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Davison and Lowell officials exchange similarities & new ideas



Davison mayor pro-tem Pat Conley (front row, from left), Lowell city councilmember Jim Hodges, city manager Dave Pasquale, mayor Jeanne Shores, Davison mayor Fred Rappuhn and, in back, Davison city councilmember Don Csutoras, councilmember Greg Hale and city manager Pete Auger toured Superior Furniture last Thursday. The tour was part of Lowell's Mayor Exchange day with the city of Davison.

Remembering ...

Memorial Day is this Monday, May 30. In observance The Ledger will feature two veterans who survived combat during two very different wars, World War II and the Vietnam War.

By Dan Schneider

n May 7, the world celebrated the 60th anniversary of "Victory Day," or V-E Day when Nazi Germany formally surrendered to end the fighting in the European Theater of World War II.

Glenn Marks, a retired minister who started the Evergreen Missionary Church in Lowell, was in Halle, Germany, on that date in 1945.

"We got the word quite quickly," Marks said. "And of course all the troops started drinking wine and celebrating."

> But Marks wasn't a drinking man.

"Thank the Lord I didn't drink any of the wine so I didn't drunk," get Marks said.

Following school he enlist tall enough guarded spot." to meet Navy

requirements, so he started bible college. He was already registered, however, and didn't get far in his studies before the Army drafted him. Trained as a medic and assigned to a the 451st Medical Collecting Company, his unit consisted of four men in a jeep.

"Our job was to go with any First Army division that was expecting extra heavy casualties," Marks said. "Our unit went with them to evacuate the wounded."

Marks saw his first combat the day after Thanksgiving in 1944. It was the day the U.S. Army broke through the Siegfried Line on Germany's western border. The fighting wasn't as heavy as expected. During the night, U.S. soldiers had placed dynamite on top of the Germans' concrete pillboxes. When the dynamite was exploded the next morning, the U.S. troops were able to break the line without difficulty, he said.

His unit was then attached to another division, which was again spared a major confrontation with the Germans. The U.S. troops were holed up in a German castle.

"We were up with a division which was right in front of this big mass of troops and we weren't sure what we were going to do," Marks said, pointing to a barn about 30 yards outside his living room window to show how close the Germans were. "Instead of coming right straight ahead, they went But he wasn't down five miles and came through a less

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By Dan Schneider

group of municipal government representatives from the city of Davison was in Lowell last Thursday for Mayor Exchange day.

Davison, a city with a population of about 5,600, is located just east of Flint off I-69. Lowell's population is just more than 4,000. Lowell is the older city, having been settled in 1831. Davison was established in 1889.

Both towns are populated by wrestling fanatics--the Cardinals of Davison High School have won four straight Division I state titles. But the towns have other things in common, as well.

"They're very similar in their size and in that they both rely on volunteer groups a lot to get things done," said Davison city manager Pete Auger.

Davison mayor Fred Rappuhn professed to have been a critic of mayor exchanges in past city council meetings. They involved exchanging too many smiles and handshakes and not enough ideas, he said. But he said the Davison contingent had a good time in Lowell and learned a lot in the process. "We were able to steal ... er ... borrow a lot of ideas," he said.

The city of Lowell and the city of Davison have some civic projects in common. Davison, for example, is getting ready to build a new City Hall. So their representatives were interested to see Lowell's recently-renovated hub of municipal government. Davison also plans to build a new library in the near future.

"We learned a lot about where we can set our goals," Rappuhn said.

The multi-use Lowell Area Trailway is in the planning stages here. Davison is getting ready to pave the first section of the Davison Area Regional Trailway.

Though smaller, Lowell is in some respects a more self-sufficient city than Davison. Davison has its own sewer collection system, but depends on the city of Flint for processing, whereas Lowell has its own wastewater treatment plant. Davison gets its electricity from Consumers Power while Lowell has its own Lowell Light and Power company. Davison just built a new water treatment plant, however.

While the symbol of Lowell is the famous Lowell Showboat, the Robert E. Lee, Davison is known as the City of Flags. In its courtyard, Davison flies the flag of every state in the U.S.

Memorial Day • Monday, May 30

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Glenn Marks shortly after returning home from World War II in 1946.



PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on June 1 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, on proposed ordinances to amend the Township of Grattan Zoning Ordinance.

The principal provisions of the proposed amending ordinances are the following:

1. Ordinance No. 1. This ordinance creates a new Section 13.24 of the Zoning Ordinance, covering outdoor lighting within the Township. Unless a specific exemption applies, all outdoor lighting fixtures must be shielded in such a manner that light rays emitted by the fixture are projected only below the point on the fixture where light is emitted, must be installed and located such that light does not spill onto adjacent properties or roadways, and must have a light source which is not greater than a specified level of intensity.

Outdoor light fixtures on free-standing poles cannot exceed a height of 20 feet. unless the fixtures serve outdoor recreation areas. Street lights must be of the type listed on the Grattan Township List of Approved Types of Street Lights, available in the Township office.

The ordinance exempts certain specified light fixtures, including but not limited to fixtures installed prior to the effective date of the ordinance: fixtures used for certain temporary recreational events; fixtures at and for public schools and certain other publiclyowned facilities: fixtures which use ar incandescent light bulb of 150 watts or less and lighting necessary for road or utility construction or emergencies.

Other matters addressed in the ordinance include lighting for signs; lighting for outdoor recreation areas: time periods within which certain outdoor lighting is permitted; inclusion of information on outdoor light fixtures in certain building permit applications; and other matters.

2. Ordinance No. 2. This ordinance would amend existing sections of the Zoning Ordinance which pertain to communications antennas and towers. Section 3.51 would be amended to prescribe certain restrictions for non-commercial antennas and towers regarding the height of antennas and towers, advertising on antennas and towers and other matters. Private towers and antennas used for amateur radio purposes are exempt from certain of these restrictions. In addition, Section 3.51 would require special land use approval under Chapter 13 of the Zoning Ordinance for antennas and towers used for commercial communications services.

Section 13.23 would be amended to prescribe additional requirements for special land use approval of commercial antennas and towers, including landscaping requirements, requirements pertaining to colocation of antennas on existing towers removal of antennas and towers, and other requirements.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed amending ordinances. Written comments concerning the ordinance may be submitted to the Township office, at the above-stated address, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: May 6, 2005

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN



BRUINING

there will be no visitation Mason. Pauline is survived or graveside service. The by her children Thomas Box 164, Ada, MI 49301 or Eileen Malone of Rockford in our hearts. Her family Rapids, Donna Malone of 897-7948. staff at Emerald Meadows Betty Malone of Greenville.

MALONE

Township, Belding, passed contributions may be given away Tuesday, May 17, to St. Patrick Catholic 2005 under the loving care School or Hermelin Brain of her family and Hospice. Tumor Center of Detroit. Pauline was born on May 14.

CITY OF

LOWELL

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO.

05-3 ADOPTED BY THE LOWELL

CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 16, 2005

Ordinance No. 05-3 amends Section

20.05, Exempted Signs and Section

20.08, Zone district signs, of Chapter 20,

Signs, of Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance

of the Code of Ordinances of the City of

Lowell. Such amendment provides for

wall signs and ground signs for residential

uses subject to certain restrictions in the

following zoning districts: SR - Suburban

Residential District, R-1 Residential

District, R-2 Residential District, R-3

Ordinance No. 05- 3 is effective 10 days

Betty R. Morlock

City Clerk

Residential District and MHP

Manufactured Home Park District.

after this publication.

13 great-grandchildren; grandson Liam Duffy, two and Andy Warren-Gaynor Truth. sister Dorothy Van Woerkom; infant grandchildren, four nephewGlennVanWoerkom. brothers Ed, Clarence, Ted, Honoring her wishes, Art Laux, one sister Regina family will have a private and Barbara Malone of service celebrating her life; Lexington, KY, Michael Julie Vander Veen officiating. and Kathy Malone of Grass Interment Bailey Cemetery. Lake, Patricia and James Those who wish may make Duffy of Ionia, Marilyn memorial contributions to and Richard Kropf, Jane Ada Community Reformed and Tim Morris, Edna and Church Building Fund, P.O. Jim Albert all of Belding, Hospice of Michigan, 1260 Dennis and Kim Malone of would like to express their Belding; brother-in-law sincere appreciation to the and sister-in-law Alvin and for their wonderful care and Mass of Christian burial was offered May 19 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Parnell, with Father Rock Badgerow Pauline Elizabeth Malone, presiding. Interment in St. aged 89 of Grattan Patrick Cemetery. Memorial

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of Holland, Wayne and Lila Laverne Warren, aged Crystal Warren of Holland; 76, of Holland, formerly of 15 grandchildren; 11 great-Grand Rapids, passed away grandchildren; sisters Mickie on Tuesday, May 17, 2005 Taylor of Ft. Worth, Texas, at Golden Acres Christian Nancy and Hadley Scott of 1916, in Otisco Township, Living in Fennville. Lila DeLeon, Texas; sisters-in-Jennie Drenth Bruining, the daughter of Frank and was born in Denton, Texas, law Marinell Richards of a resident of Emerald Elizabeth Breuer Laux. She was a member of the Eufala, OK, June Sanborn Meadows, passed away Pauline was a longtime Holland Church of Christ of Alton Bay, NH; brother-May 16, 2005. Jennie was school teacher having taught and active in the Kent County in-law Bill and Sue Warren born September 27, 1916, at many of the one room 4H, Blandford Nature of Phoenix; nieces and in the Netherlands. She is school houses in the Belding Center, Beechwood Hills nephews. Funeral services survived by her husband of area, later teaching at Grattan Christian Encampment of were held Friday at Holland 65 years, Paul; children Paul and retiring from Lowell Hopkins. She was preceded Church of Christ with Doug Wayne (Barb) Bruining, Public Schools. She was in death by her husband Doyle officiating. Burial Helayne (Rick) Tichelaar; married on April 18, 1942, Jerry H. Warren, brothers at Blythefield Memory grandchildren Mitchell at St. Mary Catholic Church, Glenn Williams, Charles Gardens, Rockford. In (Delee) Bruining, Heidi Miriam, to Thomas J. "Joe" Williams. She is survived lieu of flowers, memorial (Todd) Hussey; Jenelle Malone and he preceded by her children Ron and contributions may be given Bruining, Jill (Jeff) Cremer, her on August 13, 1980. Linda Warren of Lowell, to Hospice of Holland, Helitha (Gregg) Gruizenga, Pauline was also preceded Nancy Ann Suchodolski Beechwood Hills Christian Hillary (Ken) VanSpronsen: by son Richard "Dickie," of Comstock Park, Barb Encampment, and Herald of

Lend A Hand VOLUNTEER **OPPORTUNITIES**

GARLIC MUSTARD CLEANUP

Help protect the environment and beautify the city! Come to the Boy Scout cabin at the end of N. Ekhart NE, Grand Rapids, Belding; three sisters-in-law Washington St. Wednesday, May 25 and June 1 at MI 49503. God has you in Elizabeth Laux of Fenton, 6:30 p.m. to clear the area of garlic mustard. For more his keeping, we have you Mary Maloney of Grand information, contact Melanie at 897-2558 or Peggy at

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR ARTRAIN USA

The Lowell Area Arts Council, in cooperation with the Lowell Area Historical Museum, is looking for volunteers to assist with tours for the Artrain USA which will visit Lowell in June.

