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LHS celebrates 154th commencement



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In her opening address, principal Patricia Murphy-Alderman used the John F. Kennedy quote, "Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation."

She also talked about how Lowell High School is ranked in the top six percent of the nation, according to the Washington Post, graduating 30 students with summa cum laude honors (GPA of 3.95 or above), 33 students with magna cum laude honors (GPA of 3.75-3.94) and 38 students with cum laude honors (GPA of 3.50-3.74).

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Lowell High School's class of 2012 at the 154th commencement ceremony last Sunday.

Sizzlin' Summer concerts, Farmers' Market are both ready for the 2012 summer season

by Emma Palova

This Sizzlin' Summer concert series on the Riverwalk will rock with musicians, dancers, townies and roadies starting June 14 and running through Aug. 23.

Organized by the Low-

ell Arts and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, the event has been steadily growing since 2001.

All concerts are held on the stage by the Showboat from 7 pm to 9 pm, except

for Aug. 9 during the Kent County Youth Fair, when the concert will be held at the fairgrounds.

The two organizations started the event inspired by a jazz night at the John Ball Zoo more than a decade ago. At the time, Lowell may have been the only community that had a summer concert series. Today, most area communities have concerts outdoors, including Ada and Belding.

"We wanted to bring back the showboat days in a different way," said chamber director Liz Baker.

Baker was referring to the heydays of the famous Showboat, which is docked at the Riverwalk on the Flat River. The Showboat has become the signature staple for the town of Lowell.

In the years past, the boat has been a concert venue for talent like Dinah Shore, Louis Armstrong, Bob Newhart, Milton Berle, Pearl Bailey and Boots Randolph.

Today, the entertainment featured on the stage with the Showboat as the

backdrop is varied and as diverse as the stars in the night sky.

A full concert lineup includes the new Woodstock tribute by The Magic Bus on July 5 and the all-time favorite local classic rock band Alive & Well.

"Our goal is to have a diverse style of music," said Baker. "We focus on bringing in groups from West and Central Michigan. We want to bring people from outside of Lowell and give back to Lowell."

The music ranges from folk, blues, country rock, jazz, bluegrass, classic rock to big band.

The Sizzlin' series is funded through the Lowell Area Community Fund and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) that pays \$6,000 for marketing. The major entertainment sponsor is the Huntington Bank. Overall, there are 20 business sponsors, which is slightly up from last year.

"That's a lot of exposure for three months for the local businesses," said Baker. "It's an opportunity

to showcase support for the arts."

And each set of bands has their own following, which are sometimes lovingly called "roadies."

"The country rock bands bring in the roadies," laughed Baker.

The Flat River Grill will again be selling drinks and food on the lower deck of the Showboat with seating available on both decks.

Lowell Lions and the Lowell Area Historical Museum have teamed up for concessions offering hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, water and popcorn.

The concerts will wrap up with a grand finale in honor of the Showboat's 80th birthday with classic rock band Alive & Well.

Following is the concert schedule:

- June 14 - The Crane Wives (folk)
 - June 21 - Vincent Hayes Project (blues)
 - June 28 - Rhythm Section Jazz Band (big band)
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Farmers' Market opens this week Thursday.

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Summer season, continued

July 5 - The Magic Bus (Woodstock tribute)
 July 12 - The Bronk Brothers (rockin' hillbilly)
 July 19 - The Steve Hilger Band (jazz)
 July 26 - Creolization (zydeco)
 August 2 - Kari Lynch Band (country rock)
 August 9 - Kent County Youth Fair, no concert by the Showboat
 August 16 - Terry Lower Trio with vocalist Edye Evans Hyde (jazz)
 August 23 - Alive & Well (classic rock, Showboat birthday)

Area market vendors will be offering mainly plants and strawberries, while flea market vendors will peddle various wares. "I hope to see more local customers and community support for the Lowell farmers," said Deans. "Buy local and fresh. Lowell is a super community."

Last year, the market in its seventh year, doubled the number of vendors.

"We had a lot of interested customers," she said.

And according to Deans, everything is two to three weeks early due to the unpredictable weather.

In June, the market will have asparagus, rhubarb, storage apples, strawberries and cherries. At the end of June, blueberries will arrive.

The Deans will have their line of Lowell jams: rhubarb and strawberry, blueberry, and mint.

"It's going to be a good summer," said Baker. "You can't find fresh produce like that."

Farmers' Market starts this week

Another very popular event starts this week Thursday. That is the opening of the Farmers' Market now located on the parking lot in front of Tractor Supply. It opens at 12:30 pm and runs through 6 pm with market masters Dave and Betty Deans.

"The focus will be on the flea market," said Betty Deans.

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Ruff Readers -

KDL teams up with the West Michigan Therapy Dog Association for a fun read-aloud program that pairs kids ages 6 and up with a trained therapy dog and handler. Each participant will get to read aloud to a dog for up to 15 minutes. Registration is required. Kids will be scheduled for a specific time slot as they arrive. Wed., June 20 - Aug. 1, 6:30 pm (no program on July 4).

RELAY FOR LIFE

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City approves budget, enters into agreement for inspection services with Cascade Township

by Emma Palova

The Lowell City Council adopted the 2012-2013 budget after months of deliberations and work by staff on Monday. The general fund totals \$2,671 million and the total tax levy to support the budget and the public museum is 16.0724 mills.

"This is the best budget we've had in a long while," said mayor Jim Hodges.

The refunding of water bonds resulted in overall savings of \$239,000.

City manager Mark Howe credited the council for leadership and setting out strategic objectives for the budget.

"The discussion begins now for next year," he said.

In related business of finances, in order to receive revenue sharing, municipalities are required to partner for various services. So, the city of Lowell will enter into an agreement with Cascade Township.

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Planning commission gives special use permit to USA Fireworks, approves site plan for anaerobic bio-digester

by Emma Palova

The Lowell city planning commission granted a special use permit to USA Fireworks, a temporary open air business that will sell retail fireworks.

The 1,200 square-foot tent will be co-located in the parking lot next to the Farmers' Market in front of Tractor Supply. It will be offset from the closest sidewalk along Main Street by 53 feet and by parking from the market vendors.

Owner Todd Denning said there will be plenty of parking space. A 24-hour security and a 10-foot cautionary area will be maintained around the tent. The fireworks will be sold between June 15 and July 11 in the parking lot.

In other business, the planning commission approved a site plan with conditions for signage and landscaping for the proposed anaerobic bio-digester on Chatham Street.

Sustainable Partners, LLC (SPART) based in Grand Rapids re-drafted the site plan that had been previously reviewed by the planning commission.

"We've moved everything inside except for the down flow and up flow

tanks," said Pam Landes of SPART.

Trucked in liquids, such as manure and food waste, will be pumped from the outside into a tank and mixed into a solution. Bugs will produce bio-gas that will be burnt and used to run the generator that will make electricity.

"The digester will be a draw for Lowell," said Landes. "You have an opportunity here to create a vision for a sustainable community."

All truck traffic will enter and leave the bio-

digester site via Smith Street connecting to M-21. A pipeline to Litehouse Foods may be constructed to ease traffic. A traffic routing plan will be submitted once a decision is made on the proposed pipeline.

The site plan addressed noise concerns by containing the engine room inside the building and away from the easterly property line and Amity Street. According to the plan, no process water will discharge into the Lee Creek, only storm water.

The sign and landscaping plans will be brought

back to the planning commission.

In related business, the planning commission also discussed reducing pole signs and potential regulation of ground signs. According to Williams & Works planner Brian Wenger, ground or monument signs are safer than pole signs.

"You're looking ahead rather than up," he said.

Commissioner Rachel Schwab said ground signs eliminate visual pollution.

"We need to look at the current ordinance," said commissioner Jim Hall.

Arbor board and planning commission will dis-

cuss the planting of trees and ground signs versus pole signs in the future.

"Both boards need to get together to hash out where we're going," said city manager Mark Howe. "The arbor board passed a comprehensive tree plan."

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cade Township for building code inspection services. Cascade Township already shares these services with Ada, Lowell and East Grand Rapids.

"It's a good fit for the city of Lowell," said Howe. "It reduces costs and some services will be done in-house."

Hodges said the agreement will help add consistency.

"It is very beneficial," he said.

Cascade Township will provide the inspection building services and forward 20 percent of the fee to the city of Lowell to cover their administrative expenses. This is twice the amount that is returned to the city under the current contract and it meets the pending state requirements.

In other business, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) granted a variance to the Lowell Area Historical Museum to put up a marquee for the "Real to Reel" exhibit coming in October. The temporary sign will stay up for the duration of the exhibit which is for two years.

"We feel this marquee will add interest to our upcoming exhibit and create excitement for the museum," said museum director Pat Allchin.

The replica of a marquee will resemble the marquee from the earlier days of the Strand Theatre that was built in 1928 and operated until 1987. The exhibit will highlight its history and connect it to the present.

Howe also informed the council about the continued tree clearing project at the airport, as it may obtain a general utility status within the next two years.

"That is a real credit to the airport board," said Howe.

The city council approved a special request from Lowell Moose Lodge for serving chicken dinners on July 4 in the King Milling parking lot from 10 am until 2 pm.

Also, up and running is the new city web site with information on paying taxes, water and sewer bills online and much more.

There are openings on the planning commission and the airport board.

Girls win student Food Fight

"Wow, what a huge success the schools had this year," said Sylvia Taylor, Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) board member and Food Pantry supervisor. "The food just kept coming and coming."

Lowell Area Schools joined forces with FROM again this year to conduct their own version of the Food Fight. The total throughout all the schools was 5,643 food items collected. The high school and middle school both slated the girls against the boys, to see which gender could organize their teams and collect the most nonperish-

able food items to benefit the FROM Food Pantry. On both accounts, the girls won. "The boys talked a big game, but I had a feeling the girls would probably win," said R. J. Boudro, Lowell High School counselor and Interact Club advisor.

The real success came from the grade schools. Cherry Creek Elementary collected 2,461 food items and Mary Beth Reed's class won a pizza party with 343 total items. Alto Elementary collected 1,486 food items with Amber Stirrup's class winning their pizza party, collecting 268 food items. Murray Lake Elementary

totalled 911 items with Karen Eldridge's class winning their pizza party.

"FROM is so grateful for such participation," said Taylor. "It couldn't have come at a better time; our Summer Lunch program is about to begin."

"We are very happy with the school results and are glad to help," said Boudro. "It was a great effort by everyone, from the students to the staff; it went pretty smooth. The leadership provided by all the teachers really made a difference."

In the meantime, the community North Lowell vs. South Lowell Food Fight has begun. The school items have been divided equally between the North and South teams for scoring purposes. "What a great running start for the Food Fight this year," proclaimed Kraig Haybarker, FROM board member. "We are very pleased to have our youth play a role in this event. The awareness of hunger is an important message for everyone."



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to the editor

applause for city manager

Dear Editor,
I have to applaud the city manager for dissolving the city budget deficit by refinancing the city hall bonds. He has proved it's all about getting better use of city tax dollars. The constituents of Michigan have lost \$12,000 in the last decade or the equivalent of a \$1,000 a month from the family bud-

get. They have learned to do with less. They have had to find better use for their limited fundings and so should the city of Lowell. The general fund is the heart of the community.

Question - should the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) after twenty years of revitalizing the downtown area, put

their taxes to better use by putting a large share of their taxes into the general fund? Should the city council curtail the single largest cost to the city budget? If Lowell has been going in the right direction why does it have roads twice the age of replacement?

The city manager has started the city in the right direction when it comes to getting better use of city taxes and I commend him for that. Now it's time for the city council and the DDA to follow through.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard
Lowell

what does LWC do?

Dear Editor,
I have often been asked, "What exactly does the Lowell Women's Club (LWC) do?" As the imme-

diately past president, I would like to answer that question. The club has sixty active members and for the 2011-2012 year, we sponsored 14

senior high girls who were junior club members from the Lowell Area School District. The number of scholarships and the amount we provide for our junior members depends on their club and community involvement and the amount of money we are able to raise during the year.

