# The Grand Valley Ledger 

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AMERICANS EACH drank nearly 17 percent less coffiee in the first threc months of this vear than they consumed in the first
quarter of 1976 . Retail prices climbed 81 percent in the year. Retail prices of coffee averaged 52.78 a one-pound can in the first quarter.
compared with 51.54 in the same three months of 1976 . But, retail offiee prices in March reaghed $\$ 3$ a pound and a new consumer
price report due out soon is expected to show a further increase. The
average ... find the owners of numerous articices that were left behind during heir annual walkathon 'Footsteps For Burns' recently. Anyone Street. Lowelli. or call 897-8071. . t 8154 East Fulton Road. Ada. The owners Alta and Gregory
cilmore will hold a public auction to deplete their inventory on Saturday. June $11 \ldots$. . . A MEETING TO organize an Adult (high school and up) Summer
Tenris League in Lowell. single and dobbles. is pianed for
Thursday. June 2 , at the Lowell YMCA office; 323 West Moin meeting, or call 8977.7375 ...
SPOTTY THUNDERSHOWERS have helped, but for the mos a several day period. Trouble is. the 30 -day forecast indicates the lemperatures will be unreasonably high. Monday's high of 90 ,
roke the record of 88 in $1966 \ldots$.
RISING CAR SALES, reduced unemployment and plentiful RiSING CAR SALES, reduced unemployment and plentiful fuel
supplies should help propel Michigan tourism to a near record
Memorial Day holiday, with state motorists expected to exceed 700 aillion miles driven for the second dime in history. Holiday traffic rols will be operated for the weekend by the Mictigan Stak
and midnight Monday, May 30 . .
SATura Ny
 2 OWER B Ftil dusk at Jim Shook's iris garden. 3987 Lincoln Lake Road, N.W.
ntil because 1 like to. With the warm weather, the irises are least 80 different kinds of early irises sare in bloom. Later bloomers opular tall bearded German iris
ior miss Maiden Voyage" this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May for and 28. The new department will feature tops and bottoms for the oung at heart. There'll be free refreshments and door prizes. For
Tore details, see their full. page advertisement in this edition. TO GIVE THEIR employeess a well. deserved long week-end, all of mith \& Clemenz and Jacksons-will be closed this Saturday only, THE LOWELL YMCA Swimming Pool at Recreation Park will open this Saturday. May 28 . There will be open swims from 2 to 4
p.m. Saturday. Sunday and Monday. The pool will be open ceekdays. beginning Tuesday, May 31 with an after-school swim THE SOUTHERN TASK Force of the West Michigan Regional
Planning Commission will meet at the Lowell City Hall, 301 East ain Street, this Thur
LOWELL FiREMEN were called to the pine forest off Fun Street Sunday afternoon when lightring struck and started a fire. The
iremen were at the scene more than two hours . . . Mrs. Olive ennock of Lowell. last Wednesday, jumped for joy when she
purchased a $\$ 50$ winning lottety ticket at Rosie Drive Inn. ..
THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE will operate on 2 holiday schedue Memorial Day. Monday. May 30 . Lowell Postmaster Charlie Doyle said there will be no regular residential or business mail decilive mail his date and the lobby will be closed. Those wishing to send mail, the "Out of Tow" box in front of the Post Office will be
by star route and dispatched to Grand Rapids at $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
PLAN AHEAD! Due to the fact that Memorial Day falls on Othe Grand Valley Ledger will be Friday. May 27, at noon. This arly deadline will enable us to enjoy the holiday and also get the paper out at the usual time. Our "thanks" in advance for your operation.
LOWEL POLCE have under investigation, two complaints of were damaged at Wittenbach Sales and Service on West Main Street, by vandals using a pipe. Six posts and 14 rails of fencing
were damaged along the sidewalk on Lafayette Street. near the were damaged al
City Bans SprinklingThe Caty of Lowell, Treeday,placed a ban on "sprinkling,"According to a Water Departly beallthe Cuty annd on the West Side of the Cly and on he West shys.

