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Lowell's 2005 graduation prevails over threatening weather

By Dan Schneider

s weather threatened to disrupt the 127th annual commencement exercises at Red Arrow Stadium on Sunday, diplomas were handed out in a faster than normal manner to the Lowell seniors.

Class president Rebekah Woods read the names of the graduates while school board members handed out diplomas as they quickly filed on and off the stage.

A brief but heavy downpour forced the event inside at about 2:30 p.m. But the crowds soon overwhelmed the capacity of the main gym, prompting a mass exodus to Red Arrow Stadium where Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw announced the program would be shortened to avoid impending rain.

"We're going to forego the speeches," Vashaw said when it came time to give his opening remarks.

But the graduating class of 2005 was able to make the traditional procession down the hill and into Red Arrow Stadium. The band played "Pomp and Circumstance." The senior band members also joined the band to play Custer's "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" for their traditional final song.

To move along the ceremony, Vashaw read the names of those students receiving special recognition while the students remained in their seats.

Two seniors were, however, able to give their speeches. Amber Klinge thanked her parents for pushing her to succeed in school and remembered and thanked the friends she made in school. Megan Stubbs summed up where the class has been and where they are going.

"Now we are presented with an opportunity to test the foundations we've been building for the last four years," she told her classmates. "Expand your horizons beyond Lowell and become a person who actually pursues those changes you want to see."

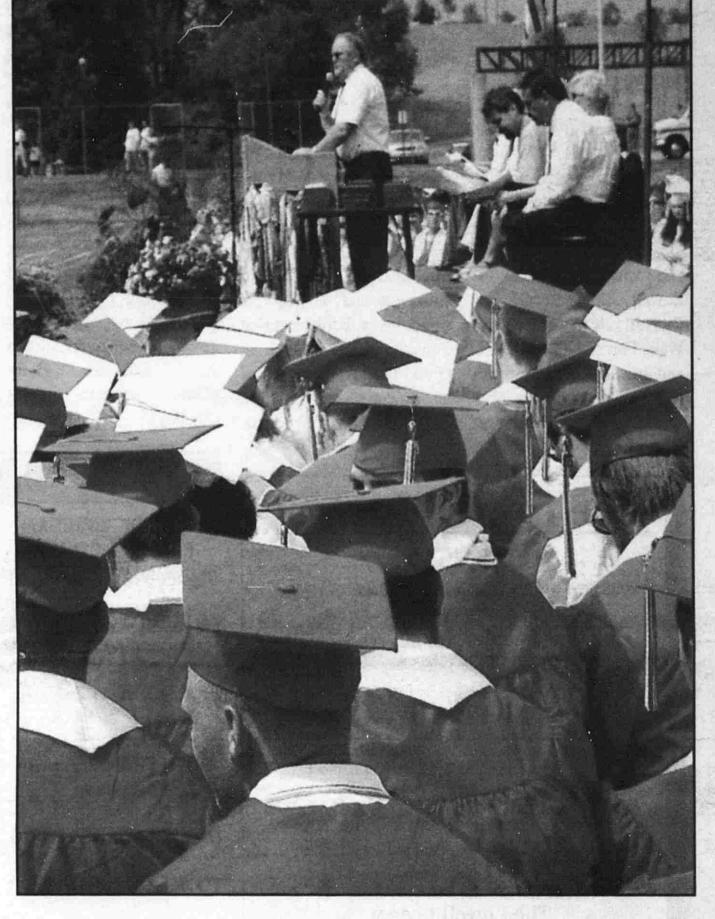
Salutatorian Kevin Eggebeen and valedictorian Abbie Debiak were unable to give their addresses following the presentation of diplomas due to the weather. Their speeches will be video-recorded on the DVD being made of the graduation, as well as air on Lowell Cable Channel 20.

Lowell Area Schools superintendent Shari Miller also dispensed with her address to the senior class. The traditional passing of the spade was left out of the program as well.

After the last of the diplomas was distributed, Vashaw presented the graduating class of 2005, and the graduates threw their hats into the cloud-darkened sky.

At right, a graduate's-eye view of the commencement proceedings. Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw is at the podium.

More graduation day pictures and the class of 2005 on pages 17-28



Howard farm permanently preserved in Vergennes Township

Kent County Commissioner Jack Horton (from left), U.S. congressman Vern Ehlers, and Carla Gregory of the Natural Resources Conservation Service hand landowner Tim Howard a sign denoting that the Howard farm is being preserved under the Kent County Purchase of Development Rights program.

By Dan Schneider

he Howard farm at the corner of Parnell Avenue and Two Mile Road in Vergennes Township has been planted with crops for more than 150 years.

Tim Howard has been

Last week, Howard mowed down a broad swath of the hay off Parnell Avenue. On Friday morning, politicians, people from government and community organizations, some farmers and other interested people showed up and parked on

"The vista you see is the vista it will always be."

-Tim Howard

land to be protected under the Kent County Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program.

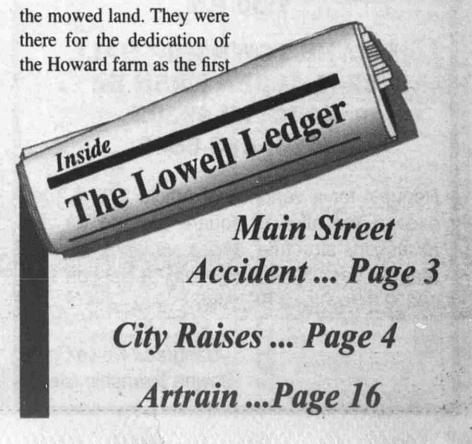
Carla Gregory, assistant state conservationist for field operations with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) spoke about the beginning of that federal organization during the dustbowl days of the 1940s. At that time, farm soil was blowing off the Great Plains

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farming the land for the last 30. His great-greatgrandfather took up the land grant for the farm in 1842 when he came over from Ireland.

The land is 106 acres of rolling hills. Currently planted with wheat and hay, it used to grow a lot more--corn, soybeans, sometimes black beans--but Howard, 63, is looking at retirement.

It's good farmland, Marlette and Capac loam. Bothsoiltypesareconsidered prime agricultural soil.





AK, Nicholas and Carleen

HOMRICH

Mr. Gerald T. "Babe" Maloley of Montgomery. Homrich Sr., aged 84, of AL, Jackson R. Whitman home of Allendale, Jordan M. to be with his Lord on Whitman of Lowell, Carl Thursday, June 2, 2005. The Ryan, Kelley Galant of Monday, June 6 at Stroo Galant of Austin, Texas, Funeral Home. Memorial Alicia and Aaron Lewis on-Wheels" program. contributions may be given of Newport News, VA, to Community Care Givers nephews and nieces; sister or to the family for funeral Virginia Spooner of Hurst, expenses.

LEWIS

Richard Baker Lewis, of E. and Mary Baker Lewis, Williamsburg, VA, passed on Friday, May 27, 2005, Lewis of Kalamazoo. He surrounded by his family. was a radio operator in the and Michael Whitman of Michigan School Scott Maloley of Anchorage, Universal Forest Products. (Shelley)

and father, a wonderful Robert (Jill) provider and always ready Melissa (Jason) Smith, Kreiger, Sheila Garner, to help family wherever Sarah (David) Mendoza; Curt (Millie) Ritter, David and whenever needed. A 10 memorial service was held sisters Gertrude Brinks, McElwee) Rash, Wayne Monday, May 30, at Nelsen Jean (Warren) Burgess, Rash; great-grandchildren Funeral Home. In lieu of Ruth Rounds; brothers Alex flowers, donations can be Bill Wright, Jack Wright; Kelleigh, Haley, Parker made to National Kidney several nieces and nephews. Hobbs and Tyler Organek, Foundation, 30 East 33rd St., Verna was a member of Caitlyn, Krista, Andrew and funeral service was held Houston, Texas, Andrea N.Y., NY 10016 or to your New Life Reformed Church Ryan Ritter, Alyssa, Leslie local Food Bank, or "Meals-

OLTHOUSE

Texas: brother Charles J. and Cheri Lewis of Cascade February 6, 1921, went Reformed Church, 973 28th nieces and nephews. Funeral home to be with her Lord on SE or Hospice of Michigan. services were held June 1 at loving care of her husband, Twp.. He was preceded in death by his parents Harry Friday, May 27, 2005. Verna was preceded in death by her son Gary-Lee, granddaughter brother Robert E. Lewis of away peacefully at home, Kalamazoo, niece Barbara Stacy Renee and great- Alice L. Ritter, aged 86 to the First Evangelical Free and Charles D. Colligan who granddaughter Grace of Alto, passed away on Church, 2077 E. Paris SE or preceded her; also preceded Elizabeth. She is survived Friday, May 27, 2005. She The Potter's House Christian in death by her sister and He is survived by his loving U.S. Navy during W.W.II. by her loving husband of 60 was preceded in death by School, 810 VanRaalte S.W., brother, Nancy and Jason wife Martha Kurzdorfer After the war, he graduated years, Victor; children David her husband Charles, infant Wyoming, MI 49509. Lewis; children Dianne from the University of (Carol) Olthouse of Alto, granddaughter of Charles (Dawn) Olthouse of Rash, sister Lowell, Suzanne G. and Business and started his Middleville, Ken (Debbie) Steffens, brother Herbert K. Thomas of career as a bookkeeper at Olthouse of McKinney, VanPutten. She is survived by Marc Alan Schadler, aged Colligan of Tompkins Wake Forest, NC, Robert K. Fountain Street Church in Texas; seven grandchildren her children Helen (Howard) and Iris Lewis of Newport Grand Rapids, he retired as Amy Olthouse, Holly Hobbs, Charles (Sharon) News, VA; grandchildren an executive officer from (Chris) Bunton, Scott Ritter, Marge (Darrel) 1, 2005 due to accidental MI, Pat (Dan) Vanneste of

David (Dana) Olthouse, (Jeff) Sanches, Jay (Wendy) Olthouse, Hobbs,

RITTER

Carolyn (Brent) great-grandchildren; (Lori) Rash, Michael (John Sanches, Alison, where the funeral service and Paige Rash; brother was held May 31 with Rev. Jacob (Patti) VanPutten; Warren Burgess officiating. sister Shirley (Harold) Interment in Blain Cemetery. Norman; sisters-in-law Mary Geretta (Colligan) Memorial contributions Mary Catherine VanPutten, Verna Marie Olthouse, born may be given to New Life Bonnie VanPutten; many Greenville. Born April 21, First Evangelical Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial 31, 2005. She was born in contributions are suggested

