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## City council holds work session for LCTV funds

by Molly Benningfield

The city council held a work session on Wednesday to discuss the funds set up by the sale of Lowell Cable. The meeting, which is usually held only among city council

members, was filled with residents wondering how the funds would be used.

James Hodges, the mayor pro-tem, who is filling in for recuperating mayor Jeanne Shores, said that no decision will be made at the work session,

since it wasn't an official meeting. Decisions were made at Monday's city council meeting.

City attorney Richard Wendt gave a brief history of the LCTV. In 1981, he said, citizens in the community saw that other

cities had cable TV and sent in several requests. An interdepartmental loan was used in the amount of \$915,000 from Lowell Light & Power, to be repaid at a rate of eight percent (now down to four percent). The system was sold over one year ago, with the city receiving the proceeds from the sale. The city received its last payment of \$340,000 in June.

The funds lay in the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, to be expended on an annual basis.

Wendt said he thinks the funds should rest with the city council, and that the council may solicit advice from citizen groups and/or an advisory board.

Sharon Ellison, councilmember, said she could see a couple of changes to consider. "There's wiggle room with only-city projects," she said. "We should consider all townships."

Ellison also was against an advisory board, because "it limits the number of people - we're limiting ourselves. If we keep it open to everyone, we're considering everything."

Kate Luckert Schmid, the program director at the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, said the spending policy of the funds can tend to create growth. "You can't spend all the money and it's gone - that's impossible," she said after councilmembers voiced concern over whether the fund could deplete.

The council then opened the session to public comment.

Devin Schindler, a professor of law at Cooley Law School and attorney with Warner Norcross and Judd, was first to the microphone to represent the group, Disenfranchised Concerned Cable Subscribers Advisory Committee.

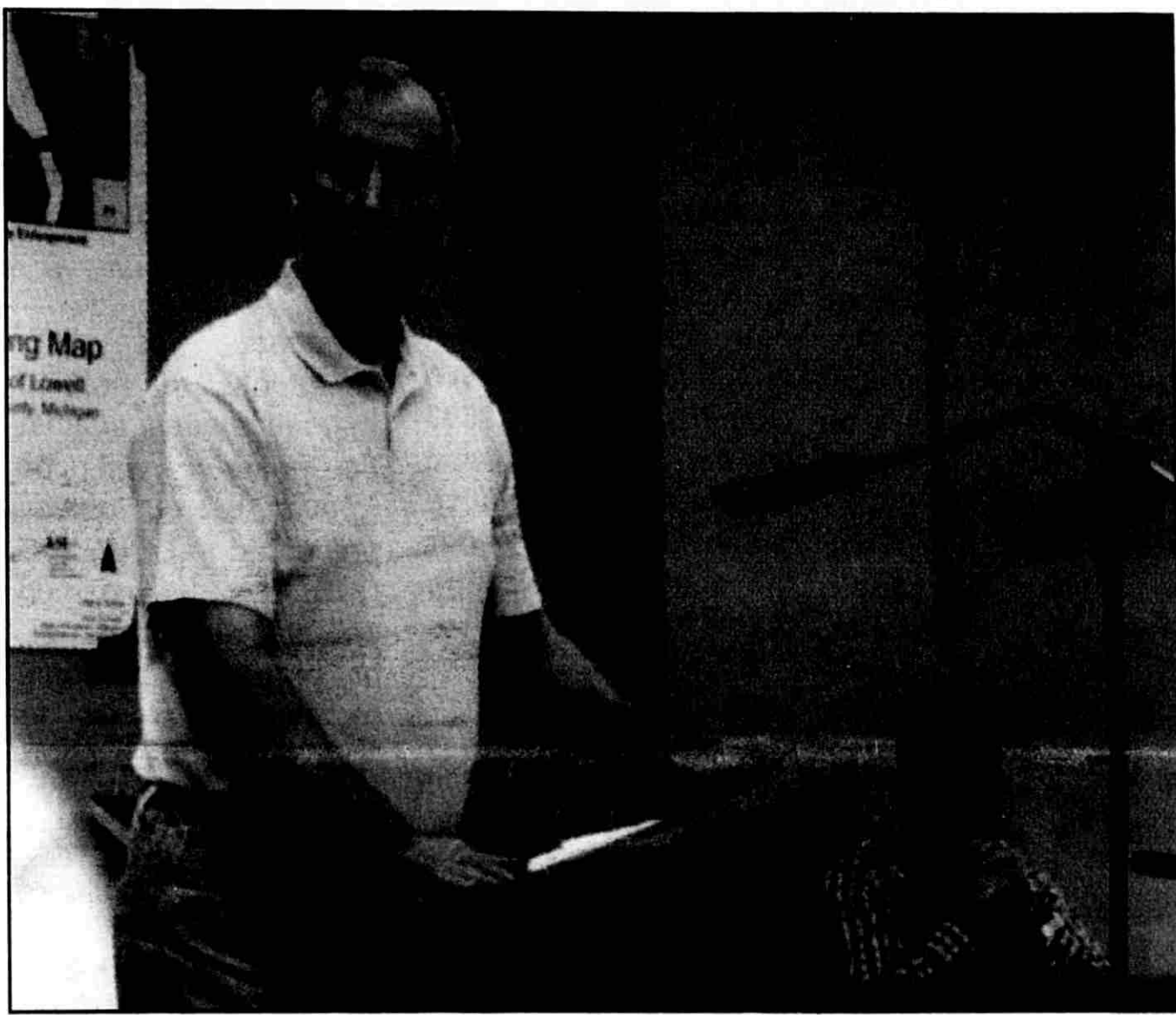
Schindler said the LCTV was created by individuals, and that they put in a lot of time to build a structure and institute advance goals - "it wasn't created to fill potholes." He pleaded with the council to "look at the intent of the people who created this institution."

Schindler said the intent was to give money to the arts and to better the community. "I would suggest that you take these funds and use them for the original cultural value."

He said it might not be a "capital improvement, but it is a community improvement."

Garland Berry said he agreed with the council that the city of Lowell provided funds, not the townships. He said he wasn't saying Lowell and Vergennes townships couldn't benefit from funds.

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Garland Berry, of Lowell, spoke about the city receiving funds.

## Sea to Sea bike tour rides through Lowell on Monday

by Molly Benningfield

A group of cyclists passed through town on Monday morning, saving enough time to stop for breakfast and a much-needed break at the Calvary Christian Reformed Church on W. Main Street.

The group of about 144 riders stopped for fuel and company at the church as they pass through the Grand Rapids area in Week 8 and day 50 of their cross-country bike trip.

The group started in Seattle, Wash., on June 30 by dipping their back wheels in the Pacific Ocean. They will end in Jersey City, New Jersey on Aug. 30 to dip their front tires in the Atlantic. All in all, the trip totals 3,881 miles, with a daily average of 77 miles for the bikers. They will travel from Seattle to Kennewick, Wash., Boise, Idaho, Salt Lake City, Denver, Fremont,

Neb., Madison, Wis., Grand Rapids, St. Catherines in Canada, and Jersey City, N.J.

From Grand Rapids, the group has about 800 more miles to go, and have picked up about 50 new riders to add to their close-knit group.

So why is the group riding from coast to coast in the hot temperatures of summer? The journey is part of the the Christian Reformed Church, and is on a mission to end the "cycle of poverty".

They raise money by raising awareness of the issue. Many times, they get their donations from stopping for breaks and getting donations on the street or in shops. They've raised about \$2 million so far.

During the trip, gear trucks follow the bikers, with equipment, tents to sleep in, personal

belongings, and a kitchen, although many places, like churches, have provided meals for the riders.

Two of the riders stopped at the church on Monday had area connections, with one being from Grand Rapids, and another whose sister lives in Alto and attends the church.

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Dale Mowry, Grand Rapids

Mowry is a native of Grand Rapids, and was happy to be coming through familiar territory on Monday after starting in Seattle on June 30. He said the weather here is the nicest it's been all trip. "As we get closer to the Great Lakes, it's much nicer weather," Mowry said. "The weather's been perfect for us [during the trip], and we've only had rain for three mornings. But we had three 100-mile days in a row in 100-degree weather."

Mowry began this trip



A group of riders work to repair bikes as they rest on Monday morning.

on a whim - he heard about it seven days before it was supposed to start in a bike shop. He bought a bike - which he said he hadn't been on for two years - and trained for three days. Surprisingly enough, he said the routine of about 77 miles per day hasn't been too difficult to get into.

"The first day out west was probably [the worst],"

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# Obituaries



**McQUEEN**  
Joan McQueen, aged 73 of Lowell, went to be with her Lord Wednesday, August

13, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ferris and son, Duane Ferris McQueen. She is survived by her children, David (Shellie) McQueen of Middleville, Dawn (Frank) Dykstra, Doreen Foreback, Dennis (Sharon) McQueen, Diana (Mark) Farrell, all of Lowell, Debra McQueen of Ionia and Doug (Lori) McQueen of Galesburg; 23 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday at the First Baptist Church of Lowell. Interment Chapel

Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Spectrum Health Hospice or First Baptist Church of Lowell.

