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## Youth fair enjoys successful year, looks ahead to 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009

by Emma Palova

Sitting by her calf Chibi on a pile of hay, Olivia Richmond patiently awaited to be picked up by her mother. She showed her calf for the first time, and the fair magic just flew by.

"I liked staying with my animal," she said.

Her brother Alex enjoyed the rides the most. Both plan on coming back to the fair for many years to come.

"I was so excited," he said.

For some like Erica Hancock of Greenville, all the excitement was too much. And so Hancock laid down on her red tack box by

her painter horse Loot for a quick nap. The family has been coming to the fair and camping there for the last eight years.

"That's going to be her dad's fault," laughed father, Ed. "I just like the kids. It's a great bunch of kids here."

Loot's stall at the barn was decorated with ribbons. He just got a big yellow one for third place in Grand Reserve Championship.

"There was a lot more people this year," said Maranda Ruegsegger. The weather was nice and everything ran smooth."

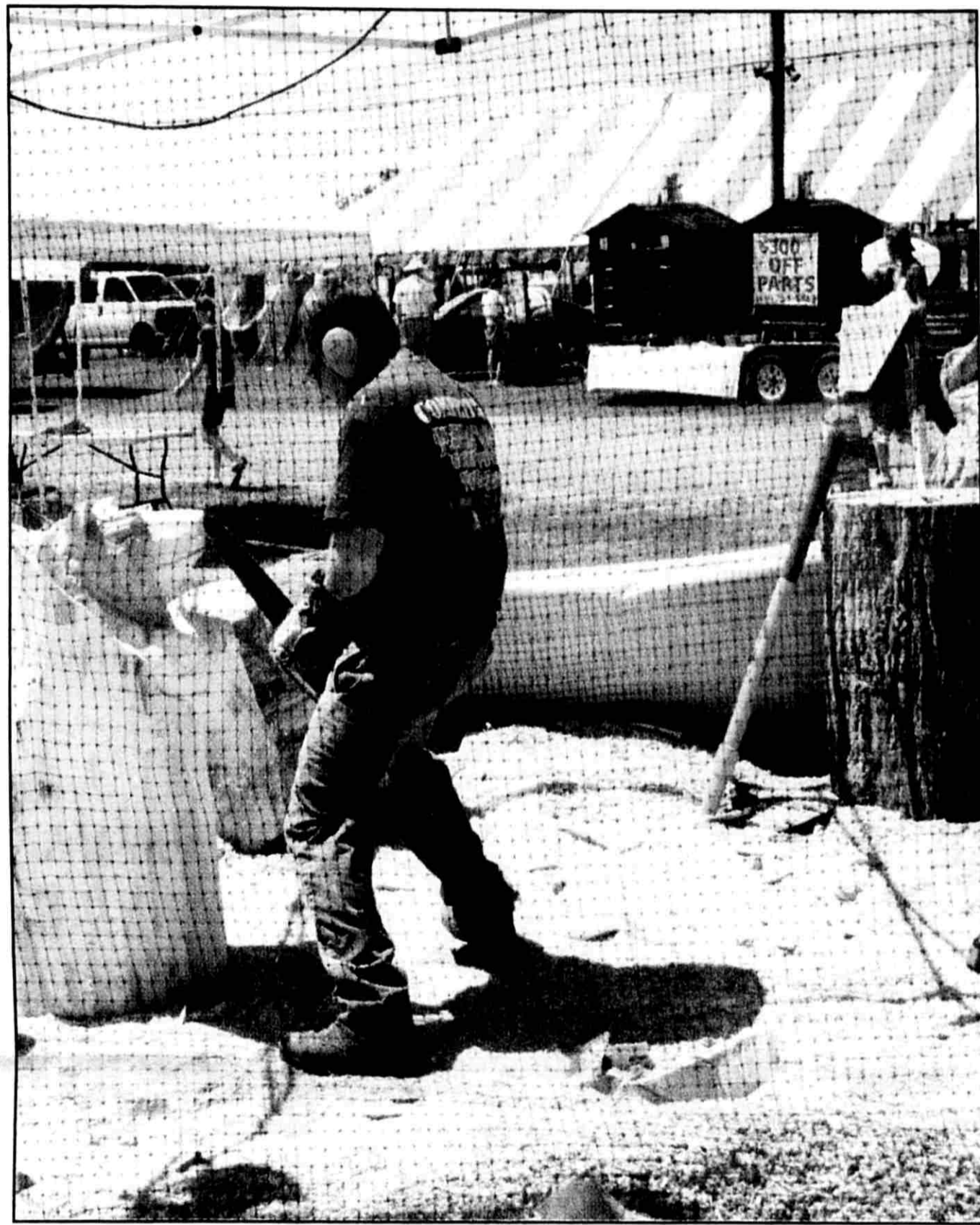
Ruegsegger, who has been coming to the fair for the last seven years, showed her horse Jet from the Stable

Mates club. Jet also got Grand Reserve Champion title.

The horse barns and the riding arena stayed pretty busy with all the horse judging and events ranging from Western horsemanship, jumping to English/Western riding patterns.

The Foreman Building was packed to the last inch of space with a variety of 4-H exhibits. The Merry Seamstresses club recreated a scene from an old farm kitchen complete with cardboard characters and an old stove.

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Wood carver Marty Long speed carves a bear during the fair last week.

## Lowell Light & Power will begin tree trimming next week

Routine tree trimming is scheduled to begin again next week, starting Aug. 18. There has been a gap in the summer schedule due to the number of heavy storms this season in our region and consequently an increased demand on our trimmers.

The areas to be trimmed are as follows:

- Grand River, from Oberly to Gulliford, for routine line maintenance trimming.
- 511 Avery St., 510 High St., and 203 Jefferson St., for trimming of trees to repair line at the rear property line.
- 905 Washington St., for trimming for line upgrade.
- 2523 G Drive, for maintenance trimming for primary line.

As Lowell Light & Power continues its tree trimming, look in the Lowell Ledger for a schedule of upcoming trimmings or call their offices at 897-8402.

## Mayor Shores released from hospital, undergoing therapy



Lowell mayor Jeanne Shores, 72, was released from St. Mary's Hospital last Wednesday after undergoing major surgery to remove brain tumors. She had been in the hospital since late July.

According to her daughter Carla Stone's

postings on carepages.com, Shores is undergoing intensive therapies. A lung cancer has been detected. "She is in great spirits," said Stone in an earlier interview. Mayor pro-tem Jim Hodges is serving as acting mayor. Shores has spent 27 years in public service.

Mayor Jeanne Shores pictured in a file photo from the Expo last spring.

## Kent County funds support new housing in Lowell

Excavation began the week of July 21 for three brand new homes in downtown Lowell on West and Bowes Streets. The homes are being constructed by Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF) with help from local partners and many volunteers.

The Calvary Christian Reformed Church in Lowell has officially signed on as a partner. Calvary member and

builder Wayne Scheeringa has been very helpful in setting up contractors and volunteers to work on the project. ICCF will provide site supervision for volunteer labor. Funding is being partially provided through Kent County Home Funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Due to a high water table, the homes will be bi-

level and raised ranch styles. Each home will have three bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths, with an average of 1500 square feet. They will be constructed to Energy Star and Green Built Michigan standards. ICCF is a faith-based non-profit community development corporation that has been providing affordable housing in Grand Rapids for 34 years. Kent County funds enabled them

to extend their services beyond the core city to other areas in the county.

ICCF plans to complete the homes by early December. These attractive and energy-efficient homes will be available by direct sale through ICCF. Down-payment assistance will make the homes affordable to qualified families. Families

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# Obituaries



### HENDRICK

Sandra Lee Hendrick, aged 65 of Newago, formerly from Lowell, went to be with the Lord peacefully at her home August 9, 2008. She is survived by her

husband, Wayne Hendrick of 47 years; children, Brian & Karen Hendrick of Alto, Beth & Bernie Clark of Stevensville, Brad & Ashley Hendrick of Lowell; grandchildren, Douglas, Meghan and Thomas Hendrick, Kim, Scott and Abbey Clark, Brecken, Kyle and Justin Hendrick; sister, Peg & Jim Beuschel of Caledonia, brother, Leo & Denise Alberts of Caledonia; brothers-in-law, Bernard & Pat Hendrick of Lily, Royce & Lois Hendrick of Saranac; sister-in-law, Francis Hendrick of Wayland; many nieces and nephews. Sandra was a loving wife, amazing mother and adoring grandmother. Her life was

her family and she loved them unconditionally with all that she had. Sandra was a loyal friend to those who came into her life. Her love for children and animals were proven in her devotion and involvement in the 4-H Fair for over 30 years. Those who knew her best are forever changed and are better people for having her in their lives. Her legacy of love lives on in all of us. Funeral services will be Thursday, August 14 at 11 a.m. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral, 305 N. Hudson, Rev. Dean Bailey, of Alto/Bowen United Methodist Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Perry Ave. Big Rapids, MI 49307.

### LOCKHART

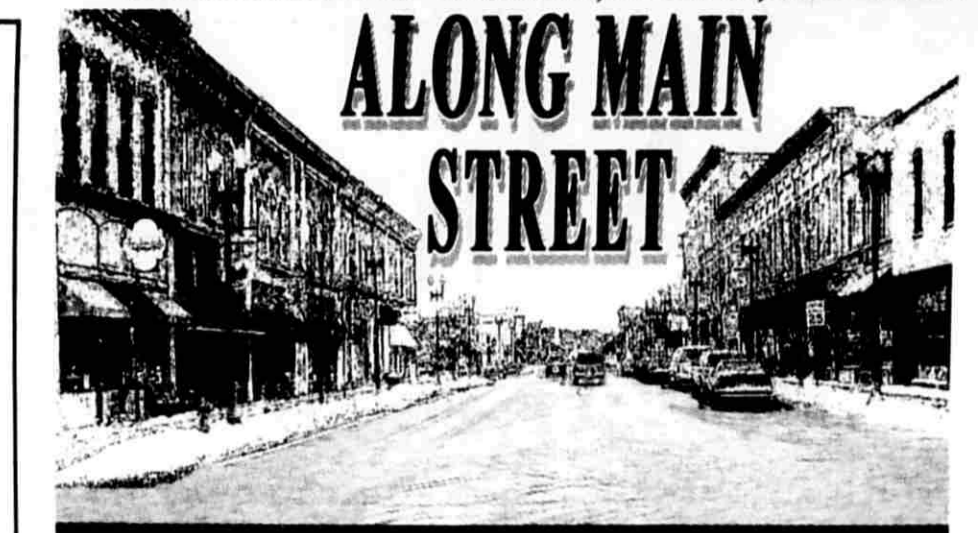
Lois A. Lockhart, aged 79 of Ada, passed away Tuesday, August 5, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell, and son, Lynn (Butch) Lockhart. She is survived by her children, Glen (Sue) Lockhart, Ruth DenBroeder, Linda (Jerry) Bishop and Sandy (Perry) Brown; brother, William Hammar; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; also many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Friday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Highway, Lowell, MI 49331 and/or Hospice of Michigan, 1260 Ekhart NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



### OSBORNE

Steven James Osborne, aged 62 of Lowell, passed away Monday, August 11, 2008. He was preceded in death by his father, Morris Osborne and sister, Kitty Ryskamp. He is survived by his sons, Steven Osborne, Jr., Kelly (Heidi) Osborne, Jared Osborne and Sean (Gretchen) Kennedy;

mother, Doris Osborne; brothers, Ronnie (Bonnie), Jim (Connie), Tim, Rick, Pat, Scott (Kim); sisters Peach (John) Magness, Kathy (Dale) Wolfe, Kim (Tom) Gless; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Steve spent his entire life giving. The compassion will span countless generations. He will be loved and remembered always. Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Friday, August 15 at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson with Rev. Rick Blunt, of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., Thursday, August 14 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society (Research),



### BRIDGE PROJECT MEETING

If you have concerns or would like to voice your input, you may attend this stakeholders meeting. M-DOT officials and H & H Engineering will be present. The meeting will be held Wed., August 13 at 8 a.m. at the Lowell City Hall Office, 2nd Floor City Chamber.

### LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL SIGN-UP

Thurs., Aug. 14, 6-8 p.m. at Burch Field. All new players must bring a copy of Birth Certificate for birth date verification. Flag Football, ages 4-7 years, must be 4 by/on Nov. 1. Youth Football & 78er's, 8 years-8th grade, must be 8 by/on Nov. 1. 78er's Cheerleading, 7th & 8th grade. For more information, 897-7896 or email: lowellyouthfootballleague@yahoo.com.

### LHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

All alumni and community members are welcomed to a Grand Old Fashioned Community Picnic at Fallsburg Village on Sat., August 16, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no cost, but bring own picnic and table service. Drinks provided. The Adams Family will be provide music from 12-1:30 p.m. For more information, call Tina at 897-7498.

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ORIENTATIONS

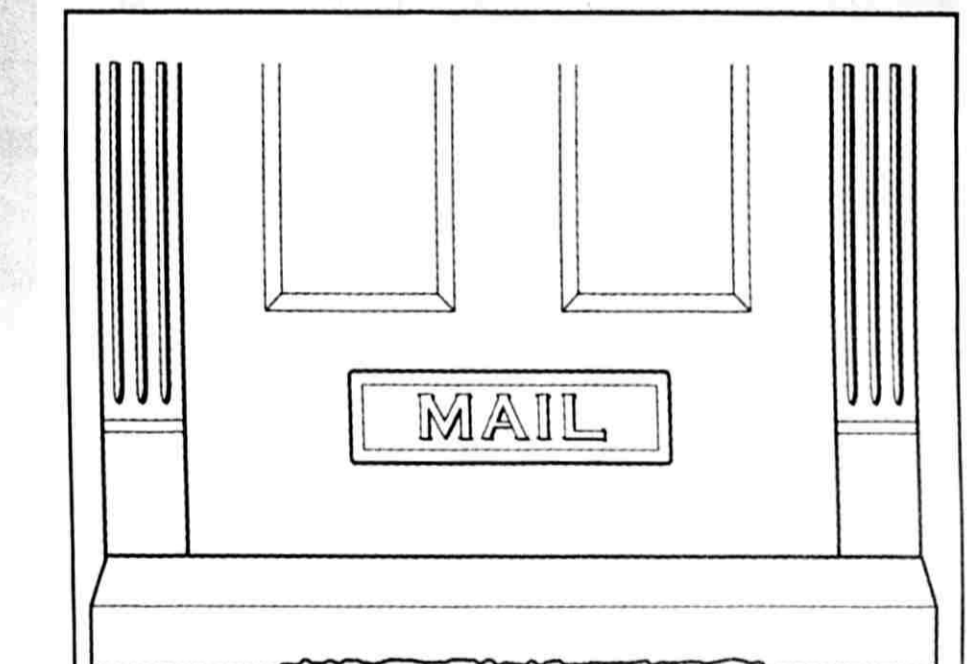
Aug. 20 & 21, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. for students in 10th, 11th & 12th grade. Students may come at any time. Aug. 25, freshman with last names A-K, 9-11 a.m. and freshman with last names L-Z, 1-3 p.m. Freshman must stay for the full two hours.

### THEBES PLAYERS

Auditions for Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park", Aug. 25 & 27, 7-9 p.m. at Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe St. Casting one women (20-25), one man (20-25), one women (45-75), and three men (25-75). Performances scheduled for Oct. 17, 18, 19, 25 & 26, 2008. Directed by Laura Leasure. Call 897-8545.

### FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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## Silent auction list for Pink Arrow Day grows

- The updated list for the silent auction, as of Monday afternoon, is as follows:
1. Canfield - \$1000
  2. Eldridge - \$750
  3. High School Staff (Kathy Talus) - \$550
  4. Anna Organek - \$500
  5. Bushnell Staff - \$500
  6. Jackson - \$460

7. Ball - \$450  
8. City Looks - \$350  
9. Beachum - \$325  
10. Wester - \$300  
To date, there have been 385 shirts sold, according to Pep Talk owner Amy Hayes. The goal is 3000. The goal for the names on the back are 109.

## Arbor Day Foundation offers 10 free trees

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation during August 2008 will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign, a program dedi-

ated to environmental stewardship through the planting of trees.

"Colorado blue spruce trees were selected for this campaign because of their many uses in home landscapes," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor

Day Foundation. "They lend beauty to their surroundings with their silver blue-green color and compact conical shape. They can be used as individual ornamentals, an energy-saving windbreak, a privacy screen, or as living Christmas trees."

The trees will be shipped postpaid between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10, at the right time for planting. The 6-to-12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members of the Arbor Day Foundation will also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Blue Spruces, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by August 31, 2008, or join online at arborday.org.

## Housing, continued

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whose income is 40 to 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) may qualify. The AMI for Kent County is currently \$59,200 for a family of four. Interested persons should contact Housing & Family Services at ICCF, 336-9333 ext. 305. Anyone wishing to volunteer labor or materials should contact the Advancement department at 336-9333 ext. 412.

ICCF is the oldest nonprofit affordable housing provider in the state of Michigan. Active in Grand Rapids since 1974, the agency serves more than 2500 families a year through its programs and services. Programs include the Family Haven emergency shelter at 701 Prospect SE

(Grand Rapids), 96 units of affordable rental housing, newly constructed homes for purchase, home ownership education and financial counseling. All services are provided in Spanish and English. A variety of mortgage options is available through Providence Home Mortgage, Inc., a subsidiary of ICCF. See www.iccf.org for more information.

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Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 08-185-493-DE Estate of IRENE SCHWACHA, deceased Date of birth: 1/8/1921

TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, IRENE SCHWACHA, who lived at 2755 Segwun, Lowell, Michigan died 6/12/2008.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JEANA SCHWACHA, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Suite 2500 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed

personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Jeana Schwacha 78 Chagnon Lake Linden, MI 49945 616-855-4253

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE RESCHEDULED WORK SESSION

The City Council's work session regarding LCTV Endowment Fund originally scheduled for Monday, August 11th at 7 p.m. has been **rescheduled** for Wednesday, August 13 at 7 p.m. The work session will be held in the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street.



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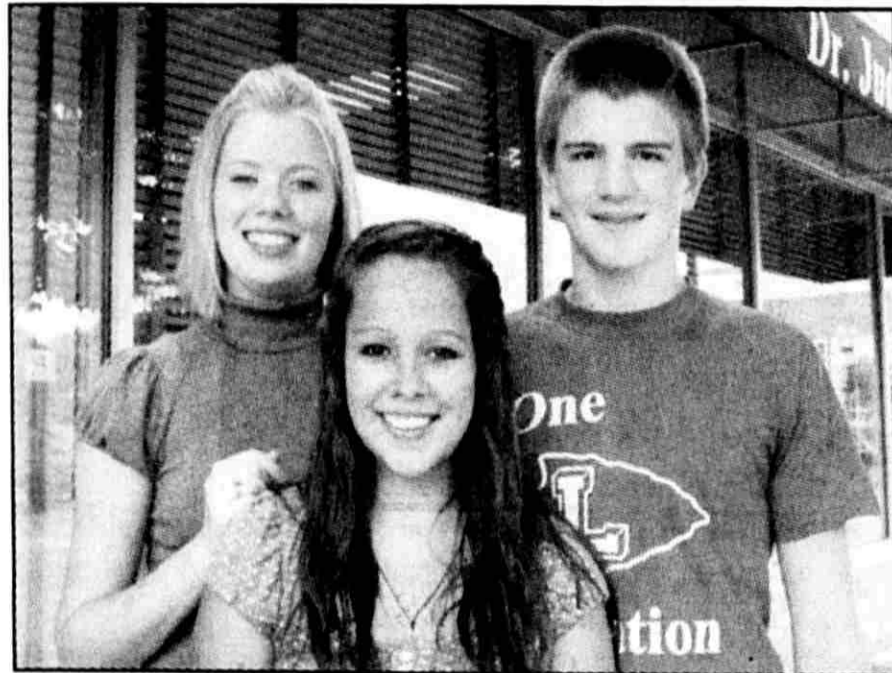
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# What Do *You* Think?

The 2008 Olympics started off with a bang on Friday, August 8 in Beijing, China. In a 16-day competition, 205 nations will be represented with more than 10,000 competitors, according to nbcolympics.com. This year's games have been rife with controversy, from the environmental concerns to China's human rights record.

## What are your favorite Olympic events?



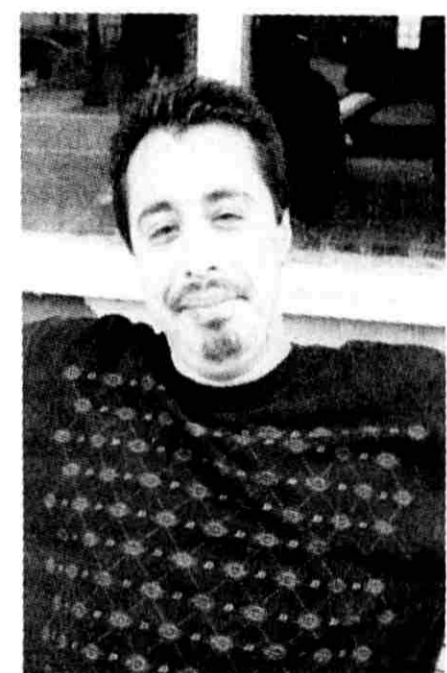
**Bryleigh Loughli,  
Jared Williams,  
and Andrea Herrera,**

All of Lowell  
Bryleigh and Andrea both like gymnastics, while Jared likes women's volleyball.



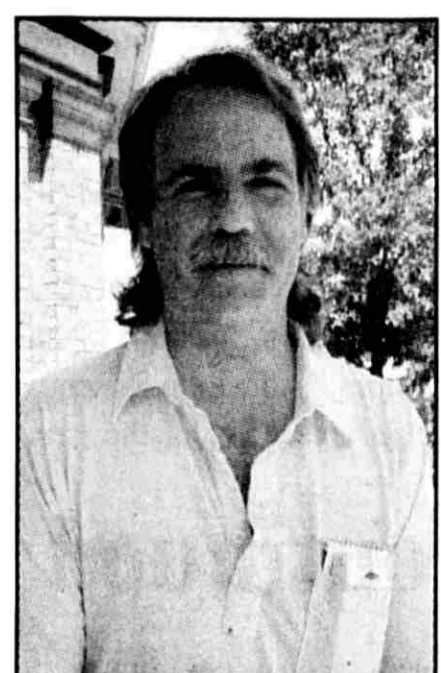
**Carol Ardis**

Lowell  
"Oh, gymnastics for sure..."



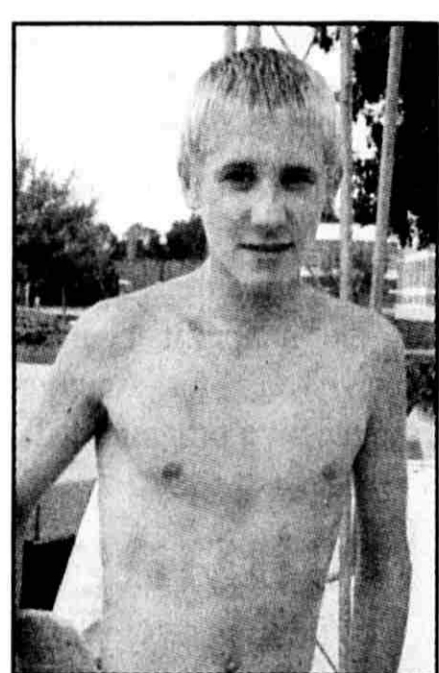
**John Delon**

Lowell  
I like women's volleyball.