SCHADLER 20, of Alto, went to be with Center, MI, Betty Colligan his Lord on Wednesday, June (Jerry Krause) of Hanover, Olthouse, Rash; grandchildren Chris injuries. He was preceded in Charlotte, MI, Rose Ferels death by his infant brother (Kevin Hall) of Lansing, Geoffrey Aaron Schadler; Margaret (Larry) Holmes grandparents Carl and of Hanover; sisters-in-law Roberta Kurtz. He is survived and brothers-in-law Andrea by his parents Charles and Shull of Alpena, Jane Shull Phyllis Schadler; brother of Albion, Jeff (Joline) Shull David and fiancee Amy of Livonia; 18 nieces and Dzierwa; Marc's dearest nephews; seven great-nieces friend and love Amanda and nephews. Jet held a McKay: grandparents Max master's in special education and Mae Schadler; many from Grand Valley State aunts, uncles and cousins. University and was a teacher Marc was full of life and at Lowell Middle School enjoyed the out of doors and for the past 15 years. She sports. He was a good friend previously worked at White to many. Funeral services Consolidated/ Electrolux in were held Monday at Holy Greenville. Jet had a variety Family Catholic Church of interests which included with Fr. David E. LeBlanc, photography, drag racing, celebrant. Interment St. and hunting and training NOTICETOCREDITORS: NOTICETOCREDITORS: Patrick's Cemetery. The her beloved curly coated The decedent, RUTH The decedent, MARY family suggests memorial retrievers. A memorial contributions be made to service was held June 4 God's Kitchen or Hospice of at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Michigan.

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SHULL

Shull "Jet", aged 51, of

1954, she died under the sisters and Hospice on May Jackson, Mich., to Angela C. Colligan. She is survived by her husband of 33 years Alex M. Shull; brother and sisters Terence (Mary)

STINE Patricia Ann (Tricia) Stine,

Father Rock Badgerow

of St. Patrick Church

presiding. Memorials may

be made to the Michigan

State University Companion

Animal Fund or the CCRCA

Canine Health Foundation.

aged 45, of Cedar Springs, formerly of Lowell, passed David (Melissa) Stine, Chrisman; brothers David (Connie) Chrisman, Daniel (Michelle) Chrisman: sister Susan (Daniel) Heinicke: nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Friday, June 10 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson St. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Car hits pedestrian on Main Street

By Dan Schneider

who was trying to cross about in recent years, come to fruition, since the don't seem to be happening," Main Street last Tuesday as traffic and pedestrian evening.

The 21-year-old woman from Lake Odessa was crossing in the 200-block of East Main Street shortly cross Main Street, it's Chevrolet Lumina.

bounced off the windshield of the car and rolled onto the sidewalk. She sustained and was fully conscious when emergency response pedestrians. personnel arrived on the in Grand Rapids.

Eyewitnesses below the speed limit. The Development investigation did not find the (DDA) has frequently merchant group, suggested quarter mile," said Lowell driver, a 21-year-old man discussed traffic calming the sign read "Protect Department of Public Works from Caro, responsible for measures over the last Our Pedestrians." But the director Dan Desjarden. the accident.

It was the kind of to get a stoplight installed

event in August is on the top

of the list for organizers.

This is why

president Mike Oetman

came before the Lowell City

Council Monday night with

a list of items he hoped to

get approved so that work

There were more than

could begin.

increased in Lowell's downtown district.

"The times you can't a light.

non-life-threatening injuries are being considered to construction of such a make drivers more aware of crossing.

community got involved." year. Their early efforts wording has not yet been

Youth Fair only eight weeks immediate needs such 'You can't do that."

owned property.

Youth Fair hopes city will help with improvements

away, the need to get the as painting the Foreman But for the city, the "Right now the building

fairgrounds ready for the big Building to long-term goals primary obstacle is financial. suits us for the needs we

such as expanding the Treasurer Sue Olin said with

across the Flat River to city- the city has been left

"I'm looking to get Department of Public Works

to put a sign up and have put in new windows for the budget.

permission to go ahead and director Dan DesJarden

With the Kent County 20 items that ranged from 'What are you doing?' and Foreman Building is not top

Michigan Department of Hale said. activity have simultaneously Transportation (MDOT) said the traffic volume on Monroe is too low to justify

Various approaches specifications for the crossing Main Street.

The DDA did approve Main Street at all three "It's a busy stretch of funding for a banner across crossings. The Kent County scene. Rockford Ambulance road," said Valentine. "It's Main Street advising Road Commission will transported her to a hospital something we've worked motorists to be more alert install signs at either end of with MDOT on for at least to pedestrians. Karen Hale, who two years before the business who presented the idea at last Thursday's meeting be posted on each side The Lowell Downtown on behalf of the Lowell and they're going to say Authority Chamber of Commerce's 'pedestrian crossing next

campgrounds by moving it state revenues questionable, adding that the city stores

with a very tight budget.

do some of these projects," said he has to weigh items Commission, of which he is

Oetman said. "I don't want and \$20,000 to paint and a part, only has a \$10,000

accident police and business at the corner of Main and decided. "It's a beginning A car struck a pedestrian owners have been concerned Monroe streets have not because the other things

A change to downtown

that may benefit pedestrians will get under way next week. Wheelchair ramps will Still a possibility is be installed at the corners of before 8:30 p.m. She was because of the volume of a mid-block crossing at Main and Monroe, Riverside struck by an eastbound traffic," said Jim Valentine, Riverwalk Plaza. As of Drive and North Broadway. Lowell chief of police. last Thursday's meeting, Such ramps already exist After impact, the woman "Fortunately for this girl, the DDA was still waiting at the east-west curbs. The car was at the speed limit or for MDOT to provide a new ramps will be oriented list of requirements and in a north-south direction,

> MDOT is painting crosswalk lines across

have," DesJarden said,

salt and other items in the

said the Parks and Recreation

Councilman Jim Pfaller

"To be honest, the

Foreman Building has been

an issue every year [since I've

been on the commission],"

Pfaller said. He has been on

the commission for two and

a half years. "We only have

\$10,000. If it is a choice of

doing one \$20,000 project

or five \$2,000 projects,

we're going to choose the

five \$2,000 projects because

we can get five things

done versus one halfway

County Youth Fair one week

out of the year. Other uses

Pfaller said the site

Youth Fair,

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completed."

registration,

conversion charts. These

show people activities that

gardening is the equivalent

participants will also receive is only used by the Kent

"They're going to

FOODMOBILE

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CHILDREN'S TREK

St. Mary's Church invites children to "Serenget Trek" June 12-16 from 6-9 p.m. \$20/ family. Call Cindy at 897-0452 for more info.

COMMUNITY CPR

The Lowell branch YMCA will host a community CPR class on Wednesday, June 22, 6-9:30 p.m. Call 897-8445 for details.

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.

60TH REUNION

The LHS class of '45 will host a reunion on June 30 at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Bring your memories.

CALL FOR AUDITIONS

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

CALL FOR DIRECTORS AND PRODUCERS

If you would be interested in a director or producer position for the Thebes Players, 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 Fallasburg Park on Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. Call Judy Baird 897-

LHS CLASS OF 2000

Plans for a five-year reunion are in progress. Please contact lhs_class_of_2000@yahoo.com. with your

LHS 69TH REUNION

Class of 1936 will meet 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

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TO ALL CREDITORS:

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TO ALL CREDITORS:

deceased

Date of birth: 02/13/1920

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away unexpectedly June 6, 2005. She is survived by her husband Bruce; children Jan Stine; mother Marty four grandchildren; many

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Lowell citizens take on community walking challenge

the city come along and say,

A new challenge by the Lowell Community Wellness it's never too late to start as of them walk 100 miles, the program has been issued to far as I'm concerned," said cumulative distance will be the citizens of Lowell: Walk Lowell Community Wellness greater than the length of 100 miles in 100 days.

at the Lowell YMCA branch, be a little more active." The Lowell Area Chamber of 100 days will come to an Commerce, Lowell Senior Neighbors Center Pep Talk. It costs \$10 to can redeem a completed log are equivalent to walking. participate in the program. page and be entered in a For instance, 45 minutes of Proceeds will benefit Flat raffle to win prizes. River Outreach Ministries, Inc. The challenge officially kicked off May 30.

"It's already started, but people to participate. If each director Patty Sellner. "We the equator (about 24,900 Log books are available want to encourage people to

end Sept. 6. Every week, participants

The goal is to get 250 of walking a mile.

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D FARM BUREAU

reviewing with staff and working with the collective bargaining unit for the police officers, it was determined that a 2.5 percent increase in the union settled on a 2.5 staff salaries was merited.

cost of living," Pasquale said. "For the last two years we have been limited to just one percent raises."

proposed for the upcoming budget. budget largely due to the manager David this is the same year for a wage re-opener clause in the Lowell Police Officers Association's three-year contract. After proposed budget," Pasquale discussions, the city and

percent increase, which the

council also approved at its Monday night meeting.

Pasquale One percent raises were the same time as the city's of

Treasurer Sue Olin said that the increase was around a \$17,000 increase in wages across the board.

said. Merit raises were not proposed in the budget and

haven't been for the past is the same as last year and

The city's fund balance on in November 2002 for now being about 1.85 percent total expenditures or \$43,582.33.

The city is projecting its revenues for the 2005-2006 year to increase by 3.47 percent over last year, jumping to maintain its programs "We haven't done from \$2.335 million to \$2.416 including picking up the million. Expenditures for the year are expected to come in

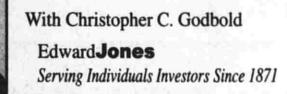
The city will continue its refuse collection and yard The council set its waste programs, in which millage rate for 15.83, which residents pay \$1 per bag.

10-year millage.

The only new budget includes the .25 mills voted item that was delayed was the increase in ready to serve the Lowell Area Historical Museum. Pasquale said the of Lowell has managed

charges for water and sewer. These charges were proposed museum operating mill is a to go up a dollar. Several council members questioned While some cities have whether it shouldn't be the consumption charges that are increased since that way those using the system more would be charged more and cost of residential recycling. those using the system less would be charged less. City staff was asked to bring more information to the council's next meeting, June 18.