The Artrain tour will include an exhibit of contemporary Native American art. Volunteers are needed for school tours on June 7 and 8 and public tours on June 11 and 12. For more information and to sign up to volunteer please call Pat the LAAC at 897-8545.

City residents have one more chance to speak out on budget before its approval

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

Residents wishing to for both wastewater and

public hearing at City Hall same. July 1.

residents or would only city services. While it does have upcoming year. residents be hit with the some Vergennes Township increase?

Its art exhibition: Native

Views: Influences of Modern

Culture is a contemporary

Native American exhibition

open on Saturday, June 11

(Cherokee), Steven Yazzie

(Navaho) and Michigan artist

S. Kay Young (Cherokee),

who is also an exhibiting

artist in the "Heart of a

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the city of Lowell should to \$13.50 per residential unit collecting \$16.08 per every percent cost-of-living cut spend its money have one and water will increase to \$1,000 of taxable value, for employees' salaries with meeting left before the \$20.75. User rates, \$1.80 per which includes .25 of a mill council is set to approve its 1,000 gallons for wastewater set aside for the Lowell and \$1.68 per 1,000 gallons Area Historical Museum. Pasquale The council will host a for water, will remain the The projected revenues reviewing are the police on June 6 at 7:30 p.m. The City manager David expected to increase from includes a \$13,600 second-

a formula based on factors million.

City staff

customers, the city does not

Artrain USA on its way to Lowell

The Lowell Area Arts 23 at the Lowell Area Artrain USA will be on

from 12-7 p.m. and Sunday, expected to be exhibited vendors will also be there.

More than 70 contemporary at Historic Charlton Park Southern Michigan Street

artworks by 54 living Native in Hastings. It is the 24th Rod Association, the event

American artists will be on annual Father's Day car features door prizes, cash

artists are influenced by are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. with an other awards.

display. The exhibit explores show and all cars must be prizes, dash plaques for the

artists are Kay Walkingstick Music, festival food and a General admission is \$5 for

traveling art museum on a current state of Michigan encouraged.

June 12 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Father's Day, June 19.

popular culture. Among the awards ceremony at 3 p.m.

Council, in cooperation Arts Council. The Native view at 501 Ottawa, on the regarding the Native Views

with Lowell Area Historical American art exhibit will railroad tracks west of S. exhibit or the Artrain USA's

Museum and the Grand feature original artworks Hudson Street and across the visit to Lowell call the arts

Valley American Indian and creative writings by street from the LAAC at 149 council at 897-8545 or go

Lodge, is presenting Artrain Native Americans of the S. Hudson St. Admission to their website at www.

the ways Native American 1980 or older. Show hours first 1200 cars as well as Hastings and Nashville. For

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The budget does have have any agreement with the however, make some cuts,. a one dollar increase in the township to provide water resulting in a 2.66 percent decrease to \$2.362 million For the 2005-2006 in expenditures from last voice their opinions on how water. Wastewater will go up budget, the city is looking at year. Among those is a one

no merit increases. from the tax collection are department budget which

recommended

budget is to be in place by Pasquale said the city uses \$2.335 million to \$2.413 year lease for two police cruisers, \$2,770 for office At its first public hearing which include administrative The fund balance will equipment, and \$3,000 for May 16, no public comments and wholesale costs. When remain low, about 2.26 miscellaneous equipment; were received and only one the city's costs go up, they percent of the expected the fire department budget city councilmember, Jim are reflected in that formula, expenditures or \$53,345.89. includes two sets of Pfaller, asked a question. Pasquale explained, adding Pasquale has said that given firefighter turnout gear, It concerned increases for that the agreement was the economic times and coats, helmets, and gloves; readiness-to-serve charges established about 10 years the fact that other cities and the city's refuse program for water and sewer. Would ago when Lowell Charter are looking at serious cuts, with residents paying \$1 those increases also be Township signed up to use the city of Lowell is in per bag. The city picks up passed on to township the city's water and sewer pretty good shape for the the cost of recycling and residents contribute \$1 per did, bag for yard waste removal.

5-12; and free for ages four

per space for arts and crafts

spaces and the swap meet.

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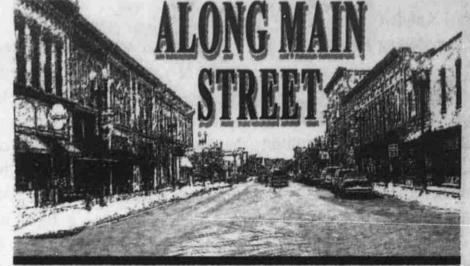
more information call 269-

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-Helen Keller

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LHS ALL ALUMNI GATHERING

LAS Education Foundation's second annua gathering is this Saturday at Lowell High School, 11

SPIRIT STORE SPECIAL HOURS

The Lowell High School Spirit Store will be open this Saturday, May 28 from 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. All merchandise is 40 percent off.

LOWELL REUNION

Need Class of '96 contact info. to prepare for 10-year reunion in 2006. Call 616-460-7479 or email hivy@hotmail.com.

RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE FOR WRESTLING COACH

Stop by Tom and Katie Mendez, 5874 Morse Lake, Alto, on Friday, May 27 from 6-10 p.m. to say "thanks coach" to Dave Strejc who will be retiring from the wrestling program this year.

PERENNIAL FUNDRAISER

Memorial Day weekend, May 28, 29 and 30, perennial fundraiser at 520 N. Monroe for Cherry Creek. Proceeds go to teachers' classroom funds.

H.S. ATHLETIC PHYSICAL DATES

Free sports physicals at high school for athletes going into 10th-12th grades this fall. Boys: Tuesday, May 31, 6:30 - 8 p.m.; girls: Tuesday, June 7, 6:30 - 8 p.m. in locker rooms. A completed physical card should accompany the athlete to the physical with medical history/parent/student signatures.

M.S. ATHLETIC SPORTS PHYSICALS

Wednesday, June 1 from 6-7:30 p.m. in locker rooms. Cost: \$10 - cash paid at the door; good for all sports for '05-'06 school year.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTED

Free food (commodities) will be distributed Thursday, June 2 from 9 a.m-5 p.m. at the Moose Lodge Recreational Building, 1320 E. Main St. Proof of income

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The regular meeting of the athletic boosters will meet Monday, June 6 at 7 p.m. in high school staff lounge.

ARTRAIN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 if you are interested in being a tour guide for the Artrain USA in June.

ROTARY CLUB TIGER'S GAME

The Lowell Rotary Club bus trip to Tigers / White Sox game in Detroit, June 30, 1:05 p.m. \$57. Call Charlie Doyle at 897-7532 for details.

CALL FOR AUDITIONS

The Thebes Players are seeking youth and adults for "Lion Witch and the Wardrobe," in October. Auditions are Thursday, Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 27 at 1 p.m. at Lowell Area Arts Council. Call 897-8545 for script or more info.

CALL FOR DIRECTORS AND PRODUCERS

Thebes Players are looking for directors and producers for three productions in the 2005/2006 season Interested applicants must submit a resume with theatre production experience by July 15 to LAAC, P.O. Box 53, Lowell 49331, 897-8545.

1950S REUNION PLANNED

Classes from 1952 - 1960 have been invited (but other classes are also welcome) to the LHS reunion at Fallasburg Park on Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. Call Judy Baird 897-9081 if you would like to attend but didn't get an invitation.

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By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

amount more palpable to its reviewing the proposal, liking, the Lowell Planning Commission has decided to move forward on revamping the work could be done for said it could be doable, another \$5,000 for the work its master plan.

commission changes in the proposal. The reviewed a second proposal LSL Planning at the Monday updating and reviewing the city's current master plan. planning commission would

After receiving an for the work needed. After Jahnke.

from Steve Langworthy of utilizing the city more to doing that, the city would once. collect information and need to come up with about night meeting in regards to distribute final documents. \$10,000 each year to cover the city could also apply for "I don't think the the costs.

have any problems doing seeking a \$5,000 community

Langworthy estimated a some of the footwork for development block grant cost of around \$31,000 this," said chair Clark from the federal government

doesn't mind if the project

to help with the master plan The price still took work. Pasquale explained he said, in an email to city some commission members that means the city would manager David Pasquale, by surprise, but Pasquale only have to come up with \$23,500 by making a few especially if the commission this year, which is much more reasonable than trying Those changes included is spread over two years. By to find the whole \$20,000 at

> Pasquale suggested another \$5,000 community The city is already development block grant next year to help offset the

costs. "I really like the idea of it being spread over two years," Jahnke said, adding that he could see where it would eliminate pressure to get it all done at once City staff was directed

to review and work on the Going with the block grant monies does mean the planning commission will have to seek requests for proposals from various firms before selecting a specific firm to do the work,

Pasquale said. Even before that, he added, it would be good to present the idea to the city council to make sure it was in support of updating the master plan at this time.

to put together a letter seeking proposals from other firms by the planning commission's next meeting, June 27. After that meeting, commission members plan to officially present their proposal for the master plan review to the council.

Fuel costs and weather impact Lowell Light and Power budget

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

summer brought a drop in 2004-2005 due to the milder purchasing energy, Richards revenues for the Lowell summer, when electrical said. He estimates it makes Light and Power Company (LL&P) last year with higher Lowell, Richards said, the three-fourths of the power fuel costs keeping expenses average consumption is company's budget.

Tom Richards presented the than 13. company's annual budget to the Lowell City Council for less electrically, it cost us pay for it after the fact," its approval at last week's more," Richards said, adding Richards said, explaining meeting. The council that the higher costs in fuel, that the cost of that energy approved the 2005-2006 such as coal and natural gas, is an uncontrollable factor. budget as recommended kept expenses up. In fact, the by the Lowell Light and power company estimated did point out that in many Power Board. As Richards it would purchase about of the areas, the company reviewed projections for the \$2.975 million in energy has been able to keep upcoming year, he also took and actually purchased costs under control with

extreme

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did last year.

There was a one percent drop in overall usage during on the budget itself is usage is at its peak. For up for about two-thirds to about 15 megawatts; last LL&P general manager year, the average was less companies that we supply

2004-2005.

The biggest impact

"This is one of the few what the consumer needs "Even though we used at that moment and then

The general manager

a look at how the company about \$3.065 million for only minor increases, and increases for the coming be going in the negative, we with those efforts and the year.

fact the company is just is not anticipating any rate if our costs should appear to

and give time for the city

may have to consider it," "Of course, we will be Richards said. "But at this coming off a three-year looking at it from a month- time, I do not anticipate any graduated rate increase, he to-month-to-month basis and increase for the year."

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Watercolor display at Huntington Galleria

An exhibition of artworks by Lowell artist, D. Fletcher Davis is on display at Huntington National Bank in downtown Lowell through June 20 during regular business hours.

Davis, a longtime resident of the Lowell area, said, "My media of choice is watercolor. I love the freedom it gives me! Recently I felt the urge to go exploring and I fell into the creation of the three-dimensional collage works, I call paper sculptures. This is a form of recycling. A strong use of color has always been present in my work and this passage is no exception. Making art is my life, my reason for

8545 or www.lowellarts council.org.

