methodist Church Memorial Fund or Angel Care.

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at its regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, July 7, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- Attwood Corporation (applicant) has petitioned for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (P.A. 198) on personal property (located at 1016 N Monroe) real parcel #41-16-35-451-002, personal parcel #41-50-72-003-130. The applicant qualifies for twelve years of abatement for improvements of \$1,007,060 in machinery.
- City of Lowell 2008 Recreation Plan.

Copies of the proposed 2008 Recreation Plan are available for inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library.

Interested persons may submit comments to the Lowell City Hall prior to the meeting or appear in person.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

Lowell High School students travel to Europe

Each summer, Blue Lake International Program sends several groups of young musicians on concert tours in Europe. This year, three Lowell High School students are part of that program.

Mackenzie Carlson is traveling with the Blue Lake Youth Symphony Orchestra. She plays the violin. This group tours several towns in Europe and performs at each venue for the residents. Members of the orchestra are housed with local families. This allows the students the opportunity to experience daily life in the regions they visit.

The Youth Symphony Orchestra returns on July 11 and holds its Welcome Home concert at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lake on July 28.

Conner Swift and Stephanie Kehoe perform

with the Blue Lake International Southern Winds Ensemble. Conner plays the tuba and Stephanie plays the oboe. The group travels to a different European city every two-three days and entertains local crowds. The tour includes a week-long stay at the French Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Figeac, France. The Southern Winds Ensemble will return to the United States on July 12 and holds its Welcome Home concert at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp on July 26.



Stephanie Kehoe, Conner Swift and Mackenzie Carlson are ready to leave for Europe.

2008 National Junior Angus Show

Dec Anne Elizabeth Merriman, of Lowell, and Tabitha Grochowalski, of Ada, will exhibit Angus cattle at the 2008 National Junior Angus Show at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, Iowa, July 13-19.

Tabitha, a junior member of the American Angus Association with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Miss., is one of 755 young Angus breeders from

37 states who have entered a total of 1,595 head in the show.

The National Junior Angus Show is the largest single-breed registered beef cattle show in the world. This year's event will host a beef cook-off, team sales competition, public speaking, photography, graphic design, writing and poster contests in addition to the traditional cattle show.

The National Junior

Angus Show is sponsored by the American Angus Association and the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and hosted by the Iowa Angus and Junior Angus Associations this year. The NJAA serves a membership of more than 10,000 junior Angus breeders in the United States and Canada. For more information, go to www.njaa.info.

Ham Radio Operators show off for Lowell residents

Thousands of Ham Radio operators will be showing off their emergency capabilities this weekend. Over the past year, the news has been full of reports of ham radio operators providing critical communications in emergencies including the California wildfires, Oregon and Michigan storms, tornadoes and other events world wide.

During Hurricane Katrina, Amateur Radio - often called "Ham radio" - was often the only way people could communicate, and hundreds of volunteer "hams" traveled south to save lives and property. When trouble is brewing, ham radio people are often the first to provide critical information and communications. The communications networks that ham radio people can quickly create have saved many lives when other

systems failed or were overloaded.

On the weekend of June 28-29, the public will have a chance to meet and talk with these ham radio operators and see for themselves what the Amateur Radio Service is about. Using voice communications and even historical Morse code, hams from across North America will be holding public demonstrations of emergency communications abilities.

This annual event, called "Field Day" is the climax of the week-long "Amateur Radio Week" sponsored by the ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio. Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm, has proclaimed the week of June 23, as Amateur Radio Awareness Week in Michigan.

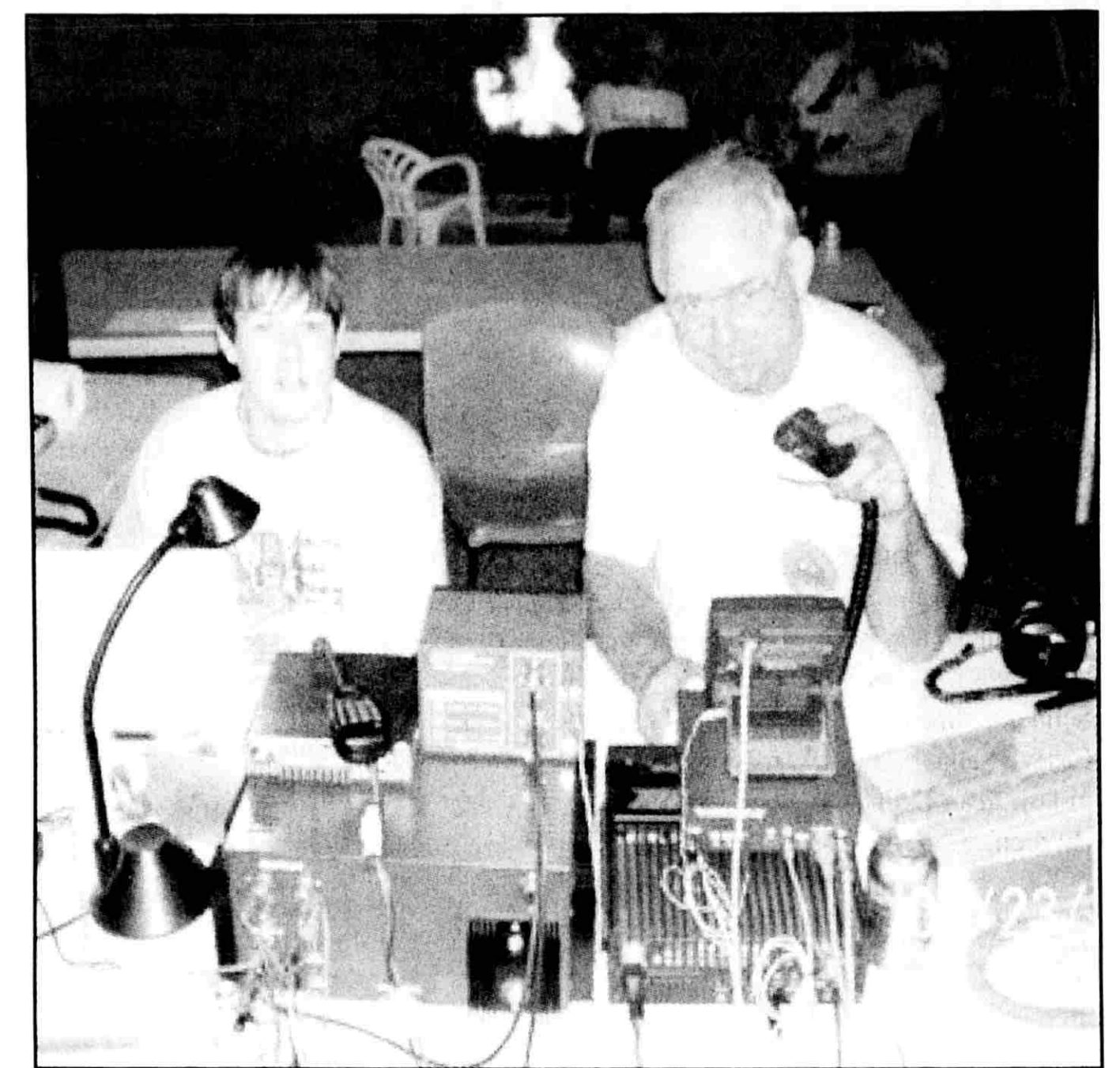
Using only emergency power supplies, ham operators will construct emergency stations in parks,

shopping malls, schools and backyards around the country. Their slogan, "Ham radio works when other systems don't!" is more than just words to the hams as they prove they can send messages in many forms without the use of phone systems, Internet or any other infrastructure that can be compromised in a crisis.

More than 34,000 amateur radio operators across the country participated in last year's event. It is hoped that people will come and see for themselves.

In the Lowell area, the Lowell Amateur Radio Club (LARC) will be demonstrating Amateur Radio in front of the Flat River Outreach Ministries building, 11535 E. Fulton St. this Saturday and Sunday. They invite the public to come and see ham radio's new capabilities. This is not your grandfather's radio anymore.

There are 650,000 Amateur Radio licenses in the U.S., and more than 2.5 million around the world. Through the ARRL's ARES program, ham volunteers provide emergency communications for thousands of state and



Pictured, L-R: Nate Smith KD8NCS, Jim Jawrowicz AA8JR

Open space, continued

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are posted at individual township websites.

Two prize categories, adult and youth under 18, will be awarded. Judges for the second annual contest are Steve Frykholm, a photographer, and Bob Day, a water resource expert. The entries will be judged on technical merit, artistic merit, and visual impact in keeping with the contest theme.

An artist reception will

be held on Sept. 30 at the Cascade Township Wisner Center. After the reception, the selected photographs will hang in all six township halls in October.

Last year's contest celebrating the rural character of the Eastern township had a very good turnout, according to Stone.

For more information go to www.vergenestwp.org.

Sensei Aaron Bailey
w/Roken Karate (Formerly of Lowell)
has moved & opened a new school. Have over 18 years experience in traditional martial arts field and has new classes and new lower rates starting now.

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CORRECTION
An article in the Ledger last week (6/18/08) on local food pantries incorrectly stated that Cindy Cornell is the director. She is a volunteer at the food pantry.

June 26

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Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc.

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Donations can be dropped off at the Food Pantry during business hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 2:00 pm-4:30 pm; Wednesday 5:00 pm-7:00 pm and Friday 10:00 am-12:00 noon; or your favorite auto dealer.

You are also asked to bring food items to the RIVERWALK F.R.O.M THE HEART PARADE on Saturday, July 12 at 11:00 am
Any questions, please call the pantry at 897-8260

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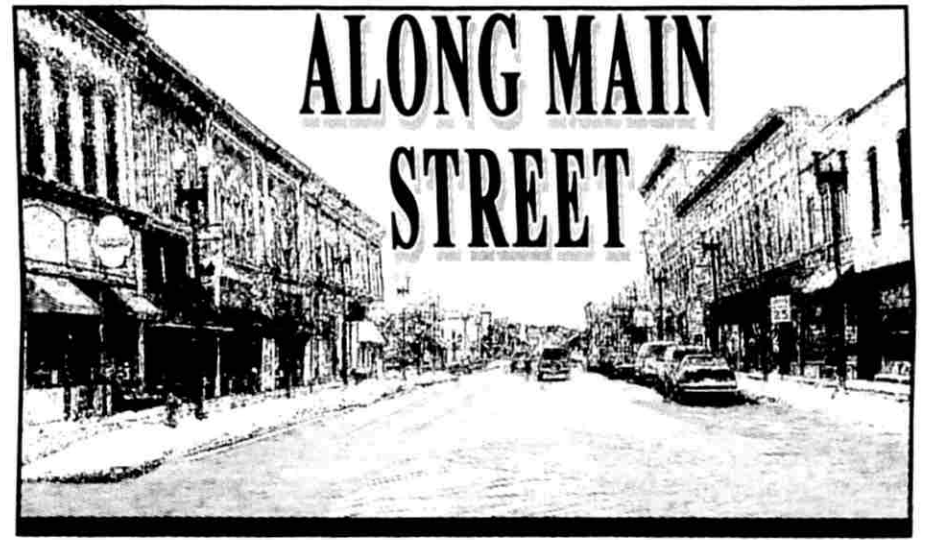
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Amateur Radio can do. They can even help you get on the air. The LARC field day chairman, Stu Sauber, can be contacted at (616) 676-3357. To learn more about Amateur Radio, go to www.wedothat-radio.org or the LARC website www.w8lrc.org.