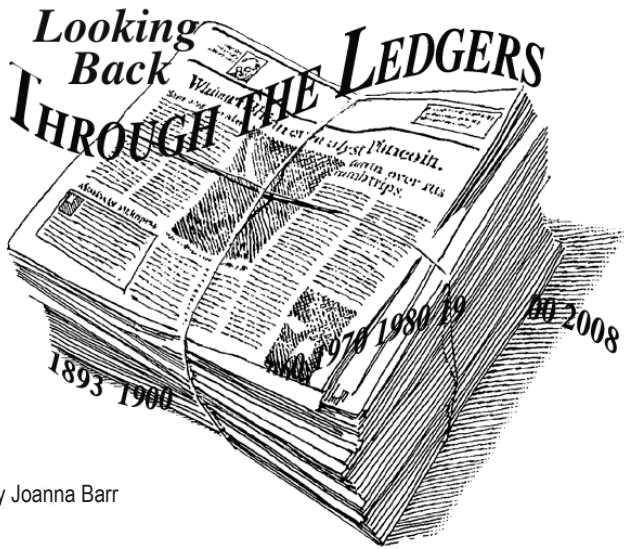
Our fundraising events include a booth at the Lowell Farmers' Market where we sell homemade jams and preserves, our Christmas Through Lowell luncheon and craft booth, selling the Enjoy the City books, a bake sale at Lowell EXPO, hosting a Parade of Homes' house, sharing a food booth with the Lowell Lions at the Fallasburg Fall festival, and our annual soup and cookie dough sale.

Our members also volunteer for every charitable organization and church in

the area. This year our members and junior members accumulated a combined total of nearly 6,000 volunteer hours. We have been especially involved with Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM), the Pink Arrow Project, St. Mary's Pregnancy Center, the Alpha Center, Lowell Historical Museum, Gilda's Club, the Lowell Arts, and many churches in our community.

Our interests are as varied as is our membership. I consider the LWC to be the perfect example of Lowell being "the Next Place To Be!" We meet at noon for lunch the second Wednesday of the month from September through May, usually at Schneider Manor. Come join us!

Jan Thompson,
Past President
Lowell Township



By Joanna Barr

140 years ago Lowell Weekly Journal June 6, 1872

On the 20th of May 1872, there was a severe attack on the Lowell Bakery and they succeeded in carrying away all the old tools and implements which have been used for years to carry on the bakery business and the result of that attack has proved to be a good one, for I have now replaced them with new tools throughout and have a new baker that can't be beat. And we are now making every day, fresh bread, cakes and pies that can't be beat in Lowell. H. J. Bosworth.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 6, 1912

Large storehouse of Lowell Lumber Company burned - A large two-story frame storehouse belonging to Lowell Lumber company, formerly part of the E. J. Booth estate, just east of their yards, was destroyed by fire Monday morning about eleven o'clock. The building contained a large quantity of valuable lumber and the total loss, which was covered by insurance, amounted to about 4,000.00. The blaze may have been started by sparks from an engine which was switching on the Pere Marquette, siding just west of the building, a strong west wind prevailing at the time. Fortunately there was no other property east of the building.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo June 10, 1937

A washout under the east end of the Main St. bridge early Tuesday morning put the feed mill of the King Milling Company out of commission shortly after starting the day's work. The washout occurred when the water found its way around the piling, put in under specifications of the state highway department

two years ago, when the new bridge was built and gradually made a hole large enough so that on Tuesday morning it gained enough impetus to start washing out the fill-in sand and gravel from under the sidewalk and pavement. After washing the lighter soil away, it washed out the supports of the flume gate and the supports of the feed mill. The pavement and sidewalk were immediately roped off and investigation began. The damage is much more than appears on the surface and it is estimated that the cost of repairing may reach as much as \$10,000 or more.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 7, 1962

On Thursday, June 14, the Lowell F.F.A. chapter will head wagons west toward the Indian Nation, where the cowboy's life is an occupation. (This wagon train, of course, is made up of station wagons.) This trip is a result of the achievements of the top ten boys in the Future Farmers' point awards system. Points are gained competitively by outstanding work in chapter fund drives, service to the chapter, agricultural activities and scholastic records in their entire high school course of study. This trip to Oklahoma will include a tour of the major ranches in the Pawhuska area, capitol of the Osage nation, with a barbecue dinner at one of the ranches' headquarters at noon on June 16. Also on that afternoon, the boys will witness a livestock sale produced by the Osage Hills Ranchers. On June 17, the F.F.A. boys will be guests at the annual Ben Johnson Memorial Steer Roping.

25 years ago The Grand Valley Ledger June 10, 1987

The Lowell high junior class, graduating class of 1988, raised approximately \$6,000 through sales and donations to purchase a new two and a half ton granite display and message board sign placed in front of Lowell High School on Foreman Road last week. The sign was purchased through the Lowell Granite Company which also set it in place. The emblem was designed by Brett Nagy, a 1987 Lowell High School graduate. Curt Kaeb and Marsha LaHaye co-chaired the project and presentation was made to principal Richard Korb by junior class president Tom Nugent.

The city council may re-open Lowell Airport - The Lowell city council will seeks ways to officially re-open the Lowell Airport. The airport has been officially closed for about a year. Escalating insurance costs, less than adequate liability coverage and legal fees stemming from a lawsuit led the council to their decision. Since then, only pilots with coverage specifically naming the city of Lowell as insured in their insurance policies have been legally allowed to fly in and out of the airport.

outdoors

the path less traveled

Dave Stegehuis

In a shrinking world, relatively economical and accessible transportation has made regional as well as global travel commonplace. The majority of travelers will be going to the same places to share the experiences with thousands of their closest friends. Following the tourist trail is a convenient, safe, and efficient way to visit new places but is not the only option for adventure seekers. So, if you don't win a trail pass in the Yosemite Half Dome lottery or a permit to canoe a popular Michigan river, don't despair.

On your next trip you may want to tap into your sense of adventure, and satisfy your curiosity by getting off the beaten path. This strategy can be applied on any level. It doesn't have to be an expedition to climb a previously unconquered mountain face. How about lathering-up with insect repellent and following that creek you drove past for years to find out if there really might be brook trout lurking in shadows of the overhanging banks. Looking for agates on a remote Lake Superior beach may not sound that exciting, but just like brook trout fishing it will take you to some neat places.

These special places can be found by just following hunches and responding to your own curiosity. County maps provide enough detail to suggest what could be over the hill or around the next curve. Small town chamber-of-commerce offices are often staffed by local volunteers who know the area well and enjoy helping visitors to find what they are looking for as well as offering many unsolicited suggestions. Don't overlook the kid at the hardware store or the waitress at the diner. The internet and bookstores have tons of information about almost any place on earth.

A tip from a neighbor, who was familiar with the area, led to a very eventful and challenging hike up a mountain within walking distance of two docked cruise ships which unloaded several thousand tourists. We encountered two other people on the climb which will go on our list of memorable lifetime experiences.

The chance of discovering that which is special and unique increases in proportion with the distance from the pavement. Get off the beaten path and find your own adventure.

Fillman and Jacobus named Staff Members of the Month

Longtime Lowell fifth grade teachers, Mike Fillman and Paul Jacobus, were named Staff Members of the Month at Murray Lake Elementary (MLE). Fillman and Jacobus were nominated by several staff members for the "extras" they do throughout the school year.

"Mike and Paul do such a wonderful job in fifth grade. They help to make fifth grade camp an amazing experience for our fifth grade students," commented fellow Murray Lake teacher Brooke Culver.

"These two teachers go above and beyond to make fifth grade a great experience for our students. These two guys are more than just teachers; they are role models and mentors for our kids. They put in many, many ex-

tra hours of their own time to make fifth grade special," said Murray Lake principal Brent Noskey.

Jacobus has taught at Lowell schools for 18 years. His first ten years were at Cherry Creek and his last eight have been at Murray Lake. He is currently the president of the Lowell Education Association. When he has free time, he enjoys spending time with his family, his dogs, biking, and fishing. "I truly enjoy working at Murray Lake. We have great kids, parents and staff. I enjoy the challenges teaching offers and the opportunity to make a difference in young people's lives."

Fillman lives in Grand Rapids with his wife Jennifer and children, Jeff (24)

and Rachael (22). "Teaching is the most rewarding profession because nothing beats knowing you have made a difference in a kid's life. The opportunity to make a positive impact reinforces why I chose this profession. I feel very blessed and proud to be part of the MLE staff. The staff, kids and parents are all on the same page together to make the school be a successful place to learn. I credit Mr. Noskey for the positive and fun atmosphere he creates for staff, students and parents," says Fillman.

When he is not teaching, Fillman enjoys spending time with his family and dog, playing golf or tennis, biking and going to obscure places for good food.



Mike Fillman and Paul Jacobus.

health

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pancreatitis

The pancreas, an organ located behind the stomach in the upper abdomen, produces enzymes and hormones. The enzymes are released through the pancreatic duct into the intestine, where they help digest food that has passed through the stomach. The hormones produced by the pancreas are

released into the blood and help regulate blood sugar levels.

Pancreatitis is an inflammation of the pancreas. It is a severe illness, with several forms. Risk factors for developing pancreatitis include alcohol abuse, gallstones, abdominal trauma, major surgery, inherited dis-

eases affecting the pancreas, including cystic fibrosis, high blood levels of calcium and high blood levels of triglycerides.

Acute pancreatitis typically causes severe pain in the abdomen and middle of the back, often associated with nausea and vomiting. Because pancreatitis can be severe and life-threatening, hospital care may be required. In severe cases, shock may occur, requiring intensive care and supportive therapy.

Gallstone pancreatitis is caused by irritation of the pancreas by gallstones in the pancreatic duct. Jaundice may occur with this

type of pancreatitis. Surgical removal of the gallbladder is necessary to prevent gallstone pancreatitis from occurring again.

Chronic pancreatitis is inflammation and scarring of the pancreas that occurs over a long period. Heavy alcohol is a common cause. Scarring of the pancreas may lead to failure to produce enough enzymes to digest food and a lack of insulin, leading to diabetes. Another complication of chronic pancreatitis is pseudo cyst formation. This is a fluid collection in or around the pancreas. Pseudo cysts can become infected, causing serious illness.

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City, utility officials share information about proposed bio-digester from trip to Germany

by Emma Palova

A team representing the city of Lowell and the Lowell Light & Power (LL&P) reported findings about bio-digesters in Germany last week.

A \$3.4 million anaerobic bio-digester, similar to the existing bio-digesters in Germany, will be constructed in Lowell on the utility's site off Chatham Street this summer. The project, slated for completion next spring, has been driven by the state renewable energy standard which requires the utility to produce 10 percent of renewable energy by 2015.

"We're under a mandate for renewable energy that was the impetus for looking at bio-digesters in Germany," said LL&P general manager Greg Pierce.

The utility is working with Sustainable Partners, LLC based in Grand Rapids (SPART) to provide utility grade energy much like sustainable communities in Germany.

Team members Tom Russo and city manager Mark Howe narrated the slide and video presentation, starting with a city dump site in Germany where trash was used to make bio-gas.

LL&P will emulate a German facility that has up flow and down flow tanks and a reflow tank. The entire system is less than 40 feet high and it will be controlled by a software-based center remotely accessible. Another tank will be stored

underground. The last product after the bio-gas is produced may go to farmers for different uses, such as bedding for animals or a fertilizer.

The bio-digester is a closed system that basically operates by itself as bio-gas goes through charcoal filter and runs the insulated indoor generator.

"No smoke comes out of the stacks," said Russo. "It's a clean burn engine."

Team member Andrew Schrauben said the entire system is very impressive since Germany can assist by logging into the Lowell system.

The bio-digesters in Germany has never had any leaks because they have sensors for detecting leaks, according to team member Maryalene LaPonsie.

"We saw a range of older and newer facilities," said LaPonsie. "Anything that would leak is organic."

The utility will be planting trees on the north and east sides of the facility as a buffer.

But, team member Rachel Schwab said the smell was very minimal, as well as the sound.

"I was impressed how clean it was," she said.

However, most of the facilities, unlike in Lowell, were not immediately next to residences. The closest one was 300 meters from a village.

Smell, noise and traf-



A similar bio-digester facility will be constructed in Lowell.

fic were the major concerns for the residents living close to the proposed bio-digester site in Lowell.