King Milling appoints 101st IAOM president

president at King Milling thus beginning a new cen- He has served as vice presi-Company in Lowell, was tury of leadership," Dovle dent and president of the Inelected 2005-2006 president said during his acceptance ternational Milling Educaof the International Asso- speech, while announcing tion Foundation. ciation of Operative Millers his theme of "Navigating (IAOM) at its 109th annual a Changing World through is an international organiconference and expo on May IAOM Membership." 2 in Nashville.

car Nelson held the post and international levels. from 1954-'55. Doyle is a Doyle was elected

Jim Doyle, senior vice being the 101st president and conference in Wichita, Kan.

Dovle has been an ac-Doyle is the third repretive member of IAOM since sentative from King Milling 1982 having served as Wolto hold the national office. verine District chairman. He His father, Roland "Mike" is now an active member of the grain milling industries. Doyle was president from the IAOM Technical Com- With 14 districts around the 1978-'79; and then-King mittee and has made presen-Milling superintendent Os- tations on both the district

fourth generation owner in treasurer at the 107th anhis family's flour milling nual conference and expo in discovery of new products Pittsburgh, and vice presi- and services. "I have the privilege of dent at the 108th annual

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Viewpoint-



Just three weeks ago this column featured a birthday gift for my wife, Terese. My surprise birthday gift for her a card and a gift bag with a couple wrapped items in it. was the crux of the column. As mentioned in the piece, the My friend Groucho would say, "What the ???" That's pretty value of the gift was sufficient to carry me through an annual spate of gift giving that falls in a short three-week period. Her birthday, then Mother's Day and finally our anniversary thought was that the gifts and card were some sort of comprise the triumvirate. Yikes!

Terese was the secretary (among other jobs) at the Ledger. Fortunately, she is no longer my secretary. Besides, the feeble brain was coming up with. holiday has evolved into some watered-down, politically correct, vaguely titled thing referring to "assistants." Nowadays, nobody I know recognizes it as a holiday. That and "Grandparent's Day" are two of Hallmark's botched attempts at forcing "card-giving" holidays upon us. But, I

Mother's Day rolled around, but Terese and I weren't assure you it wasn't a good thought. together. I was helping care for my mother, who is going

about the best I could do given the circumstances. Besides, there was still the residual value carrying over from the birthday gift. Right??? Or, maybe I'm being "guy stupid" occasions. Maybe I should have sent some flowers as well. If my gift-giving line of thought was really a faux pas, it certainly wouldn't be the first time.

As deadlines loomed for the publication of our monthly real estate magazine, I was forced to leave my mother and currently wrapping up our biggest issue ever, and it's still knowledge." Ain't that the truth? just the two of us working out of a spare bedroom. (Come to

think of it, she is again my secretary. That means I missed another holiday.)

Last Friday rolled around. Terese got up early and went to the gym with a neighbor. I went for my morning walk. Terese had beaten me home. I walked in the house and headed for a big glass of water.

My usual routine is to gulp the water with my daily pills (I'm getting old you know), pour a cup of coffee, find the remote and tune in Sports Center. The routine was interrupted when I noticed a new fishing rod and reel on the kitchen counter with a big bow on it. There was also much what I was thinking.

After a quick assessment of the situation, my first sympathy gesture for what is going on in our life as it Years ago, Secretary's Day also fell in the mix, and pertains to my mother's illness. Sure, that's a little farfetched, but I have to admit, that was the only thing my

Just to make certain that my complete ignorance was perfectly telegraphed, I said in a cheery voice, "What's this for?" Terese replied in an equally cheery tone, "Happy anniversary ... Honey."

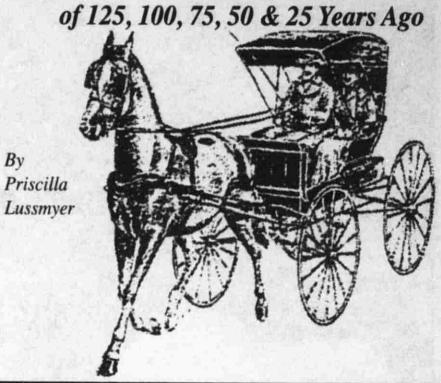
The Ledger's decency guidelines won't allow me to print what I was thinking of myself at that moment. I can

Thirty-three years we've been married. Some years I've through a pretty tough time with radiation and chemotherapy gone all out. Some years are just a card and flowers ... a card and candy ... a card and dinner. But never in all that Before I left, I did buy a card and left it on the kitchen time have I completely forgotten the occasion. That may counter with instructions to not open it until Mother's Day. I help explain why she's put up with me all these years. I also called and wished her a Happy Mother's Day. That was don't know how I could have felt more flat-footed STUPID

As you can guess, I did rush out and buy a card. I did promise to take her to dinner at a restaurant of her choice. here. Maybe there is no such thing as one gift covering three I did promise to never forget again. All that pitifully "too little ... too late" stuff.

> To Terese's everlasting credit, she was very sympathetic to the extraordinary circumstances surrounding this year's wedding anniversary. Still ...

I'm simply going to sum up this fiasco with a line from get back to work for awhile. As soon as I arrived home, a poem my grandkids are always reciting. "Boys go to Terese and I were right in the thick of things. We are Jupiter to get more stupider. Girls go to college to get more



Ledger Entries

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MAY 26, 1880

The editor warns of "tough sharpers and blacklegs" who come to town along with the circus.

The price of ice has climbed to \$1 per hundred pounds

Sheep thieves have been troublesome in Keene. Druggists must now file liquor bonds the same as any other liquor sellers.

The marshal will arrest boys found bathing (swimming) in sight of village pedestrians.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 25, 1905

Judge Perkins of Grand Rapids will deliver the Decoration Day oration in Lowell. Six companies join in planning for a fine, two story

uniform block of five stores on the east side, in the wake of A chase of two days through the country south of

Cascade results in deputies' capture of the two who robbed the Cascade post office. Island Park bridges have been put in place for the

A specialist from Adrian Medico-Surgical Institute (name not given) will be at the Waverly Hotel Friday with his X Radium Electro-Medical Treatment for all kinds of medical treatment and surgery: full-column ad.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO MAY 22, 1930

Harvey Callier reopens the Strand Theatre, having installed a new sound system, much better than the first one he had for "talkies."

The Fineis Oils team beats the East Grand Rapids Athletics in the first, very chilly, game of the season.

A parachute jump into Reeds Lake from an airplane and another from a hot-air balloon are also promised.

Edwin Fallas is building an archway of steel and native stones at the entrance to Fallasburg Park, in memory of his parents, William and Wealthy who settled Fallassburgh in

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 26, 1955

Village Council will require garbage to be placed at the , and no private septic systems where public sewer is

Main Street people want more use of the electronic speed-timer. There are too many cars tearing through town.

The air-raid sirens used on Armed Forces Day last week proved that the sirens aren't loud enough to be useful and

Fire hydrants, utilities and 200 trees must be moved or removed for the Main Street widening

Gov. Williams calls out the National Guard, and all state police days off are canceled to help keep the coming Memorial Day weekend safer.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MAY 21, 1980

The LHS band is in the midst of a drive for new

in Moscow because of Russia's unprovoked invasion of

the state doubles tennis title for Aquinas College. The King Memorial swimming pool will open this

To The Editor

Dear Editor.

The 11th annual Lowell CROP Hunger Walk received a lot of support again this year. A community of 150 people came together to walk against hunger. Despite the weather, your efforts have raised close to \$17,000, with money coming in every day.

The efforts of the CROP Hunger committee of Sandy McIntire, Jackie Tousley, Inge Whittemore, Pat Thomet and Tammy Wielenga in organizing the walk, Meijer for the donation of apples, all of the volunteers who helped and especially the people who walked that day, your participation made a statement against hunger.

This community has always shown its support to this event. Your spirit touches people beyond this community and I am proud to be a part of it.

Lee Watterworth Coordinator Lowell CROP Hunger Walk

My appreciation to the gentleman in the black pick-up who helped me on March 8 when I fell and broke my leg. It happened at the intersection of Washington and Jefferson streets while I was out jogging. Even though I told him my wife was on the way, he said he would wait and help me into the vehicle.

Dear Editor.

I would like to compliment John Scott on his April 27, 2005 Letter to the Editor. He was right on target! I also encourage all Grattan Township residents to attend the meetings. If you haven't been to a township meeting before, it will be an eye-opening experience to see how the Grattan Township Board operates. It is not the rosy picture that Mr. Nordman paints in his May 4, 2005 Letter to the Editor.

I have been at Grattan Township meetings when the room was full of landowners. At the meeting where the proposed ordinance changes were being discussed, the majority of landowners in the room were speaking out against the proposed changes. The people on the planning commission and township board showed how much they cared about the landowners' concerns by unanimously approving a motion to change the lot size. You would have thought maybe one of the board members would have done their own thinking and voted "no" since most of the people at the meeting did not want the ordinance to be changed. It appeared as if some of the board members were told who was to make the motion and how to vote by the board members who do all the talking. We may have well been out in the parking lot making our comments for all the good it did. And yes, there is always the line "we were asked by the people to do this" by a survey taken several years ago. What about the people that show up at the meetings in person to express their input?

The majority of people who live in Grattan Township who filled out the survey live on these less than three acres and, of course, they care about preserving open space.

There may be some in the township who do not understand that farmers do not have the luxury of a Sincerely, retirement plan such as a 401(k) that pays interest earnings. Saturday for the summer. Vance M. Dimmick A farmer's land is their retirement. A farmer's land costs a

Many Olympic athletes are sitting out the games

Lowell boy Gordy Hill and his Caledonia teammate win

An IBM computer is installed at the school's central

To The Editor, cont'd., pg. 8 office, to process payroll and general fund.

School-age kids, ages 5-12 (must have completed Kindergarten), will enjoy different adventures each week while parents work! Monday-Friday: 6:00am-6:00pm

Engagements

Linder/Watrous



Jessica Linder and Robert Watrous

Carla Linder of Cleveland. Ohio, and John Linder of Saranac announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Linder of Saranac to Robert Watrous, son of Suzanne and Dan O'Conner of Belding and Robert Watrous of Alto.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Olympia Career Training Institute with a degree in medical billing and insurance coding.

The future groom will be attending school in the

The couple, with their daughter and flower girl Alexis, will celebrate their six-year anniversary with a wedding on July 4, 2005 at Fallasburg Park.



Acker/Cariano



Mr. and Mrs. Randy Acker

East Lansing and Thomas V. Cariano of Houston, Texas, announce the marriage of their mother, Ann Marie Cariano of Lowell to Randy Jay Acker of Rockford. A garden ceremony was the setting for the April 12, 2005 wedding in Negril, Jamaica. The couple will be residing in Lowell.

Tara Ann Cariano of

When we are unable to find tranquility within ourselves, it is useless to seek it elsewhere.

