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**Young Artist Giving Back to the Community through “The Ludington Show”  
Exhibit in August at the Ludington Area Center for the Arts**

LUDINGTON— Emily Crowley, a Ludington native and student at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, is giving something unique back to the community she grew up in: portraits of ten influential citizens, selected by the artist, who help make Ludington a special place.

The oil portraits will be on display from August 13-29 in the gallery of the Ludington Area Center for the Arts. The public is invited to an opening reception on Friday, August 13 from 6-8 p.m.

Crowley was looking for a thesis project that would allow her to combine what she had been taught in art school with her growing realization that her hometown is a special community. Through “The Ludington Show,” Crowley found that project.

“I started with a portrait of Ludington’s mayor, John Henderson. From there, I talked to a lot of people and even solicited suggestions through a newspaper article,” explained Crowley. “I selected a group of people for The Ludington Show who collectively showcase part of what makes our community worth being part of. A common thread I noticed is that they do what they do out of a sincere interest in improving the community for everyone.”

In addition to John Henderson, The Ludington Show features portraits of photographers Todd and Brad Reed; Dr. Bill Anderson, historian, writer, and former head of the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries; business and philanthropic leaders, Bob Neal, Milan “Budde” Reed, and Lee and Joan Schoenherr; and Bill and Jane Carpenter, owners of a local B&B, who were instrumental in the creation and growth of the Ludington Area Arts Council and the Center for the Arts.

Crowley is giving back to her community in another way as well; she is volunteering at the Center for the Arts in exchange for studio space for the summer. After she graduates from art school in June 2011, Crowley plans to pursue a career as an illustrator and portrait artist.

The Ludington Show exhibition is sponsored by The Artists Market, which provided Crowley with discounted art supplies and suggested she contact the Center for the Arts as a venue for the exhibition. The Artists Market is a gallery, framer, and art supply store in downtown Ludington.

For more information, contact the Ludington Area Center for the Arts during business hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 12-5:30 p.m. at 231-845-2787. The Center is at 107 S. Harrison in the historic former home of the United Methodist Church in downtown Ludington. Parking for Center events is available in the public lot south of the Center at the corner of Harrison and Loomis streets.

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