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Lowell pays tribute to veterans with annual Memorial Day parade



American flags adorn the headstones of Lowell's veterans in Oakwood Cemetery.

By Dan Schneider

Hundreds of people lined the streets of Lowell and then gathered at Oakwood Cemetery Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

The proceedings marked the 141st time our nation has set aside a day to remember the veterans who died in service to America.

As is the tradition in Lowell, the day started out with a parade gathering at the Lowell Fairgrounds. At 9:30 a.m., a Lowell Police Department squad car led a group of local veterans eastward along Main Street. The veterans, members of Lowell Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8303 and American Legion Post #152 followed the VFW Color Guard.

As has been the custom in Lowell for more than 50 years, the parade stopped at the Veterans Memorial for a rifle salute to remember the soldiers who died at sea; Margaret Gardner placed a floral tribute in the river.

"It was a fitting thing, being a city of two rivers and all waters being connected, it makes its way to the sea," said parade marshal Gordon Marshall. "It's been going on since I was a little boy."

Floats in the parade included the Red Rebels float, with a number of women wearing ornate red hats, a covered wagon from the Circle G ranch, and the Kent County 4-H Youth Fair court.

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Red Arrow Orchestra growing, performance to be held June 6

By Dan Schneider

String orchestra in Lowell Area Schools was an after-school community education class three years ago. Next year, Lowell Middle School will offer beginner, intermediate and advanced classes. A high school class is also being offered.

It will be the third year orchestra has been offered as a class during the regular school day in Lowell Area Schools. It is growing in popularity at the middle school, where 34 students have signed up for the fall beginners' class.

There are only "a handful" of students signed up for the high school class, according to strings' teacher Windy Tenney. But she said it was important to offer an outlet for students who have taken the community ed classes or had independent lessons in the past.

"Now they're going to have a chance to play together," Tenney said. "It's a really good thing for encouraging the middle school students so they can see somebody ahead of them. So they have something to look forward to when they get to high school."

In addition to the full orchestra, known as the "Red Arrow Orchestra," some students participate in

the Fiddle Club. The club meets after school once a week to practice string music in a more old-time, folk vein.

Having an orchestra program is an idea that has circulated in the district for several years.

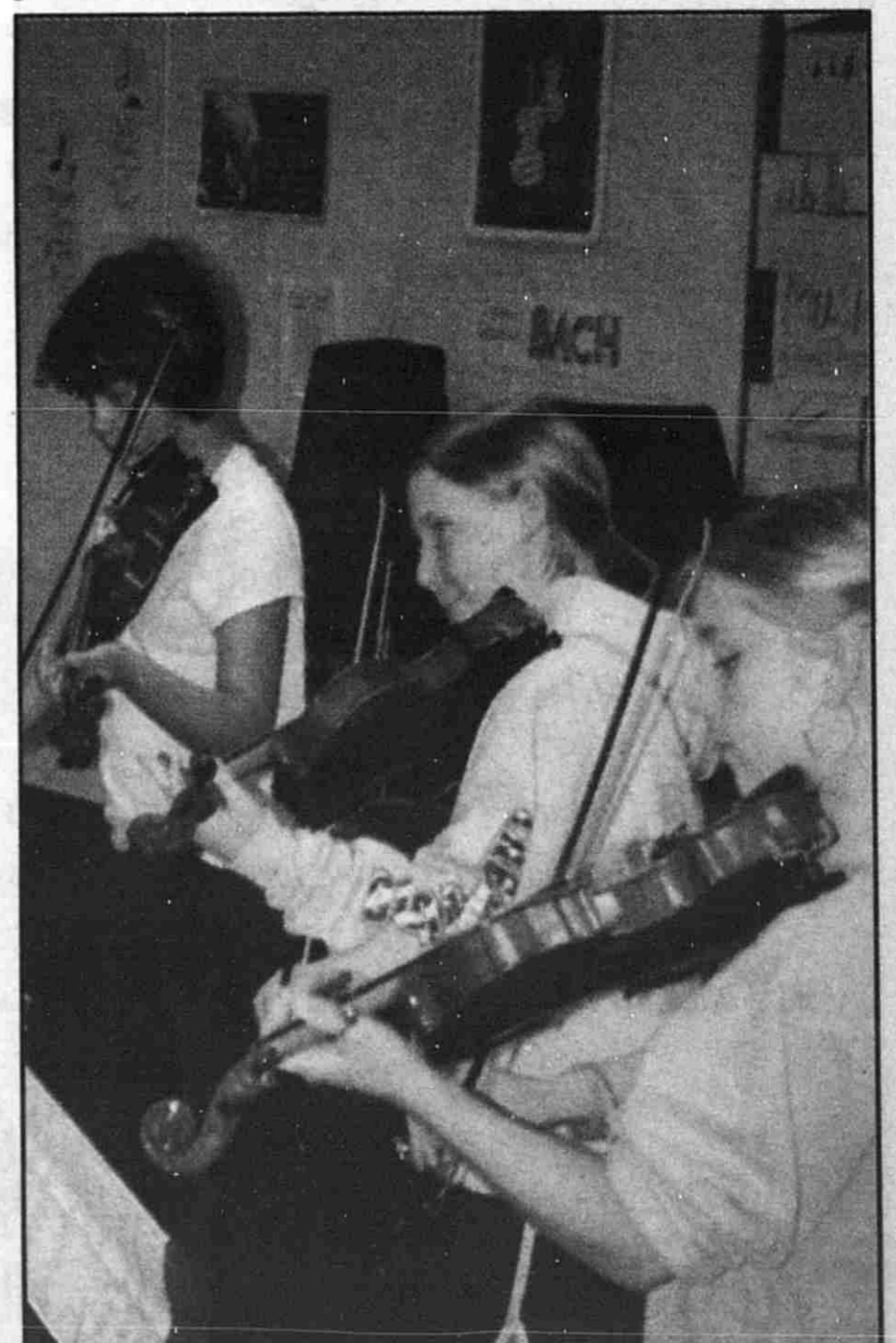
"I know there were parents who were working

on this before I came," said Lowell Area Schools superintendent Shari Miller.

She said the program is developing as quickly as she expected.

"Maybe even faster," Miller said. "It's a tremendous success."

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Jessica Ryder (from left), MacKenzie Carlson and Chelsae Prill, members of both the Red Arrow Orchestra and the middle school Fiddle Club, practicing with the Fiddle Club.

Lowell teachers choose to take "one-time-offer" severance plan

By Dan Schneider

A total of 24 teachers chose to leave Lowell Area Schools with the incentive package from the district's employee severance plan. Three more teachers retired under the terms of their contracts.

The sign-up deadline for the incentive was May 13. Teachers who signed up

were given until May 20 to change their minds.

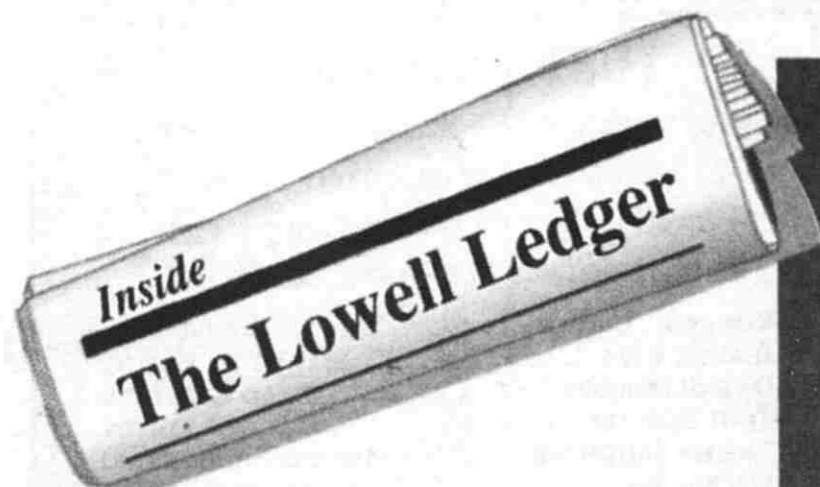
The board of education approved the severance package at its March meeting. The plan was offered to teachers with 10 years or more in the district. Teachers who signed up will get a year's salary up to \$60,000.

For teachers who are at retirement age, the amount

will be paid into a 403b account over the next five years. Those too young for retirement will receive the money with all taxes applicable.

The severance plan was a one-time-only offer designed to save the district money by removing employees from the top of its pay scale. When she presented the plan at the March board meeting, Lowell Area Schools assistant superintendent for finance and personnel Connie Gillette estimated it would save the district as much as \$700,000 in the upcoming school year. That estimate was based on 25 teachers choosing to take the incentive. After the decision deadline, Gillette said it would take some time to determine what savings the district will actually see from the plan.

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Obituaries

BYRNE
Dorothy (McCabe) Byrne, 91, born March 4, 1914, passed away in her home on May 25, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband Alfred, brothers Francis and Joseph McCabe, sister Bonnie Jakeway, son-in-law Phil Schneider, daughter Patricia Fonger. She will be greatly missed by her surviving children Fran (Dale) Tolger, Betsy (John) Rinard, Melvin Byrne, Barb Schneider; sisters-in-law Mildred McCabe, Aileen McCabe; nine grandchildren; several great-grandchildren. Dorothy leaves behind the Parnell community, church and friends who will miss her gentle smile and touch.

CATT
Ida Elnora (Hazel) Catt passed away Thursday, May 26 at Spectrum Health. She was born July 26, 1916, to Lawrence and Grace Lucas of Woodland. Ida was preceded in death by her husbands, Lee A. Hazel in 1983 and Leroy Catt in 1993; sister Evelyn Thompson; son-in-law Art Erickson; great-grandchild Austin DeGraff. She is survived by her children Betty Erickson, Dick and Delores Hazel and Lee and Roxie Hazel; stepsons Roger and Diane Catt, John and Terri Catt, Larry and Jean Catt; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-grandchild; numerous step-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held Tuesday at Koops Funeral Chapel. Burial in Lakeside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lake Odessa Ambulance or the VFW Post #4461.

daughter Susan Downes. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Ila; two sons Robert (Jeanette) Downes of Traverse City, Michael (Carol) Downes of Clawson; grandchildren Brian, Erin Downes, Chloe, Nathan (Nicole) Wildman; one great-granddaughter Emily Wildman; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Father Tom Page presiding. Interment St. Patrick Cemetery in Parnell. Memorial contributions may be made to Audubon Society.

RUPP
Martha M. Rupp, aged 66, of Roscommon, formerly of Lowell, passed away peacefully May 23, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband John Rupp Sr. She is survived by her daughter Kathy (David) Bonn and grandson Travis of Kentwood, John Rupp Jr. of Grattan; sister Alice (Nick) DaBaco of Streamwood, IL. Graveside services were held Saturday in Roscommon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research.

