

Springport Book Bindery
127 Railroad St
Springport MI 49284-9769

for over 116 years • today - tomorrow - your lowell area news source

www.thelowellledger.com



Keep checking your local news source

the lowell ledger for more bridge project updates.

Stay informed by going to: www.thelowellledger.com and click on bridge blogspot

tale of the lowell troll part XVII page 11

bocce for the arts



page 8

pink pride day



page 9



Fair time in Lowell - a family affair after long weeks of work

by Emma Palova

The fair is coming. That magical time at the height of summer when everything is just right in the middle. The 76th Kent County Youth Fair with a "Green and Growing" theme is well on its way for this Sunday's kick-off.

During the final countdown days to the fair, it gets pretty hectic around the fairgrounds. Everyone has a job to do from getting ready the stalls and the barns for the incoming animals to painting and cleaning, and sprucing up.

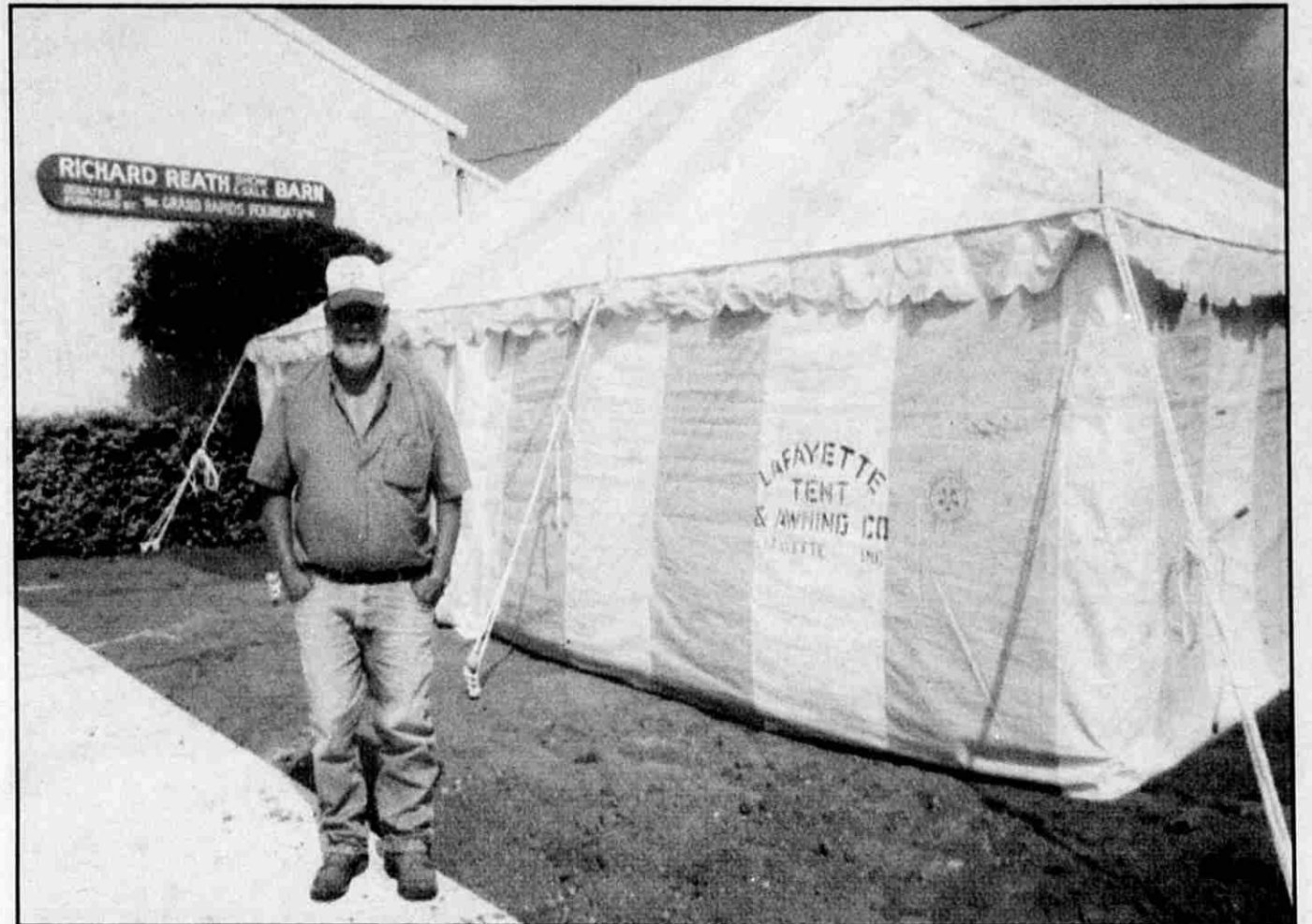
And even though fair manager Ron Wenger gets wound up in the whirl of

things, he is never nervous about the upcoming fair week.

"It does get hairy around here," he said.

Sporting a Kent County Youth Fair green and white cap, Wenger keeps his good-natured attitude and composure. He doesn't get all shook up by the constant stream of wheat trucks driving right behind his back or the Port-a-Potty man waiting to talk to Wenger.

"We're going to have the best fair ever," Wenger laughed, knowing that he says that every year. "We all work together. We support



Fair manager Ron Wenger expects the best fair ever.

the community and the community supports us."

And the prep week together with the fair week mean 16-hour work days from dawn until everything is done.

Last Sunday, the Lafayette Tent and Awning

of Indiana set up all the tents for the fair. They've been doing it for the last 20 years and they're well known around the nation.

The vendors will start coming up as soon as Tuesday and the carnival will set up Sunday.

For long time fair goer and participant Cathy Schumacher, the fair is definitely a family affair. She helps out her dad, Chris Wenger of Alto, set up stalls for Pepsi and Prince,

Fair time, continued, page 3

Primary attracts many voters to determine the party candidates

This year's Aug. 3 primary attracted voters like Michael Lessens, who want to determine the party candidates for the November general election.

"I want to break down the number of people that I want elected in November," he said.

The city of Lowell was using the new electronic poll book instead of the old handwritten poll book to eliminate paperwork.

City clerk Betty Morlock said in many ways the primary is the election that really counts.

She expects a 25 percent turnout.

"It hasn't been overly busy, just steady," she said.

"We're getting used to the new equipment.



Election workers Natalie Kent, Marea Borg and Mary Schmaltz using the electronic poll book. At right, Michael Lessens always votes for candidates.



Budget woes may force sheriff's department to close honor camp

In an effort to make cuts to its \$60 million budget, the Kent County Sheriff's Department may close the Honor Camp in Gowen. If the camp closes, 10 to 11 employees will be eliminated.

However, according to Kent County Sheriff Larry Stelma, the employees represented by a bargaining contract will have an option to rebid for different positions.

"We will be meeting with employees this week," he said.

The potential closure of the camp will also impact 65 inmates who will go back to the Kent County Jail.

The closing of the camp, that started in the mid 60s, will save the sheriff's department \$890,000.

"It only gets closed because of finances," said Stelma. "It's an effective,

great facility, but if there's no money to run it, there is no money to run it."

Stelma will make the ultimate decision and make an announcement next week. The budget is due to the Kent County Board of Commissioners in November when it gets finalized.

The sheriff's department employs 650 full-time and part time employees.

All 10 LCTV grant applications approved by Lowell City Council

by Emma Palova

The city council Monday approved all 10 applications for the Lowell Cable TV (LCTV) fund monies totaling \$95,752.

The granted amount was still below the spending balance of \$228,718, which is placed in the Grand Rapids Community Foundation. The money from the sale of Cable TV created the LCTV fund. Annually the LCTV board approves applications from the community.

"The board felt that each would be in the spirit of the fund and the community," said city manager Dave Pasquale.

The council also approved the amendment to a resolution to move up the grant application process to start in February, with advertising in early March.

The applications will be due by mid April, with board review by the end of April. The grant selections will be in early to mid May and the city council selections the third week of May.

"The board believed this would allow projects to be completed in a timely manner, particularly those that involve construction," said Pasquale.

Councilwoman Maryalene LaPonsie suggested that grants be awarded twice a year.

But, that was turned down by mayor pro tem Sharon Ellison, who also sits on the LCTV board as the city representative.

"It's a small amount of money, not like the Englehardt fund," she said.

And all the granted applications address the needs in the community, according to Pasquale.

Following are the recipients:

City of Lowell for upgrading public street lighting received \$10,654.

Flat River Outreach Ministries for the purchase and installation of one HVAC unit received \$12,700.

Lowell Area Historical Museum for educational

Grant applications approved, continued, page 2

Kent District Library report shows increased usage

by Emma Palova

Cheryl Garrison, interim director of Kent District Library (KDL) gave an annual report to the city council Monday night. Garrison reported the increased usage of all the libraries in the system.