**Geoff Schramm**

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I guess the swimming is my favorite.



**Jeremy Wilson**

Lowell  
It's all cool. I love it.

## Excitement shows as administrators, staff, and students prepare to head back to school

by Shelly MacNaughton  
Contributing writer  
The Lowell Area Schools' Board of Administrators and staff are eager to begin the new year.

"It's been a busy summer - we are excited to have staff coming back," said Superintendent Greg Pratt.

Pratt also offered a construction update to the board. "Construction continues at the middle school," Pratt said. "There has been a tremendous transformation of the high school parking lots, and Cherry Creek has had some updates - they are just finishing up a few classrooms."

"The construction is quite incredible," said Mark Lessens, president of the Board of Education.

The board received a

budget update from John Zielinski. He mentioned that many staff will be returning this week and that there will be a new staff orientation on Aug. 25. The auditors are in the district this week.

"We do have a State Aid Bill signed by the Governor giving Lowell an additional \$112 per child," said Zielinski.

Board member Pat Nugent presented information on the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation. The foundation provides funding for innovative learning and enhanced programs for the students of Lowell Area Schools.

Noel Dean gave a service learning report to the board regarding the

Pink Arrow Project. Varsity football players will wear pink jerseys during the first home game on Friday, Sept. 12 in honor of breast cancer awareness.

Pep Talk is selling shirts and the team really wants to fill the stands with pink t-shirts for the evening. The Boosters will be selling pink megaphone popcorn holders and pink popcorn.

Dean hopes to continue this project for at least the next three years. There are many fundraising activities involved in the process, as well.

"It should be a great evening - I'm really excited," said Dean.

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# Viewpoint

## To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I keep hearing comments like, "If this community really wanted a skatepark, we would have one by now". I wanted to take a moment to respond to this.

It should be known that the Our Love Skatepark committee is made up entirely of teenagers. Youth ranging in age from 11-18 hold all the leadership positions, write grant proposals, attend community meetings, plan fundraisers and make business presentations. This group has only had 3 adult advisors. The function of the advisor is to keep the group on track, to offer guidance and to serve as contacts for grant proposals, business contracts, etc. All the work of the committee is done by young people.

It is true that it is taking time to get our community on board with this much-needed facility. It is never easy to raise community awareness and substantial funds. However, our young people are doing a great job at both. This group is dedicated, focused, and eager to invest in their community. While their groundbreaking dates have come and gone, they are still committed, they are still working toward the goal, and they express the desire to follow through on their plans. No matter how long it takes.

So, to address the issue of, "If this community really wanted a skatepark", I ask that we look to ourselves as a community. Are we helping our young people achieve their goals or are we dismissing the idea because it hasn't happened yet? We need a skatepark. We want a skatepark, our kids just need help making it happen.

If people think they can raise \$100,000 to build a park any faster, the youth would love to hear from them: ourloveskatepark@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,  
Shannon Hanley  
Adult advisor,  
Our Love Skatepark Committee

Dear Editor,

I wanted to thank the Lowell Running Club (OFRC) for putting on the Wild Wild West 100K, 50K, and 25k relay race on August 2. The race director and volunteers did an outstanding job of marking the course, and providing aide to all of the participants. I've done many ultra events, and this is one I would definitely love to do again. Fallsburg Park is beautiful, and the trails are in great shape. Lowell is a wonderful place to visit!

Sincerely,  
Elaina McMahon  
Ridgecrest, Calif.

Dear Editor,

A packed house is how I would describe the Aug. 4 Lowell City Council meeting. The council meeting of Aug. 4, like previous meetings, was shared by the voice of Ivan Blough and his attempt to get a separate administrative board for the Lowell Cable TV Fund consisting of residents from Lowell, Lowell Township and Vergennes Township. What I see now and what I have seen in the past convinces me that our city has blatant control over what I believe is ill-found gains. After the sale of Lowell Cable TV right out from underneath the nose of the subscribers, the city council took control as the sole decider over the Cable TV Endowment Fund. The council's decision to be the sole administrator is self-centered and is none compliant in Lowell being "The Next Place To Be". Ivan's plan is a fair plan and would give all the communities involved a say in how the Cable TV Funds will be dispersed. What we have is a chance for three communities to come together and make decisions as one. This should not be about lawyers and who's right and who's wrong. If our city council cannot come to terms with the reality of what is asked of them then there is little hope that Lowell will ever be "The Next Place To Be".

Jim Howard

## Outdoors

By  
Dave Stegehuis



### RECONNECT

Where do they all go? When school starts in the fall, yellow busses full of boisterous kids pass by the house. A parade of SUVs and mini-vans wiz by with eager young faces looking out as we walk along the road leading to area school buildings. Then, when school is not in session, the children seem to disappear. They're not in the suburban backyards, not on the playground, not in the woodlot, or vacant field. The grass along the creek is un-trampled.

Independent outside play is becoming rare among modern kids. There are a few exceptions in our neighborhood when we can hear the excited voices of children playing simple games like tag or hide and seek. This tends to happen with the same kids from the same families. It appears to be a lifestyle issue and not one of opportunity.

The majority of school age children and young adults today have been disconnected from the natural world and the outdoors in general. Nobody intended for this to happen. A combination of demographic trends and the proliferation of virtual experiences has separated young and old alike from the land. The opportunity to work and play outside has gradually slipped away as we moved from frontier living, to an agricultural-based economy, to the industrial revolution, and now have arrived in the information age. Most young

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## Writing to the editor ...

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**Looking Back THROUGH THE LEDGERS**

By Shelly MacNaughton

### 125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL AUGUST 15, 1883

The union school building is being painted and repaired throughout.

Michael McCarthy of Grand Rapids fell into Grand River Thursday night and was drowned.

After October 1 letter postage will be two cents.

Wouldn't it be a good idea to invite transient peddlers to pay a license of about \$5 each, per day, for the privilege of selling their wares in our streets? Or say \$2 for selling and \$3 for howling.

### 100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 13, 1908

Rev. Fr. James J. Byrne, one of the best known and most beloved priests in rural Kent, died last night at Mercy hospital, Manistee, where he went a few weeks ago for treatment. For nearly 15 years Father Byrne had been pastor of the churches at Cascade and Parnell. Warm-hearted, sympathetic, wise in counsel; gentle with the erring, living the gospel he preached he was loved alike by those in his church and outside its portraits.

### 75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO AUGUST 17, 1933

The saying of the old prospector that "There's gold in them there hills" might be paraphrased in this Grand River valley by clam fisherman who could truly say this year that "There's pearls in that old stream."

The richest find reported this year to come to the attention of the Ledger is a pearl almost as large as an average pea bean.

### 50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 14, 1958

Miss Judy Gallagher, a former Lowell girl, was recently graduated from the Lansing Unit of Mercy School of Nursing. Miss Gallagher plans to practice professional nursing in the City Hospital at Pauhaska, Oklahoma, for a few months.

A new Michigan law has been passed requiring traffic from both directions to stop for school buses while loading and unloading passengers.

### 25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER AUGUST 17, 1983

Headline: Lowell 4-Hers do well at fair  
Jamie Beth Cook won Junior Dairy Showmanship and received Grand Champion honors with her Holstein Aged Cow. Jennifer Cook was second in Junior Dairy Showmanship and showed the Junior Champion Holstein. Sheila Nugent won the Senior Showmanship contest in dairy.



# Weddings

## Eldridge/Hoeksema

Erin M. Hoeksema and Bradley J. Eldridge were united in marriage on the evening of October 5, 2007 at Immanuel Reformed Church of Grand Rapids by Pastor Jeff Manion.

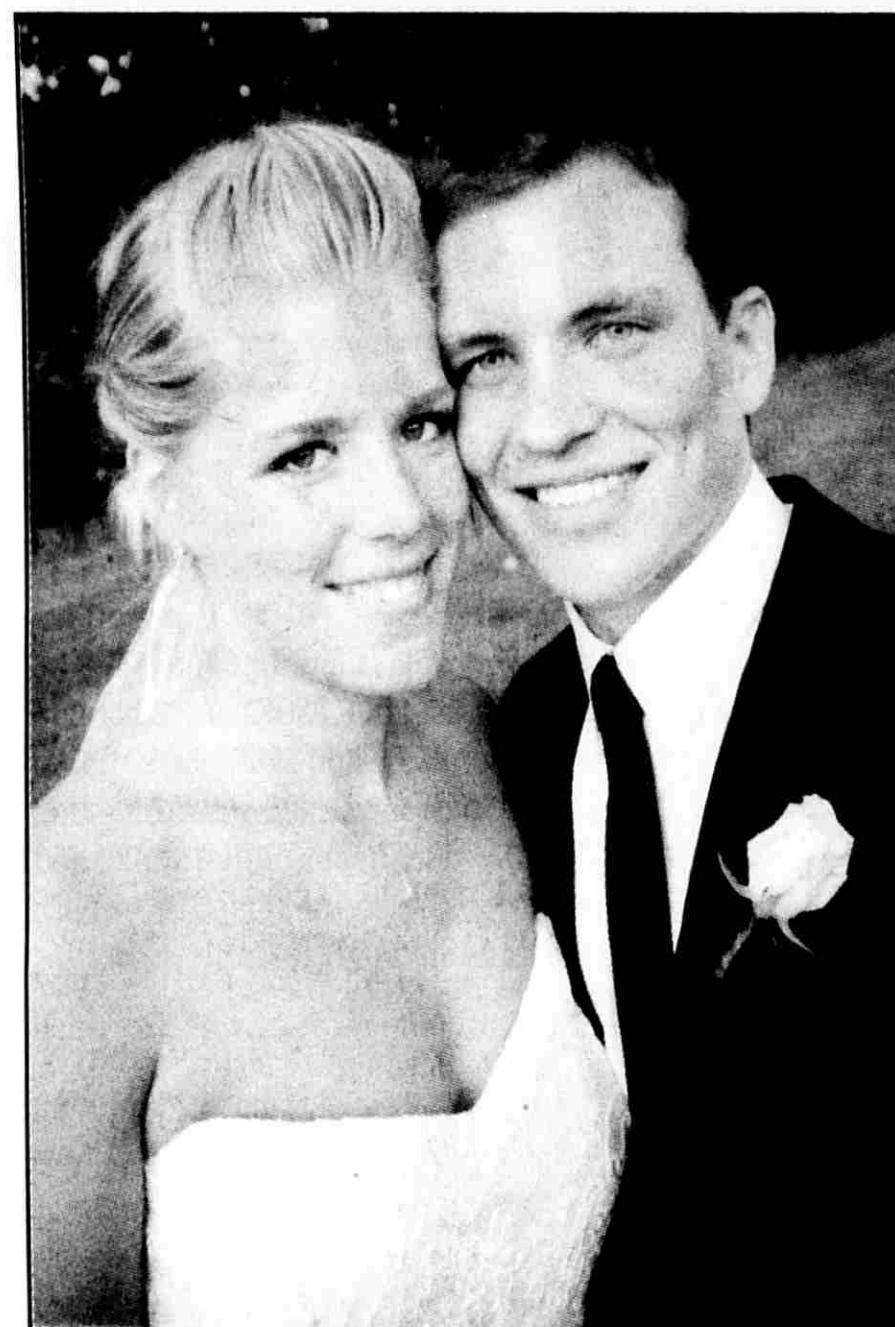
Parents of the bride and groom are Randy and Carol Hoeksema of Grand Rapids and Greg and Karen Eldridge of Lowell.

Sarah Herema, the bride's sister, served as Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids were: Betsy Eldridge, sister of the groom; Brianna Aardema, friend of the bride; Candice Soltys, friend of the bride;

Kelcie Laleman, cousin of the bride; Megan DeRoos, cousin of the bride; and Alanna Bancroft, cousin of the groom.

