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Kent County Youth Fair 2010 off to a great start



by Emma Palova

This year's fair, carrying a 'green' theme, got off to a great start with opening ceremonies Sunday, followed by a busy Heroes' Day on Monday. In the evening, people flocked to the fairgrounds in search of entertainment, and there was plenty of it.

Cascade Creative Kids took to the Free Entertainment stage to show off their sewing and model skills Monday night. They modeled everything from warm fleece overalls

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City to bid trash pick-up, may drop recycling subsidy

by Emma Palova

After much ado, the city council representatives will re-bid trash pick-up contract with the same specifications as before. Based on the prices, the city will decide whether to drop recycling subsidy.

That was the subject at hand at the recycling work shop meeting at the city hall Monday night.

Currently, the contract includes not only garbage

disposal, but also yard waste and recycling.

The city has a contract

with Allied Waste that expires November 30, but has a one year extension

option. Under the current contract, the city subsidizes recycling for the annual cost of \$27,758.

The city has a bag system for trash and yard waste, and charges \$1.50 per bag for trash, and \$2 for yard waste.

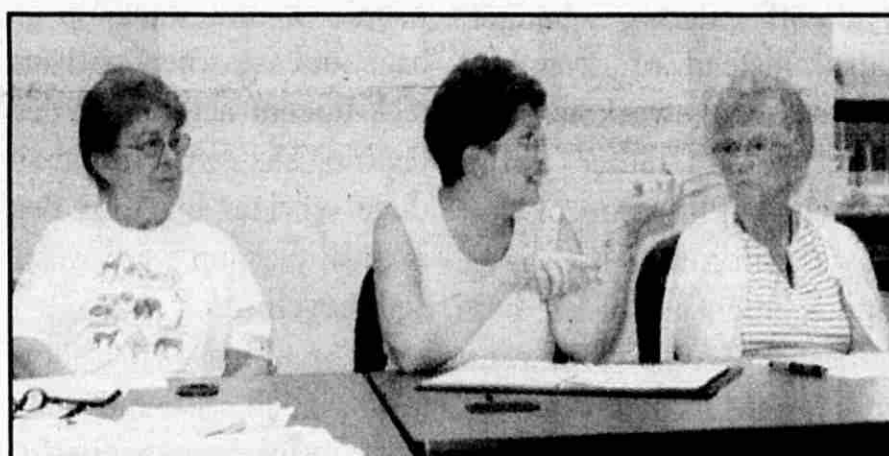
In order to encourage recycling, the city has been subsidizing it. The city has 533 recycling bins. The contract with Allied Waste

charges the city \$4.34 for recycling.

"We're at crossroads with garbage pick-up, recycling and yard waste," said city manager Dave Pasquale. "Two of them are in the black."

A survey recently conducted showed that 271 households recycle, while 119 do not, and 45

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Marge Harding, Barb Barber and Jane Blough at a recycling work shop.

Lowell Korean War Veteran at last receives Purple Heart

Earlier this summer, Lowell resident John Erickson was recognized by a proclamation from the president of South Korea for his service during the Korean War.

Erickson was wounded as were two of his fellow servicemen. After carrying one man back to the American lines, he returned for the other and was himself wounded a second time. At that point the enemy overran his position and he became a prisoner of war (POW).

Last weekend, Erickson was invited to raise the flag to kick off the 2010 4-H Kent County Youth Fair. A surprise was waiting for him. Despite being wounded twice, he had never received a Purple Heart. Through the combined efforts of

office and others aware of his story, a Purple Heart was at last issued to him. It arrived in time to be presented to him before a crowd of 200 who had gathered for the flag raising ceremony at the fair.

Herm Westrate, Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Flat River Post 8303, presented the encased medal and accompanying ribbon.

Erickson was very surprised as his wife, Lucille, proudly stood by. His wife commented that keeping it a secret was the hardest thing she has ever done because, "We don't keep secrets from each other!"

A cake with a large purple heart in the center was shared by everyone in attendance.



John Erickson stands with his wife Lucille and displays his Purple Heart medal. Photo submitted by Dave Thompson

Sizzlin' Summer concerts mellow out with blues



Eyde Evans Hyde performed last week on the Riverwalk during the Sizzlin' Summer concert series at its peak. Hyde's voice was soft and soothing, gently caressing the audience that had spread out on the lawn, under the trees and on the bleachers in front of the Englehardt Library.

Hyde has been performing jazz, blues and pop music for more than 20 years. Apart from performing with world-renowned singers such as Linda Hopkins and Michael Bolton, Hyde has appeared with The Grand Rapids Symphony and The West Shore Symphony.

Hyde took to the stage with MacNaughton Boulevard musicians, Charles Hoats on bass, Mike Hyde on guitar, Mike VanLente on drums and Roger MacNaughton on piano.

As the series enters its final stretch to the Aug. 26 finale, this week's Thursday night concert will be held at the fairgrounds. Two bluegrass bands will play in the stage tent. Presented by the West Michigan Bluegrass Association, they are: Patchwork Band at 6:30 p.m. and Black Canyon Band at 7:30 p.m.

Recycling, continued

households recycle with other than Allied Waste. But, a vast majority of 293 households responded they would not recycle if they had to pay \$5.

"We're trying to get some feedback," said Pasquale.

However, some people have not returned their recycling bins, even if they have moved. So, the city is stuck with paying for outstanding bins for people, who do not recycle.

"We're trying to track them down," said city clerk Betty Morlock.

Mayor pro-tem Sharon Ellison suggested the city should bill \$5 for each bin. And if a person doesn't

recycle, but gets a bill, they are sure to respond, according to Ellison.

"We're trying to wither this down," said council woman Maryalene LaPonsie, "to reduce the number of bins we're paying for."

But, Ellison said that everybody is subsidizing recycling.

The number of recycling bins totaling 533 seemed high to all the city officials.

The cost to the city per bin is between \$5 and \$7, that is why the deposit has been raised.

The other issue raising its ugly head is the question of having 96-gallon carts rather than bags in a city inhabited by many senior

citizens, where even one bag of trash per week seems excessive. Most haulers have gone to large carts, rather than bags, and offer every other week recycling.

Resident Barb Barber questioned whether the city has to get rid of recycling.

But, LaPonsie responded there was a trade-off during budget talks. Instead of dropping six seasonal workers, the city would rather drop recycling. Plus, one of the city's priorities is street improvement, and it has allocated \$100,000 or one mill toward local streets.

"Should we be in the garbage pick-up business," said Department of Public Works director, Dan DesJarden.

Council member Jeff Altoft said the city is not replacing the leaving staff, but has the same amount of work.

"We went too many years without fixing our streets," said Altoft.

Some council members leaned toward dropping the trash business entirely, not just the recycling subsidy.

However, Andy Schrauben said he has a problem with reducing services for the taxpayers.

But, the city is running out of time due to contract expiration with Allied Waste on Nov. 30.

"It's time to go out for bids," said Altoft.

Morlock suggested people do not stock up on bags, in case a new garbage pick-up contractor is awarded the bid. The city will bid all three services together, that is trash pick-up, yard waste and recycling.

The bids will show how much is the city oversubsidizing recycling.

"The city should have some subsidy to encourage recycling," said Barber.

Ellison admitted that recycling is a hassle, but the bids will show the cost.

Resident Dave Harding said he would not recycle if he was to pay \$5 under a proposal that would shift the cost of recycling onto the customer, rather than the city.

"We're trying to help you," said LaPonsie. "This

is more about the message than the cost."

The question remained how will the cost of trash pick-up, recycling and yard waste get distributed among the involved parties.

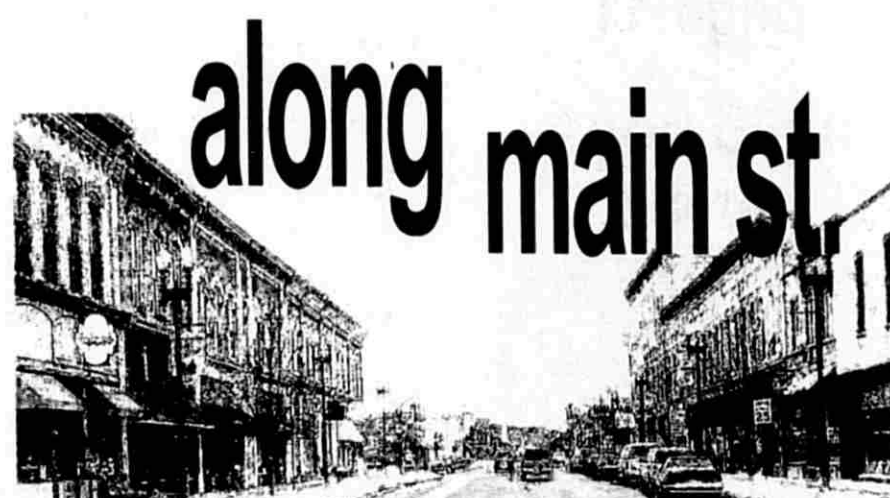
"People are telling us taxes are going up," Schrauben said, "it wasn't even a question in the survey."

Pasquale said the city

should bid out the same way as before.

"Once we see the prices, we will decide whether to subsidize recycling," he said.

Some discussion was devoted to yard waste composting, but due to harsh economic times, the city officials determined that it would not be feasible now.



JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER'S FARM STAND

Come get some delicious, "kid-grown" produce at the Kent County Youth Fair on Thurs., Aug. 12, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The Lowell Area Junior Master Gardeners will have a variety of fresh vegetables, flowers and herbs available for sale and all proceeds go to support the Lowell Area Junior Master Gardener program.

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City saves North Washington Street pump house

by Emma Palova

Tucked away from the hustle and bustle of Main Street, the North Washington Street pump house peacefully sleeps amid ferns and trees.

The yellow brick building dating back to the 1920s evokes moods of serenity and solitude. It is an integral part of the North Washington city-owned preserved property that sits on 20 acres, just a few feet away from the North Country Trails. The city purchased the land in 1917.

"It's a valued asset," said Gary Dietzel. "There's a park surrounding it."

Although the pump house was slated for demolition, the city council last week recognized its historical value and moved

to put \$4,000 into the repairs. The demolition would have cost \$1,900. Dietzel contributed \$2,000 toward the fix-up which will include electricity, windows, structural stabilization and roofing.

"I don't see a need to tear it down," said mayor pro-tem Sharon Ellison. "It could be used by the North Country Trail Association. It belongs to the area. We should try to save it."

The council was unanimous in preserving the integrity of the pump house with the surrounding nature area. The 20 by 26-foot pump house was in some form used by the city until 1982, most recently for storage.

"Sometimes a little bit of goodwill goes a long way," said council woman

Maryalene LaPonsie.