YPMA
Mrs. Donna Jean Ypma, aged 76, went to be with her Lord Saturday, May 21, 2005. She was preceded in death by her son Wallace Ypma II and her parents William and Beulah Straight. Surviving are her husband of 57 years, Wallace; children Pam (Lloyd) Batey of Lowell, Valerie Trovato of Kentwood, Michael (Kim) Ypma of Hudsonville, Juanita Ypma of Texas, William (Judy) Ypma of Grandville; 10

grandchildren; one great-grandchild. A memorial service was held Wednesday, May 25 at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. Paul Riley officiating. Memorial contributions in Helen's name may be made to Parkinson's Disease, American Cancer Society or Multiple Sclerosis.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2005-2006 BUDGET


PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, June 13, 2005 at 6:30 o'clock p.m., at Runciman Administration Building Board Room located at 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan, the Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2005-2006 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2005-2006 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2005-2006 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Runciman Administration Building, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan.


The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Patrick Nugent, Secretary



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College News

CORRECTION: The name of the scholarship's recipient was inadvertently left out of last week's Ledger. We apologize and are happy to reprint the article.

The Burger King/McLamore Foundation has awarded 1,476 high school seniors \$1,000 scholarships in the sixth year of the annual Burger King Scholars program.

From Lowell High School is **Kristin Befus**.

The scholarships are based on academic achievement, work ex-

perience and financial need as well as co-curricular activities and community service.

To determine scholarship recipients, the Burger King/McLamore Foundation works with high school principals and counselors to identify students who meet the criteria for an award.

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Again this year Women's Club raises money for Flat River Outreach Ministries



The Lowell Women's Club makes donations every year to several local organizations. This year, the club distributed \$3,100 among Flat River Outreach Ministries (F.R.O.M.), Lowell YMCA, Lowell Area Historical Museum, Lowell Area Fire Department, and St. Mary's Pregnancy Center. On Tuesday, outgoing Women's Club treasurer Marj Harding (left) and incoming club treasurer Kathy Horsch (right) passed out checks to (second from left) F.R.O.M. board chairman Roger La Warre, YMCA district executive director Kristine VanVonderen, museum director Judy Straub, St. Mary's Pregnancy Center volunteer Madeline Pfaller, and Lowell fire chief Frank Martin.

Murray Lake April Staff Member of the Month

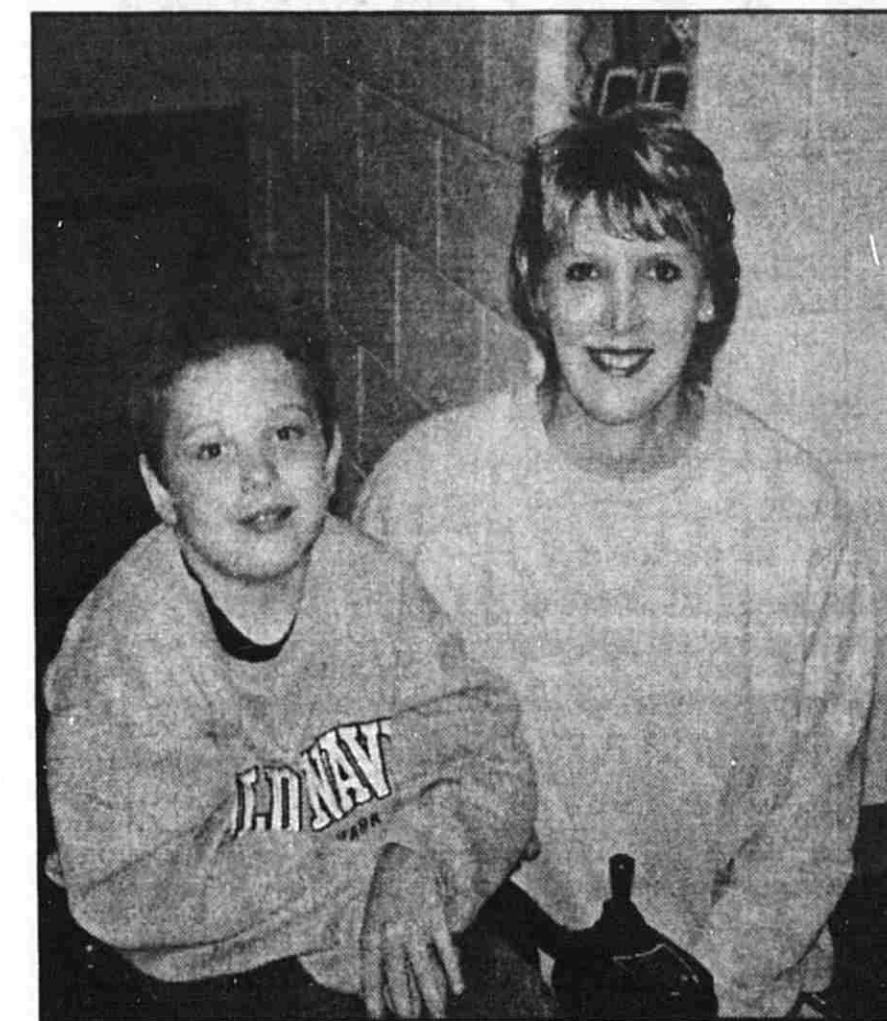
Several staff members at Murray Lake Elementary have nominated Marilee Trierweiler as staff member of the month for April. Her caring attitude toward the kids she works with has earned her this recognition.

Trierweiler, a lifelong Lowell resident and the mother of four, has been a para-educator for several years in Lowell Schools and is currently an individual-needs para-educator at Murray Lake Elementary.

"I like my work, and especially enjoy working with the kids. I believe we need to be there for our children and help in any way we can to ensure their successful future choices," said Trierweiler. "I am proud to be part of the support staff of Lowell Schools, which is a dedicated group of people who give endlessly to assure the success of our community's future. They live here, send their children here, and are truly invested in our community."

Happiness does not notice the passing of time.

Chinese proverb



Student Quinton Bunn and Marilee Trierweiler.

Testimonial from a recent guest at the Laurels of Kent:

"I just want to say thank you for all the help that you have given me. From the high officers to the nurses and nurse aids. The nurses do an outstanding job for all the patients and I really thank them."
Thanks again,
Carroll Eldridge



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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.

GARLIC MUSTARD MENACE
If you would like to help clear the area of garlic mustard, come to the Boy Scout cabin on June 1 at 6:30 p.m. More info.? Call Peggy at 897-7948 or Melanie at 897-2558.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTED
Free food will be distributed Thursday, June 2 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Moose Lodge Recreational Building, 1320 E. Main St.

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

H.S. ATHLETIC PHYSICAL DATE
Free sports physicals for girls: Tuesday, June 7, 6:30 - 8 p.m. in high school locker room. Bring completed physical card with medical history/parent/student signatures.

FOODMOBILE
The Foodmobile will be at Lowell Fairgrounds, Foreman Bldg., on Saturday, June 11 from 10-11 a.m. or until the mostly produce is gone. Bring box or bag; distributed by F.R.O.M. to anyone living in the Greater Lowell area.

ARTRAIN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 if you would like to be a tour guide for the Artrain USA this month.

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: Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m.; 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 '05/'06 season. Send resume 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 Fallsasburg 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.

LHS CLASS OF 2000
Plans for a five-year reunion are in progress. Please contact lhs_class_of_2000@yahoo.com with your address.

LHS 69TH REUNION
Class of 1936 will be meeting July 8 at Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd. at 1 p.m. for a potluck dinner. Bring own service/dish to pass. RSVP to Pauline LaDue, 897-7136. Classes of 1929 thru 1939 are also invited.

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Changes in outdoor displays considered by planning commission

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

City merchants may get some relief from the ordinance in regards to outdoor displays. At its May Lowell Planning Commission meeting, the members decided to review the ordinance on outdoor displays, voting to strike the language that required merchants to move items back within 10 feet of the building when not open.

The commission set a public hearing for June 27. The issue was presented by the Lowell City Council which had received a request from a business owner about relief from the requirement. Charlie Bernard, of Bernard's Ace Hardware, has packages of soil in his parking lot that are difficult to pull back and then reset up on a daily basis. Bernard was cited for having the product out after hours. He brought the issue before the city council

which agreed that perhaps the city, especially during these economic times, was being too restrictive on the matter. "I do believe we need to help our merchants as much as we can while maintaining our city," said mayor Jeanne Shores, adding she felt that as long as the displays didn't become junk piles or unsightly, she didn't see the need for requiring them to be moved back at night. For the planning commission, the issue was

whether the language should be simply removed or if the commission should do a more in-depth look at the ordinance. Building inspector Doug Hopkins suggested the commission consider what is allowed for outdoor displays, such as the list that is given for open air businesses. Chair Clark Jahnke wondered if the commission should also establish a height restriction. There is already a clear vision requirement with items not being allowed more

than 10 feet from lot lines during the day. Commission member Maryalene LaPonsie said she favored striking the requirement that it be moved in at night and just see what happens. Her concern was that it could be awhile before anything got changed if the commission took a long time reviewing the ordinance. "I don't want to be knit-picking, but at the same time, I don't want things to look like one long

rummage sale either," said commission member Vance Dimmick. While not comfortable with just striking the language, Jahnke agreed with the move and made it a unanimous decision to follow the suggestion of the city council. After its public hearing in June, the planning commission can recommend the change to the council, which must approve it before the change can go into effect.