However, the revenues are down by \$1 million. "The usage is up, but the funding is down," she said. The KDL is funded from property taxes by 87 percent and these have declined, due to the housing market crisis,

by \$600,000. The state aid has gone down by \$160,000 and penal fines are down by \$120,000.

"It's a total \$1 million loss," she said. "The revenues look more like what we had in 2006."

To compensate for the loss in revenues, KDL has eliminated eight positions, installed a central answering service and renegotiated the telecommunications contract. That resulted in a decrease of costs by \$700 a month while it also doubled the bandwidth.

KDL has created a strategic plan to deal with the issues at hand.

"It fits well into what KDL is all about," said Garrison.

Garrison also explained the process of filling the vacancy at the Englehardt Library due to Jane Aronson's retirement. The position has been posted both internally and externally.

A team, including Chuck Myers who is on the KDL board, will interview a pool of candidates for the position.

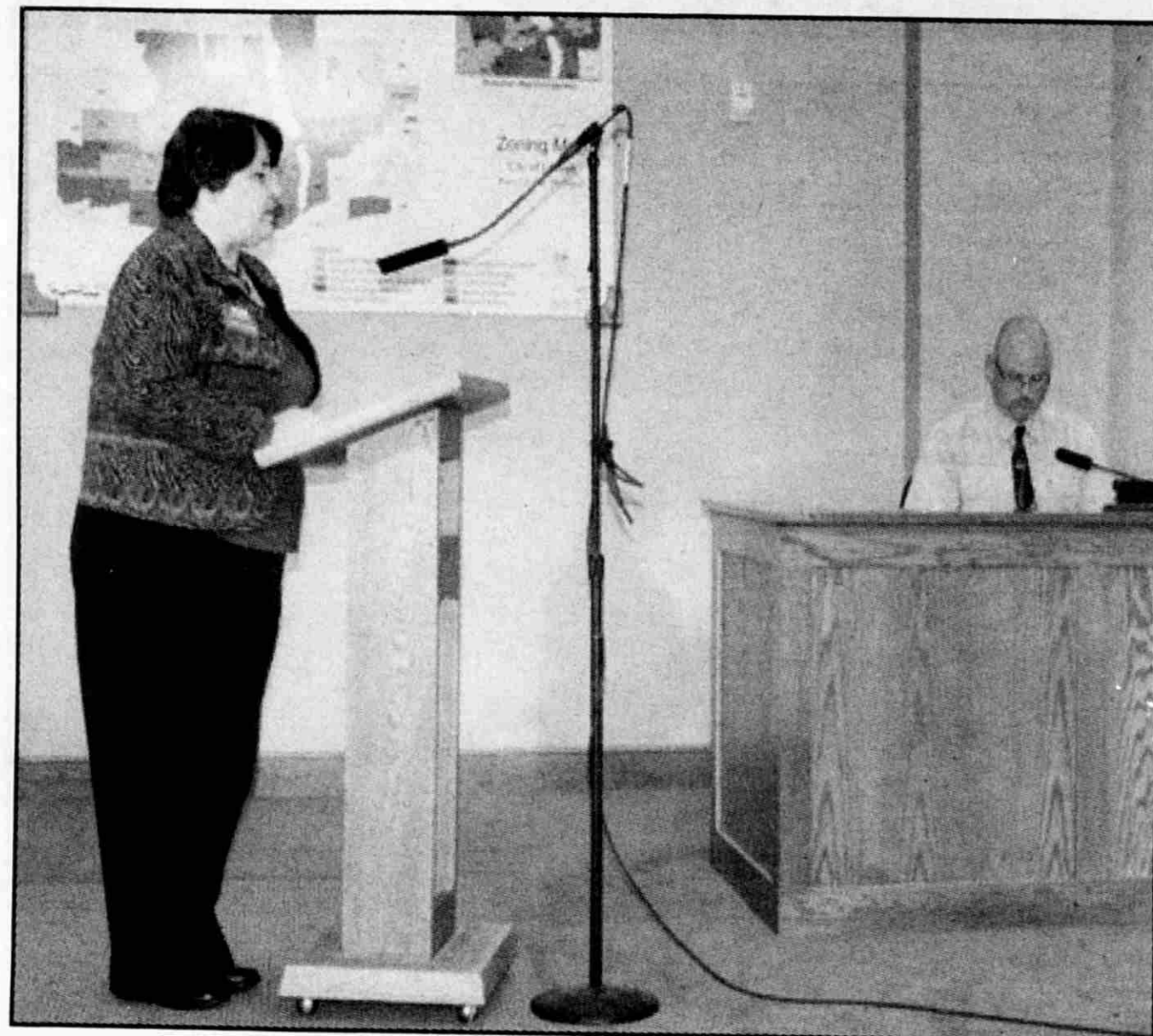
"We have excellent candidates," she said.

Myers talked about the satisfaction that comes from paying tickets since a

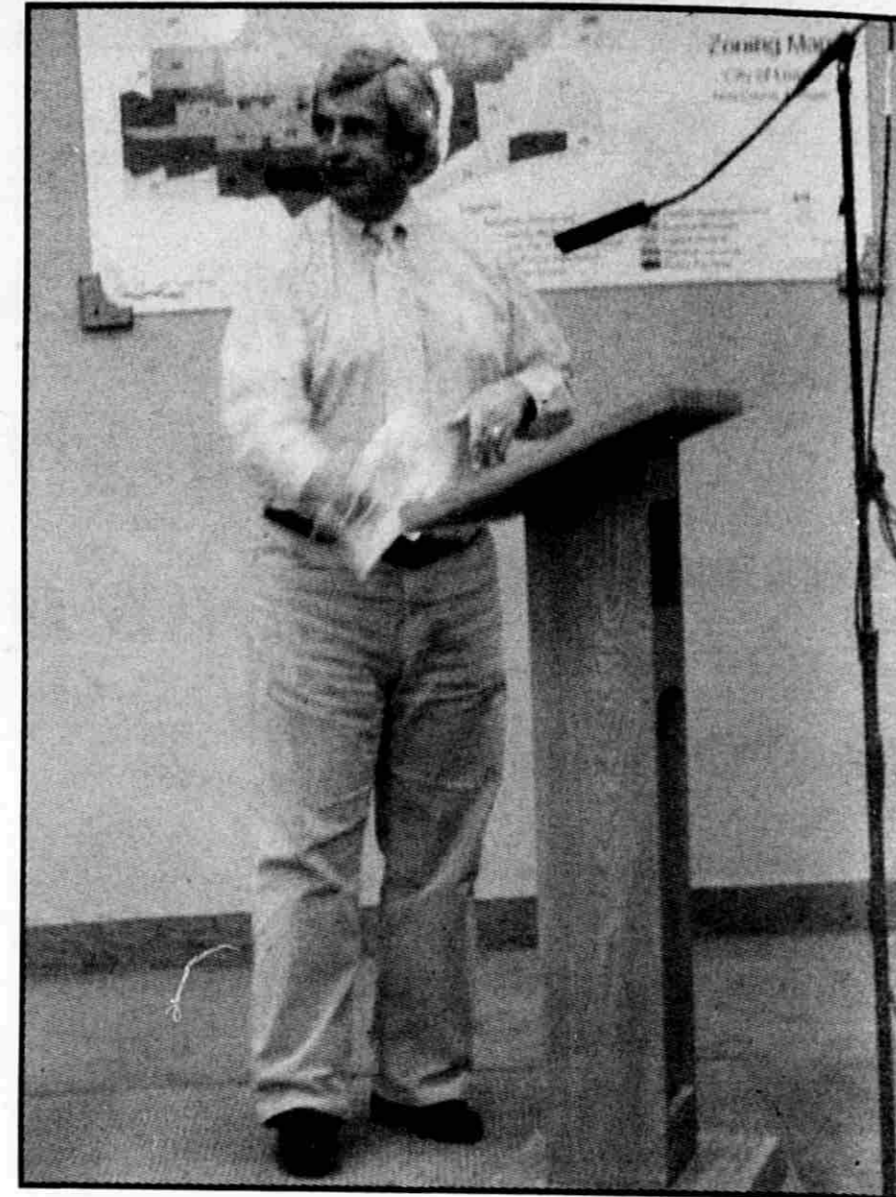
portion of the penal fines go to the libraries.

"The library is in a constant state of change," he said. "We could grow even more. The candidate pool is good."

The biggest number of users of the Englehardt Library comes from the city of Lowell with 23.99 percent. The libraries also receive revenues from various book sales. The books for these sales are donated.



Cheryl Garrison, interim director for KDL



Chuck Myers, KDL board member

WINDOWS/SIDING DOORS/INSULATION/GUTTERS

SAVE 50% OFF

HEATING/COOLING BILLS GUARANTEED!!!

SAVE 10% OFF WITH THIS COUPON

897-7300 allweathersealinc.com

319 E. Main Lowell

All-Weather Seal

Not good warranty other offer Good on initial presentation

Grant applications approved

programs for children received \$2,255.