François de La Rochefoucauld

Dr. Roger La Warre First Congregational UCC

I share with you a story that comes from some reading that I have been doing - a book by John Shelby Spong's A New Christianity for a New World. The story gives us a picture of a town facing a flood. "The rains came with such relentlessness and over such a long period of time that the river rose dangerously. The people formed sandbag brigades to protect the things they valued. The sandbag walls rose but the floodwaters rose faster. Soon water covered their fields, drowning first the wheat, then the canola, then the onions. The people seeking safety inside their homes, watched with a sense of helplessness as their livelihoods were destroyed before their eyes. They wanted to flee, but their roots were

could not leave.

of their homes. As they watched their family photographs - symbols of their past - curl up and float away on the water, the self-serving and prideful ways of society, we do not want they felt they were losing the very meaning of their lives. to be challenged to move beyond the securities of familiar Soon their physical sustenance was also endangered: the traditions, beliefs, creeds or practices adopted to keep us safe floodwaters covering their town began to seep into the and to set ourselves apart. ground, contaminating their groundwater. ... If they stayed but emotionally they were immobilized." (Page 234)

will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." God's love and our responses. Let it be so.

too deeply planted; they were so totally attached to the This passage is very important to those of us who seek to values enshrined in their farms and town that they felt they be Christians in the manner of Christ's teachings. For Christ teaches the living of our life according to the commandments Still the river kept rising. It now covered the first floor of Love. But we have the groundwater of our being contaminated with so many impurities from being flooded by

What we can no longer deny is the challenge that our in this place, they would surely die. Yet something powerful Christianity puts before us. It is a challenge to open our hearts and relentless inside them continued to urge them to remain and our doors to recognizing God is not defined by us, nor where they were. Rationally they knew they had to leave, can God ever be defined; God can only be experienced in the living of extravagant love. We must leave the emotional The letter to the Romans, chapter 12, verse 2, reminds attachments by which we "package" our God, by which us to live our Christian life with thoughtfulness, using our we stand over and against others whose sense of God and minds to make decisions based on God's love, and not to Christ is different, and open our minds to new dimensions be trapped by the sentimentalities and familiarity of our of God working in our midst through the uniqueness of traditions or the dogmatism of our creeds. Paul says, "Do individuals and religions. Love knows no limitation of creed, not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the sexuality, age, status, race or religion. We are challenged to renewal of your mind, that you might prove what is the be transformed in the renewal of our minds as we reflect on

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In The Ledger

Change of command at V.F.W.

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Vander Wilp's terms, the a row. "I am very grateful of a new Post home, now they did me." to the members for all their known as the Lowell support and work for the Veterans Center. "Although Center is a collaborative Post and their support of me his company John Wayne effort of V.F.W Flat River personally," he said. "We Construction was the major Post 8303 and American are a small Post (being only contractor on the job, Legion Clark-Ellis Post 118 members) but we have Vander Wilp put in many, 152.

commander" of Veterans of by four different state elect Weststrate. Weststrate Jr. is installed on proud to be from Post 8303 and said," I am now going to June 26 as its thirty-third (and from Lowell) and want be just one of the troops in to publicly say "Thank you Post 8303. I sincerely wish During Commander comrades."

John Vander Wilp will step posts of 1000 plus members (gratis) to see the project down and become a "past and have been recognized done," said commander-Vander 8303 when Herman "Herm" 'best of the best.' I am very appreciated the kind words

Commander Weststrate all largest the best and hope that the Post has been declared an accomplishment was the Post membership will give "all state post" four years in negotiation for and purchase him even more help than The Lowell Veterans



V.F.W. Post 8303 commander, John Vander Wilp (right) turns over the gavel to commander-elect. Herman Weststrate Jr.



MAY 26: Janet McIntyre, MAY 30: Carolyn Jane Bryant.

MAY 27: Dakota McClure, Bertha Brown, David Christiansen.

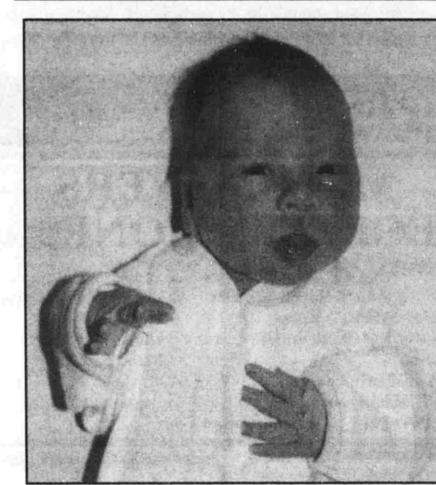
Gordon, Mary Beth Burtt. Harwood.

MAY 29: Mike Lindhout, Sue Lindhout, Justin Doyle.

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Ashlyn Jennings

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announce the birth of their and big sister Addison. daughter, Ashlyn Jennings. She was born April 27, Leroy and Carol Carlson 2005, weighing 6 lbs. 9 oz. of Belding and Tom and and measuring 19 inches.

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LL&P budget, continued ... From Page 4

budget, LL&P is projecting a net income of approximately have to borrow money to that revenue comes from \$73,000, roughly \$5,000 less make those improvements. consumption, which is also expected to increase by

means the company will not 2006. A large chunk of the Lowell area.

Basing the budget on expected to increase by about \$160,000 to \$5.420 the company operates under a more typical year, the \$150,000 from last year to million. A major factor in a not-for-profit, so that extra report shows an increase in about \$5.230 million. This that is purchasing expenses, money from one year is put revenues by about \$159,000 increase also factors in about estimated to increase by

still a number of variables,

For the 2005-2006 toward improvements; this to \$5.493 million in 2005- a 2.9 percent growth rate for about \$130,000, going to throughout the year.

The Lowell Light Overall expenses are 2006. Richards said there are and Power Company was established in 1896 by the including the weather, city of Lowell. It is one which could affect that cost, of about 40 municipalityand company officials will owned utility companies in be watching those factors the state of Michigan.

To The Editor, continued ... From Page 5

A farmer's lant costs a lot in the first place and the interest and annual costs that are paid on it in order to own it should allow for it to appreciate in value. Instead, decisions by in knowing if the people who live on Ratigan Lake, Murray the township board will reduce its value and increase the Lake Island, Crooked Lake or south of Five Mile Road fragmentation of farmland. Would you like the township know how narrow-minded the board is being in determining board making decisions that affect your retirement?

The township board gave \$40,000 for a Kent County these locations, you are looking at close to 30 minutes. If the matching grant program for the purchase of development Township Board and fire department would have been more rights. It would have benefited all township residents if the open-minded and considered prompt safety of all people, board more wisely invested that money into much needed they could have saved money and gave more protection. township road improvements. The township would then There are good firemen in all parts of the township and have received even more matching grant money from the they have a lot of duplicate equipment. The township also road commission.

Grattan Township residents should also be concerned about construction of a new fire barn. I would be interested what is best of their safety. The location of the new fire barn He raised the issue of wasteful spending by the is over 10 miles to Murray Lake or Ratigan Lake. By the township board. I would just like to give another example. time firemen get to the fire barn and get their equipment to

owns some land on Murray Lake Rd. near Five Mile Rd. where they could have built a less costly fire barn. The local firemen could have been on the scene with the necessary equipment to save lives in half the time while their back-up responded. Wouldn't that have made more sense?

I am deeply concerned about the future of our township. Lagree with Mr. Scott that things are "way out of control" and that the township is being led by a few who like the "prestige and the control." The poor decisions of our township board are impacting all residents - not only farmers. I encourage all Grattan Township residents to be aware of the actions of

> Sincerely, Terry Nugent

CAMPING

Life styles have changed over the last 30 years, but one thing remains the same ... people still like to travel to special places and camp. Camping gear has also changed, but the basic idea is still to get away for fun and relaxation in the made on the Department of National Resources web site. outdoors with family and friends.

campground networks in the country. In addition to state only. Full hook-up sites include electric, water and sewer parks, there are national and state forest campgrounds, plus service. Decide what you will need, and check ahead to find county, township and city camping facilities. Throw in the out what is available. national chain campgrounds and a few independent operamost any region of the state.

My wife and I camp at Michigan state parks when traveling about the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula. We walleye fish out of a city campground in one location and a county park in another.

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portunities available in or around the general area of any and turn signals. prospective campground. For example, there are only a few places that allow off-road vehicle operation within the park. When camping with our ATVs at a state forest campground recently, we could ride from our campsite. It was convenient to be able to go to the store, get gas, and access over 50 miles of designated trails without trailering the machines.

It would also be wise to check on the need for reservations. Holidays, weekends and mid-summer are busy times at popular campgrounds. Reservations for state parks can be

Facilities within campgrounds will vary. Some sites Michigan has one of the most diverse and extensive are rustic with no utilities while others provide electricity

When camping at populated parks, be aware of how tors and one can be assured of camping opportunities in al- your activities are affecting fellow campers. It is OK to have a good time, but others deserve the same opportunity. Most campgrounds have posted rules so that all campers will have an enjoyable experience.

Before you leave for that camping trip, check out all equipment. It is easier and less stressful to learn to set up If you think about it, most of the state parks are on wa- camp or make repairs in the driveway or backyard. Tires ter. All have different on-site features as well as local at- and wheel bearings can be a big problem if trouble occurs

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tractions. It is a good idea to check on the recreational op- on the highway. Always check trailer brakes, running lights

It is inconvenient to forget something, so make a list of items to pack for the trip. Check the list before going and

then again before returning home. Planning ahead and checking equipment will help to make camping out an enjoyable and memorable experi-



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She's on a mission to rid the woodland of garlic mustard



Peggy Covert pulls some garlic mustard plants out of her woods on North for use as a seasoning. It starting to come up, it's Washington Street, demonstrating how they should be pulled out with as much root soon spread out of people's already a foot high," Covert attached as possible.

Unity High School mural dedication ceremony planned for Mon., June 6

Students and teachers at clay, glazing and breaking a little surprised at how long Unity High School worked them into mosaic pieces, it takes to make something throughout the 2004-2005 creating various naturalistic like this. It takes dedication school year with Lowell tile renderings of plants, and planning to execute a artist Mary Kuilema on a flowers and fish, as well complex design idea, and

high and 12 feet long, is small doorway, symbolizes work to accomplish it." located along the Flat River transition and passage. just north of the Englehardt

other side is a more abstract things. I have learned from Education contributing to its design. been a long time since we Lowell Women's Club. They rolled out thin slabs of started, and I think they are

as bas-relief self-portraits. a certain amount of skill to The mosaic wall, 7 feet The wall itself, with its pull it off, and just plain hard

The mural project was Kuilema said, "These sponsored by the Lowell young adults have been Area Arts Council with side of the very interesting to work financial support provided freestanding wall depicts with. They are open to new by Steelcase Foundation, the Flat River area; the ideas and ways of doing Meijer Inc., Lowell mosaic of the high school them, too, as we worked Alticor, Inc., Arts Council building and environs. Each on solving the artistic and of Greater Grand Rapids, student brought his or her structural problems that the Overbeck Construction, own strengths to the project, tile mural presented. It has Lowell Rotary Club and

Mural, cont'd., pg.17

By Dan Schneider

mustard from the woods forests' edges, making its the plant is considered a first noticed the plants with property at the north end of matures and flowers every in Covert's yard. Washington Street.

a few bunches, a ground year before they grow. When all the really neat native cover kind of thing, and they do, the plant first forms kinds of things, and it was by the next year it had just a rosette of small, kidney- just starting to choke all that completely taken over," bean-shaped leaves. In the stuff out," she said.

hours pulling the invasive its stalks. plant out of the ground, taking care to remove as gets a jump on other plants her woods. much of the root as possible. every spring. It starts to

The plant was first brought over from Europe of those other plants are public lands," Covert said.

gardens and proved it could said. "Even if they (native grow well here. It has spread plants) can survive, you Lowell resident Peggy to 28 states and is heading can't see them because of all Covert is on a mission. northward in Michigan. It the garlic mustard." That's the chief reason grows along roadsides and