"Is it going to make the neighborhood look more industrial?" a resident questioned.

Actually, Pierce said the 40 foot tall trees will improve the look of the area. The trees will be planted with funding from the American Power Association in the amount of \$75,000.

"It will become an attractive area, as opposed to an eyesore," he said.

The traffic will be only single axle trucks from a local trucking company driving in from the north side and exiting on the south side.

The traffic will run from 6 am to 6 pm, six days a week, with approximately five trucks in and out of the facility. The enclosed generator will run 24 hours, seven days a week.

Litehouse will be one of the major users of the bio-digester facility. The utility is hoping to attract other food processing companies to the area.

"We will be looking [at this] if we can use it as an economic tool," said Pierce.

Howe said part of the trip was looking at sustainable sources of energy, since some of the facilities in Germany produced more energy than the community could use. So, they sold the excess energy to surrounding com-

munities or heated pools with it.

"The next step is, do we want to set as a goal becoming a sustainable community?" said Howe.

Physically, the bio-digester system will be made in USA; tanks are made in Ohio and the engine in southern states. The utility grade facility will be the first in the USA with 20 percent more efficiency than the previous bio-digesters.

It will take approximately five to 10 years to pay off the initial investment. The facility can make 835 KW which is close to the 10 percent renewable energy standard.

If needed, the system

can expand or another facility may be constructed.

"We could double it," said Pierce. "We have room for additional capacity."

Some residents were concerned about the facility being on the border of a flood plain and what would happen in case of a catastrophe.

However, the dump tank is 13 feet deep, encased in concrete, inside the building. All the mixing is done automatically.

The affluent that remains after the anaerobic process may be treated in the municipal wastewater treatment plant or trucked as liquid back to farms.



lend a hand

volunteering opportunities

Baked goods for Father's Day at God's Kitchen

On June 16, the wives of Lowell American Legion and the VFW veterans will be collecting homemade goodies from 10:00 am to noon at the Veterans' Center at 3116 South Alden Nash. These special desserts are for God's Kitchen in honor of Father's Day, June 17. Many of these who participate in God's Kitchen are veterans.

Nothing compares to fresh homemade baked goods, especially pies. Cakes and other baked goods are wonderful, but pies are at the top of the list of desert favorites. But please bake what you bake best.



The desserts will be delivered in the afternoon on Saturday, June 16, to the appreciative staff at God's Kitchen for Father's Day.

If you have questions, please call Jan Thompson at 897-2533.



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Softball team declared ineligible for state tournament

For the first time ever, the Lowell girls' softball team has been declared ineligible to play in the MHSAA state tournament.

According to the Michigan High School Athletic Association's rules, the softball team is not allowed to have more than 56 points per season, excluding play-off games. Points are calculated by days and games played. Each game and each day played counts as one point, so if they played a doubleheader, that would equal three points – one

point for the day and two points for the two games. Lowell had 57 points – one over the maximum.

There was a mix-up between athletic director Barry Hobrila and head coach Bill McElroy. Hobrila thought they only played three games at the Reeths Puffer tournament, when they actually played four games. That fourth game put them at 57 points. In a letter sent to parents, signed by both Hobrila and McElroy regarding the ineligibility, they explained that the Northview make-up

game was part of the mix-up, but Randy Ellen, Director of baseball and softball at MHSAA, said that wouldn't be a problem for the make-up game because it would have been on the schedule anyway, so that "day point" wouldn't have mattered and should have already been figured in the total points.

"Softball is allowed a combination of games and dates not to exceed 56.

We played 38 games over 19 dates putting us one over the limit," said Hobrila. "The coach and I both keep track. Apparently we played in a tournament that I thought was three games and it ended up being four games. Our coach missed it and thought that since I showed us at 56, we were okay. It was brought to our attention, after the season concluded, by the MHSAA

and we verified what had happened. The MHSAA has specific rules regarding forfeiture for these occurrences and as a volunteer member of the organization, we are obligated to follow them," added Hobrila.

McElroy said he tried to express his concern that the girls are the ones actually being penalized to the MHSAA, but they couldn't convince them to reverse the

ineligibility. "As the head coach, I am responsible for the program," added McElroy.

The team won the OK White conference title and was expected to do very well in the tournament with the caliber of players they had this year. Six starting seniors have graduated, so the chances of being able to repeat a similar season next year will be challenging.

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TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on June 26, 2012 at 8:30 am at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: on the petition of Kathryn DeGeorge for the allowance of her first annual account.

06/01/2012

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NOTICE TO
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Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 12-192122-DE

Estate of EVELYN L. HERR, deceased. Date of birth: 11/19/1925.

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Evelyn L. Herr, died 11/09/2011.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Peggy Birdsley, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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College News

Hope College has announced the dean's list for the 2011-12 school year. To be named to the dean's list, a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. The following are local students:

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Farwell, Aaron D. Sayfie, and Kara L. Klausing.

Alto: Gretchen A. Mortenson.

Lowell: Courtney L. Schmidt and Andrea L. Con-verse.

Kimberley Kline gradu-ated cum laude with a Bach-elor of Science degree in health professions. She will continue at Grand Valley State University to earn her Master's degree in physi-cian assistant studies. She is the daughter of Mike and Pam Kline and a 2008 gradu-ate of Lowell High School.

Ken Kline graduated with a bachelor's degree in entrepreneurship / hospital-ity at Central Michigan University. He is the son of Mike and Pam Kline and a graduate of Lowell High School.

Lauren Hanson gradu-ated from Oakland Univer-sity's School of Nursing

with a Bachelor of Science in nursing on April 28, 2012. She graduated cum laude with department hon-ors and is a member of the Theta Psi chapter of the Honor Society of nursing. Hanson is a 2008 graduate of Lowell High School and is the daughter of Don and Mary Jo Hanson of Ada.

business matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Don Reedy received Sales Associate of the Month in May.

This award recognizes Reedy for his outstanding suc-cess and achievements.

Lowell Middle School Students of the Month



The Lowell Middle School May Students of the Month are Trevor Roest, Alysia Ysasi and Tyler Doane, eighth grade; Kyle Cater, Tiana Petricevic and Darby Fuller, seventh grade; and Shelly Johnson, sixth grade. Teachers nominate students who demonstrate good leadership, good citizenship and good academics in each grade.

Pictured, left to right: Kyle Cater, Darby Fuller, Tiana Petricevic, Alysia Ysasi, Tyler Doane, and Shelly Johnson. Not pictured: Trevor Roest.

What's Your Sport?

Keep Caught Up On All The Lowell High School's Sports Action In

The Lowell Ledger

Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell baseball wins district championship

by Karen Jack

In two barn-burner games, the Lowell baseball team managed to come home with the district championship, allowing them to move on to the regional semifinals, where they will take on Hudsonville. If they win that game, they will face the winner of Rockford v. Grand Haven for the regional championship.

In the district semi-final game, Lowell faced Forest Hills Central, who they have lost to in the district semi-finals for the past three years. But this year, they beat them 3-2. With Titan Anderson on the mound for the entire game, he also was the first one to get runs across the plate. In the third inning, Jordan Drake started the scoring drive with a base hit, followed by another base hit from Travis Gordon. With two runners on base, Titan Anderson hit a triple, sending two runs in. In the very next inning, Zach Huver hit a triple with no runners on base and Jake Stephens hit him in, getting the RBI.

The game ended with a controversial call by the umpire. Forest Hills had runners on base, with two outs. Their player hit the ball, which would have re-

sulted in at least one run and was called safe by one umpire, but was overruled by the home plate umpire. This ended the game with the Arrows winning 3-2.

In the district finals, Lowell beat Caledonia 12-6, but don't let the score fool you. The Arrows started off slow, with three fielding errors in the first inning allowing five runs. They managed to get one run themselves, but it didn't look good after the first inning. In the third inning, they tied the score to make it 5-5.

In the sixth inning, they gave up one more run, falling behind once again. Luke Bigham went to the plate in the seventh inning and hit a home run to tie the game. With the bases loaded, Gordon went to the plate and hit a triple, bringing in three more runs. The Arrows' defense held Caledonia in the bottom of the seventh to make them the district champions.

The Arrows will face Hudsonville in Jenison at 10:00 am for the regional semifinals. If they win, they will play again at 3:00 pm for the regional championship.



Jordan Drake watches his hit.



Nick Shaffer waits for the ball to tag the runner.

Titan Anderson throws a strike.



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Seniors plan to participate in college sports

James Collins Lacrosse



Jim Collins has been playing lacrosse for eight years and will continue playing at Olivet College, but was also offered a scholarship at Messiah College. He chose Olivet because it was closer to home. Collins was All-Conference and All-State Honorable Mention. He holds a 3.842 GPA. His parents are Kirk and Ann and he has two older sisters, Samantha (LHS 2006) and Kathryn (LHS 2008). His most memorable moments are winning the conference championship in lacrosse and going to state in football. He has learned that "hard work pays off in the end." Collins looks forward to playing a higher level of lacrosse and to the next steps toward a career. Having torn his ACL in the first game of his senior year, he was unable to play for the rest of the season, but still holds the record for the highest percent of face-offs won.

Gabriel Dean Wrestling

Gabe Dean will be wrestling for Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, in the fall. He was offered scholarships at Minnesota, Michigan State, Central Michigan, and University of Michigan but chose Cornell because when he was around the people of Cornell, he just knew it was the place for him to be. Dean was MVP in the state football championships his sophomore year, Division 1-2 player of the year as a junior, captain of the dream team (football) his senior year, and WZZM scholar athlete of the week. He was also Academic All-State for two years, All-Conference and All-State for three years in wrestling and All-Conference and All-State his senior year in football. He was also the state champion in wrestling his junior year and runner-up his senior year. His parents are Dave and Bethny and he has two siblings: Max who will be a freshman; and Cassie who attends the middle school. The highlight of his high school career were the relationships he has made over the years, but specifically when he was a freshman, winning the state team wrestling title and winning the state title in football his sophomore year. "Never take anything for granted," said Dean. He holds the record for the most yards for a quarterback in football.



Jordan Drake Baseball



Having played baseball for the past 14 years, Jordan Drake will continue playing in the fall at Grand Valley State University in Allendale. Drake was also offered a scholarship at Aquinas and MSU wanted him as a walk-on, but he chose GVSU because when he visited the campus, he felt like he was at home. "Everyone was caring and thoughtful," said Drake. He also believes he had his best chance of playing time early at GVSU. Drake was three-time All-Conference, All-District and Academic All-State with a 4.104 GPA. His parents are Deb and Dana and he has a brother, Josh, who currently plays baseball for Aquinas College. His most memorable moments athletically was being in the state championship for football the last three years. For what he has learned, he says that, "You are going to have some adversity and some troubles that are in your way, but you have to get back up and keep fighting because things will get better."

Travis Gordon Baseball

Travis Gordon has been playing baseball for 11 years and will be playing for Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids. "It felt like it could be home for me and I love the atmosphere and people on the campus. I was also really impressed with the direction the campus is headed in and what their vision for us is," said Gordon. He was honorable mention All-Conference for the past two years and Academic All-District last year. He is anticipating receiving Academic All-State this year, carrying a GPA of 4.049. His parents are Dan and Esther and he has two brothers, Garrett (sophomore) and Zach (eighth grade), who both play baseball. When asked about what he has learned, he stated, "Work ethic. Being able to get over mistakes and working even harder after them." Gordon is looking forward to developing new relationships and just getting out on his own when he leaves for school in July.



Morgan Groom Softball

Morgan Groom will be pitching softball for Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts and will be heading east in mid-August. Groom chose Harvard over Hillsdale College and Alma College, which both offered her scholarships, because it was the best school academically. "It is a fantastic opportunity for me and I'm ecstatic that I am able to continue studying and playing softball there," said Groom. She received the Lowell High School Female Athlete of the Year award. Her junior year, she was All-State Honorable Mention and in both her junior and sophomore years, she was MVP, All-Conference, All-District, and All-Regional. In golf, she was MVP for the past three years. Groom was also Scholar Athlete this year and Academic All-State and is also in the running for Miss Softball in the state of Michigan. Her parents are Terrand and Sue and she has a brother, Parker, who will be a junior at the high school and plays tennis, basketball and baseball. Groom holds a 4.156 GPA and believes determination is one of the most important qualities for an aspiring athlete to have and says her most memorable moment is when she threw her perfect game at the Mandy Tichelaar tournament. She has set the high school record of the most strikeouts in a season.