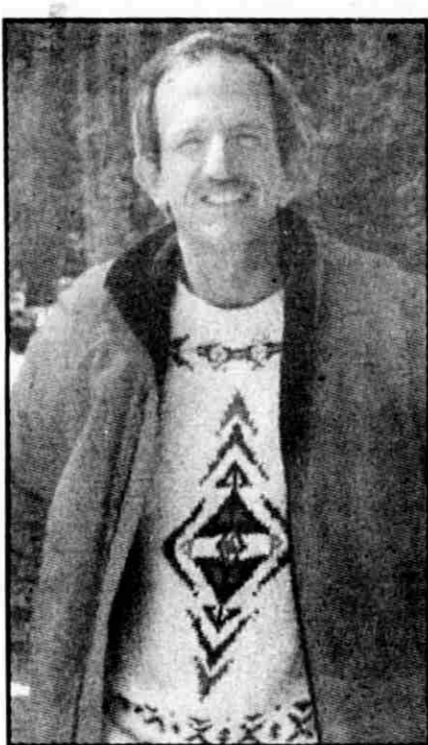
## MURPHY

Michael (Mike) James Murphy, aged 56, of Saranac, passed away August 11, 2008. He was born May 20, 1952 in Lakeview, the son of Donald and Elizabeth (Folk) Murphy. Mike is survived by his loving wife, Jean Murphy of Saranac; children, Jennifer Murphy of Grand Rapids, Michelle and Nolan Brightman of Holland, Lisa and Mark Strouse of Lowell, Erica Lippert of Saranac, Andy and Chreon Lippert of Virginia; brother, Dan and Jill Murphy of Grand

Rapids; sister, Peg Murphy and friend, Deb Maynard of Lowell; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Nicole. Funeral services were held Friday at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac. Interment at Blanchard-Decker Cemetery. In lieu of flowers you may make contributions to Boy Scouts of Amercia or Multiple Sclerosis. Online condolences may be made at: [www.lakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.lakefuneralhomes.com).

## 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 were held Friday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society (Research).

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**PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Estate of MAY HUE LESLIE, deceased

Kent County Probate File No. 08-185,471-DE

TO ALL CREDITORS AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Including: Terrie Lynn Grice, May Elizabeth Grice, Christopher Allen Grice, and Timothy the Scott Grice: who are heirs of May Hue Leslie, but whose addresses cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry:

all decendants of May Hue Leslie's brother Fred Jones, deceased, whose names and addresses cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry;

and all other possible nephews and nieces of May Hue Leslie, whose names and addresses cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry.

Estate proceedings have been commenced in the Estate of May Hue Leslie, deceased, who lived at 180 Haifley Place SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503 in the Kent County Probate Court, 180 Ottawa NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503. The will of May Hue

Leslie, deceased, dated March 10, 1997 has been admitted to informal probate. The result of the administration of this will may affect or be a bar to your interests in this estate.

On July 30, 2008, Robert Boston Jr., whose address is 108 Haifley Place SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503 was appointed personal representative as requested in the application for probate of this estate.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert Boston Jr., named personal representative, or to both the probate court and the named personal representative, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

August 12, 2008

John D. Flynn P27413  
1275 Hawthorne Hills SE  
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August 13, 2008

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By: Robert Boston Jr.  
Personal Representative  
of the Estate of May Hue Leslie, deceased

108 Haifley Place SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the GERTRUDE V. ROSENBERG TRUST under agreement dated September 7, 1993

Date of birth: 4/6/1920

TO ALL CREDITORS:

ROSENBERG TRUST, who lived at 1175 68th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508, died December 24, 2007.

Creditors of the decedent/settlor are notified that all claims against the estate/trust will be forever barred unless presented to JULIE ANN SCHMIDTKE, address is 7860 Thornapple River Dr., Caledonia, MI 49316 the named successor trustee within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

The trustee is subject to the jurisdiction of the Kent County probate court at 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

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July Ann Schmidtke  
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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate  
FILE NO. 08-185,179-DE

Estate of JAMES RICHARD BOYINK, deceased

Date of birth: 8/23/1931

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The decedent, JAMES RICHARD BOYINK, who lived at 3235 Peshtigo Dr. SW, Grandville, Michigan, died 9/18/2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against

the estate will be forever barred unless presented to MARGARET MATEL, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

8/8/2008

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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate  
FILE NO. 08-185,551-DE

Estate of BRADLEY D. CORLIN, deceased

Date of birth: 7/8/1961

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## Banking on school supply drive

First Bank of Lowell is fronting a school supply drive through the end of August. All donations, of either money or school supplies, ranging from pencils to notebooks, will go toward Lowell area schools students. Kurt Lardie, the bank manager, said all donations will "help ensure local students have the tools needed to succeed in the classroom."

First Bank is donating 1,000 pencils and 250 glue sticks to the fund. Those who would rather make a monetary donation can also do so.



Pictured at First Bank are Teri Wardell, Denise Amidon, Barb Williams and Kurt Lardie.

## Work session continued ... From Page 1

though, Berry said he would like to see the funds used for daily operations of the city.

Bob Reagan said the issue should go to a "vote of the people" to see what everyone prefers. He said to the council that they "aren't getting how people want this money spent."

Dennis Kent offered some common ground. "Cable TV was a piece of the infrastructure - because of that, spending some on the city as well as arts and community would help. The enhancement of the infrastructure also enhances

the community and value," he said.

Donna Ford was the first of a few people to receive cheers from the crowd. She told the council that they were "digging in their heels" with the funds.

"Let's compromise, people. Let's not fight and quarrel," Perry Beachum said he felt that the townships should be represented as well, and gave a list of subscribers in the townships.

Jim Hall, however, said things are not always equal, and listed taxes paid in the city (\$16), Lowell Township

(76 cents), and Vergennes Township (87 cents).

Ivan Blough talked about his time in the early '80s when he was one of the founders of Lowell Cable. "I know what their intent was."

Blough said that the money stayed right in the community. "Not a single dollar was ever put in the fund by the city budget - that's why I feel so strongly that it shouldn't go in this time."

Blough said early last fall he had "faith in my city council", but by April, he no longer did, when the council "made themselves the advisory board.

He said the subscribers made Lowell Cable successful, and it should be rewarded. He said 897 subscribers were city residents, while 857 were township residents, and therefore, the money should be split equally.

He said this issue was "a great opportunity for our three communities to work together. If we don't, we'll become a ghost town."

The work session ended with residents wondering where they went from here. James Pfaller, councilmember, said there would be a minimum of two public hearings to get the resolution taken care of.

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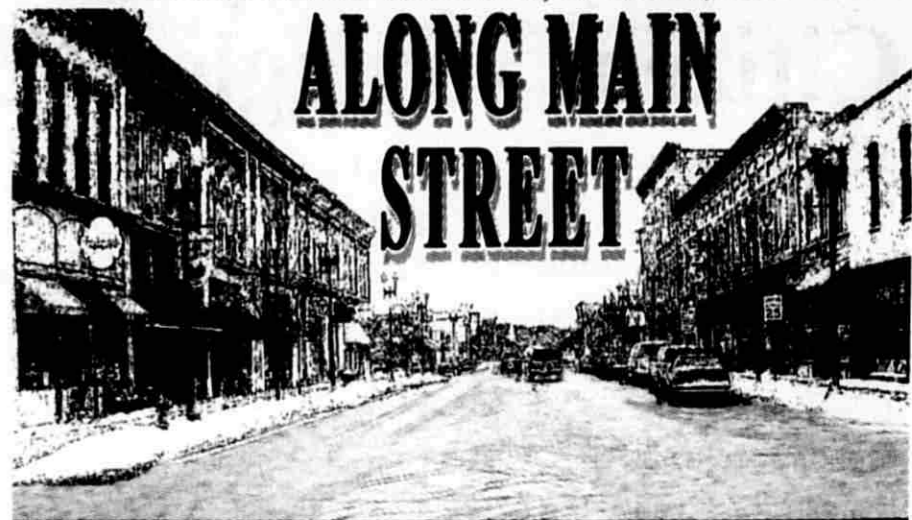
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## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

7th & 8th grade girls volleyball tryouts are Sept. 2-5. 8th grade, 2:40-4:25 p.m. 7th grade, 4:25-6:10 p.m. You must have a current physical turned into the office before the 1st day of tryouts. Any questions call Coach Quist, 897-6353.

## LOWELL AREA CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

Regular monthly meeting will be held Tues., Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell library. Discussion of fall activities and any new ideas for upcoming projects. Any questions contact Peggy, 897-7948.

## VINTAGE BASEBALL

The Fallsburg Cubs Vintage Baseball club will be hosting the Douglas Dutchers on Sat., Aug. 30 at 2 p.m. in the historic village of Fallsburg. No charge for spectators. Lunch is available after the match (\$3 per person prior to Aug. 27 or \$4 after). To reserve lunch or with any questions e-mail [fallsbουργbclub@yahoo.com](mailto:fallsbουργbclub@yahoo.com).

## TONY'S 14TH ANNUAL TOY RUN

In memory of Tony Stevens, will be Sun., Sept. 7 to benefit deserving children on Christmas day. Starting point: Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, 3000 Monroe NE, Grand Rapids. Registration, 9-11 a.m., Worship service, 10 a.m., departure time 12 noon. Ending point: Kent County 4-H Fairground in Lowell. Please bring a new unwrapped toy for children ages 0-17 or a cash donation for your participation in the event. For more info or to volunteer call Bob and Chris Warner, 616-827-1841 or e-mail at [christine-warner@comcast.net](mailto:christine-warner@comcast.net).

## GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Sign ups are now being accepted for girls gymnastics classes. If you are interested and need a schedule/sign-up form contact Michele DeHaan at [micheledehaan@netpenny.net](mailto:micheledehaan@netpenny.net) or call 616-318-4747. All classes are held in the Runciman gym and begin the week after Labor Day.

## CITY OF LOWELL

### PLANNING COMMISSION-CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

The City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, August 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the proposed Master Plan existing and future land use amendments.