Financial Focus



DISCUSS FINANCES BEFORE WEDDING -AND AFTER HONEYMOON

It's June, a popular month for weddings. If you're planning to marry this month, you've got a lot of things to think about: guests, flowers, the honeymoon, etc. However, there's one factor you won't want to overlook: how you will handle finances as a couple. It may not be as much fun to talk about as, say, the food at your reception. But as your for everyone. You might want to use a joint checkbook to pay marriage progresses, it will be far more important.

leading causes of divorce. And, as you go through life, you'll pay for personal expenses or purchases. However, if you do happy ending. find that you can't prevent every type of financial woe, such keep a joint account, you should both agree on what it's to be as a job loss, an unexpected medical bill, and so on. But there's a lot you can control - if you work together.

Before the wedding: open the books

Before you get married, you should already know your partner's temperament, likes and favorite activities. But do you know how much money he or she makes? How about

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"tie the knot." But it will be a valuable conversation. Try to conduct it when you both have plenty of time and aren't stressed out over wedding plans or other issues. And don't keep any secrets: Bring out all sources of income, debts, savings and investments - everything you both will bring into the marriage. Once you're married, neither of you should be surprised at what the other owns or owes.

After the wedding: chart your course

Early in your marriage, you'll want to make some longlasting financial decisions. Here are two to consider:

• Checking accounts - Should you maintain a joint checking account, two separate accounts or a joint account plus individual accounts? There's really no one right answer the mortgage, utilities, car payment and other major expenses In fact, financial troubles are often cited as one of the that you incur together, while keeping individual accounts to

· Investment goals - Talk about those goals for It may feel strange to talk about these issues before you which you'll want to invest, such as a house or a specific retirement life-style. If you have children, you may want to save for college. In any case, once you know what you're saving for, you'll be able to establish appropriate investment strategies, possibly with the help of a financial professional. Keep in mind that you and your spouse may have different tendencies - that is, you might favor aggressive investments, while your spouse may be more conservative. You'll need to reach some common ground if you're going to invest in a way that will satisfy both of

Communication is key

Ultimately, the biggest factor behind your financial success as a couple isn't how much you make or how smartly you invest or how cleverly you manage your money - it's how well you communicate. If you're always on the same page, your story will be much more likely a

WHAT IS DEPRESSION?

Depression is a medical illness, just like diabetes or high blood pressure. People don't choose to be depressed. Depressed people are not "weak" or "crazy." The illness affects more than 17 million people in the United States every year. Symptoms include at least three of the following warning signs:

- Feeling sad most days for two weeks or more
- · Loss of interest in things you used to enjoy

- Lack of energy
- Sleeping more or less than usual
- Weight changes
- Feeling hopeless or worthless
- Trouble concentrating
- Irritability
- · Thoughts of death and suicide

Depression is believed to be the result of a chemical imbalance in the brain. The imbalance could be caused by genetic factors like family history, or by environmental factors like stressful life events. These brain chemicals are called neurotransmitters and are responsible for your

Depression can be successfully treated with medicine, counseling or both. Medicines can help to correct the imbalance of neurotransmitters. Counseling can help you change a negative view of yourself, your past and your future. Regular exercise and avoiding alcohol, illegal drugs and too much caffeine can also help. Talk to your health care provider if you feel you may be depressed, and they can help you decide what treatment may be best for you.



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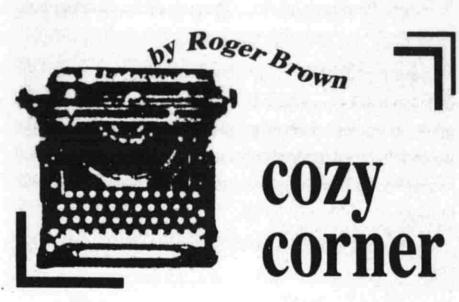
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Viewpoint-



BUSTED!!! Yes, I think it was just last week I went off on one of my semi-annual cell phone rants. Guess who has been forced to rely on his cell phone since the column came out in print?

The Ledger came out on Wednesday. On Thursday I was standing out in front of Gerald R. Ford International fishing through my bag for my cell phone. I needed to call my brother to tell him where to pick me up. Because of the column, I wanted to put on my sunglasses and hide behind a bush to make the call.

Just in case I haven't mentioned it, for the record, I do have a cell phone. Our monthly publication has me on the road a few days each month, and my wife insists on being able to get in touch with me. Hence the cell phone. The rest of the time the device is dormant in the glove box of my pickup. Up until this business with my mother, I didn't even know what my cell number is.

I've been in town to take a shift in caring for my mother. She is undergoing daily radiation and chemotherapy treatments. She and I are gone most of the day, either in the car or at the hospital. My cell phone has become my link to the other caregivers. Among them are my brothers, the team of women who stay with my mother during the night, doctors, the pharmacy, etc. I want to hide every time I need to make a call and I want to melt into a puddle whenever it

To make matters worse, I have urged everyone in my small network to call me on my cell phone instead of at my mother's home phone. My mother is very tired, and naps me! a lot. If I keep my cell phone well away from her napping place, the ring doesn't wake her like the home phone does.

Oh, and speaking of rings, my phone doesn't ring, it plays a cute little effeminate tune that my wife programmed into the thing. I am too technically challenged to change it, so I live with it. I don't know what the tune is. I'm like Ulysses

I would like to sincerely express my disappointment

In a total state of chaos, graduating seniors and families

The storm was being forecast since Monday. So obvi-

and my family's over how Sunday's graduation was handled

were being moved from the stadium to the gymnasium and

ously, the chaos and disappointment could have been pre-

vented had there been proper planning. There were 300

graduating seniors and each was given eight tickets. So, ap-

proximately 2,400 people cannot be squeezed into a 1,000

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back to the stadium in between rain drops and thunder.

To The Editor

Dear Editor.

by the administration.

student gymnasium.

S. Grant in that respect. He said he could only recognize two tunes. One was "Yankee Doodle", the other one wasn't.

Yesterday, after a particularly long session at the hospital, we got home late in the afternoon. Mom, hit the couch for a nap. A brother and his wife showed up. My other brother stopped by. Then some neighbors came over. We were all sitting outside having iced tea and enjoying the weather. I made a call to the pharmacy checking on a new prescription for my mom. Everyone at the table had read my rant, and chided me for using a cell phone.

As my wife always says, "Pride cometh before the fall." The nuns beat that phrase into her in grade school. I'm not sure what it means, but it seems to fit here.

To add insult to injury, a few minutes later, the cell phone went off with its cute little diddy. It was an old friend who had gotten the number from my wife. We hadn't seen each other for nearly two years, so we spoke for quite awhile. When I finally hung up, there was another round of abuse from those at the table. It's a good thing I have thick skin!

Partly because of the abuse I was taking, but mostly because it needed to be done, I excused myself and took off for the pharmacy. I took my cell phone with me for the twenty minute trip. It's amazing how quickly a person becomes dependent on those stupid little things.

On the way home from the pharmacy the cell phone went off again. It was my wife, checking in about my mother's condition. I was still talking to her when I pulled into the driveway at my mother's house. My brothers and sister-in-law were pointing and laughing like crazy at the big hypocrite behind the wheel with a cell phone to his ear. Can't say as I blame them.

They continued to hoot on me and asked if the Ledger pipe between Lowell and Bowne Center and offers a reward. accepted letters to the editor ratting me out for my cell phone use. I figured I better beat them to the punch and offer up this public admission.

In fact, writing this has been sorta cleansing, like an AA meeting, "Hi, I'm Roger and I'm a cell phone user." Step One: Admit you are powerless over cell phones and that your life has become unmanageable without them. That's

This business with my mother is certainly no picnic, especially for her. We're all looking forward to having these treatments behind us and getting life back to normal. For me, a big part of "normal" is having that #@&% cell phone buried in the glove box of my truck with its little battery

ing in Grand Rapids to accommodate all for their taxpayers

bling over their chairs trying to get to the podium. Only two

ning on behalf of the administration. What happened Sun-

day was totally disrespectful and irresponsible from the

administration in front of students who are being taught

mother of Jake Pala,

graduating senior class of 2005

Seniors were being rushed through the ceremony stum-

The ceremony should be rescheduled with proper plan-

money. Or the event could have been rescheduled.

speeches, bad music ... just pure disappointment.

responsibility by the same people.

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page.

necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

Ledger Entries

THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 8, 2005 PAGE 5



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JUNE 9, 1880

The Lowell Town Band went to Flint yesterday for a contest, accompanied by many friends.

Saturday night's wind storm took down a number of awnings and sheds.

Monday night King, Quick & King's platform outside

the office collapsed, dumping shingles that were piled there Roadsides are green, now that cattle are prohibited from roaming at large. Some people are cutting the grass to feed

their horses. E.A. Forman of the meat market has lost his Meerschaum

JUNE 8, 1905

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

An all-night thunderstorm into Tuesday, June 6, carries away the roadway and several buildings on Main St., breaking them up on the Pere Marquette Railroad bridge. Men and teams of horses bring sandbags and stones to shore up the road. The raging torrent separates the east and west sides for two days, until a foot bridge is fashioned between the Moffit building and the Lee Block. Unknown persons score a grisly "practical joke" by tossing a dummy into the river above Main St. and endangering would-be rescuers' lives before the hoax is discovered. This flood comes within six inches of last year's record-breaker.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO **JUNE 5, 1930**

The new editor, R.G. Jefferies, thanks readers for the very cordial welcome he has received.

Besides, gymnasiums and stadiums were designed for Editor Frank M. Johnson has retired, after 37 years with games ... not for ceremonies. The disappointment could have been prevented by renting out a large enough build-The Morlock family of Lansing has quadruplets.

Mrs. Wesley Miller of Fallasburg wishes to know what to do with the banded pigeon that landed at her place.

Ten of 13 armed escapees from the Ionia Hospital for the Criminally Insane have been recaptured within a day. The others were still out at press time.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **JUNE 9, 1955**

Seventy seniors will graduate Friday night. Water mains on Main Street are being moved, due to the highway-widening project.

The Lions and Rotary clubs barbecue chickens at Fallasburg Park, sponsoring an All-activities banquet for LHS athletes and musicians. Emma Palova,

Since Hartman's store is closing, the school will take over selling textbooks this year.

There will be two Amateur Night contests for Showboat slots, as so many entries have been received.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER

Forrest Buck announces July 4 festivities of parade, country-rock singer "Crash" Craddock and fireworks.

A partially severed telephone cable cuts Lowell off from Grand Rapids telephones for a day.