Joint planning commission reveals city/townships have similar ordinances

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

When you meet with other municipalities, you can learn a lot ... at least that's what Lowell Planning Commission chair Clark Jahnke discovered following a joint meeting with the planning commissions of Vergennes and Lowell townships. Jahnke discovered that Lowell Charter Township does have a similar ordinance

on banners, pennants and flags that many of the city car dealerships have used to promote their locations. "They don't allow what we don't allow," Jahnke said at last week's city planning commission meeting. In the past, car dealerships within the city have used the fact that dealerships in the township are allowed to have balloons, flags and other items, and they are not. Currently, a business within the city may

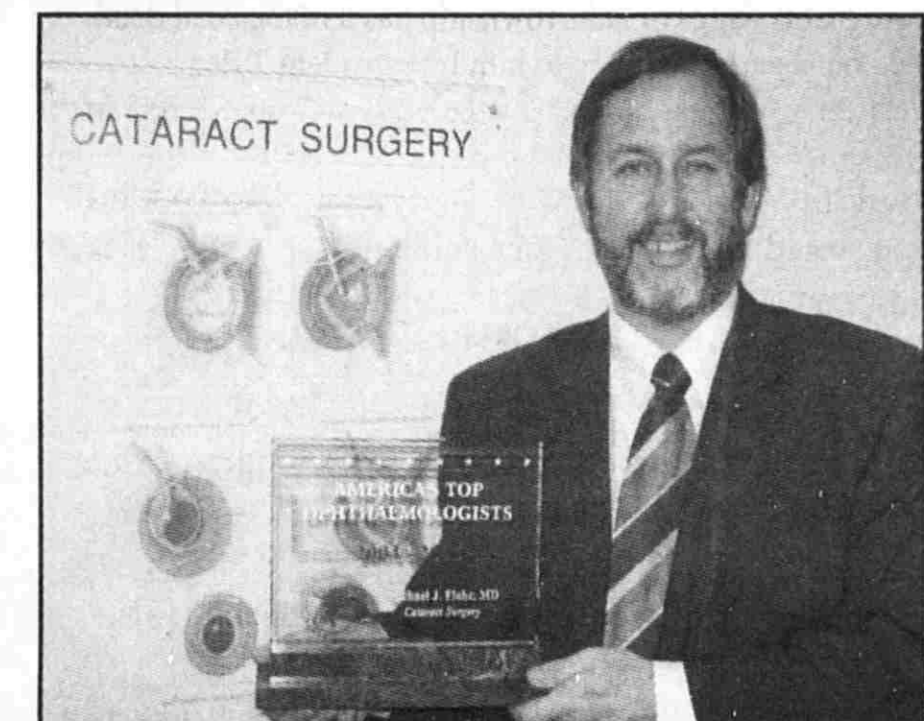
apply for a 21-day permit once a year to have such items up. Township officials have received pressure from their dealerships over what the city allows, Jahnke said, adding that the township has not been enforcing its ordinance like the city has. Jahnke plans to get a copy of the Lowell Charter Township ordinance and check with Vergennes Township on similar ordinances so the city's

planning commission can make some comparisons and decide on what direction to take. More than a year ago, several representatives from local car dealerships approached the city about loosening the guidelines for pennants, flags and similar items. The city did some investigating but due to a lack of response from the dealerships, decided to drop the matter. From that joint meeting,

a question was also raised over zoning a parcel of land at the northeast corner of Lincoln Lake and Chatham within the city limits. Lowell Township officials pointed out that the site, located at 209 Lincoln Lake, is zoned industrial, but that the surrounding township properties are zoned residential. The township asked the city to look into rezoning the area. Several commission members admitted any development on the property could be inhibited due to the need to cross the river with sewer and water to reach the site, and the project could be quite costly.

"It seems reasonable that if the property abuts against township residential and if it is not contaminated and could be used reasonable, that a change should be considered," said commission member Barbara Schmultz. The property, while not currently being used, had been utilized for industrial activity involving natural gas collection. Because of that, there are large deposits of brine (salt) on the property. "I'm not sure it should be changed to residential, but I'm not sure about industrial either," said commission member Vance Dimmick. Since the commission is looking at updating its master plan, Jahnke suggested the group focus on this. For now, the commission members decided to review the area with further discussions at a later date.

Business Matters



Dr. Michael J. Flohr

Consumers Research Council of America has named Dr. Michael J. Flohr in their list of top ophthalmologists in the United States. Dr. Flohr has had an office in Lowell at Advanced Eyecare Professionals for the past three years, and previous to that, practiced in Hastings for 21 years.

Among his many professional associations, he is a member of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons, which is his specialty.

Daniel J. Vosovic, a 1999 Lowell High School graduate, was recently selected as one of 12 breakthrough fashion designers to compete on the TV show "Project Runway." Filming for the show begins June 1 in New York City and it will air this fall on BRAVO.

Vosovic, the son of Dan and Sharon Vosovic of Lowell, received his BFA degree from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York in May.



Jayne Overbeck

Greenridge Realty announced that Jayne Overbeck received Realtor of the Month in May.

This award recognizes Overbeck for her outstanding success and achievements.

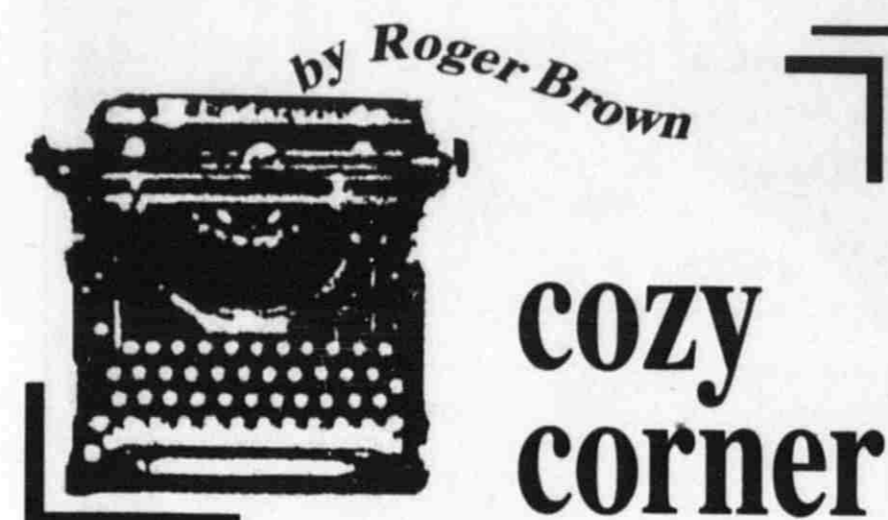
Artwork on display at FLPC beginning June 5

Paintings by Bill Kubiak, founding member and first president of Grand Valley Artists, will be on display at the Franciscan Life Process Center beginning this Sunday, June 5.

His paintings depict Native American life before the arrival of White settlers. Kubiak will be present at the reception this Sunday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. as will the center's current Artist in Residence, Marianna Heale.

The exhibit will also be open at regular display times throughout the summer at the center located at 11650 Downes Street.

Viewpoint



It has been a long time since my last rant on cell phones. Or, I should say, cell phone users. Even more specifically, I'm talkin' about "rude" cell phone users, which, of course, includes the vast majority.

I know I'm not the only one with a disdain for cell phones. Most stand-up comics have a routine ripping mindless cell phone users, school kids with cell phones, drivers using cell phones, etc.

One comic I heard on the radio recently had something like this to say. "I saw a kid about 14 the other day. He had on those baggy pants with the waist down by his knees, a huge NBA jersey and a ball cap on crooked. He mindlessly fidgeted with his cell phone, checking for messages. Who's gonna call him??? The Gap, to tell him they got his size in?" I laughed and laughed.

A big reason I haven't been on one of these rants for awhile is the fact I haven't had to fly commercially nearly as often as I used to. Airports are without a doubt the worst places for rude cell phone users. Airports are a sea of people, and these days most of those people have a cell phone to their ear and a rolling bag in tow. There are always reports about the safety issues connected with cell phone use while driving. Forget that. These people can't even walk and talk without cutting you off or crashing into you.

Can you believe they are actually thinking about allowing cell phone use in flight? First they screen us for weapons, like tweezers. Then they might let some cell phone clown sit next to you and drive you crazy with mindless cell phone chit-chat. There you'll sit, for hours on end, with no way to kill the guy.

I've been traveling the airlines quite a bit recently, getting back to Michigan to help take care of my mother. I can tell you this ... cell phone use hasn't waned, nor have users become more polite in the two or three years since I was flying a lot. These cell addicts are actively competing

for dead air. They mill around trying to find a spot where there isn't some other knucklehead screaming into a phone. The next thing you know, there are no spots left. You can't get away from it.

I used to think it was comical to see a guy at a urinal or in a stall while yakking on his phone. Not any more. It's a common occurrence nowadays.

Then there are the hands free devices. All these people are walking around like they are talking to themselves. They always catch me off guard when they walk up to get in line for boarding. When I don't see a cell phone, my first inclination is that they are talking to me. If I were a little quicker on my feet, it would be fun to talk back, trying to fill in the other end of the conversation.

When stuck at an airport with a long layover, I still try to seek out a quiet spot to read and relax. Forget it! That's exactly the kind of space cell users are looking for. You can't read two pages before some cell-freak plunks down next to you and ruins your little bit of tranquility. That's my oldest gripe. Nothing has changed, it has just become worse.

Ah, but there may be relief in sight. The real reason I dredged up this tired old subject is a little snippet I saw on the news the other night. It seems there is a device that will jam cell phone frequencies for an approximate fifty-foot radius. Unfortunately this little miracle is not available in the U.S. However, the report indicated that people are buying them from overseas via the Internet. Is this the answer to my prayers?

I'm guessing that since they aren't available in the U.S., they are probably illegal to use here. So what? A little jail time would be worth some relief from all the mindless cell phone chatter.

The price is holding me back. The report said the units are going for over three hundred dollars. If I were flying the airlines regularly, I'd have one of those little gizmos, even if I had to take out a second mortgage.

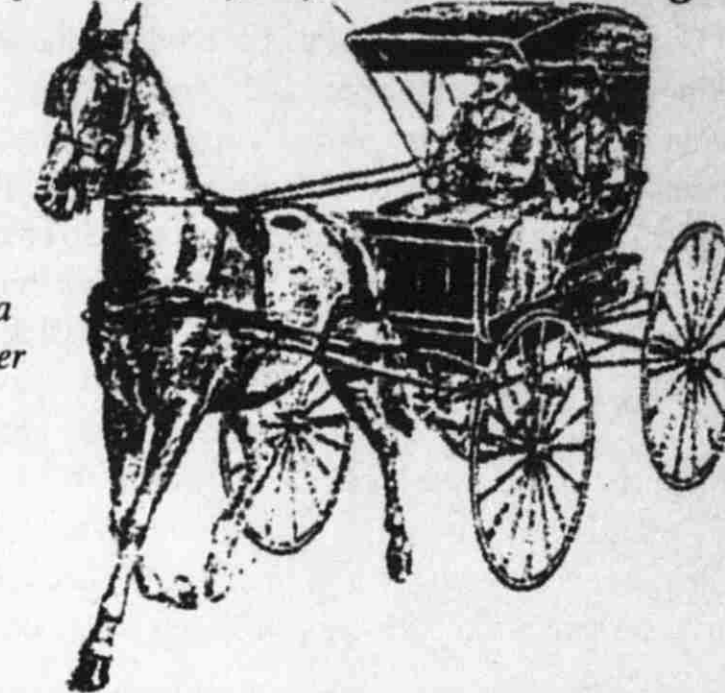
Of course, there is the entertainment value such a device would afford. Imagine that you're in a busy gate area. You click on your jamming device. A couple hundred people start screaming into their phones. "I lost you! Can you hear me??? Can you hear me now??? %#@& cell phone!!!" Then there are restaurants, theaters, any kind of line, etc. Just "click" and it's quiet. Oh what fun!

Now, if they'd just invent something to jam police radar and extinguish cigarettes within fifty feet, we'd be talkin' Utopia!

Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

By Priscilla Lussmyer



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL
JUNE 2, 1880

Enumerator L.H. Hunt is taking the census in Lowell. Warning: refusal to answer census questions is a federal offense, with fines of up to \$100.

Farmers are complaining of too much rain. King, Quick & King have "docked" about four million feet of logs in the Flat River above the pond (dam), to be processed in the future.

New Hampshire and Massachusetts record the highest temperatures in history, 96 - 102 degrees.

100 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 1, 1905

Emerette White, who lived with the Cyprian Hookers when they first settled Lowell, tells of the early days and their friendly relations with the Indians.

A cool Decoration Day is fittingly observed at Oakwood Cemetery and Island Park.

Augustus Riggs of Ada Township has a homestead deed, printed on sheepskin, given to him by President Tyler.

Postmaster Chas. Quick's salary goes from \$1,700 to \$1,800.

Rain has about destroyed the cherry crop, but other fruits are in good shape.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
AND THE ALTO SOLO
MAY 29, 1930

Editor Frank M. Johnson, founder of the Lowell Ledger in 1903, sells it to R.G. Jefferies of St. Johns as of June 1. He will stay in Lowell, retired.

The sound equipment installed in the New Strand Theatre is RCA Phonophone.

The M.N. Henrys sell their home at Jefferson and Main to the Texas Oil Co. for a new super service oil and gas station.

King Milling has a full-page ad for their poultry and dairy feeds.

Several articles recognize the evolution of Memorial Day into more than a Civil War remembrance.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
JUNE 2, 1955

Olive Clark's kindergarten classes are rehearsing the program they will present for their graduation June 8.

The school board struggles to find enough teachers, with fewer teachers graduating and more children being born.

Raymond Yager, 14, saves two non-swimmers his age when the girls are pulled out by the river current into deep water.

Thomas Moore and Peter Speerstra are appointed by Rep. Gerald R. Ford Jr. as part of a committee advising him on West Michigan rivers and harbors.

The Showboat Corporation gives \$3,000 toward the American Legion community building and Board of Trade, for public parking.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER
MAY 28, 1980

Rosie's Drive Inn gets a new coat of paint. Eight LHS students go to the Close-Up seminar in Washington DC.

The Ledger has a few Ayatollah dart boards left, for \$5.

The Vergennes United Methodist Church will have its yearly huge ox roast in the big tent on Saturday (the ad doesn't say, but Ellura McPherson is in charge.)

Editor Roger Brown recounts a camping weekend in mosquito country.

Sharing
The Vision
With Shari Miller
Lowell Schools Superintendent

Congratulations to the Class of 2005 upon their graduation from Lowell High School and Unity High School. These students represent the future of our community, our state and our nation. Members of this class that are going on to post-secondary experiences have received almost \$1.5 million from local, state, and university scholarships. Parents and staff members, thank you for working with these students throughout their Pre-K-12th grade experiences.

We also want to recognize those retiring from the Lowell Area Schools. Many have worked most of their careers in the Lowell Area Schools with devotion and commitment to the families and children of our community. We wish them well as they move into another phase of their lives.

As we end one school year, your Board of Education and administration are planning for next year. The priorities established for 2004/2005 by the Board included emphasis on literacy, on hiring outstanding staff, on developing a district-wide plan for school improvement, curriculum development, and character education. Much work occurred in each of these areas; we will continue to move forward with these priorities. We invite your input into this planning process for the 2005/2006 school year. If you have areas that you would like to see addressed, please share this information via a telephone call, email or letter to me, your superintendent, or to any member of the Board of Education.

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Reflections of faith

Robert W. Holmes
Senior Pastor Christian Life Center

The summer vacation season is upon us. If you're like a lot of people, you'll be getting into your car or SUV and driving someplace.

Over the years, I've learned a fundamental secret of making great time on the open road. No, not speeding - but driving steady. Over and over, I've watched what I call a "spurter" come roaring in behind me - well into the State Trooper Zone as far as his speed's concerned. So I move over ... he roars past ... but I catch up with him a few miles later - without ever changing my speed. He's settled back into the right lane, just cruising along. (Maybe you've passed this guy, too.) He speeds in binges, flooring it one minute and just tapping the accelerator a few minutes later.

I usually make excellent time driving places. How do you trim hours off a long trip? A steady foot. The fast way to get somewhere is not with big spurts, but with a consistent, steady speed.

There are people who do their Christian life like those drivers who do a wild sprint, and then settle into a slow crawl. A lot of believers follow Jesus in spurts.

Spiritual bingers usually shift into high speed after a spiritual high of some kind - a great church service, a retreat, a conference, a concert, a recommitment, a special event - or just a season of great spiritual feelings. When you're on one of your highs ... look out, world! You're coming on strong! But then, a few miles later, there you are, back to mediocrity, back to business as usual, making little or no progress.

Stress is an ignorant state. It believes that everything is an emergency. Nothing is that important.

-Natalie Goldberg

Happy Birthday

JUNE 2: Dave Thaler, Shad Propst, Tom Greenfield, Todd Dalga, Elaine Denton, Noah Burt.

JUNE 3: Ron Nead.

JUNE 4: Becki Brown, Karen Roudabush, Dwight Nash.

JUNE 5: Amanda Vezino, Judy Rosenberger.

JUNE 6: Daniel Thaler, Jessie Stephens, Mark Newhouse, MaryEllen Miller.

JUNE 7: Amber Metternick, April Metternick, Zachary Beachum, Ray Kennedy.

JUNE 8: Barbara Brown, Mark Essich.

Weddings

Bowen/Brown



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bowen Jr.

Round Lake was the setting for the May 20, 2005 wedding of Amy Elizabeth Bowen and Ernest Everett Bowen Jr.

Parents of the couple are David and Beth Brown of Belding and Ernest and Robin Bowen of Lowell.

Maid of honor was Tracy Christensen and best man was James Kehoe. The couple will reside in Lynchburgh, Virginia.

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This year's Summer Reading Club features an exciting medieval theme. Young children can quest after "Dragons,

Dreams and Daring Deeds" while teens are invited to participate in "Joust Read." The program begins with two medieval festivals.

The first one will be held at the Kentwood branch, 4700 Kalamazoo Ave. SE on Saturday, June 11 from 1-3 p.m. There will be games and crafts as well as jousting and face painting.

The second festival will be at John Collins Park, E.G.R. on Thursday, June 16 from 3-5 p.m.

The Summer Reading Club begins June 6 and ends July 30. For more information call 784-2007 or visit the website: www.kdl.org.

Murray Lake Elementary holds first talent show

Murray Lake Elementary held its first ever student talent show on May 19. There were 25 students who participated in the event, organized by music teacher Jacqueline Dimmick. They sang, played piano, read poetry, and even hoola hooped on stage.

The show was not a competition but rather, a way for students to share their talent with the entire student body. Pictured is fourth grader, Licia Feuerstein, singing "Baby Girl" to Murray Lake students, staff and parents.



Bowne pastor retires after 24 years



Pastor Ed and Velma Schrock

Pastor Ed Schrock will be retiring from the Bowne Mennonite Church after 24 years of leadership. He was ordained to the Christian ministry at Bowne in 1981. A celebration of retirement is planned for Pastor Ed and his wife Velma with a special dinner and service of honor reflecting back on their contributions to the community.

Vacation Bible School fun

"Construction Zone - Building Character Like Jesus" ... signs like these will be posted on Main Street by First United Methodist Church as it gets ready for another fun week of vacation bible school.

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Join Darrel the Construction Barrel for activities such as bible lessons, games, snacks and crafts June 20-23 during the evening. Register by calling the church at 897-5936.

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June 5th

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Unique Children's Ministry through the Summer

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- May 29: Fishing at Pickerel Lake
- June 5: Horse Farm
- June 12: Laser tag and roller skating at Rollaway
- June 19: Fishing at Pebble Beach
- June 26: Hayride at a farm
- July 3: Bowling at Rollaway
- July 10: Relay games at Creekside Park
- July 17: Turkey Farm
- July 24: Fire Department
- July 31: John Ball Park Zoo (return to the church at 2:00 p.m.)
- August 7: Mini-golf at Rollaway
- August 14: Fallasburg Park (making and flying miniature airplanes)
- August 21: Frisbee golf at Cascade Park
- August 28: Swimming and boating at Big Pine Island

All children going into kindergarten through those going into 6th grade are invited. If your child would like to attend or if you have any questions about the program, please call the church at 897-7168 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday or e-mail us at fbclowell@sbglobal.net

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And in the past few years, we have seen some high-profile "401(k) meltdowns" that, in an astonishingly short period of time, dissolved a great deal of wealth belonging to employees who put their faith in company stock. For example, about 58 percent of employees' 401(k) assets were invested in Enron stock when it lost almost all of its value during 2001.

Unfortunately, many 401(k) participants still believe that "it can't happen to me." An estimated 17 percent of 401(k) participants have 50 percent or more of their account in company stock - pretty much the same figure as in the pre-Enron days, according to the Profit Sharing/401(k) Council. And 16 percent of all 401(k) plan assets were held in company stock at the end of 2003, according to the Investment Company Institute.

How much is "too much"? Many financial experts recommend investing no more than 10 percent of 401(k) plan assets into company stock - but this figure is just a guideline. When considering how much company stock to put in your 401(k), look at these factors:

- Size, strength and history of company - If you work for a big, established company with a long track record of profitability, you might feel justified in adding a higher

percentage of company stock into your plan than you would if you worked for a small start-up firm.

• Stage of your career - When you're just starting out in your career, you've got many years to overcome the "down" periods of some of the more volatile investments in your 401(k). But when you're nearing retirement, you may want to try to protect any gains you've achieved - and cut back on your risk level - so you can potentially increase the money available to you when you begin taking withdrawals. Consequently, in your final years of contributing to your 401(k), you might consider lowering the percentage of company stock in your plan.

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Diversify, Diversify, Diversify

Ultimately, you'll want to build a diversified 401(k) portfolio. Choose the mix of stocks, bonds, government securities and other vehicles that fits your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals. To get the appropriate asset allocation, you may want to consult with a financial professional.

Take action soon. Your 401(k) can be a great way to save for retirement - if you use it wisely.

Fun Run raises funds for Murray Lake Elementary



Murray Lake Elementary held its first Fun Run on Wednesday, May 18. The quarter mile course was used as both a fundraiser and a way to promote exercise to the students. Those students who wished could collect pledges; they had 30 minutes to run/walk as many laps as they could (between six and 16). For each lap completed, they received a bracelet.