Alexander Ligman Soccer

Alex Ligman has been playing soccer for nine years and will be attending Davenport University in Grand Rapids, while playing soccer for them as well. He chose Davenport because of their business school and playing soccer for them "is a bonus." Ligman was Honorable Mention All-Conference and All-District his senior year. He holds a 3.1 GPA and will be leaving July 31st for school. His parents are Dave and Kim Ligman and he has a brother, Matt, who will be a junior at the high school. "One thing I've learned over the past four years is that your true friends will always stick with you. I'm lucky to have those friends on and off the field every day," said Ligman. As far as records, he has the most "Ligman's" in a lifetime.



Jordan Nurmikko Football

Jordan Nurmikko will be playing football for Olivet College next year. He said it was an easy choice, because they have an excellent actuary science program there in which he plans on studying. He holds a 3.6 GPA. His parents are Robert and Maureen and he has four siblings: Emily (LHS 2004), Maggie (LHS 2006), Alex (LHS 2011), and Olivia who is in seventh grade. His most memorable moment is his go-ahead goal against Portage Central this year. "I learned to love and honor the game, something our coaches really stressed, win or lose," commented Nurmikko. He's looking forward to working with his new teammates and starting a whole new chapter in his life.



Joseph Potter Lacrosse



Joe Potter will be playing lacrosse for Davenport University in the fall and has already begun training. Davenport was the perfect school because it is the only one he wanted to attend. Potter was All-Conference his senior year, All-Conference Honorable Mention his junior year and was also the captain of the team both years. He holds a 3.7 GPA and will be leaving for Davenport in September. His parents are Connie and Eric and he has a brother, Andrew, who will be a senior in the fall. His most memorable moment was beating Holland Christian for the conference championship his junior year. He looks forward to being part of a new team and believes he has learned leadership throughout his high school career. Potter holds the record for the most takeaways in a game.

Jacob Stehley Football

Jake Stehley will be playing football for Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, IL. Having been looked at and offered scholarships by many Division three schools for both wrestling and football, Stehley said he chose Elmhurst because it was a good school academically and he wanted to play football. He was All-Conference and All-State Honorable Mention in football and Academic All-State in wrestling, with a GPA of 3.8. His parents are Rob and Sheri and he has two siblings: Garrett, who will be a junior at LHS and plays football, wrestling and baseball; and Lindsey (LHS 2011). His most memorable moments are "Friday night lights," and believes you have to enjoy the moment. He looks forward to going to school to figure out what he wants to do with his life. Stehley holds the record for most fireman carries in wrestling.



Jordan Timmer Volleyball



Central Michigan University will be gaining a new volleyball player in the fall with Jordan Timmer. Having played volleyball, basketball and soccer, she chose CMU because she loved the team, coach and campus. Having graduated two trimesters early, she already is at CMU to begin classes early. Her parents are Gigi and Matt Peal; Mark and Cory Timmer; and she has six siblings: Lauren, Collin, Madison, Samantha, Brynn, and Lilly. Her most memorable moments are playing sports with her friends, getting better and having amazing experiences with all of them. The one thing Timmer has learned is to "stay true to yourself."

Best of Luck !

Congratulations LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL class of 2012



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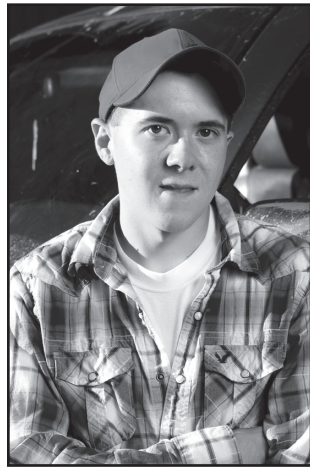
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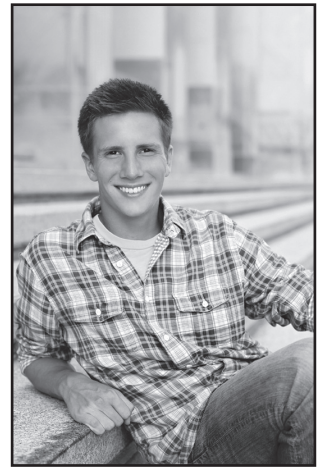
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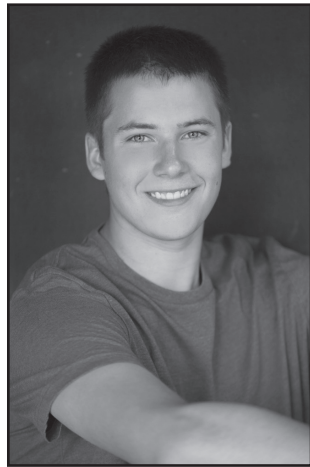
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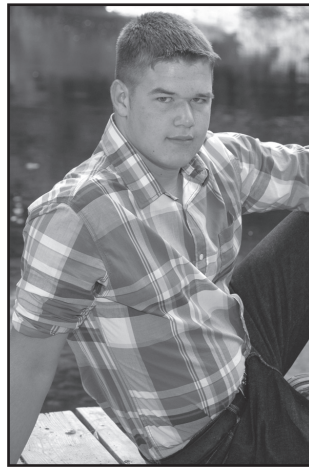
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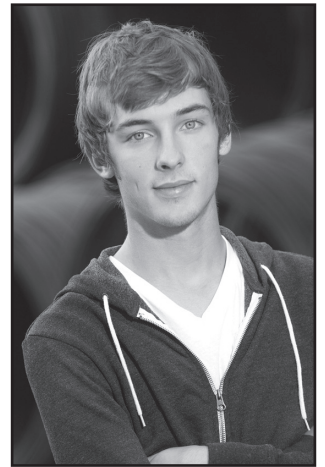
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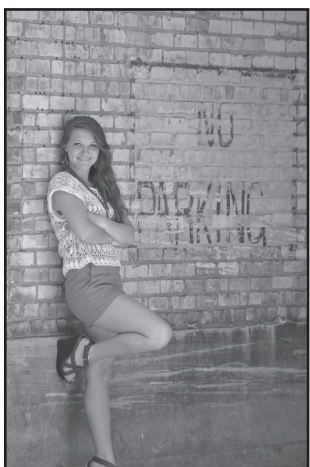
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William Athmann.....	Shari Miller Scholarship, Michigan Blood Donor for Life Award, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Jordan Ervin-Wakefield	Michigan Blood Excellence Award, Central Michigan University Multicultural Advancement Award	Alannah McBryde.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship
Justin Ball.....	Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship	Caitlin Fitzpatrick	Woody Lowell Area Schools Memorial Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Aquinas College Presidential Leadership Scholarship	Kristen McCaul.....	Lowell Bus Drivers Scholarship
Joshua Belile.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Joshua Flier.....	National Merit Scholarship Finalist, University of Texas at Tyler University Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Braden McGillicuddy..	Michigan Competitive Scholarship
Zoe Beloncis	Tara Beran Spirit Scholarship, Lowell Education Association Senior Leadership Scholarship, Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club Environmental Scholarship, Rotary Club of Lowell Eva & Lee Lampkin Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Collin Foehr.....	Michigan Blood Excellence Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Hannah McLane.....	Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Miami University RedHawk Excellence Scholarship, M.R. Bissell Memorial Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship
Analyse Bencker.....	Earl Posthumus Memorial Alto Lions Scholarship, Woody Lowell Area Schools Memorial Scholarship, Ferris State University Ferris Achievement Scholarship, Ferris State University Ferris Achievement Resident Hall Bonus 2 Scholarship	Alexandra Fotis.....	Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Calvin College Dean's Scholarship, Calvin College Calvin Mosaic Award, University of Dayton President's Merit Scholarship	Forrest McRee.....	Mary Shull Scholarship
Luke Bigham.....	OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Hannah Fowler.....	Aquinas College Fr. Hanley Scholarship	Jacob Merklinger	Belding-Ionia Lodge #355 Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation Scholarship
Sydney Bishop.....	The Carole Kerr Memorial Scholarship, Columbia College Presidential Scholarship	Mackenzie Fox.....	Aquinas College Presidential Leadership Scholarship	Kendra Merriman.....	OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Lowell FFA Rachel Penninga Scholarship
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Gregory Blanton.....	Lowell Bus Drivers Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Nicholas Gibson.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Hope College Alumni Honors Scholarship, Carthage College Academic Honors Scholarship	Derek Mixon.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship
Michaela Blough.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Travis Gordon.....	Rotary Club of Lowell Dorothy J. & Clinton J. Christoff Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Kathryn Mork.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship
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Leigha Boogaard.....	Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Morgan Groom.....	Mandy Tichelaar Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Andrew Morse	OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Blood Excellence Award
Grant Breuker.....	Jack Frost Design Scholarship, Bob Perry Memorial Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Kent County Education Association, Dependent Scholarship Award, Northern Michigan University Outstanding Achievement Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Matthew Haan.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Ferris State University Founder's Scholarship, Burger King Scholars Award	Gabriel Morse	Michigan Blood Excellence Award
Martin Brubaker.....	Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club Environmental Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Goshen College Yoder Honors Scholarship, Goshen College Athletic Award - Soccer, Goshen College Stoltzfus Recognition Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Zachary Halford.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Arielle Nausieda.....	Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship
Dillon Buck.....	Michigan Blood Excellence Award, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Aaron Hall.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Jonathan Niemann.....	Lowell Bus Drivers Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Ferris State University Dean's Scholarship
Casie Burr	Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Tyler Hall.....	Michigan Blood Excellence Award	Alexis Noffke.....	Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Rotary Club of Lowell King & Marie Doyle Family Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship
Micah Chapin.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Pauline Harrington.....	Wyntjes Medical Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Blood Excellence Award	Alicia Noffke.....	Lowell Women's Club Scholarship
Matthew Charrouf.....	Michigan Blood Donor for Life Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Benjamin Hart.....	OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award	Lauryn Noon.....	Michigan Blood Excellence Award
Caitlin Clover.....	Lowell FFA Wittenbach Scholarship, Michigan Corn Growers Association Scholarship, Aquinas College Presidential Leadership Scholarship, Community West Credit Union Scholarship	Zachary Hofman.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Blood Excellence Award	Jordan Nurmikko	Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Olivet College Presidential Scholarship, Olivet College Excellence Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship
Robert Coffey.....	Michigan Blood Excellence Award	Matthew Hoogenboom	OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Calvin College Honors Scholarship	Jeffrey Onan.....	Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Michigan Blood Excellence Award, Kettering University Trustee Scholarship
James Collins.....	Margaret Court Memorial Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award	Lee Hovey.....	Moerdyke Family Scholarship	Renn Osborne.....	Ilene Roth LESPA Dependent Scholarship, Sue Burt Scholarship, Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club Environmental Scholarship, Kathie Quada Memorial Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship
Drew Corson.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Ashlyn Hussey.....	Kathy Talus Memorial Scholarship, Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Hope Oudbier.....	Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Ferris State University Dean's Scholarship
Lindsey Crawford.....	Moerdyke Family Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, National Merit Scholarship Commended Scholar, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Award, Central Michigan University Distinguished Student Award, Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Grand Valley State University Award of Distinction Presidential Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Ferris State University Founder's Scholarship	Helen Jacobs.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Carissa Paiz.....	Alto Lions Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Northern Michigan University Scholars Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship
Gabriel Dean.....	James Edward Hale Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Collin Johnson.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Shelby Perkins.....	Hayden Family Scholarship, Oakland University Academic Achievement Award, Oakland University Geographic Region Award, Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship
Moriah Dee.....	Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Hannah Johnson.....	Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Jelena Petricevic.....	Ray Quada Memorial Scholarship, NASSP/Herff Jones Principal's Leadership Award
Quincee Denault.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Adam Jones.....	Rotary Club of Lowell Hahn Scholarship, Grand Rapids Community College Distinguished Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Joseph Potter.....	Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Blood Excellence Award
Aleesha DenBraven	Kuyper College Dean's Honors Award	Lindsey Karasiewicz...	Michigan Blood Excellence Award	Caleb Pratt.....	Ilene Roth LESPA Dependent Scholarship, Lowell Education Association Dependent Scholarship
Karis Dilly.....	Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Cherry Creek Classic 5K Cross Country Scholarship	Michaela Kehoe.....	Michigan State University Harold J. & Mildred T. Englehardt Scholarship, Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Wyntjes Medical Scholarship	Halley Reed.....	Michigan Blood Excellence Award
Justin Douma.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Austin Kempker.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Gloria Rivera.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship
Elizabeth Downing.....	LHS Academic Boosters Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Stephanie Kline.....	Margaret McMahon Scholarship	Emma Roderick.....	C.H. Runciman Scholarship, Lowell FFA Siler Scholarship, Aquinas College St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship
Jordan C. Drake.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Hanna Kole.....	Aquinas College Presidential Leadership Scholarship	Alec Roerig.....	Babe & Evelyn Wingeier Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Award
Jordan M. Drake.....	Carrol (Chris) & Helen Burch Memorial Scholarship, Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Grand Valley State University Award of Distinction Faculty Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Baseball Scholarship, Aquinas College Academic Leader Scholarship, Aquinas College, Alumni Scholarship, Aquinas College AQ 125th Scholar, Aquinas College AQ Men's Baseball Grant, Aquinas College Sullivan Scholarship, Aquinas College Paul Assenmacher Athletic Scholarship, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Academic Honors Scholarship, Western Michigan University Haworth College of Business Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Northern Rocket Football League Scholarship	Samantha Kooiman.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Kyle Rogers.....	Englehardt Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, University of Notre Dame University Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship
		Lauren Kurtz.....	Lowell Women's Club Scholarship, Babe & Evelyn Wingeier Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Aquinas College Monsignor Bukowski Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Anna Rozema.....	Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship
		Matthew Kyllonen.....	OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Nicholas Shaffer.....	Gary Rivers Scholarship
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		Meredith Lane.....	Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Blood Excellence Award	Connor Smith.....	Englehardt Scholarship, Lowell Education Association Senior Leadership Scholarship, Rotary Club of Lowell King & Marie Doyle Family Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Aquinas College 125th Scholar Award, Aquinas College Academic Leadership Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Blood Excellence Award
		Andrew Light.....	OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Jenna Smith.....	Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, Ilene Roth LESPA Dependent Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Michigan Competitive Scholarship
		Emma MacDonald.....	Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Kelsey Smith.....	Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Lake Erie College Presidential Scholarship, Lake Erie College Trustee's Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship
		Kelsey Mankel.....	Englehardt Scholarship, Lowell Education Association Roger Kropf Scholarship, Louise Harper Memorial Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Burger King Scholars Award, Central Michigan University Opus Award, Central Michigan University Music Major Award, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Outstanding Student Award, Central Michigan University Distinguished Student Award, Grand Valley State University Music Department Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship	Kendall Solon.....	Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship
		Kyra Marks.....	OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Grand Valley State University Award for Excellence, Grand Valley State University Award of Distinction Faculty Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Paper and Plastics Education Research Foundation Scholarship		
		Amber Martin.....	OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award		
		Taylor Martin.....	OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Award		