Copies of the proposed amendments are available for public inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library or on the City Web Page at [www.ci.lowell.mi.us](http://www.ci.lowell.mi.us)

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person.

Betty R. Morlock  
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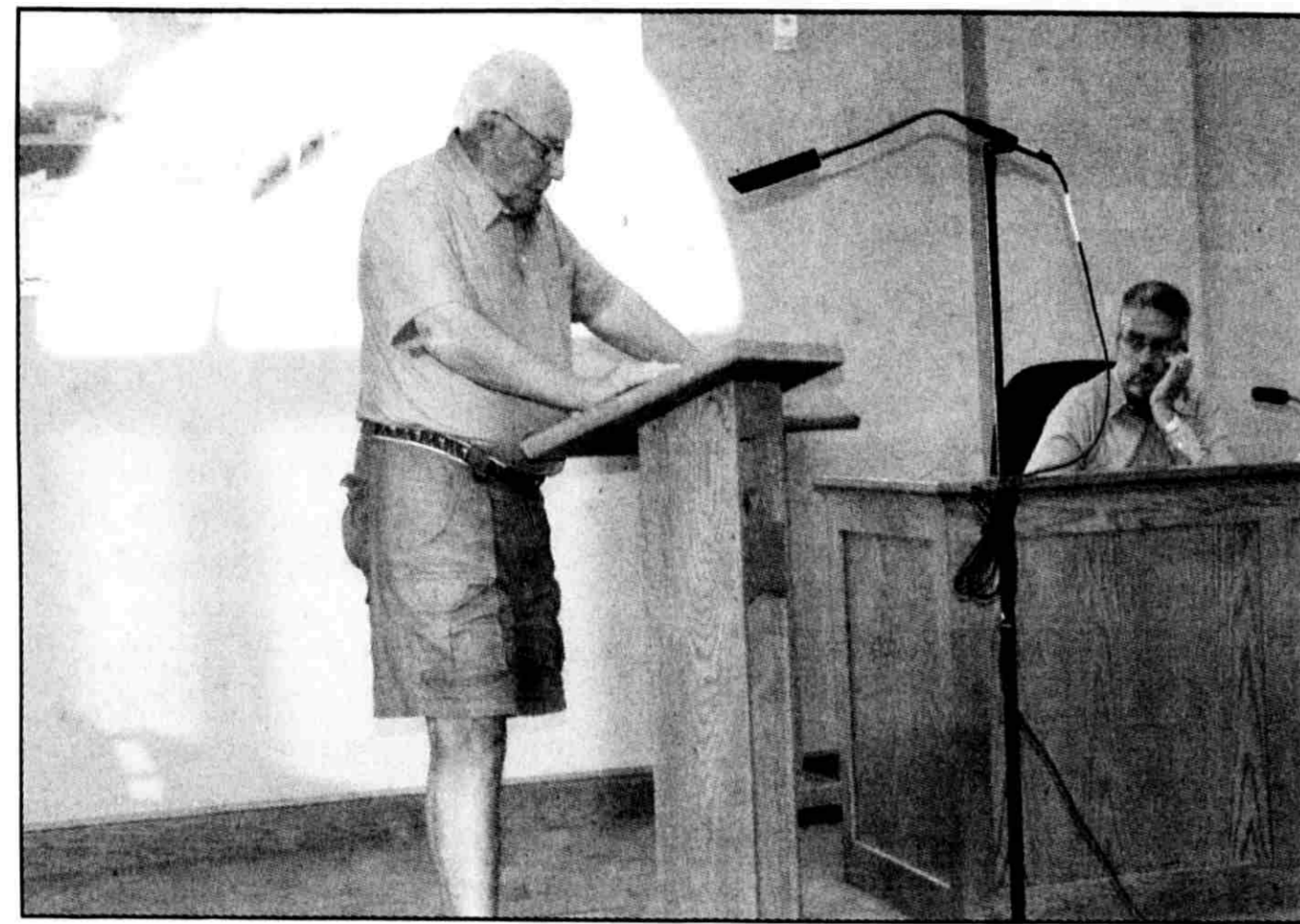
Carlton Blough

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# Citizens struggle with make-up of cable fund advisory board

By Emma Palova

Last year's cable TV sale generated not only a hefty \$2.7 million into the city coffers, but also grief of the subscribers to the system. The disenfranchised subscribers maintain that control over the money belongs to them, while the city contends the money belongs to the city taxpayers.



Dr. Bob Reagan will lead a citizens group to determine the make-up of advisory board.

An uphill battle to appoint a fair advisory board to the Lowell Cable Television fund continued Monday night as Dr. Bob Reagan took leadership of a concerned citizens group.

The group consisting of two council members Jeff Altoft and Sharon Ellison, and two community members at large will determine who gets to sit on the advisory board.

So, the city council has now on the table three different proposals for the make-up of the board that will annually determine which projects will be awarded.

"We need some parameters," said city manager Dave Pasquale.

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- Kurt Vonnegut (1922 - 2007)

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Since 1979, AARP has offered a driver safety class. The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest refresher course for drivers age 50 and older that has helped millions of drivers

remain safe on today's roads.

Beginning in the fall of 2008, AARP will be offering a special NEW four-hour refresher drivers safety course for seniors in Michigan. This new program will be open to all individuals who have completed an eight-hour driver safety course in the last three years and are seeking a quick class to gain updated information. Several Michigan auto insurance companies offer a discount to their clients who complete this refresher course. Please contact your

individual insurance agent to find out if your insurance company offers a discount.

"This course is a great way for drivers to refocus on safety," said LeRoy Fladseth, driver safety coordinator for Michigan. "Each of us needs to take responsibility for keeping up our own driving skills and monitoring those of family members, whether young or old. This AARP Driver Safety course is a one-stop way to do that."

The cost of the class is only \$10 per person, which

includes a certificate upon completion. In order to sign up for the class, individuals need to show their certificate of completion for the eight-hour AARP Driver Safety class they took during one of the last three years.

For more information about this new refresher course, visit the AARP Driver Safety Web site at [www.aarp.org/mi](http://www.aarp.org/mi), or call one of our telephone coordinators at 1-800-493-5970.

## THANK YOU

To all the people that attended the council workshop last Wednesday. A special thank you to the citizens who spoke to the council.

- Ivan K. Blough

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# Viewpoint

## To The Editor

Dear Editor,

"If this community really wanted a skatepark"...  
"Let them eat cake (the burned bottom of the bread) -- Marie Antoinette" "Are there no poor houses? Are there no prisons? -- A Christmas Carol".

If you could see the beautiful young faces that I have seen and seen their need, you would not be heartless. Jesus loves everyone, not just old people, not just white people. He loves charming people and despicable people. My question is, if you think of yourself as deserving and charming and youth of this community as not -- come judgment time, you had better be very sure of that.

Let's build a skate park.  
Linda A. Russeau

Dear Editor,

Many volunteers, businesses, citizens and voters supported my candidacy for Lowell Township Clerk. I want to express my appreciation for their efforts. Although it was disappointing to hear that I was not successful in obtaining the office, it is also nice to know that I will now have more time to focus on my family and other important activities. I will continue to engage within the township and hope that more citizens have become aware of how much our local government directly impacts our community now, as well as our future generation. I would also like to congratulate Ms. Regan on her re-election.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandi Miles



By Shelly MacNaughton

## 125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL AUGUST 22, 1883

Mrs. John Maynard is very ill. Grand Rapids has a Peek-a-boo club. The girls "peek" and the boys "boo". The interior of the Lowell National bank has been handsomely papered and decorated.

## 100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 20, 1908

The pickling station of the Heinz pickle company at Lowell is a busy place these days, (as some of the growers can testify), the cucumbers coming in at a good rate from the surrounding county.

Milton Thomas has the contract for erecting a concrete woodhouse for Vergennes and Keene No. 1 fractional schools.

## 75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO AUGUST 24, 1933

Seventy-one years ago the little town of Fallsburg located about five miles north of Lowell on the Flat river, celebrated the opening of a new bridge across the river, which is still standing and in use today. Three other bridges had preceded this one at the same location, but they were narrow, flimsy affairs that did not last long. The first one was built in 1840 and was replaced in 1844. The second one lasted five years, but the memory of the oldest inhabitant does not recall, nor does local history record the cause of its failure. The third bridge built in 1849 was a more sturdy structure.

## 50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 21, 1958

Headline: New Coach Calls First Football Meet Charles Pierce, the new football coach at Lowell High School, announced that a meeting will be held next Tuesday, for boys who are planning to play football this fall, and their parents.

## 25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER AUGUST 24, 1983

A 42 year-old worker at an Alto religious community farm was seriously injured Monday when the tractor he was driving overturned, pinning him underneath, Kent County sheriff's officials said.

Thomas Melton, was driving up the entrance to a barn at Logos Community Farm about 8:45 a.m. Monday when one of the wheels apparently fell over the side of the ramp, turning the tractor over.

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## Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold  
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### SMART WAYS TO RESPOND TO A DOWN MARKET

If you're an investor, you may have been disappointed with how the markets have reacted this summer to the news of high oil prices and other short-term events. Nonetheless, your long-term financial goals don't have to be jeopardized by these losses -- if you know how to respond to them.

Here are a few moves to consider:

- Stick to your investment strategy. It's almost always a bad idea to make long-term investment decisions in response to short-term market fluctuations. If you have built a diversified portfolio of quality investments, you're better off "staying the course" during a market decline. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee a profit or protect against loss.) If these investments were suitable for you before the market drop, they should still be appropriate when the market turns around.
- Don't try to "time" the market. It would be great if you could know when the market has reached its low or high point, or which days would be "losers" and which ones "winners." If you had that foresight, you could always jump into and out of the market at the right times.