Paul Jacobus, a Murray Lake fifth grade teacher, organized the fun run and expects to make it an annual event. He said, "I got the idea from my sister. They

have done a fun run at her school for many years. Very often, fundraisers tend to be the selling of things that are unhealthy for kids. This is a way to earn some money for the building, and promote exercise at the same time." Students receive prizes for running the most laps and for raising the most in pledges. The money will go towards helping support school projects and materials; five percent will go to Flat River Outreach Ministries.

Pictured are fifth graders Matt Kyllonen, Joe Sweet and Alec Roerig receiving a bracelet for another lap finished. Each of them went on to complete 16 laps or four miles!

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Sam Steed, left, and Heather Ferris play the bass in the middle school orchestra.

Orchestra, continued ...

From Page 1

The Red Arrow Orchestra has already achieved some success aside from attracting new members. At the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District Festival in April, they received a Division I rating.

The full orchestra, which includes basses and cellos, is a different experience from community education classes, which are still being offered.

"This has a lot more variety because in community ed, we just had violins," said seventh grade orchestra student Parker Liu.

The influx of new students for next year will

put a strain on the school's limited collection of basses and cellos. A total of 13 students want to play the larger instruments.

"Right now we only have about half as many instruments as we need," Liu said.

The orchestra is working to build up its collection of basses and cellos. The school wants to have these on site, since they are difficult to transport on a school bus.

Some of the orchestra's current instruments were donated by members of the community. The orchestra receives support from a variety of other sources around the community. A grant from the Lowell

Area Schools Education Foundation has helped purchase instruments. A grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund is helping to pay Tenney's salary through next year.

"When you start a program ... that outside funding really helps, especially in difficult financial times," Miller said. "Otherwise, we might not have been able to do it."

The Red Arrow Orchestra will perform June 6 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. The program includes the works of Bach, Gershwin and some jazz tunes. The Fiddle Club will also perform.

Featured Artist

Ardie Post

By Dan Schneider

Artist Ardie Post is from Cascade, but her hand has had a lasting impact on the visual identity of Lowell.

Post was attending Lowell High School in the late 1940s when the town decided it was time to adopt a mascot other than the "Red Devils" for the high school. Post designed the first Red Arrow logo, the "L" with an arrow through it.

"I remember I scratched it on a little piece of paper," Post said. "That was probably back in '47 or '48."

The logo has endured. It adorns the sign in front of Red Arrow Stadium as well as those in front of most of the Lowell Area Schools buildings.

Post, 74, has enjoyed art her entire life, but has only recently become serious about painting.

"I've been painting steadily for about 14 or 15 years," she said.

Her latest interest is oil paintings. A number of them, including "Between Rides," are currently on display at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

"Between Rides" depicts a blond-haired girl in riding chaps sitting on hay bales. But Post didn't paint her at a 4-H fair. She created the piece in a studio painting class.

"Actually, she was just sitting on a thing (stool) and I put her in a barn with the bales of hay," Post said.

The Cascade artist has been painting with oils for about a year. Before that, her main focus was watercolors. One of the watercolor pieces on display at the chamber, "Purple Iris," won honorable mention at this year's Grand Valley Artists spring show.

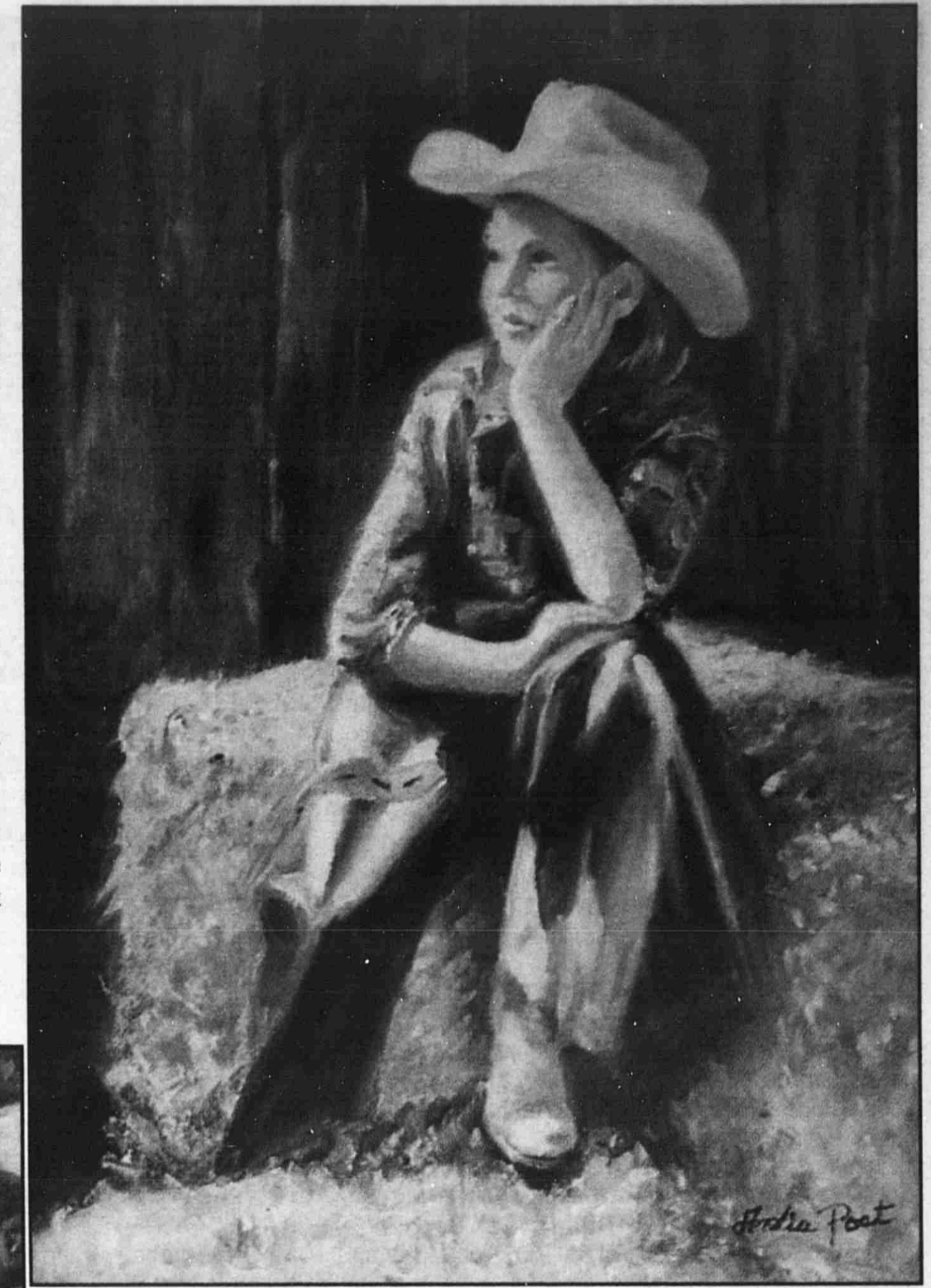
She's experimented with pastels, too, but prefers the other media better. "I really like doing people in oils," she said.

For floral and landscape paintings she favors watercolor.

Another watercolor painting in the show, "Gabe's Zinnias," depicts a profusion of the flowers in her friends' back yard.

"He's been at me for a couple of years to paint his zinnias for him," Post said.

Her work is on display through June 21 at the chamber along Riverwalk Plaza.



"Between Rides" by Ardie Post.

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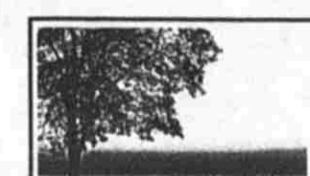
Director Marcia Roth of Lowell Senior Neighbors was "arrested" on May 11 by LPD's Brandon Robinson. Roth lost a bet with the director of Grandville's Senior Neighbors over who could sell the most tickets to a recent benefit dinner. Roth sold 36 tickets while Grandville sold 37.

"I lost by one ticket," she said. Roth was given a brief tour of Lowell in the back of a squad car. The benefit dinner raised a total of \$40,000 in ticket sales and donations. The money will help fund activities at all seven Senior Neighbors centers in West Michigan. A raffle at the dinner raised a further \$1,600 for the cause.

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Teachers retire, continued ...

From Page 1

Meanwhile, the district is gearing up to find replacements for the teachers who elected to leave the district. Shortly after the school board approved the incentive package, the district placed a generic help wanted ad on greatschooljobs.com, a web site run by the Michigan Association of School Boards. The ad stated that

the district had approved a severance plan, and would likely be looking for teachers in special education, general elementary, middle school and high school. The posting attracted 2,500 online applications and a further 500 hard copy applications. School administrators and building principals plan to start the interviewing process early this month.

The severance plan will be administered through Educators Preferred Corporation. The Troy, Mich.-based company is administering similar plans for Middleville and Caledonia school districts.

There are 129 teachers in the Lowell district who were eligible for the incentive.

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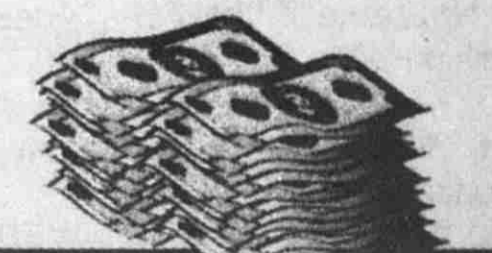


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Lowell softball places second at tournament, splits with Park



Lowell's Katie McElroy was safe at third against Grand Rapids Catholic Central in the first round of the Mandy Tichelaar Memorial Tournament.

Red Arrows take 22-8 record to Mona Shores Wednesday, district tournament starts Saturday

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell softball team placed second last Tuesday at its own Mandy Tichelaar Memorial Tournament.

Game one was an 11-inning marathon against Grand Rapids Catholic Central and a 2-1 win for Lowell.

The Cougars scored one run in the top of the sixth on three consecutive base hits. The Red Arrows matched it in the bottom of the sixth. Andrea Dewey struck out but made it to first on a catcher's error. Then Becky Plummer smacked a triple to drive home Ashley Spencer, who was pinch running for Dewey.

No one scored again until the 11th inning when Brittany Bueche led off with a hard-shot base hit off the short stop's glove for Lowell. Katie McElroy hit a ground ball. Catholic Central threw to catch Bueche. Samantha Lambert hit a fly ball to right field. Bueche tagged second, then made it to third. Ashley Nawrocki hit a ground ball to third. A throwing error to first allowed Bueche to score the winning run.

Plummer struck out eight batters to get the win for Lowell.

"It was really nice to win that first game because then we got to stay at our field," said Lowell coach Bob Rodenhouse.

McElroy pitched the tournament final against Grandville. The Bulldogs won 1-0 on a run scored in the sixth inning off a base hit, ground ball and two

wild pitches. The Arrows had four hits in the game by Ashleigh Inman (double), Plummer (triple), Bueche and Nawrocki.