JUNE 4, 1980

This weekend will be the arts festival in Grand Rapids, "Festival 80". Honor camp inmates assembled them, and the new

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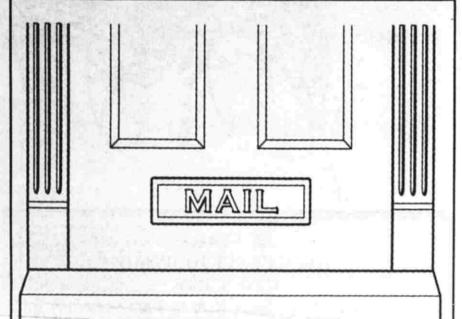
This is a big newspaper, with high school graduation pictures included (half-page pictures, half/page ads).



Asst. Pastor: Rev. David J. Noonon Sr. Christian Life Center

WE MUST ROW!

Can't you just see it? Here is a person in a row boat being tossed in the waves toward a wall of jagged rocks. Looking a little closer we find that the oars are just dangling in the water while the person is praying for God's urgent help. Can you imagine the cry that goes out to God as the





boat is dashed upon the rocky shore? "God, why didn't you

I have lost track of the number of times I have heard people cry these words: "I prayed, but God didn't help me!" Many times as I heard those words I could see that their oars were dangling uselessly in the water. They prayed for a financial miracle but refused to budget their finances. They prayed to lose weight but refused to exercise. They prayed for deliverance from addiction but refused to turn to a support group. They prayed for God to help them control their temper but refused to become accountable for their actions. The list goes on and on.

Now, on one hand, I do support the idea that "God helps those who help themselves." But I also know that God loves to help those who cannot help themselves. That is the point of the Gospel. We could not save ourselves from our sinful ways so God sent His Son to do it for us. That is why we can have faith that God will hear us when we call upon Him.

However, the Bible teaches us in James 2:17 that "faith without works is dead." Some years ago I became aware that, although I had become a Christian, I still did many things that were not becoming a Christian. I desperately wanted to change. I prayed fervently for help from God. Then one day I began to look up all the scriptures I could



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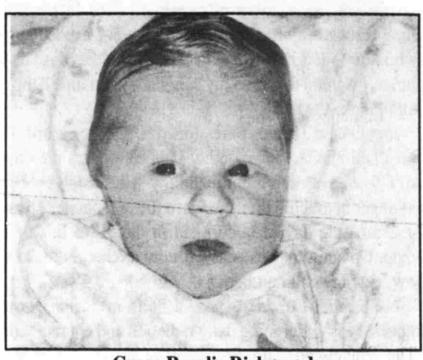
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find that dealt with these issues. (There are a bunch of them. trust me!) I wrote them out on sheets of paper and read them over and over. I also wrote them on 3 by 5 inch cards and kept them in places where I would see them and read them. Some I even memorized. Things changed and I came to a place where I could control my actions and become the kind of person other people liked to be around.

You see, I had some oars to put in the water. God gave me a brain, He gave me ability to read and comprehend, He gave me the ability to memorize. He even provided the Bible so that I could have His wisdom. I still needed God's grace and power. I received it when I put the oars in the water. I received it when I began to row. I received it as God helped me to row away from the jagged rocks of life. We

Lord, help me to keep rowing and to keep my eyes upon





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Proud grandparents are Richmond of Lowell are Lee Hildenbrand, Ron and happy to announce the Rose Thomet, and Jerry birth of their daughter, Richmond, all of Lowell. Grace Rosalie. She was Great-grandparents are Tony born Saturday, May 14, Mitchell of Wyoming and Virginia Uzarski of Grand Rapids.

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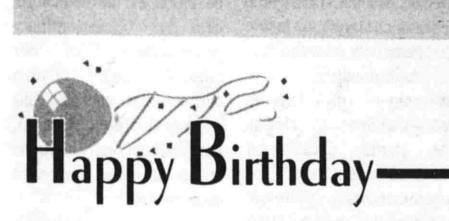
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Felling, Jerry Spencer. JUNE 10: Jim Stone, April Decker, Courtney Tulppo, Gus Geldersma.

JUNE 11: Joseph Vezino, Jeanne Boss, Terri S.

JUNE Benjamin Zoodsma, Noah Green. JUNE 13: Holly Fetterhoff Vivian Hoskins.

Manszewski. JUNE 15: Joey Hunt Jr.,

Courtney Baker, Rachel Heinicke, Caran Schalow, Katlin Manszewski.

FLPC musical event

The Franciscan Life Process Center (FLPC) presents "Country Sonata: A Fresh Bouquet of Music, Art & Edibles" in partnership with St. Cecilia Music Society (SCMS) on Saturday, June 18.

Five stations at the FLPC will offer food, art and music between 5 and 8 p.m. Multiple artists will work on weaving, basket making and drawing, while more than 30 individual and group musicians perform a variety of music ranging from lutes to concert ensembles.

Proceeds from the event will benefit various music and art programs of FLPC and SCMS. For more information call 897-7842. Individual tickets are \$25.

Doyles attend NARFE convention

of the National Active & NARFE. Retired Federal Employees

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Charlie and Dee Doyle 1990 and is currently the of federal employees, attended the state convention public relations officer for retirees and their survivors.

Founded by 14 federal The National Active & workers in 1921, NARFE (NARFE) on June 2-4 in Retired Federal Employees has become an effective and is the only association highly respected legislative

Charlie Doyle was the dedicated to protecting the voice for federal workers earned retirement benefits and retirees.

Veggies Tales come to VBS

Elmdale Church of the Vacation Bible School with a Veggie Tales theme this

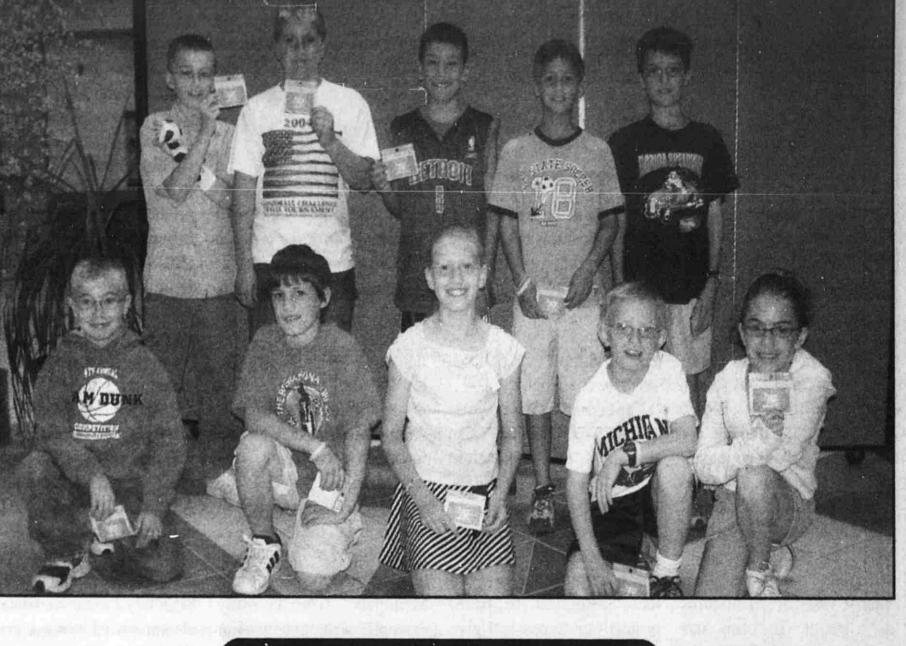
The evening activities Nazarene will be offering are for children, ages four through 12, the week of June 13. Veggie Tales Values will participating, call 868-7292.

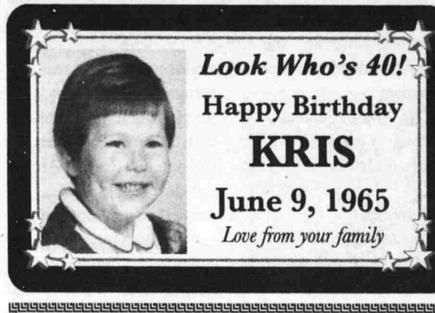
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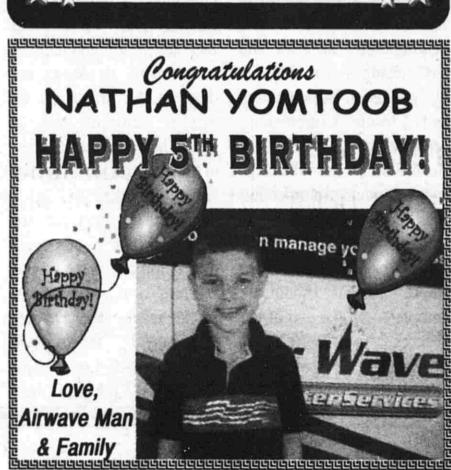
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Michigan to Benefit Overall from **Base Closure Process** With Senator Carl Levin

The acronyms form an the light, mobile military Arsenal, home of the Tank Reutilization Management most of the facility, he colleagues to determine alphabet soup - BRAC, that we need to respond to Automotive and Armaments Service (DRMS). DLIS proposed closing the Army the best way to address DOD, TACOM, DLIS, today's increasingly diverse Command (TACOM), was serves as a logistics hub for Garrison at Selfridge, the proposed closures. DRMS. The process seems and complex national hailed in the Department tracking parts and getting which is the only support Michigan stands tall in mysterious and convoluted. security challenges. and what does it mean for of taxpaver dollars also

At the end of the Cold War, the United States had Our uniformed military facilities leadership has strongly also praised the "synergies and around the world. than our national security urged closing unneeded required. There was a great bases because we can use mass located in southeastern are positive changes, the the Battle Creek Air the DOD recommendations deal of wasteful expenditures these resources to better Michigan." There are many Secretary's recommendation National Guard base. The reflect on that important as a result. To bring our protect our troops and give examples of that synergy. For also proposed moving some recommendation would military facilities more in them the resources they need instance, TACOM engineers jobs out of two existing transfer the base's 110th line with our security needs, in conflicts overseas and on teamed with scientists and Congress passed legislation the front lines in the war on engineers from across the creating independent base terrorism. closure commissions. Four previous base closure rounds Defense Donald Rumsfeld with advanced commercial have closed or realigned released his list of facilities technologies for the Army's

additional base closure round

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facilities.