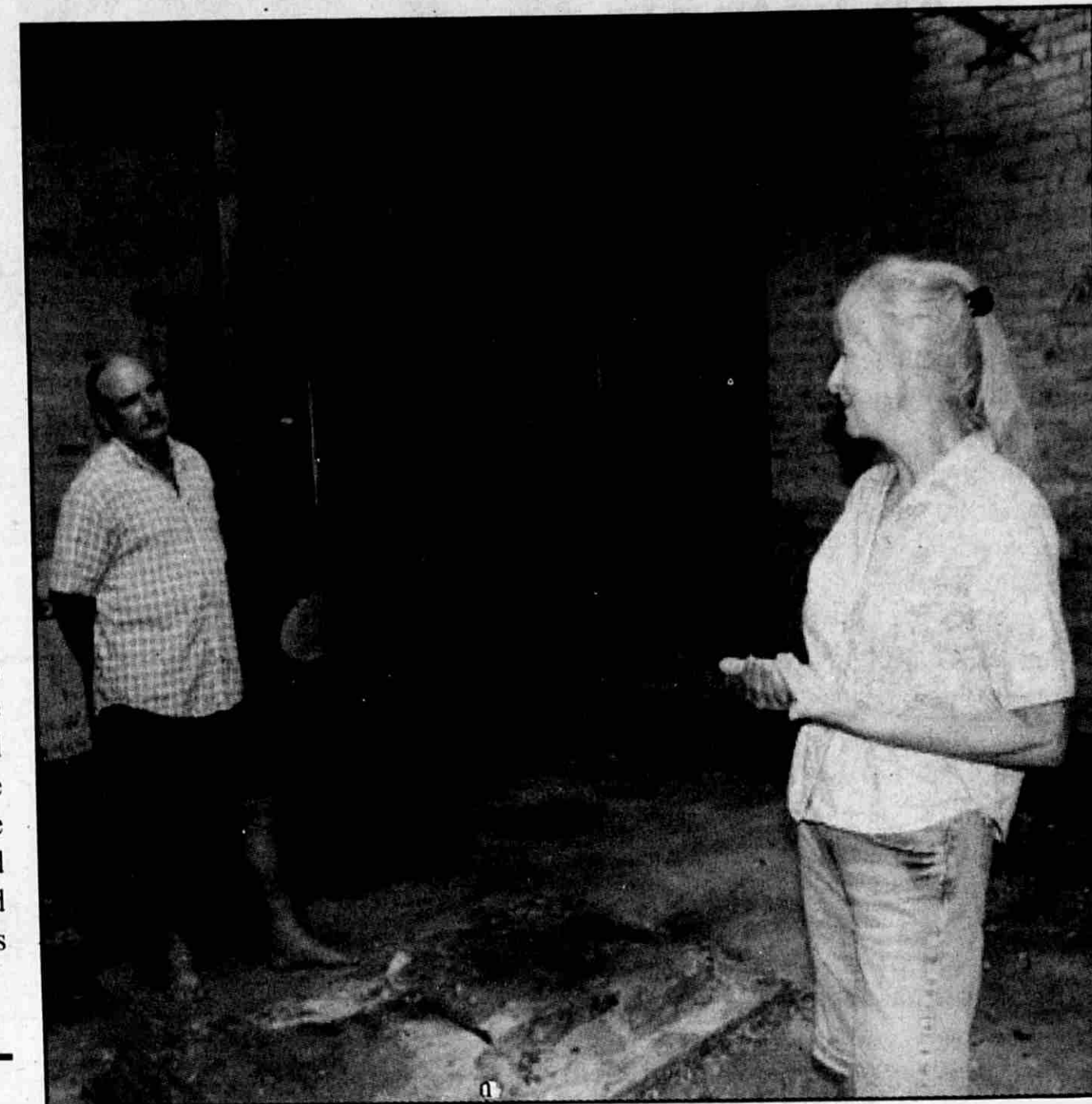
The beautiful setting of the North Washington preserved property has inspired local artist Bonnie Osborne to paint her preservation pastel series.

"We are very excited," said Sandy Bartlett, co-renter of the adjacent house.

Both Dietzel and Bartlett are firm believers that the pump house has a public value to the community.

"You will get another 30 years out of it," said Dietzel.

But, the city will go ahead and demolish the bigger building behind the pump house and the concrete slabs left after the pole barn structure used by the Lowell Light and Power. The estimated cost is \$5,050.



Gary Dietzel and Sandy Bartlett believe in the historical value of the adjacent pump house.

Volunteers inspired by outpouring on Pink Arrow Pride Day

by Thad Kraus

As kickoff got it was a high, deep kick with little chance of a return.

Who we kidding, the committee volunteer organizers of Pink Arrow Pride Day kicked it out of the end zone.

The mission of serving the community and inspiring others to serve theirs was played out in grand style on Tuesday, Aug. 3.

"It was something way beyond our expectations. As a committee we continue to marvel at the community support," committee volunteer Teresa Beachum said.

Over 1,300 shirts were sold and 75 pints of blood were collected for the Michigan Blood Bank.

"We want to thank the community of Lowell for attending the Pink Arrow Pride kickoff event," said committee volunteer Mary Jane Berklich. "It was a huge success."

Prior to the event two families said they would

make a \$1 match for each t-shirt sold.

By the time the event happened, other donations had elevated the dollar match for each shirt sold to \$7 according to Beachum.

Lowell is partnering with Kenowa Hills varsity football and boys' soccer who are playing for "We Do Care." The Knights will be wearing purple shield shirts and game-day attendees will be wearing purple t-shirts.

Those unable to purchase shirts on Pink Arrow Pride Day may do so at Pep Talk.

Friends and family affected by cancer can be

honored by placing their names on the back of shirts.

In addition to the Friday night football game on Sept. 10, people are encouraged to register for the new Pink Arrow Pride Quiver 5K Walk, Run and Kids Fun Run on Saturday, Sept. 11 at Lowell High School.

The run and walk begin at 7:30 a.m. Registration is \$15 with participants receiving a cinch bag and post race refreshments.

The Forest Hills Foods Kid's Fun Run starts at 8:45 a.m. and will take place at Red Arrow Stadium.

All proceeds benefit the Pink Arrow Pride event.

You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others - something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it.
- Albert Schweitzer (1875 - 1965)

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ask kathryn



Kathryn Denhouter Ph.D.

This article is about how to cope with life. Coping means to be successful in managing life stressors. This is something we all try to attain. When we miss the mark, it is because we have become defensive or we have fragmented. A.J. Clark in his book entitled: *Defense Mechanisms in the Counseling Process* illustrates the differences in coping behaviors, defending behaviors and fragmenting behaviors. An example of the differences in coping, defending and fragmenting are outlined in the following paragraphs:

We cope when we express feelings with control. We are defending when we inhibit

and repress our feelings. We fragment when we flood with feelings and become unstable.

We cope when we discuss events with others. We are defensive when we keep thoughts to ourself and we fragment when we are mistrustful of others.

When we cope we have realistic perceptions, when we are defending we have unreasonable perceptions and when we are fragmenting we have distorted perceptions.

We cope when we try to overcome problems, when we are defending when we avoid problems, and we fragment when we run away from problems.

When we cope we have purposeful behaviors, when we are defending we have rigid behaviors and when we are fragmenting we have ritualistic behaviors.

We are coping when we have a high tolerance of frustration, we are defending when we have an intolerance of frustration and we are fragmenting when we lose emotional control.

When we cope we have good problem solving ability, when we defend we just do the minimum and when we fragment we do not see a solution.

We are coping when we are oriented to the present needs, we are defending when we are oriented to the past needs and we are fragmenting when we are confused about time.

When we cope we are flexible, when we are defending when we are rigid, and when we fragment we are disorganized.

We are coping when we are confident and hopeful, we are defending when we lack confidence and are pessimistic and we are fragmenting when we have a negativistic view and outlook.

When we cope we are seeking information and explanations, when we defend we withdraw and avoid informing ourselves and we fragment when we ignore information.

We are coping when we accept the consequences for our behavior, we are defending when we deny the consequences and we are fragmenting when we do not even consider the consequences.

Our lives are less stressful in the final analysis when we learn how to cope. We all miss the mark many times, but we do want to get to a healthy functioning through conscious, aware living. We all have the capacity to cope better than we do. Sometimes it takes a professional to get us there, and sometimes we learn through the "school of hard knocks."

If you have any general questions or have questions specific to this article please feel free to email me at kathryndenhouter@gmail.com

health



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

Cytomegalovirus

Cytomegalovirus (CMV) is common cause of infection and illness worldwide. CMV infection can be congenital (present at birth) or passed from an infected pregnant woman to her baby. Possible effects of congenital CMV infection include deafness, mental disability, cerebral palsy, visual impairment, seizure disorder, neonatal jaundice, hepatitis, and low platelet count, and microcephaly (small head size).

In adults and older children, CMV infections

may be present without symptoms. Sometimes, a flu-like illness may occur, including fever, fatigue, or a rash. Individuals who are immunocompromised (have a weakened immune system) may become seriously ill if they are exposed to CMV. A type of severe eye infection, CNV retinitis, can cause blindness. CMV can also be responsible for pneumonia in persons with weak immune systems.

Good hygiene is the most important way to stop the spread of CMV, just like with all viral illnesses. Careful and frequent hand washing is the key step to keeping yourself free of CMV, especially after diaper changes and contact with body fluids. CMV can be passed through blood, saliva, mucus, and urine. It can also be spread through sexual contact. Antiviral medications are routinely used to treat immunocompromised adults with CMV infection. They may also be prescribed to newborns who show signs of CMV infection at birth. Because these medications can have serious side effects, their use is limited to those with confirmed infection and severe disease.

viewpoint

to the editor

Dear Editor,

It wasn't that long ago that the city council proposed having just a single waste hauler for the city of Lowell. But the community rallied and spoke out in force for the rights of the individual to pick their own trash hauler.

Now it seems that the city council wants to license and regulate trash haulers. There didn't seem to be any major problems in the past so why now? There's an old saying - If it isn't broke don't fix it.

I suggest to the city council that there is plenty of things to fix that are broken, like the way the city council does business. The council has been reluctant to bring major proposed projects to the forefront for debate, like the improvement of Lowell's airport to general utility status and capital improvements to the airport

which are in the 2010-2015 City of Lowell's Capital Improvements Program. How about the proposed resurrection of the now defunct amphitheater or the securing of the west bank of the Flat River?

Those major projected projects come from groups like the DDA or the Lowell airport board. I don't believe Lowell's constituents have given their blessings and without the consent of the constituent these projects shouldn't even have gotten to the drawing board in the first place. It's the constituent that should be making the decisions and to do that they should be properly informed by its servant, the city council.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard
Lowell

outdoors

broken tail

Dave Stegehuis

Five years ago, I wrote about a largemouth bass that resided under a dock in a secluded Upper Peninsula lake. A few missing rays on its tail made it easy to recognize the big bass. Youngsters in camp referred to the fish as Broken Tail, or B.T. for short.