Lowell played a doubleheader last Wednesday at Wyoming Park for the OK Gold Crossover.

The Red Arrows won the first game 7-3 on the strength of a number of two-out hits.

"We finally got some two-out base hits which helped," Rodenhouse said.

Nawrocki hit a two-run triple in the second. Lambert and Jean Kimberlin also had RBIs in that inning.

Plummer tripled in the fifth to drive home Kimberlin who had led off with a base hit. Then Bueche drove Plummer home with a two-out base hit.

Lowell scored one more run in the seventh when McElroy drove home Bueche with a double.

Plummer had 12 strike outs and one walk in the game.

"She" was on fire, she was in control," Rodenhouse said.

Lowell's fortune changed in the second round of the doubleheader and the Arrows fell 12-1. McElroy took the loss, giving up 15 hits.

"We had three errors so that didn't help the cause either," Rodenhouse said.

Lowell travels to Mona Shores for a doubleheader Wednesday. The Arrows start district play Saturday at Northview against Grand Rapids Central; that game begins at 10 a.m.

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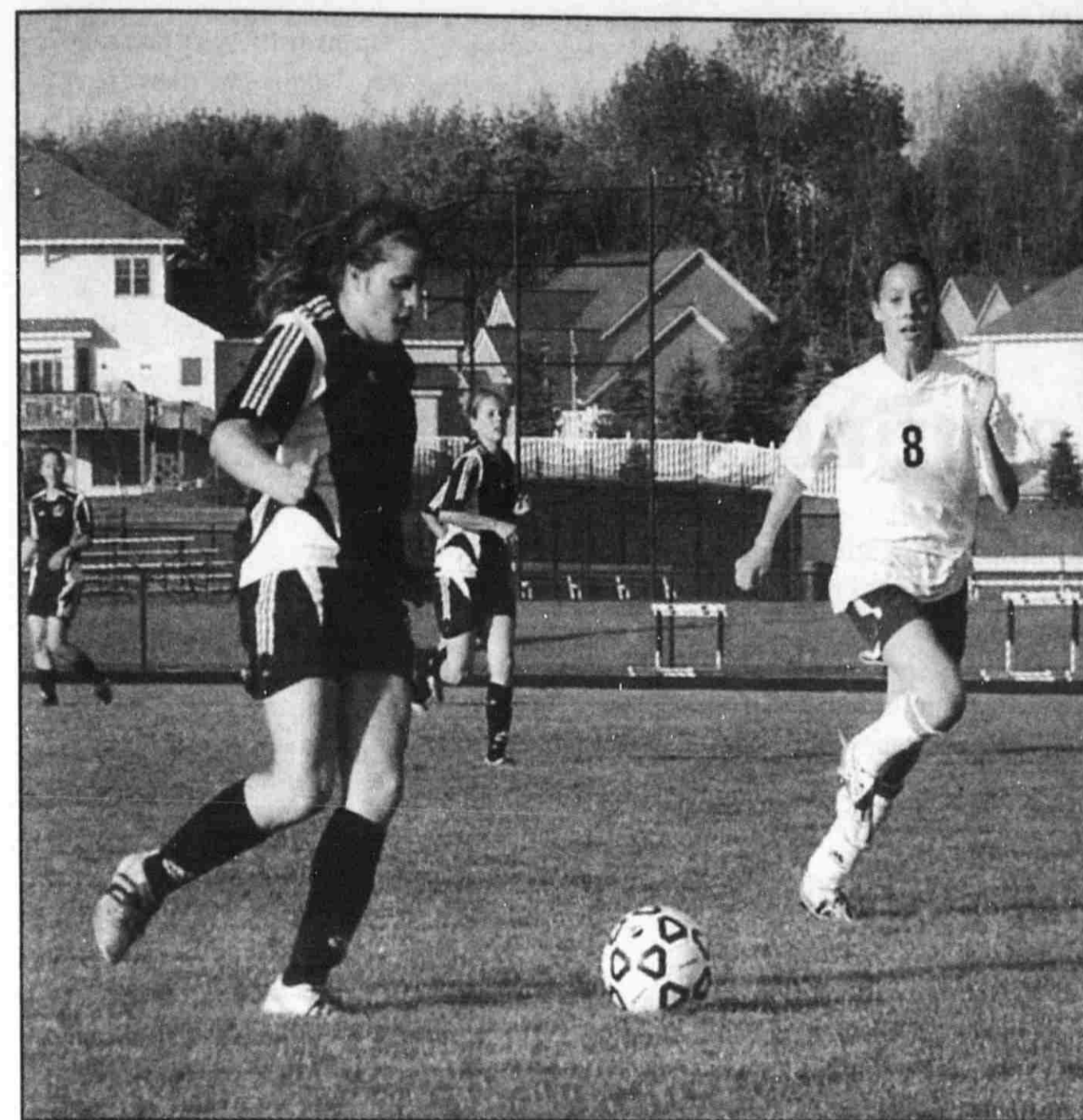
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Crusaders top Red Arrows in OK White soccer final

Lowell handed only second loss of season as conference play draws to a close



(Above) Lowell's Emily Gerard takes the ball down the right side during second half action last week against Unity Christian. She was stopped short of the goal.

(Right) Lowell's Courtney Henschke scrambles for the ball during last weekend's conference tournament final at Unity Christian.

By Dan Schneider

Unity Christian proved, once again, to be a tough adversary for Lowell in the OK White soccer tournament final.

Looking as quick and sharp as they did earlier in the season, when they beat Lowell at home, the Crusaders came out strong, and on top, 4-0.

In the first half, Unity Christian scored two goals within five minutes. The team was able to run the field, producing numerous scoring opportunities. The Crusaders outshot Lowell 10-0 in the first half and sent a few balls ricocheting off the goalposts.

Lowell came out of the halftime break with more

poise. The Arrows had a potentially momentum-shifting breakaway early in the second period. But the goal failed to materialize to change the look of the game.

"At the 30-minute mark, we had that breakaway and gosh, it's a different game at 2-1," Lowell coach Paul Legge said.

"I'll give Lowell a lot of

credit because they regrouped at half," Unity Christian coach Randy Heethuis said. "They didn't have a lot of scoring threats, but that's a credit to our defense."

The Crusaders went on to score two more goals in the game, shutting out the Red Arrows for a second time. Legge said Lowell had a big task on its hands to try

to match Unity Christian's execution. "They're a good team," Legge said. "We needed to be smarter than them tonight and we weren't at the points we needed to be."

"But we got beat by a good team tonight."

Lowell opened district play Tuesday at home against Northview. They had beaten and tied with the Wildcats earlier in the season. The district semifinal is Thursday at Mount Pleasant (5 p.m.); the district final is Saturday at Greenville (7 p.m.).

BOWNE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 2005-04

An Ordinance to Amend the Official Zoning Map of Bowne Township to Rezone Certain Property in Section 4 of the Township from R-3 Urban Residential District to IND Industrial District

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board, Kent County, Michigan, held in the Township Hall on the 16th day of May, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier, Culbertson, Fuss
ABSENT: None.

The following ordinance was offered by Kowalczyk and seconded by Fuss.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 - AMENDMENT TO ZONING MAP/REZONING

The Official Zoning Map of Bowne Township is hereby amended to rezone the following described property (shown on the attached map which is incorporated by reference in this Ordinance) from R-3 Urban Residential District to IND Industrial District:

6325 Alden Nash Avenue, S.E.

Part of the North 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 5 North, Range 9 West, Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, lying South of the South line of the C & O Railroad right of way (100 feet wide) and Easterly of Pratt Lake Drain, except the East 470 feet thereof, also the South 150 feet of the East 470 feet of the North 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4.

(P.P. # 41-24-04-200-010)

SECTION 2 - SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be found to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such

invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3 - FULL FORCE AND EFFECT

As amended by this ordinance, the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended) shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after publication hereof.

The Township of Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, hereby approves this Ordinance.

ADOPTED:

Ayes: Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier, Culbertson, Fuss.
Nays: None.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the township board of Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on May 16, 2005, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to an in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, P.A. of Michigan 1967, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by law.

This ordinance can be inspected or purchased at the Bowne Township Office, 8240 Alden Nash, S.E., on Wednesdays and Thursdays, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., and on Fridays between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk

AUTHENTICATED:
Chris Wenger, Supervisor

Date Adopted: May 16, 2005
Date Published: June 1, 2005

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Golf scramble to raise money for scholarship

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce scholarship fund will benefit from monies raised in its fourth annual golf scramble.

For the second year, the chamber will give away a scholarship of at least \$1,000 to a Lowell graduate pursuing a trade or technical school education. Grade point average is not a criterion for the selection process.

"We're trying to get those kids who are having a hard time in school because we want to encourage them to go on," said chamber executive director Liz Baker.

All proceeds and all hole sponsorships from the scramble contribute to the scholarship fund.

The 18-hole scramble will take place Friday, June 17 at Deer Run Golf Club. The club, which is the underwriting sponsor of the event, is located at 13955 Cascade Road.

There are four

sponsorship levels for participation in the scramble. Level one (\$200 per foursome) includes a hole sponsorship, scholarship recognition, and golf with cart and lunch. Level two (\$100 per foursome) includes golf with cart and lunch.

Single golfers can sign up for \$30 which includes 18 holes and lunch; they will be assigned to foursomes. Level four is \$10, lunch only.

Lunch, which starts at 11 a.m., consists of grilled hamburgers and chicken breasts, potato salad and

baked beans. Golf begins with a shotgun start at 12:15 p.m. There will be contests for men's and women's longest drive, and lowest team score.

A 50/50 raffle will be held. *Scramble, cont'd., page 16*

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The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 6, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following:

- City Operating Budget for 2005-2006. The document outlines proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund has a total of \$2,362,749 in proposed expenditures. After the hearing, the Council will consider adoption.

Copies of the proposed 2005-2006 Budget are available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall and at the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

Interested persons may submit comments to Lowell City Hall prior to the meeting or appear in person.



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Baseball takes two from Hastings, falls to Wyoming Park

By Dan Schneider

Hastings discovered how ball is played in the OK White when they played the Lowell varsity baseball team.

Although the Arrows finished a disappointing seventh in the league this season, they were able to handily dispatch the Saxons in last Wednesday's crossover with the OK Gold conference.

In the first game of the doubleheader, Lowell won 9-7. Jay Ryan got the win and Spencer Quinn, the save. The Red Arrows won the game with only three hits.

"They (Hastings) walked a lot of guys," said Lowell coach Justin Miller.

Jordan Ickes had two of Lowell's hits, going two for four on the game. Tony Adriane furnished Lowell's other hit.

The Arrows didn't allow their opponents one of the big innings that have

plagued them more than once this season.

"They just kind of chipped away at it," Miller said of the Saxons.

But the Arrows didn't allow them to win.