In May, Secretary of develop a common computer military facilities across the slated for closure or ground vehicle fleet. The realignment. The next Army is now modernizing its ago, steps include a review of vehicles with these advanced Congress authorized an the list by the Government computers. Engineers at the Accountability for 2005. Closing unneeded hearings and analysis and their university and industry any changes to the list counterparts to design and by the Base Realignment develop slat armor for the and Closure Commission; Stryker armored vehicle, certification of the base which helps protect soldiers closure list by the President; in Iraq from rocket-propelled and acceptance or rejection grenade attacks. of the complete list by Congress on an "all-or- maintains over 90 percent of

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> development. gained from having a critical automotive industry to Office; facility also worked with

TACOM manages and none" basis. The entire the equipment on the ground BRAC process should be in Iraq and Afghanistan. completed by the end of the As a result, the Defense Department recommends Michigan that the BRAC Commission did reasonably well in the make TACOM the Joint

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While all of these recommended

closure recommendations. move that will add 600 jobs always puts a strain on the which would partially offset the proposed retirement facilities in the country to at Selfridge. This transfer The Hart-Dole-Inouye have all five branches of the would cost Battle Creek Inouve Federal Center in Federal Center in Battle military and the Department 206 full-time civilian jobs and 68 military jobs and affect almost 900 part-time the members of the Michigan Service Secretary of Defense's Air National Guard.

I am working with my of Defense (DOD) report those parts to our troops. facility for the hundreds our contributions to our Making wise use as the "intellectual capital" DRMS is responsible for of military workers at the nation's security. We can for automotive and ground disposal of excess equipment Detroit Arsenal. This would be proud of the dedication professionalism of our and civilian Secretary of Defense personnel at each of our closing

College News

Washtenaw Community College graduates for dean's list must achieve a was Michael Gustafson, December 2004 and grade point average of 3.5 who received the Billy candidates for April, June or above at the completion McKinney Award. It is and August 2005 were of the semester. This GPA presented to a male studenthonored at commencement must be based on at least athlete who has exhibited

Albion College students were recently named to the

William Harrison, Kelsey senior class into the N Club Scheider, Jennifer Wagner and Stephanie Wagner.

Caleb Kaufman

Collier Kaufman

Shelby Young

Conner Bergin

Keegan Shears

Tyler Smoes

Kaylee Wold

Students named to the three units in graded courses exemplary From the Lowell area and a minimum of four qualities, constant effort, and

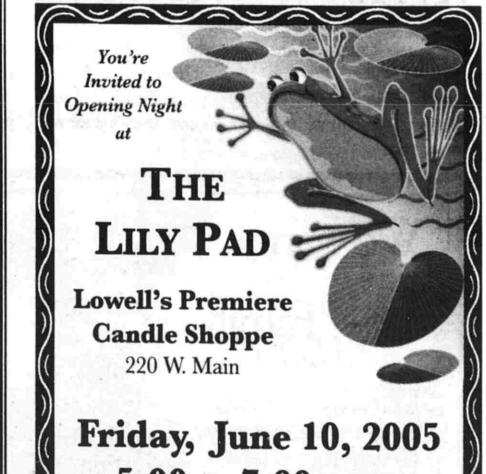
Additionally,

dean's list at the completion University in Evanston, Ill., of the spring 2005 semester. recognized some of its finest the banquet, is a two-time the Lowell athletic efforts from the past Academic All-Big Ten. area are Christina Getz, season while inducting the Matthew last week.

From the Lowell area coach's estimation, makes a "coach's dream." Northwestern Gustafson, a swimmer and the male speaker at

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Young athlete travels to China in hopes of fulfulling her dreams

Mariah Moore is a School student has also style of martial arts. She

Her motto is, "I never try proud of me," said Moore. Master Wu Bin's personal anything. I just do it."

very special camp for up Bin. and coming young martial she received a highly USA as one of the top athletes in the country and is special. to train with Wu Bin and his world-class coaches at his Japanese style of martial renowned Wushu Training arts, Ro-Ken Karate which Center in Beijing, China. has its roots in Kyokushinkai first in forms, weapons, Moore travels to Beijing on Kan, in the Jornales System June 10; her trip will include Sandatahan Arnis Sikaran, strike combination. a visit to the Great Wall and which is Filipino, and in the Shaolin Temple.

The Lowell Middle

martial artist and Olympic trained with Grand Master attends Lowell Ro-Ken Bong Jornales, a native of Karate with Sensei Aaron At age 11, Moore is the Philippines who has Bailey where she helps teach on her way to reaching her practiced marital arts for the beginner class and then goals. Originally, she set over 35 years. "It meant the attends her own advanced her sights on one black belt. world to me when Grand class. She also takes Chinese Along the way she began to Master Bong told me that I language classes once a week set bigger goals for herself. was special and that he was with coach Rebecca Liu,

Moore caught the eye will be traveling to China reserved for competition of China's Grand Master with Moore to coach her at local, regional, state and Wu Bin last summer at a alongside Grand Master Wu national level tournaments.

masters concur that Moore it," she said.

Mariah Moore with her many trophies and pictured above competing at a Fabiano

Grand Master Bong interpreter. Saturdays are

"Sometimes my Sensei In the martial arts is really hard on me but artists called Masters of community, most people each time I reach one of my never have the honor of and goals or I take first place in only dream of meeting a a tournament, it makes all coveted and very personal Grand Master. Remarkably, the bruises, sweat, tears, and invitation to represent the Moore trains with two! Both even my cracked ribs worth

In March, Moore Moore trains in the attended a five-state national tournament and completely swept her division, taking sparring and in the three

Recently, she was Wushu which is a Chinese invited to join the Amateur

Athletics Union. In April, she competed against hundreds of young martial artists in her first AAU Tournament, the regional 8 state qualifier for Nationals. She placed second in Kumite (fighting), earning her an invitation to compete in the Junior Olympics held in New Orleans in July.

In May, she competed in a tournament to benefit cancer research, "Take a Kick at Cancer," in Whitehall. She was the only girl, sweeping her division in this competition as well as taking first in Kobudo, Kumite and Kata.

The honor student concluded by saying, "My friends just don't get it. They think karate has taken over my life. What they don't understand is karate is my life. It's part of me. It's in me. I couldn't get through one day without it."



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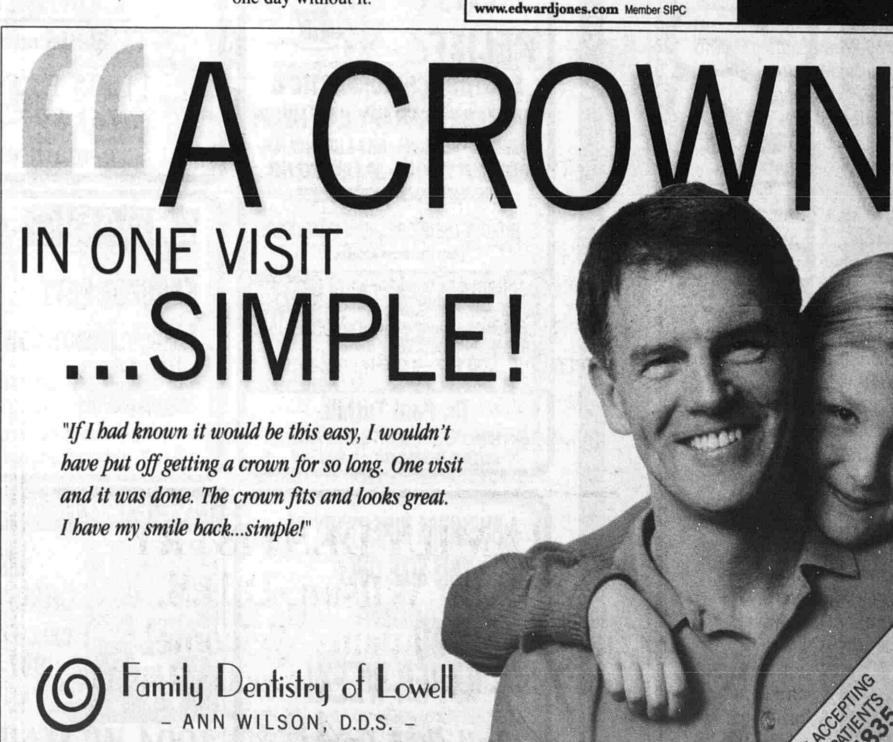
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Farmland preserved, continued ... From Page 1

as far east as Washington easements on farm land. The easements on the farm at a elected officials, farmers, in place, it was the thing to lot of options," he said. D.C. The NRCS got started easements ensure the land rate of \$4,167 per acre. with the goal of protecting will remain in agricultural new mission of protecting be sold to developers. the use of the soil," Gregory

Act of 1985, the way the the Howard Farm. Bowne of the world at this point," was introduced. matching funds to buy toward

Since the Food Security purchasing the easement on (FRPP). The program offers Foundation all contributed

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NRCS has endeavored to Township, Grand Rapids Ehlers said. "And if we protect the use of farmland is Community Foundation, squander our resources and established in Kent County in work in non-agricultural rather serve a local market through the Farm and Ranch Lowell Area Community use up our best land, then 2002. Since then, 73 farmers jobs. Matt Howard currently with what it needs. Again, Lands Protection Program Fund and the Steelcase what are our children going have filed applications to lives in Ohio. Both sons plan what that will look like, I'm purchasing

land in agriculture.

grows, these problems get more serious," he added. Before Ehlers or

of people who contributed his sons. "It's just been on intensive. to getting the Kent County my mind for a long time Included were township

employees of government do," he said. U.S. congressman Vern agencies, the Michigan soil. "We now embark on a use perpetually, and will not Ehlers was on hand at the State University Extension to know the land won't be as the market for locally dedication to speak about Service and some farmers. filled up with houses. sources the importance of keeping Horton has been an advocate "We are the breadbasket commission since the idea Howard said.

> have their farms preserved. to keep the farm going. "As the population The Howard farm became

on April 15. Howard is the fifth said. Gregory spoke, Lowell's generation to farm the land.

"The vista you see is agricultural for PDR in the county the vista it will always be," develops.

"I would like to come the first farm to be finalized up here in 10 years or so and PDR program are available start farming," Matt Howard

county commissioner Jack He wanted to help make scale farm on the land, Kent County Agricultural Horton thanked a long list sure it would be there for something organic and Preservation Board, at 336-

PDR program on its feet. and once the program came preserved really opens up a 30.

It also does him good particulars to become clearer produced, sustainable products

"So much of agribus-The sixth generation, iness today is serving a The PDR program was Matt and Patrick Howard, global market," he said. "I'd

> Applications for the at township offices or by contacting Kendra He envisions a small- Wills, staff person to the 2028. This year's application "Having the land cycle is open through June

Youth Fair, continued ... From Page 3

include football, T-ball, the paint. He, in fact, was outside sources. the motorcycle run, a boat willing to work on many festival to name a few.

stewards of the piece of anything. property and do what's right for the community as a financial issues, having had community building on the funds available were being whole," Pfaller said.