Lowell Area Schools for Grand Rapids Community satellite courses in Lowell received \$18,443.

Lowell Charter Township for the Lowell Township Riverfront Park bleacher project received \$4,000.

Lowell Music Boosters for a contribution on behalf of Lowell middle and high school music students received \$2,000.

Lowell Police Department for Stop Stick pursuit termination device to replace outdated single unit spike strip device received \$1,200.

City of Lowell for Creekside Baseball Park improvements received \$7,000.

City of Lowell for Audio Visual Technology Enhancement grant to improve information sharing between local government and its citizens through new

technology received \$10,100.

City of Lowell for Stoney Lakeside Park Skateboard Park to provide

a year-round skateboard park away from conflicting residential uses with fencing and a parking lot received \$27,400.



ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Sat., Aug 14, 10 a.m. - noon. You may also order online using your debit or credit card. Go to www.angelfoodministries.com Any questions, call Esther, 897-7395.

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations. The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

A-1 MOBILE ROOF-OVER SYSTEM

Michigan's Oldest and Finest Roof Replacement System

FREE ESTIMATES

12x60 ~~\$2980~~ **Installed** 14x70 ~~\$3980~~ **\$3980**

Conserves Energy • Made in Michigan

1-800-872-2089 **BBB**

FIND OUT WHAT ALL THE BUZZ IS ABOUT

With a subscription to the Lowell Ledger.

897-9261

\$22 for a 1 year subscription if your zip code begins with 493 or 495

\$32 for a 1 year subscription for all other zip codes

the **lowell ledger**

(USPS 453-830)

Published weekly for \$22⁰⁰ a year for zip codes beginning with 493 or 495 \$32⁰⁰ a year any other zip code.

JON JACOBS.....PUBLISHER
JEANNE BOSS.....EDITOR
EMMA PALOVA.....LEAD REPORTER
THAD KRAUS.....SPORTS/SALES
TAMMY JANOWIAK.....CLASSIFIED/ACCOUNTING
JON JACOBS.....ADVERTISING SALES

(616) 897-9261

E-Mail: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com

Second Class Postage Paid at Lowell, MI

Published every Wednesday

POSTMASTER: Send address change to:
The Lowell Ledger
P.O. Box 128 • Lowell, MI 49331
www.lowellbuyersguide.com

Fair time, continued

Percheron black draft horses. The team will be providing the horse drawn shuttle, along with 12 to 14 other draft horses, between the parking lot and the fair.

Mom Mary Wenger passed the fair tradition onto her daughter a few years ago. Mary's first fair was in 1950. She showed beef cattle for 11 years at the fair.

Nowadays, a quadriplegic, Mary doesn't go to the fair. She went to the last fair in 2000, but she tells how the fair is different from those old fairs.

"There were lots more dairy cattle exhibits, rides and the crowds," she said. "It's different today. It's a lot more projects for kids."

Chris Wenger, now in his mid 70s, has been going to the fair since 1947. His involvement with the fair included showing hogs, sitting on the fair board for 15 years and he was the

superintendent of the swine department. Other than that, he volunteered every year.

"For me it's a real gathering of families and local businesses like to see it happen," he said.

He's been driving the horse drawn shuttle for the last five to six years. Chris is hoping that a lot of people will stay and do things close to the home, such as going to the fair.

"It's a family gathering for the entire family," he said.

Fair manager Ron Wenger hopes the fair this year will do as well as last year.

"We try to run a good, clean fair," he said. "We put in plenty of trees, so people can rest, relax and stay. We work hard to have clean bathrooms."

This year, the fair has a total of 4,000 exhibitors, about the same as last year. The fair is more than just

most of his birthdays during the fair.

Schumacher has also sat on the fair board of directors. She's looking forward to seeing friends at this year's fair that the family hasn't seen in years.

"You get to see a lot of people you haven't seen in years," she said. "It's good family fun."

And what about Mary? "Yes, I miss the fair somewhat," she said.

Fair manager Ron Wenger hopes the fair this year will do as well as last year.

"We try to run a good, clean fair," he said. "We put in plenty of trees, so people can rest, relax and stay. We work hard to have clean bathrooms."

This year, the fair has a total of 4,000 exhibitors, about the same as last year. The fair is more than just

cows and horses, it's also still exhibits, performing arts, and judging.

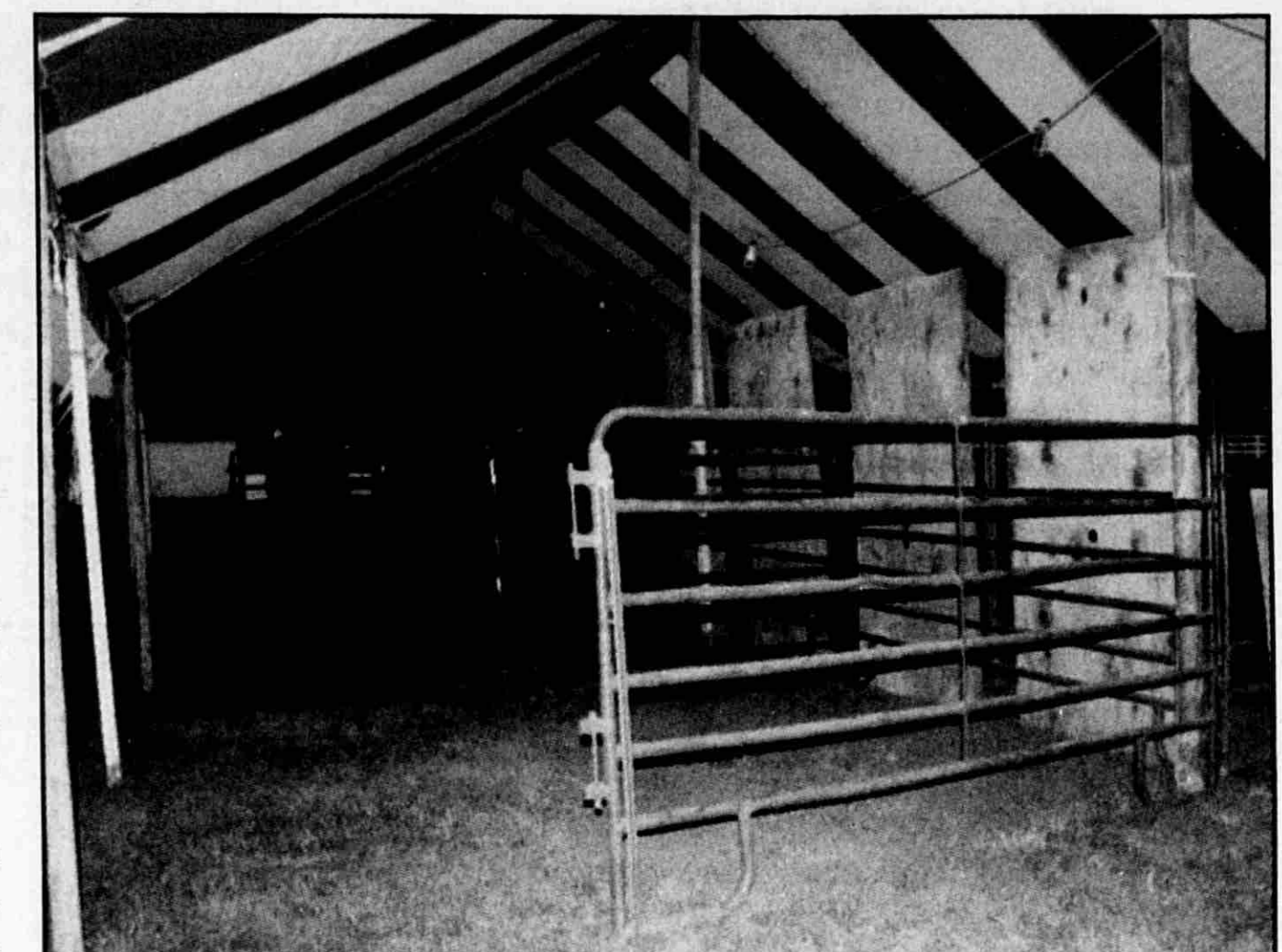
In spite of the lack of funding from the state, the fair will still pay out half of

the premiums of what they used to pay prior to 2009.

New this year are the pig races and the Swing Thing.

A definite must-see is the award winning Rodeo on the closing day on Saturday.

"Don't miss the market animal auction on Thursday," he said.



Stalls await draft horses, like Pepsi and Prince, who will be pulling the shuttle.

City to regulate trash haulers and snowplow operators

by Emma Palova

In an attempt to regulate the city trash pickup haulers and snowplow operators, the city council set a public hearing for Aug. 16.

The main purpose of the hearing is to listen to input from the public and the haulers on the proposed amendment.

If approved, the amended ordinance would require the licensing of both solid waste haulers and snowplow operators.