RELAY FOR LIFE OF LOWELL
Come to the 3rd Annual Relay for Life on Fri. and Sat., June 27 and 28 from noon to noon at Lowell High School's Red Arrow Memorial Stadium. A community pancake breakfast will be served Saturday morning from 7-10 a.m. at the concession area. For more information contact Carol Briggs, 897-5501.

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.

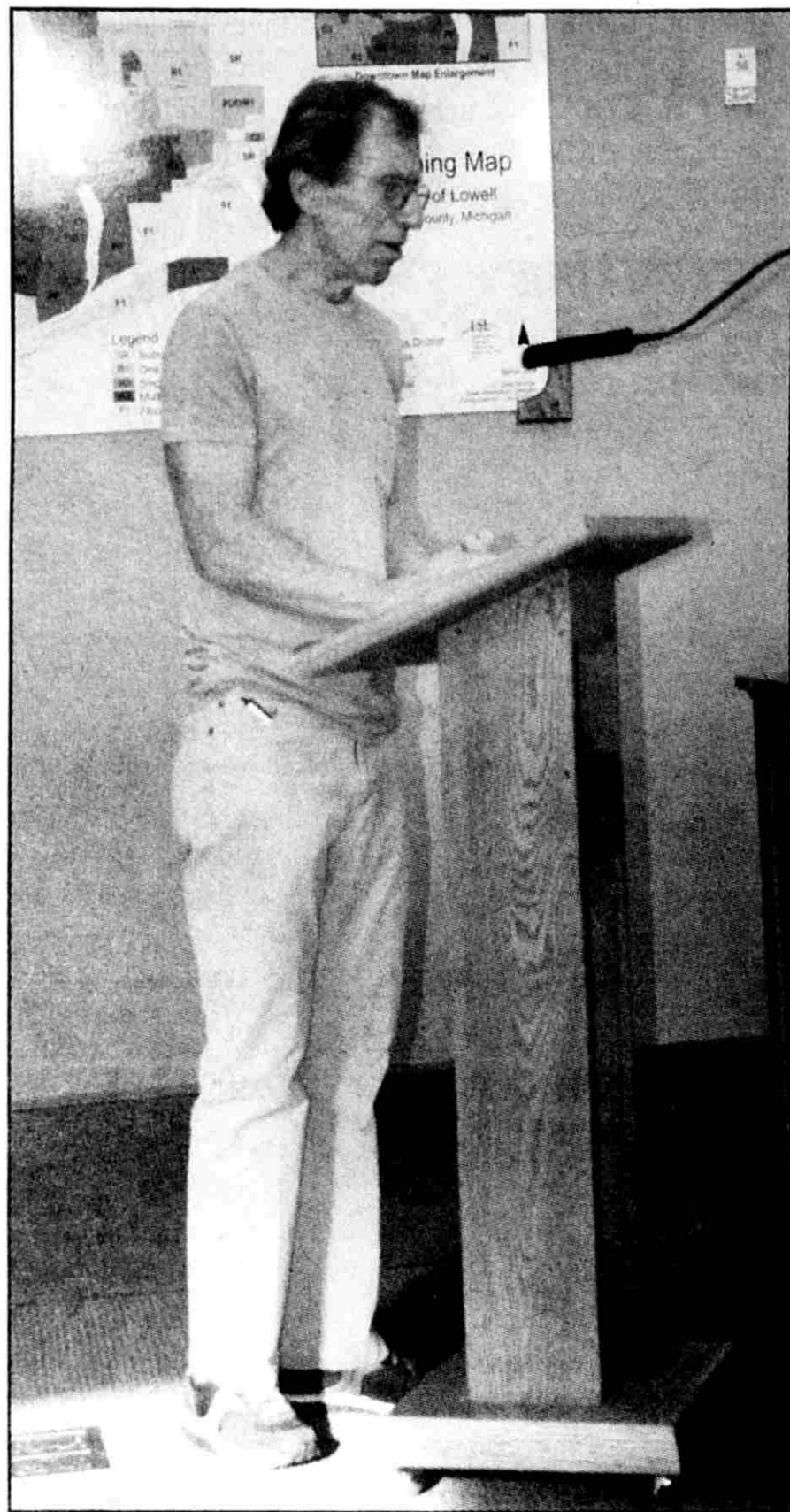
LHS ALL ALUMNI PICNIC
The Lowell High School Alumni Committee is planning an all-LHS Picnic at historic Fallsburg Village on Sat., August 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All classes are invited. Bring your family and a picnic lunch. Beverages will be furnished. For information, call Barb at 897-5863.

100 MILES IN 100 DAYS
There's still time to register for "100 Miles in 100 Days", a summer walking challenge put on by Lowell Community Wellness. The event started May 26, and runs until Sept. 2. Register for the event at the summer concert series on Thursday night. \$20/person. For more information, go to www.lowellcommunitywellness.org.

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

MILITARY DISPLAY
Lowell Post Office is creating a military display. Bring in pictures of service personnel on active duty to be posted.

City, planning commission to set guidelines for cutting grass



Charlie Bernard presents his case against mowing of vacant lands at the planning commission.

by Emma Palova

A joint meeting between the city council and the planning commission set for July 14 will address guidelines for cutting grass.

Following recent complaints about inequality of enforcement of mowing of residential and city properties, the planning commission Monday considered placing moratorium on the current rules.

However, that proposal was defeated by the majority of the commissioners. Instead, in the upcoming joint meeting the two bodies will attempt to set mowing rules fair across the board for all property owners in the city limits.

The process was initiated by Ace Bernard's Hardware owner Charlie Bernard, who questioned the necessity of mowing vacant land. Bernard stressed the high cost of gas, the cost of doing business and most recently global climate changes, and unfair enforcement as reasons that aggravate businesses.

"Let's have the same rules for everybody," he said.

The city owns a lot of properties around public plants that are not being mowed, some abutting to the rivers and woods.

"We need guidelines on how this should be enforced," said public works

director Dan DesJardens. "The ordinance needs more design, how far back do you go?"

Prior to the joint meeting, the officials will tour some of the city properties to get a better idea what all the city owns.

"We have a neat and clean town," said commissioner Vance Dimmick. "We don't want to back from that."

The majority of the commissioners were in favor of cutting, but the question remained how far. The current ordinance mostly addresses residential properties.

"There is some wiggle

room in areas abutting the woods," said commissioner Jim Hodges.

Extensive discussion was dedicated to the off street lighting ordinance with further tweaking planned. The main purpose of the lighting ordinance is to reduce the amount of light pollution.

The commissioners went over the 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

CIP highlights include upgrade of water mains, road construction on Bowes, Grindle and Sibley roads, a public works storage garage, and a new building at the cemetery.

Ask Kathryn

With Kathryn DenHouter Ph.D.



In January, one of my readers asked, "What has the fast pace of our society done to how we do life?" To date, that question has generated six articles. It is very clear that our hectic pace takes its toll on our spiritual life as well. Spiritual health is the best coping strategy for helping us survive the storms of life. Robert Woolfolk in his book, "Stress, Sanity, and Survival" emphasizes the importance of a strong spiritual life. He outlines 10 Guidelines for a Low Stress Life Style which encompasses so much of our spiritual life.

These 10 guidelines are:

1. It is not what happens to us, but our perceptions, beliefs, and what we tell ourselves about what happens to us that produce stressful emotions. When we have a

healthy spiritual life, our belief system puts life into perspective. We learn not to "sweat the small stuff."

2. Happiness cannot be achieved when pursued as a goal. Pursuing happiness leads to worry over how happy we are. Self-absorbed people are never happy. A healthy spiritual life teaches us the importance of being selfless.

3. Find something other than yourself and achievements to care about and believe in. A sense of purpose comes from dedication to a person, a set of values, and a spiritual perspective.

4. Learn to recognize and accept both your personal shortcomings and your lack of control over much of what will ultimately happen to you. It is spiritually healthy to know that God is in control.

5. Learn to tolerate and forgive both yourself and others. Intolerance of our own frailties leads to stress, tension, and low self-esteem. Intolerance of others leads to blame and anger. Forgiveness is an important part of the care of our soul, and learning how to love others.

6. Our interpersonal relationships are less stressful and unhappy when we understand the viewpoints of others. Our spiritual values foster love and understanding of others. Empathy is an antidote to blame and anger.

7. We are, each of us, the protagonists of our personal plays. We all need something from others but we must take ultimate responsibility for our own happiness. With God's help, we can find the inner-peace and happiness.

8. A low-stress lifestyle typically is reasonably efficient and well-managed. Laziness, self-indulgence, and sloppiness usually create more stress than they remove. Spiritual teachings stress the value of being good stewards with what we were given.

9. The struggles of life change never end. Stop waiting for the day when "you can relax" or when "your problems will be over." That day will never come. Most good things in life are fleeting, so enjoy and savor them. Spiritual teaching has us celebrating each day because, "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

10. Our past circumstances are often of no use to us in our present lives. To focus on the past is to rob the present of its joy and vitality. A healthy spiritual life is confident of the future because it has as its core a firm faith that dispels doubt and worry.

Next month, the high expectations of the school curriculum and what it does to students will be discussed. I value all of your questions, so please email them to me at kathryndenhouster@gmail.com or on the web: www.kathryndenhouster.com.

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Viewpoint

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I want say thank you to all the people who "Shop Lowell". It always makes my day when I am talking with a client and they say "I am doing business with you because you are in Lowell". Everywhere you go, you here about how bad things are, but when people support the community they live in it makes all the difference. When people spend their money locally it stays here. If my business is doing well because the community is supporting me, I can then support the community. Not all small business owners are rich. Many I know even qualify for state aid, but most have one thing in common. They support their communities. It seems like once a week someone is asking me to support their project, auction, or fundraiser with a cash donation. Many times the person lives in the community, but ironically never had shadowed my doorstep before. When business is good I try to support them, but when times are tough I have to say no. What I am getting at is this. When people shop in the community they live in, it helps everyone. Not just the owner of the business, but their employees and their families. The City of Lowell is a much better place because of those who "Shop Lowell". They don't care that there might not be the selection of goods, or that it might cost \$1-2 more for the same thing.

As gas continues to rise, and budgets tighten, please continue to "Shop Lowell".

Brandon Mulnix
Owner - Modern Photographics

Dear Editor,

Just what, you might ask, could possibly be "Great" concerning a nationwide depression? In explanation, one must consider the following. Most would assume that the "Great" would be in reference to the depression or the extent of the event itself. For me and my family, along with the vast numbers of poor people of the '30s, it was great by an entirely different aspect. These were great times.

The poor folks became much better off by many standards. The simple truth is that only the financially affluent were badly affected. The financial institutions failed, the stock market crashed and the banking industry simply bolted their doors. Poor families had nothing to lose, for they had little to begin with. It became a time of great parity, in fact, overnight.

Most institutions closed and without the availability of capital, most industries failed. Almost instantaneously, it seemed as if only the poor class remained. The wealthy and upper middle class had joined the ranks of the poor. What a tremendous boon this was to the humble. Since we had always made do and gotten by with virtually nothing, we knew how to survive. The more financially secure people had been, the more devastating their loss, for they had much more to lose. They were destitute without their financial crutch; they were crippled.