## PROTECT INDOOR

## If you put your houseplants

 outcoors for the summer. chise Michigen spor carefully, adhorticulturists. Put plants where they will be protected from the wind and shielded from direct sunight. Check them frequentiy insect problems as they appear to avoid taking the pests indoors in the fall.VANITY HAR FASHIONS Open six daya a weol. Appotat-

Services On Memorial Day
On Monday, May 30, Lowell
annual Memorial Day parade
will take formation at 9 a.m. a
Richard's Park on North Hed Richard'
Stree.
The $m$ T The marchers will depart for mately 10 a.m... halting approxi-
Flat River Bridge over Main Street for a rifies salute and
memorial service. At Oakwood. Cemetery, the
annual Memorial Day address Any veteran who wishes march in the parade should
meet at the Lowell $\mathbf{V}$. W. Hall meet at the Lowell V.F.W. Hal
on East Main Street at 9 a.m.
Public Hearing Draws 65
The sixty-five Lowell resi-
dents who attended $a$ public searing concerning the possible on Lincolo n hake Avenue were uick to voice their varied and
emotional opinions regarding motional. opinions regarding whs reld on Mo pudab, May 23, at
 he city last year showed that
majority of those returning th questionnaires were in favor of joing away with the diverters
The actual I results of this particular question on the survey
were of the 316 persons that responded. 198 were in favor of
removal. 101 ageinst removal removal. 101 against removal
and 17 had no response.
The sometimes heated comment sometimes heated com-
public hearing were varied and and public hearing were varied, and
unofffial tabulation of those
who spoke for or against was: 16 ago spoke for or against wass 16
favor of removal and evight An cin citizens commenting were residentizs siv-
ing near the diverters and are in one way or another affected by
them.
The main argument for those The main argument for those
in favo of removal is that the
diverters funnel all the north and south bound traffic onto
Hudson Street thus creating more traffic than necessary on Those in favor of the diverters
argued that this was done for athe purpose of making Hudson
Street a main thoroughfare thu Street a main thoroughfare thus
confining the probiem of trafic control to one street. They als
argued that it was senseless argued unat ir was senseless
spend the estimated 510,000 remove them since they wer
already in. Other statements already in. Other statement said that the diverters made
neighborhood safer and mor neighsor.
pleasst.
When closed nearly all the ceitizens
who were present left, the Planning Commission then tried to digest and analyze the con.
ments that were made. Jones made $a$ motion that the matter be tabled for six months in order that more information
could be obtained, specifically as to how tre proposed connec-
tor road from Foreman Road to tor road from Foreman Road to
Main Street might affect the situation. Jones' motion farile
to pass but a second motio setting the time period at three
months did pass. months did pass.
When the subject is finally When the subject is finaliy voted on by the Pianning Com
mission, the matter will stil need a vote of the City Counci If the Planning Commission
does approve the removal of the does approve the removal of the
diverters a majority vote of the
council will be needed to have
the diverters removed. the diverters removed.
If the Planning Commissio does not recommend removal, needed by the
the diverters.

well as entertaining."
The visitors were given tours
Lowell's business district
Lowell's business district.
schools, industries, showboai
or, new water treatment plant
and many other points of inter-
est.
Of particular interest to the
visitors was the water treatmen
visitiors swas the water treatment
plant. The visitors were treated to an aerial tour of the citrywich
was arranged by John Cornell

## Lowell Hosts School Bus Road-E-0

The Lowell Middle School was
the testing site for nearly 200
area school bus drivers as they the testing site for nearly 200
area schol bus dives as they
vied for the coveted "Driver of
the Year" 21. Each driver took a written tes to examine their knowledge of
driving law, safety and etidriving law, safety and eti-
quetre. Then each driver partici-
pated in a series of ten skill tests quetre. Then each diver partici-
pated in series of ten skill tests
designed to measure driving designed to measure driving
skills and knowledge of equip.
ment safety requirements. ment safety requirements.
The annual event was spon-
sored by the Traffic Squad of sored by the Traffic Squad of
Graterter Grand Rapids in cooperation with county law enforce-
ment agencies. Michigan State
Police officers from the RockPolice officers from the Rock
ford post developed the written
teest, which is revised each year test, which is revised each year
to reflect current laws. School
Safety Officers Salfetyoct curreent from laws. School
Sand Rap-
ids, Gtandville and Kent County Shetiff's departments assisted
Traffic Squad personnel in ad mintics Squad personnel in
Over 160 drivers turned Over 160 drivers turned out
for last year's rain dampened event at the Kent City High
School. The Lowell Schoo. The Lowell site was
selected as a resultof bids made
by interested districts. The eventis is rotated

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& \text { county each year. } \\
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## Lions And Rotarians Paint Foreman Bldg.