City attorney Richard Wendt explained the proposal to the council and the public at the Monday night meeting.

Under the proposal, the haulers and plow operators would be licensed by the city and stickered for easier identification. They would also have to carry insurance and proof of ownership. The licensing fees are yet to be determined.

The ordinance would regulate and set the rules for transporting of trash, such as days and times when pick up can occur.

"I've looked at a series of ordinances and put together what's best of all of them," said Wendt. "We want to keep it as straightforward as possible."

Snowplowers with any on-board operators will also

be required to carry a license issued by the city.

They will be allowed to operate over public sidewalks. The regulation will pertain to commercial operators only.

Under the licensing provisions, the haulers will be required to carry a separate license for each truck or vehicle. As part of the application, the hauler must prove evidence of

evidence of workmen's compensation and contractor's public liability. Each contractor will display a sticker issued by the city.

Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.

- Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 1865)

GREG VAN STRIEN HEATING AND PLUMBING

HEATING SERVICE & INSTALLATION
AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE & INSTALLATION
PLUMBING SERVICE & INSTALLATION
WARM AIR/RADIANT HEAT
OIL BURNER SERVICE

(616) 897-5569
Visa And Master Card Accepted

Hall for rent with kitchen

SEATS 150

Located at the fairgrounds

Call 897-6050

WANTED HOMES THAT NEED ROOFING™

A select number of homeowners in Lowell and the surrounding areas will be given the opportunity to have a lifetime **Erie Metal Roofing System** installed on their home at a reasonable cost.

Qualified homeowners will receive attractive pricing and have access to our special low interest unsecured bank financing.

An **Erie Metal Roof** will keep your home cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.

An **Erie Metal Roofing System** will provide your home with unsurpassed "Beauty and Lasting Protection!"

INQUIRE TODAY TO SEE IF YOUR HOME QUALIFIES!

www.ErieMetalRoofs.com

1-877-736-4040

email: roofing@eriemetalroofs.com

DOES YOUR DENTIST MAKE YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE?

At the Family Dentistry of Lowell you're more than a patient. You're part of my family.

That's why I want you to be comfortable.

Heated neck pillows.
Natural lighting.
The music you like.

I've been serving families like yours since 1991.

Aren't you ready for a better dental experience?

Family Dentistry of Lowell
ANN WILSON, D.D.S. | JENNIFER BYRD, D.D.S.

NOW ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS - CALL: 616-897-4835

147 NORTH CENTER STREET, LOWELL
WWW.FAMILYDENTISTRYOFLOWELL.COM

PACIFIC INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGE (PIE)

Broaden Your Horizons

Open your home and heart to a 15-17 year-old foreign exchange student and discover the life changing experience of International exchange! PIE, a nonprofit organization, has students from 37 countries just waiting for an American host family. You can be that family! Whether you are single or married, with no children or lots of children, you can be an ambassador. Seventeen students are waiting for a host family from Russia, Norway, Germany, Brazil, Thailand, etc. They will attend the high school in your area. Among these students are 15 year-old Caterina and 16 year-old Simon from Russia. Caterina plays the cello, plays volleyball, swims, bowls and sings. Simon plays piano, the saxophone, snowboards, bicycles, reads and plays card games and sports.

Help to teach a foreign student about real life in the United States, promote world peace, cultural awareness, global understanding and create a lifelong friendship.

Call Pat for more information today at 616-527-0012 or 1-800-382-7439

ADA LOWELL 5

Goodrich 616-897-3456
On M-F, 5 Minutes East of Artery H.O.

QUALITY THEATERS

\$4.50 to \$5.00 ALL SEATS

SHOWTIMES 8:4 - 8:55

NO PASSES

NO DINNER FOR SCHMUCKS (PG-13)

4:40, 7:10, 9:40

CHARLIE ST. CLOUD (PG-13)

4:20, 6:50, 9:10

OSALT (PG-13) 4:45, 7:00, 9:30

INCEPTION (PG-13) 6:20, 9:20

DESPICABLE ME (PG) 4:30, 6:40, 9:00

COUPON FREE

COUPON EXPIRES 8/11/10

Good for one (1) use only. Not valid for other events. See restrictions on coupon.

Seese/Corliss



Cathy Seese and Gregory Corliss

Cathy Sue Seese and Ruthann Corliss, and Theresa Gregory Peter Corliss will Corliss of Mt. Pleasant. The exchange wedding vows on October 10, 2010. The Lowell couple are the future groom a graduate of children of Calvin and Fern Seese of Alto, the late Richard Corliss, the late Military Police Corps.

FAXING Sending or Receiving \$1 or 1st sheet, 50¢ each additional sheet The Lowell Ledger 105 N. Broadway • P.O. Box 128 • 897-9261

area churches

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL (United Church of Christ) 865 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE • 897-5906

ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Kirby and Harrison Alto • 616-691-8011

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God) 3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Fr. Eugene Okoli 402 Amity St. • 897-9820

LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington Lowell, MI • 897-8800

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod)

CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI

SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 3189 Snow Ave. SE., Lowell Pastor Dr. Mike Conklin

lend a hand

Get global and host an international student

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester and year homestay programs, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) president, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match.

Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

happy birthday!

- AUGUST 4 Irene Willmarth, Scott VanDyke, Cody Bieri, Nick Tykocki, Thomas H. Mahalic, Joann Childs, Kayleigh VanKeulen. AUGUST 8 Jennifer Kimble, Chris Goggins, John Rasch, Allen Hoekstra, Sharell Wolf, Debra Lenneman. AUGUST 5 Robin Abel, Stephen Martin Jr. AUGUST 9 Pamela Esparza, Steven Burrows, Busha Wilson. AUGUST 6 Jessie King, Kim Foster, Steven Vickers. AUGUST 10 Madeline Scott, Arnie DeLoof. AUGUST 7 Barbara Wright, Don Grummet, Jaimi Smith, Steve Newell.

college news

DePaul University announced that Danielle Grondin of Ada graduated from DePaul University in Chicago in June with a Master of Science degree from The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

LOW COST SPAY & NEUTER For feral, barn and cat colonies, and for dogs and cats of low income families. AS LOW AS \$10 Call 897-8865

Sure you rent, but it's WHAT'S INSIDE that makes it YOUR HOME. Deborah A Wilks, Agent 2050 W Main Street Lowell, MI 49331-8640

Potter's team takes the softball crown

Lowell Red Arrow high school baseball star of the late 1940's and early 50's, Bill Potter, is still a big hit at the age of 78.

Potter, who hit .520 in 1949 and .420 in '50 for Lowell, walloped three home runs, two triples, two doubles and knocked in 12 runs in leading Center for Sight (Venus, Fla.) to the age 75 major championship at the Ohio Senior Softball Classic.

Potter, who resides in Iron Mountain and winters in Duncedin, Fla., earned a tournament most valuable player nomination plus a spot on the all-tournament team.

Bill Potter's diamond career includes playing on the 1956 Milwaukee Braves' Class C minor league baseball team in Eau Claire, Wis., with Bob Uecker (the radio voice of the Milwaukee Brewers).



Bill Potter is pictured, front row, second from right, along with the Center for Sight senior team.

Concussion guidelines set by MHSAA

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) representative council approved a five-step protocol to be followed during the course of contests when an athlete sustains an apparent concussion.

The course of action will be utilized in all sports at all levels beginning with the 2010-11 school year. The National Federation of State High School Associations had previously adopted language to appear in all rule books beginning this fall: it called for the removal from a contest of an athlete exhibiting the signs of a potential concussion, leaving the mechanics - including the clearing of a young person to return to play - to be decided by each state association.

Officials will have no role in determining if an athlete has sustained a concussion, but will only point out to the head coach that the player has been apparently injured and should be examined by a healthcare provider.

At its June meeting, the MHSAA executive committee followed-up on the council action by approving sanctions for non-compliance with the concussion management policy. A student-athlete who returns to competition in a subsequent meet or contest without the written authorization of an MD or DO, after being removed from play for exhibiting concussion-like symptoms and not being cleared by the school's designated

LOWELL AREA COMMUNITY FUND ACCEPTS GRANT PROPOSALS

All Proposals Must Be Submitted Online No Later Than August 20, 2010 to be considered. Visit www.grfoundation.org/lowell to submit your application.

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.



Family Dentistry Since 1994

- Gentle Dentistry for Children & Adults
Immediate Emergency Treatment
Cosmetic Dentistry, Teeth Whitening
Preventive Care
Extractions/Broken Tooth Repaired
Dentures (Same Day Repair)
Insurance Plans Accepted

"Gentle & Painless Dentistry Is Our Goal!"