The large gardens and woodlots of the poor, our old Jersey cow, four hogs, orchards and flocks of chickens, which were then our lives, now became the wealth of the poor. Our abilities gleaned from necessity to become wildcrafters, woodsmen, hunters, trappers and fisherman now insured that we were at the top of the heap of national

achievements. We were in demand. During these years the poor, indeed, lived a good life.

We shared, not necessarily amongst ourselves as we always had, but now with those less fortunate people who had lost so much and knew not how to exist. They did not have the knowledge or the tools. Unfortunately, most of them lived their lives as predators and scavengers, gaining wealth from the poor. Now, suddenly they were the poorest. Some actually committed suicide, others took to the rails as hoboes, not wishing to further burden their families with their existence.

These were also great times for the nation. It ended up being the groundwork for our destined advances and achievements as a true world power to follow in another decade. This also was gleaned from the previously poor. It was they that now fed a destitute population. The barter system was in full swing nationally.

Everyone dug a little deeper, planted larger gardens, harvested more fish, wildlife and furs, producing more fruits and vegetables to feed our new neighbors. They were learning how to survive. Many federal and state programs were established nationally. The Works Progress Administration (WPA) and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), our entire parks system (state and national) were established and built. Our road system was greatly expanded and improved, as were the rail systems. The entire nation came together out of the necessity of well being and built this great land in to what we have today.

Unfortunately, this great depression period which allowed (or forced) us to glean the status as a perceptible world leader has now waned. We are once again headed into, or in fact, are in another depression nationally.

History repeats itself. Every nation upon this planet which has, through hard work, perseverance, dedication and desire, ever become a recognized world leader, has also slipped from this pinnacle and has lost this status by doing or performing the very things which promotes failure. Self-centered "me" attitudes, greed, failure of achieved values of family, the failure of compliance of and abiding by "the Golden Rule" have all led to the breakdown.

We, collectively, have come full cycle. We have reentered the very real status of depression. Our monetary system is still somewhat stable, thanks to federal laws established after the last depression. For how long? Until our federal government fails. This is not an impossibility and even foreseeable, given the unnecessary expenditures of available assets and credit. We cannot forever as a nation, overspend without eventually beginning once again to rebuild and save to regain that which we have squandered. We can complacently stand here, with our apathetic heads in our posterior, but only for so long before we must reestablish and regain, or revert to true third world status. The sands of time are not on our side as a nation.

Can any person say that they can even imagine anyone today being willing to forego the so-called "pleasures of existence" voluntarily, in order to intervene with the inevitability of the next, perhaps not so great depression? It took World War II, much togetherness and hard work, to lift us out of the last. What will it take today?

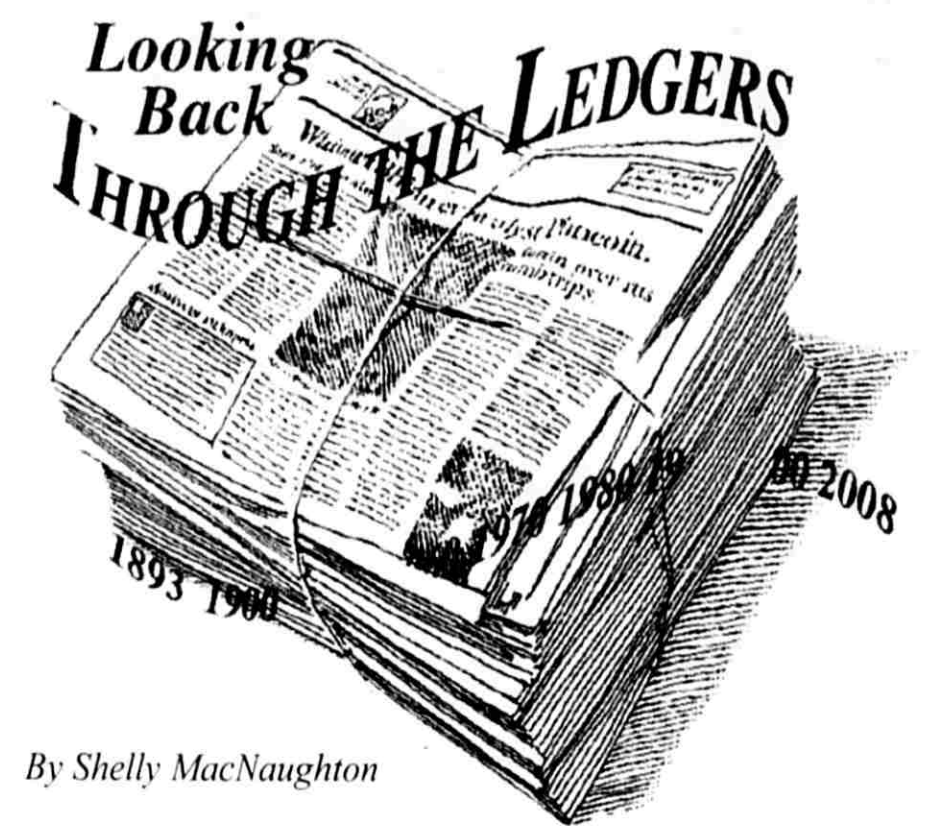
The greatest thing which any person has to give is of themselves. Without this concept we are doomed to failure. Like a chain, we are collectively no stronger than our weakest link. I am normally overly optimistic, however, as pertains to our present national well being, I must admit to being hopefully, far too pessimistic.

Jack Friesner

Writing To The editor ...

The requirements are:

- All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification.
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- Letters that contain statements that are libelous will not be published.
- All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and sense.
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By Shelly MacNaughton

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL JUNE 27, 1883

Trouble between two Lowell men growing out of disputed title to certain property down the river, has brought the contending parties into unpleasant personal relations.

We shall aim to go to press earlier than usual next week, in order to be ready to celebrate.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 25, 1908

F. T. King has had twelve pairs of tame squirrels shipped from San Antonio, Texas, and each of the following Lowell men has bought a pair of the little animals which will be kept in the trees of the various lawns: Chas. McCarty, R. VanDyke, F. M. Johnson, D. G. Look, A. W. Weeks, D. G. Mange, J. K. Fischer, J. A. Mattern, C. W. Wisner, H. A. Peckham, F. T. King.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO JUNE 29, 1933

Orlando Odell is getting material on the ground preparatory to the erection of a home on his farm in Vergennes to take the place of one destroyed by fire September 13th, last. It will be of the English Colonial type with all modern conveniences.

M. B. McPherson has begun the erection of a large and modern home on his farm in Vergennes.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 26, 1908

Donald C. Keiser, son of Mrs. Frank Keiser and the late Mr. Keiser, was awarded his Bachelor of Arts degree in restaurant management at Michigan State University commencement service.

Mr. Keiser left last week for Los Angeles, California, where he has accepted a position with Norm's Restaurants.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JUNE 29, 1903

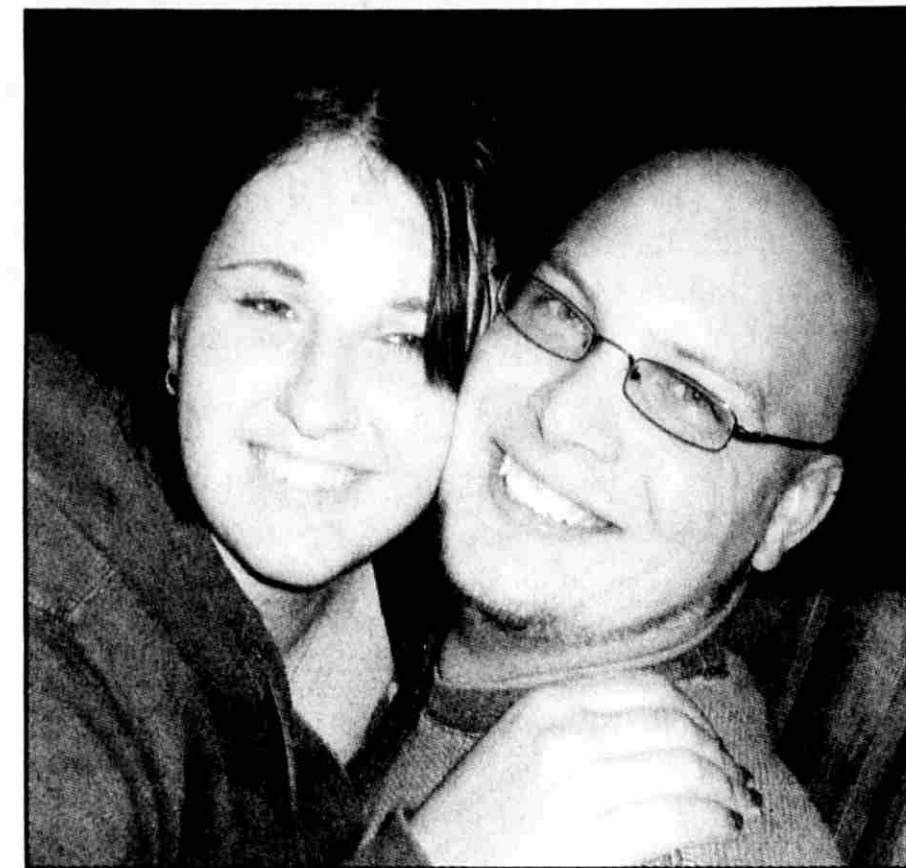
Mary Strauss was presented with her Life Time Membership Award at the June 13 General Membership Meeting of the Lowell Area Jaycettes. Mary has been an active member of the Lowell Jaycettes for the past 7 1/2 years. She has served as president three years, and is currently State Training Program Manager. Mary has chaired several programs and projects on the local and district level.