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Valedictorian KYLE ROGERS – 4.242

Kyle is the son of Jayne and Andrew Rogers.

Salutatorian KELSEY MANKEL – 4.199

Kelsey is the daughter of Kimberly and James Mankel.

LINDSEY CRAWFORD – 4.188

Lindsey is the daughter of Tom and Lisa Crawford.

MATTHEW HAAN – 4.157

Matt is the son of Ken and Laurie Haan.

MORGAN GROOM – 4.156

Morgan is the daughter of Terrand and Sue Groom.

BAILEY GROENDYKE – 4.109

Bailey is the daughter of Jessica and Ryan Malcolm.

JORDAN DRAKE – 4.104

Jordan is the son of Dana and Deborah Drake.

HANNAH TAWNEY – 4.094

Hannah is the daughter of Sam and Marcy Tawney.

AARON HALL – 4.088

Aaron is the son of Debra and Duane Hall.

SKYE THEBO – 4.088

Skye is the daughter of Walt and Beth Thebo.

ARIELLE NAUSIEDA - 4.080

Arielle is the daughter of Yvonne and Edward Nausieda.

PAULINE HARRINGTON – 4.070

Pauline is the daughter of Katie and John Harrington.

ANDREW MORSE – 4.064

Andrew is the son of Roger and Laura Morse.

HANNAH MCLANE – 4.053

Hannah is the daughter of Holly Moog and Brian McLane.

TRAVIS GORDON – 4.049

Travis is the son of Dan and Esther Gordon.

RYAN DURKEE – 4.045

Ryan is the son of Dan and Jan Durkee.

LAUREN KURTZ – 4.042

Lauren is the daughter of Jeff and Debra Kurtz.

JELENA PETRICEVIC – 4.042

Jelena is the daughter of Mark and Lili Petricevic.

ALEXANDRA FOTIS – 4.035

Alexandra is the daughter of Amy and George Fotis.

HALEY TALCOTT – 4.033

Haley is the daughter of David and Sheri Talcott.

RENN OSBORNE – 4.026

Renn is the son of Greg and Deb Osborne.

KYRA MARKS – 4.024

Kyra is the daughter of Scott and Lori Marks.

CARISSA PAIZ – 4.020

Carissa is the daughter of William and Leann Paiz.

KELSEY SMITH – 3.997

Kelsey is the daughter of Matthew and Diane Smith.

MICHAELA BLOUGH – 3.982

Michaela is the daughter of Carl and Brenda Blough.

ADAM JONES – 3.967

Adam is the son of Paul and Gretchen Jones.

JEREMY WODAREK – 3.966

Jeremy is the son of Thomas and Deborah Wodarek.

MORIAH DEE – 3.960

Moriah is the daughter of James and Sheri Dee.

ALEXIS NOFFKE – 3.958

Alexis is the daughter of Cathy Noffke.

QUINCEE DENAULT – 3.946

Quincee is the daughter of Chris and Tracy Denault.

Scholarships & Awards

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NAME SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Melissa Southwell.....OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship
 Jacob StehleyErnie Blasher Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship
 Lucas Stephens.....OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Michigan Competitive Scholarship
 Stephanie StevensLowell Women's Club Scholarship, Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award
 Shelby Strah.....Michigan Competitive Scholarship
 Alexander Swartz.....Rachel Penninga Award
 Joseph Sweet.....Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award
 Haley Talcott.....Michigan Competitive Scholarship
 Hannah Tawney.....Peter & Evelyn Speerstra Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Miami University RedHawk

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 Skye TheboKathy Talus Memorial Scholarship, Edwin F. Doyle Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Grand Rapids Community College Dean's Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship
 Jordan TimmerOK Conference Scholar Athlete Award
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Nicole WilcoxMichigan Blood Excellence Award
 Jake Will.....Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship
 Kelsey Wittenbach.....OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Grand Valley State University Laker Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship
 Jeremy Wodarek.....Austin Lancaster Memorial Scholarship, OK Conference Scholar Athlete Award, Calvin College Honors Scholarship, Aquinas College Monsignor Bukowski Scholarship, Michigan Competitive Scholarship
 Ryan WoodheadIlene Roth LESPA Dependent Scholarship
 Hunter Zuk.....Grand Valley State University Trotter Tri-County Scholarship

2012 commencement, continued

Murphy-Alderman spoke of hope for the students' future, stating, "Hope awaits you and the future awaits you. Keep the hope and continue to dream."

Three students spoke at the ceremony, including class valedictorian Kyle Rogers, class salutatorian Kelsey Mankel and senior Calvin Meyer.

In his address, Kyle Rogers told his class that today was a milestone.

He reminded them that they were the first class to experience all four years of the Pink Arrow Project together. That, combined with all the service they have given to the community, "it's inevitable for each and every one of us to move forward, build a new future, make new friends, forge new opportunities." He also reminded them, "We are powerful and we deserve to be great."

Kelsey Mankel told her class to be a squirrel, referring to a commencement address her father heard when he was graduating and remembered after all these years. "Be a squirrel. When we leave today, we are stepping into a forest of opportunities and it is time to harvest our

nuts. It is time to leave the nest, and explore on our own. Building your nest, requires patience, courage, and persistence."

Kalvin Meyer urged his classmates to be nice. He talked about his thoughts of suicide just before the team state wrestling tournament, but was saved because his

coach was nice to him. He told them that they never know how their niceness can save a life.

Superintendent Greg Pratt asked the seniors to be thankful to their parents who were their first teachers. He went on to remind the students that great accomplishments

require hard work and sacrifice. Pratt reminded them to develop their level of patience. He quoted Leo Tolstoy, author of War and Peace, "the strongest of all warriors are these two: time and patience." He also asked them to serve their community and to find a cause they believed in.