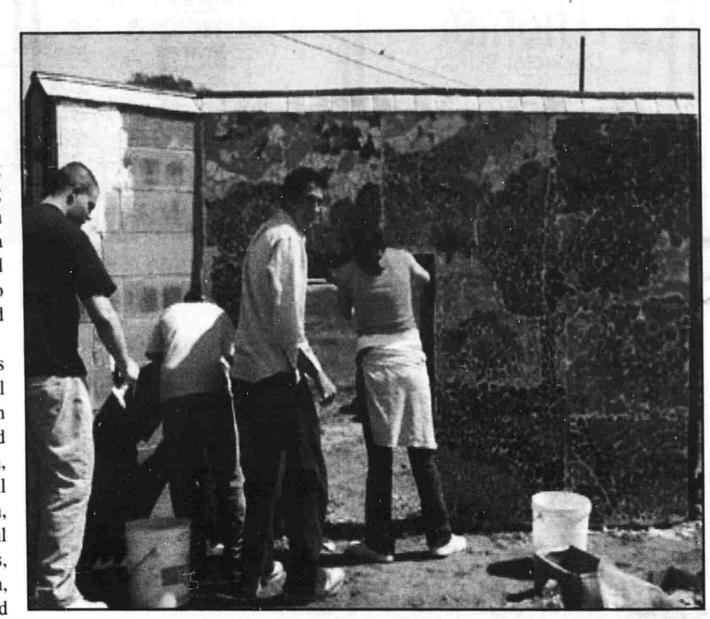
way into the forest along menace--it out-compete's three years ago when she trailsides and stream banks. native plant species for Garlic mustard has a sunlight and soil nutrients. It their heart-shaped, serrated complicated life cycle. It is also hides native wildflowers leaves in the woods on her a biennial, which means it from view, which happened

"I have so much Jack "At that time it was just in the ground for at least a in the Pulpit and phlox and

Since that time, she has and develops small bunches including this year, of spent countless springtime of white flowers at the top of intensive pulling, Covert has reduced garlic mustard to an The invasive species almost-acceptable level in

"Now I'm kind of on a She even pulls garlic mustard grow as soon as the snow campaign overall throughout while taking her dog for a melts, well before most the community to see if I can get people more involved "By the time some with getting rid of it on our

> Garlic mustard. cont'd., pg.17

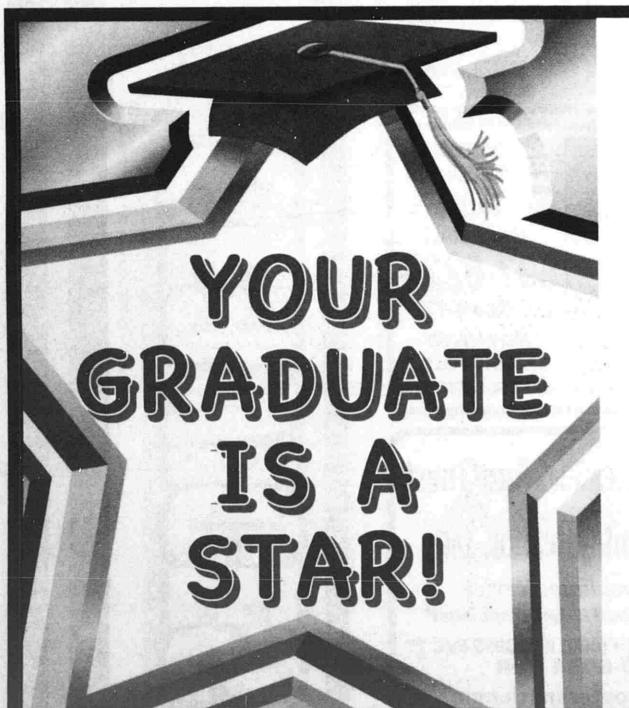


other year. Seeds have to stay

second year, it grows tall

native vegetation.

Fourth-hour students are shown working on the mural



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Remembering, continued ... From Page 1

During the Battle of the Army, British and Canadian to a field hospital. His job northwest of the dam. The Germans' fortifications. The was to bring people from the U.S. needed to secure the next day, they moved ahead 451st Collecting Company ambulances to the operating dam so those troops could only an hour before a shell set up a headquarters in

for amputations," Marks and flooding the valley. were headed back for the states again."

on the Rur River. The First Marks explained.

"hot and smelly."

cross the river without the destroyed the house. "We carried people in Germans destroying the dam

was to follow a unit as it shooting at us and the shells get to the injured men. attempted to capture a dam were landing all around us,"

In July of 1969, finding pockets of the North attack, a massive fire-fight

"We weren't close

anything," Brown said. "We

The war wasn't real

He has pictures of him

an airplane taking off for zone of the mountainous

the place he described as to towns or villages or

A member of the U.S. were just out in the jungle

Army Fourth Infantry and we would try to find the

highlands ... wilderness heavy when he first got

platoon, providing fire incidents of sniper fire ... but

support for the infantry the last four or five months. soldiers. During the last it was nasty," Brown said.

front as an infantryman- on his 21st birthday in May - "a foot soldier or grunt of 1970; his platoon was

they called them."went on in Cambodia. At four in the

search and destroy missions, morning, they came under

Division, Brown spent a enemy.

country. For the first eight there.

vear in Vietnam's central

four months, he was out in

Gil Brown was on Viet Cong in the free-fire powered grenades. In the said.

"An army unit was sent installations, Marks made it Marks helped take care of guys coming in who had left in to capture the dam and through a hazardous mission German prisoners of war. He and by the end of it, they of casualties," Marks said. the dam. He walked ahead Pacific Theater, but the atom high ground and were dug a road that hadn't been Hiroshima ended the war His next assignment in with artillary. "They were inspected for land mines, to with Japan. Marks returned

> "I really feel it was 1946. an answer to my father's

Lowell postmaster Vietnamese Army and the with mortars and rocket- experienced people," Brown

His unit slept in a house prayer that I got through that Bulge, Marks was assigned troops were massed to the in the valley below the situation alive," Marks said.

Bad Wildungen, Germany. That night, when the There, for the remainder army attacked the German of his time in Germany, the states earlier that week they had to do it regardless recovering casualties below expected to be moved to the The Germans had the of his unit's vehicle, down bomb that was dropped on to the U.S. in March of

war. But Brown sentiment against the war--or for it, for that matterhe was fighting.

so isolated and was going on at home," Brown said.

Upon arriving back home in the States, he recalls "If you look at those only one thing he didn't like pictures, and you know what about his reception. When you're looking at, the face his airplane landed, the pilots and crew got off and all the soldiers remained on board. Then the interior of back as an old man. That was the aircraft was fumigated

Glenn Marks today, at his home in Lowell

carrying foreign diseases said.

different person from what service. he would have been had he never gone to war.

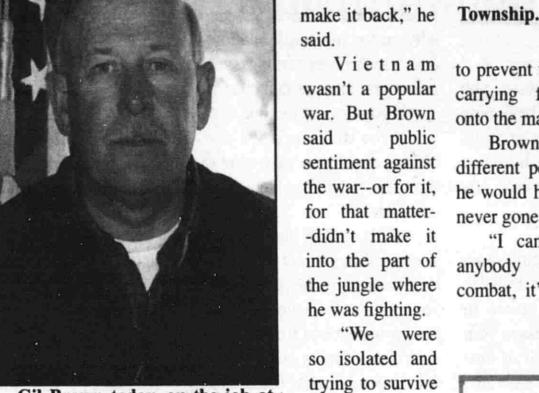
combat, it's as fresh today what we did."

to prevent the soldiers from as it was 35 years ago," he But he feels this is part

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Brown said he is a of the sacrifice of military

"It's definitely a burden, but I think it's one of the "I can guarantee you best things I've ever done," anybody who's been in Brown said. "I'm proud of



Gil Brown today, on the job at the Lowell post office.

pictures he looks tired,

morose, wide-eyed ... some

tells it all, it's just not good,"

Brown said. "You went over

to Vietnam as a kid and came

Brown was drafted 10

months out of high school

He said if he hadn't been

drafted, he probably would

have enlisted anyway.

Before he went over, he took three months of training in

North Carolina and three

ended, the Army offered him \$10,000 to go back to

When his deployment

a common saying."

more in Alabama.

Vietnam.

call it the 1,000-yard stare.



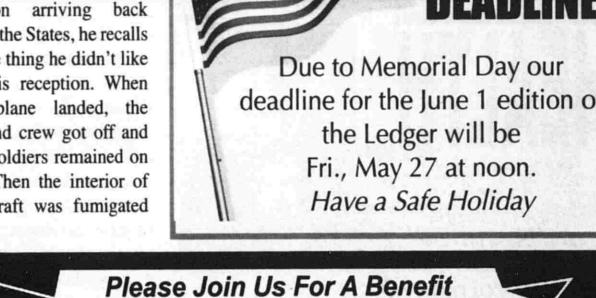
Gil Brown in Vietnam 1969.













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TREATMENT FOR DYSLEXIA

The previous two articles in this column covered dyslexia: the first defined dyslexia and the second presented some well-known individuals who have had dyslexia.

This column will look at what constitutes the diagnosis of dyslexia. Unless there is a very severe case of dyslexia and a consistent genetic pattern that has been based on family history, testing for the disorder does not typically

maturational level of the neurological system in children.

Many children have developmental dyslexia, also known as secondary dyslexia where reversals of letters and status of their brain development. They almost always grow If there is a significant disparity between the I.Q. (which out of this by the age of nine. Secondary dyslexia is found in about 12 to 15 percent of the school population (four times (below average in the language areas), then another test to more often in boys). However, if the child is nine years old and still struggling with language, testing for dyslexia is appropriate. This type is primary dyslexia.

Primary dyslexia seems to be carried by chromosome Once determined, there are several school accommodations 15 in the human genetic chain. This form is found in 3 to 5 percent of the overall population. It is much more frequent in males than in females (appoximately nine times disorder. more frequent in men than in women). At the testing age

happen until the child is nine years old. This is because of the of nine, the child is given the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC-IV) which measures aptitude, and an achievement test is giving.

The most common test used to determine achievement language processing challenges are common because of the is the Wechsler Individual Achievement Test (WIAT-II). needs to be in the average range) and the Achievement determine dyslexia is given.

From this test, the Jordan Dyslexia Profile, and from the developmental history, a psychologist can make a diagnosis. that are effective and special kinds of training that can help the individual be successful in managing this learning

Next month, treatments for dyslexia will be reviewed.



Financial Focus

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TIPS ON PAYING FOR COLLEGE

If you have a college-bound senior in your house, you unless you meet certain conditions. know that the end of this school year means the beginning of a new adventure. However, while college can be exciting, can take some steps to help pay those college bills.

Here are a few ideas to consider:

if you have a bond coming due in the middle of the college calendar, you can use the proceeds to help pay for school.

• Liquidate assets in timely manner - If you've earmarked

certain investments for college, try not to liquidate them may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes. until it's absolutely time to write out a check - the longer you can keep your investments growing, the better off you'll be.

· Look at Roth IRA - If you have a Roth IRA, you can withdraw contributions, tax- and penalty-free, to help pay for your child's education. Certain conditions apply to complicated, please consult your tax adviser.) penalty-free withdrawals, so you should talk to your tax advisor for more information. And keep in mind, if you start withdrawing earnings, you'll have to pay taxes on them to a Coverdell Education Savings Account. Your Coverdell

If you have more time.