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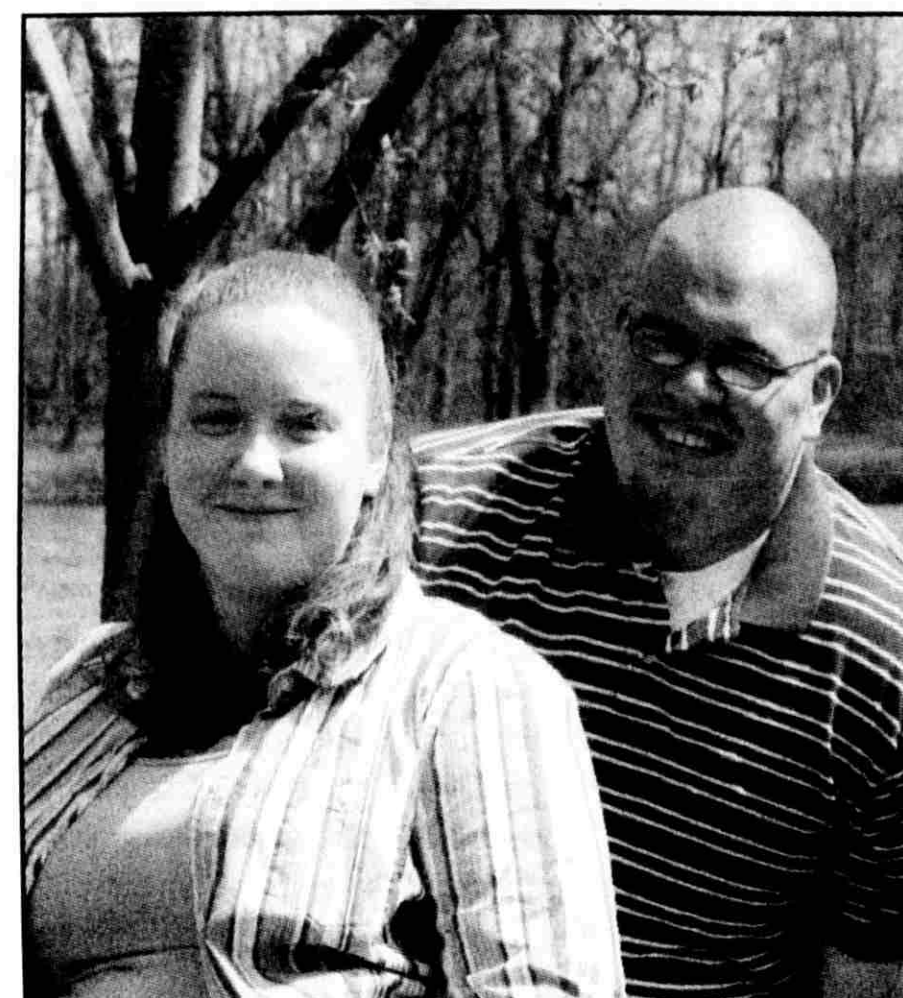
Cook & Delnick



Kristen Ann Cook and Casmir David Delnick

Kristen Ann Cook and her daughter, Khloe Ann, will be joining together with Casmir David Delnick to unite as a family in the summer of 2010. The parents of the bride-to-be are Bill Cook, of Ionia and Jim and Robin Cahoon, of Lowell. The groom-to-be parents are David and Rhonda Delnick, of Lowell.

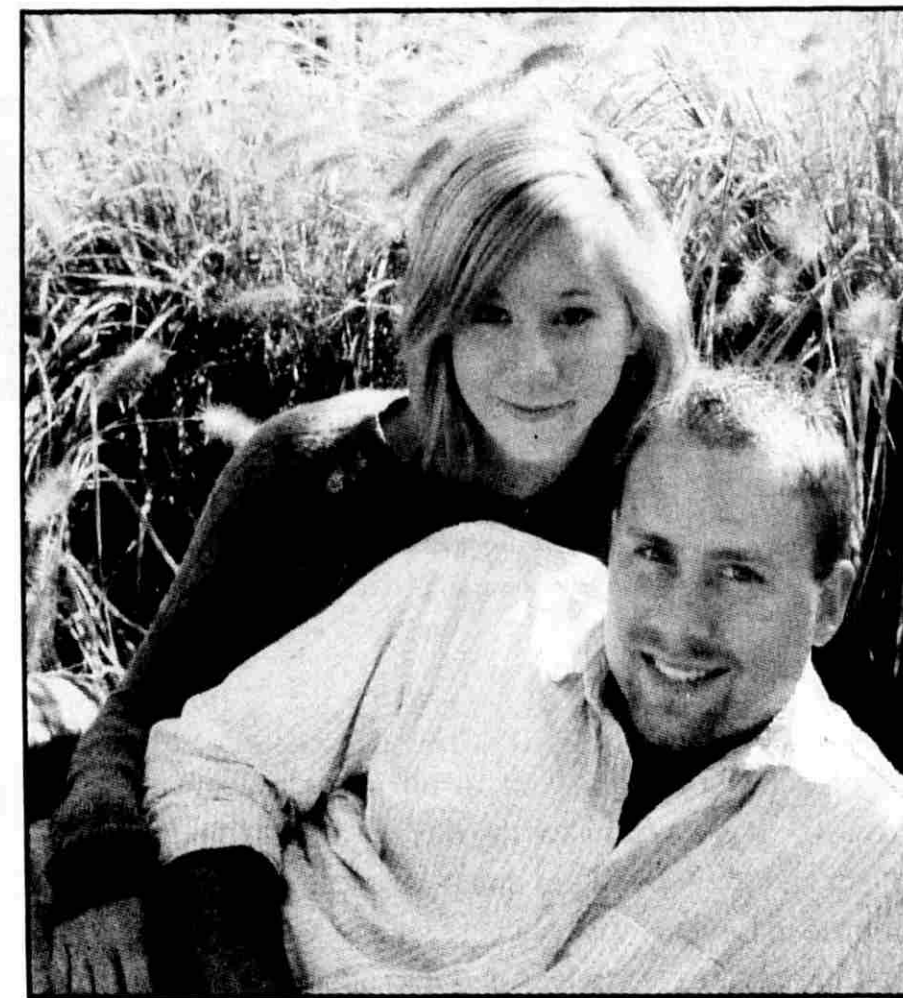
Leasure & Goldner



Teresa Marie Leasure and Lyle David Goldner

Teresa Marie Leasure and Lyle David Goldner will be joined in marriage on Saturday, August 23, 2008. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Frank and Laura Leasure of Lowell. Teresa is a 2002 graduate of Lowell and a 2007 graduate of Blue Heron Academy in Massage Therapy. She is currently employed at River Valley Orthopedics in Grand Rapids. The groom-to-be is the son of Judy Goldner of Comstock Park and William Goldner of Grand Rapids. Lyle is a 2002 graduate of Comstock Park. He is currently employed at Two Men and a Truck in Comstock Park.

Zalewski & Maxlow



Sarah Dawn Zalewski and Brad Allen Maxlow

Greg and Kathy Zalewski of Cascade are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Dawn Zalewski to Brad Allen Maxlow, son of Tracy Maxlow of Wayland, Misty Rader of Gun Lake, and Sherri Maxlow of Middleville. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Caledonia High School, Class of 2005. The groom-to-be is a graduate of Caledonia High School, Class of 2003. They are both from Caledonia. The wedding is set for October 11, 2008 at Lakeside Community Church.

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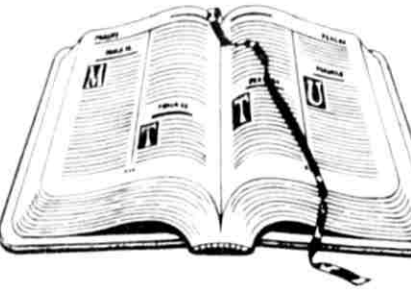



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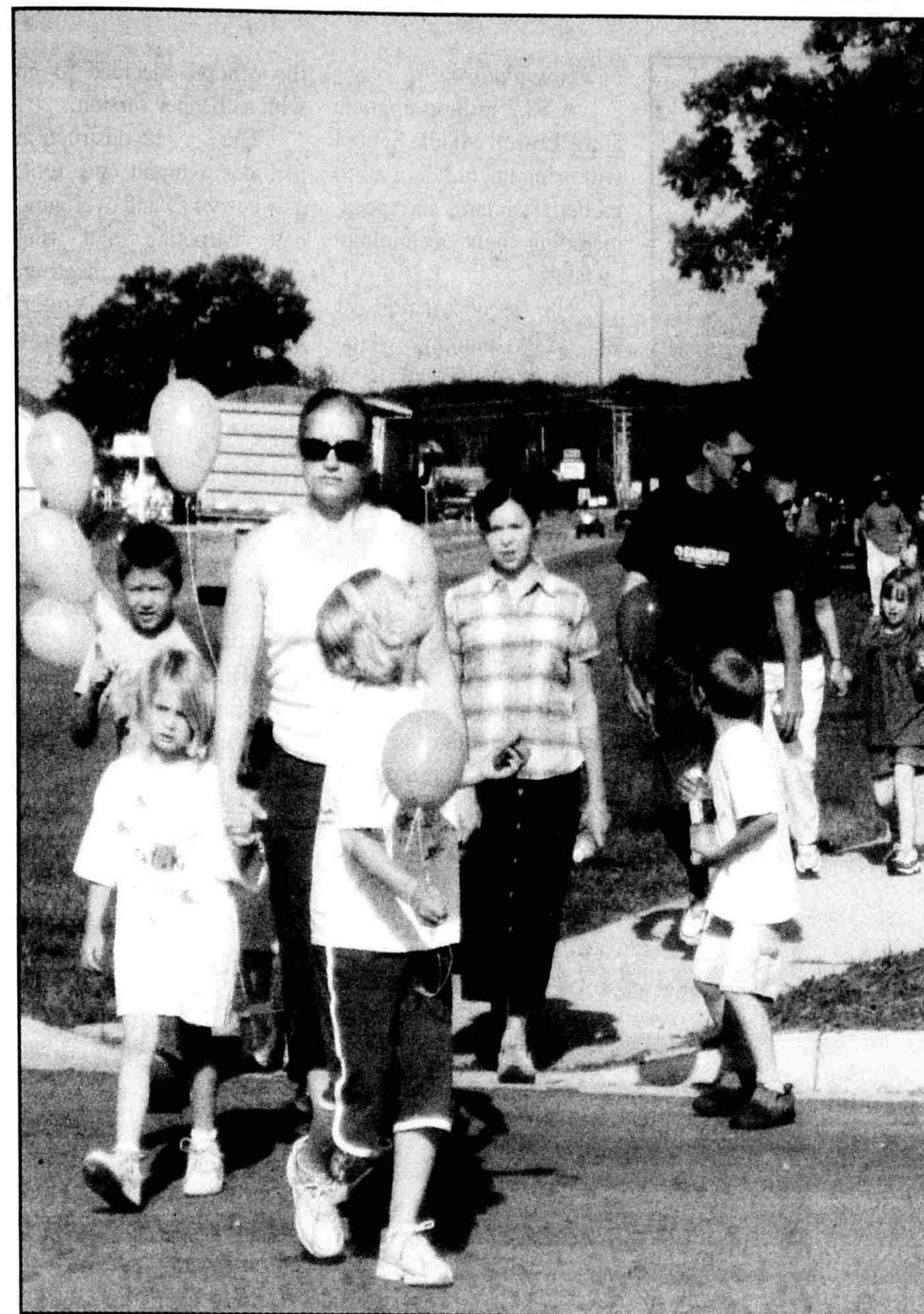
If you're looking for something interesting to read this summer, you'll find great books at the Friends of the Englehardt Library Used Book Sale on Friday, July 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Every purchase you make will help out your local library. Hundred of books will be for sale at great prices, as well as a great selection of music and audio for all ages. Look for the red and white striped tent at the library for some great bargains.

The Book Sale will be held at the Englehardt branch of the Kent District Library at 200 N. Monroe St. in Lowell. For more information visit www.kdl.org.

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Alpha Women's Center holds weekend LifeWalk



Alpha Women's Center of Lowell held their fifth annual LifeWalk on Saturday, June 14. The weather was beautiful for the 83 walkers participating in the walk. Last year, the center became independent from the organization formerly known as Alpha Women's Centers of West Michigan and changed the walk date to September. "LifeWalk has always been held on the Saturday of Father's Day weekend," said Deb Karasiewicz, director of the center. "We thought we might have a better turnout if we stayed away from a busy weekend; however, people who usually walk have come to expect LifeWalk to always be on that day. Given our decrease in numbers last year, we decided to go back to the June date."