Kids were permitted to fish for Broken Tail and experienced a fair amount of success. One day I recall the aggressive bass being caught and released four times. Each time B.T. was hooked, he would jump and tug like mad to escape. A group of adults and children would gather at the dock to yell advice and cheer on the lucky angler. The scrappy bass often won

the battle, but on occasion, when brought to net, was carefully and respectfully released to fight another day. The venerable old bass was officially retired in '06 but was now and then "accidentally" caught and released.

It had been several years since I visited the camp to enjoy the fishing, up-north ambience, and fellowship — it was good to be back. I wasn't there long when the sound of excited young voices drew attention to the waterfront. By the time I arrived, a group had gathered around a fish flopping in the basket of a long handled landing net. When the fish was gently

lifted from the net, the trademark tail was clearly visible. It was Broken Tail. It was like a chance meeting with an old friend. One doesn't usually think of a fish as having a personality, but it is hard to consider B.T. as just another fish.

The dock is taken out in the fall, so I wonder where B.T. spends the long U.P. winter when thick ice covers the lake and food becomes hard to find. Every spring for eight years, B.T. has returned to the dock within hours of setting it out. This afternoon the kids were jumping off the

dock and splashing around with water toys. After they climbed out of the water, young Sophie took a 4-inch bait minnow and held it a few inches above the water. B.T. moseyed out then swam up to pluck the prize from her fingers like a trained dolphin.

I don't know what the life span is for a bass, but I certainly hope B.T. will continue to accept night crawlers and minnows offered by young campers for many more U.P. summers. It is time for me to leave camp now, so be safe B.T. and hope to see you next year.

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

TOD agreement can reduce hassles for heirs

Among the reasons you work hard all your life may be so you can leave something to your children, grandchildren or other family members. So, naturally, you'd like to make it as easy as possible for your heirs to take possession of those assets you want them to have. And that's why you may want to consider establishing a Transfer on Death (TOD) agreement on certain accounts.

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By Shelly MacNaughton

125 Years Ago
The Lowell Journal
August 12, 1885

Ionia is sadly afflicted with typhoid fever. Dr. Malcolm and his wife are expected home from the west this week.

The hail storm did damage to crops in Keene, Grattan, Vergennes and Ada.

Mr. Lewis Bolter has bought the John Coppens house and the lot just north of Orton Hill's.

Mark Twain thinks the Grant family will realize \$500,000 from the sale of the late General's book.

100 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
August 11, 1910

Headline: Hit by Electric Car

Mrs. Dewitt Hunter was seriously injured by an interurban car at Jenison, Sunday night while waiting for a Grand Rapids car. She was just stepping from the track to the platform when a car which she supposed was the one she was to board came along. It proved to be a flyer and did not stop, but struck Mrs. Hunter, throwing her 20 feet, against a post from which she bounded back 2 ft. Her collar bone was broken, her hips hurt and her face badly bruised up.

Lower Grand River bridge is undergoing extensive repairs and all south side traffic goes via the upper bridge.

75 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo
August 8, 1935

On Thursday afternoon the entire cast of the Showboat turned out for a final rehearsal with McKinney's Cotton Pickers. This was called for two o'clock; the Cotton Pickers showed up at 5:00. The cast missed their supper but were served sandwiches and coffee at the Gumser residence where they met to be made-up.

The crowd was clear of the bleachers and the streets were jammed with cars when the fire siren screamed out its alarm and the new engine, less than a week in service, was taken through the crowded streets out into the country to the fire on the old Sweet farm.

50 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
August 11, 1960

Monday evening the Lowell Area School Board authorized Superintendent Stephen Nisbet to procure preliminary plans from architects, Campau and Crowe for an elementary school in the Alto area. Harold Metternick of the Alto School Board was in attendance at the meeting and asked what the Lowell Board's plans were for the area around Alto if those districts should join the Lowell district.

The board pointed out that any building would have to be voted by the people of the district but that the board was favorable to establishing a school with kindergarten through sixth grade in Alto.

25 Years Ago
The Grand Valley Ledger
August 14, 1985

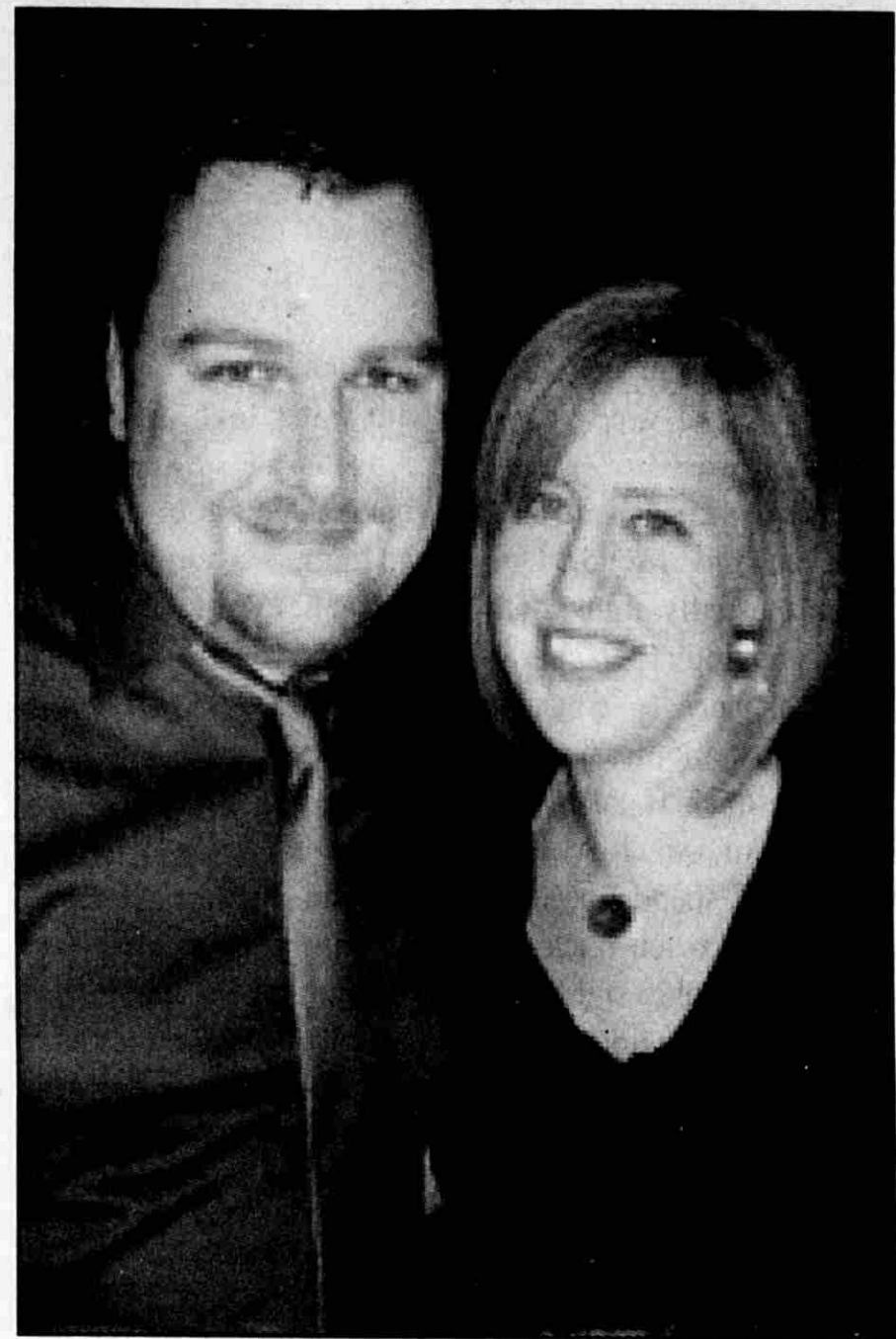
G. Ralph Townsend, a Lowell Main Street merchant for 54 years, passed away suddenly at his home last Thursday evening. He was 80.

Townsend opened shop here on April 1, 1929. He sold and serviced Goodyear Tires and Grant Batteries out of the building on the levee that now houses Modern Photographics.

Two years later, the Townsends moved their business across the street to a building that occupied the site Lambert's Variety Store is now located.

engagements

Den Houter/Corbett



Erik Corbett and Jennifer Den Houter

Jennifer V. Den Houter, the daughter of the late Leonard Den Houter and Kathryn Den Houter of Lowell, announces her engagement to Erik Corbett, the son of Keith and Adrienne Corbett of Huntington Woods. The couple both received their Doctorates of Veterinary medicine from Michigan State University. The future

Driesenga/Edwards



Matthew Edwards and Jennifer Driesenga

Jennifer Driesenga and Matthew Edwards will be united in matrimony on September 25, 2010 at Encounter Church in Belding. Parents of the couple are Harlan and Virginia Driesenga and Philip and Kathy Edwards.

weddings

Brown/Carter

The marriage of Alison Carter and Stephen Brown was celebrated at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN, on July 24, 2010. Parents of the couple are Robert and Diana Carter of Wayzata, MN and Bob and Lynn Brown of Hessel, MI (formerly of Lowell). Maid of honor was Dina Adams. Best man was Dennis Brown.



lend a hand

volunteering opportunities

tutors needed

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Thursday, August 19, 2010 for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the Center and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training. The Literacy Center of W. Michigan is a nonprofit, UnitedWay agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in our community. Based on 1990 census figures, at least 19,000 adults in Kent

County cannot read at a functional level. At least 6,000 adults cannot speak or understand English well. By training people to be tutors, the Center can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The information session will be held at the Literacy Center of West Michigan located at 1120 Monroe Ave., NW, Suite 240, Grand Rapids, MI. Please call us at 459-5151 (ext. 10) to register.

Crowley named as new Lowell High School assistant principal

by Thad Kraus

As Lowell's former girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley understands how important it is to have players who bring a skill set conducive to executing within the system. Crowley's skill set and competent background in the areas of management and curriculum made her the best qualified candidate for the assistant high school

principal position, according to Lowell superintendent Greg Pratt.

"We are fortunate that we had such a viable candidate in the system," Pratt said.

Crowley best matched the criteria the district was searching for in three areas according to high school principal Tricia Alderman-Murphy.

She has background

in student curriculum, and use of technology in the classroom; involvement in student activities (Varsity Club, Business Professionals of America and athletics); and the strength of working with parents and students.

"We are really enthusiastic about having Dee begin her administrative career at Lowell," said Alderman-Murphy.

Crowley unofficially,

officially began the transition prior to Monday night's board approval.

"I enjoyed teaching and my involvement at different levels with student activities," Crowley explained. "I am really excited about the new challenge and opportunity."

The business teacher added she will miss the day-to-day interaction with students and the deeper level relationship that it brought.



Lowell's board of education approved the appointment of Dee Crowley to the position of assistant high school principal Monday night.