Unfortunately, no one can make those predictions with any accuracy. And those people who do try to "time" the market in this manner end up jumping at the wrong times and missing both short- and long-term market rallies. By staying invested through market ups and downs, you can help make progress toward your long-term goals.

Look for buying opportunities. By definition, a market decline means that stock prices are cheaper -- which means you may find some good buying opportunities. Of course, you'll want to know if a stock's price is down because of the effects of the broad-based market decline or because of other factors specific to the company, such as poor management, non-competitive products or a decline in the industry to which it belongs.

While making these moves can help you get past the market decline, it doesn't mean that a severe price drop can't affect you. If you need money to pay an unexpected expense, such as a major car repair, a new appliance or a big medical bill, you'll likely take a hit if you have to sell stocks when the market has fallen substantially. But you can avoid this problem by putting six to 12 months' worth of living expenses in an emergency fund, preferably a "cash" or "cash equivalent" account. In fact, such a fund can always help you avoid dipping into your investments, whether the market is down or up.

Nobody likes to see big declines in the stock market. But if you're a long-term investor who has built an emergency fund and rebalanced your portfolio according to your risk tolerance, you'll be in a much better position to withstand these market drops -- and you'll be well prepared for an eventual recovery.

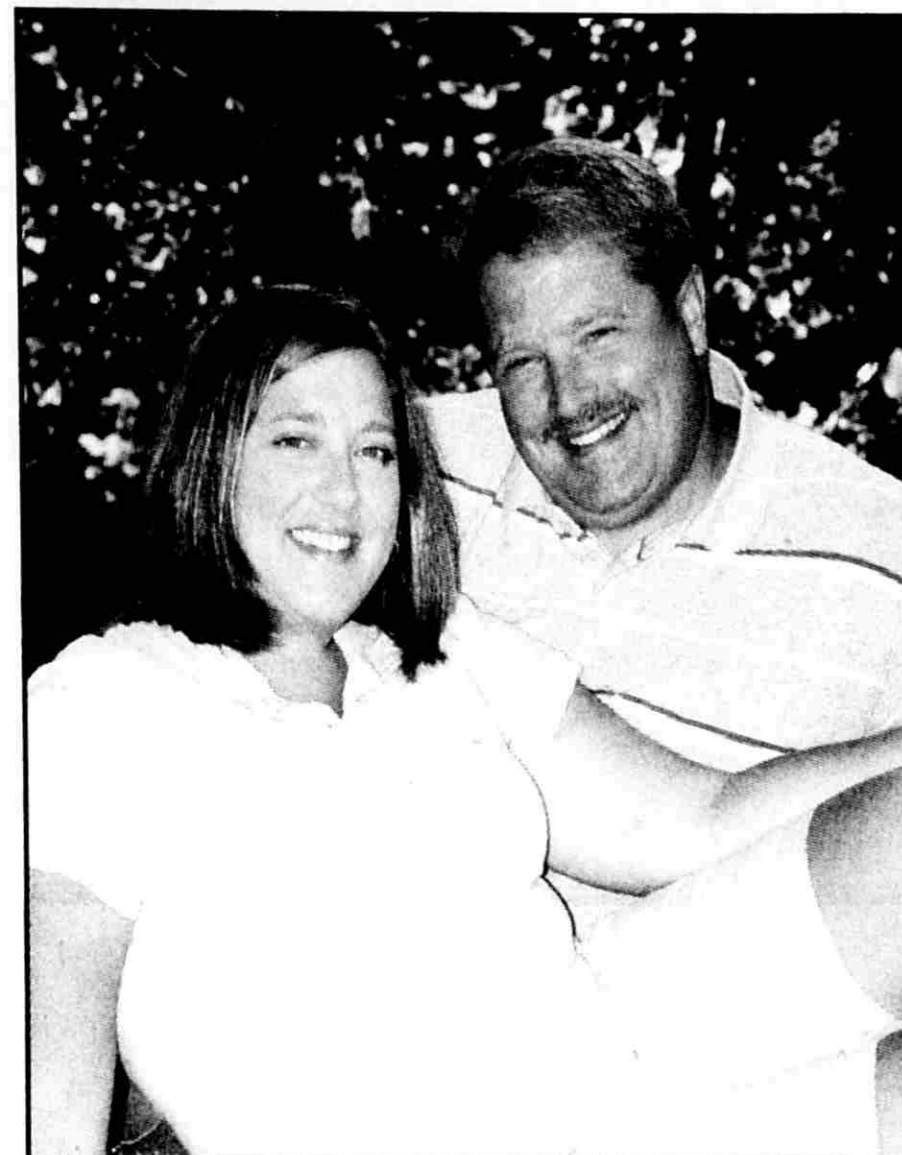
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# Engagements

Nugent/Wieland



Betsy Nugent and Todd Wieland

Denny and Mary Nugent of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Betsy Nugent to Todd Wieland, son of Marge and the late Ray Wieland of Hastings. Betsy is a graduate of Lowell High School and Central Michigan University. She is employed as a teacher at Lakewood Middle School. Todd is a graduate of Hastings High School and Michigan State University. He is self employed as a builder. The couple will be married on August 22, 2008.

# Reflections of faith

by Bob Roush  
Friendship Country Chapel

## VERTIGO

My friend gave me a flight simulator, complete with the joy stick and all the extras. I let it lay around the house for quite a while since I didn't have the time to really investigate it. But about a month ago, I got it out and now I'm hooked. You can be glad I'm not flying a real plane over Lowell since I've crashed quite a few times, but I'm getting better at it. Now if I can only learn to land the thing!

Vertigo is something taught in one of the lessons. I have a friend who is a pilot, so I called him and asked him to tell me about vertigo. He said, "Vertigo can happen when you're in the clouds and you lose the ability to see the horizon, your mind becomes confused and you cannot determine whether you're upside-down or winds level, (that's pilot talk for right-side-up). This condition can happen when the plane is descending at the rate of gravity.

Bob Hoover was a pilot who used to demonstrate this by having a person pour a cup of coffee while he did a descending roll at one "G". As you watched the process, there was no change as the plane rolled over because he was falling at the same rate of speed as gravity. Wow! Even I don't understand that!

But here's the point: when you're in the clouds and you have no reference point, you must depend on the instrument panel in front of you. Sometimes you have to cross-reference them because even they can give you false readings. Vertigo is a very dangerous thing to a pilot because it doesn't depend on how good a pilot you are, how wealthy or good-looking you may be.

My friend reminded me that vertigo is what happened to JFK Jr's plane several years ago. Vertigo is something that happens inside your head; in other words, it's a not a state of being as much as it is a state of perception. But you don't have to be in an airplane to experience it.

My wife has it occasionally, we call it dizzy spells, vertigo. It's when your mind perceives that the room is spinning and makes it so you can't stand up. But of course, the room really isn't spinning-your mind just perceives that it is. OK, where do I want to go from here? Well here's the big idea - I think there are a lot of people in the world who suffer from "spiritual vertigo". This is a brand-new phrase that I just invented, I think. For instance, some people say there is no God and yet there are others who say there is. Each group looks at the other as if they suffer from "spiritual vertigo". Can you guess which group I belong to?

I try not to shout and point fingers at those who tend to disagree with me, although people from both sides of the journal can be pretty hostile at times. When it comes to the end of the day, the thing that really matters is whether the

plane is upside-down or not. Now I can do the pouring coffee thing and it looks for all intent and purposes as though we are wings level. But that test doesn't prove or disprove the fact of God. I can ask the passengers or the co-pilot how they feel and they may all say, "Yup, we all feel like we're at wings-level position. It's by consulting my instrument cluster. The thing that gets a pilot every time is not trusting what those instruments tell him. His mind has been so convinced that the plane is in the right position that he trusts his own intuition rather than believe what he sees.

I have personally wrestled with the existence of God so I try to be as objective as I can about the fact. But as I look at the instrument panel of God's word, it's hard to deny what I see because they send the message to my heart, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat." Psalm 19.

When I go out into the night sky and gaze at the stars above, my heart resonates with the wonder of all that I see and I cannot, try as I may, dismiss the thought that there is someone, some master designer, who has brought it all together and as the chill of the night air blows over my body I wrap my arms about me and I feel the warmth of His loving embrace. "It is I", the night wind whispers. And everything feels at peace in my world. Take a look into the instrument cluster of God's holy word, then cross reference it by the stary sky and worship Him in majesty and truth. Wings level!

## St. Mary Church welcomes Father Okoli



Father George Fekete retired on June 30, 2008 from St. Mary Church and Father Eugene Okoli, left, was installed as the new pastor on July 1, 2008. The Most Reverend Bishop Walter Hurley concelebrated the Installation Mass of Father Eugene Okoli on Aug. 3, at St. Mary Church, on Amity Street.