Approximately \$13,000 was raised. LifeWalk is intended to be a fun time for family and friends to come together and support a local organization that helps others. Walkers enjoy spending time visiting during the walk, while raising money for a great cause. All walkers received a free t-shirt, and many received door prizes. Alpha Women's Center of Lowell is a pregnancy care center that serves women and families in Lowell and the surrounding communities with material, emotional and spiritual support during and after pregnancies. Clients sign up to attend parenting classes that offer information from the first trimester of pregnancy through the toddler years. Clients without children and those not pregnant can come and learn about sexual health and maintaining integrity. In exchange for attending

the classes, clients can earn items that they need for their children, including diapers, formula, baby food, clothing (children and maternity), wipes and some larger items as well. Because items are donated to the center, availability will vary. The center also offers free pregnancy testing. The center is supported by caring individuals, churches and some area businesses. "LifeWalk is our biggest fundraiser," said Karasiewicz. "We have also been the recipient of grants and are hoping to be able to expand our curriculum to continue serving those who have already completed our current curriculum." The center will also host its first skeet/trap shoot on Aug. 16 and its second annual banquet on Oct. 30. To find out more information on any of these events, contact the center at 987-9533.

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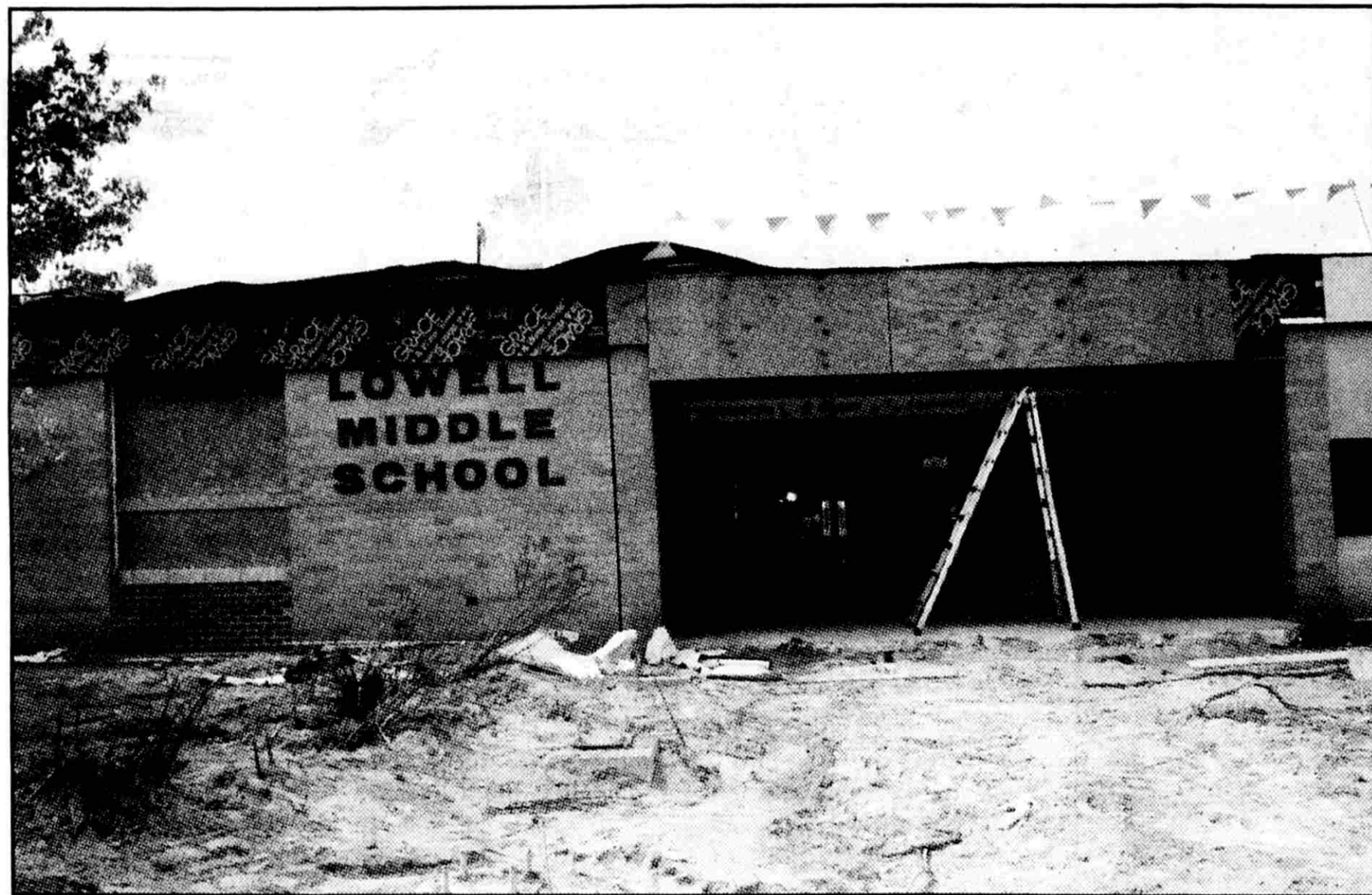
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Lowell Middle School gets a \$3.2 million face lift



The Lowell Middle School is currently in the process of renovation.

by Emma Palova

A \$3.2 million upgrade at the Lowell Middle School will bring the building up to modern standards and speed, including new technology updates.

The reconstruction of the 1960s building, which at one point served as a high school, started at the end of the school year. The completion is slated for September.

"We're delighted with the progress," said superintendent Greg Pratt. "The construction is on schedule."

Although constructing a brand new building was among various alternatives,

the officials decided to go with a cheaper version.

The reconstruction includes a brand new roof, new entryway and overhang, new carpeting and tile, ceiling panels, heating, cooling, curb and gutter, sidewalks and window replacement.

The contractors for the project are Owen, Ames and Kimball.

The building, according to Pratt, has been added onto twice; most recently the south wing by the library has been added.

"This has been made possible through cooperation with the teachers and the community," said Pratt.

F.R.O.M. boutique addition



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Marjie Morrison works at the newest addition to the Thrift Store, the boutique with fashions under \$5. The Thrift Store and the food pantry are run under the auspices of Flat River Outreach Ministries. In the recent months, both agencies have seen an upsurge of business due to harsh economic times.

Last Pow Wow in Lowell

by Emma Palova

The 10th annual and last Pow Wow in Lowell organized by the Grand Valley American Indian Lodge will take place this weekend at the fairgrounds.

Traditionally, crafts and food booths will enhance the event. There will be 25 craft traders with everything from dream catchers to leather and beaded items.

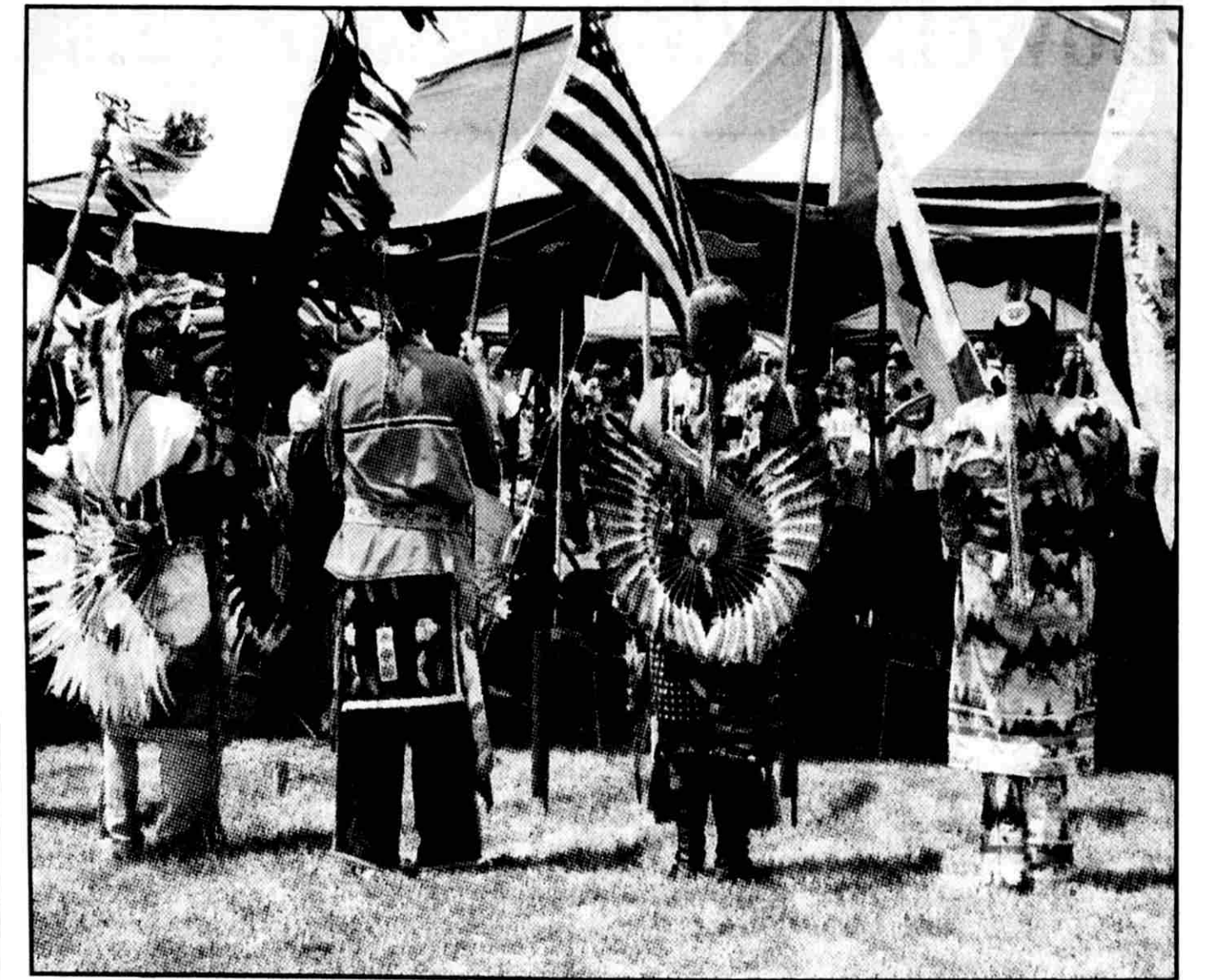
The ceremonies Saturday will feature the Grand Entry with all the dancers entering the circle at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 12 p.m.

An auction of craft items at 9 p.m. on Saturday will help cover the cost of the event.

"This will be the last year for the Pow Wow at the

fairgrounds," said one of the representatives. "We wish to thank the Lowell community for all of their support and kindness during the last five years we've been here."

Camping is available for \$10 with electric hook-up, and rustic camping for free at the grounds. The closing ceremonies will take place Sunday at 4 p.m.



During the Grand Entry all the dancers enter the circle.



At left, the Grand Entry last year was led by veterans with flags.