If you still have a few years before your children head it's also expensive. If you haven't saved as much as you off to school, you may want to take advantage of some of would have liked, don't despair - even at this late date, you the more popular college -savings plans. Here are two to Education Savings Account with virtually any investment

 Section 529 plans - When you set up a Section 529 • Don't panic - You don't have to pay the full year's savings plan, you put money in specific investments, which tuition, room and board up front - you will likely be billed in are managed by the plan administrator. If you participate in installments that may correspond to the school's quarter or you own state's Section 529 plan, you may be able to deduct semester system. This payment system doesn't lessen your your contributions from your state income taxes. Your plan overall costs, of course, but it does give you a bit of time contribution limits are high, and your withdrawals are free and ingenuity. But by diligently exploring all your options, to come up with additional funding sources. For example, from federal income taxes, as long as the money is used for it's a test you should be able to "pass." qualified college or graduate school expenses. Withdrawals for expenses other than qualified education expenditures

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Consider all options

Putting together a good college-funding plan - either at the last minute or years in advance - can test your resources

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COLORECTAL CANCER HOW TO DETECT IT EARLY Colorectal cancer is the third most common type

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of cancer in the body. Every person has approximately a the age of 50. Those individuals with a family history of six percent lifetime risk of developing colorectal cancer. colorectal cancer should begin their screening at an earlier Fortunately it can be treated, and in most cases cured, if age. detected early.

out as a small growth on the colon or rectal wall that can take years to develop into a cancer that grows and spreads. You should see your health care provider if you have any of these warning signs: bleeding from the rectum, blood in your stool or in the toilet after you have a bowel movement, a change in the shape of your stool, cramping pain in your lower stomach, or a feeling of discomfort or urge to have a bowel movement when there is no need to have one.

Colorectal cancer is more common in older individuals, so health care providers usually begin screening people after

Screening for colon cancer involves a yearly digital Most colorectal cancers begin as a polyp. Polyps start rectal exam and one or more of the following tests: Yearly Fecal Occult Blood Tests (tests stool for blood you can't see), Flexible Sigmoidoscopy every five years (a tiny camera that views the lower 1/2 of the colon, Double Contrast Barium Enema every five years (X-rays to detect abnormal spots in the colon), or Colonoscopy every 10 years (a tiny camera that views the entire colon).

Talk to your health care provider about your potential risk of developing colorectal cancer, and when you should begin testing for it.

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Hildenbrand introduces constitutional amendment

introduced a resolution that rights to hunt and fish, we are empower and protect. My would amend Michigan's protecting ourselves from amendment does just that. Constitution to recognize those who wish to infringe It empowers hunters and hunting and fishing as a upon this rich tradition and right given to the people of legacy enjoyed by many." the state.

"Hunting and fishing outdoorsman, are important legacies in amending the constitution rights that we have and set a the future. clear precedent that hunting and fishing are supported and encouraged in this state.

our state heritage," said now will protect hunters and these activities." Hildenbrand, R-Lowell. "It fishers should a controversy is important to protect the over these activities arise in

believes

"Amending constitution is no small task." Outdoor Recreation.

"By amending the Hildenbrand said. "But the recently constitution to protect our constitution is designed to fishers to continue to pursue a legacy of this state and Hildenbrand, an avid it protects them for those who wish to make it more difficult to participate in

> House Joint Resolution has been referred to the House Committee on the Conservation, Forestry and

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positive relationships.

A total of 4.342 students are included on the dean's list for the spring semester of the 2004-2005 academic year at Western Michigan University.

From the Lowell area are Michael Arnswald. Joshua Fisher, Kristen Ford, Brian Pfaller, Emily Roth, Brandy Stroo and Shelby Tomczak. From the Alto area

are Sophia D'Agostino, Christian Gorgas, Jaimie Griffith, Lauren Horner, Jaclyn Shurmack and Arturo Ziraldo. From the Ada area are

Katie Anderson, Charles Gauthier Telman.

Northwood University held its annual honors convocation on Sunday. April 24. Receiving academic

area was Ashley S. Rickert, Department.

daughter of Jeffrey and Julie Rickert. She received the Edward N. Cole Award,

Lowell Women's Club junior members

Sixteen Lowell High School seniors were selected to be junior members of the

Lowell Women's Club this year: front row, left to right, are: Karis Prill, Hillary

Briggs, Rachel White, Marie Wade, Jenni Watikunas and Meghan Beachum; back

row are: Katie Serne, Nicole Swift, Amy Oberlin, Abbie Debiak, Chris Kuhn,

Amanda Rau, Lerin Bommarito, Tiffany Kidder, Melody Dernocoeur and Kristin

Befus. The Lowell Women's Club has invited high school girls to participate for a

sixth grade girls at Lowell Middle School. The senior girls helped the younger ones

learn about things like goal setting, self-respect, conflict resolution and developing

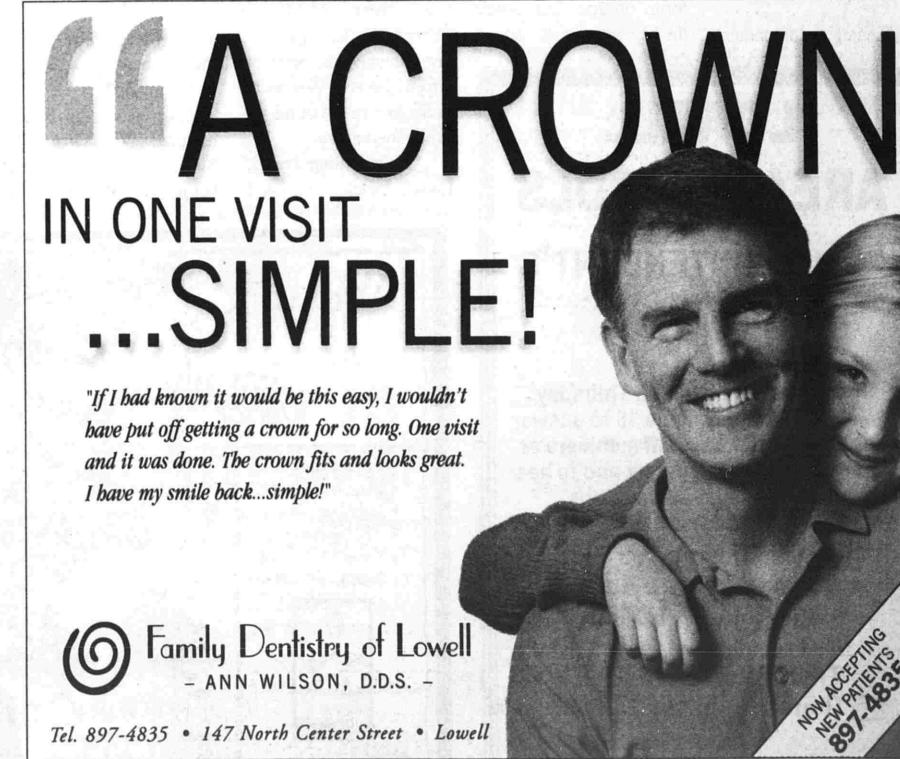
For the first time, this year's community service work included mentoring at-risk

number of years; they undertake community service and fundraising activities.



Ashley S. Rickert

named in memory of Cole who was a giant in the automotive industry and a strong supporter of the Northwood University Automotive program. The award is granted to a BBA graduate in Automotive Marketing with a high academic average upon recommendation by the Automotive Marketing



Softball rolls through last week of conference play

Perfect game, defensive plays contribute to late-season Red Arrow hot streak

By Dan Schneider

softball team went 5-0 last Arrows scored a run in the week to finish out the OK first, another in the second, in the first inning and went RBIs in the third inning. White season tied for second and two more in the third home on a base hit by Becky

Beating Cedar Springs and two errors to score those RBI double in the second for the win. It took six hits Plummer. Inman also had an and walked none in the win.

The Lowell varsity 4-1 last Monday, the Red runs.

Ashleigh Inman tripled Ashley VanderWal both had Plummer struck out six doubleheader.

Arrows shut out the Knights 4-0 in the first game of a Sparta on Friday and blasted one. Lowell scored one a home run, Plummer hit in the second and three in two triples. McElroy and a fourth inning that was VanderWal also had extraerror-ridden for the Knights. base hits. Lambert hit three Plummer made it to first on RBIs in two hits. Plummer an error. She later scored on struck out seven batters and an error that also left Katie walked none. The game McElroy safe on first. Ashley ended by mercy rule after six Nawrocki batted McElroy home. Lambert batted

Hosting Kenowa Hills

sacrifice bunt to advance inning mercy-rule game. VanderWal. Then Inman hit a Plummer also added a two-out RBI double to drive double and a triple for four in the winning run. Lowell RBIs in the game. Inman,

alive that long for Lowell was a defensive play in the the OK White season with Bueche from shortstop. The Monday. ball glanced off McElroy's catch the runner.

defensive play and just great Wednesday at Wyoming softball," Lowell coach Bob Park. District play starts next Rodenhouse said.

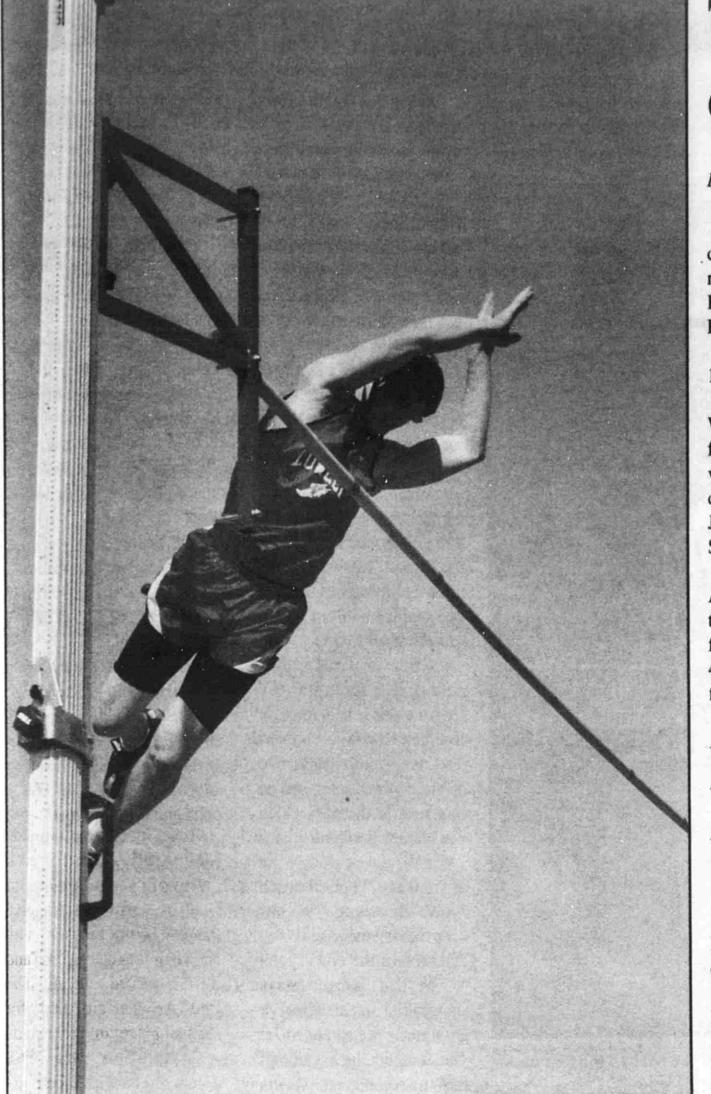
Plummer struck out 11 last Wednesday, the Red and walked one.