In game two, Lowell's bats heated up... especially Spencer Quinn's. In his first at-bat, in the first inning, Quinn hit a home run. By the end of the game, he had hit a triple, a double and a single to complete the cycle.

The single came in the sixth inning with two outs. It drove home Lowell's 11th run of the game, the sixth of that inning, to mercy-rule the Saxons 11-1.

Other big bats for Lowell in the second game of the doubleheader were Ickes, who went three for four, and Tyler Meppelink, also three for four. Zach Burger pitched the complete game to get the win for Lowell.

"We had a lot of stuff going on in that game that could have distracted him,"

Miller said. "He just went out and got the job done."

Hastings was doing a lot of heckling in game two.

"My team showed great character out there with all the chirping that was going on from the other team," Miller said. "They kept their mouths shut."

Against Wyoming Park last Friday, the Red Arrows lost 11-5. "That game gave us an opportunity to start all the seniors together and give everybody a chance to play," Miller said.

Jason Welsch, who was named honorable mention

Miller said. "They kept their mouths shut."

all-conference this season, and Matt Meppelink batted a thousand against Wyoming Park, going three-for-three in the game.

The Red Arrows travel

to Mona Shores Wednesday for a doubleheader. Lowell opens district play Saturday at Northview; they play Grand Rapids Central at noon.

Scramble, continued ... From Page 15

help raise money for new equipment.

The chamber is offering a membership special for the scramble. Businesses who are not yet members of

the chamber can sign up at a 50 percent discount if they register a team at level one or level two.

Baker said the scramble is a good opportunity for

some affordable golf to benefit a good cause. "They (business people) can bring themselves, they can bring their employees, or they can bring a customer for a pretty

nice day out for not a lot of money," she said.

For more information, call the chamber at 897-9161 or Deer Run Golf Club at 897-8481.

DTE Energy warns customers to beware of impostors

DTE Energy, and its Detroit Edison and MichCon subsidiaries, remind customers to be aware of scam artists posing as utility workers in order to gain access to homes and personal property. Impostors tend to strike most often in the spring as the weather begins to warm up.

"Unfortunately, there are unscrupulous people

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One common scam involves thieves posing as Detroit Edison employees, and asking a customer for payment of an unpaid bill. The impostors threaten to shut off the customer's electricity if the bill isn't paid.

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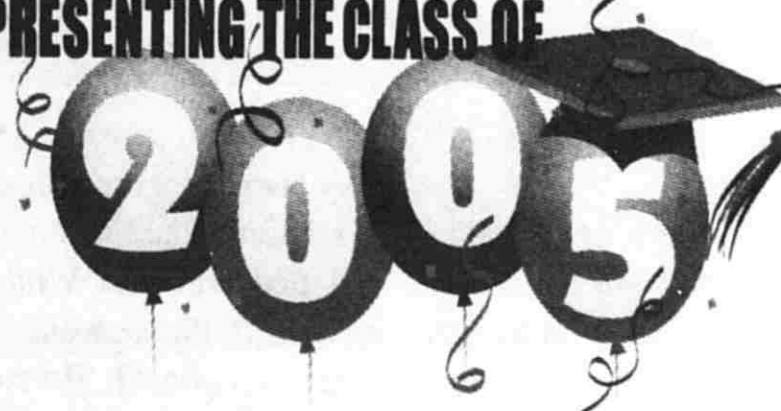
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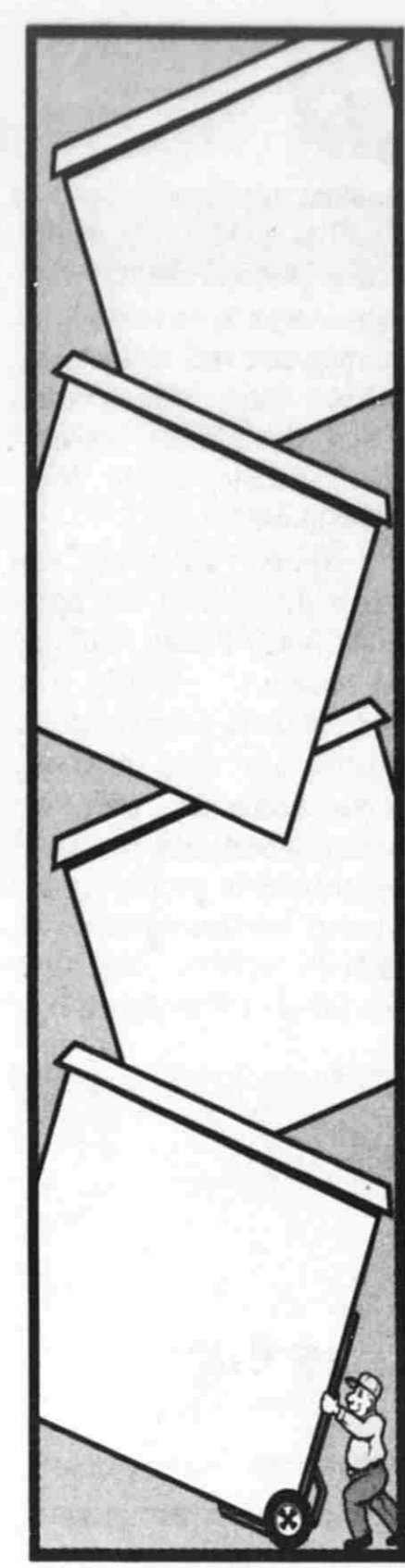
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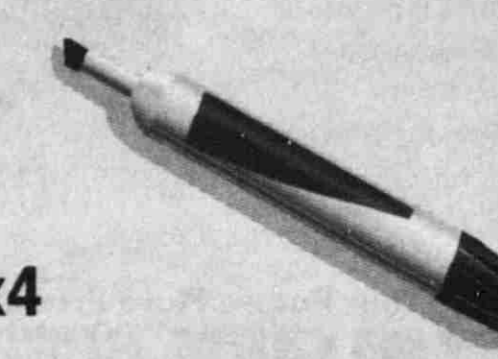
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Danger to humans is one reason it's illegal to

possess a wild animal, but the regulation also is there to protect animals from humans. Remember that most wild animals are healthy and very


content to be left in their familiar wild surroundings. "In a perfect world, white-tailed deer fawns would be born green and slimy," said DNR Law Enforcement Chief Alan Marble. "Perhaps then, people would leave them alone."

Marble said a doe will leave their fawns for up to eight hours before returning to nurse. "Ninety-nine percent of the time, the doe is nearby, anxiously observing your encounter with her youngster. A doe rarely is aggressive in protecting her young, but instead relies on nature's built-in protection, the fawn's camouflaged coat

and its ability to remain motionless when danger is near," he said. "Taking that fawn home is illegal and, more importantly, usually amounts to a death warrant for the animal. Its chances of surviving in the wild go down with each day that it is kept as a pet," Marble said. "A tamed deer will walk in front of a car or try to leap through a sliding glass door. A tamed buck may attack people when it becomes sexually mature."

Marble said moving any deer from one area to another also may increase the risk of transmitting disease. Humans are no substitute for

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- Tom Luehrs, Vietnam Veteran U.S. Marine Corp 1961-1965

Lady, I can't hear my dogs because I am deaf.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CONDITIONAL REZONING OF PROPERTY FROM "R1" LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO "R2"

Public notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Board has entered into an agreement with Lone Pine Development, LLC, whose address is 2828 Wilson, Grandville, MI 49418, to conditionally rezone a 24.9 acre of property located on Alden Nash SE south of Lowell High School. The agreement uses Public Act 577 of 2004 which allows for property owners to offer, in writing, certain use restrictions in connection with a rezoning request. The zoning district of the property will change from Low Density Residential (R1) to Medium Density Residential (R2), and is subject to the completion of the terms and conditions of the development agreement approved at the regularly scheduled Vergennes Township Board meeting held on May 16, 2005.

This agreement to conditionally rezone is on file at the Vergennes Township Hall and may be inspected during regular office hours of 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Mari C. Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE Old books, misc. household, June 3, 4 & 5, 8-6, 3969 Kehoe.	YARD SALE Sat., June 4, 9-3 p.m. 2703 Wildberry, Lowell. Off Grand River, 1.5 miles W. of Alden Nash.	COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALES Key Heights, June 10 & 11. Variety of items. 1/4 mile W. of Meijer on M-21.
RAIN DATE GARAGE SALE 820 N. Jefferson. Thurs. & Fri., June 2 & 3. Antiques, bikes, bunk bed, wicker, pie safe, shot guns & general household items & kids' clothes.	CHARITY BARN SALE Thurs., June 2, 9-6 & Fri., June 3, 9-6. Books, furniture, knick-knacks, antiques & junk. 9112 5 Mile Rd. (corner of McCabe & 5 Mile, 1 mile from Parnell.)	4 FAMILY SALE Thurs. & Fri., June 2 & 3, 9-7; 11326 Denise, Key Heights. A1 highchair, apt. size freezer, battery car lot, lots of glassware, microwave, plus size clothes, new shoes & too many items to list. 897-5635.
LARGE GARAGE SALE June 2, 3 & 4, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. From Saranac 4 miles East on Mill St./David Hwy. to Jordan Lake Rd., 2 miles South.	MURRAY LAKE GARAGE SALE Sat., June 4, 2005, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The following streets will be participating in the sale: Bedaki, Murray View, Lally, Causeway & 4 Mile. Treasures will include: pontoon boat, shore station, household furnishings, clothing & much more.	MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE Saturday, June 4, 9-7, 338 Valley Vista.
BIG BIG GARAGE SALE 3920 Hilton, Lowell (between Cascade Rd. & 36th St.). Fri., June 3 - Sat., June 4, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Crib, baby items, child's desk, pictures, day bed, assorted chairs, carpet, Christmas items, candles & holders, many small items.	GARAGE SALE Fri. & Sat., June 3 & 4, 12104 4 Mile Rd. Household, treadmill, toddler toys, dog pen, clothes, Barbie collectibles.	BIG GARAGE SALE June 3rd, 9-5 p.m., June 4th, 9-2 p.m. Riverbluff, 104 Chloe Court. Take Burroughs to Pearson, see signs. Kids' clothes, toys, household items, furniture, many new soccer socks and shoes, videos, new Adirondack chairs, accessories and other woodworks.
2 FAMILY SALE Household, furniture, collectibles, bottles, some antiques, sporting equipment, Wilson ping pong table, old albums. Quality Sale! 251 Cumberland, N. of Vergennes. Thurs. & Fri., June 2 & 3, 9-6 p.m.	GARAGE SALE One day only! Friday, June 3, 9-6, 1156 Cumberland. Daybed w/mattress, bar stools, desk chair, end tables & craft items.	4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE Rain or shine. 1501 Rochester St., Lake Odessa. Thurs., Fri. & Sat., June 2, 3 & 4, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Kitchenware, gadgets, Tupperware, furniture, name brand clothes - boys & girls, newborn, teens, men's & women's, kid's swing, slide, car seats, bouncers & much more.
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GOLF BALLS FOR SALE - Previously experienced all in perfect condition - Titleist & Nike. \$6 per doz.; Pinnacle, \$5 per doz.; Top-Flite, \$4 per doz. or 3 doz. for \$10. Call 897-8520. FOR SALE - 2 story house, City of Lowell, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, kitchen w/eating area, formal dining, main floor laundry, fireplace, wrap around porch. Located at 505 N. Jefferson. 897-7919.	HELP WANTED HELP WANTED - Activity assistant, full time. Holidays & weekends required. Apply at Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center, Lowell. HALL FOR RENT - with kitchen, seats 150. Call 897-6050. TWO APARTMENTS - Aalto; large 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath, \$650, woods/lake. Caledonia 2 bedroom, \$570 heat included, lake/park. (No dogs). 616-891-1840. apartmentsoutheast@charter.net WATERFRONT COTTAGES - weekly or daily rental. Completely furnished, 10 miles N. of Remus. Ron, 897-5062. BUILDING AVAILABLE - for lease, downtown Lowell. Commercial kitchen. 616-262-9114. 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Memorial Day parade, continued ...From Page 1

Both high school and middle school marching bands added their patriotic sounds to the festivities. The Young Marines out of Grand Rapids marched in the parade, as well.