## Lowell Community Pride Day got a blg Eiosst Saturday, May 21, whh a new coat of white palint beiling

 It was planned to palint the outaside of thlo large cinder block belliding in Recreation Park, but with such a good turnout of workers the tnalde received a nein face wilt, also.Al Rowe, Charlie Doyle, and Bob Christinneen were among the more than 25 palinters who did the work.

## Athletics Possible If Millage Passes

One lone school board mem- sarily, mean they always have to school board to study various
ber took an interesting. if some- be, she indicated. There may be bills before the Michigen legiswhat unpopular stand Monday ab better, less expensive way to to lature that pertain to education, night on restoring the athletic $\mathrm{go} \mathrm{in}^{\circ}$ a partial or complete submitted its first report Mon-
program in Lowell Schools if the intramural physical education program in Lowell Schoois if the
one mint increase should pass on
June 13 .
 Jody Jansma pointed out that School System has, in recent resolution had been sent to
not only the Lowell Board but
other boards throughout the years, prided itself on being a
leader in in education change, opposing mandatory
school-provided breafiasta for

 ma over the place of all extra-
curricular activities curricular activities in the
schools." schoois. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Increasing problems of school } \\ & \text { funding, new laws demanding }\end{aligned}$ funding, new laws demanding
equal programs for both male
and femaie participants, a defin.
tite ite swing toward "back to
basics
in educational interest
and the many special programs ands the many special programs
anat are forced upon the districts by the state make it impossible to cover all bases, she opined.
"Over the years, interscholastic sperts, finarnced interscholas-
dollars, tax doliars, have almost been given
the status of inalienable rights the status of inalienable rights
but if these activities are not for but if these activities are not for the purpose of education then
feel tax money should not
别 support them," she said.
Mrs. Jansma seemed to be Mrs. Jansma seemed to be
doing battle with tradition, reality and philosophy-and doing
it all by herself. Just because it all by herself. Just because
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ways been a part of contempordiscussions and study groups the Act which is now law.
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mand the facts on what we do school systems with mandated have here, meet with other programs without including the
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try to get MASB to work with them program
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them.
Anoth MHSAA, and then, and only then, determine what will be d.'.
$\qquad$ the was overruled voted tive-to-one as least a modififed athletic and activity program if the one $m$
nerease passes next month. There may, however. be least one or two who are
wondering if she enight beright.
The new Legistative Commit. ant state fair in the United Stateei.
 change Day. City Manager Ray who helped in making the day
Ruada stated, "The Williams- pleasant and informative to the lon delegation was very im. visitors. especially Root Lowell
pressed with Lowell and the
day's activities were informative wood Corpporation and Christoff

## wood Corporation and Christoff and Sons, Inc.," who donated

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June Forum









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$\qquad$Memorial Day，Monday，May $30 \quad *$
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## Tousher in the Memorial Day balloon. Geekend the Lowell Senior wale was a Navy

 Weekend the Lowell Senior $\begin{gathered}\text { George Hale was a Navy } \\ \text { Neighbors Center will appropri- }\end{gathered} \begin{gathered}\text { volunteer, dividing his } 28 \\ \text { months service between duty on }\end{gathered}$ ately recognize the area World months service between duty onWar 1 Veterans at a dinner to be the battleships Michigan and held at notann on Thursdiny. May Ohio. The ships were used to Street. $\begin{gathered}\text { Among the guests to be ger ships in convoys. } \\ \text { honored is Harry Ford, who was } \\ \text { The flu epidemic of } 1918 \text { was }\end{gathered}$ in the army for two years. responsible for keeping two men spending most of the time on from overseas service. William guard duty in Brooklyn.
Lawrence Chesebro was in air
Jignsal Corps, had and after in the corps training in Kalamazoo. As in Valparaiso, Ind., was sent to an officer in the Balloon Divi- East Orange, New Jersey, ension, Bruce MCQueen recalls route to France. The flu epidem-
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| ning in heavy artillery was ayed so that by the time he scheduled to leave Virginia service in France, the war ended. | Truman, was a captain in the army division in which Clarence Bradshaw served. That division was kept in France after the war ended in order to help get troops |
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