## In The Service

Air Force Airman Kenneth W. Miller has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



Kenneth W. Miller

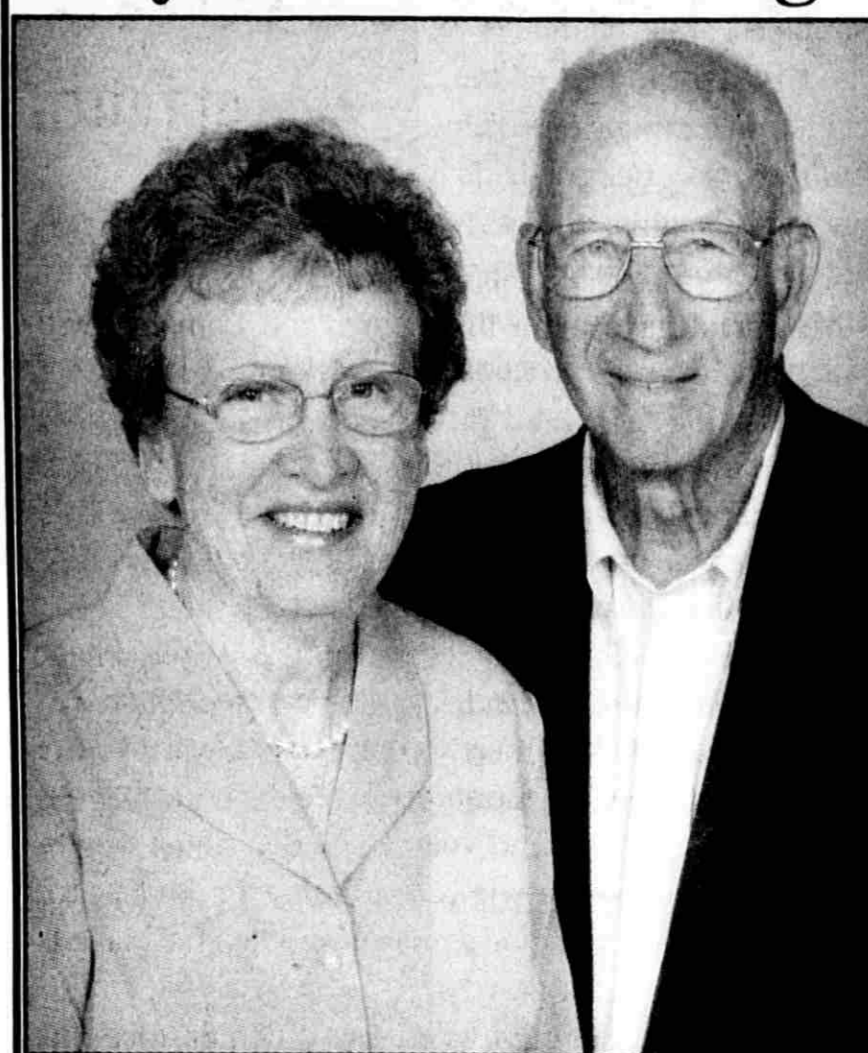
During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Alonzo Miller of Saranac.

Miller is a 2007 graduate of Saranac High School.

## Starzick celebrate 40 years of marriage



Don and Barb Starzick

Don and Barb Starzick of Alto will celebrate 40 years of marriage on August 24, 2008.

Their children are Larry and Kim Fosburg of Lowell, David and Rhonda Fosburg of Ada, Scott and Christine Fosburg of Alto, and Brian and Pam Veldhof of Zeeland. They have 11 grandchildren: Cory and Paige Fosburg, Michael, Audrey, Kari, and Sara Fosburg, Brooke and Cameron Fosburg, and Chloe, Morgan, and Jacob Veldhof.

The will be celebrating with a family dinner.

## Happy Birthday

### AUGUST 20:

Mattie Dalziel, B.J. Rittersdorf, Alexis Holloway, Andrea Bryant, Katelyn Kaczanowski, Edwin Roth.

### AUGUST 26:

Teresa Kimble, Regan Doyle, Dianne Gee, Elva Ayres, Bandie Barnes.

### AUGUST 21:

Madelyn Pfaller, Charlene DeShane-Dalga, Tim Aksamitowski, Joshua Hobria, Tom Barnes, Ethan Shindorf, Katelyn Videto.

### AUGUST 22:

Mike Blough, Shane Teelander, Austin Goos.

### AUGUST 23:

Kacy Anderson, Rhea Bundy Anes, Stephen Rhodes, Brandon Taylor, Ron Kennedy, Jesse Carr, Katie Peterson, Chad Peterson.

### AUGUST 24:

Tim Raymor, Angela Rasch, Don Geelhoed, April Barnes, Kelly Johnson, David VanKeulen, Nicholas Myers.

### AUGUST 25:

Patty Elzinga, Lindsey Trierweiler, Margaret Rozeboom, Misty McClure-Anderson.

## OPEN HOUSE Golden Wedding Anniversary BOB AND JUDY ELLISON



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Sam & Bonnie Roudabush

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**REGISTRATION AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - AUGUST 24 & 31 (Prior to and following services) AND ... SEPTEMBER 3 beginning at 5:45 p.m. Clubs start at 6:15 p.m.**

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We are looking forward to a great year!

**REGISTRATION/EMERGENCY CARE FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR REGISTRATION TIMES.**

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE - Our pre-school club, Cubbies, will be for the Awana Staff children only this year.

**"EXCITE" YOUTH MINISTRIES: Begin September 3 at 6:30 pm ...**

**"IGNITE" (Middle School)**  
**"EXPLODE" (High School)**

\*"Excite" Youth Ministries bus leaves church 6:25 pm - returns 7:50 pm

# 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. 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>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 <a href="http://www.lowellumc.com">www.lowellumc.com</a> WORSHIP.....8:30 &amp; 10:15 a.m. Rev. Rick Blunt Barrier-free entrance</p>	<p><b>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God)</b> 3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 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 <a href="http://www.stmary-lowell.com">www.stmary-lowell.com</a> 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 WIGGINS 897-7915 SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 49, EWTN FOR 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>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell &amp; Saranac on M-21 <a href="http://www.goodshepherdlowell.org">www.goodshepherdlowell.org</a> Worship Service.....9:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Joseph Fremier, Pastor 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>	<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: <a href="http://www.fbclowell.org">http://www.fbclowell.org</a> Rev. David O. Sims &amp; Rev. W. Lee Taylor Wayne Hanes, Youth Pastor Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. &amp; 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA CLUB, C.....Wed. 6:15 &amp; 8:30 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>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>
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# HEALTH

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



## FOOD ALLERGIES

A food allergy is when the body has a reaction to a certain food. This reaction is caused by the body's immune system, which is what protects you from diseases.

The reaction may be minor (for example, hives or itchy skin or lips). The reaction could also be more serious (for example, throat or tongue swelling, dizziness, nausea, or vomiting). Some reactions can be potentially life threatening.

Food reactions are more common in babies, but children and adults can also experience them. Food allergies are more likely to occur if you or a family member has had hay fever, asthma, food allergies, or eczema. Any food can cause an allergy.

Children are most likely to be allergic to cow's milk, wheat, eggs, peanuts, and soy products. Adults are most likely to be allergic to peanuts, tree nuts, shellfish, and fish. If you think you have an allergy, speak with your physician. Blood and skin tests can be done to check for allergies.

If you have an allergy, check the labels of all food you eat to see if they contain the food you are allergic to. Use separate utensils to prepare your own food. Be careful when you eat at restaurants. Avoid sauces, casserole dishes, stuffed meats, desserts, and fish dishes. Ask the server about what is in the food and how it is prepared.

Most doctors recommend a person carry around shots of epinephrine to treat an allergic reaction, especially if you have severe allergies. If your reaction is minor, most symptoms can be controlled with over-the-counter antihistamines. If you have a severe reaction, go to the hospital immediately, even if you feel better after an epinephrine shot.

# Bike tour, continued ... From Page 1

he said of going through Stevens Pass in Washington. "It was 30 miles of just climbing, going uphill."

Mowry said he's lost 30 pounds, and gained about 10 pounds in muscle from riding.

He has done bike trips before, but on a much smaller scale. He said he has done the MS150 during weekends, a 150-mile trip that raises money for multiple sclerosis.

John Pierce, Kincheloe, Mich. in the Upper Peninsula

Pierce is a corrections officer in the small UP town,

and has been riding with Sea to Sea since the beginning, starting in Seattle.

He was excited to stop through Lowell on Monday because his sister, Sue Wisniewski, is from Alto and attends the church. Wisniewski told the church about the project, and helped to get breakfast together for the riders.

Pierce said he likes the idea of riding to raise awareness of the needs of the poor, and said this campaign will help to "break the cycle."