Best Men were Tom and Jay Eldridge, brothers of the groom. Groomsmen were: Paul Hoeksema, brother of the bride; Kevin Hoeksema, brother of the bride; Jason Craig, friend of the groom; Monte Knapp, friend of the groom; and Riley Bancroft, cousin of the groom.

After honeymooning in Colorado, Brad and Erin now reside at their home in Grand Rapids.



Erin M. Hoeksema and Bradley J. Eldridge

## Golden anniversary



Paul and Lois Fuss

A golden wedding anniversary will be observed August 23, 2008 by Paul and Lois Fuss. The Fuss' children are Dave (Gerrie) Fuss, Carl Fuss, and Jerry (Jenni) Fuss. Grandchildren are Dalton, Sophie, and Wyatt Fuss.

# Reflections of faith

by Bob Roush  
Friendship Country Chapel

### MY MOST WONDERFUL DAY

God sure is good! I didn't always think that way. As a matter of fact, there was a time when I wasn't even sure if God knew what He was doing. But I later came to realize that it was the other way around; I didn't know what I was doing. When I was younger I didn't have any plans for my life whatsoever. My philosophy was whatever happens, bring it on baby! That's not a really good way to go about life, because if you don't know where you're going, how are you going to know when you get there?

I was actually born and raised in West Virginia, which explains a lot of things, but after a tour of duty in the Navy, I wound up in Grand Rapids. I was 19 years old with no plan, life was just happening, or so I thought. I got a job at a Christian organization and one of my coworkers knew this young lady who was going to Bible school and lived in Lowell. He told me she was very lonely and asked me if

I would consider going out on a blind date with her so I said yes, because I was lonely, too.

I met Kathleen Kyser at an apartment building where she was staying. When she stepped off that elevator, it really did turn into a blind date because I was struck with beauty, and for the first time in my life, I started making a plan.

August 14, forty nice years ago, marks the anniversary of the materialization of my very first plan - it was a very good plan I might add - it was my most wonderful day, the day Kathleen Kyser became my wife.

As I look back over seventy years of life, I am amazed to see how God has led me throughout the years. I am humbled to see how His hand was leading me, even before I was saved. I can only imagine where I might be today, had it not been for His constant intervention in my life - certainly you would not be reading this article.

But what I've come to see is that it wasn't my plan at all - it was God's all along. I was just one of the players. It was like he said, 'you stand over here and when I give the signal, you enter stage right.' So that's what I did.

Two verses come to my mind when I think about this, Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Although we have had many discouragements and sorrows our life has been full and complete because of Christ's faithfulness.

The second verse is in Proverbs 18:22, "He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord." At the end of the day, the only thing that really matters in life is whether you're able to look back and see that through all the dumb things you've done, you can see the unseen, but clearly defined, hand of God directing you to this very point in your life, and nothing else matters.

This little line sort of says it all, it goes like this, "Said the sparrow to the robin, I should really like to know, why these anxious human being rush about and worry so. Said the robin to the sparrow, friend, I think that it must be, that they have no heavenly Father such as cares for you and me."

Turn around for a minute and look at the path your life has taken - can you see how it has been orchestrated by God to bring you to where you are right now? If your life is a bit of a mess right now, you can come to God, as I did one day, and He'll take the broken pieces of your life and create a mosaic that will amaze you as it tells the story of His ability to set you on a course. If you feel that you've messed things up and you can't get back to where you should be, then go to any of the fine churches we have in Lowell and ask to talk to a pastor. Be assured they will be more than thrilled to help you chart your course. Have a wonderful life.

## New Arrivals

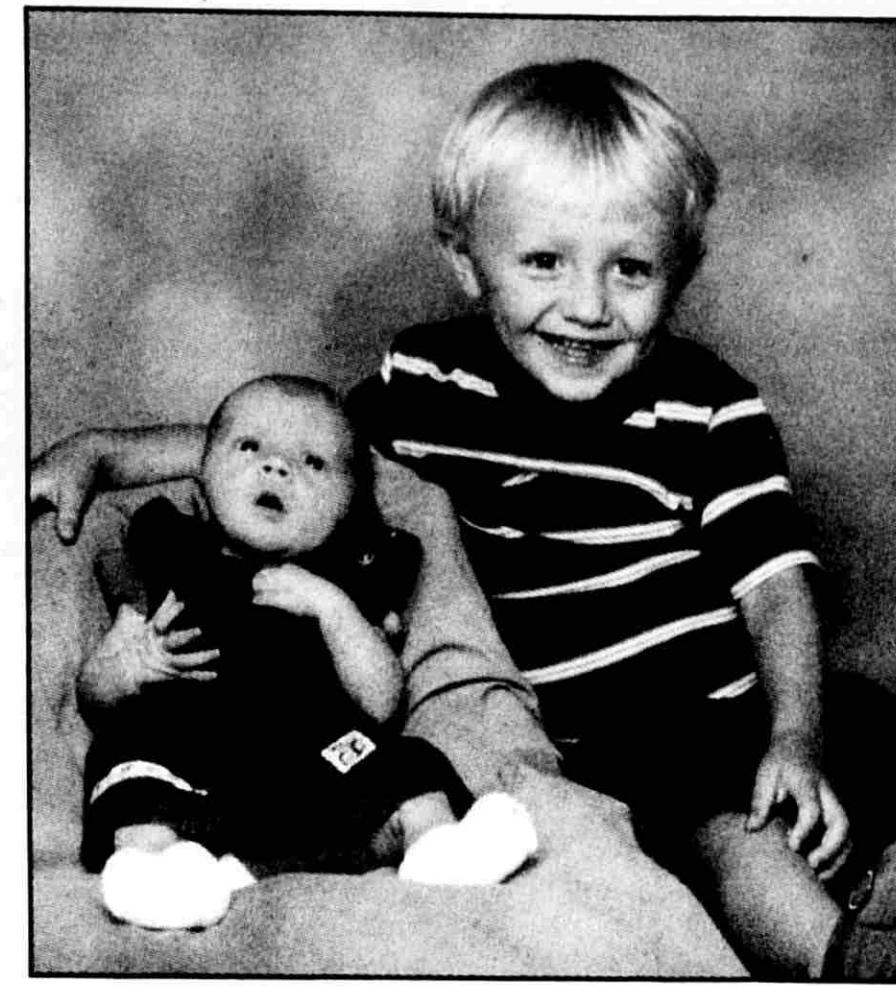
### Gregersen

Ken and Elaine Gregersen are proud to announce the birth of their fourth grandchild.

Kayden Jo Gregersen was born June 7, 2008 at 10:34 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches.

Welcoming her home are proud parents, Ken and Lacey, and big brother Payton James.

Other grandparents are Lori Cooper, Mike and Melissa Gustafson. Great grandparents are Patricia Gustafson, Joyce Stormzand and Everett Gregersen. Special Aunt Holly and Jason Fetterhoff. Special cousins Lani and Lynsi Fetterhoff.



Kayden Jo Gregersen with big brother Payton

### Williams



Emmett Sol Williams

Emmett Sol Williams was born June 14, 2008 weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz. and measuring 21 inches.

He is welcomed home by big brother Aidan and

proud parents Rachel and Kevin. Grandparents are Walt and Diana Batt, Karen and Jim Eckelstafer, Terry and Cheryl Williams, and Rick Zalokar.

## Happy Birthday

**AUGUST 13:** Robert Hewitt, Ryan Christenson, Ryan Mike Roth.  
**AUGUST 17:** Brittany Essich, Jordan Roe, Harding.

**AUGUST 14:** Adam Billingsley, Aaron Christenson, Betsy Brenk, Bob Wilzcewski.

**AUGUST 15:** Ben Raymor, Bill Barber, Dena Baylis, Vivian Johnson, Donnie Shaffer, Barb Callihan, Kim Tubergen, Deb Wright, Pam Kline.

**AUGUST 16:** Helen Vezino, Don Gasper, Trent Raab, Mike Mooney, Ryan Aksamitowski.

**AUGUST 18:** Matthew D'Agostino, Sandy Dykhuizen, Sean Pawloski, Paul Reggie Owen, Paul R. Owen II.

**AUGUST 19:** Peggy Idema, Joseph Thaler, Lois Boonstra, Braydon Brown, Brian DeBold, Daryl Chamberlain, Charley VanKeulen, Betty Wierenga.

## College News

Chris Gerard, a senior at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana, is one of 12 students nationwide to receive the 2008 Bayliss Radio Scholarship. This \$5,000 award is based on

academic excellence, future radio goals, and radio related activities. Chris is the son of Tim and Lori Gerard of Lowell.

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p><b>ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Kirby and Harrison Alto • 616-691-8011 Worship.....9:30 A.M. Children's Church.....9:30 A.M.</p> <p><b>OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN DOORS</b> Pastor Dean Bailey</p>	<p><b>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL</b> 9305 Centerline, Saranac 897-6332 Worship.....9:45 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M.</p> <p>Nursery &amp; Jr. Church Provided Rev. Frank Lattimore, Pastor "A Nondenominational Ministry With A Blended Word Centered Service!"</p>	<p><b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> Rev. Randy Meyers - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p><b>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God)</b> 3050 Alden Nash SE • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery Robert W. Holmes, Lead Pastor John King, Youth Pastor <b>SUNDAYS:</b> 10:00 a.m. - Worship &amp; Evening; LIFE home Groups &amp; "The Source" Youth <b>WEDNESDAYS:</b> Family Night: (for all ages) 7:00 p.m. "The Source" Youth: 7:00 p.m. Loving God... Loving People!</p>	<p><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Fr. Eugene Okoli 402 Amity St. • 897-9820 www.stmary-lowell.com Weekend Masses: Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 9:30 AM Weekday Masses: 7:45 AM Holy Day Masses: 9 AM &amp; 7 PM - TUES. - FRI. Saturday confessions: 4 - 4:45 AM Prayer &amp; adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL PETER WAGNER 897-7915 SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 48, EARTH FROM 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING</p>	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (United Church of Christ) 865 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE • 897-5906 Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. Church School.....10:15-11:15 A.M. Thursday Faith Alive Worship.....7:00 P.M. Rev. Terry Tessari.....Interim Pastor Shannon Hanley.....C.E. Director Barrier-free.....Nursery Provided Come Join Us For Praise &amp; Worship</p>
<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 www.lowellumc.com WORSHIP.....8:30 &amp; 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>Rev. Rick Blunt Barrier-free entrance</p>	<p><b>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God)</b> 3050 Alden Nash SE • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery Robert W. Holmes, Lead Pastor John King, Youth Pastor <b>SUNDAYS:</b> 10:00 a.m. - Worship &amp; Evening; LIFE home Groups &amp; "The Source" Youth <b>WEDNESDAYS:</b> Family Night: (for all ages) 7:00 p.m. "The Source" Youth: 7:00 p.m. Loving God... Loving People!</p>	<p><b>SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 3189 Snow Ave. SE, Lowell Rev. Vance Dimmick Jr. 9:45 A.M.....Worship/Fellowship 11:15 A.M.....Sunday School 897-9863 or 897-9588 Nursery &amp; Children Worship Programs Provided "A friend...a family...a mission!"</p>	<p><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Fr. Eugene Okoli 402 Amity St. • 897-9820 www.stmary-lowell.com Weekend Masses: Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 9:30 AM Weekday Masses: 7:45 AM Holy Day Masses: 9 AM &amp; 7 PM - TUES. - FRI. Saturday confessions: 4 - 4:45 AM Prayer &amp; adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL PETER WAGNER 897-7915 SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 48, EARTH FROM 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING</p>	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (United Church of Christ) 865 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE • 897-5906 Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. Church School.....10:15-11:15 A.M. Thursday Faith Alive Worship.....7:00 P.M. Rev. Terry Tessari.....Interim Pastor Shannon Hanley.....C.E. Director Barrier-free.....Nursery Provided Come Join Us For Praise &amp; Worship</p>	<p><b>THE LAURELS OF KENT</b> A Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center 350 N. Center St. • Lowell, MI 49331 • (616) 897-8473 <b>2008 ANNUAL PET PARADE!</b> The Laurels of Kent would like to THANK the Lowell Community for making our 2008 Pet Parade a Success. A special thanks to the participants and their extraordinary costumes. The judges had a difficult time choosing the winners. Congratulations to the winners.</p>
<p><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri on M-21) Halfway between Lowell &amp; Saranac on M-21 www.goodshepherdlowell.org Worship Service.....9:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Joseph Bremer, Pastor 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>	<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: http://www.fbcloowell.org Rev. David O. Sims &amp; Rev. W. Lee Taylor Wayne Haines, Youth Pastor Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. &amp; 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA CLUB J.C. Wed. 6:15 &amp; 6:30 P.M. Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times Nursery Provided • Barrier Free</p>	<p><b>SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 3189 Snow Ave. SE, Lowell Rev. Vance Dimmick Jr. 9:45 A.M.....Worship/Fellowship 11:15 A.M.....Sunday School 897-9863 or 897-9588 Nursery &amp; Children Worship Programs Provided "A friend...a family...a mission!"</p>	<p><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Fr. Eugene Okoli 402 Amity St. • 897-9820 www.stmary-lowell.com Weekend Masses: Sat. 5 PM; Sun. 9:30 AM Weekday Masses: 7:45 AM Holy Day Masses: 9 AM &amp; 7 PM - TUES. - FRI. Saturday confessions: 4 - 4:45 AM Prayer &amp; adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL PETER WAGNER 897-7915 SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 48, EARTH FROM 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING</p>	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (United Church of Christ) 865 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE • 897-5906 Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. Church School.....10:15-11:15 A.M. Thursday Faith Alive Worship.....7:00 P.M. Rev. Terry Tessari.....Interim Pastor Shannon Hanley.....C.E. Director Barrier-free.....Nursery Provided Come Join Us For Praise &amp; Worship</p>	<p><b>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> Greeting &amp; Fellowship.....10:15 A.M. Sunday Morning Worship.....10:40 A.M. Wednesday Discipleship Ministries.....7:00 P.M. Meets at 201 N. Washington PASTOR MICHAEL RHODABARGER Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>