Hours: Monday.....9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday.....9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday.....9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday.....8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Judd T. Carroll D.M.D. 103 East Main • Lowell, Michigan (616) 897-7595

ups WE SHIP UPS! Our Prices Can't Be Beat! Call Us for a Price Quote! Weight & Zip Code Required for a Quote The Lowell Ledger 105 N. Broadway, 897-9261

ICE CREAM CABOOSE HOT OFF THE GRILL! EVERY SATURDAY IN AUGUST, 4-8 P.M. CHARCOAL GRILLED PORK LOIN OR STEAK SANDWICH W/CHIPS & POP \$7.00 COME ENJOY SOME SUMMER FUN! 6300 Alden Nash Alto, MI 49302 616-868-6602

First Bocce Ball for the Arts fundraiser is fun for all

by Emma Palova

The first Bocce for the Arts, a fundraiser for the Lowell Area Arts Council, was a great success according to director Lorain Smalligan.

The event was held in the arts council's own backyard

with more than 50 people in attendance.

"That was our goal," said Smalligan.

The event lasted well into the dark. The teams played the final games with

spotlights and flashlights. And the losers didn't even get to play against each other.

Thus, no prize was awarded to the biggest loser. But, the council is planning to hold the event next year on four

courts instead of just two. Jim and Bobbi White had a tight win for first place over Jerry and Olga Persha.

Tina Green of Kissing Rock Kitchens provided appetizers and desserts.

"The arts council is

looking forward to another great Bocce tournament next summer," said Smalligan.

The arts council's next fundraiser is the River Revelry, held on the Riverwalk by the Showboat, on Aug. 27 from 6 p.m. to 10

p.m. The event will include a silent auction, fun, games, music, food and cash bar.

Due to the cuts from the state for arts funding, the arts council has to do more fundraisers, according to Smalligan.



The Lowell Area Arts Council building was all decked out in Italian colors for the games.



Tina Greene, left, from Kissing Rock Kitchens, was the chef at Bocce and Barb Pierce helped out.

Pictures submitted by Ted Bergin

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 16, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- An Ordinance to Amend Article II, "Collection and Disposal," of Chapter 11, "Garbage, Trash and Refuse," of The Code of Ordinances of the City Of Lowell.
- An Ordinance to Add Article III, "Snow-plowing," to Chapter 19, Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places," of The Code Of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the ordinances are available for inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library or on the City of Lowell web page at 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
City Clerk



Steve Flohr throws the Bocce ball.

Sandy Cares measures carefully to determine the winner.



Bobbie White was one of the first-place winners.

Pink Arrow Pride fuels cancer education and prevention

by Thad Kraus

Community Pink Arrow Pride Day brought them in.

The opportunity to make an additional donation through their purchase of a t-shirt was added incentive.

And food and entertainment was the cool for the soul on a hot and humid day at the Gilda's Club of Lowell/Lowell Senior Neighbors' Center.

"We heard about Gilda's Club and this is a great community thing and I know a lot of work has gone into community building," said Lowell's Phil Chase.

"My wife (Dana) went to the game last year and said what a wonderful event it was. So I made sure we (my boys Auden and Avery) came down here today to buy shirts because of the

additional donations with each purchase."

Community Pink Arrow Pride Day (Aug. 3) was the precursor leading up to the third annual Pink Arrow football game on Sept. 10 against Kenowa Hills.

"Pink Arrow Pride Day is another way to get information out, to get people on the Gilda's Club of Lowell campus and share information and positives about the event," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean.

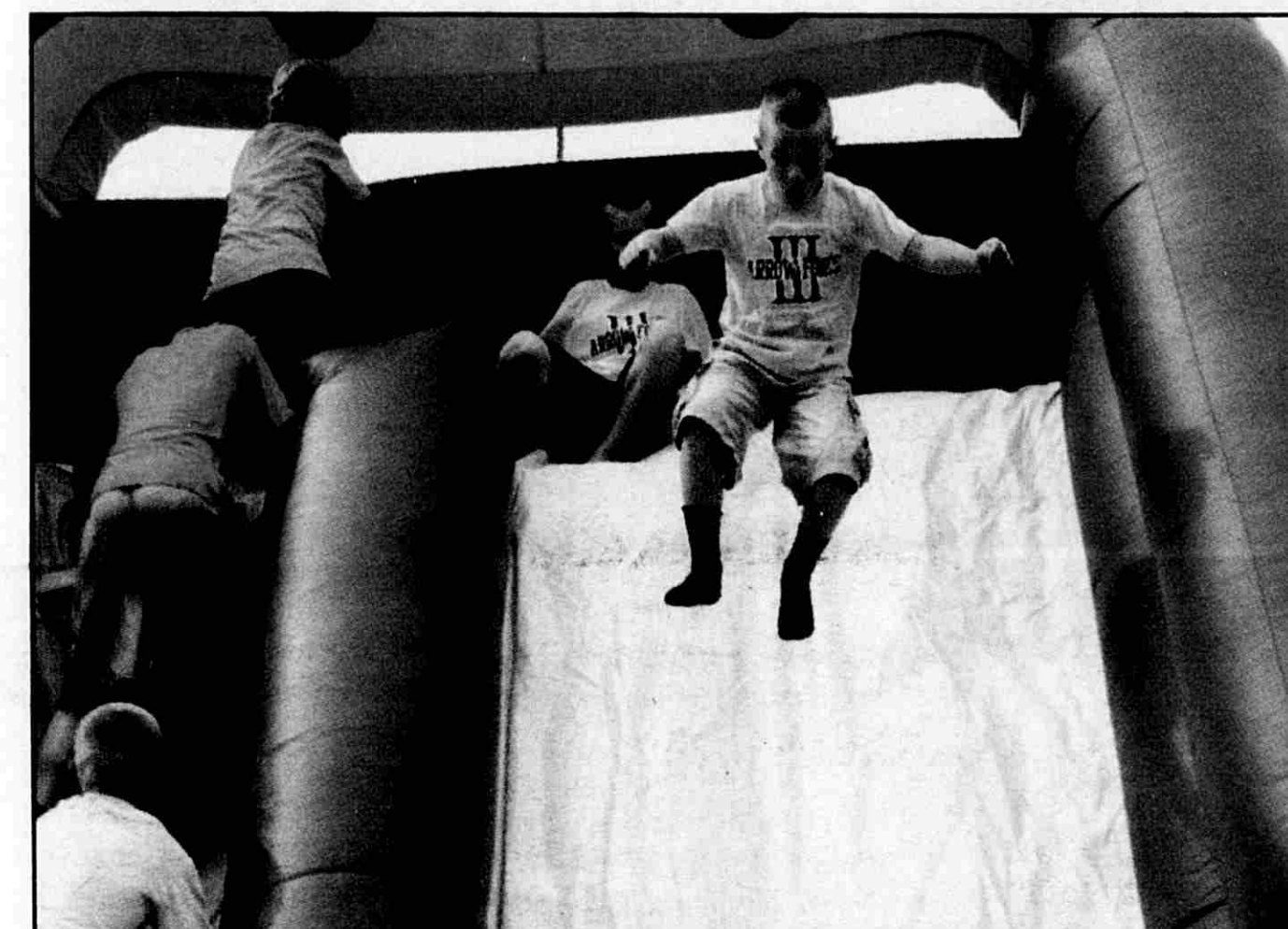
John and Shirley Schneider attended in an effort to help the cause.

"We brought our grandkids, bought t-shirts and enjoyed a good lunch," said John Schneider.

Lowell High School teacher Heidi Kolp bought



A visit to Gilda's Club of Lowell/Lowell Senior Neighbors' Center on Pink Arrow Pride Day wasn't complete without the purchase of a t-shirt.



Children entertained themselves on the slide.



Several tours were given at Gilda's Club of Lowell on Tuesday.



Grace Nowak sat down to a puzzle at the Lowell Senior Neighbors' Center after purchasing her Arrow Force III t-shirt.

shirts for her and her son Kenton.

"I can't believe we're also being entertained and fed," Kolp said.

"The biggest piece to all of this is the education, prevention and support piece," said Lowell football coach Noel Dean. "Pieces for research and support of family are also important aspects to all of this."

All the money raised through the Pink Arrow events and football game go directly to helping those families served through the Pink Arrow Family Support program.

In its first two years, the Pink Arrow Community event has netted \$210,608.

In addition, in year two \$250,000 of enhancement went into the Senior Neighbors' Center building, allowing the Gilda's Club to be a partner at that location.

The events were presented in partnership with Lacks Cancer Center at Saint Mary's and Meijer.

Women who attended also had an opportunity to set a date for a mammogram at The Lacks Cancer Center at Saint Mary's.

The Michigan Blood Mobile was on hand to take donations in an effort to offset the summer blood shortages.

BIRD BERRY FARM BLUEBERRIES

2 1/2 Miles E. of Belding on M-44
616-794-5041

- Mon. - Fri. 8 am - 7 pm
- Sat. 8 am - 4 pm
- Closed Sunday

Please call before coming in case we are closed for ripening.