Oetman said he was willing to supply the labor become better at seeking to paint the building if the out sponsorships to obtain also been taken over by the

"We need to be good blessing before he could do on the King Memorial

program as well, and it has on their agenda.

Camping rentals have look into the matter.

launch, and a bluegrass of the projects proposed effective in putting in about the rentals. Oetman said this suspected there would need but he needed the city's \$100,000 worth of repairs was the first he was aware to be changes made in that that the city had not received contract, but the fair group Building, Oetman said. the 10 percent and suspected prefers to continue to grow would be long term. The group is aware of Constructing a new youth it was because all of the at its current location. state monies cut from its property is another project put into the King Memorial Building. He said he would

The contract between city would be willing to buy financial support from group, with the city receiving the city and the 71-year-

10 percent of the revenues as old organization comes to The fair board has been part of a deal in turning over an end in 2006 and Oetman

The council referred the matter back to the Parks and Recreation Commission to review what projects could be completed now and what



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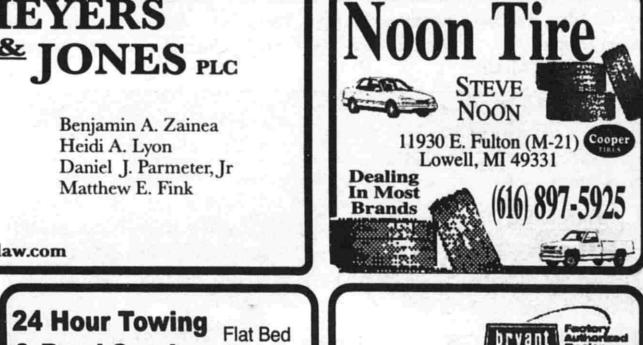
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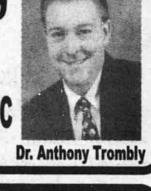
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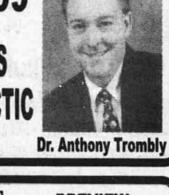
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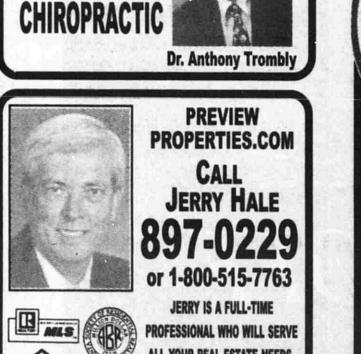
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Lowell softball wins district championship

By Dan Schneider

In a thrilling 2-1 win over Northview Saturday. the Lowell varsity softball team claimed its first district on a suicide squeeze in the knocking a single over the title in 17 years.

Lowell advanced to the Lowell answered in the mercy-rule win over Grand Bueche, down 1-2 in the coachBobRodenhousecalled out on top." Rapids Central. Ashleigh Inman had three hits in that two. She struck out all nine on third with two outs in the reached out over the plate to and only the third in school a 5-0 lead. Then Mona Muskegon Reeths-Puffer

more pitches in the 11-inning until the top of the 11th. district final. A lot of them

second inning.

Plummer threw a lot her in. The score stayed tied

22 batters and walked only Dewey sacrifice bunted her to third. Plummer drew an Northview was the intentional walk. Bueche first on the board, scoring batted in the winning run,

count, hit a base hit to score for Plummer to intentionally walk Northview's star hitter its first district softball Lowell had Plummer Kristie Cornell. But Cornell championship since 1988 the mound, Lowell secured ninth inning, but couldn't get hit a ground ball to second.

heads of a drawn-in infield.

"It was an outside ball that wasn't out far enough Inman led off with a and my heart skipped a Lowell defeated Mona fifth to tie it and then six runs at 10 a.m. were strikes. She struck out double to left field. Andrea jump," Rodenhouse said.

have doubleheader. The Arrows fielded the ball and Cornell

game, two good teams," With two outs and a Rodenhouse said. "We have The win gave Lowell

Shores in both games of a in the sixth to put it away.

won the first game 6-0. Plummer struck out 12 and walked one. They scored one game. Inman had three in the first, three in the third, hits for three RBIs; two and one run each in the fifth and sixth innings. Bueche district final by scoring 19 fourth as Plummer singled runner on second in the all the respect in the world had three hits, Dewey had Lowell had a total of 16 hits and stole second. Brittany bottom of the 11th, Lowell for Northview, we just came two. McElroy had one hit in the game.

Game two was a 13-7 shoes on," Rodenhouse

history. Lowell won its first Shores advanced 7-5. With Saturday at Rockford in district softball title in 1981. Plummer on the mound, the Division 1 regional Wednesday. Lowell scored two in the semifinal. That game starts

Lowell baseball finishes season as district runners-up

By Dan Schneider

batters she faced.

ended Saturday with Lowell as district runners-up at Northview.

day, Lowell beat Grand Rams went out and Central innings for the win for coach Juston Miller. Rapids Central 8-7 in extra went down 1-2-3 in the Lowell.

The Red Arrows carried

in the bottom of the sixth.

first batter in the seventh In the first game of the inning, but the next three

four runs in the top of that to second. Matt Meppelink threw one walk in an 10 hits on Burger and his for four hitting in that game. The baseball season inning. Lowell scored a run walked; he was followed otherwise perfect game as replacements. by Spencer Quinn who hit a Rockford won 14-0. Jay Ryan walked the single to score Kalman and win the game.

inning. Then Central scored Tyler Meppelink bunted him pitcher Spencer Klukowski 2-0 before Rockford got Spencer Quinn went two with a 10-20 record.

"That pitcher's not Mona Shores, Lowell lost the going to beat himself, you first game of a doubleheader Ryan pitched all eight gotta beat him," said Lowell 16-2. Ryan took the loss.

Ryan Kalman walked against Rockford, Lowell going until the fifth inning. Mona Shores won 11-6. a 6-3 lead into the sixth to lead off the eighth inning. had a tough matchup. Ram Lowell was only down

Last Wednesday

Arrow pitcher Zach in the fifth inning of the his glove hand. In the district final Burger had a one-hitter second game. But in the end

Matt Meppelink and

Burger took the loss.

During warmups for game one, Lowell's top hitter Jason Welsch twisted his ankle and broke his arm Lowell scored five runs trying to catch himself with

"I think that affected the kids' morale," Miller said. Lowell ended the season

Saturday in Greenville.

Tuesday's district opener.

By Dan Schneider

the Division 2 district final.

Lowell's Brook VanEck (left) tries to get the ball away from Northview during last

The Lowell girls varsity soccer team fell short of a district title by a 3-1 loss to Forest Hills Northern Pleasant.

relentless pressure on the match the Huskies' intensity for the whole 80 minutes of goal.

the final by an 8-3 win scored two of its goals off of scored on an assist by Emily minutes into the second half. last Wednesday at Mount rebounds.

In a 3-0 victory over the Lowell made it to Northview Wildcats, Lowell first half. Tara Ormistan goal on a rebound header 10

Lowell soccer falls to Northern in district final

Huskies overcome early deficit to end Red Arrows' season

"We came to the net Last Tuesday, in their pretty hard tonight," said out of Tara Ormistan," Legge Lowell scored a goal last home game of the Lowell coach Paul Legge. said. "That was big for us, a meanwhile, gave the Red early by Amy Oberlin. But season, the Red Arrows "As the game progressed, big spark off the bench." Arrows their 12th shutout the Red Arrows couldn't benefited from putting we really attacked the net."

"That was a great finish with the assist.

with 46 seconds remaining junior Erin Beddows with in the first half. The Arrows followed a shot and Gerard scored on the rebound. Rebecca Underwood got the assist on the goal.

Underwood's "all over

the place," Legge said. "She has speed, she's always on the ball and she has more heart than 10 other players."

Underwood scored

anchoring that group. "Erin Beddows is as Abbie Debiak was credited good as any defensive player

The Lowell defense, level," Legge said. "She just

Lowell's Abbie Debiak (right) sets up to make a pass inside past Northview's

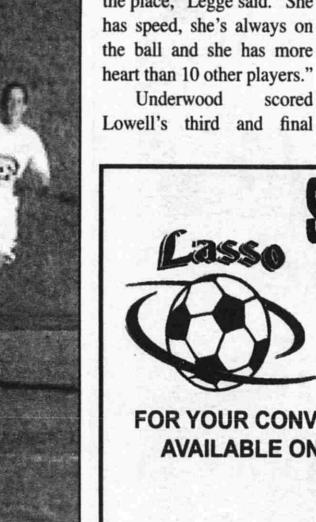
locks things down." Lowell's next goal came of the season. Legge credits season with a 16-3-2 record.

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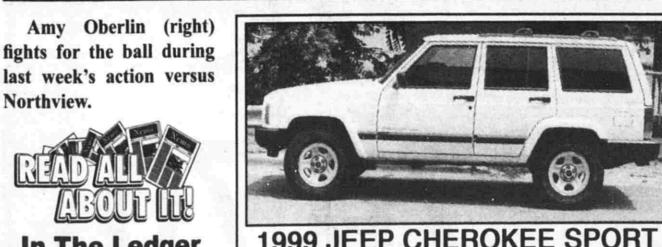
the Michigan High School

ended May 31 with an 8- host Red Arrows lost 13-3 the sport of lacrosse. Lacrosse is also in its The team finished the first year as a full varsity season with a record of 5- sport in Lowell. A varsity

Portage Central, who 12-1. That is the best record and a junior varsity team split a pair of regular-season in the three-year history were fielded this year. contests against Lowell, of lacrosse at Lowell High Middle school teams also

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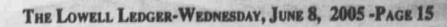
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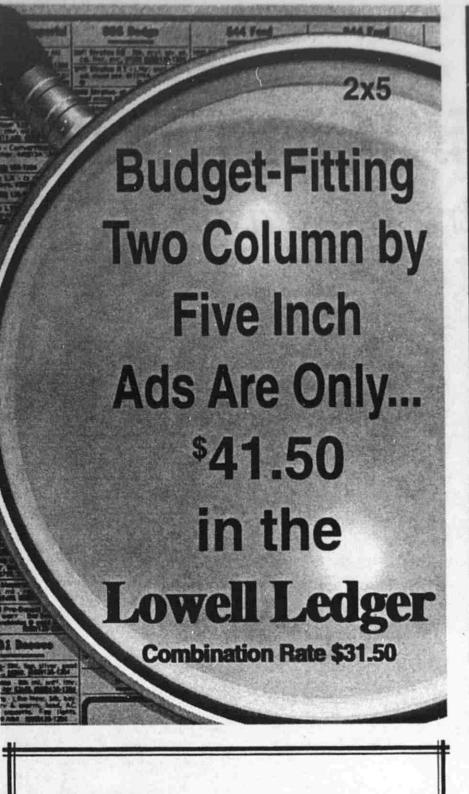
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> 2ND & 3RD TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club, 11400 Foreman Rd. at 8 p.m. New members are 897-5759.