Plummer pitched her second perfect game of Game two of the the season and the third in doubleheader went extra her career in game two of innings. VanderWal was hit the Sparta doubleheader. by a pitch, giving Lowell the She struck out 15 of the 18 win in the 11th inning. Jean batters as Lowell blanked the Kimberlin hit a two-strike Spartans 10-0 in another six-

McElroy and Kimberlin each What kept the game had two hits in the game.

The Arrows finished bottom of the eighth inning. an 11-3 league record and With a runner on second, a 20-6 record overall. The Kenowa Hills hit a light pop- Red Arrows are tied for up just behind the pitcher's second place in the league mound. McElroy came over with Northview, who split a from second and Brittany doubleheader with Greenville

Lowell hosted the glove, but Plummer was able Mandy Tichelaar Memorial to pick it up and make the Tournament with Catholic throw to first base in time to Central, Kenowa Hills and Grandville Tuesday. They "That was just a great play a crossover game Tuesday at Northview.



Lowell's Eric Dean cleared 12'-0" in Saturday's Division 1 track regional at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids. The vault earned him a second place medal and a chance to compete in the state track finals.

Though Strejc looks at

Two Lowell vaulters qualify for state track meet

By Dan Schneider

15.5 points to finish 11th.

Rebekah place, finishing in 10:04.30. Woods cleared 9'-6" to take fourth place in pole vault. The first place in the girls regional Lowell finished ahead of vault also qualifies Woods to meet, scoring 158.25. Lowell Grand Rapids Central, Forest compete in the state finals finished ahead of Creston, Hills Central, Creston and June 4 at Rockford High Mona Shores, Grand Rapids Union.

In the high jump event, 4'-9". Morgan Olin took him for the state meet and vault fifth place in long jump for also gave the team enough

The Lowell track teams Jasmine Holliman threw the and Brittany Dietz took sixth

Central and Union.

Lowell, jumping 15'-5.5". points to finish in 11th place.

"We're pretty proud of competed in the Division 1 shot put 32'-8 3/4" to place him ... he's a sophomore, regional meet Saturday at fifth in that event. Lowell's he's really improved this Houseman Field in Grand 3200-meter relay team of year," said Lowell coach Megan Majestic, Monica Russ Stevens. "He scored The girls team scored Fitzpatrick, Hayley Getzen eight points so he beat three other teams."

> Muskegon won the boys Rockford ran away with regional with 118 points

Two Lowell girls placed For the boys team, Eric sixth at the OK Champion Amy VanEns and Mary Calvi Dean took second place in of Champion meet Monday: tied with two other jumpers the pole vault event, clearing Mary Calvi in high jump for third place. They cleared 12 feet. The vault qualified and Rebekah Woods in pole

Red Arrow lacrosse team takes two tough losses

lacrosse team matches went Wednesday. The Red Arrows to Portage Central to take on down in defeat last week.

last Tuesday, the Arrows fell turf, losing 12-2. 14-4. On Thursday, Grand Rapids Catholic Central beat Tuesday in the first round of Lowell by a 7-0 score.

Lowell will compete next during the regular season. Division 2

Lowell hosts Okemos regionals. They will travel struggled when the two the Mustangs. The Arrows Against Grand Haven teams met on the Chieftains' traded wins with Portage Central in their two meetings

The winner of that game Lowell 13-5. Earlier in the the first-ever Michigan High plays East Grand Rapids in season, the Cougars shut out School Athletic Association the Regional semifinal June lacrosse 3 at East Grand Rapids.

Red Arrow girls soccer peaking at the right time

By Dan Schneider

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Thursday, June 16, 2005

7:00 p.m.

Hills. She hit it far enough for a home run, but it didn't stay fair.

form offense last week, team beat Middleville said. "That's two games in the game a mercy-rule 10 lot of games like this, this Finding its tournament- the Lowell girls soccer Thornapple Kellogg 10-2 a row where we're putting minutes into the second year, when we'd only score LOWELL

White tournament.

Lowell's Becky Plummer connected with this pitch in game one of last Wednesday's doubleheader against Kenowa

Greenville 11-0 Wednesday be putting up." in the first round of the OK

last Monday and shut out the numbers up we should half.

halftime against Greenville. out of 25 shots on goal. "We're hitting the net," They scored another goal

Lowell was up 10-0 at team's 11 on the scoreboard

Lowell coach Paul Legge before the officials called Legge said. "We've had a

Wildcats, Lowell advances to Wednesday's OK White conference final game at Unity Christian. The

Unity Christian also White conference title.

five goals. And it's the right Legge was glad with the time of the season, too, going into the tournaments. I think we're going to carry "We finished today," this for a few games."

Northview 6-0 in the conference Monday. Earlier in the season, the teams played through two overtimes to a

beating the Crusaders won 10-0 against Cedar Springs, Monday.

gave Lowell its only loss of the season. The Arrows are hoping for a repeat of last year, when they beat the Crusaders in the tournament final for a share of the OK

Open house Friday to recognize retiring wrestling coach

A retirement open house coach Rivers." will be held for Lowell After 11 years of four years until the Arrows to hear it again. It was a great

coaching wrestling at Lowell, Strejc is retiring to spend 2002. more time with his family His first four years were as coach Rivers to carry with assistant coach under Gary me," Strejc said. "I stooped Rivers and for the last seven, down and emptied the from wrestling amounts to a special teams I'll never he has been head coach.

During those seven papers and everything in the years, Lowell went to the new bag. It did what it came are difficult but sometimes way they won that regional, state wrestling finals six there to do." times, taking home state championships in 2002 and himself as just a steward of 2004. The Arrows were state the tradition Rivers built, the runners-up three times and wrestlers he coached look at advanced to the semifinals it differently.

"Just to be able to be Strejc," Lowell senior Joe a part of a program that is Mendez said after winning so rich in tradition as this his fourth individual state program is a blessing and championship this year. "He to have the success we've doesn't say I owe anything, had on top of that is just but I know I do." unbelievable," Streic said.

He remembers when at relating to individual he first took the reins of the wrestlers, resulting in several unique motivational "It was a tough time strategies.

because coach Rivers had passed away and I had a always telling me that group of boys looking at 'second is still pretty good," me," Strejc said. "They said former Lowell wrestler were looking at me to guide Bobby Gingerich. "He them, to lead them to a state somehow knew that would

stand it anymore. I hated that role we've always had and satisfying." Strejc carried Rivers' saying. It made me try harder step into something else," wrestling coach Dave Streic. wrestling bag with him for and harder so I wouldn't have Streic said.

> won the championship in motivator." Gingerich won an state finals with this year's "That was my piece of individual state title his underdog team was a great

Strejc said moving on contents out and put all the turning point in his life.

"These lifestyle changes they won those meets, the

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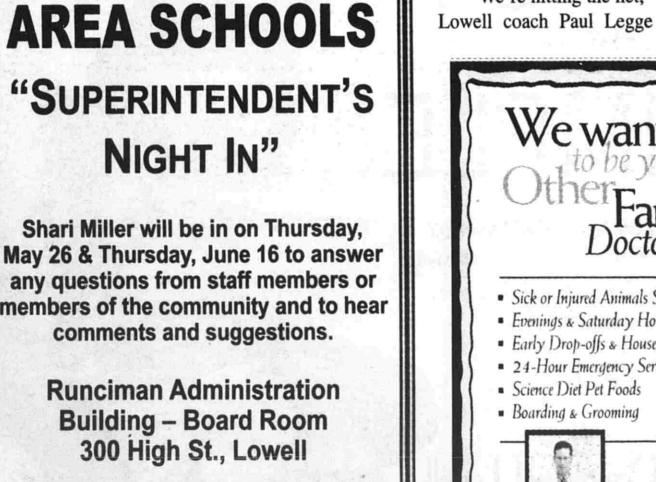
championship in honor of eataway at me until I couldn't we have to step out of that it was just very sweet, very the home of Tom and Katie

He said making a last from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday at p.m. All are welcome.

Mendez, 5874 Morse Lake The retirement open Road in Alto. A tribute to house for Strejc will be Strejc will take place at 8









Last week of OK White tough on Lowell baseball

By Dan Schneider

Lowell baseball was on the losing side of three close

last week

scoreless until the fifth Ickes base hit and an RBI Last Monday's game inning when the Red Arrows double by Tony Adrianse.

games and two blowouts against Cedar Springs was took the lead on a Jordan

Hills scoreless for one inning triple to clear the bases. at home last Wednesday. The got their third batter out at game last week. first and stranded a runner at

number eight batter hit a Ouinn. three-run homer in the top of seventh to win 10-1.

Game two was a tight four runs in the fifth which second and third innings. was enough for the 4-0 win.

"We played with a lot people," Miller said. of top teams," Lowell coach Juston Miller said. "We just five pitchers in the game. keep having that one inning Dan Kern got the loss. that snowballs."

snowballed after Kenowa Wednesday at Hastings and got runners at first and third. an away game at Wyoming Lowell's Jason Welsch gets a high five from coach Juston Miller after hitting it out of the park in the first inning The Knights hit a ground Park this Friday. ball to shortstop. Welsch

That run gave Lowell fielded the ball well but the throw to second ended up the lead but the Redhawks came back and scored three in right field and the bases runs in the top of the sixth. were loaded. The next batter Lowell held Kenowa walked and the next hit a

The first game of a Arrows caught their lead-off Friday doubleheader at batter trying to steal second, Sparta was the other close

Lowell went into the third by catching a fly ball to seventh inning, down 2-1. left field. Then Lowell took The Arrows loaded the bases the lead early on a home with singles. Then Lowell run to center-right by Jason executed a suicide squeeze, with Zach Burger running the Knights' home off the bat of Spencer

But Sparta won off a the second. Kenowa scored bases-loaded sacrifice fly in three runs in each of the next the bottom of the seventh. two innings and one in the Quinn got the loss for Lowell.

Quinn had a home run contest. The score was 0-0 in the first inning of game for four and a half innings. two to help Lowell go up 4-But then Kenowa, who was 2 on the Spartans. But things 23-1 going into game two snowballed again and Sparta of the doubleheader, scored managed 14 runs in the

"We just kept walking

Lowell went through

Lowell plays an OK In that game, things Gold crossover game

Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week May 22 - 28

Ash Borer (EAB) Awareness for future generations," Week" throughout Michigan Granholm said. "The most about EAB and the collective can play in this battle against its spread.

traveling and tourism season, destination." it is a perfect time to highlight

proclaimed the week of May to preserve and protect signs of infestation through must work together and take 22 - May 28 as "Emerald our treasured resources the toll-free EAB hotline aggressive action in order (866-325-0023).

move firewood as they head to "As we begin the to their favorite vacation resources," said EAB policy director Patricia Lockwood.

to safeguard the nation's "Since its discovery in forests and natural heritage. to raise public awareness important role every citizen 2002, Emerald Ash Borer has To be successful, this has caused significant economic to be a collective effort effort underway to prevent emerald ash borer is to not and environmental damage involving the cooperation of an exotic insect native to Michigan's natural every citizen."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm ways we can work together immediately report possible "Each state affected by EAB Response Project attributes feeds undetected under the pockets of infestation) to the movement of infested

> Asia that attacks ash trees, info The Emerald Ash Borer In its larval stage, EAB

bark of ash trees, disrupting water and nutrient flow, and ultimately killing the trees in just a few years.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/eab www.emeraldashborer.