Lowell Rotarians honored for their service



The Lowell Rotary Club honored two members for their many years of service to the club at their annual picnic. King Doyle has been a member for 65 years and Dave Coons for 60 years. In honor of their long standing with the club, granite pavers with their names and years of service will be placed at the newly renovated playground and skateboard park at Richards Park.

Pictured, left to right: Regan Doyle (grandson of King), King Doyle, Dave Coons, and Jeff Wilterink with the granite pavers.

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And that's why you also may want to consider creating other estate-planning tools, such as a revocable living trust. Similar to a TOD agreement, a revocable living trust allows you to leave assets to your heirs without going through probate. Furthermore, when you set up a revocable living trust, you can control your assets during your lifetime and determine how they will eventually be distributed to your heirs. You could, for example, have money distributed to your children or grandchildren in installments, over a period of years. Many people like having this ability, especially if they are unsure of the money management skills or maturity level of their heirs. Plus, a properly established revocable living trust will carry out your wishes if you become incapacitated. Be sure to consult with your legal advisor to see if a revocable living trust is appropriate for you.

While a TOD agreement can't take the place of all estate-planning tools, it can complement them. And a TOD agreement offers another feature that can prove valuable: flexibility. Specifically, you can revoke or modify your TOD agreement at any time in response to changes in your life or family circumstances.

To determine if a TOD agreement is appropriate for your needs, contact your tax advisor or legal professional. It's taken you many years to accumulate your assets, so take some time to help ensure they end up where you want them to go.

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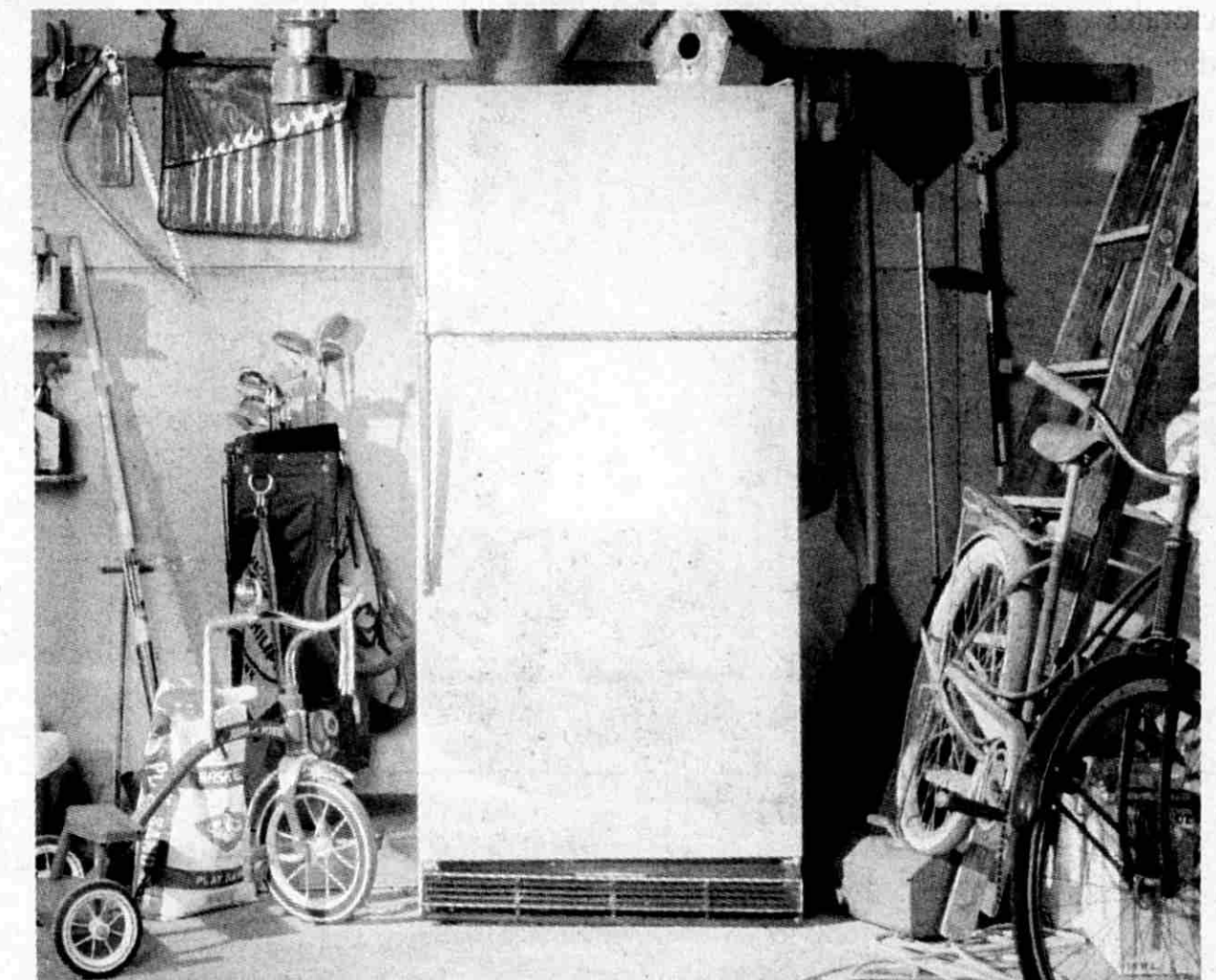
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Great start to the fair, continued

to pilgrims' clothes, and pajamas. They were followed by local talent in the Youth Talent Contest.

The swine showmanship took place right next door at the Reath Barn. Watching the juniors and seniors handle the pigs,

that seemed to have gone wild, was outright hilarious. Even the grown ups had trouble getting the pigs out of the arena, let alone into the stalls. A few lucky ones have succeeded in taming and coaxing the swine into designated stalls. But, even

that didn't last too long, as the pigs were trying to break out of captivity.

Out on the Midway and in the little park next to the vendors' stands, the smell of elephant ears, gyros and homemade soda lingered long into the night.

The rides by Elliott's Amusements featured the Himalaya rocky ride, as well as the wicked Zipper, and a lot more for kids such as the classical carousel and the Ferris wheel.

Some kids decided to

explore the 'Crazy House,' located next to the Zipper. They could be seen a lot later looking spooked. Who knows what's in there? The psychedelic colors shine into the night, inviting to step in.

So, come on and join the fair fun. Carnival rides wristband special opens at 2 p.m. until close for \$18. For more info go to www.kcfcg.org



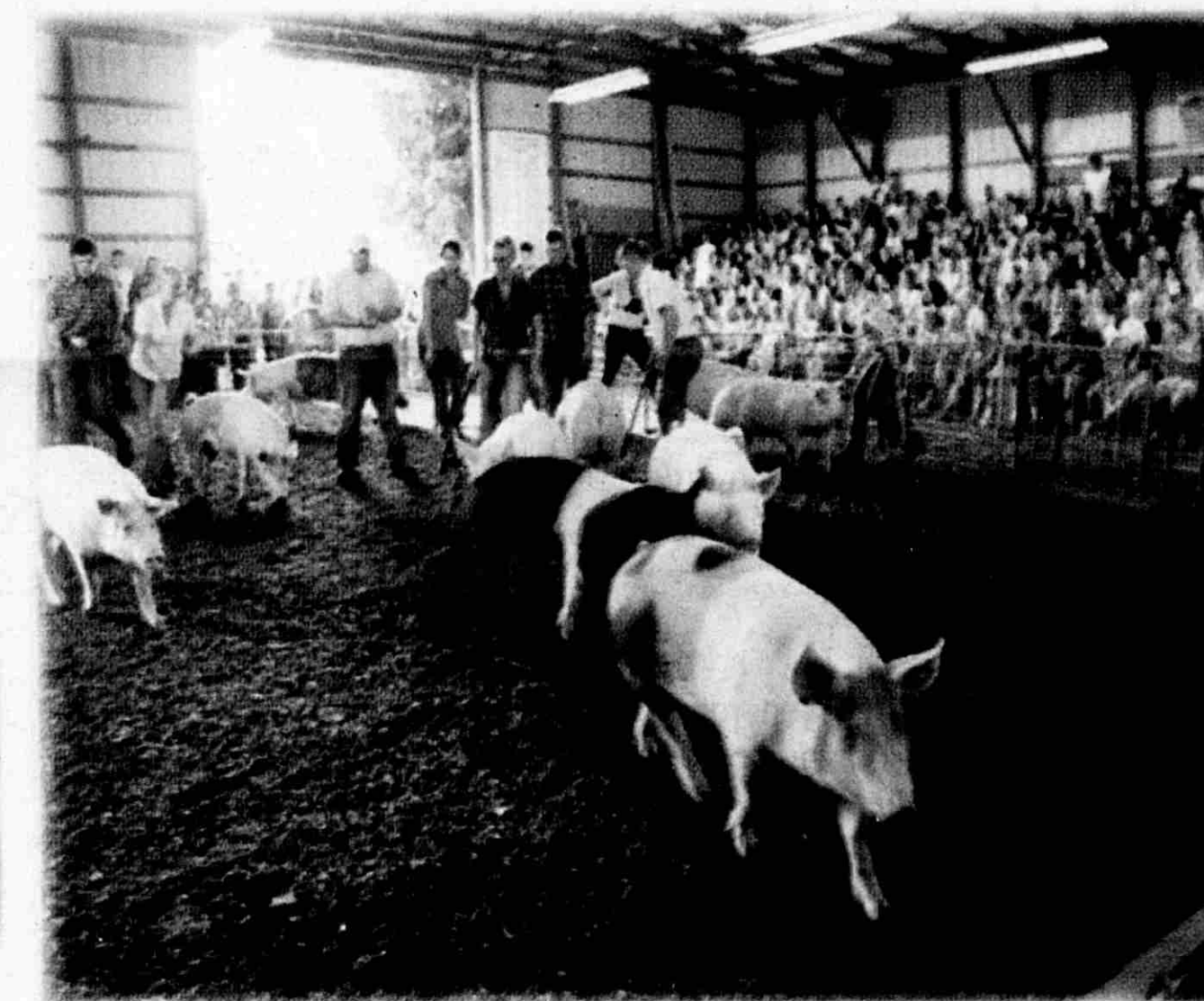
Fashion show on the entertainment stage.



The 2010 Royal Court, from left to right: Emma Roderick (queen), Tess Reagan, Jessica Miller, Brittany Perry (junior queen), and Kyleigh Newman.



The "Crazy House."



The unpredictable swine in the Reath Barn.

Pot belly pigs race to win people's laughter

by Emma Palova

Come one, come all to see Chases' Racing Swimming Pigs at the fair next to the Children's Barnyard. Screaming with glee, they run down the ramp to the track four times a day to the cheering of the young and the old.

Little Dale Earnhog Jr. takes a spin to the tunes of "Madagascar" before he enters the starting gate, as he chews on his delicious animal cookie. He is accompanied by Britney Spareris and Wet Willy and Belly Flop. The names keep changing according to races.