The parade ended at Oakwood Cemetery at the Civil War Memorial where Dr. Michael T. Conklin of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell was the guest speaker. He recalled

experiencing Memorial Day as a child, shortly after the conclusion of World War II.

"I remember watching these very same parades with younger men marching in these VFW and American Legion contingents," he said. "By the faces on those veterans who walked in those parades and who stood at the gravesites, we could tell there was something different about that day."

He talked about the commitment of veterans and soldiers, and the commitment we have to have as citizens to American ideals.

"It is commitment that protects the freedom we hold dear," Conklin said. We need to be "committed to simple patriotic acts like voting, remembering and sometimes dying for our country."

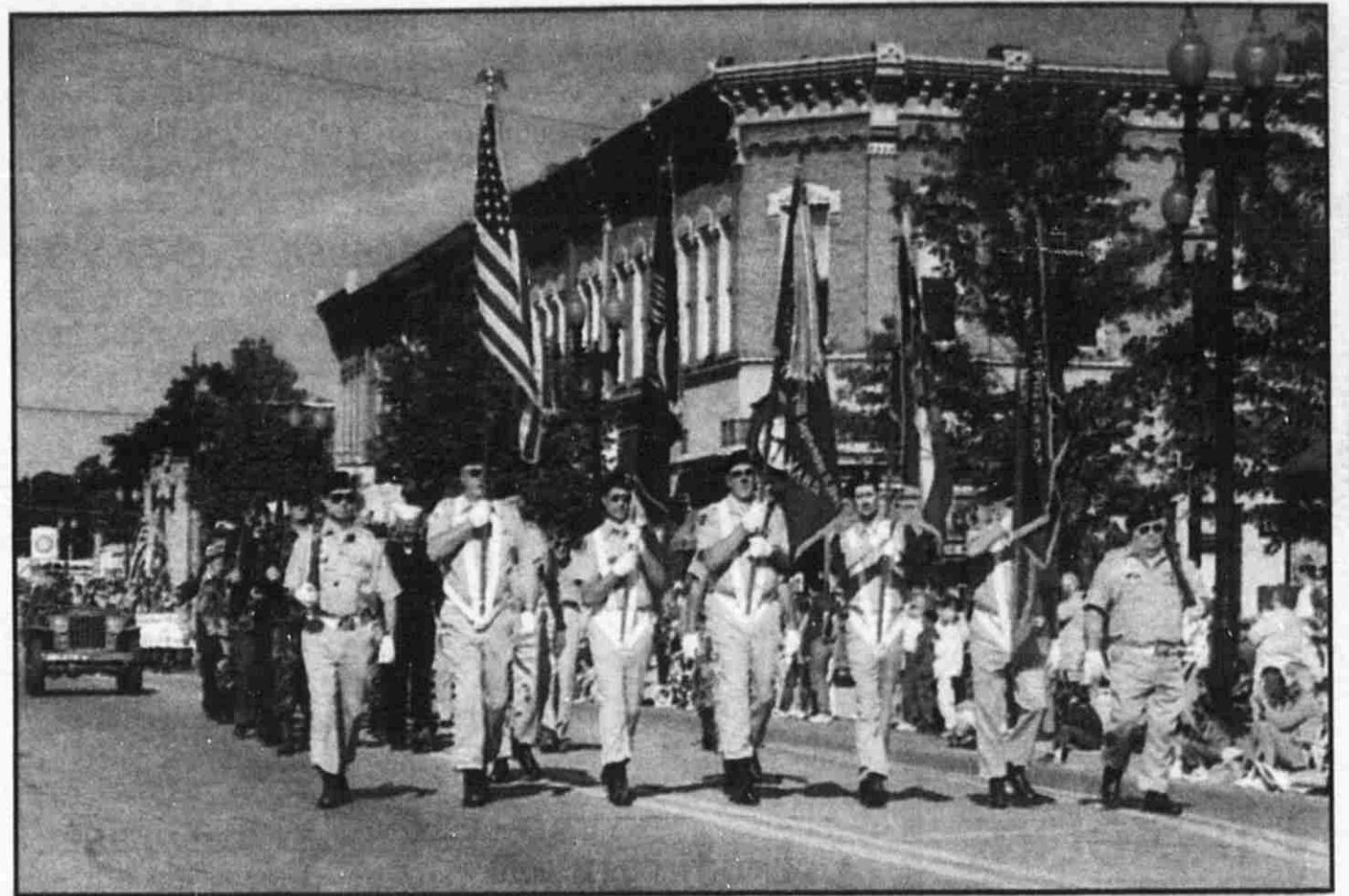
Then Marshall read from a letter circulated by

the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1994. At that time, the Persian Gulf War was still going on. The total number of participants in America's

wars was 41,821,000. That's for every war from the American Revolution to the Persian Gulf War.

In 1994, 1,086,729

people had died in military service. That number is higher now. All were remembered, Monday.

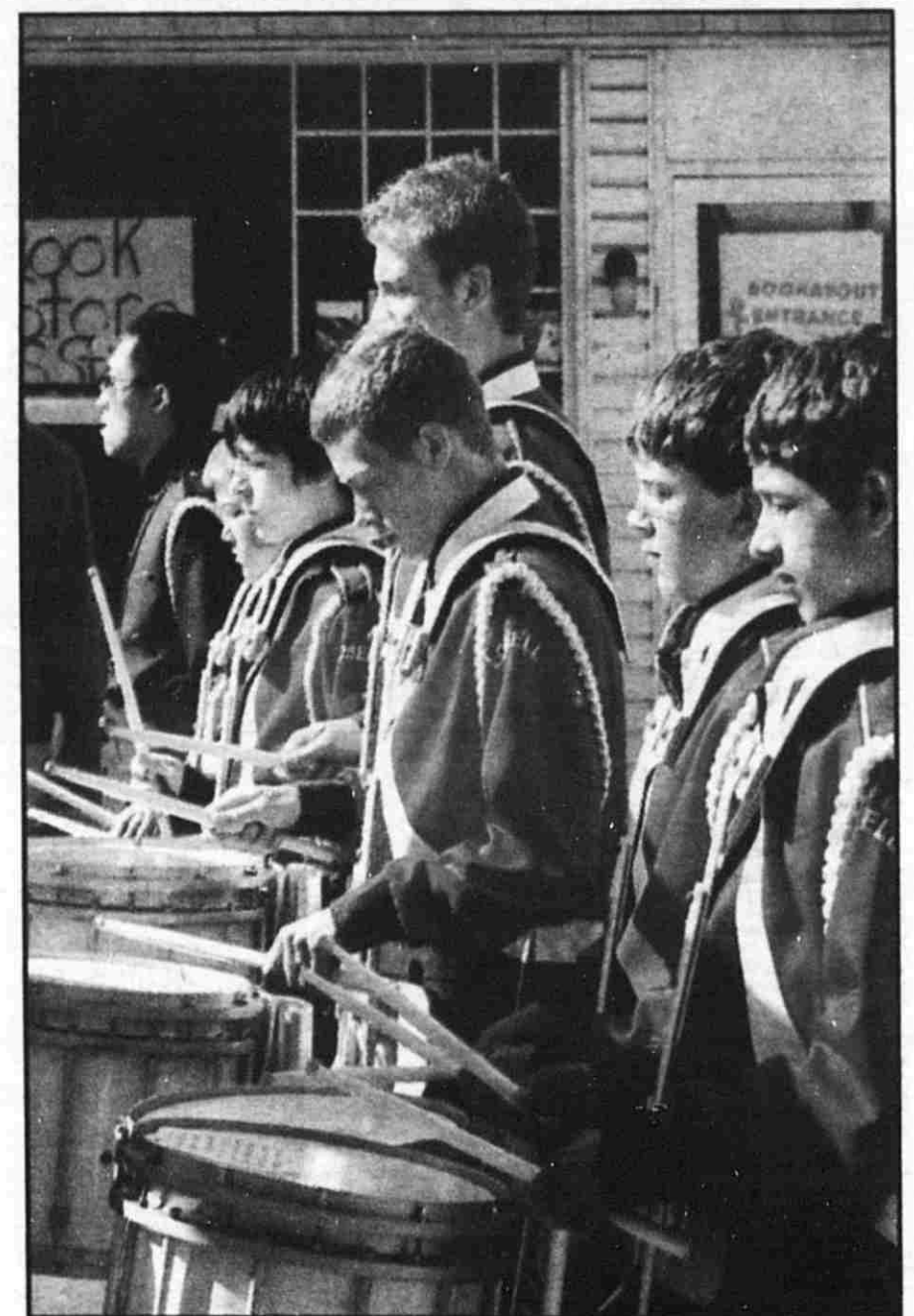


The Lowell Veteran of Foreign Wars color guard led the Memorial Day parade along Main Street.

One of two vintage jeeps in the parade.



Members of Lowell VFW Post 8303 stopped along the parade route to give a rifle salute to soldiers lost at sea.



The percussion section of the Lowell High School Marching Band kept the beat for "Yankee Doodle Dandy."



Horses pulled this patriotic covered wagon in the parade.



The "Red Rebels," wearing ornate red hats and carrying umbrellas, showed their patriotism.



The Young Marines of Grand Rapids placed a floral tribute at the foot of the Civil War Memorial at Oakwood Cemetery.