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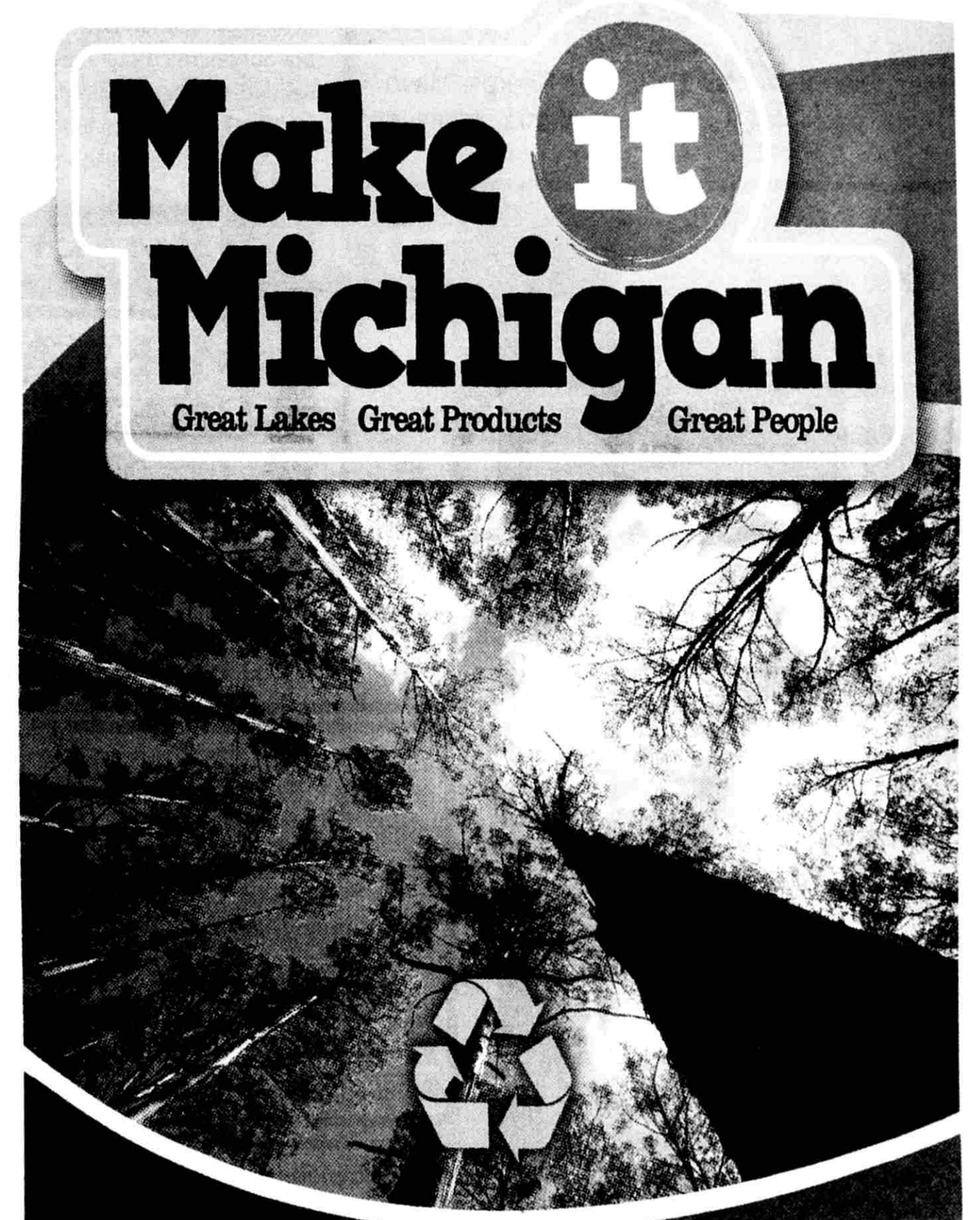


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Investigating aggressive interrogation techniques

With Senator Carl Levin

I recently chaired a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee on the origins of aggressive interrogation techniques used against detainees in U.S. custody in places such as Guantanamo and Abu Ghraib. The hearing was part of an extensive investigation that my committee has undertaken.

Getting people who know valuable information to

share it with us is critical to our security. Knowing where an insurgent has buried an explosive device on a road can keep a vehicle carrying Marines in Iraq from being blown up. Knowing that an al Qaeda associate visited an Internet café in Kabul could be the key piece of information that unravels a terrorist plot targeting our embassy. Intelligence saves lives.

Treating detainees harshly decreases the chance that we will be able to obtain the critical intelligence we need to save lives. In fact, just a couple of weeks ago I visited our troops in Afghanistan and I spoke to a senior intelligence officer who told me that mistreating detainees is actually an impediment – a “roadblock” to use that officer’s word – to getting intelligence from them.

However, our investigation found that senior officials in the U.S. government actually sought out information on how to use aggressive techniques, twisted the law to create the appearance of their legality, and authorized their use against detainees.

Many of the techniques in question were derived from techniques used in the military’s Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape (SERE) training. U.S. military personnel who attend SERE school are subject, if captured, to abusive tactics used by enemies of the United States who refuse to follow the Geneva Conventions. SERE resistance techniques are legitimate and important training tools when used in the highly controlled environment of SERE school. They prepare our soldiers, who might fall into the hands of an abusive enemy, to survive by getting them ready for what might confront them.

But techniques used in SERE school – including use of stress positions, removal of clothing, hooding, and exploiting detainee fears – were turned on their head and sanctioned by Department of Defense officials for use offensively against detainees. The abuses that stemmed from those decisions not only harmed our ability to gather intelligence. Their use handed al Qaeda a propaganda weapon they could use to peddle their violent ideology.

Many have questioned why we should care about the

rights of detainees. More than a year ago, General David Petraeus answered that question in a letter to his troops. He wrote, “We are, indeed, warriors. We train to kill our enemies. We are engaged in combat, we must pursue the enemy relentlessly, and we must be violent at times. What sets us apart from our enemies in this fight, however, is how we behave. In everything we do, we must observe the standards and values that dictate that we treat noncombatants and detainees with dignity and respect. While we are warriors, we are also all human beings.”

It is clear that our nation has paid a huge price, both in security and in moral authority, for the abuses of detainees. Our investigation into how the SERE techniques were authorized and used in interrogations in Guantanamo as well as in Iraq and Afghanistan will continue.

Saba updated to serious condition after car crash

by Molly Benningfield Editor

A car accident on Alden Nash Road last Tuesday left Lowell man Rami Saba in critical condition. As of Friday, he has been updated to serious condition.

He suffered significant burns, fractured bones and a mild head injury after his vehicle collided with a Kent County Road Commission dump truck traveling northbound near the 3200

block of Alden Nash Ave. Saba’s vehicle struck a guard rail and burst into flames.

The driver of the dump truck suffered minor injuries.

Saba was in the news last fall when Donald Dietz of Saranac, and formerly of Lowell, went missing. Saba has been charged with trying to defraud Dietz of at least \$440,000. Dietz is still reported as missing.

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RANDOM THINGS...

FLOOD FACTS

Flood is a body of water that covers normally dry land. Most floods are harmful. They may destroy homes and other property and even carry off the topsoil, leaving the land barren. Sudden and violent floods, which leave people little time to prepare, may bring huge losses. Rivers, lakes, or seas may flood the land. River floods are more common, though lake and seacoast floods can be more serious.

However, sometimes floods may be helpful. For example, the yearly floods of the Nile River built up the plains of Egypt and made the Nile Valley one of the most fertile regions in the world. These floods brought fertile soil from lands far to the south and deposited the soil on the Egyptian plains.

River floods. Most rivers overflow their normal channels about once every two years. When a river overflows land where people live, it causes a flood. When a river overflows land where people do not live, it is said to be in flood. Common causes of river floods include too

much rain at one time and the sudden melting of snow and ice. Under such conditions, rivers may receive more than 10 times as much water as their beds can hold. Heavy rains, sometimes from thunderstorms, can produce flash floods if small rivers or streams rise suddenly and overflow. Flash floods occur chiefly in mountainous areas and do not allow much time for people to be warned of danger. A flash flood at Rapid City, South Dakota, in 1972 killed 238 people along Rapid Creek. Minor causes of flooding include bridges, piers, filled land, sand bars, and other obstacles to river waters.

Famous Flood

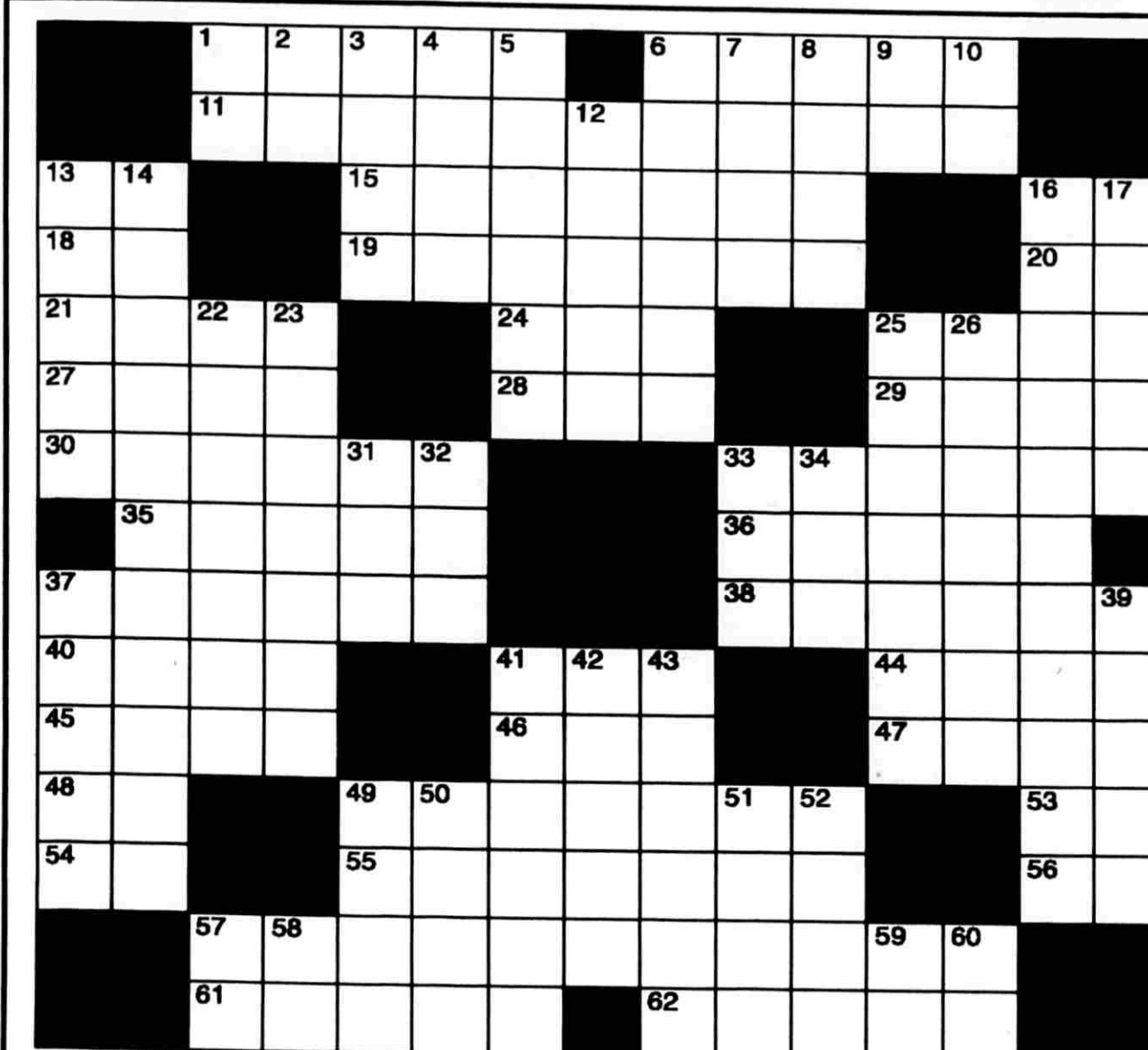
Johnstown (pop. 28,134; met. area 241,247) is a city in southwestern Pennsylvania. It lies in a valley of the Allegheny Mountains.