Ed and Pam Chase of Lake City, FL have taken their adorable pot belly pigs on a tour across the Midwest and the East Coast. They

scheduled Lowell for the first time, and they love it, and the audience loves them back.

"I get everybody," Pam said. "The pigs love it, they scream."

Before each race, Pam picks her pig rooters. And then the rooters scream and shout, as the pigs enter the track. Pam hits the bell and they are off running in a custom made fenced-in track made from aluminum by husband Ed.

Whoever wins, gets a ribbon and a checkered racing flag, or a pooping pig chain. The pigs run two flat races and two swimming races. They are not afraid to run up the ramp and jump into the swimming trough and then run back down to the track. Earnhog Jr. just

shakes off the water and keeps running to the finish.

The pigs are easy to train, according to Ed. It only takes two weeks to train these racers with animal cookies to be track-ready. Right now, they're two years old. But, they will live up to 25 to 30 years.

"They'll be with us for a long time," said Pam.

Unlike their domesticated counterparts living in pens, and feeding on corn, these pot belly charmers are not allowed to get fat. They feed on little pellets from Tractor Supply.

"I love the kids," said Pam. "Kids have so much on their plates, nowadays. They get to learn about the pigs, and they get to laugh. We meet so many diverse people. We love Ron."

Ron Wenger is the fair manager, who arranged for the great comeback of the popular pig racing.

Ed said he likes to travel with the pigs around the country for different events.

The pig races take place daily at 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and at 9 p.m.



Chases' Racing Swimming Pigs are a hit at the fair.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Add language to previously preserved Article 13A to provide for a new zoning district named PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) DISTRICT; a summary of the proposed Article 13A follows:

The purpose of Planned Unit Development ("PUD") regulations is to encourage and allow more creative and innovative design of land development and use than is possible under conventional zoning district regulations. Planned Unit Developments are intended to allow substantial flexibility in planning and in designing development proposals. Ideally, this flexibility results in a development that contains more amenities through preservation of open space, rural views, and other natural and cultural resources. The result is ultimately a development that is more desirable than one produced in accordance with conventional zoning ordinance and subdivision controls.

Through proper planning and design, each Planned Unit Development should achieve the following objectives: to allow a mix of uses, structures, facilities, housing types and open space that are compatible with existing and planned uses on nearby properties; to encourage land development that, to the greatest extent possible, preserves natural vegetation, respects natural topographic conditions, and preserves natural resources such as wetlands, forests, flood plains, natural drainage patterns, agricultural lands, wildlife habitat and other natural site features; to provide for the regulation of lawful and reasonable land uses not otherwise authorized within this Ordinance; to provide for single or mixed use developments which respect the goals and objectives of this Ordinance and the Bowne Township Master Plan; to encourage the provision of open space and the development of recreational and other support facilities in generally central locations or within a reasonable distance of all dwellings.

A Planned Unit Development zoning district may be approved by the Township Board in any location within Bowne Township except within those areas recommended for Agricultural Preservation in the Bowne Township Master Plan.

Minimum PUD Area Size. In order to be eligible for a PUD, the area proposed for rezoning to PUD shall consist of a minimum of two (2) contiguous acres.

The lot area, lot width, building height, setback, and other dimensional and yard requirements, general provisions, landscaping, signs, lighting and parking regulations and other development standards which would otherwise be applicable to the type of land use being requested for the PUD shall be determined by the Township Board following a recommendation from the Planning Commission in order to achieve the objectives of this Article, and according to specific criteria listed in the ordinance.

Private roads are allowed in a Planned Unit Development subject to the requirements of Section 3.24 of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance.

An area which is requested for rezoning to PUD shall only be developed in accordance with the density recommended by the Township Master Plan or the Average Density as determined by the minimum lot size required by the current zoning district for the area. The Planning Commission shall have the discretion to recommend to the Township Board density based upon either the Master Plan category or the existing zoning district for the area.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPT. 2, 2010
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL
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The proposed amendment is available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk
Bowne Township

Red Arrow SPORTS

O'Keefe Lowell's new boys soccer coach

by Thad Kraus

Rich O'Keefe, with high school coaching layovers in California, Utah and nine years with West Michigan's Premiere Soccer League, has been named the new Lowell boys' soccer coach.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to coach at this level," O'Keefe said. "Nothing can replace the excitement that a high school atmosphere can provide."

O'Keefe has coached 11- to 18-year olds in the Premiere Soccer League. He most recently coached in the junior crew soccer club in Grand Rapids.

The Premiere League brings together the best of the best soccer players in West Michigan.

Over the last 15 years O'Keefe has coached competitive teams who have competed at the state,

regional and national levels.

"In Lowell, I have an opportunity to take a good soccer program to the next level," O'Keefe explained.

The new Lowell coach has been involved with soccer for 40 years and had a son and daughter play soccer at Forest Hills Central.

"I still play some," O'Keefe said. "Just not as well as I use to."

business matters

Suzie Reinbold with Keller Williams Realty has earned the nationally recognized Short Sales and Foreclosure Resource (SFR) certification. The National Association of Realtors® (NAR) offers the SFR certification to Realtors® who want to help both buyers and sellers navigate these complicated transactions, as demand for professional expertise with distressed sales grows.

According to a recent NAR survey, nearly one-third of all existing homes sold recently were either short sales or foreclosures. For many real estate professionals, short sales and foreclosures are the new "traditional" transaction. Realtors® who have earned the SFR certification know how to help sellers maneuver the complexities of short sales as well as help buyers pursue short sale and

foreclosure opportunities. "As leading advocates for homeownership, Realtors® believe that any family that loses its home to foreclosure is one family too many, but unfortunately, there are situations in which people just cannot afford



Suzie Reinbold

to keep their homes, and a foreclosure or a short sale results," said 2009 NAR President Charles

McMillan, a broker with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Dallas-Fort Worth.

"Foreclosures and short sales can offer opportunities for home buyers and benefit the larger community, as well, but it's extremely important to have the help of a real estate professional like a Realtor® who has earned the SFR certification for these kinds of purchases."

The certification program includes training on how to qualify sellers for short sales, negotiate with lenders, protect buyers, and limit risk, and provides resources to help Realtors® stay current on national and state-specific information as the market for these distressed properties evolves. To earn the SFR certification, Realtors® are required to take one core course and three Webinars.

college news

Calvin College has announced its spring 2010 graduates. The following local students participated in the spring commencement ceremony at the end of May.

From the Ada area: Alissa M. Goudswaard, English major, parents are Arie and Grace Goudswaard; Cameron L. Kinney, art major, parents are Dr. Craig and Debbie Kenney; Alyssa M. Ludema, business major, parents are Gary and Vicky Ludema; Amy L. Mundviler, biology major, parents are Brent and Lori Mundviler; Carla L. Nelson, physical education and Spanish major, parents are Thomas and Roberta Nelson; David M. Sandberg, biochemistry major, parents are Don and Jeannette Sandberg; Elyse B. Schuen, elementary education major, three minors, parents are Dr. John and Lynda Schuen; Elisabeth A. Wilbur, business major, parents are Bob and Denise Wilbur.

From the Alto area: Jonathon M. Klanderma, social science group major, parents are Tom and Sandra Klanderma; Rebecca L. Schmidt, English and classical studies, parents are Dr. Gary and Anne Schmidt. From the Lowell area: Benjamin V. Den Houter, philosophy major, parents are Dr. Kathryn Den Houter; Carolyn E. Johnson, physics major, parents are LeRoy Johnson and Debbie Duckworth; Kelly N. Malling, elementary education major, three minors, parents are Curtis and Cheryl Malling; James D. VanLeeuwen, engineer-mechanical concentration major, parents are Gary and Sharon VanLeeuwen.

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Timmer chooses to play volleyball at CMU

by Thad Kraus

The choices were tenfold, however Jordan Timmer's decision came down to scholastic and athletic opportunity.

The Lowell junior committed verbally to play her college volleyball at Central Michigan University. She was offered a full-ride scholarship.

"It was a pretty deep list of schools she chose from,"

said Lowell volleyball coach GiGi Peal.

Attending CMU will allow Timmer to be an impact player as a setter and to enroll in Central's new health professions program, which is rated as one of the top 25 in the nation.

Timmer was listed as one of the top 79 volleyball setters in the nation, according to Peal.

Timmer's college

choices included six of the top 20 academic schools in the country, including Notre Dame, Virginia, Villanova and Valparaiso.

"Central was Jordan's only Michigan option," Peal said. Logistically, the choice will make it easier for family to travel and watch. It will also give the Lowell junior an opportunity to watch her siblings play at Lowell.

Lowell's Jordan Timmer made her collegiate choice early as she's committed to play volleyball at Central Michigan University.



The Tale of the Troll, Part XVIII

by Amy Hayes

What a day. And what a night it would be. Anyone who was anyone in the Troll World had decided to dine at the Flat River Grill at the very time that Bernadette and Meme planned to spy on the coming and goings at Chimera Design.

Fortunately, Bernadette was able to snag great seats right in the front window. She was feeling pretty smug when Meme slid into the open seat next to her and they gazed out the window to see if they could learn who was wandering in and out of Chimera Design. Two engagement rings were in the works at Chimera Design and it was the divas mission to find out who would be getting them.

Looking out the window turned out to be not nearly as exciting as what was taking place inside the Flat River Grill. The place was packed. Trolls were everywhere. Cookie, remember her from King Milling, was

sitting with a large group of rowdy women. Faith from the YMCA was there.

There had to be a dozen troll women seated at a large table on the patio telling stories. Curvaceous, from Curves was in the middle of an animated tale about several new members at Curves. Curvaceous had just enrolled 35 new members at Curves and each of these women held a special place in her heart. She would do everything in her power to help each gal reach her individual goal at Curves. However, all the women at her table tonight were trying to out talk each other and the volume was getting louder

and louder. It was sure to be a great time for them.

Curvaceous always dressed so fashionably and took such pride in her darling appearance. But, she had added a few pounds and the new 30 minute work-out at Curves was just what she needed. She needed that and for Spot from Curtis Cleaners to finally put a ring on her finger.

Now Spot was seated inside the restaurant and seemed to be a million miles away. He was a terrific looking older gentleman who dressed impeccably. His suits were

always crisp and his shirt and tie were always just so.

Owning the best cleaners in town didn't hurt either. He was always guaranteed to look his best because he had an image to uphold as one of the best business-trolls around. But something was up with Spot tonight. It didn't take Curvaceous long to suspect that her man was troubled about something. Spot was staring intensely at Bernadette, which seemed a bit disturbing because Bernadette was actually young enough to be Spot's daughter. Was there something that Spot might know about this newcomer to town? She seemed so familiar to him. She reminded him of the first troll he ever loved, but that was years ago, and he hadn't heard from Petunia or thought of her in years. Hmhmhm.