# HEALTH

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



## HELPING CHILDREN STAY AT A HEALTHY WEIGHT

A formula called the body mass index (BMI) is used to help figure out a person's weight status. A BMI shows the relationship between a child's height and weight. You can find out your child's BMI by using the following calculator: <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/dnpabmi/Calclator.aspx>. Being obese puts children at risk for diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, acid reflux, and sleep-related breathing problems. Obesity can also be related to depression, low self-esteem, and not fitting in with other children.

To help your child reach or stay at a healthy weight, first identify any unhealthy habits. Even slim children may have habits that could lead to obesity. It's important to focus on habits instead of your child's actual weight. Five main unhealthy habits to avoid are:

- Drinking sugary drinks. Examples are soft drinks, fruit juices and punch, sports drinks, energy drinks, and flavored milk.
  - Eating fast food. Children should eat this type of food no more than once a week.
  - Watching TV or playing video games. Spending a lot of time at these types of activities puts children at risk of obesity. Try to limit time spent at these activities to less than one hour per day.
  - Not being active. It is not healthy for children to avoid daily physical activity. Children should be physically active for at least 30 minutes every day.
  - Not eating dinner with an adult. Children who eat with at least one parent most nights of the week tend to eat healthier and weigh less.
- Skipping breakfast, which often leads to overeating later in the day, can also lead to obesity. Notice how often your child follows unhealthy habits, and then set small goals to create healthier habits over time. Keep up these healthy habits at home, with everyone in the family involved.

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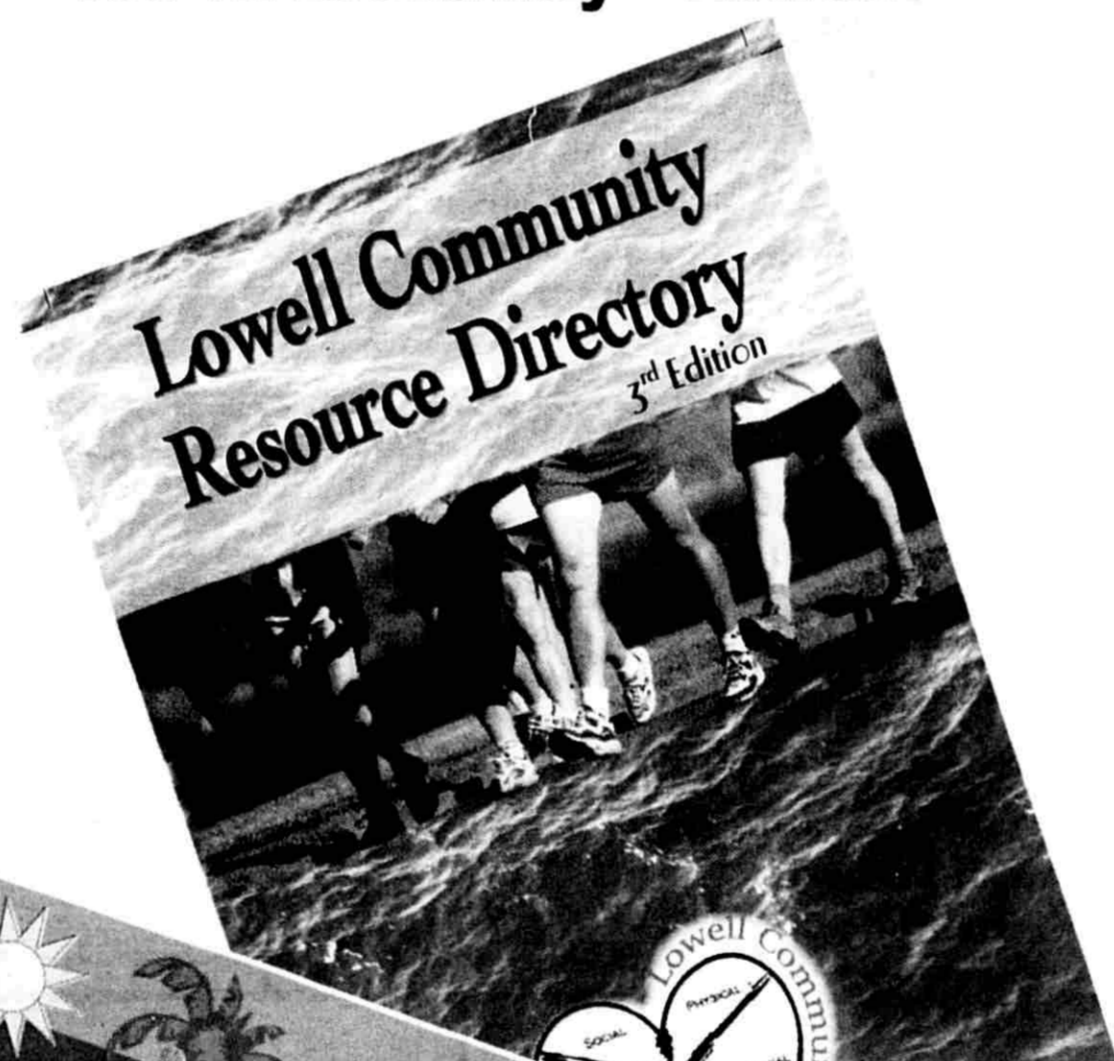
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## Art attack fundraiser slated for Aug. 23

by Emma Palova

A silent auction at the Lowell Area Arts Council currently in progress will lead up to the biggest fundraiser of the year, the Art Attack set for Aug. 23 at the fairgrounds.

"This is the first time here we have a silent auction," said interim director Barb Pierce. "We want people to come in to the arts gallery."

Bidders have to get a bid number at the gallery and write in their bids.

"They can come back in to the gallery or e-mail," said Elaine Hommoun.

Ten favorite pieces will go to the live auction for bidding at the event.

"We hope to raise more money this year," said Pierce.

There will be celebrity servers, clowns, games, food and a cash bar, as well as a chance to donate to the David Davis Scholarship fund. Last year, the event raised \$18,000 for the council.

"We're going to put on a great event," said Pierce.

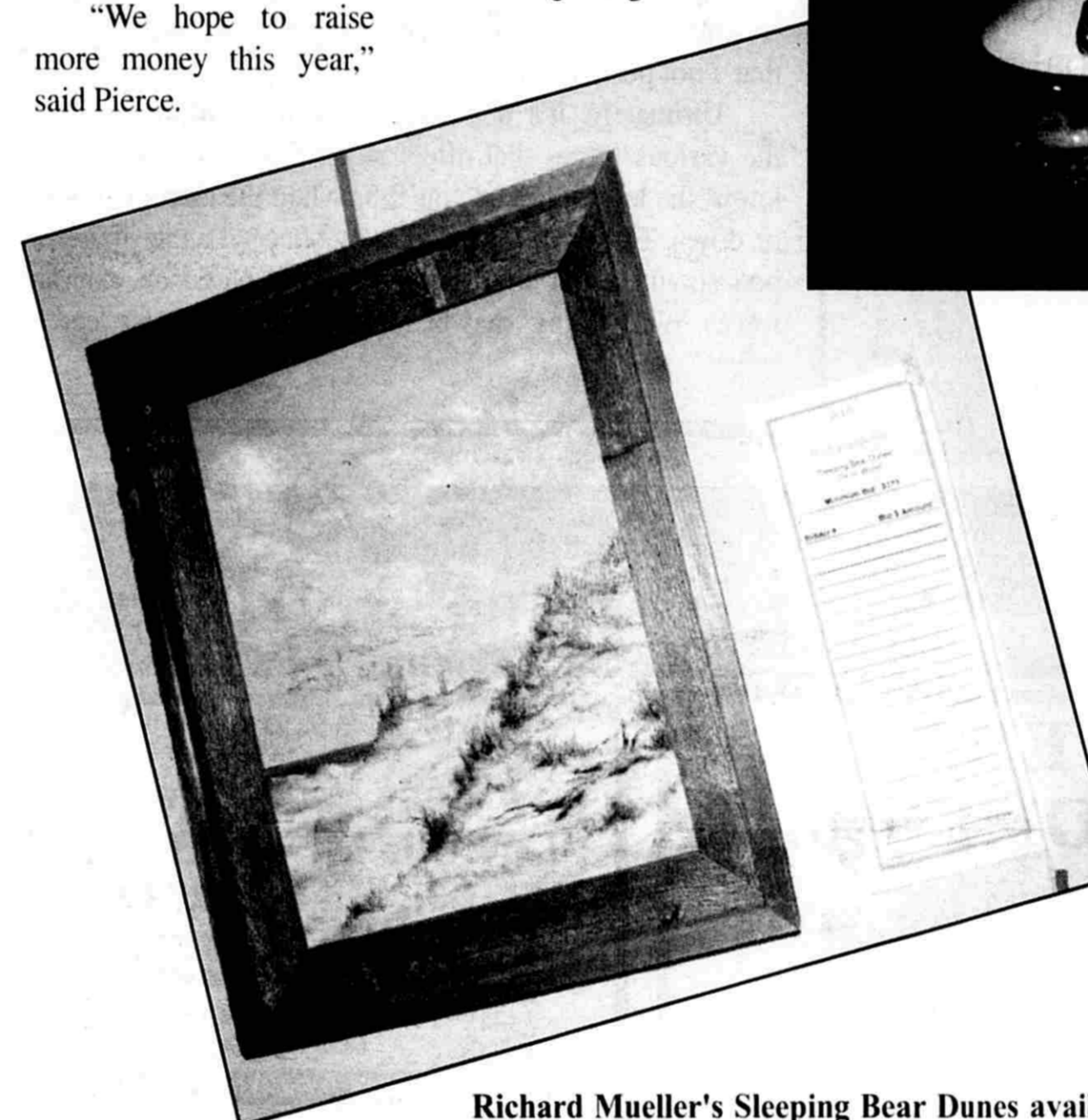
Tickets to the Art Attack are \$50 each or for a table of eight \$400.