August 12

Brought to you by Lowell Area Arts Council

LOWELL

Lowell Showboat

Sizzlin' Summer Concerts

NO SHOW ON THE SHOWBOAT

Bluegrass Music at the

KENT COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

at the Lowell Fairgrounds

6:30 The Patchwork Band

7:30 The Black Canyon Band

Live Music • Food & Spirits • Free Admission • Free Parking

NEED INFO?
www.lowellartscouncil.org - 897-8545
www.lowellchamber.org - 897-9161

Lowell 14U Arrowdynamics takes second place

The 14U softball team took second place at the Dewitt Diamond Classic, beating St. Johns, Eaton Rapids and Grand Ledge, advancing to the championship game. The Dynamics scored 34 runs in four games and held opponents, using solid pitching by Mikela Chapman, Bethany Dean and Brianna Barton, to just five runs during the three games of pool play. In this tournament pitchers could only throw three innings per game. Taylare Harris went seven for 11 with a double, Sarah Oesch, six for 12 with a double and Konner Geiger



had two doubles and a triple on four hits to lead the offensive barrage.

Lowell 14U Arrowdynamics wins the Perry Rambler Rumble

The 14U softball team took first place in Perry, beating Pickney, Perry, Clio, Grand Ledge and Lansing Waverley, going 5-0 in their march to the championship. Lowell banged out 50 runs in the five games while Mikela Chapman and Bethany Dean held opponents to just 16 runs for the tournament. Offensive leaders included Konner Geiger (seven for 11 with a triple), Bethany Dean (seven for 12 with a home run and a triple), Shelby Antel (five for 13 with a double), and Sarah Oesch (five for 16 with two triples).

12U Arrowdynamics take third in Dewitt

The 12U Dynamics softball team scores 27 runs in three games on their way to finishing third in Dewitt. Offensively, the Dynamics were led by Grace Quiggle (five for seven with a double and a triple), Tess Richardson (four for eight), Miranda Barton (four for six with two doubles) and Kailee Dawson (70 percent on base). In the tourney, pitchers could only throw a maximum of three innings per game and Tess Richardson, Breanna Oesch and Miranda Barton shared the wins for this tourney.

It took late rallies in the semifinal and championship games to overcome Grand Ledge and Lansing. In the semis with two out and down by two runs, Shelby Antel delivered a two RBI single to tie the game followed by singles by Bethany Dean and Konner Geiger, to finish the rally that totalled six runs in the inning to win 6-3. In the championship game, in a similar situation, down 2-0 late in the game, Kazie Bladey, Konner Geiger and Sarah Oesch all contributed singles to finish a five run rally winning in the finals 6-2. Although all the girls qualify to play at the 13U level, the Dynamics are competing up an age level this summer.

The 14U Arrowdynamics takes third at Byron Center Fastpitch Classic

The 14U softball team took third place at Byron Center losing to the West Michigan Gators in the opener but then winning out, beating Allegan, The Diamonds and then Byron Center in the third/fourth place game. The Dynamics collectively took care of pitching duties, only giving up 12 runs with a solid defense behind them. A special highlight had Tess Richardson recording a no-hitter in a 1-0 win over Mona Shores! Offensive leaders included Kailee Dawson (five for 10 and scoring seven runs) and Grace Quiggle (hitting a double, a triple and scoring six runs).

The 14U softball team took third place at Byron Center losing to the West Michigan Gators in the opener but then winning out, beating Allegan, The Diamonds and then Byron Center in the third/fourth place game. The Dynamics collectively took care of pitching duties, only giving up 12 runs with a solid defense behind them. A special highlight had Tess Richardson recording a no-hitter in a 1-0 win over Mona Shores! Offensive leaders included Kailee Dawson (five for 10 and scoring seven runs) and Grace Quiggle (hitting a double, a triple and scoring six runs).

The 14U softball team took third place at Byron Center losing to the West Michigan Gators in the opener but then winning out, beating Allegan, The Diamonds and then Byron Center in the third/fourth place game. The Dynamics collectively took care of pitching duties, only giving up 12 runs with a solid defense behind them. A special highlight had Tess Richardson recording a no-hitter in a 1-0 win over Mona Shores! Offensive leaders included Kailee Dawson (five for 10 and scoring seven runs) and Grace Quiggle (hitting a double, a triple and scoring six runs).

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

An Ordinance to Amend the Official Zone Map of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

A copy of the ordinance is available for inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library or on the City of Lowell web page at 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
City Clerk



The Tale of the Troll, Part XVII

by Amy Hayes

This week Bernadette promised to head over to see if she could ask the "all-knowing" Gemmy at Chimera Design if she had any insights to all the strange happenings in Lowell. Bernadette had learned from Meme that Gemmy knew things, maybe even more than Meme herself knew, about the trolls in Lowell. However, asking Gemmy what she knew was easier said than done. Gemmy was a wonderfully creative troll but she was also somewhat grumpy, opinionated and a bit dramatic! So one had to catch her in the right mood if one was to get any information from Gemmy at all. Gemmy hid out under the floorboards of the jeweler's bench at Chimera

Design. She had a knack for turning any object into valuable jewelry, but she was always looking for that one special elusive pearl to create her one of a kind masterpiece. Gemmy figured that pearls would simply wash up to her along the Flat River which is why she lived under the bridge in the first place. Eventually, Gemmy decided she might have better luck if she actually lived where the town jeweler was - at Chimera. She knew Cliff and Julie (the store proprietors) would be suspicious if their pearls started to disappear, so she patiently waited under the floorboards hoping Julie would "drop" a pearl Gemmy's way.

known all over town, by the townsfolk and by the trolls, as the premier place to find engagement rings, wedding rings, high school class rings and any other ring anyone could want. Chimera also had the reputation of creating some of the most unique, exclusive necklaces, bracelets and earrings ever seen. Julie was said to be magic with precious and semi-precious stones. However, they also had to be very, very discreet at Chimera because they often knew, before everyone, who might be asking for someone's hand in marriage. They often knew when their customers would be celebrating milestones, like 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries. Yes, discretion

was key! Ahhh, but not so for Gemmy. Gemmy often knew before anyone else all these juicy bits of gossip as well, but Gemmy was also very selective about whom she would share such information.

So, after speaking with Gemmy about the strange, recent events in Lowell, the only thing that was learned was that Cliff and Julie had three very large pieces of jewelry they were working on that were top secret for some of the trolls. Two of the pieces were indeed engagement rings and the third was unknown. But that was all Gemmy knew. Try as Bernadette might to get more information from Gemmy, that was all she was giving up at this time.

So like any good detective/newcomer, Bernadette took it upon herself to do the next logical thing. And in Bernadette's opinion much could be learned if she were to head over to The Flat River Grill and spy on the coming and goings at Chimera.

And that is precisely what Bernadette did. She first talked her new best friend, Meme, into joining

her. Now, Meme was still feeling bruised from her encounter with Butch, but a night out sounded like just what she needed. So the two of them went out in search of clues about just what was "really" happening in Lowell.

Wait until you find out who they saw going into Chimera. What could that mean anyway? Find out soon!

Bridge buck winners

This week's Bridge Buck winners: the \$50 winner is: Jean Matyczyn; \$20 winners are: Tamara Brubaker, Cheryl Runstrom, Jill Pietrzak, Tiffany DeGraaf and Phil Janowski; and the \$10 winners are: Jamie Schwartz, Dick Hart, Dianna Kranenberg, Diana Bittrick and Sandy Kowalczyk.

THERE'S STRENGTH IN OUR NUMBERS

160,000 Papers Delivered Weekly

Delivering over 160,000 papers each week where thousands of readers turn to one of our "People Papers" to find what's going on.

For local community news about your neighborhood, anniversaries, births, deaths, school, sports, events plus money saving specials from local advertisers and more.

Don't miss out on what's really going on around us...

Give us a read this week!

616-897-9261

The People Papers

Rudd's SEPTIC SERVICE

COUPON

- Septic Tanks Cleaned •
- Home Sale Evaluations •
- 3 Months Free Additives •

WE WILL ACCEPT COMPETITOR'S COUPONS (ONE COUPON PER VISIT)

1 Year Supply Of Custom Bio Bacteria OR \$15 Off Septic Pumping.
(VALUE \$39.95)

897-8560

business matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Layle Lombardo received Realtor of the Month in July

Today's public figures can no longer write their own speeches or books, and there is some evidence that they can't read them either.

- Gore Vidal (1925 -)

This award recognizes Lombardo for her outstanding success and achievements.

WE ACCEPT

Phone Orders Welcome
Lowell Ledger 897-9261

Strapped for Time?

RUNNING OUT OF TIME TO BEAT OUR DEADLINE?

If you are running short on time & can't get here until Monday, give us a call - we'll do our best to get your ad in.

the ledger

105 N. Broadway • Phone 897-9261
ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com

Baseball TRYOUTS for 2011

Since when has good been... Enough? Why not be GREAT! Come join the BACKYARD DREAMS BASEBALL family.