Well Meme and Bernadette were having a

grand time and the food was delicious, as always. C.J. was the troll-chef in charge tonight so the food would be perfection. The Flat River Grill added a degree of sophistication to Lowell, as well as a place to meet friends and dine on exquisite food. The prices were reasonable and the experience was second to none. Meme and Bernadette were batting their eyelashes and fawning over C.J. while complimenting his dishes this evening, when they were all startled by an explosion on the bridge.

What? An explosion on the bridge? Every single troll jumped out of their seats and ran to the side windows or to the patio to see what happened.

In all the chaos no one saw Butch, Walt and Nauga Hyde walk into Chimera Design. No one saw Peppy run across the street to Salon 206 carrying a bag of hair chemicals and no one saw Gemmy scurry through the streets with a blueprint tucked under her arm.

Find out next week what happens to all these characters. Find out what blew up.

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obituaries

HILL

Donna M. Hill, aged 84, of Lowell, passed away Saturday, August 7, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon C. Hill; parents, Mary E. (Murphy) and Frank Sullivan; and brothers, Robert B. (Betty) Sullivan and Frank C. Sullivan. She is survived by her sons, Daniel I. (Susan) Hill and Gordon A. (Sarah) Hill; daughters, Colleen M. (Paul) LaRose, Amy J. Hill and Lee A. Hill-Sullivan; sister-in-law, Joyce Sullivan; seven precious grandchildren, Kelly Hill, Ryan Hill, Kevin LaRose, Matthew Hill, Sean Hill, Mary Grace Hill and Jimmy Hill; nieces, nephews and many caring friends. She enjoyed her family and grandchildren. We are all blessed with special memories. She enjoyed reading, especially the History of the United States and the American Presidents. She was a member of the Friends of the Englehart Library, the Lowell Historical Museum, and was the treasurer of the building fund for the Lowell Englehart Library. She was an active volunteer for the

OLTHOF

Dorothy Olthof, aged 90, of Lowell, passed away Thursday, August 5, 2010. She is preceded in death by two brothers. She is survived by her husband Norman of 64 years, along with several nieces and nephews. Dorothy enjoyed music, especially playing the piano, and being in the presence of children. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 10. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery.

SPOONER

Russell M. Spooner, aged 100, passed away on Wednesday evening, August 4, 2010. Surviving are his loving wife of 75 years, Lorraine M. Spooner of Grand Rapids; two sons, Tom (Jan) Spooner of Ada and Dennis (Judy) Spooner of Lowell; grandchildren, Kimberly Sventy, Scott Spooner, Jeff Spooner, Chad Spooner, Kelly Spooner and Megan Spooner; eight great-grandchildren; his brother, Mort (Nelsine) Spooner of St. Augustine, FL; many nieces and nephews. Russ was a longtime member of First Park Congregational Church and a life member of Cascade Country Club. He was also active in the Kiwanis Club and the West Michigan Oilmen's Club. One of Russell's strongest attributes was his positive mental attitude. Memorial services were held Monday August 9 at First Park Congregational Church with the Reverend Todd A. Petty officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to charity of ones choice.

STRAUSS

Leo Jerome "Jerry" Strauss, Jr., aged 62, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, August 4, 2010. He was preceded in death by his father, Leo Strauss, Sr.; sister, Cheryl Murphy; and daughter, Caryn Renee Strauss. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Mary; children, Lauri (Jake) Smit, Sean (Stacy) Strauss; mother, I mogene Peters; sister, Lynn Schroeder; grandchildren, Austin, Brandon, Dylan, Makenna, Jordyn, Jaelyn and Gavin; several nieces and nephews. Jerry graduated from Forest Hills High School in 1966 and obtained an accounting degree from Davenport University, becoming a financial advisor for Strauss and Company, Inc. The U.S. Jaycee's awarded him as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America, an accomplishment he was proud of. Jerry loved camping, traveling and spending time with his family. He will always be remembered as a devoted husband, father and adoring grandfather. Funeral services were held Monday, August 9 with Rev. Gene DeJong of Keystone Community Church officiating. Interment Pinckney Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association of Michigan, 25900 Greenfield Rd., Suite 401, Oak Park, MI 48237-9910.



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DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2010

- Motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember Schrauben. Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion to approve the regular minutes of the July 19, 2010 meeting as corrected. Motion to approve the closed session minutes of the July 19, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion to approve the accounts payables. Motion to approve the recommendation from the LCTV Endowment Fund Board for the 2010 grants applications. Motion to approve the recommendation from the LCTV Endowment Fund Board to amend the timeframe for the application process. Motion to set a public hearing for August 16, 2010 to consider an Ordinance amendment requiring licensing of Solid Waste Haulers. Motion to set a public hearing for August 16, 2010 to consider an Ordinance amendment requiring licensing of Snow Plow Operators. Motion to set a public hearing for September 7, 2010 to consider an Ordinance amendment to rezone 119 Lincoln Lake including the vacant lot at the southeast corner of Chatham and Lincoln Lake from PF (Public Facility) and R-3 (Residential) to C-3 (General Business). Motion to direct DPW Director DesJarden to remove the block building and concrete slabs at 990 N. Washington and the shooting range at the Boy Scout Cabin at a cost of \$5,050 plus permits. Motion to go into Closed Session at 8:21 p.m. Motion to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, August 16, 2010. Complete minutes will be available after approved on August 16, 2010 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.

Social Security celebrating 75 years

by Michael J. Astrue Commissioner of Social Security

This month Social Security, the most successful domestic program in our nation's history, celebrates its 75th anniversary. On August 14, 1935, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act. With one pen stroke, he laid the foundation of modern American social policy. Today, millions

of retirees live in dignity thanks to their monthly Social Security benefit payment. Over the decades, Social Security expanded to not only protect against the risk of poverty in old age, but also the economic risk of career-ending disability and the premature death of a worker.

In his statement at the signing of the Social

Security Act, President Roosevelt said, "If the Senate and the House of Representatives in this long and arduous session had done nothing more than pass this Bill, the session would be regarded as historic for all time." I could not agree more.

A little over a quarter century ago, I came to Washington to work on Social Security. Just a few months later, I got a very important lesson on how important Social Security is to families. My own father, who was almost the same age I am today, suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage. He started to recover, and then we got the bad news that he had a fatal form of brain cancer, so we began the process to apply for Social Security disability benefits. That was a very anxious time for my family, and particularly for my mother. We were all very concerned that the health care costs for my father would bankrupt her; it was a great relief when the decision came. That's a lesson that has always stuck with me and why I push very hard as Commissioner to try to make sure that we get benefit decisions to claimants as quickly as possible. As we celebrate 75 years, I reflect on how Social Security was there for my family, how proud I am

to work for this remarkable program, and how lucky I am to lead such a talented and compassionate workforce.

I have two wonderful children who entered the workforce in the past year. One is being called up for active military duty in October and the other will teach inner-city children. It is imperative that they and millions of other young Americans have confidence that we will continue to honor the great intergenerational contract that is Social Security. It is in this spirit that President Obama established the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform that in December will make recommendations regarding the future of Social Security.

With the 75th anniversary of the Social Security Act upon us, the agency has been revitalized despite the huge workloads caused by higher unemployment. Compared to four years ago, productivity is up, backlogs are down, and an aging IT infrastructure is being replaced with state-of-the-art systems and the best electronic services in the Federal government. I am excited about the next 75 years of Social Security, and you should be too.

Sincerely, Jerry Hale

Supervisor Lowell Charter Township

NOTICE LOWELL TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

To all citizens of Lowell Township

The Lowell Charter Township Board will be discussing how we are going to provide fire protection to the area south of Cascade Rd at the August 16, 2010 Board Meeting. The area is currently covered by the Bowne Township Fire Department and the board will be discussing a possible change in coverage to be provided by the Lowell Area Fire & Emergency Services Authority that currently covers the rest of the Township. The reason for the change is that this could be done at a considerable cost savings to the Township. It would mean building a substation south of I-96 and purchase of equipment for the substation. All interested parties are invited to attend this meeting to provide comment to the board.

Betty R. Morlock City Clerk



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card of thanks

THANK YOU FOR THE CARDS - phone calls, food, flowers, prayers and love shown at the time of our mother, Marie Rickert's passing. Thank you for attending visitation and the funeral. A special thank you to the staff of Emerald Meadows and Heartlands Hospice for their loving care. Thank you to Rev. Rick Blunt for the wonderful service celebrating our mother's life; to Sylvia Taylor and Sue Hanline for the music; to the United Methodist Women for the delicious luncheon. A special thank you to Don DeJong, Sexton, for his professional care and respect to our family. All is greatly appreciated. Marilyn & Larry Cahoon & families; Shirley (Weeks) & Gerald Nester & families

THANK YOU

to my dad and those who stopped to help when my dog, Sandy, was hit. Barb

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FREE AIRPLANE RIDE - 1 name drawn each week. Ages 8-99. Send name & phone number to office@flymajestic.com or mail to the Lowell Airport.

lost

ONGOING SEARCH - ONGOING REWARD - Hoping to find closure for missing long-haired, ALL black, male cat, named BLACKIE. He has a "feather duster" tail. BRIGHT light yellow round eyes. Age 2 1/2. VANISHED on 10/28/09 from Ryan Ridge/Alden Nash area, near Twp. offices. ANY INFO please call 897-8385. Not knowing is what keeps us going!

events

HOT OFF THE GRILL! - Charcoal grilled pork loin or steak sandwich w/chips & pop. Every Sat. in Aug., 4-8 p.m. \$7. Come enjoy some summer fun! Ice Cream Caboose, 6300 Alden Nash, Alto. 868-6602.

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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.

WITTENBACH WEGE CENTER - Summer hours: Thursdays 8-4 p.m.; Sundays 1-4 p.m. (except during holiday weekends); Tuesdays 12-8 p.m. As always our trails are open dawn until dusk 365 days a year so come on out and visit us.

DORIC CHAPTER #75, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR - will hold its regular communication at 7:30 p.m. on Tues., Aug. 10 at the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding. Dinner will precede the meeting. All Stars may attend!

LOWELL CLASS OF 1978 REUNION - Aug. 14, begins 5 p.m. Home of Laura Dey Leasure, 2880 Pratt Lake Ave., Lowell. Please send \$10 per person to Laura by Aug. 1. Facebook: Laura Dey Leasure, 616-897-5739, laura.leasure@sbcglobal.net. No mailing - please invite classmates! Bring your own chair & drink.