- Mothers of Preschoolers ters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Church, 1070 N. Hudson.

Needlers, needleart/quilting bee, 5-8:30 p.m., 4 Health Wellness Center, Bridge St., Saranac, All are welcome. Contact Bev or

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Knights Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda: 874-5662; teen group: Sarah 281-6588.

3RD TUES.: Parents of

EVERY OTHER WED .: 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Ages 8-13. Call 897-8694.

noon, Lowell Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake.

upstairs at 1st Congregational Church, 404 N. 2ND THURS .: N.A.R.F.E.,

WED .: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet 2NDTHURS .: Loyal Order

league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m.Larry 754-7104.

1ST WED.: GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30 -9:30 p.m.Round Robin open play, all levels, walkins welcome. Call Jan 897-

Youth Fair Board meeting. nursery and preschool 7:30 p.m., King Memorial story hour/craft time 9:45 - Youth Center, 4-H Fair-

2ND WED ..: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senio Center, 5255 Grand River torical Society at O'Brien Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. meeting/ program: Carol Beard-how to handle and sew on Lycra fabric. Olga 616-975-9977/ June 231-780-1249 for more information.

> 2ND WED.: Lowel Women's Club, noon in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND WED.: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand Rapids. Dorothy 897-9794.

Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, Alpine NW, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.Round Robin open play, all levels walk-ins welcome. Call Jan

THURS.: Weight Watch-2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS ers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washing ... because mothering mat- ton St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. Impact, a Wesleyan For info. 1-800-651-6000.

THURS.: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers 2ND & 4TH TUES .: practice at Saranac High School Band Rm. Choir:6-7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy

> THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

THURS.: St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women/adolescents,11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-8 p.m. 897-9393.

1ST THURS.: Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7-8:30 p.m. Spectrum Health Kent Community Campus, 750

1ST THURS.: 4-H drama club meeting, Lowel Middle School choir room. Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON Monterey Grill at 7 p.m.

1:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

of the Moose, men's meet-

2NDTHURS.: Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library, 6:30 - 8 p.m. & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri:12-

Wellness Center in 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon., Saranac. "Family Team Building Activities and summer picnic, 7-8:30 p.m. Call 642-6466 for info. and to preregister.

3RD THURS .: Rubber stamping at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Call Dawn

3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 3189 Snow Ave., ham Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m.

3RD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process Center, Call 897-7842.

3RD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women, Ada 752-8300.

2ND & 4TH FRI.: GR area Scrabble Club at Meijer Cafe, Knapp's Corners, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Round Robin open play, all levels, walkins welcome. Call Jan 897-

> FRI .: Arts/Crafts volunteers at Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call Pat or Judy

2ND SAT .: Ada Historical Society, 10:30 a.m. at Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

2ND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

FRI., SAT. AND SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley, 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 676-9346.

LOWELL AREA HIS-TORICAL MUSEUM: Tues., Sat. & Sun.1-4; Thurs., 1-8. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; members free.897-7688.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12 -8 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri.: 9:30 -5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30-1:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe. Call 647-3920.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. & Sat. 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. 1-5 p.m.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Tues.- Fri.: 12 - 5 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. Monday / a.m. by appt. 149 S. Hudson. 897-8545

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

FLAT RIVER OUT-REACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed.- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

WED., JUNE 8: Snow United Methodist Church.

dinner at 5:30 p.m. Adults: \$8; ages 5-12, \$2.

SAT., JUNE 11: Foodmobile at Lowell Fairgrounds, 10-11 a.m. Bring box or bag. Distributed by F.R.O.M. Mostly produce

WED., JUNE 22: Community CPR class hosted by Lowell YMCA, 6-9:30 p.m. Call 897-8445.

THURS., JUNE 30: LHS class of '45 reunion at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor.

THURS., JUNE 30: Lowell Rotary Club bus trip to Tigers game vs. White Sox. \$57. Call Charlie Doyle at 897-7532 for details.



LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

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MON .: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mail; 10 a.m. Out & About.

THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk/ Shop at Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

UES .: 9 a.m. Walk at FRI .: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 12:45 Woodland Mall. p.m. Bible Study.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., JUNE 8: Bosnia Shoppers. 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer

THURS., JUNE 9: 12:45 o.m. Shop Greenville, Wal-Mart & Dollar Tree.

FRI., JUNE 10: 12:45 o.m. Bingo.

MON., JUNE 13: 12 p.m. Pancake Lunch: 12:45 p.m. Games at Center;

p.m. Terrific Tuesday.

12:45 p.m. Food Pantry TUES., JUNE 14: 4:30

TUES., JUNE 21: 4:30 p.m. Terrific Tuesday.

Tour Jiffy Mix Plant.

WED., JUNE 15: 8:30

a.m. Traveling Breakfast

at Steak & Shake; 12:45

THURS., JUNE 16: 8:30

a.m. Trufant Flea Market.

FRI., JUNE 17: 12 p.m.

Birthday/Anniversary

Lunch; 12:45 p.m. Bingo;

MON., JUNE 20: 9 a.m.

3 p.m. Bowling.

p.m. Buffalo Barn.

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Combination Rate \$75.60

LAAC exhibit coincides with Artrain's Lowell visit

By Dan Schneider

"Heart of a Drum" artwork that was respectful His work depicts Native with Native American art features native-themed art. traditions of the Native "We asked for anything Americans of the Great Indians of the Great Lakes "I think it's a pretty good

arrival of white settlers. The train is called "Artrain related to the American Lakes area," Eldridge said. 25 and 26, the Grand Valley which to set the train. Lowell

> U.S.A., which is based in Autobody are making other elders. Ann Arbor, noticed the call parking arrangements so of a Drum" show. The lot for school tours. each of its exhibitions. by Native Americans all over spirit dancers." Its goal is to bring art to the country. It is intended isolated from big-city art about native art. museums. The first time it visit later helped found the the time you step off the unexpected expenses. Lowell Area Arts Council. train, your preconceptions The Artrain was open

Lowell Fairgrounds.

of "Heart of a Drum."

arts council, found out about Cherokee. She works and lifeways of Native The Franciscan Life the possibility of bringing in digital photography, Americans from the Lowell is currently featuring a Another cooperative effort wows that are often wild and

King Milling Company "I just slow down the Four train cars filled opened Sunday; the exhibit and carried the beliefs and American life before the juggled its freight schedule shutter speed, turn on the fill to free up some rails west flash and yeeha, that's what I Later this month on June of South Hudson Street on got," Young said. American Indian Lodge Light and Power agreed to motion in her work, and in

will hold its second annual donate the electricity the it she has captured elements Restoring the Circle through train needs to operate. The of her culture that are deeper the Buffalo Pow Wow at the FLPC is donating space than her subjects. She for the Artrain staff to stay once brought some of her The staff at Artrain in. Employees at Bieri paintings to a group of tribal

"I asked them what they for artists for the "Heart school buses can park in its saw and they saw faces that I hadn't previously seen," train travels the country The art on board the Young said. "And they said, on a four-year tour with train is contemporary work 'What you've captured is

Donations from the rural communities that are to shake up people's ideas Lowell Area Community Fund and the Look Memorial "Manytimespeoplehave Fund covered most of the came to Lowell in 1976, these preconceived notions cost of the visit. The arts the group of volunteers of what Native American council will be accepting who helped coordinate its art should look like and by donations to cover some

happened that are blown out of the water," for school tours Tuesday. Artrain had an opening in said S. Kay Young, a Detroit It is open to the public its tour schedule between artist whose work is featured Saturday from noon to stops in Ludington and on the train and in the arts 7 p.m. and Sunday from Mendota, Ill. The opening council's show. "There are 10-5. The Lowell Area coincided with the opening a lot of other images in the Historical Museum will also show that are kind of smack- be open during those hours Lorain Smalligan, you-in-the-face images." to showcase its historical Young is Eastern exhibit of the history



The Artrain parked along the rails west of South Hudson Street.

Views: Influences of Modern Eldridge. Culture." In its fifth visit to coincide with an activity at the Lowell Area Arts Council related to Native was intended to bring in paintings by Bill Kubiak. the train's visit a reality. American culture.

The eclectic exhibit

Wall blends city and nature

exhibit on board is "Native area," said curator Gary mix of Native Americans executive director of the and others."

> features work by Indian and Process Center (FLPC) Artrain here in February. capturing images at pow area. "The call (for artists) retrospective exhibition of was set in motion to make abstract

By Dan Schneider

04-401-046.

The new wall that dedicated Monday. replaced the old swing set

along Riverwalk Plaza next mosaic tile. It's a project of artist-in-residence Mary

LOWELL CHARTER **TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF** together into a mosaic. **SPECIAL USE APPLICATION**

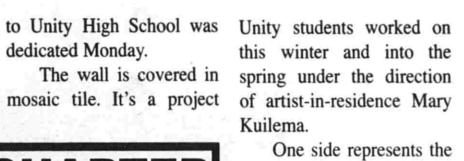
The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a special use permit from Quality Express LLC, to allow a car wash and oil change facility at 11729 Fulton Street SE, permanent parcel number 41-20-

The hearing will be held as follows: WHEN: MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2005 TIME: 7:00 P.M. WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER **TOWNSHIP HALL**

2910 Alden Nash Avenue SE Lowell, MI 49331

Information about the proposed project and a site plan are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or by calling 897-7600

Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township



Flat River and nature; the other side represents Unity High School and the city. Unity students made the tiles on the wall and put them

"Every student at Unity has either put a piece of their art on this wall or helped put it together," said Unity student April Polaski, during the dedication.

"These are the buildings we saw in the background when we were looking at it," Unity student Lenora representation of downtown Lowell on one facet of the

The other side shows blue tiles, fish and a turtle.

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Unity High School student Amanda Witherell (from left), teacher John Stempien, artist-in-residence Mary Kuilema, and students April Polaski and Lenora Gilbert with Gilbert said, pointing to the the mosaic wall they helped create along Riverwalk Plaza.