The city’s industries mine coal and make steel, clay products, electrical equipment, furniture, textiles, and transportation equipment. Johnstown is the corporate headquarters for a builder

and real estate developer, and a department store and supermarket chain. The city is the home of a campus of the University of Pittsburgh.

Johnstown was named for a Swiss immigrant, Joseph Johns, who settled there in 1793. In the 1850’s, William Kelly developed a new method of making steel there, similar to the Bessemer process. In 1889, Johnstown became a city. That same year, the dam of the South Fork Reservoir, about 12 miles (19 kilometers) east of the city, burst during heavy rains. The resulting flood killed more than 2,000 people, and destroyed property worth more than \$10 million. In 1936, another flood took 25 lives and caused \$40 million damage. A flood-control system was built in 1937. But in 1977, the Conemaugh River flooded Johnstown. The flood killed 85 people and caused damage of more than \$300 million. Johnstown has a mayor-council form of government.

Source: World Book Encyclopedia



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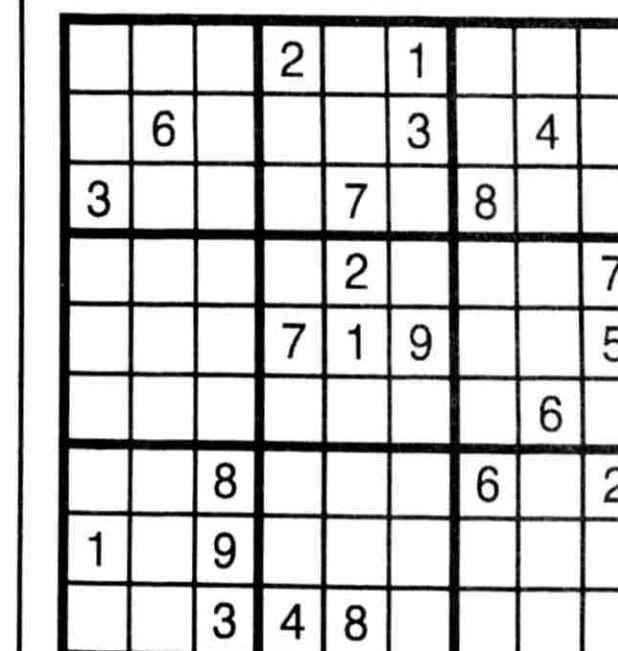
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- Bahgdad’s nation (alt. sp.)
- Pigeon sound
- Classical composer Thomas Augustine
- Construct again
- Autonomic nervous system
- A flock of quail
- Divine Egyptian beetle
- Recorded images
- Mimicry
- Vitr_____: harsh in tone
- Extensive landed property
- Relating to the vertebrae
- Egyptian Sun god
- Chicken ____ King
- Satisfy to excess
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- Overdose
- Set of data
- Shape of a witch’s hat
- Canadian province
- A paramount transgression
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- ___ and behold
- A precious metal
- Pierce with a knife
- Immaterial part of a person
- Continent
- Tall bearskin hats
- A company of badgers
- Felt of fearful wonderment
- City of Angels
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- Weather predictors
- Calling together
- Hunts for quarry
- Changed in form or character
- Altaics
- Do away with
- Light sensitive membranes
- Mr. Linkletter
- Tournament round pass
- Private detectives
- Jump on one foot
- Possessed hearing appendages
- Is ahead of others
- Youth loved by Aphrodite
- _____: inside surface
- Situated at the top
- A unit of area (4840 sq. yards)
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- Fairy story
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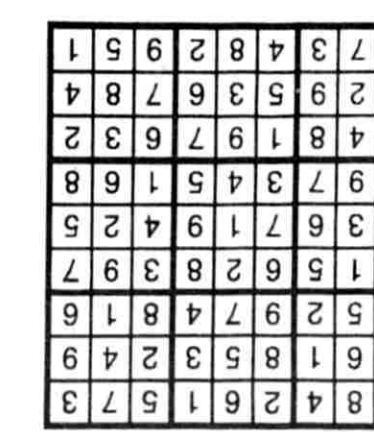


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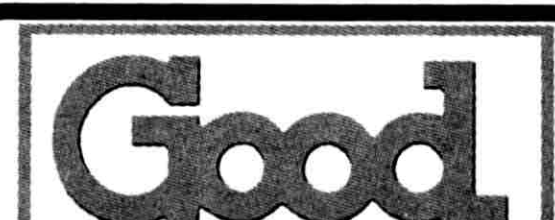
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Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell youth track athletes headed to Hershey state finals

On Friday, the Lowell track and field camp concluded with a track meet sponsored by Hershey. The camp, in its second year, saw 59 kids in attendance, with 60 competing in the track meet.

The meet was open to anyone in the area within the ages of 9-14.

All first place finishers at the meet will move on to the state meet in Holt on July 11. State qualifiers from Lowell are: Jesse Anes, Justine Anes, Austin Bieri, Amanda Brenner, Colleen Cater, Josh Chamberlain, Paige Dehaan, Zach Diamond, Justin

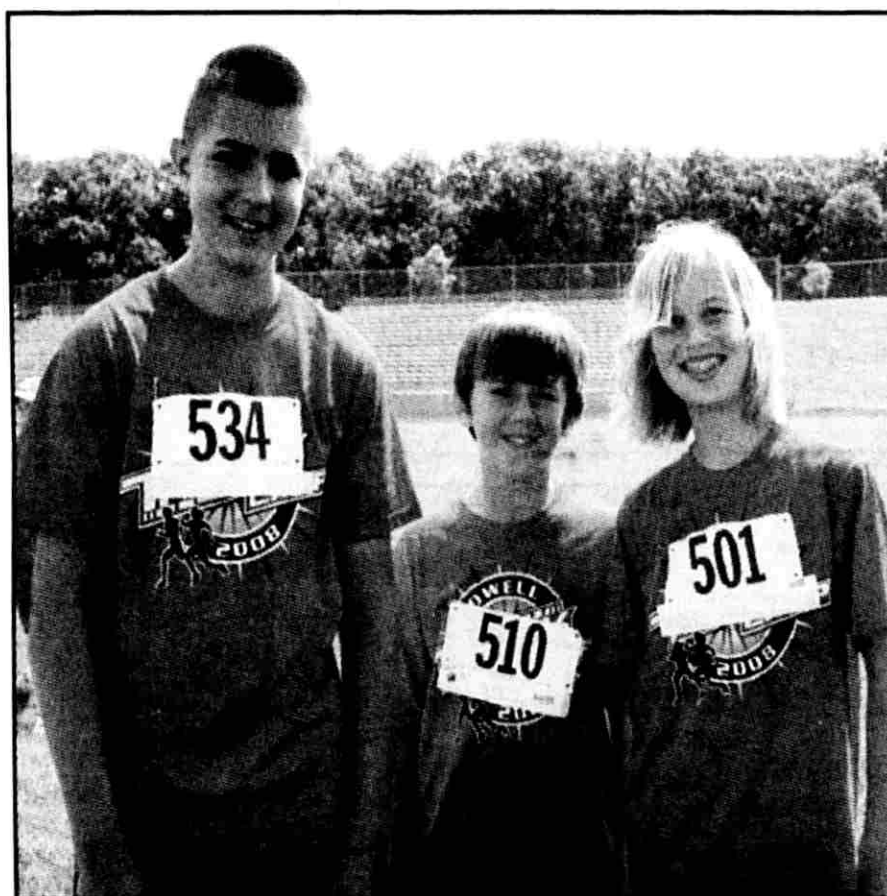
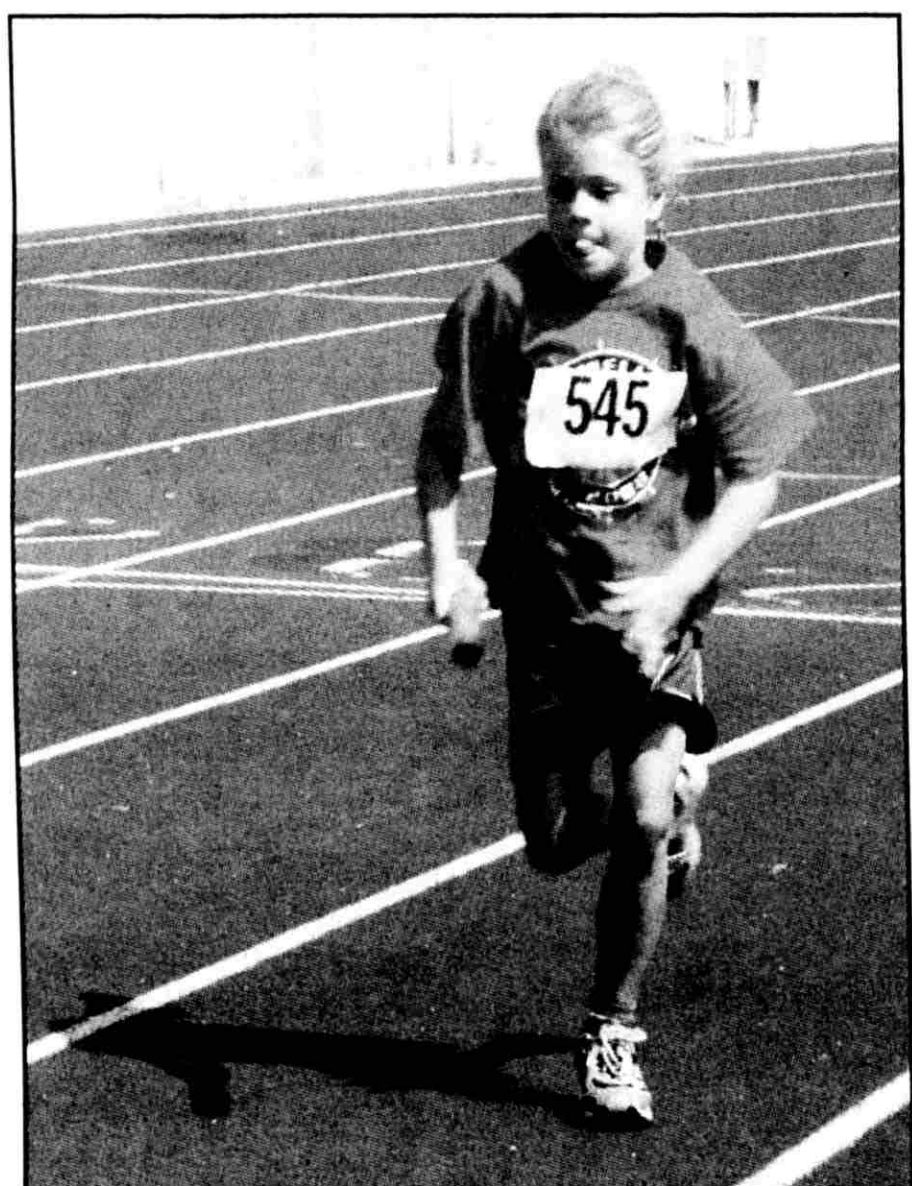
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A few outstanding performers from the Under-9 division were: Maura Fitzpatrick, Mitchell Hovey and Isabel Remar.