GRATTAN TWILIGHT CANCER WALK - Aug. 19. Grattan Raceway. Benefiting Gilda's Club of Lowell. Registration begins at 6 p.m. & walk at 7 p.m. Call Donna, 616-481-1718 or visit www.grattan.tlwalk.com

PINK ARROW PRIDE "QUIVER" RUN - First annual 5k run/walk & Kids' Fun Run. Sept. 11 at Lowell High football stadium. 5k at 7:30 a.m. & fun run at 8:45 a.m. Volunteers needed. Call Nancy Russell at 897-9303 or russell@lowellschools.com Register at www.classicrace.com or www.pinkarrowpride.org.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES - First Baptist Church of Lowell has made available new sign up times for this great savings opportunity! Sign up: Aug. 31, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. at distribution; Tues. - Fri., 9-5 p.m. at the church office with cash or Bridge Card; or online with your debit or credit card at www.angelfoodministries.com. First Baptist Church, 2275 W. Main, Lowell. Call the church office at 897-7168 or Angie at 897-0420 with questions.

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BRIDGEFEST PROGRAM - Aug. 28 at the Saranac Public Library with Mr. & Mrs. Bubbles the clown doing face painting & balloons animals from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

ORIGAMI - Each Tuesday, 2-3 p.m. Learn the ancient art of paper folding. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

CANCER - KIDS & TWEEN TALK GROUP - First & third Tuesdays 5:30 - 7 p.m. A committed group for children in first - eighth grade on a cancer journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion & fun. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

GRIEF - ADULT GROUP - Each Tuesday, 2-3 p.m. & second & fourth Tuesdays 5:30 - 7 p.m. A committed group for adults who have experienced the death of a family member or friend. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

GRIEF - KIDS GROUP - Second & fourth Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7 p.m. A committed group for children in first - fourth grade on a grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion & fun. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

GRIEF - NEW MEMBER MEETING - Call the clubhouse to schedule your introductory meeting for grief support groups. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

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Fri. & Sat., Aug. 13 & 14 & Aug. 20 & 21, 8 - 5 p.m. Something for everyone. 9703 W. Clarksville Rd.

GARAGE SALE
4 family, Aug. 12 thru Aug 14, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., 1228 Jane Ellen. Lots of baby clothes.

GARAGE SALE
Fri., Aug. 13 & Sat., Aug. 14, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 162 Bahala Dr. (off Lincoln Lake) all items priced to go.

3 STALL GARAGE SALE
Old and new. Furniture, kids school clothes, household, kids toys, postcards, promise a worthy stop! August 12-14, Thurs. & Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat. 9-? 1040 Lincoln Lake (city)

GARAGE SALE
Thurs, Aug. 12, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 7791 MacArthur Rd. (2 miles south of Saranac, off Morrison Lake Rd). Dishes, lamps, furniture and much more.

HUGE 3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
296 Main St. Clarksville, MI. Aug 13 & 14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Childrens clothes good condition, household items.

4-FAMILY SALE
Sat., Aug. 14, 8-5 p.m. 3930 Buttrick SE. Household, furniture, tools, toys, clothes. Restored & caned oak & maple side chairs, \$75 each.

BARN SALE
Multi-family. Antiques, furniture, collectibles, household, sports, yard & garden items, lawn mowers, fishing boat/motor, teaching supplies, jewelry, American Girl dolls, toys, kids clothes, books & lots more! Wed. - Fri., Aug. 11 - 13, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 10968 Vergennes. No presales. See craigslist ad.

HIS/HERS COMBINED HOUSEHOLD SALE
Thurs. & Fri, 8/12 & 8/13, 9 to 5 p.m. Furniture, lots of decorating items, rugs, lamps, clothes, etc. 120 Parnell, Lowell. 897-5423.

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Someone had to say it!



Thad Kraus

By the time many of you read this column we will be 15 days from the kickoff of the high school football season.

The NFL officially started it's preseason Sunday night with Dallas and Cincinnati.

College football begins the last weekend in August, but breaks out big time the first weekend in September. Is it too early to talk some football?

Now that the Tigers have ushered themselves out of the pennant race, what's left?

I am anxious to see what one Mr. Brian Kelly does in South Bend. I think he is going to do very well.

I say that with the conviction of a fan of a team that has been pitiful selecting coaches over the last 20 years. The proof of that has been displayed on the field.

In Ann Arbor, fans are cautiously optimistic that Rich Rodriguez will get things turned around.

I heard a so-called expert note that offensively Michigan should be all right, but defensively he thinks they have some work to do.

In East Lansing, does Mark Dantonio have enough pieces in place to challenge the likes of Ohio State, Wisconsin and Penn State?

Questions, questions, questions. Answers won't come 'til September.

Then there are the hapless Lions. Not so fast...

Things may be a changing in Detroit. A lot of new faces should help field a better more competitive club. Can they win the NFC Central? Probably not, but improvement seems almost assured.

In the NFL, however, teams can go quickly from bad to good.

The defending Division II state champion Red Arrows start their 2010 season at Walled Lake Central with a week two travel date to Forest Hills Central.

There are only two regular season games that will have any significance. Those are home games on Sept. 10, the Pink Arrow game with Kenowa Hills and the Oct. 8 showdown with East Grand Rapids.

There you have it, a little whetting of your football appetite.



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

To the person who took the basketball hoop from the front of our house on North Street on trash day last week - we would like it back. It was not trash and has been there for five plus years.

Are there any businesses in Lowell or Saranac that have drop boxes for donations of school supplies for the local schools?

Please remember there are two entrances to the Lowell fair. It helps alleviate traffic if southbound traffic does not try to make a left turn into the first entrance and uses the correct, second entrance instead.

Wow! It is so easy to cross Main Street now.

There has never really been enough parking for downtown businesses, and the construction has really thrown a monkey wrench in the works. With the fair in town, I've noticed a lot of fair goers parking in our precious parking spots that our customers need to use. If you are going to the fair, pay the \$5 parking fee at the fairgrounds. This money is helping the fair and the local boy scout troop.

last week's poll result:
Sound Off!
Do you find anything wrong with the first lady, Michelle Obama, taking a trip to Spain with her daughter?
NO58%
YES42%



AUGUST 4 - AUGUST 10

- Death toll rises to 137 in China mudslide.
- Elena Kagan, building on a long, diverse legal career in government and academic, was officially sworn in as the 112th justice at the supreme court on Saturday.
- The oil stopped flowing into the Gulf of Mexico, but the crisis is far from over. Scientists say the long-term damage below the surface won't be measurable for years or even decades.
- Swedish mountaineer and professional skier, Fredrik Ericsson, died Friday while trying to summit K2 in Pakistan.
- Tiger Woods' golf game hits rock bottom this weekend at Firestone Country Club finishing second to last. This is an event Woods has won seven times.

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. Rezoning 119 Lincoln Lake including the vacant lot at the southeast corner of Chatham and Lincoln Lake from PF (Public Facility) and R-3 (Residential) to C-3 (General Business).

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



CAMP KID SCOOP

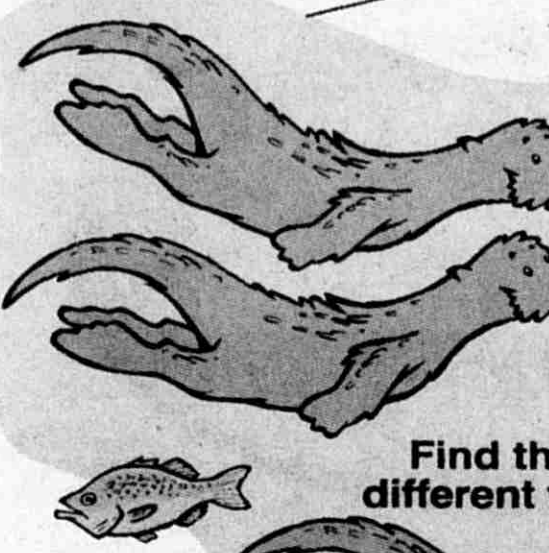
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Animals Make a Splash!

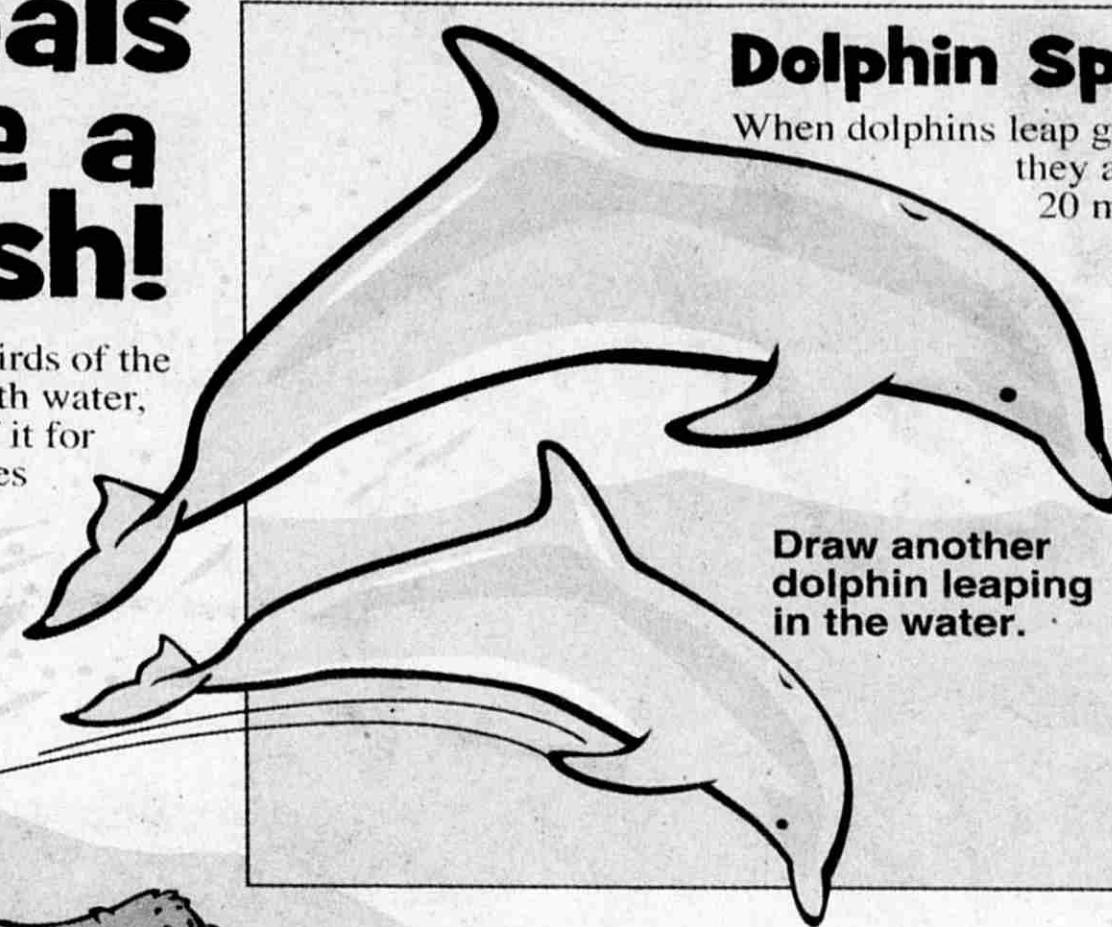
A little over two-thirds of the earth is covered with water, so there's plenty of it for animals of all stripes to splash in.