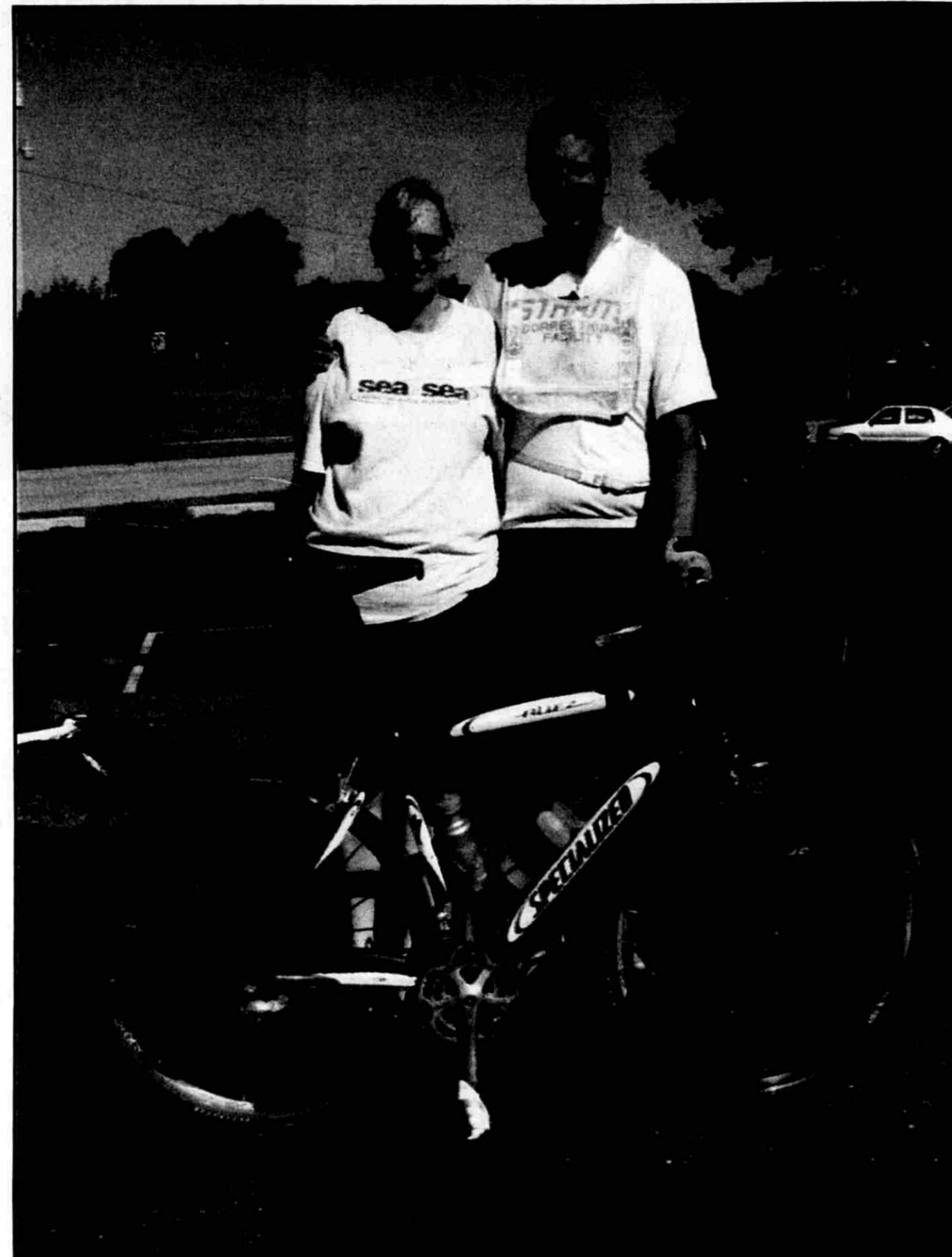
He attends a reformed church at home, and found

out about the trip through pamphlets at the church.

His favorite part of the trip is when groups of riders will stop for coffee and hand out cards bearing the web site and information. "Some people will just give you money right away," he said.

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Their web site, www.seatosea.org, has more information and keeps a track of all its bikers, with different blogs.

Dale Mowry of Grand Rapids is part of the group riding from Seattle to New Jersey.



John Pierce stands with sister Sue Wisniewski of Alto at the Calvary Christian Reformed Church.

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**Men who never get carried away should be.**  
- Malcolm Forbes (1919 - 1990)

### How To Change Your Life In September



Terry Abel

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# Vosovic's fashion sketch to be auctioned at Art Attack

by Molly Benningfield

An original sketch by former Lowell resident and LHS graduate Dan Vosovic will be auctioned at the Lowell Arts Council's Art Attack this weekend. A minimum bid of \$100 has been placed on the piece.

Vosovic has been one of Lowell's most recognized citizens, after he appeared in Bravo TV's "Project Runway", a competition show for a designing career in the fashion industry. He finished runner-up in Season 2 of the show, and his work was featured at Bryant Park during New York fashion week in the finale of the season.

Vosovic, who now lives in New York City, has a book of his work scheduled to be released this fall. The book, titled "Fashion Inside-Out", shows a designer's thought process from a conceptual idea to the finished project. The sketch that will be featured in Lowell is of a woman's dress, and will also be used in the coffee table book, shown in its finished form.

Vosovic has been busy since his stint in Project Runway. In New York, he continues to assist designers, has done a collaboration with Nylo Hotels, and is freelance designing. He recently was in Texas for the sixth season of Project Runway as he sat on the audition panel.

Vosovic's mother, Sharon, said Dan has always been interested art and sketching, but didn't get into fashion seriously until he took pattern making and clothing construction classes at Grand Rapids Community College. "He really found an interest in those classes," Sharon said. She said she sometimes wonders where he gets his creativity. "I think back, where did he get this design from? But we're extremely proud of where he's gone - he's hardworking, and we're excited to see where he's going to take it."



This sketch will be auctioned at the annual Art Attack on Saturday.



Former Lowell resident Dan Vosovic now resides in New York.

**Art Attack**  
The Lowell Area Arts Council  
Saturday, Aug. 23 • Tickets \$50 each  
Call the Arts Council for a bidding number  
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request from Todd Olin for a Special Land Use Permit to construct a storage facility on property owned by Walter Price in the Light Industrial Zoning District.

**LOCATION & ADDRESS:** The property is located at 5890 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, Michigan.

The hearing will be held as follows:

**WHEN:** MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**WHERE:** LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
2910 ALDEN NASH SE  
LOWELL MI 49331

A site plan and other information related to the request is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Office, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary  
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## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

### Regular Meeting of August 11, 2008 Reports

- Mr. Nugent presented an update on the Lowell Education Foundation.
- Mr. Dean reported on the Lowell Pink Arrow Project, a service learning initiative at the high school.

### Action Items

- MASB (Michigan Association of School Boards) Certification of Delegate: Mark Lessens, Dan Brubaker, Jim Turner.

### Consent Items Approved

- Minutes for the July 14, 2008 Organizational Meeting, and July 14, 2008 Regular Meeting.
  - The following payment of bills for July, 2008:
- |                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. GENERAL FUND.....           | \$1,209,461.75 |
| 2. SCHOOL SERVICES FUND        |                |
| A. Food Service Fund.....      | \$18,609.92    |
| B. Athletic Fund.....          | \$11,102.91    |
| 3. TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....  | \$22,687.26    |
| 4. SCHOLARSHIP FUND.....       | \$21,050.00    |
| 5. 2007 CONSTRUCTION FUND..... | 1,422,456.45   |

### 6. TOTAL EXPENDITURES:.....\$ 2,705,368.29

- The following Personnel/New Hires:
- Meggan Johnson, Director of Outdoor Education Programs
- Nicholas Bond, Special Education Teacher, High School

### Budget Update

Mr. Zielinski summarized the budget status reports for the month of July. Mr. Zielinski stated that a new staff orientation is scheduled for August 25. Mr. Zielinski informed the Board that auditors are working to complete the district's audit this week.

### Curriculum Update

Mr. Bearup indicated that academic vocabulary for pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade for all core subject areas, as well as for art, music, and physical education has been placed on the district's website. This initiative will inform parents of vocabulary that is necessary in order for students to understand the concepts and content that is being taught in the classroom. Academic vocabulary is yet another method used to increase academic achievement for all students.

### Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pratt provided a status report on construction projects across the district. Superintendent Pratt stated that a district committee of parents and school district representatives is being formed to examine options for transportation in light of increased fuel costs.

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### Upcoming Board Meetings

All Board of Education meetings are held in the Board Room at the Runciman Administration Building, 300 High Street, Lowell, MI

### Board Special Meeting

August 25, 2008  
5:30 p.m.

### Board Work Session

August 25, 2008  
6:00 p.m.

# Lowell High School class of 1940 holds 68th reunion

The 68th class reunion of the Lowell High School class of 1940 was held at Schneider Manor on Thursday, Aug. 14. Ten classmates were present, with eight guests and/or spouses. Out of a class of 77, 21 members are still

alive. Graduating in 1940 at about the start of World War II, approximately one-third of our class served our country in active duty. The class sustained the largest number of casualties of any Lowell High School class.



First row, left to right: Inez Cole Craig, Marjean Fonger Brillhart, Helen Clark Blow and Barbara Dawson Schaeffer; second row, left to right: King Doyle, Jack Tornga, Esther Kamp, Bill Lalley, John Jasperse and John Scripps.

**HEIDI'S FARM STAND**  
Corner of Cascade & Alden Nash (M-50)

Tomatoes  
Sweet Corn  
Red Haven Peaches  
Apples (Paula Red & Ginger Gold)  
Blueberries

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# Clover state winner in tractor driving

For the second year in a row, Mike Clover was named the State Winner in the Michigan FFA Tractor Driving Contest. The contest was held on July 15, as part of the Michigan Ag Expo on the grounds of Michigan State University.

Clover competed in the senior division this year after winning the contest in the junior division last year. Matt Roth finished fifth in the senior division, while David Schrunk competed in the junior division.

The Tractor Driving contest tests the student's ability to safely and efficiently maneuver a tractor and trailer through an obstacle course and to back

the trailer into a "shed". The students also had to take a 50-question test that covered tractor safety, operation and maintenance.

The course is set up with poles representing the obstacles and making up the "shed". Golf balls are placed atop the poles and points are deducted for every golf ball that is knocked off. Points are also deducted if the trailer is not centered in the "shed", measurements are taken at both the front and rear of the trailer as well as how far from the back wall the trailer is parked.