(Above): The track and field camp concluded Friday with a meet at the LHS stadium.

(Right): John Mark, Josh Chamberlain, and Jesse Anes, all 13, are state qualifiers for the Hershey state meet on July 11, after taking first place on Friday.



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by molly benningfield sports editor

The Euro Cup has proven worthy of ESPN coverage

I read David Mayo's sports column last week in the Grand Rapids Press, "Euro 2008 soccer (yawn) an odd choice for ESPN", and I have to confess I was disappointed to read such an anti-soccer denunciation.

Sure, Mayo is outspoken (and what good sports columnist isn't?) He knows sports, and many of the times, knows what will get his readers talking and interested. But I found his rail against ESPN's showing of the Euro Cup to be a bit tired, to be honest.

I can understand where he's coming from. Soccer is not America's sport, by a long shot. It is the sport of choice for much of the world, but it has yet to (and will it ever?) catch on around here. There are a few small blips in time where soccer seemed to latch on to the American way. When the American women won the World Cup in 1999, soccermania was on every young girls' mind. (I should know - I was one of those girls). When David Beckham showed up in Los Angeles to change the face of soccer in the U.S., I saw a glint of hope for one of my favorite sports. But I'm not sure it will ever catch on in popularity in the ratings game against football, basketball and baseball titans. (Although, it still is a popular sport for those wanting to play...)

I guess what I can't understand with Mayo's argument is what the big fuss is. Sure ESPN is broadcasting a lot of soccer. And - oh no! - it doesn't include an American team. I'm OK with that, though, and I think many of the viewers of the Euro Cup are, too. Just because we might not see an American face on the screen doesn't mean it's not worth watching. And there have been plenty of good games already played, the most recent being the match between Turkey and Croatia, which took 119 minutes and a dramatic shoot-out to end the match. I'd say it doesn't get better than that.

With the Wings polishing the Cup and the Celtics riding their high of a championship, I'd say it's perfect time to watch a good soccer - ahem, football - championship, but maybe it's just my soccer blood talking.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell 13-U Arrowdynamics baseball wins Okemos Tournament

The Arrowdynamics won their second tournament by using pitching depth, timely hitting and solid defense throughout the weekend of June 7 at the Okemos Big Chief Tournament.

In the tournament, pitchers were allowed to only throw three innings in a game. Garrett Stehley, Tim Antel, Jon Fox, J.P. North and Ryan Schaefer pitched their way to the undefeated weekend.

Another tourney rule required everyone on the roster to be in the hitter's line-up. This meant all 12 contributed to scoring 45 runs in four games, with everyone picking up at least one RBI.

JP North hit .625 with five RBI; Austin Gildea, .545 and seven RBI (three doubles and a triple); Zach Dawson, .571 with three Base on Balls; and Antel, .500 and four RBI led the hitting barrage.

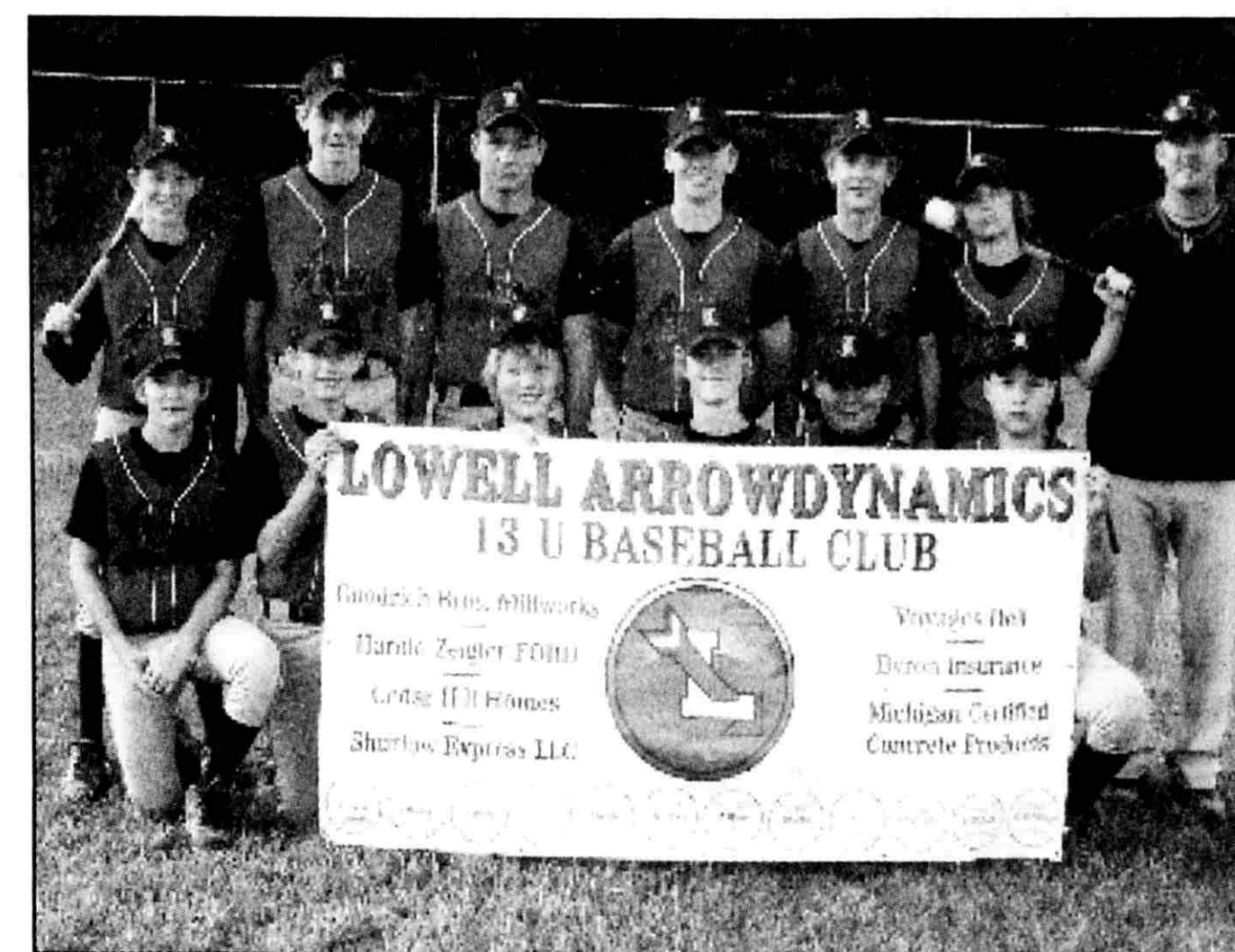
Lowell beat host Okemos in the championship game in a weather-shortened game, 5-3. The game was called when Lowell had bases loaded with one out in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Two big defensive gems stopped Okemos from rallying, when Lowell pulled off two non-traditional double plays. In the second inning, with the score 2-1 (Lowell), and a runner on

second, a ground ball to Fox at second resulted in an out at first base to Gildea, who fired off to throw a strike to third base and caught the runner rounding too far. Zach Huver and Dawson made short work of the resulting pickle.

In what was Okemos' last at-bat with the score 4-3 (Lowell), Okemos had bases loaded with one out. Fox went in to pitch relief, induced a 1-2-3 double play (pitcher to catcher to first base double play) on a hard hit ball to Jon's left, which sealed the championship.

The Arrowdynamics would like to thank their sponsors and supporters, and congratulate the varsity baseball team on their



conference and district championships.

Boys basketball program holds summer camps



The Lowell boys basketball program recently held summer camps for fifth and sixth grade athletes from June 16-19. The boys were coached by varsity head coach Jeff McDonald, as well as members of the LHS team.



The Lowell boys basketball program recently held summer camps for seventh and eighth grade athletes from June 16-19.

The Lowell 13-U Arrowdynamics baseball club won the Okemos Tournament on June 7, after a big win in Petoskey during the May 17-18 weekend tournament.

Pictured are (first row, L-R): Zach Dawson, J.P. North, Austin Lemke, Tim Antel, Jacob Merklinger and Ryan Schaefer.

(Second row, L-R): Jason Malling, Zach Huver, Garrett Stehley, Austin Gildea, Jon Fox, Luke Bigham and Coach Tim Antel. Missing from photo was Coach Rick Dawson.

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GARAGE SALES

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MULTI-FAMILY SALE

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GARAGE SALE

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

The 'Just because I can't remember' article was very beautiful. What a precious, beautiful picture of Mr. and Mrs. Olthof. It so touched my heart.

Nice two-page spread about spring sports at LHS - looks like you missed one though. Boys' golf became a spring sport this year...and LHS had both a Varsity and JV Team.

Lincoln Lake is not a raceway between the city limits and Vergennes. Just because we do not have police protection does not mean you can race.

Alive & Well's performance at the showboat Thursday night was one of the most inspired and exciting musical acts I have seen in a long time!

Why are we getting a Walgreens in Lowell? I would so rather get a Big Boy!

On Saturday, June 28 there will be a kid and teen craft sale at the Englehardt Library. The kids are working very hard for this event and would really enjoy a lot of people showing up.

The Teen Library Crew is doing a great job signing up kids for the Summer Reading Program! They are very polite and considerate!

Wow! Nice concert last Thursday!

By the time the people who are raising money for the skate park get enough money to build it they will be 80 years old! We don't need a skate park at Stoney Lakeside Park.

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- Lorraine

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YOGA CLASSES - Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., \$6 per class, The Hammock, 1701 Alden Nash Ave. SE, Lowell, 893-5661.

RELAY FOR LIFE PANCAKE BREAKFAST - at Red Arrow Stadium, 7-10 a.m., June 28. \$5 donation.

EARLY DEADLINE - Due to the 4th of July holiday our deadline for the July 6 edition of the Buyers Guide has been changed to Thurs., July 3 at noon. All early copy is appreciated. Buyers Guide, 897-9555.

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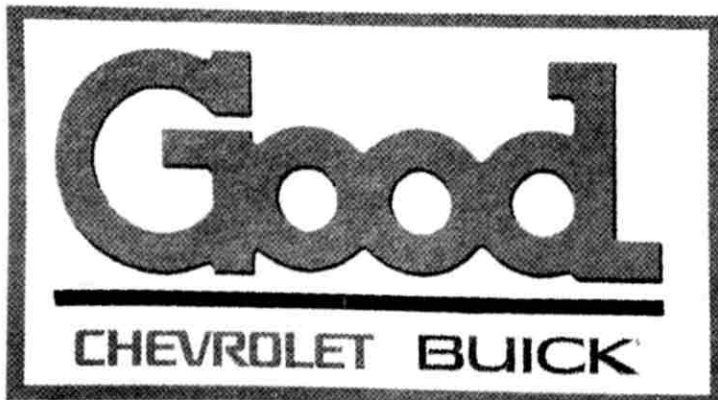
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