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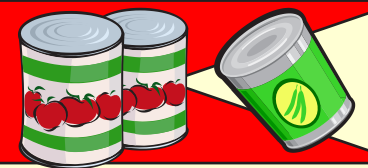
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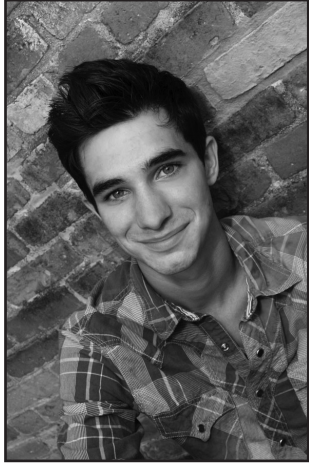
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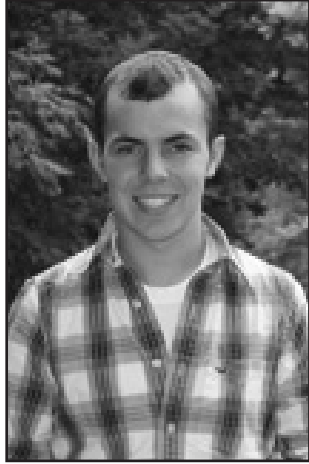
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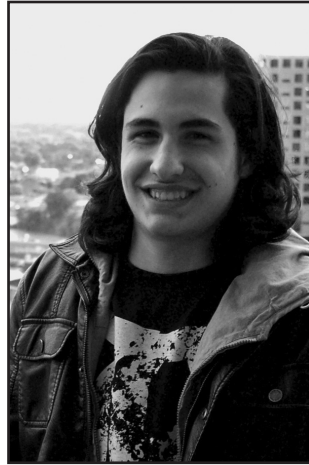
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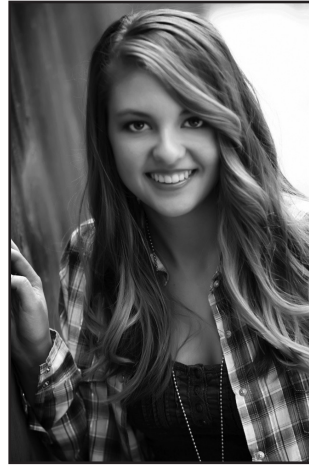
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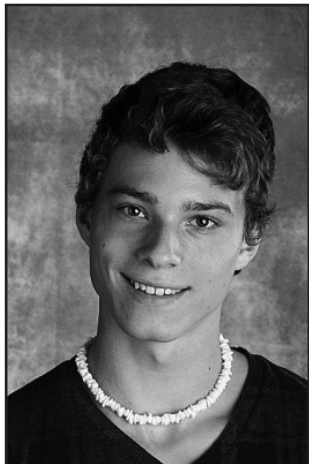
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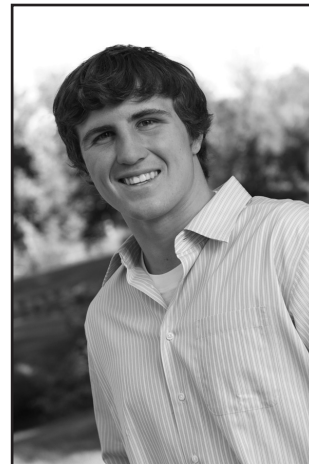
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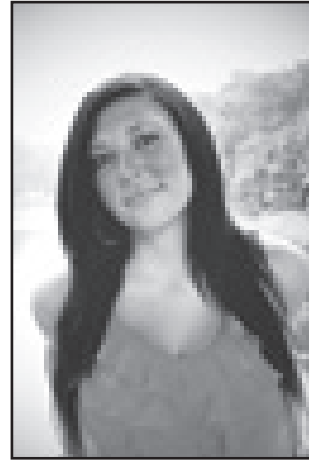
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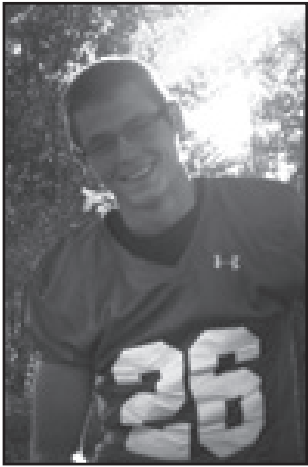
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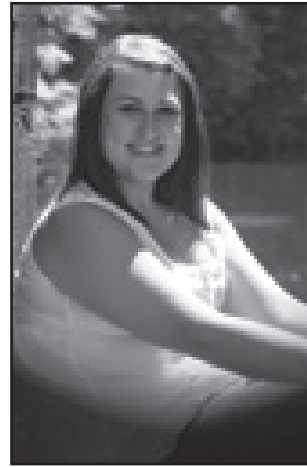
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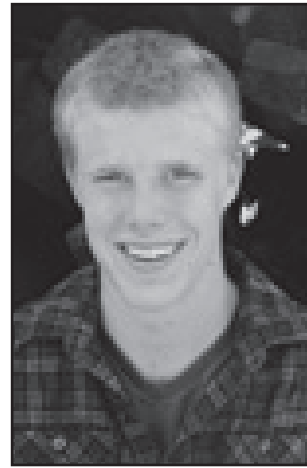
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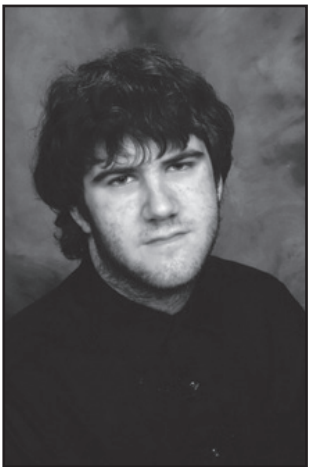
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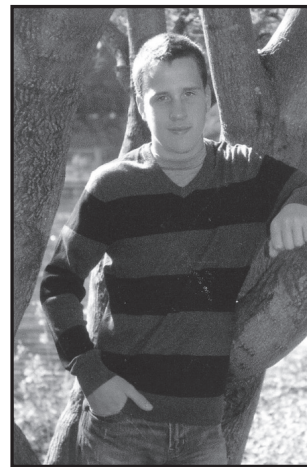
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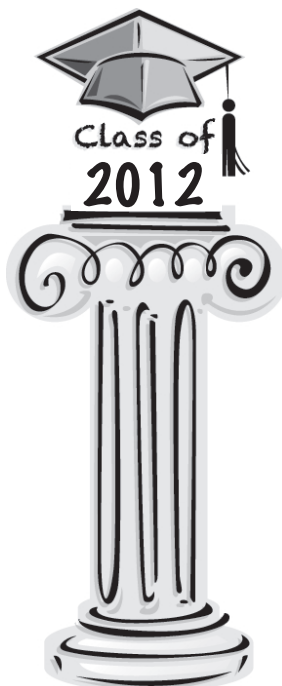
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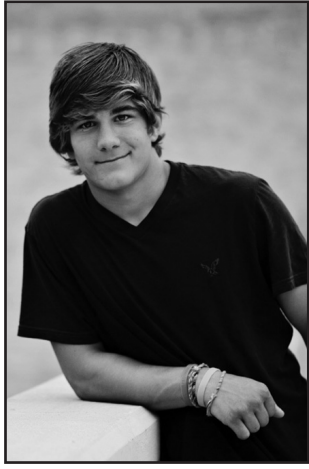
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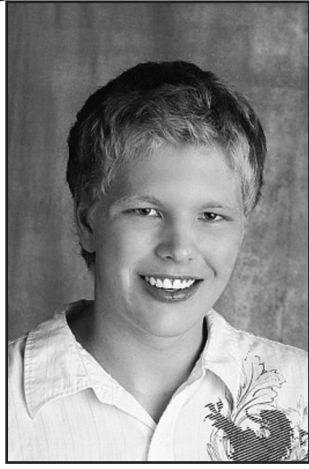
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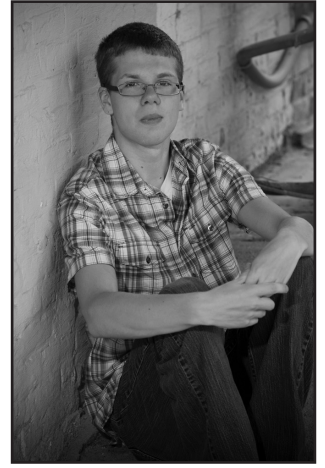
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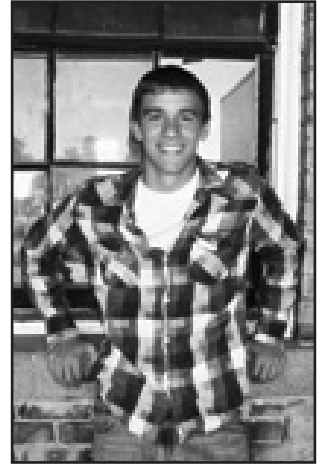
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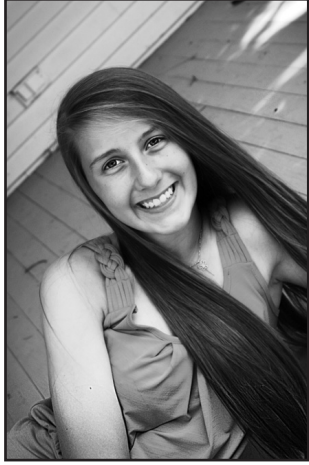




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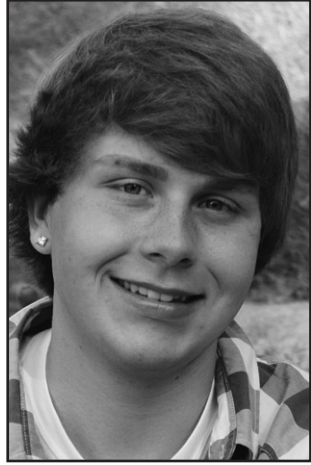
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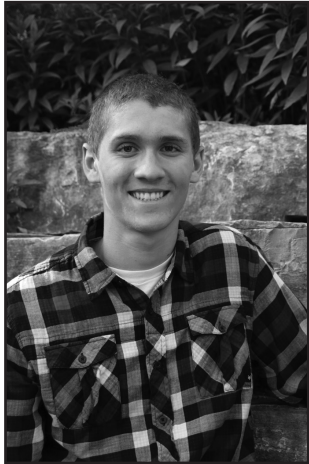
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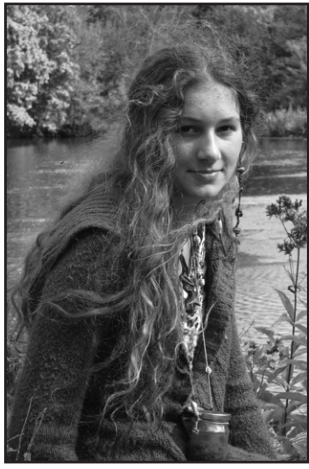
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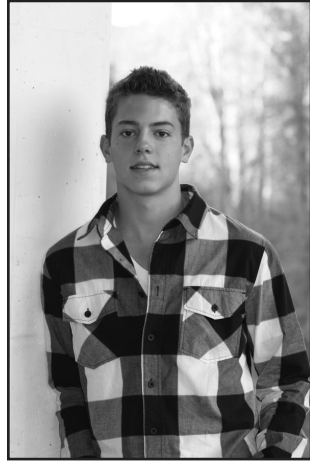
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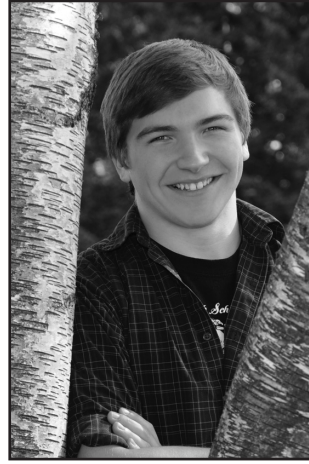
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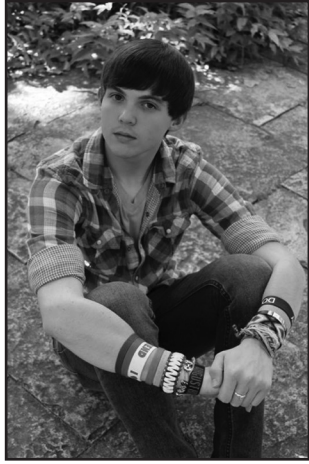
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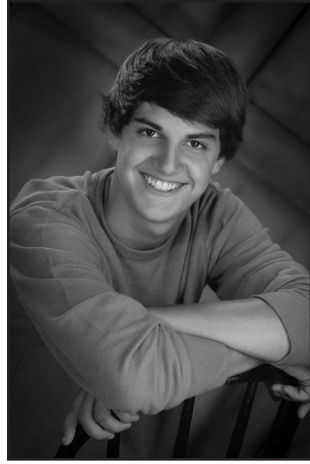
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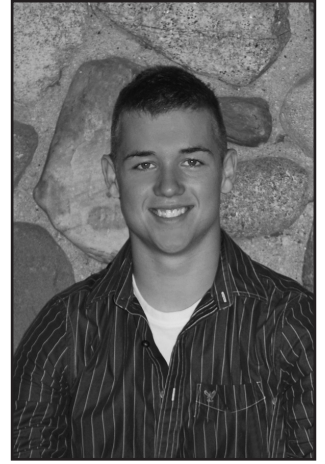
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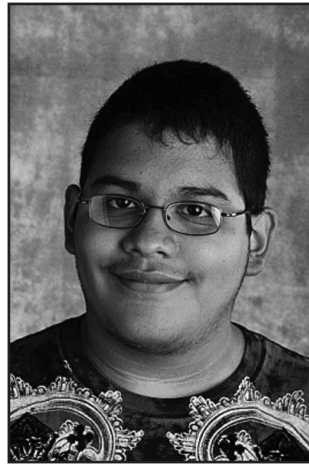
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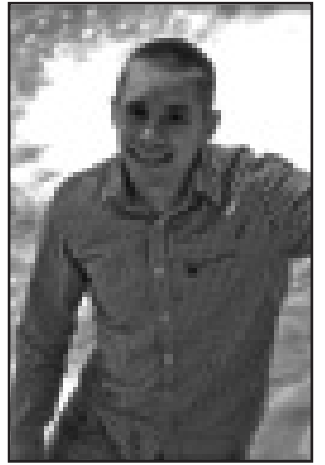
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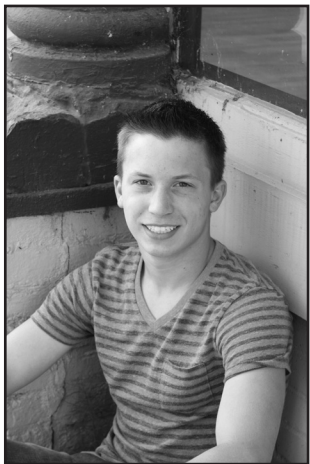
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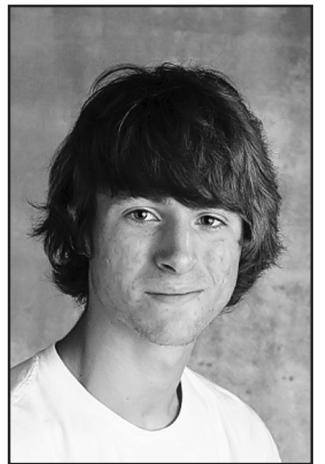
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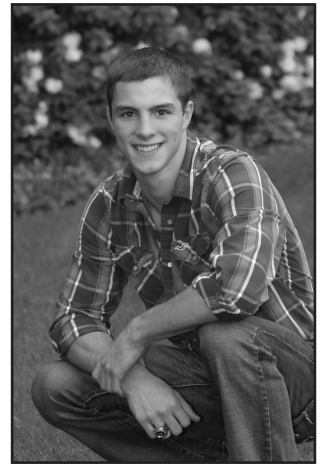
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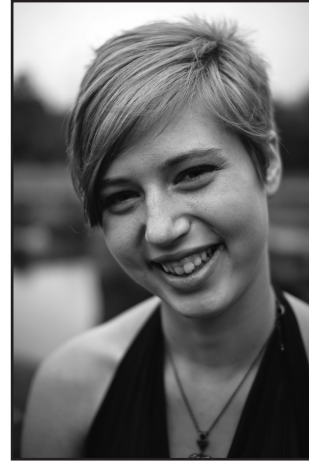
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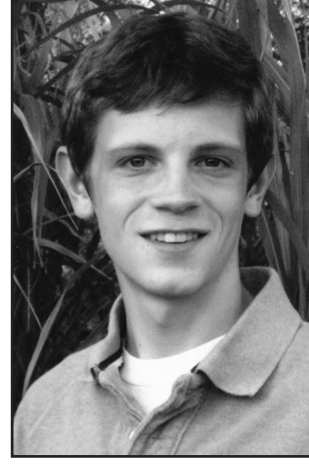
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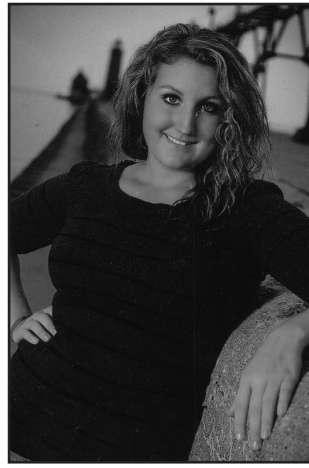
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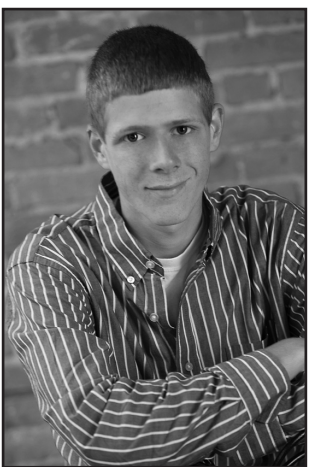
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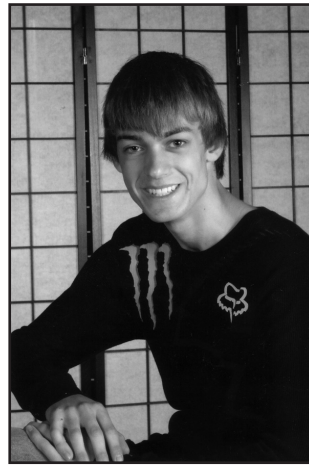