Bidding will be updated on the arts council website [www.lowellartscouncil.org](http://www.lowellartscouncil.org) You can also e-mail with bids [elaine@lowellartscouncil.org](mailto:elaine@lowellartscouncil.org) or call 897-8545.

The silent auction runs through Aug. 28.



Elaine Hommoun demonstrates how silent auction works.



Richard Mueller's Sleeping Bear Dunes available both at silent and live auctions for the annual Art Attack fundraiser set for Aug. 23.

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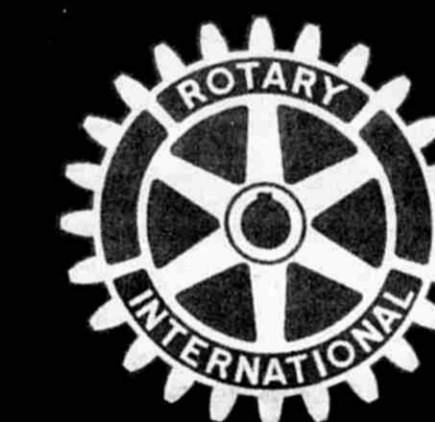
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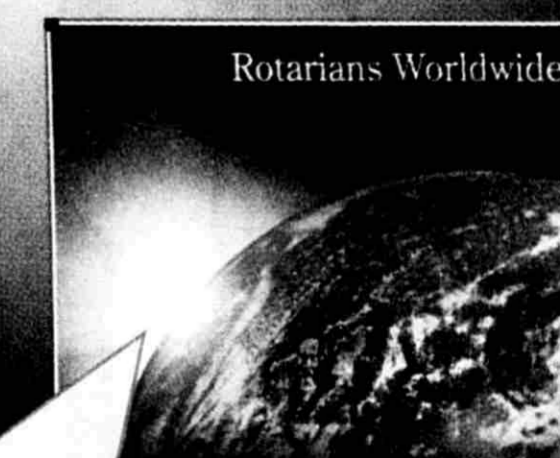
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## Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold  
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### HOW SHOULD YOU RESPOND TO MARKET "DIPS"?

You already know that stock prices can take sudden "dips." But do you know what causes them? And, just as importantly, is there any way you can take advantage of these drops?

Let's answer these questions one by one. First, what causes the stock market to fall quickly?

Actually, the "suddenness" of a market decline may often be misleading, because the forces that cause markets to fall (or rise) may be in place for weeks or months before prices move noticeably. Here are some of these key "change agents":

- **Investors' actions** — Individual and institutional investors can, by their actions, move the price of stocks. For example, if many people think a particular stock is "hot," they will buy it, and this increased demand helps drive up the price. Conversely, if investors decide that a company is in trouble or that it is part of an industry in decline, or even that it's time to take profits, they will sell the stock, creating downward pressure on its price.

- **Business fundamentals** — A company's earnings, profit margins, management and competitiveness can affect its desirability to investors and, as a result, its stock price.

- **Legal changes and regulatory decisions** — When Congress passes a law or a government regulatory agency makes an important decision, the result can have a big effect

on the fortunes of a company — and, consequently, its stock price. Decisions by the Federal Reserve to change interest rates also can affect the financial markets and individual stock prices.

- **Economic indicators** — When economic activity — as measured by the gross national product — slows, unemployment increases and inflation rises, investors may get nervous and pull back from the markets, leading to a drop in stock prices.

- **International events** — Political instability, wars, natural disasters and other events can all disrupt the financial markets and cause stock prices to fall.

It's very hard for most people to follow these events closely enough, and respond to them quickly enough, to take advantage of market drops by buying stocks whose price has fallen. Furthermore, although it would be great to always "buy low and sell high," it's impossible to predict when a stock has fallen to its lowest point. Consequently, you could end up wasting a lot of time, energy and worry by trying to "buy on the dip."

Moreover, if you were to constantly buy stocks just because their prices had dropped, you may well end up owning a lot of investments that are not really suitable for your individual needs, goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. You would be better off purchasing an appropriate mix of quality investments, holding them for the long term and making adjustments only when your situation changes or when the investments themselves have altered in a way that's not positive for you.

Ultimately, it's a good idea to stay informed about the various forces that affect stock prices. The more you know, the less surprised you'll be when the market goes up or down. But if you want to truly succeed as an investor, you should avoid short-term decisions based on external forces. While "dips" may be tempting, they can also lead to "slips."

## LOWELL AREA COMMUNITY FUND ACCEPTS GRANT PROPOSALS

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The Lowell Area Community Fund, a fund of Grand Rapids Community Foundation, awards grants to tax-exempt, nonprofit charitable organizations that have an impact in the Lowell area. The LACF funds innovative projects or programs that encourage community cooperation.

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who supported me in the primary election.

A special thank you to those who contributed to my campaign with letters of support, words of encouragement and yard signs.

I appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve

Lowell Township as clerk.

- Linda S. Regan

## Sandy foot runners take on a variety of challenging trails

A host of Lowell cross country runners and members of the local running community spent the final week of July logging miles on the trails and dunes of Ludington State park as part of the Sandy Foot Cross Country Camp.

The week included two workouts per day, including special events such as a 30-minute dune challenge, the Mojave 10-mile prediction run, and a camper-counselor

race. Combined with the running were 'ab' workouts, 'core' strengthening workouts, stretching and polymetrics. The entire group experienced great workouts and great weather.

When the crew wasn't running, they spent time at the beach, tubing on the Au-Sable River, at camp, and hitting the streets of Ludington.

Jon Woods led the guys by besting his record

for the 30-minute dune run by completing 61 circuits up/down the dune, and by completing the 9-mile Mohave trail/dune run in one hour, 18 minutes. The girls were led by Marin Tawney, a first-year camper with a Mojave time of 1:56.00 and completing 39 dune circuits, along with Emily Jelsma and Chelsea Montgomery.

The campers also maintained the 'Sandy Foot' trophy by besting the

counselors in the camper/counselor race. Leading the youth were Zach Robinson, Tom Mark, and Woods for the boys, and Kristin Dunn for the girls.

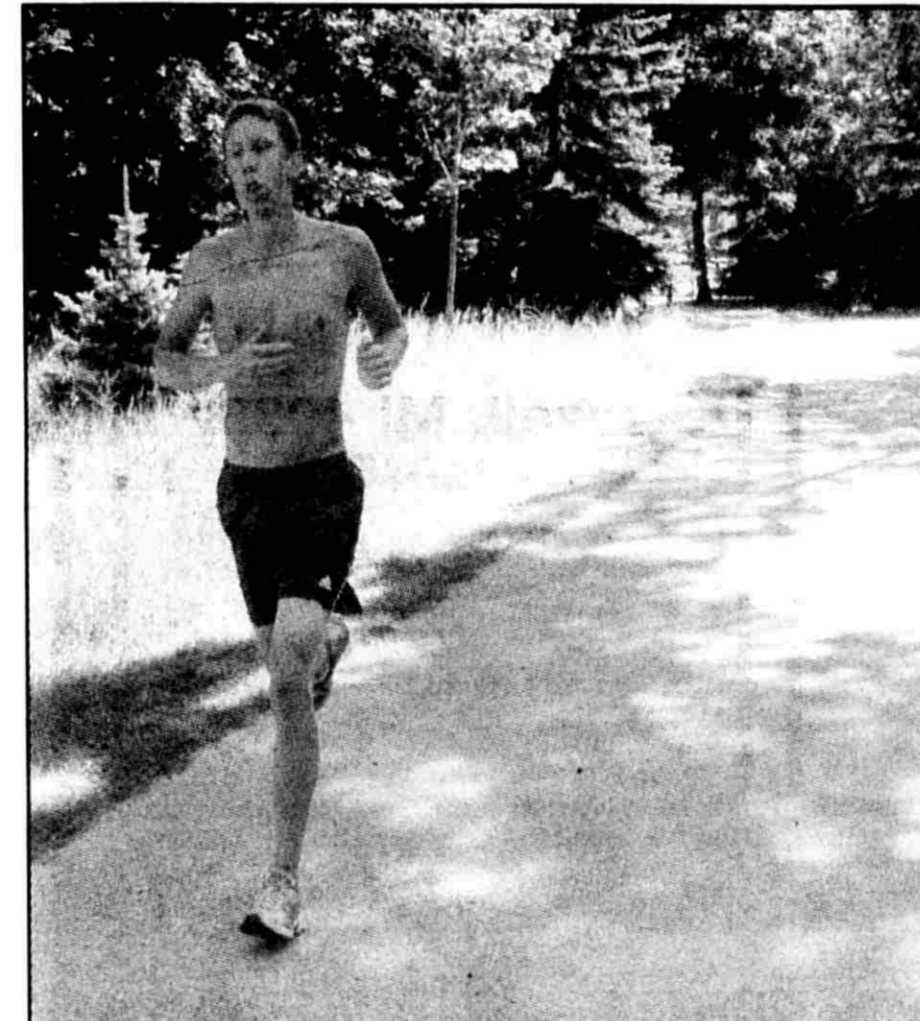
Major awards were as follows:

MVP-boy: Jon Woods; Most Improved-boy: Tom Mark; Rookie Camper: Zach Robinson. MVP-girl: Marin Tawney; Most Improved-

girl: Kristin Dunn; Rookie Camper: Emily Jelsma. The tentative date for the 2009 Sandy Foot Camp is July 26.



Marin Tawney leads Coach Ellis to the finish.



At left, Tom Mark finishes the Mojave 9 miler.

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## Outdoors, continued

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people may not even know someone who has lived or worked on the land, let alone being directly involved themselves.

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As individuals, we are at a point in time when it is important for us to make good environmental decisions by voting, recycling, conserving energy, and supporting recreational programs. People who relate one-on-one with nature have a vested interest in the environment and can make decisions based on personal experience, not media hype or emotion.

Reconnecting with and maintaining our relationship with nature may not happen in the normal course of events. It could take a special effort to seek out and take advantage of opportunities to experience nature first-hand. Garden, camp, hike, bike, fish, golf, hunt, play tag, walk the dog, or find something else that stirs your interest. Toss the kids out of the house, and follow them out the door. Doing things as a family has the added benefit of passing along knowledge and traditions to the next generation and the next. Don't drop the ball.

## Notice of Public Hearing on Increasing Property Taxes

The Township Board of the BOWNE TOWNSHIP will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of 0.0849 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied on property in 2007.

The hearing will be held on Monday, August 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Township Office, 8240 Alden Nash SE.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 3.40% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved, the operating revenue will increase by 1.69% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

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# BUSINESSES SERVICES



# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Fall sports begin practice this week

by Molly Benningfield  
Sports Editor

The fall sports season is under way, as varsity, JV and freshmen teams began practice on Monday, Aug. 11 (with golf starting on Aug. 7).

Girls' golf kicks off the season, with tournament action starting this week in Traverse City. Boys' tennis has its first match at home on Monday against Lakewood. Boys' soccer will play Rockford at home on Tuesday, while the boys' and girls' cross country

last week, was helpful to get the team ready for play that begins next week.

**Phil Bieri, senior, goalie**  
I'm looking forward to being that guy they all look up to, and to being a senior on the team.

**Goal:** Winning conference, and an overall winning most of our games.  
**Ian Beddows, senior, forward**  
I'm looking forward to winning.

**Goal:** To have a winning record.  
**Jake Karasiewicz, junior,**

strong and to beat East.