Dolphin Splash Tag

When dolphins leap gracefully out of the water into the air, they are sometimes traveling faster than 20 miles per hour.

Some scientists say that dolphins leap to look for food. Others say it's a way of cleaning themselves. Still other scientists say the lively mammals are playing tag!



Draw another dolphin leaping in the water.

Wet and Wild Otters

Otters, a member of the weasel family, have webbed feet that make swimming easy.

They are extremely playful creatures that can often be found fooling around in the water and using their tails as water slides!

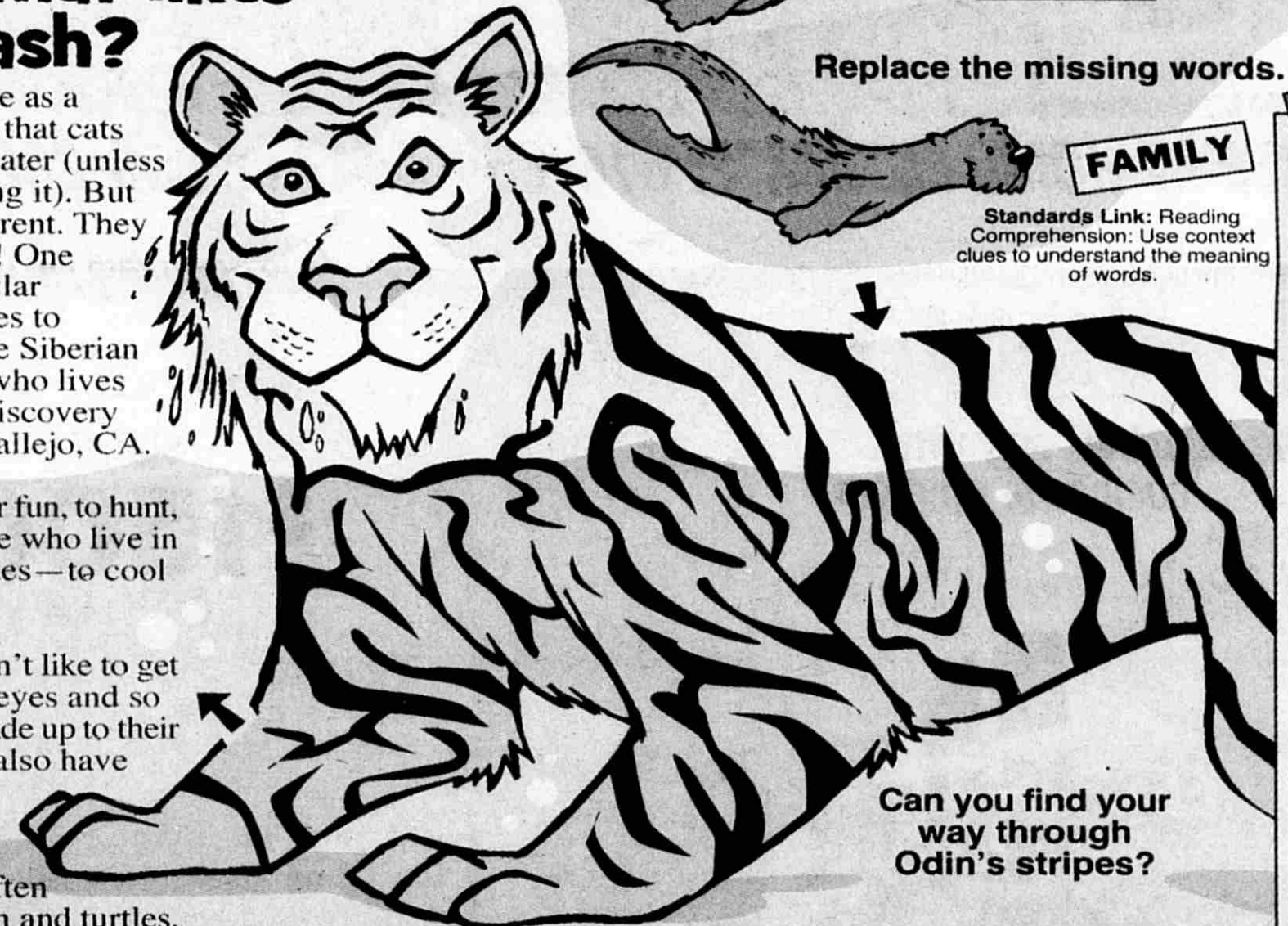
Otter mothers teach their babies to swim by pushing them into the water. It's a sink-or-swim approach, but the babies learn fast!

A cat that likes to splash?

If you have one as a pet, you know that cats usually hate water (unless they're drinking it). But tigers are different. They love the water! One tiger in particular absolutely loves to swim—a white Siberian named Odin, who lives at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, CA.

Tigers swim for fun, to hunt, and —for those who live in tropical climates—to cool off.

Most tigers don't like to get water in their eyes and so will usually wade up to their necks. Tigers also have webbed paws and they are quite at home in the water often feeding on fish and turtles.



Replace the missing words.

PLAYFUL

MUDDY

TEACH

LEARN

FAMILY

Extra Extra! Keeping Cool

Our bodies help us keep cool by sweating, or perspiring. Look through the newspaper for activities that make people perspire. Cut out the pictures and words you find and paste them on a piece of paper. Then look through the newspaper for ways to keep cool other than perspiring. Cut out these cool reminders and paste them next to your sweaty activities.

Standards Link: Life Science: Living organisms have body systems that serve specific functions in survival.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Rat Splash Facts

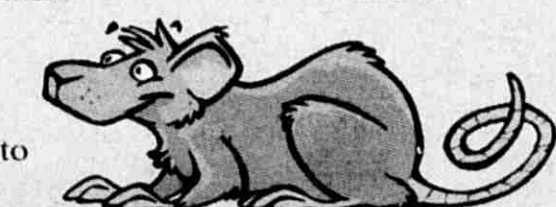
Did you know that rats love to swim? Do the math to reveal more Rat Splash Facts. Write the answers in the boxes.

Wild rats can swim half a mile and tread water for (17 - 14) days.

Rats can dive (59 + 41) feet under water.

Rats can hold their breath for up to (9 + 6) minutes.

Caution: Pet rats are very different creatures than their wild friends. They aren't as used to swimming and may not like it.



Standards Link: Life Science: Know that animals have features that help them survive.

Find out about other animals that love the water and play a game of Splash-Tag. Go to: www.kidscoop.com/kids.

Double Double Word Search

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

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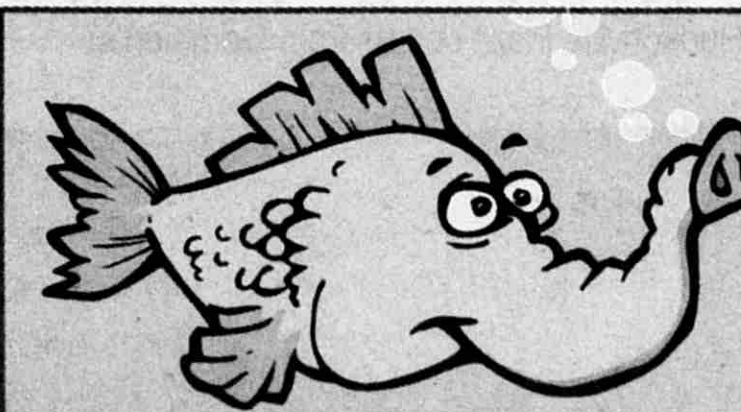
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE KID SCOOP LESSON LIBRARY

Nouns and Verbs

On one page of the newspaper circle all of the verbs. Underline the noun that is doing the action of the verb. Can you come up with a list of verbs that mean the opposite?

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify nouns, verbs and antonyms.



What do you get by mixing and elephant and a fish?

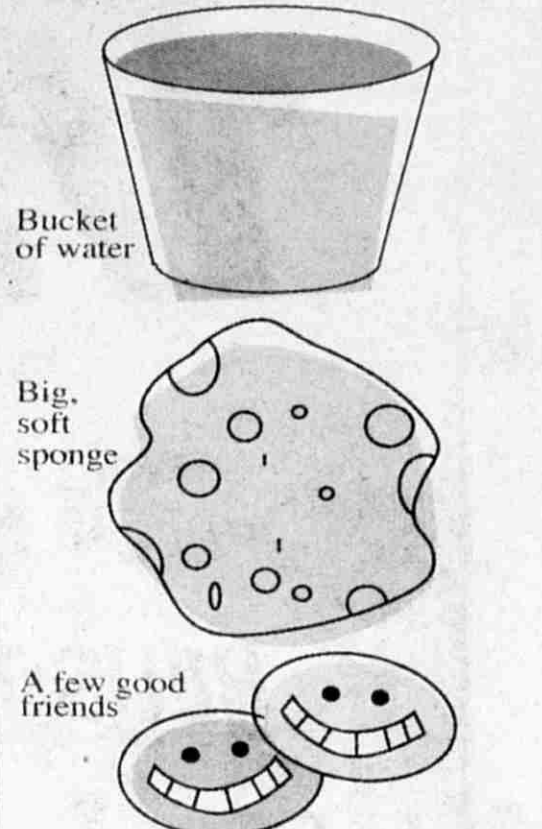
ANSWER: Swimming trunks.

Kid Scoop Together:

Splash Tag

Sopping sponges hit the spot!

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



Instructions

One person is designated as being It.

It tries to tag other players by throwing a wet sponge at them.

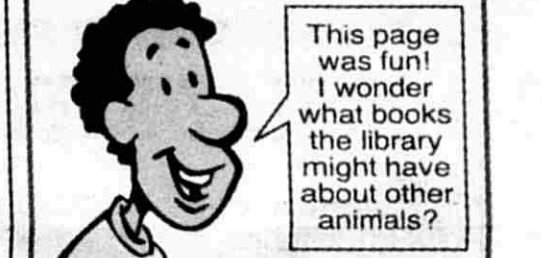
A tagged player becomes the new It.

No one can pretend they didn't get tagged. The water splatter on his or her back says it all!

Standards Link: Physical Education: Students understand the purpose of rules in games.

What a Character!

Curiosity is ...



... always trying to learn more about the amazing creatures that inhabit our world.

Kid Scoop-doku™

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

T	E		R	
I	E		R	
G			T	
E			R	
R			E	
S	R			

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: OBSERVE

The verb observe means to notice or look at something carefully.

The scientist was able to observe the dolphin's natural behavior at sea.

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

Write On! Make a Splash!

To make a splash can mean to make a difference or to actually splash water. Describe a time you "made a splash."

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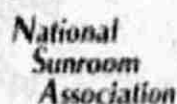
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