Tryouts are open for all levels 8 and under through 14 and under for the 2011 season. Hope to see everyone soon!

You may also visit the website at www.yourbackyarddreams.net

Aug 9	8, 9 and 10U teams Register 5:15 to 5:45	Creekside Park Tryouts begin 6PM
Aug 10	11, 12 and 13U teams Register 5:15 to 5:45	Creekside Park Tryouts begin 6PM
Aug 11	14U teams Register 6:30 to 7PM	Rec Park Tryouts begin 7PM

FIND OUT WHAT ALL THE BUZZ IS ABOUT

With a subscription to the Lowell Ledger.

897-9261

\$22 for a 1 year subscription if your zip code begins with 493 or 495

\$32 for a 1 year subscription for all other zip codes

Chimera Design

208 East Main Street • Lowell, MI 49331
616-897-9480

Mention Payton's Race for a Cure anytime between July 12, 2010 and August 31, 2010 and Chimera Design will generously donate 5% of your sale to the fight for a cure!

Family Oriented Event

VISIT US AT: www.paytonsraceforacure.com

SEPTEMBER 25, 2010

Dirt Bike/Quad Practice with Charity Race • Kid Activities
• Charity Prize Drawing • Food Concessions
• Musical Performances and much more!

Payton's race for a cure

All proceeds donated to:

Someone had to say it!



Thad Kraus

Since starting this weekly dribble I have written a number of times on the filth that is college coaching. You know the likely suspects... Calipari, Pitino.... I'm sure you have read or heard about, in your sports forums, the ongoing court sexcapade case involving one Louisville basketball Rick Pitino.

The "she" in this scenario is Karen Sypher, whose trial is underway, after she famously tried to extort Rick Pitino out of a sum of money - and, when she did not receive the amount of money she wanted - went to the press with stories of Pitino's infidelity, a tawdry tryst on the floor of a Louisville restaurant and a possible payout for an abortion.

If you want more details, Google it.

The University of Louisville, like all other college institutions, has a code of ethics it follows: high ethic moral standards, values, accountability and responsibility. Forgot one, beat Kentucky!

Which explains why Pitino has only been asked to apologize and not fired.

He won't lose his job; he isn't a student and he makes the university millions of dollars a year.

There are parents, right now, signing their son up to play for this piece of garbage. And so goes college sports!

I was reading the Southbend Tribune online over the weekend.

The editor wrote to readers informing them that they would be seeing changes in the Tribune - news squeezed, more succinct writing, and a little tighter editing.

As many newspapers have experienced, with change comes a disgruntled public.

Some of the responses to the editor's note included: "I stopped getting the Tribune because it wasn't being put in the box."

"I would be a lot sadder if the Tribune wasn't already the worst paper on the planet."

And so went the responses.

What I find interesting, from all of these negative comments about the newspaper, is that the authors are all, obviously, still reading the paper they decry - otherwise how would they know about any changes?

To obtain a man's opinion of you, make him mad.
- Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809 - 1894)



Sound Off! The Ledger's "Almost" anything goes column!

I won't be voting for the same person-political people that phone 10-15 times a day!

Thank god it's August. I can't wait till summer is over. Way too many dogs that bark all night and half the day. Isn't there a law against this?

Regarding the article about the concert in last week's paper - Who in the world was President Jimmie Reagan? I guess I never heard of him.

last week's poll result: Sound Off

If it were up to you, which one of the following would be outlawed?

Fanny packs	0%
Mullets	36%
Spandex	35%
Mandels (sandals with socks)	29%
Uni-brows	0%

the ledger **OFFICE HOURS**
 P.O. Box 128 Monday - Thursday:
 Lowell, MI 49331 8 am - 5 pm
 897-9261 Friday: 8 am - 2 pm
 Closed Sat. & Sun.

FOR SALE BY OWNER
 10521 VERGENNES, LOWELL, MI
 \$177,000 • (616) 987-9518
 House is shown by appointment only!



This home features 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. The master bedroom has built-in closets and a beautiful fireplace. The first floor has all original hardwood floors and the living room has a newer wood burning insert and the dining room has a built-in China cabinet.

The outside of the house sits on 3 gorgeous acres and has 2 new decks and a hot tub that seats 6 people. The lawn has been professionally landscaped with roses and many beautiful perennial flowers.

Attached to the breezeway is a wonderful one bedroom, one bathroom apartment that sits over the heated 2-car garage. This apartment in the past has been used as an in-law apartment, and also as a rental unit that brought in extra income, had a new energy efficient furnace put in just 2 years ago. Call for an appointment to see this beautiful home.

A lobsterman finds a rare yellow lobster, a 1 in 30 million chance, while fishing off Narragansett Bay, RI.

Starting in 2012 bullfighting will be banned in northeastern Spain.

CAMP KID SCOOP
 Smart Fun in the Summertime! www.kidscoop.com

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE
 For puzzle answers, games, opinion polls and much more go to: www.thelowellledger.com AND CLICK ON KIDS SCOOP BUTTON

FLIP THE SWITCH!

Summer is here and as temperatures rise, so can energy bills. Is there anything that can be done?

Plenty! Kid Scoop sheds light on ways you can save energy, protect our planet's resources and stay cool this summer.

Three GREAT Energy Saving IDEAS!

1. Turn off the TV, radio, CD player, computer and any electric gadget that you are not using.
2. Turn out lights when you leave a room.
3. Recycle! It takes a lot of energy to make newspapers, cans, plastic bottles and other things. Recycling these items uses less energy than it takes to make them from raw material.

Standards Link: Social Science: students recognize individual civic responsibility to protect the resources in our environment.

Chill Out with the Bucket Brigade

Grab a few friends, take off your shoes and socks, and cool off with a game of Bucket Brigade!

- You need:
- two buckets
 - a paper or plastic cup for each player
1. Start by forming two teams.
 2. Have each team line up.
 3. Place a bucket filled with water at one end of each line. Place an empty bucket at the other end of each line.
 4. Pass water from the full bucket to the empty bucket by passing water down the line from cup to cup.
 5. When all the water has been moved from one bucket to the other, the team with the most water in its bucket wins. (Although, if it is really hot, the wettest team may feel it is really the winner!)

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: follow multiple step directions.

START

TEAM "A"

TEAM "B"

TEAM "A" TOTAL

TEAM "B" TOTAL

Standards Link: Mathematics: Reading Comprehension

COOL! Washable Tattoos!

Get into your bathing suit and get some tempera paints!

Using the tempera paints and your fingers, paint lines, shapes and pictures on your body.

After covering as much of your body as you can, get out the hose, sprinkler and sponges and wash your canvas clean.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: follow multiple step directions.

Tattoo Twosome

Can you find five or more differences between these two painted people?

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: finding similarities and differences in common objects.

Kid Scoop Together: Kids Saving Energy!

Here are some tips from the U.S. Department of Energy. Color them, cut them out and display them on your refrigerator so everyone in the family keeps them in mind.

TURN IT OFF

When you're done with a light, TV, video game, stereo, computer, or anything electrical, turn it off to save energy.

KEEP IT CLOSED

Close doors to your home, refrigerator and oven. Then the air conditioner won't have to work so hard to cool your house and the appliances will use less energy to do their jobs.

CHANGE A BULB

If every household replaced just one traditional light bulb with an ENERGY STAR qualified bulb, we would save enough energy to light more than 23 million homes for one year.

Standards Link: Earth Science: Understand the environmental aspects of energy sources.

Kid Scoop Joku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word SWITCH in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

S		H	W
W	T		
I			H
C			
H		W	

Standards Link: Writing: students create poems or prose addressing a topic with supporting details.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The refrigerator is one of the biggest electricity-guzzling appliances in your home. Use the code to thaw the facts.

Americans ◆◆◆▲▲▲ their refrigerator an average of 24 times a day. ◆◆◆▲ energy by making fewer ◆◆◆▲ to the fridge and by keeping the door ◆◆◆▲ for only a few seconds.

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Problem-solve using a variety of strategies.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

FRIGID BUCKET SPRINKLER HOSE PAINTS ENERGY WATER BATHING TEAMS CHILL GAME POWER SUIT CLEAN SURGE

F R S R E W O P Y B
 L E E M P I P G U D
 T L G H A E R C S I
 W K R S I E K H I G
 T N U R N E T H E I
 C I S E T S H L M R
 T R T T S O O L A F
 S P B A T H I N G A
 A S V W N A E L C E

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **BRIGADE**

The noun brigade means a group of people gathered for a particular purpose.

A large brigade of kids lined up to help weed Mrs. Scott's garden.

Try to use the word brigade in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Power Surge

Look through the newspaper for things that need electricity. For each example, make a list of ways people could accomplish the same work without using electricity.

Standards Link: Physical Science: electrical energy can be converted to heat, light and motion.