Garlic mustard, continued ... From Page 10

"So far, there's a lot of Company, "places where Cable channel 20. "What my Because so much of it is a large dent in a forest's to help out."

alerting people to the garlic a nine-minute video that has Covert said. "This is such mustard problem at Blue played repeatedly on Lowell a beautiful community. group of people can make of the plant before it gets RibbonFeeds, Tractor Supply

She has put up fliers Bonnie Grooters, she made care of this sort of thing," do have."

Residents are urged to

interest, individuals willing people who were outdoorsy vision is is an environmental being developed, it would garlic mustard population would go." With her friend organization set up to take be neat to protect what we in only a few hours. It is

recommended to first pull Covert said a small up outlying, small patches

Garlic mustard plants must be pulled while they are still flowering, before they have a chance to go to seed.

Is anyone missing a large black cat?

The sound off in the Ledger is the highlight

of my week. Isn't that sad.

My first year in Pack 3188 has been fantastic.

My son has enjoyed it immensely.

Why is it that the only people who cannot

hear a barking dog is its owner?

PLEASE don't speed the spread of the

Emerald Ash Borer - Don't transport firewood!!!

To all the past and present Veterans, God Bless You

and The United States of America!! On Memorial Day, remember those who have passed.

Be safe on this Memorial Day weekend.

Remember, "Click it or Ticket"

It doesn't matter what kind of car, suv or truck you

have. They all have blinkers - Please use them!!!

Doesn't anyone in this town stop for pedestrians

when they try to cross Main Street?

It will only take a second out of your day.

We need a skate park for the kids. I don't even have

a child that skateboards and I think we need one.

Why can't we put things at the cemetery

for our loved ones?

Ken and I would like to thank our Hatch Hollow

neighbors and friends and 5/3 Bank for all

Mural cont'd ... From Page 10

Cherry Creek

Chess Champs

For the past three months at Cherry

Creek Elementary, 56 students have been

competing in a double elimination chess

competition. Participating during afternoon

recess, and with the help of Dee McKend-

rick, players of all abilities learned about the

game of chess as well as about each other,

The pressure of stiff competition in-

Finally, in climactic match play, Smith

The annual event gives the students a

bested Velting in the final game, becoming

this year's Cherry Creek fifth grade chess

chance to explore the logic and reasoning re-

quired to play chess. A Perpetual Champion

plaque is on display in the entry of Cherry

Creek Elementary. Individual plaques were

creased until only two players remained this

spring: Jenna Smith and Bill (William) Velt-

ing, pictured above, left to right.

awarded to the two finalists.

and themselves.

champion.

Unity High School so every student worked who lacked artistic abilities community.' didn't always want to were many aspects that invited. didn't require artistic ability,

principal Marlene Heemstra on the different stages of said. "This extensive art creating the mosaic tile project involved every mural wall. The fact that this student in our building. With was a "real life" project gave past art projects, students the students a real sense of

A dedication ceremony participate. That was not the is planned for Monday, June case with this project. There 6 at 7 p.m. The public is

prices are \$2.08. Must cost more to send the trucks here or are Lowell

the lost check and returning it to a senior citizen. Your honesty is appreciated.

What about Gee Drive ... it's like driving on a washboard.

I REALLY hope that Sterling Massey runs again for school board. We need someone like him helping to lead our district!

It's a SHAME, while we are at war, Fred Maier has to fight a battle over care of our flags.



Wed.-Thurs. -Fri. 4:00 to 6:00 PM Sat. & Sun. 12:00 to 4:00 PM

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Gas prices on Alpine are \$1.96 and Lowell residents being ripped off?

To a certain daytime waitress - You need to treat your customers with a little (lot) more respect. Have a little respect for yourself and put some clothes on.

Thanks to Lindsey and Ryan for finding

Talk about Bowes Road and redoing Grindle

Thank you Alto PTO- Kim DeWaard. You were missed in last week's Sound Off how did that happen??? - Kathi

To the person who doesn't like sports on the front page- Do you have pride? If you didn't realize, sports are a part of our Lowell culture. We win state championships!

How come no one complained about anything good last week?

Models Open

Located at the corner of Bowes Rd. and Valley Vista Dr. in Lowell

of their support after the burglary in our home.

YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids

Currently an opportunity exists for an Associate Executive Director for our Lowell YMCA branch. The branch has a 400-membership base, budget size of just under \$1 million, and newer facility of 8,350 square feet. The Associate Executive Director assists with the management of the Lowell YMCA in the areas of fitness, membership, funds development and volunteer management. The Associate Executive Director is responsible to lead fitness programming, membership development The Associate Executive Director development, and the operation of the branch in standards established by the YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids Board of Directors and the Lowell YMCA Branch Board of Managers. Bachelor's degree (B. A.) from four-year college or university, Master's degree preferred; three to five years of supervision, budget management, fundraising, and community collaboration experience preferred or equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. Expertise in the health and wellness area and proven fundraising skills. Excellent benefits include 12% retirement. Contact: Fax: (616) 456-7232; 40 Monroe NW Suite 201, Grand Rapids MI 49503; or e-mail to jobs@grymca.org. Visit our website at www.grymca.org. Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Resumes to 5-22-05



Sietsema with Five Star Real

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tournament. The Huskies Kyle Wittenbach against

took first place; the Rangers an opponent from Reeths

of game one of last week's doubleheader against Kenowa Hills.

the first singles match was

In the first fourth-flight

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By Dan Schneider

last Thursday left the Lowell

boys tennis team in seventh-

into nearly unstoppable

Ranger and Forest Hills

Northern teams on multiple

Lowell's Brett Hobrla

took second.

advanced all the way to the singles match, Travis Trapp The regional tennis finals match of third singles lost in a tie break against showing at the regionals for Lowell defeated South stronger team next year. match at Forest Hills Central before losing to Northern's Petoskey. Jordan Cantor 6-2, 6-2.

McMahon nice for him to have had a place. The Red Arrows ran advanced to the semifinals where he lost to Northern's he played that one," Lowell Naoto Hida.

Winning his opening seldom had a good draw."

"It would have been to build itself up.

coach Bonnie Wall said. "We said

Red Arrow tennis team takes seventh at regionals

Lowell makes a good showing despite some tough draws, lack of seniors

match under his belt before for the whole day instead of Travis Trapp." being out by noon," Wall

a Lowell team that continues Christian 5-3. "It was nice to be there a great match and so did Wall said. "I don't know

the season 8-4 overall and to have a stronger team." In last Tuesday's OK 5-2 in conference, and are

It was, however, a good Gold crossover match, looking forward to an even

"I know we're going to "Kyle Wittenbach won have better competition," how our record will come The RedArrows finished out, but I know we're going

Girls golf finishes season at regionals

seniors, the Lowell girls was 498 for 18 holes. The team score of 373. East Lowell were Stef Stuewe golf team finished 13th in Red Arrows finished ahead Grand Rapids scored 378 to (103), Sarah Eickhoff (116), the Division 2 regional last of Cedar Springs, Ionia, finish second. Thursday at The Highlands Creston and Fruitport. in Grand Rapids.

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Lowell's team score won the regional with a Grand Rapids Christian attended their senior trip.

Lowell's

Brittany Foley (135) and seniors Melissa Telman (144).

Lowell hires

Dean comes to

has a new varsity wrestling wrestler at the University of coach. Dave Dean will Minnesota. He and his wife replace Dave Strejc who is Beth plan to move to Lowell retiring from coaching at the with their three children. He end of the 2004-2005 school joins his brother Noel on the Red Arrow coaching staff.

Strejc, wrestling coach

new wrestling coach Lowell High School time NCAA All-American

Lowell with 14 years at Lowell for seven years, of intercollegiate level led the Red Arrows to two coaching and 13 years as an state championships, three assistant at Michigan State runner-up finishes and six University. He was a two- trips to the final four.

GARAGE SALE 820 N. Jefferson, Thurs, & Fri. May 26 & 27. Antiques, bikes, bunk bed, wicker, pie safe, shot guns & general household items & kids' clothes.

more! May 26 & 27, 9-6 p.m.

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HUGE MEMORIAL DAY SALE AT PERRY'S Lots of furniture this year, antique oak dresser, bedroom set, sofa, dressers, lawnmowers, bikes, toys, golf club, books, household & small

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Sat., May 27 & 28, 6939 Alden

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THE LOWELL LEDGER

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 30 - in observance of Memorial Day. Please note that the deadline for all advertising & article submissions is Friand still very dear. day at noon. Thank You Ellen & family & have a safe holiday.

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10:00 a.m. - Parade starts at Erv Taylor Avenue at the rear of business district and ends at the cemetery. All entries welcome. There will be a program at the cemetery.

Speaker: Brian Calley, vice chairperson, lonia County Commission

ALTO MERRIMAN CEMETERY

Sunday, May 29 @ 2 p.m. Remembrance program with guest speaker, at Merriman Cemetery 12030 - 52nd St.

SOUTH BOSTON CEMETERY

108th meeting of South Boston Cemetery Association will be held on Monday, May 30, 2005 at noon at the South Boston Bible Church on 6958 Kyser Road. Speaker will be Rolland Smith, missionary to Mexico with CAM international. Followed by a potluck lunch at the church. All are welcome.

Observed Monday, May 30, 2005

LOWELL

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8303 and

American Legion Post #152 invite all Veterans, Civic

Organizations, Scouts & other participants to take part in the annual Memorial Day Ceremonies & salute our deceased & living Veterans.

MONDAY, MAY 30, 2005 - The parade forms at Kent County Youth
Fairgrounds on S. Broadway St. between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. with departure promptly at 9:30 a.m.

The parade will proceed North on Broadway St., East on Main St. stopping at the Veterans memorials on the east side of the Flat River for rendering of honors to Those Who Have Perished at Sea.

The parade continues East on Main St., North on Monroe to Oakwood Cemetery for observances at the GAR Civil War Memorial there. Any wishing to participate should please contact Parade Marshal Gordon Marshall at 897-8625.

Patriotic themes shall be permitted. Commercial and political advertising is prohibited. Tossing of candy from floats or passing out of literature along the parade route, is strictly prohibited. Memorial Day is a day to remember and honor those who have served our nation and have passed on.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Michael P. Conklin

BOWNE CENTER

Monday, May 30 -8:00 p.m. - Meet at the Bowne Cemetery, corner of Alden Nash (M-50) & 84th St. Service will be held followed by a 21-gun salute and taps.

GRATTAN

17th Annual Bridge Walk and Memorial Day Tribute. Monday, May 30, 2005.

7:00 - 10:00 a.m: Pancake Breakfast-Sponsored by Grattan Twp. Fire Dept. & Ladies Auxiliary
11:30 a.m: Memorial Service-Grattan Center Cemetery
12:15: Bridge Walk & Foot Parade
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