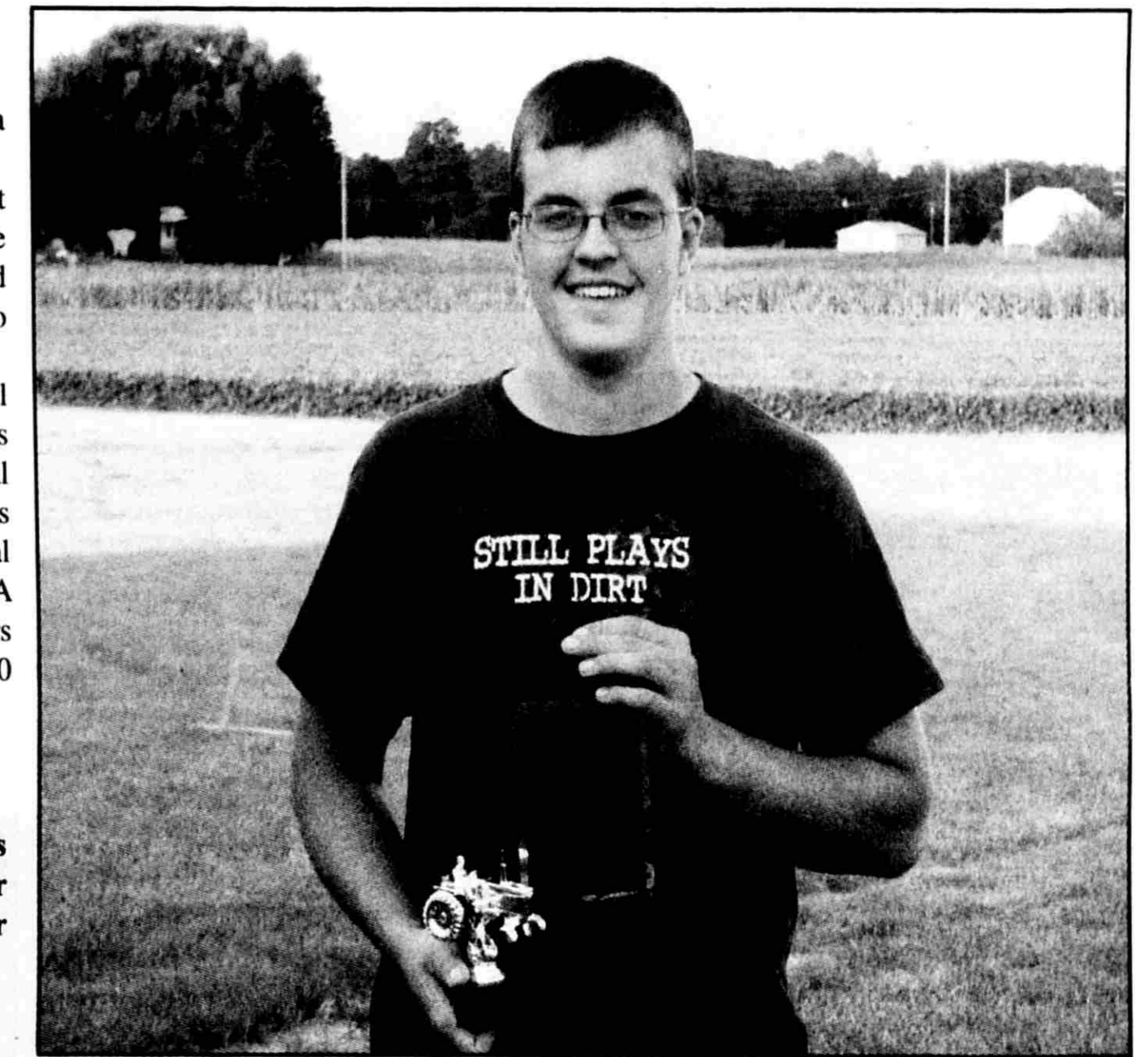
In the junior division, the students use a two-wheel trailer. In the senior division,

the students need to back a four-wheel wagon.

A combination of the test scores, time to maneuver the course and points deducted from the course are used to determine the rankings.

The FFA is a national organization which promotes premier leadership, personal growth and career success for students in Agricultural Education. The Lowell FFA is one of the largest chapters in Michigan with over 130 members.

**Mike Clover was named the State Winner of the FFA Tractor Driving Contest.**



# Bear on Bowes takes part in pink project, silent auction list updated

The bear on Bowes Road has become a part of the Pink Arrow movement recently, donning one of the blush-hued Arrow Force t-shirts. The shirts are selling at Pep Talk in downtown Lowell, and the event will take place at Lowell's first home football game on Sept. 12. For more

information about the Pink Arrow Project, visit [www.lowellcommunitywellness.org](http://www.lowellcommunitywellness.org).

The Silent Auction, being held at Pep Talk in Lowell, has been updated this week. You can participate in the auction to sponsor a player's jersey in honor of a cancer survivor

or loved one lost.

As of Monday, the t-shirt sales at Pep Talk were 717, and the names on the backs of the jerseys totaled 180.

*The updated list is as follows:*

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292 Donna Drive - Donna Tyler has petitioned for a rear yard variance to construct an enclosure 10'2" from the rear lot line where 25 feet is required within the R-2 district.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## LHS grad prepares for basketball and college life at Hillsdale

by Molly Benningfield

This week, Chelsea Harrison will move into her dorm room at Hillsdale College with the rest of the freshman class, excited for the independence and newness of it all. But besides the anticipation of college life, Harrison will also begin her career as a college basketball player.

Harrison, a Lowell High School graduate and former standout on the basketball team, was recruited by Hillsdale College when they saw her playing in a summer league last year.

After visiting the



Harrison was a 2008 LHS graduate.

campus, and with offers from area schools like Hope and Calvin Colleges, Harrison decided Hillsdale was the best fit for her.

"I just liked it when I got there," she said. "It felt comfortable there."

Harrison decided on playing for the Chargers before the girls' basketball season started last winter. "It was nice to know where I was going when the season started," she said. "It was less pressure."

She will play for coach Claudette Charney, who is in her seventh season at Hillsdale, a D2 school. The Chargers only lost five games last year and won the GLIAC conference, which includes area teams like Grand Valley State University and Ferris State University.

Harrison will play at two- or three-guard, a slight change from playing point guard in high school.

Besides the prospects of playing ball in college and traveling to other states for tournaments, Harrison said she's excited for the college life.

"I'd like to live the

college life, getting away and living on my own, seeing new things," she said. "I'll miss my family and friends, but most of my friends are experiencing the same thing [in going off to college]."

She said she'll miss her teammates, but is looking forward to the new ones, as well. "I've known all the girls I've played with. We've had so many good times, on and off the court."

Harrison will be able to play with old teammates from her AAU days, as well as playing against them in the GLIAC conference. She has played some form of basketball since first grade, starting with the YMCA and then playing AAU in sixth grade. She's played with the Macker, in Ludington, Belding, and with Lowell Hoops.

Her drive for stellar hoop action comes from two older brothers, Bill, 24, and Dan, 22, who played basketball, and mom, Missy, and dad, Bill, who have also played the sport.

Aside from basketball, Harrison was also a standout on the soccer team at LHS. She picked up the sport around the same time as she did basketball, and said it was hard deciding which sport to play in college, but ultimately, basketball won over.

She said she's excited to play near enough to home so she can see friendly faces at games, as well as be able to visit on breaks from school. The most important thing, about college, though, would be the academic side.

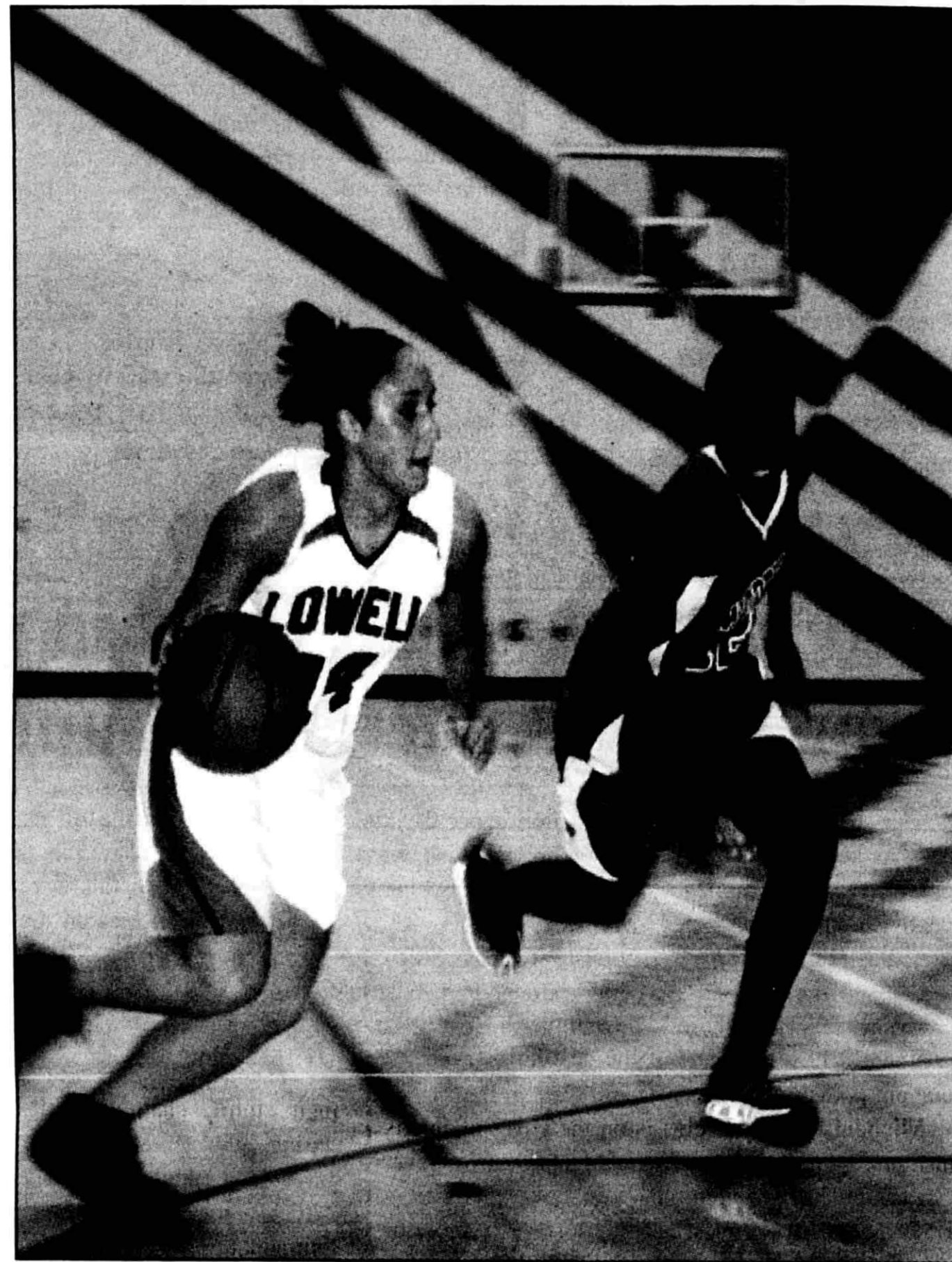
"I want to get a good education," she said. Harrison, who was in the National Honor Society in high school, named accounting as her goal for a major at Hillsdale.