### CHEER

**Coach Kari Dawson:**  
"We're making them practice stunts, from the beginning, with thigh stands. After coming back from camp, we realized there's so much more to cheerleading than we thought. We're going to get them more active in actual games."

**Sydney Burrows, senior**  
One of our goals is always having something going on at games, just not stopping.

**Kylee Karas, senior**  
I'm looking forward to games - we love our football players. I want everyone spirited, with no frowns on our faces. We'd like to involve the crowd more.

**Alex Herb, senior**  
We really get along this year - they're my second family here. I'm looking forward to stunting and gymnastics.

**Theresa Buist, senior**  
I'm looking forward to the football team's success, and getting more involved with the crowd. I hope that everybody works their hardest, and that we have a good season stunting.

### GOLF

**Coach Bob Stuewe:**  
"We need more girls on the team - we only have six players for JV and varsity." The team graduated many seniors last year.

**June Ramsay, junior**  
I'm looking forward to conference.  
**Goal:** To beat Greenville.

**Lauren Heemstra, senior**  
I'm looking to be amazing, and stepping up the game and being a super

### FOOTBALL

**Coach Noel Dean:** "It's OK to be tired, but not to show that you're tired."

"A lot of our stuff is in, running from the 7th grade," Dean said of their program's depth. "We want to overwhelm [our opponents] with our check-offs, give as many possible looks, and run as many things as possible."

**Zach Stephens, senior, tight end and defensive end**  
I'm looking forward to being together with my class for the last time.

**Goal:** To beat East Grand Rapids.

**Tom Alberts, senior, guard and defensive tackle**  
Looking forward to being with my class.

**Goal:** "To come out

senior.

**Goal:** I'd like to shoot in the high 30s consistently.  
**Sydney Stuewe, senior**  
I'm looking forward to playing well, and shooting low scores.

**Goal:** To go to State.

### TENNIS

**Dylan Dues, senior**  
I'm looking forward to having a good season.

**Goal:** To have a winning season.

I like tennis for hanging out with friends.

**Evan Wilterink, junior**  
I'm looking forward to having a winning season, improving my game.

**Goal:** I want to beat East or Grand Rapids Christian. I like the challenging fact of beating my opponent.

**Josh Spratt, junior**  
There are a lot of new faces, so hopefully we'll do well.

I like the competitive spirit of the sport.

**Chase Canning, senior**  
I'm looking forward to getting something to do, playing tennis.



The football team runs sprints on Monday.

**Goal:** Getting to the conference - we were close last year.

**Isaac Tawney, junior**  
I'm looking forward to the whole season, getting a winning season and doing good.

**Goal:** First or second in conference - I like to just be with a bunch of friends, and being outside.

Fall sports practice, cont'd., Page 14



The girls' cross country team after practice on Tuesday.



The soccer team practices on Monday.

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Fall sports practice, continued ... From Page 13

### CROSS COUNTRY

Emily Jelsma, sophomore

I'm looking forward to getting better and meeting new friends.

**Goal:** To improve our times, become closer as a team, and to know that pain is mental.

**Kristin Dunn, senior**  
I'm looking forward to the team breakfasts.

**Goal:** To keep up with the other girls.

I like running because it relaxes me, and releases endorphins.

**Marin Tawney, senior**  
I'm looking forward to the snacks after and hanging out with people.

**Goal:** To get a faster time, and to keep up with fast people.

I feel like I accomplish something and stay in shape.

**Karis Dilly, freshman**  
I'm looking forward to improving my time and staying on varsity all season.



The girls' golf team practices Tuesday.

I like running because it's peaceful, and I can talk to God while I'm running.

**Taylor Marchido, junior**  
I'm looking forward to everyone on the team, and being friends with everybody.

**Goal:** For the whole team to try their best.

I feel like I've accomplished something and it feels good to run. We're pushing ourselves to the limit.

**Skye Thebo, freshman**  
I want to make new

friends and improve my time, and get better for other sports.

I just like that running gives you willpower.

**Haleigh Timmers, junior**  
**Goal:** To rock out my personal record.

I like the people and am looking forward to being with them.

**Kendall Solon, freshman**  
I like meeting new people and making friends.

I like the good feeling after.

## Varsity and JV cheer teams win big at Champion camp

by Molly Benningfield  
Sports Editor

think they really deserved [the title]. She said the staff megaphone award for being enthusiastic learners at the camp. Dawson said all the

The varsity and JV cheer teams traveled to Alma College for a Champion-sponsored camp in July and both walked away with team awards.

The varsity team won the prestigious "Best overall team" for the camp, which took place over three days and counted around 25 teams from around the area.

Coach Kari Dawson said she was excited for the team. "That was cool - I



The varsity cheer team at Alma College.

unanimously decided on Lowell's performance for best overall team, something which doesn't happen often.

The JV team also won a

cheerleaders, both on varsity and JV, were "very excited" about winning.

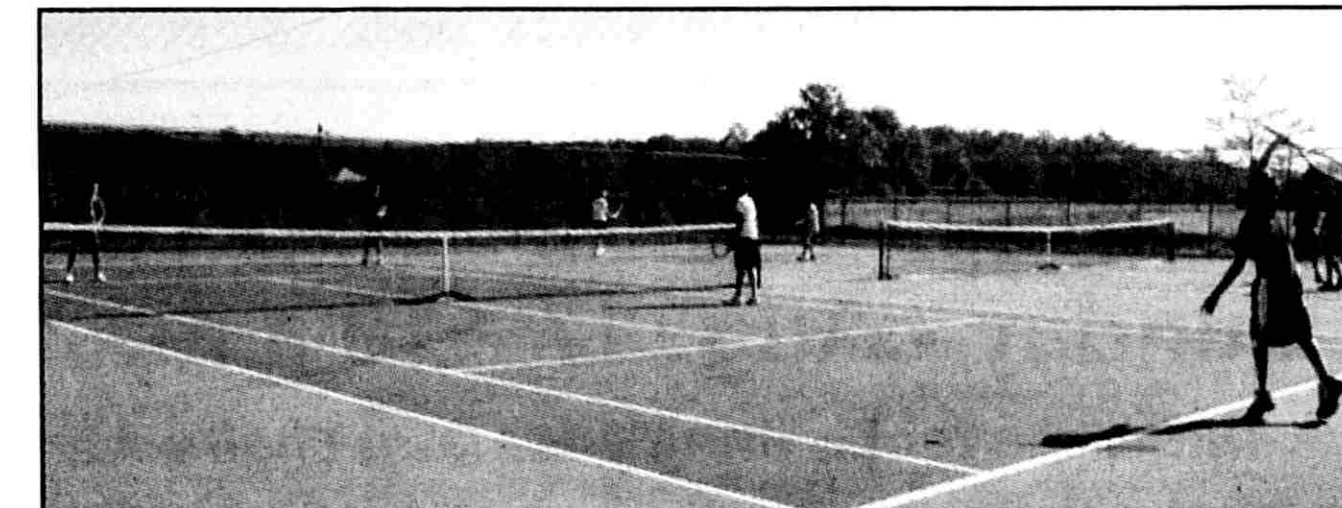
This year's camp was special, said Dawson, because of the bonding experiences.

"We sent 22 of our 28 girls on varsity to camp," she said. "Sending them to this camp was one of the best experiences."

She noted that the team came out of camp with an appreciation of the sport, as well as of each other. "They've come together - it's more than just cheer camp," she said. "I'm very pleased we went there."



The JV cheer team at Alma College.



The tennis team practices Tuesday.

### THE BENNING-FIELDER

by molly benningfield  
sports editor  
Obsessed with the Olympics

The Olympics started this week, and although the games have been mired in controversy with China's human rights records and environmental problems, it has, so far, been nothing short of spectacular.

The opening ceremony was a sight to be seen. I always think it's a bit crazy to spend so much money on something that will only last a few hours, but the Chinese outdid themselves and it was probably the best opening ceremony in history. However, controversy, of course, doesn't stray far from these games, and word is that the young girl singing "Ode to the Motherland" was actually lip-synching, because the one with the actual voice wasn't deemed camera-ready. Oi.

The actual sports, though, have been nothing short of impressive. It's been exciting to see Michael Phelps' quest for eight gold medals, and the relay team from the U.S.'s win on Sunday night was one of the best finishes I've ever seen. Other highlights of the game include the men's gymnastics team taking bronze, the men's basketball team finally showing why they pick NBA all-stars, and Natalie Coughlin and Dara Torres showing why they were chosen for the women's swimming teams.

And I'm only listing those from the U.S. And only those who've competed in the past four days. We have another week and a half to enjoy the games and see what other controversies can surface.

## Sportsmanship awards presented for spring sports

Over 200 teams representing over 170 schools have been selected to be recognized for displaying outstanding sportsmanship during selected winter Michigan High School Athletic Association postseason tournament competitions through the Good Sports Are Winners! Program, and all will receive awards ranging from framed certificates to commemorative banners and crystal trophies from MEEMIC Insurance, the Association's corporate partner in sportsmanship efforts.

Lowell's varsity baseball team was selected in the Districts section as a 2008 spring award recipient for Good Sports Are Winners!

The program is conducted in team sports, with schools being evaluated by tournament management at District, Regional and Final Round sites. This spring, a total of 211 teams at 171 different schools were



The varsity baseball team (first row, L-R): Mitchell Malling, Nick Boelens, Torsten Boss, Pete Scudder, Jesse VandenBosch, Ryan Dean and Ethan Drain. (Second row, L-R): Coach Justin Miller, Jason Nugent, Tim Hettinga, Zach Stephens, Taylor Sprague, Josh Drake, Nick Trusky, Will Bryan and Coach Dustin Gless.

selected in tournaments conducted in baseball, boys and girls lacrosse, girls soccer, and softball.

The program recognizes one school at each MHSAA tournament center at all levels of play for having met the highest sportsmanlike standards. Those schools will be presented framed certificates from MEEMIC

Insurance. Those teams will also be recognized through the publication of their names in the MHSAA Bulletin, the MHSAA Finals program series, and on the MHSAA Web site.

During 2007-08, 571 teams were recognized in 13 activities for their sportsmanship efforts during MHSAA tournaments. At the

Finals in those tournaments, the school judged to have met those standards is presented a crystal trophy and commemorative banner.

Baseball led the way with 108 teams honored, followed by 98 teams in softball; 5 in girls soccer; and 2 each in boys and girls lacrosse.





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**Sound Off**

The Ledger "Almost" Anything Goes Column

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Come on parents, explain to your kids that you don't always get what you want. Skate parks included. In this day and age, we all have wants. We struggle with our needs these days.

What needs to be done to get a traffic turning signal at the light on Main & Hudson? It's almost impossible to turn left during peak times.

To the walkers of 100 miles in 100 days. We're at 178 miles! Be encouraged!

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when a skateboarder is injured or killed by a car. Is this what we are waiting for?

We need to get the Lowell walking trails going. How can we help?

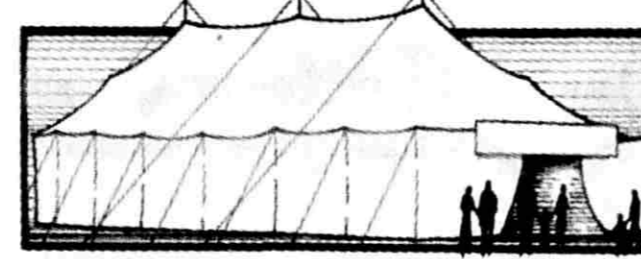
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**PERSONALS**

The family of **PAUL & LOIS FUSS** invite you to join in a 50th Wedding Celebration, Sat., August 17, from 1-4pm. A luncheon will be served at **Bowen Center Hall**, 12051 84th St. No gifts please.

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**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.

**ADA/LOWELL** - 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 1/2 story, country setting, 1,200 sq. ft., \$700 per month. 10860 Bennett St. 897-6337.