What's the difference between lightning and electricity?

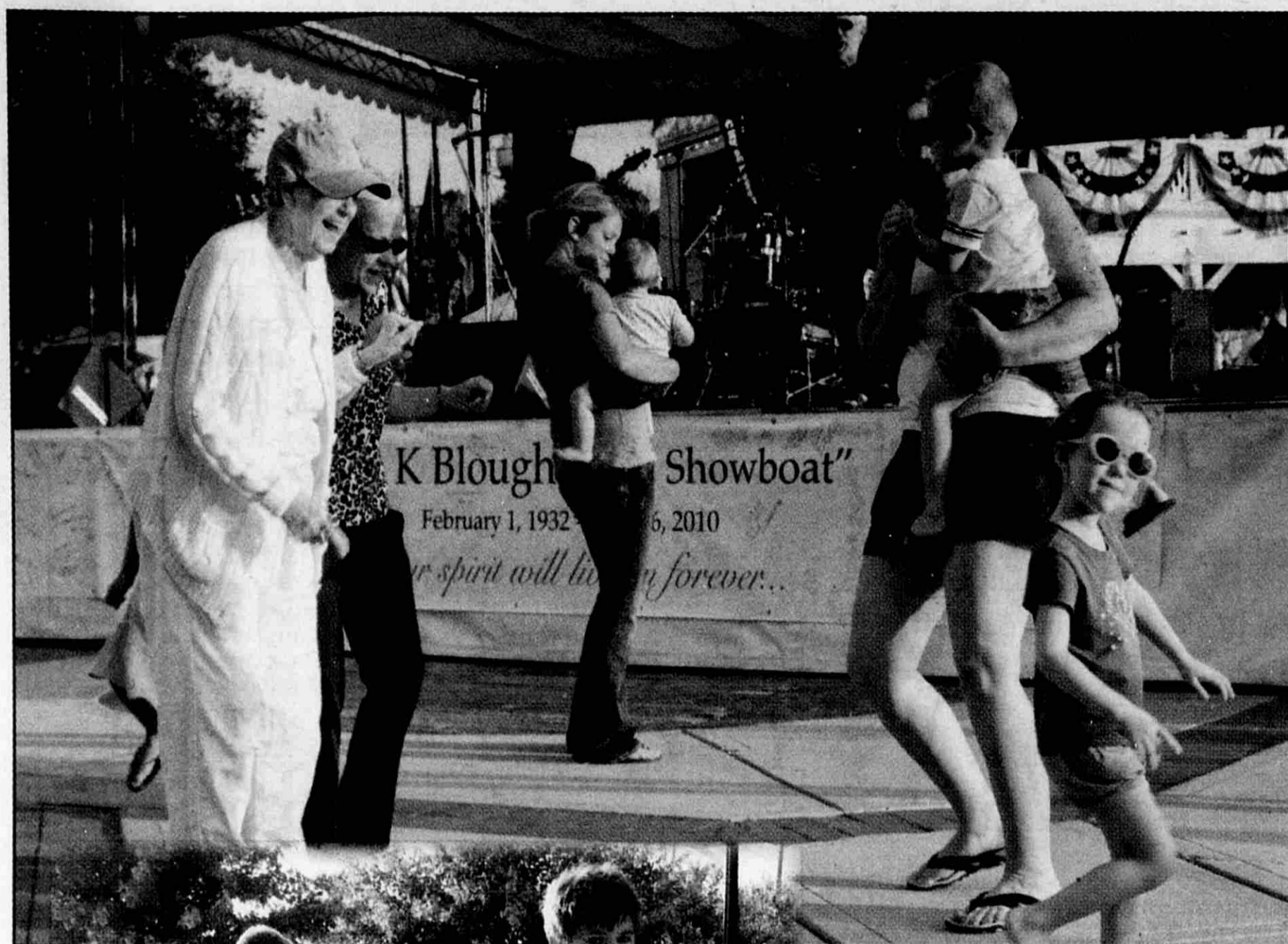
ANSWER: YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR ELECTRICITY.

Write On! Energy Saving Tips

What tips do you have for kids on how to save energy? Turn your ideas into little posters you can display at school.

We assume no financial responsibility for typos in ads taken over the phone or for emailed or faxed ads not received. All care & diligence are used to prevent omission or error in any ad or any part of an ad. If your ad is phoned in, please make sure it is repeated back to you.

Sizzlin' concert series continues well into the season



With half of the summer gone, the concerts are picking up in attendance and intensity. Last week, the Jimmie Stagger Band performed on the Riverwalk stage to a great audience.

Stagger showed off his guitar playing skills and a big rich voice. Stagger is being compared to a compelling storyteller who makes you feel his pain and share his joy.

The next concert is the Eyde Evans Hyde & MacNaughton trio on Aug. 5. The band has been performing jazz, blues and pop music for over 20 years in West Michigan,

Los Angeles and Asia. MacNaughton Boulevard musicians: Charles Hoats (bass), Mike Hyde (guitar), Mike VanLente (drums) and Roger MacNaughton (piano), join Eyde regularly for public and private performances.



Perennial favorite Jimmie Stagger plays for a dancing crowd at the Riverwalk.



Join us for our 11th Birthday PARTY!

CELEBRATE WITH US!
11 years of Christian compassion and community connections

Thursday, August 5, 4:30-6:30pm

- Picnic dinner
- Raffle and auction for the adults
- Cart rides by Auster, an American Miniature Horse
- Entertainment by local musician Martin Zyla

For more information, call 616.954.2366



EMERALD MEADOWS
Assisted Living

6117 Charlevoix Woods Court S.E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
www.providenceliveservices.com

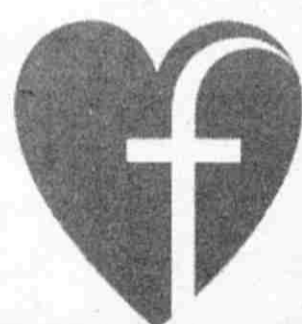
SPONSORED BY CAREONE HOME HEALTH SERVICES and THE LAW OFFICES OF SHAWN WEERA



Providing the services that our community needs on the basis of care, not profit.



PROVIDENT LIFE SERVICES HAS A LIMITED NUMBER OF PROFIT-LESS POSITIONS.

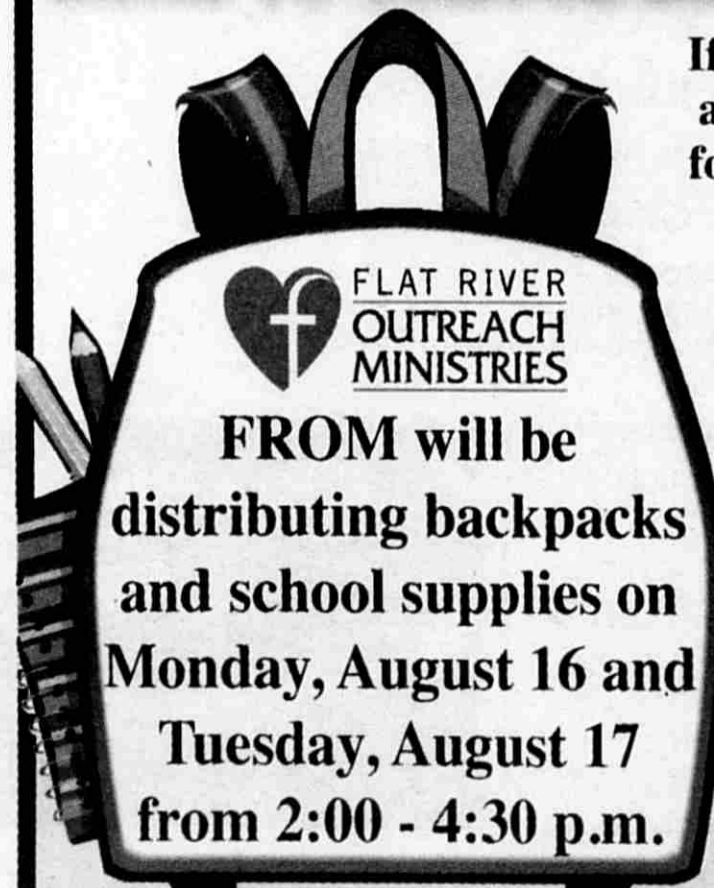


FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES



11535 Fulton Street E • Lowell • 897-8260 • www.fromlowell.org

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM



If you are interested in receiving a backpack and school supplies for your Lowell area elementary and middle school student, YOU MUST FILL OUT A REGISTRATION FORM IN THE FOOD PANTRY OR THRIFT SHOP (during regular open hours).

THE SUPPLY OF BACKPACKS IS LIMITED; Therefore, there is no guarantee that all who register will receive backpacks.

We also have a limited number of school supplies for high school students.

If you would like to make a monetary donation towards the cost of this program, it would be most welcome.