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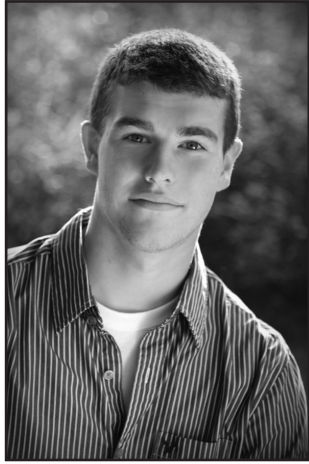
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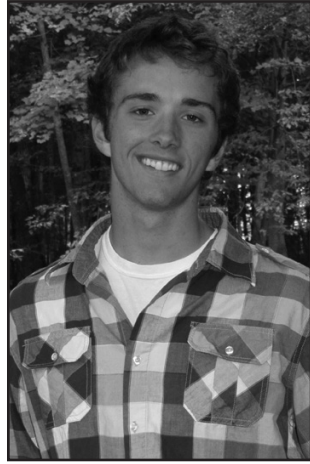
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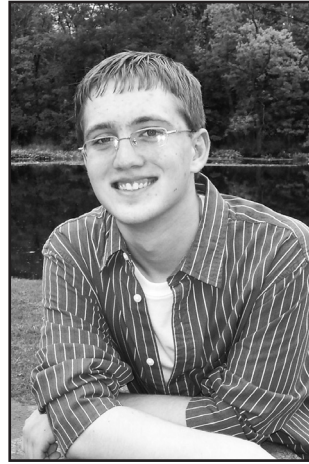
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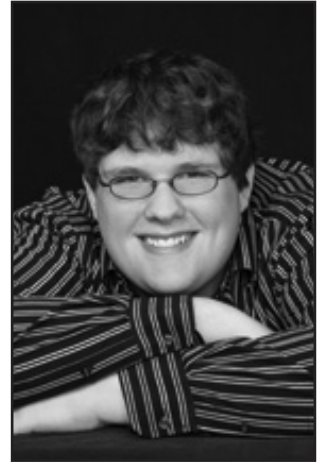
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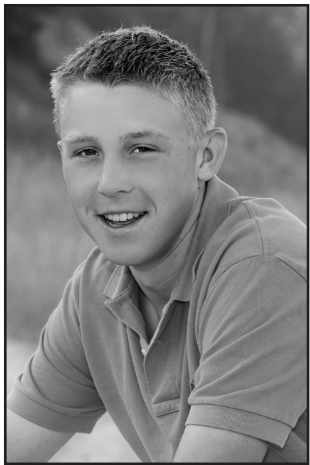
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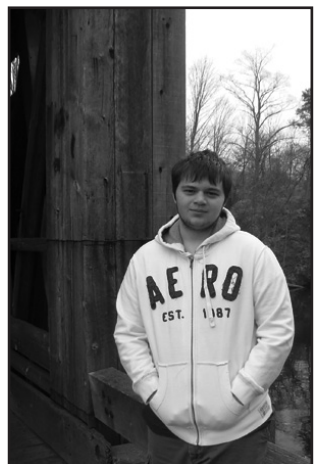
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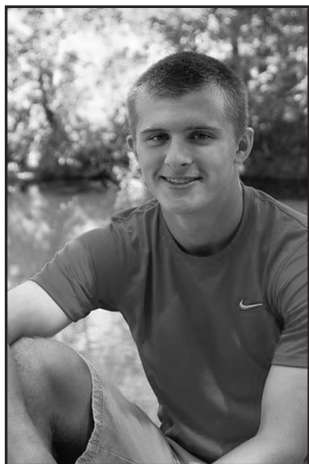
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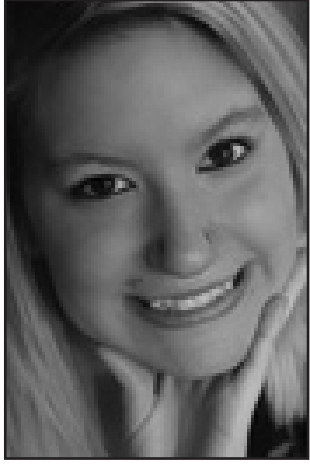
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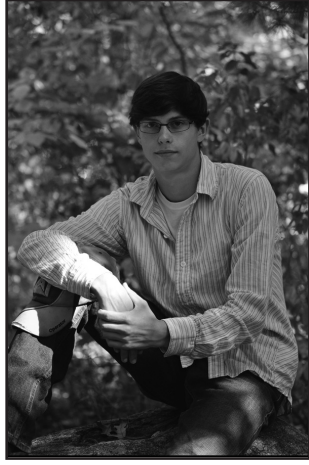
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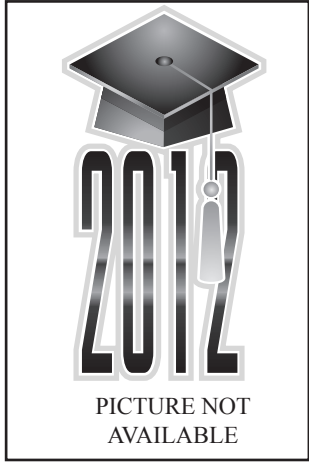
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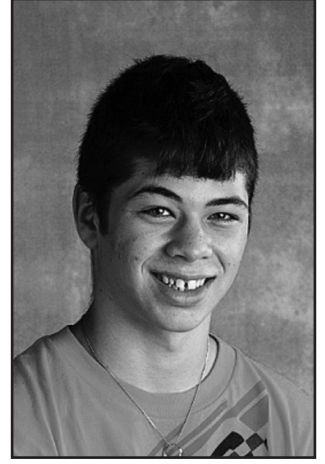
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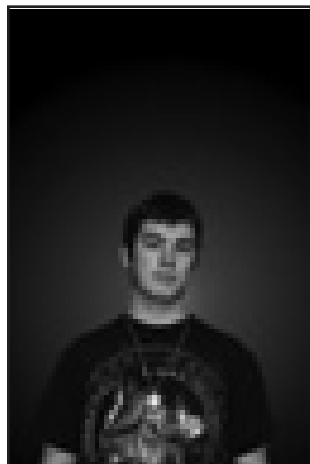
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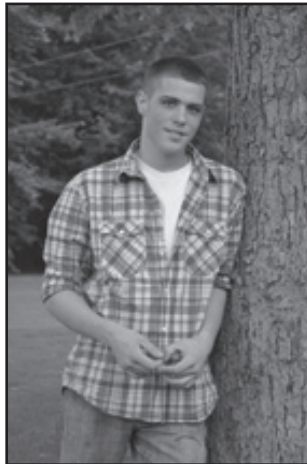
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QUEEN PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET - (new), \$248/set. Thick & plush. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.^{TFN}

QUEEN PILLOWTOP SET - All new. Compare at \$248. Thick & plush. Only \$229. 616-682-4767 or 293-6160. Can deliver.

200 APPLIANCES - Washers, dryers, refrigerators & stoves. Guaranteed. From \$69. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. Delivery available.^{TFN}

ADJUSTABLE BED - Includes memory foam mattress. Compare at \$2,200. Never used \$1,299. 616-682-4767 or 293-6160. Can deliver.

MATTRESS SETS - All new twin \$125, full \$139, queen \$149, king \$199 & up. Pillowtop sets \$175 up. 616-682-4767 or 293-6160. Can deliver.

GET THE SMOKE, ASH & WOOD MESS OUTSIDE - Central Boiler Classic Outdoor Wood Furnace with a 25 year warranty. Call SOS your "Stocking Dealer" Dutton, MI 616-554-8669 or 616-915-5061.

KENMORE REFRIGERATOR & STOVE SET - (2006), cost \$900, sell \$199 for pair. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.^{TFN}

30 X 40 - All steel pole barn, \$9,000. 616-299-5589.

AIR BED - Selecta comfort for each of you. New Air-Cell M-7. Mall price, queen \$3,199, sale \$1,999. King mall price \$3,999, sale \$2,299. 616-682-4767 or 293-6160. Can deliver.

PANTRY CAN ORGANIZERS - Organizes & rotates your canned goods. Height: 10 3/8", width: 5", depth: 22 1/2". Holds 14 veggie or fruit cans. Will also work for small soup cans. Purchased from canorganizer.com 2 weeks ago for \$45 for 8, asking \$25 & the hardest part is done, we've assembled all 8! Reason for selling is I purchased the wrong size. Call Tammy, days, 897-9555.

BED & MATTRESS SET - queen, Sealy, \$95 includes frame. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. Delivery available.^{TFN}

TWIN BED - Mattress, box spring & frame, (Sealy), \$85 complete. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.^{TFN}

wanted

I WANT TO BUY - refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer & furniture in good shape. Have cash. 989-584-6818.^{TFN}

help wanted

ANIMAL CARE GIVER - an opportunity for a hardworking adult to gain a long-term position caring for many small dogs at a large facility. Experience not required. Must be able to pass a drug test. Alto/Caledonia area. 616-437-0342.