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**WANTED**

**BUYING ANTIQUES** - Collections, toys, games, advertising items, fishing & hunting things, jewelry & lots of other "stuff." Call 616-550-0521 today!

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**WANTED - LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS TO INCREASE CUSTOMER VOLUMES!!!** Call Amy Read at Stoneridge Apartments to find out how to become part of our Resident Discount Card Program! 897-9272 or email sra@smgpm.com before 9/1/08.

**WANTED** - Older fuel oil, with or without tank. Can pay some for fuel. Please call 897-6892.

**WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE** - first five callers accepted. Please call Mary @ 897-8043 for information.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR** - Sponsors to sponsor a pet in our Adopt A Pet section in the Buyers Guide. Only \$20 per week gets a homeless pet's photo out there for people to see & possibly adopt! Call the Buyers Guide, 897-9555 for details.

**SINGERS WANTED** - for small, auditioned, adult chorus that sings "classical" music; must read music; visit website www.vocalartistsingers.org to apply.

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**SERVICES**

**HIGHSCHOOL SENIORS** - Time to make appointments for photos. Call Val Fleet at 897-2587.

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**THINKING ABOUT PRESCHOOL?** - Lowell United Methodist Preschool has a few openings in an afternoon 4's class and morning 3's class. Call 897-8690 for information.

**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.

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**CATS/KITTENS** - Spayed & neutered. \$25 for entire litter w/mama. Also, entire barn of cats for \$25. This is for Kent County residents only. Call 897-8865 to schedule an appointment.

**SERVICES**

**CUSTOM CABINETRY** - Solid wood, handcrafted kitchens, baths, entertainment centers, etc. At or below cost of pre-builts! Stop in or call Personal Choice's showroom! 616-897-1130.

**COPIES COPIES COPIES** - Color & black & white copiers! Excellent quality! Stop by our office, Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway.

**THIS OLD PAINTER** - Interior/exterior, insured, free estimates. Call 897-5314.

**FOUND**

FOUND - orange kitten w/collar near Jefferson & High. Call 897-7371 to claim.

**LOST**

LOST - Cockatell. Kissing Rock area. Please call 897-6565.

**EVENTS**

**LAKE ODESSA LIVE-STOCK AUCTION** - Call 616-374-8213. Sale every Tuesday, 12 noon. Horse sale: 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month. Trucking available to and from market. Dave VanderBoon Call 616-374-0967 (home), 616-902-1130 (truck).

**CARD OF THANKS**

THANK YOU to those who offered their congratulations and best wishes. My heartfelt "Thank You" goes out to you. For the many cards from both friends and strangers. Again, "Thank You" John Erickson

**THANK YOU**

We want to thank all of our relatives and friends who sent cards, flowers, food and their loving support during the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Lucile Adriane. Special thanks to Metron Nursing Home staff for their wonderful and loving care, Rev. Dean Bailey for his prayers and words of comfort, to Roth-Gerst Funeral Home staff for all their understanding and help, to the pallbearers and Women of the Moose for the lovely luncheon. To the dedicated staff of Hospice of Michigan and to all who contributed to Hospice in Lucile's memory, we thank you.

God bless you all, Bonnie & Gary Denman, Bob & Becky Adriane, Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren

We recommend you place your ad a week before the sale, not the weekend of your sale. Some people do not receive the Buyers Guide Sunday morning. We also recommend putting in some sort of directions.

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# Fair, continued

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Although most fair goers were from the area, some came from as far as Philadelphia, like chainsaw wood carver Marty Long. He carved out a maple wood menagerie featuring bears, an heron, an eagle and a frog.

"I carve eight hours a day," he said. "I like the food here."

A silent auction of the carvings benefited the fair. The bidding started at \$200.

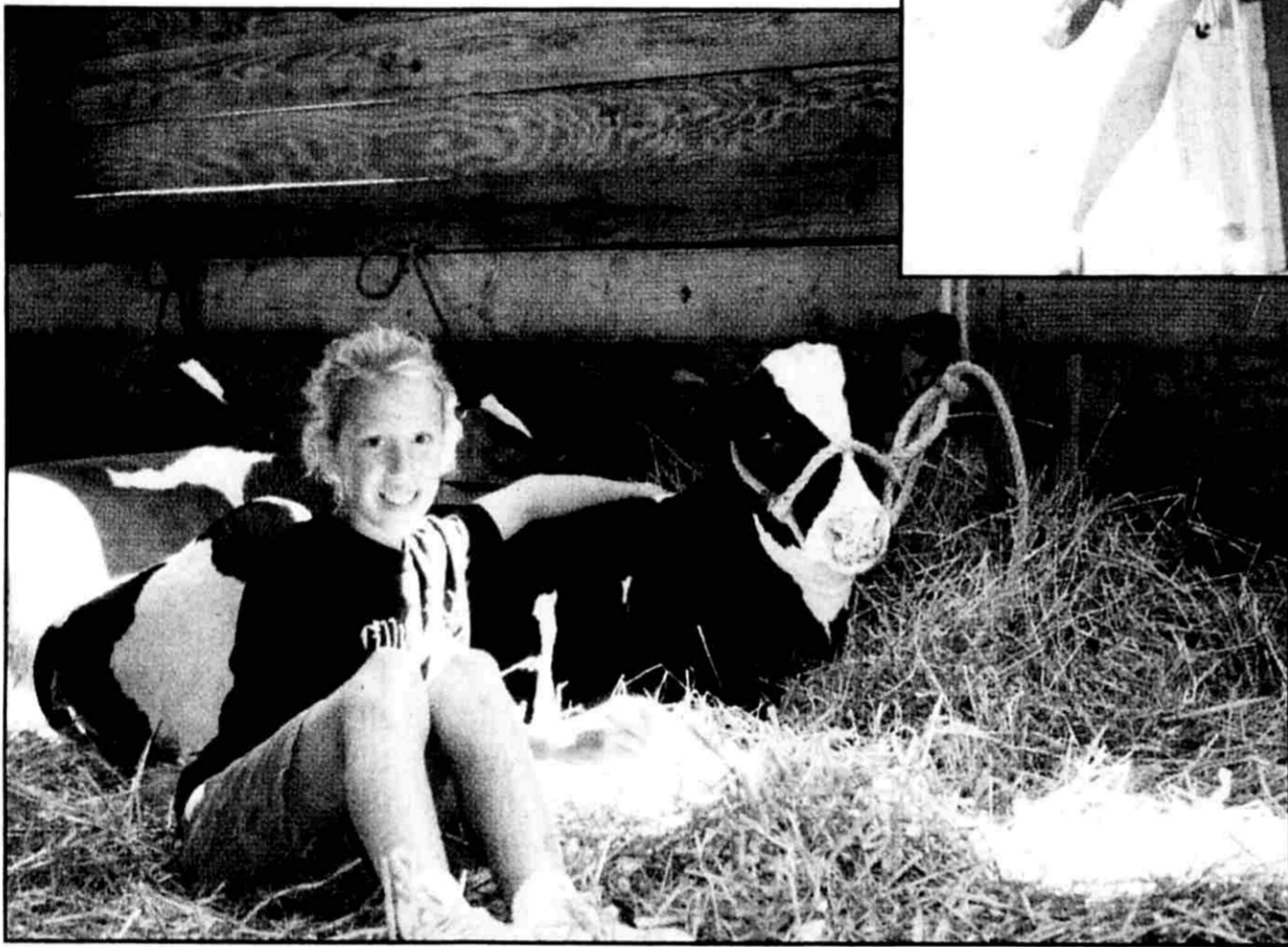
Back by the rides, the

Loonie Ladder rocked with people falling off the rope pirate ship ladder hanging in the air. The goal was to climb across an inflated base to reach the prize, a stuffed animal.

The biggest day of the fair was Thursday, the day of the animal sales. Kids enjoy the majority of the proceeds from the sales, and a minimal percentage goes to Kent County Youth Fair.



Erica Hancock takes a nap while horse Loot watches.



Olivia Richmond with calf Chibi.



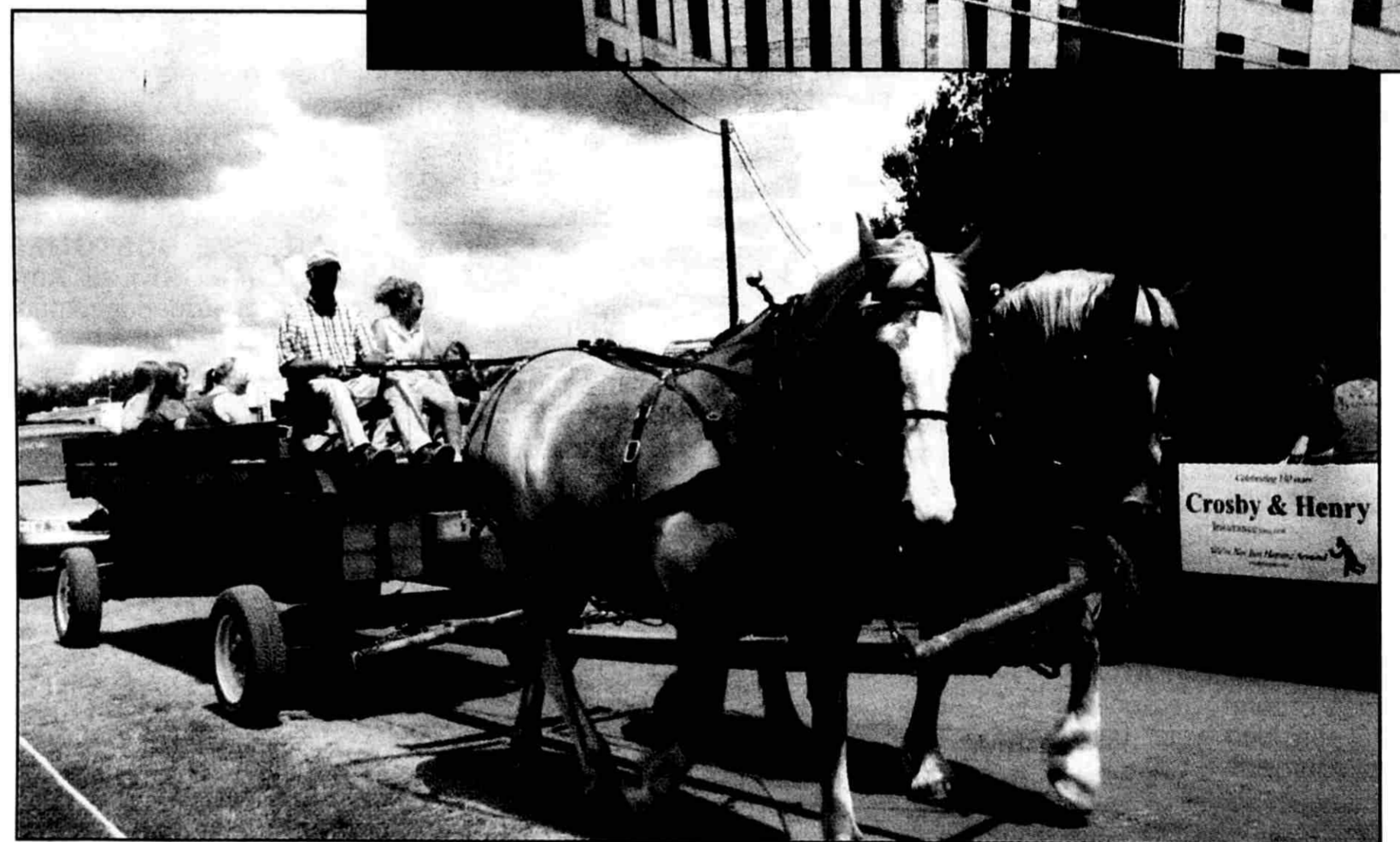
Merry Seamstresses exhibit recreates a farm kitchen.

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