She also wants to make sure that college life is pretty normal. "I want to have close relationships with my teammates, as well as friends outside of basketball."

For now, Harrison will have the fall to get comfortable and adjust, before the season begins in November.

The nearest she'll be to Lowell during the season will be at GVSU, when the Chargers take on the Lakers on Saturday, Dec. 20.

Each Spring, the MHSAA has provided information to its member schools to help them prepare for hot weather practice and game conditions in the late



Chelsea Harrison during her senior year on the LHS girls' basketball team. Harrison was named all-conference and was the LHS female athlete of the year.

## Hot-weather practice tips available

There are always concerns about physical activity in hot and humid conditions and with the beginning of pre-season practices less than two weeks away for high school sports teams across the state, the Michigan High School Athletic Association continues its role in providing its member schools educational information to assist them in minimizing the possibility of heat-related catastrophic injuries to student-athletes.

The topic of heat-related injuries receives a lot of attention at this time of year, especially when deaths at the professional, collegiate and interscholastic levels of sport occur. In football, data from the National Federation of State High School Associations shows that 25 high school football players have died from heat stroke since 1995.

Each Spring, the MHSAA has provided information to its member schools to help them prepare for hot weather practice and game conditions in the late

Summer and early Fall.

"Heat Stress & Athletic Participation" is information from the National Federation of State High School Associations which the MHSAA makes available on its website for use by all Fall sports teams. The information points out that student-athletes are subject to a variety of maladies from heat cramps to heat strokes at this time of year. Preventative steps are outlined, including hydration guidelines about what to drink and what not to drink. A copy of the information is available on the MHSAA Web site: [www.mhsaa.com](http://www.mhsaa.com).

"It is an absolute necessity that water be available in unlimited quantities at all times during practices. The hydration of athletes is essential," said John R. Johnson, communications director for the MHSAA. "At the same time, coaching staffs need to be tuned into their student-athletes and be sure they are partaking of water. There is no excuse for any number of heat stroke

deaths since they are all preventable with the proper precautions. If schools and their student-athletes follow these guidelines, then we minimize the risk for heat-related problems."

Johnson added that as student-athletes work out on their own individually or with a group of teammates in informal settings during the summer, they also need to be aware of their hydration.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,600 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract approximately 1.6 million spectators each year.

## Fall sports continue in Week 2 of practice

by Molly Benningfield

The boys' cross country team started their second week of fall sports practice on Monday.

Most of the team said they were hoping to recruit more runners to the team, since they only have five right now.

Some wanted to break 17 minutes during the season, and another wanted to go to State finals at the end of October.

Dylan VanderWarf, senior

Goal: We want to recruit more people.

Jon Woods, senior

Favorite part: I like the Braveheart game we do - it's an inside joke.

Goal: To break 17 minutes.

Zach Robinson, junior

Goal: To break 17 minutes and to go to State.

Josh Corteville, junior

Goal: To hit the low 18s (minutes).

## THE BENNING-FIELDER



by molly benningfield  
sports editor

## Olympics, Part 2

I'll say it again - this year's Olympics have proven to be spectacular. The best of the best have come out swinging in major ways.

**Michael Phelps:** Phelps is on the cover of Sports Illustrated this week, with eight gold medals hanging from his neck. It's reminiscent of Mark Spitz's from the '72 Munich Olympics, but with one extra piece of hardware. Phelps' win couldn't have come in a better way this weekend - in a team relay. Phelps, who achieved his seventh gold medal in the 100-meter butterfly by defeating his opponent by one one-hundredth of a second, had to rely on his teammates to achieve the place in history. In a recent New York Times article, the newspaper pointed out an interesting fact about Phelps just before he won his eighth medal. If Phelps were a country, he would rank fourth in gold medals, following China, the United States and Germany. He was also ahead of all but 14 countries in the medal count. Talk about an Olympic giant.

**USA women's basketball:** The American team made up of WNBA all-stars have completely knocked down opponents since the Games began. At halftime of their game against New Zealand, who has a pretty good team, the Americans were leading 50-24. They also advance to the semifinals after trouncing South Korea 104-60.

**Women's Marathon:** The women's marathon was held on Sunday, and it was inspiring to see 38-year-old Constantina Tomescu from Romania win the event. Marathons can seem to drag because, well, they're pretty long, but Tomescu's long strides and sprint to the finish line, all while waving to fans and smiling, was pretty cool.

**Women's Gymnastics:** The new scoring system in gymnastics has been deemed controversial and unfair, and in Monday's parallel bar finals - probably the most anticipated individual event in both men's and women's gymnastics, the scoring system was put to the test as China's He Kexin and USA's Nastia Liukin received the exact same score, on the same start value with the same execution deductions. In a complicated turn-of-events, Kexin was awarded the gold medal, and Bela Karolyi went crazy in the NBC studios.

TAKE A LOOK  
FALL SPORTS PREVIEW  
next week's Ledger

# Red Arrow SPORTS



Ben Partridge, Dylan VanderWarf, Jon Woods, Zach Robinson and Josh Corteville, take a breather after practice on Monday.

## 13-U Arrowdynamic baseball club wins Thornapple Valley Championship

The Lowell team won their third championship during the weekend of July 11 by taking home the hardware at the Thornapple tournament in Ada.

The Dynamics finished their tournament season by going 4-0, (3-0 in their half of the tourney bracket) beating Farmington Hills (11-5), host Thornapple Valley (9-6) and Haslett (15-5), to advance to the championship game against undefeated Troy Titans out of Illinois. Troy is a well-funded travel team made up of all-stars from all around the Troy area, whereas the Arrowdynamics all reside in the Lowell Area School district.

In the championship game, Tim Antel threw three innings giving up four unearned runs in the first. Damage was limited when, on a base hit to centerfield, Luke Bigham relayed to Austin Gildea, who threw a runner out at the plate for the third out. Antel then blanked Troy for the next two innings handing the ball to Austin Lemke for the next three.

Lemke gave up two unearned runs in the fourth and none in the fifth and sixth. Jacob Merklinger threw a perfect seventh inning to close the game.

Through three innings Lowell was down 3-4, scoring in the first inning, with Gildea and Zach Dawson picking up the RBI to score Jon Fox and Antel. In the fourth inning, the

bottom of the lineup came up big, when Antel walked to lead-off and then back-to-back singles by Dawson, Zach Huver and Bigham, followed by walks to Merklinger and Lemke.

An error on a Fox ball hit to the pitcher, and Jason Malling hitting behind runners with one out, capped off a six-run inning.

The Titans scored two in the bottom of the fourth to make the score 9-6, with Lowell leading. Antel and Lemke score in the fifth and the sixth respectively on RBI by Dawson and Malling, to make the score 11-6.

In the bottom of the sixth, with Troy threatening with a runner on second, Antel threw a one-hopper to the plate on a base hit

to left field for the final out of the inning. In the seventh, Lowell hit through the line-up, scoring eight, (Gildea, Antel, Dawson, Huver, Bigham, Merklinger, Lemke and Fox score on four hits, one BB, one HBP and two errors) to win the championship game 19-6.

In the game, Gildea went 4-5 with three doubles and four RBI, Dawson was 4-4 with three RBI, Bigham went 2-4 with a double and three RBI, and Antel was on base 4-5 plate appearances and scored four times.

Overall in the tourney, Gildea went 8-10 (.800) with eight RBI and four doubles; Dawson, 5-11 (.455); JP North, 6-14 (.429); Huver, 4-9 (.444); Bigham had eight RBI, with good swings and

Antel scored eight runs, with a .643 on base percentage.

The team hit .325, struck out only 13 times on 152 plate appearances, and averaged 14 runs per game, while the pitching staff only surrendered 16 earned runs throughout the tourney.

Innings were split amongst seven Lowell pitchers. (Garret Stehley, Fox, Antel, North, Ryan Schaefer, Lemke and Merklinger). The depth in pitching meant fresh arms in big games which served as an important factor in this championship.

The Arrowdynamic team would like to thank their sponsors and parents for their support.



The Arrowdynamic baseball team at the Petoskey Tournament earlier this summer.



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Missing you much, Love- Wayne, Pam, Linda, Bob, Rob, Brian & Ryan

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God bless you all,  
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