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN - Attwood currently has an opportunity for a Preventative Maintenance Technician in Lowell. Successful candidates will have knowledge of PLC logic, sensor technology and experience with electrical, mechanical, pneumatic, and hydraulic systems. Apply online at www.Brunswick.com/careers Requisition #6957.

BILL'S ENTERPRISES, INC. - Help wanted, part-time. Must be able to pass background check & drug test. Also, need to have a chauffeurs license. At time of interview, we will discuss the jobs that we have available. If interested, call 897-1119, leave message.

LEASING AGENT/APARTMENT MANAGER - Part-time flexible hours for housing community in Ionia. Detail conscious person with great people skills & good character required. FAX resume with letters of reference to 616-696-8501 or mail to Human Resources, PO Box 799, Cedar Springs, MI 49319. EEO

BUSY INSURANCE EXECUTIVE - currently hiring energetic and self-motivated team players. Call 616-328-6111 x1 or e-mail aconfer@phase2financial.com

HOUSE CLEANER BI-WEEKLY - I'm in need of a highly qualified, reliable person to clean my Lowell home twice a month. I am open to dates/times. MUST have references that will be checked. If interested, please reply to Becky at 616-897-6126, leave a message if no answer.

NOW HIRING - and training for career positions with West Michigan's leading real estate company. Call Rick Seese, Greenridge Realty, Inc. for a confidential interview. 616-437-2576 or 616-974-4250.^{TFN}

BABYSITTER - Adult babysitter needed Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays this summer. In Lowell, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Must have reliable transportation (some driving needed) Girls are 11 & 15 & self sufficient. Email: mybartony@gmail.com with name, phone number & salary requirements.

DRIVERS - Home every other day! Dedicated Holland, MI to KC, MO. CDL-A, 1 yr. OTR. Average 3,000 miles/week! MTS: 800-748-0192 x208/x214.

for rent

WATERFRONT COTTAGES - 70 miles north of Lowell. Canoe, paddle & row boats included. Pontoon rental available. Call Ron for reservations at 616-644-9414.

HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! www.vfw8303.org. Also for those interested in dance classes at the post. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.^{TFN}

WOODED VIEW APARTMENTS - 2 BR starts at only \$499. Easy access to M-66. Wooded setting close to schools and shopping. Tons of storage. Rent based on income. TDD: 800-649-3777. EHO/Barrier Free. Call before gone, 616-527-6266.

FOR RENT - Pole barn, 40x60, north of Lowell. Info, Peggy, 897-5807.

PRICELESS STORAGE - Indoor/outdoor. New Units on Alden Nash, 1 mile South of I96. Call for specials 558-2900.^{TFN}

misc.

TURTLE SOUP? - have at least 2 large snappers that need to be removed from home pond. Email: tyrusg@sbcglobal.net

SUPPORT THE LOWELL AREA FARMERS' MARKET - Thursdays 12:30-6 p.m. at the Tractor Supply parking lot. Call Dave & Betty Deans for more info, 897-9186.

PFALLER FIREARMS LLC - in cooperation with Tri Town Conservation Club will hold an NRA Certified "Personal Protection in the Home" class. The class will be held over 2 days, June 18 from 6-9 p.m. & June 23 from 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. This class meets the requirements for obtaining a Concealed Pistol License in Michigan. Cost: \$100. For more information or to register please e-mail jamespfaller@gmail.com

CLASSIC CAR FRIDAYS - again at Fry Daddy's! Drive your classic car in & receive a \$1 off any regular priced basket. We just ask that you hang out with your dinner for a bit! 608 W. Main Street, Lowell.

sales

RELAY FOR LIFE DOGGIE WASH & BAKE SALE - at Grand River Veterinary, 661 Lincoln Lake, 897-4900. June 9, 1-3 p.m.

GARAGE SALE - 772 Grindle Dr., Lowell. Fri. & Sat., 6/8 & 6/9, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Teen/adult clothing, household, books & more.

YARD SALE - Fri. & Sat., June 8 & 9, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lawn furniture, Adult clothes, plants, household misc., bikes, lawn sweeper. 10390 36th St.

DAY CARE CLOSING - Fri. & Sat., June 8 & 9, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Toys, games, clothes, household, canning jars, something for everyone. 527 N. Lafayette, Lowell.

HUGE SALE - 311 North St. June 8 & 9, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. School age boy & girl toys, clothes & more, adult clothes, & household goodies.

SALE - 2646 Lincoln Lake & 3 Mile. Hockey gear, linens, bikers riders coat & hat, household, misc. June 8 & 9, 8-2:30 p.m.

TWO ELDERLY PERSON ESTATE SALE - Household items and furniture, handicap items, clothing & accessories, crafts, sewing, yarn. June 7 & 8, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 14058 - 6 Mile Rd., Belding (3 miles west of Smyrna, 1.5 miles east of Lincoln Lake Rd.)

services

TAXES, PAYROLL, QUICKBOOKS, & ACCOUNTING SERVICE - by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-6351.^{TFN}

RESPONSIBLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT - looking for a baby sitting job. Have my own transportation, willing to do light house cleaning & cooking. References available. Call Tori at 450-7372.

COUNSELING SERVICES - by a local therapist. Pain management, mental health, MCM, Voc. Rehab., career, etc. 238-2116. Life Transitions Therapy.

YOGA CLASSES - Tues. & Fri. 7:30 a.m. & Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 p.m. at 901 W. Main. \$8 walk-in. Specials at www.thehammockllc.com Questions, 893-5661.

IF YOUR PET - (dog or cat) would be more comfortable at home while you're away for a weekend or a week-long vacation, call Barbara at 897-5180. I'll make up to three visits per day to your home in the immediate Lowell area.

HANDY REPAIR SERVICE - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198.^{TFN}

services

WALNUT HILL LAWN SERVICE - lawn mowing, rototilling & general lawn maintenance. Reasonable rates & free estimate. Call Aaron at 616-328-9558.

NEED A DUMPSTER? - 14 to 20 yards available. Garage, attic, household cleanup, roofing, trash, junk etc. Dependable service & affordable prices. Call for free estimates. Contact Doug 616-295-6640.^{TFN}

KID ZONE DAYCARE - Has 2 full time openings for 0-5 yrs. Call for more information, 889-8384. Located behind Goodwill, just off M-21.

in memoriam

IN LOVING MEMORY Cheryl Murphy 10/31/55 - 6/8/10
Jerry Straus 11/1/47 - 8/4/10

Gone are the days we used to share, But in our hearts you are always there. The gates of memory will never close, We miss you more than anyone knows. With tender love and deep regret, We who love you will never forget.

Often on our minds, forever in our hearts,
 Your family

— LEGAL NOTICE —

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

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

HOLBROOK, who lived at Nine River Street, Rockford, Michigan died 05/02/2012.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

06/04/2012

FILE NO. 12-192215-DE

Estate of **LEROY GRAY**. Date of birth: 05/22/1941.

John D. Mitus (P31244) 410 Bridge St., NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-774-4001

James C. Gray 241 Baynton, NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, LeRoy Gray, who lived at 745 Kirtland Street, SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan died 05/17/2012.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Richard P. Holbrook, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 11640 Sprague NE, Sand Lake, MI 49343 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

05/31/2012

FILE NO. 12-192169-DE

Estate of **NELLA M. HOLBROOK**, deceased. Date of birth: 07/05/1921.

R. John Stephan (P71686) 3875 W. River Dr. PO Box 327 Comstock Park, MI 49321 616-784-5080

TO ALL CREDITORS:

Richard P. Holbrook 11640 Sprague NE Sand Lake, MI 49343 616-984-2915

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, **NELLA M.**

JUNE SPECIALS



**1999 GMC VAN
1500 RWD**
Local trade, 5.7L, extra clean
\$4,588



**2004 CHRYSLER
PT CRUISER**
Great MPG's, CarFax,
1 owner
\$6,395



**2004 CHRYSLER
SEBRING**
Great MPG's,
Fun Summer Car!
\$6,988



**2007 BUICK
LACROSSE**
3.8, V6, great MPG's,
CarFax, 1 owner
\$10,886



**2004 BUICK
RENDEZVOUS**
AWD, 3.6L,
extra clean
\$9,588



**2005 CHEVY
MALIBU**
3.5L, great MPG's,
CarFax, 1 owner
\$9,988



**2006 MALIBU
MAXX**
Great MPG's,
only 68,000 miles
\$10,488



**2004 CHRYSLER
PACIFICA**
AWD, loaded,
low miles
\$10,488



**2006 CHRYSLER
PT CRUISER**
Limited Edition, chrome
wheels, great MPG's
\$9,645



**2005 BMW X3
AWD 3.0i**
Leather, loaded
\$15,788



**2004 DODGE
DURANGO**
Limited, 4x4, Hemi,
loaded, extra clean
\$9,999



**2008 DODGE
NITRO SLT**
4x4, 3.7L, loaded,
chrome wheels
\$9,588



**2008 PONTIAC
G6**
2.4L, local trade, chrome
wheels, leather
\$11,688



**2006 SATURN
VUE AWD**
V6, CarFax, 1 owner,
clean
\$10,668



**2008 CHEVY
MALIBU LTZ**
2.4L, great MPG's, leather,
sunroof, loaded
\$14,987



**2005 CHRYSLER
300C**
Touring, AWD, loaded,
CarFax, 1 owner
\$13,988



**2009 DODGE
JOURNEY**
FWD, CarFax, 1 owner,
great MPG's
\$14,981



**2006 FORD F150
SUPERCAB 4X4**
93,000 miles,
clean
\$13,788



**2010 FORD
FUSION SEL**
AWD,
loaded, great MPG's
\$13,157



**2010 JEEP
COMPASS**
Sport, CarFax, 1 owner,
great MPG's
\$12,988



**2007 GRAND
CHEROKEE**
Laredo, 4x4,
V8, loaded
\$12,878



**2004 JEEP
WRANGLER**
4x4, manual, 4.0L, low
miles. Southern JEEP!!
\$13,986



**2010 NISSAN
SENTRA**
Wow! Amazing MPG's,
only 23K, CarFax, 1 owner
\$14,988



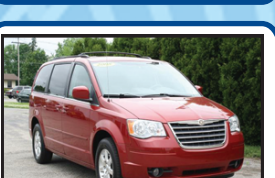
**2011 TOYOTA
YARIS**
MPG leader, 32,000 miles,
CarFax, 1 owner
\$14,612



**2007 CHRYSLER
300C**
5.7 Hemi, only 54,100
miles, loaded
\$17,588



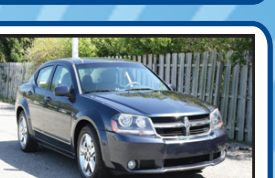
**2007 DODGE
ASPEN**
Limited, leather, moonroof,
loaded, CarFax, 1 owner
\$16,989



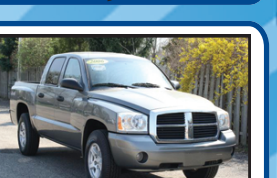
**2008 TOWN &
COUNTRY**
Only 55K,
great MPG's, V6
\$15,988



**2008 TOWN &
COUNTRY**
Low miles at 30K, loaded,
Only...
\$16,988



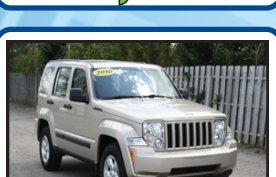
**2008 DODGE
AVENGER**
R/T, loaded, V6,
great MPG's
\$15,688



**2006 DODGE
DAKOTA SLT**
4x4, local trade, CarFax,
1 owner
\$15,391



**2008 DODGE
RAM QUAD CAB**
4x4, CarFaTRX
\$16,788



**2010 JEEP
LIBERTY SPORT**
4x4, V6, only 43K,
\$16,988



**2010 JEEP
LIBERTY SPORT**
4x4, V6, CarFax, 1 owner,
only 25K
\$17,988



**2006 CADILLAC
DTS**
Leather, loaded, V8
\$15,988



**2007 GMC
ENVOY SLE**
4x4, extra clean
\$13,988



**2006 DODGE
RAM 3500 SLT**
Quad cab, Cummings
diesel, 4x4, loaded
\$22,988



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