"We just wanted to put the city, there's also in the river," Gilbert said. high school itself. A lot of

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On the side depicting students did self-portraits which populate the red rectangle; teachers' portraits hover above.

"One of the things the river. students wanted on the mural was their school," Kuilema a source of pride for your

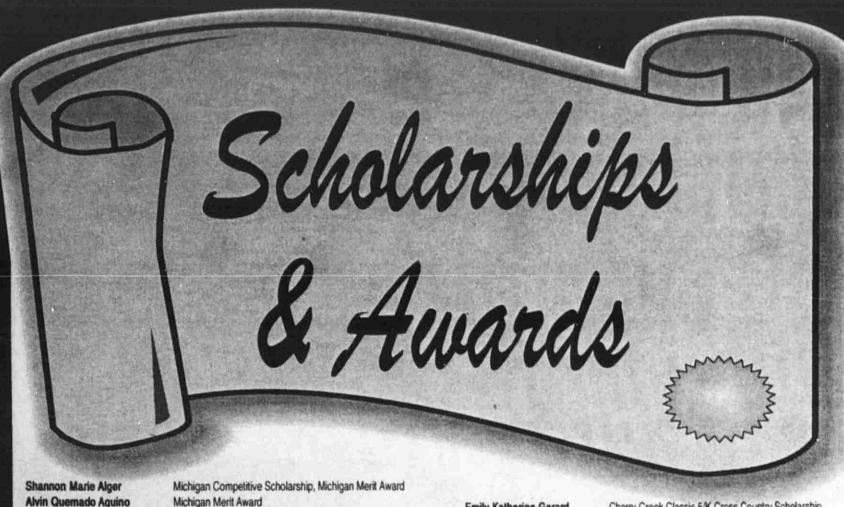
middle of the wall with the board of education president word "portal" set in tiles Nancy Hopkins, during the above it.

"My idea is it's a mostly what we thought was big representation of the passageway because high school is a passageway ... it's transitory," explained the artist-in-residence.

> The students' artwork is now a fixture alongside the

"It will continue to be school and your community," A door cuts through the said Lowell Area Schools dedication.





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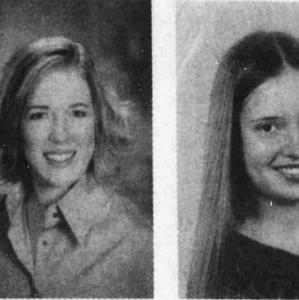
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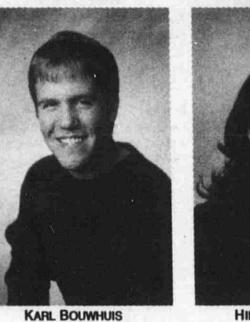
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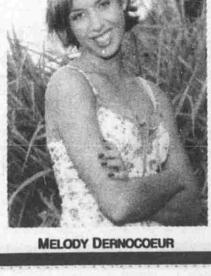




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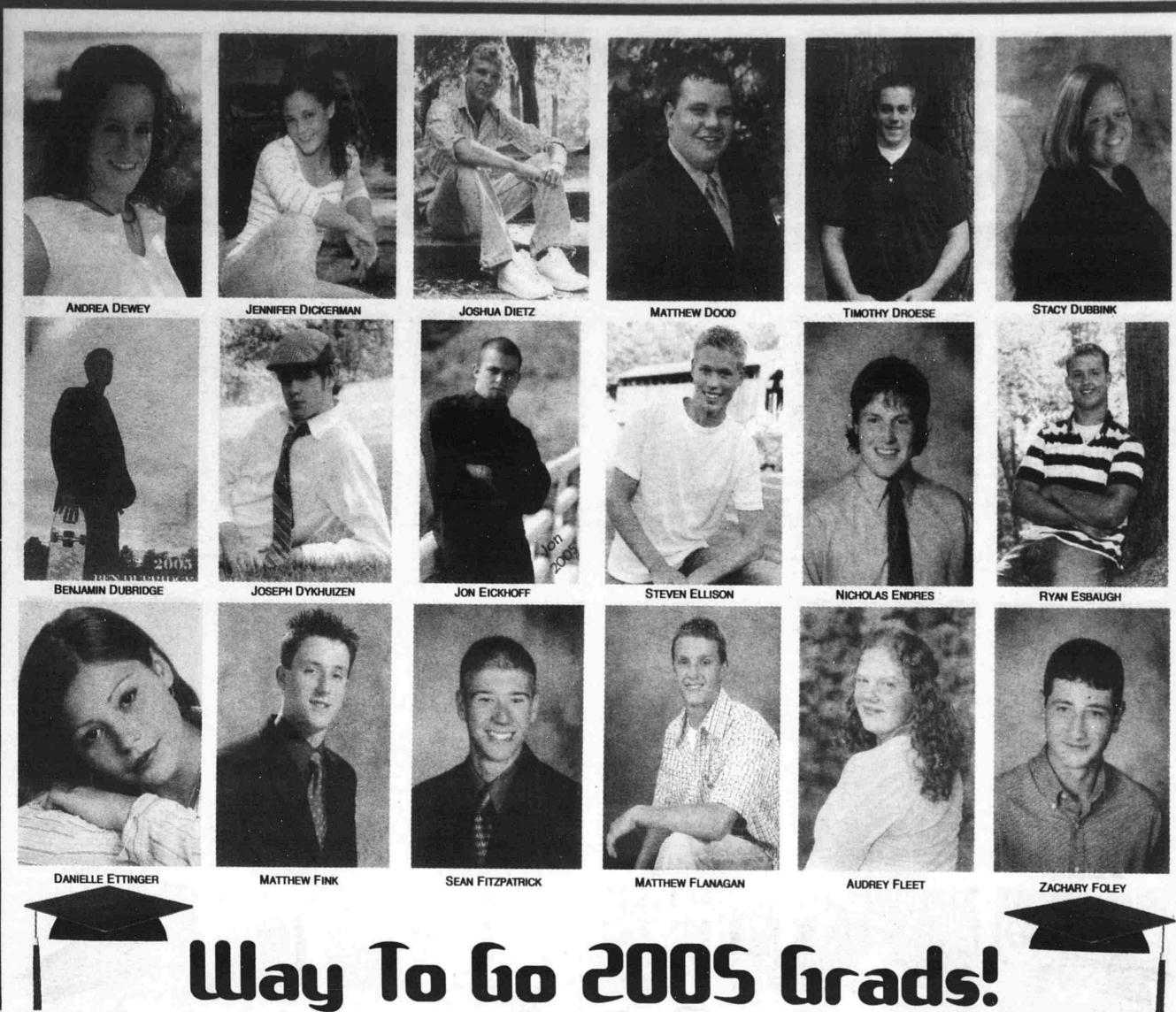
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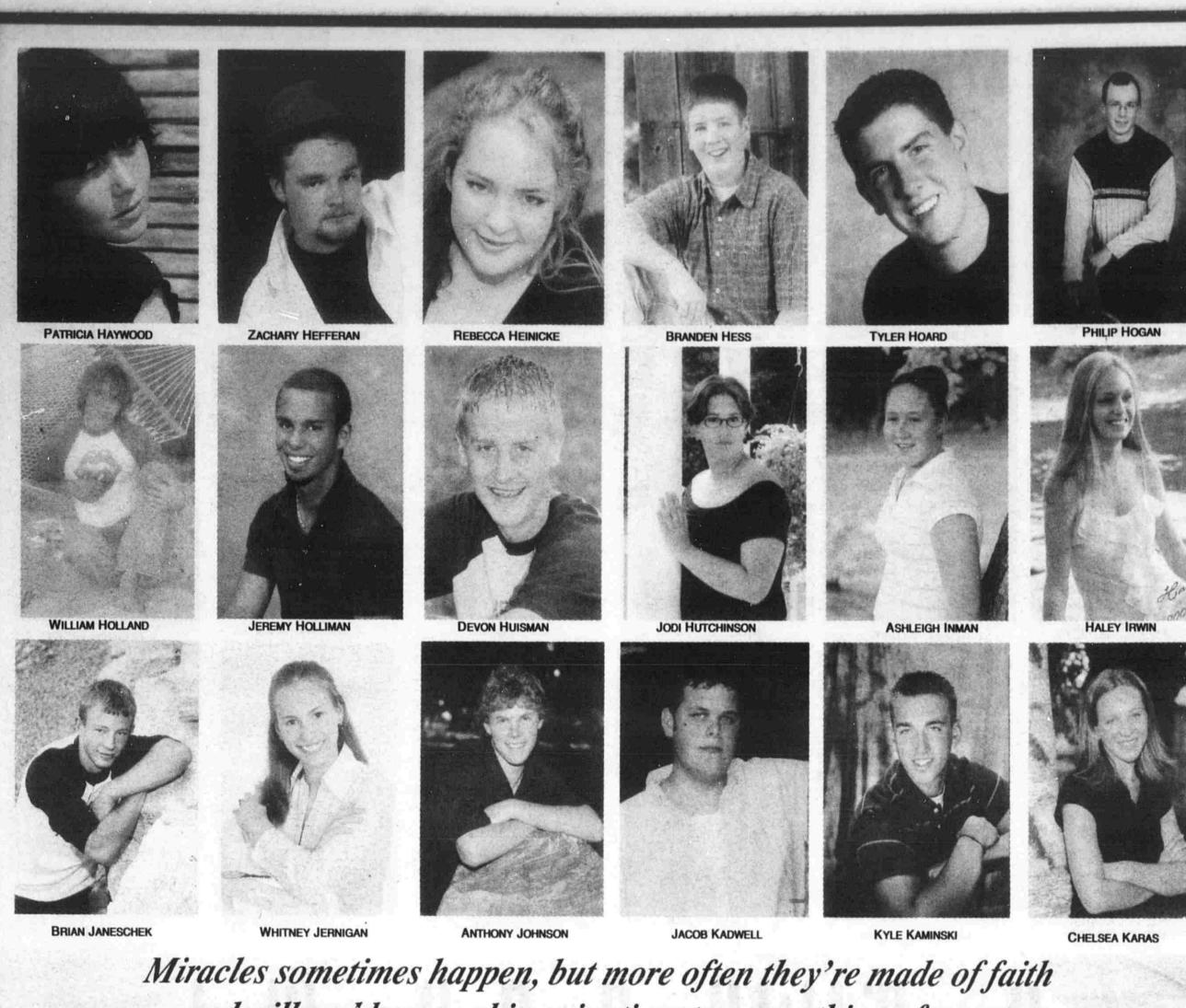
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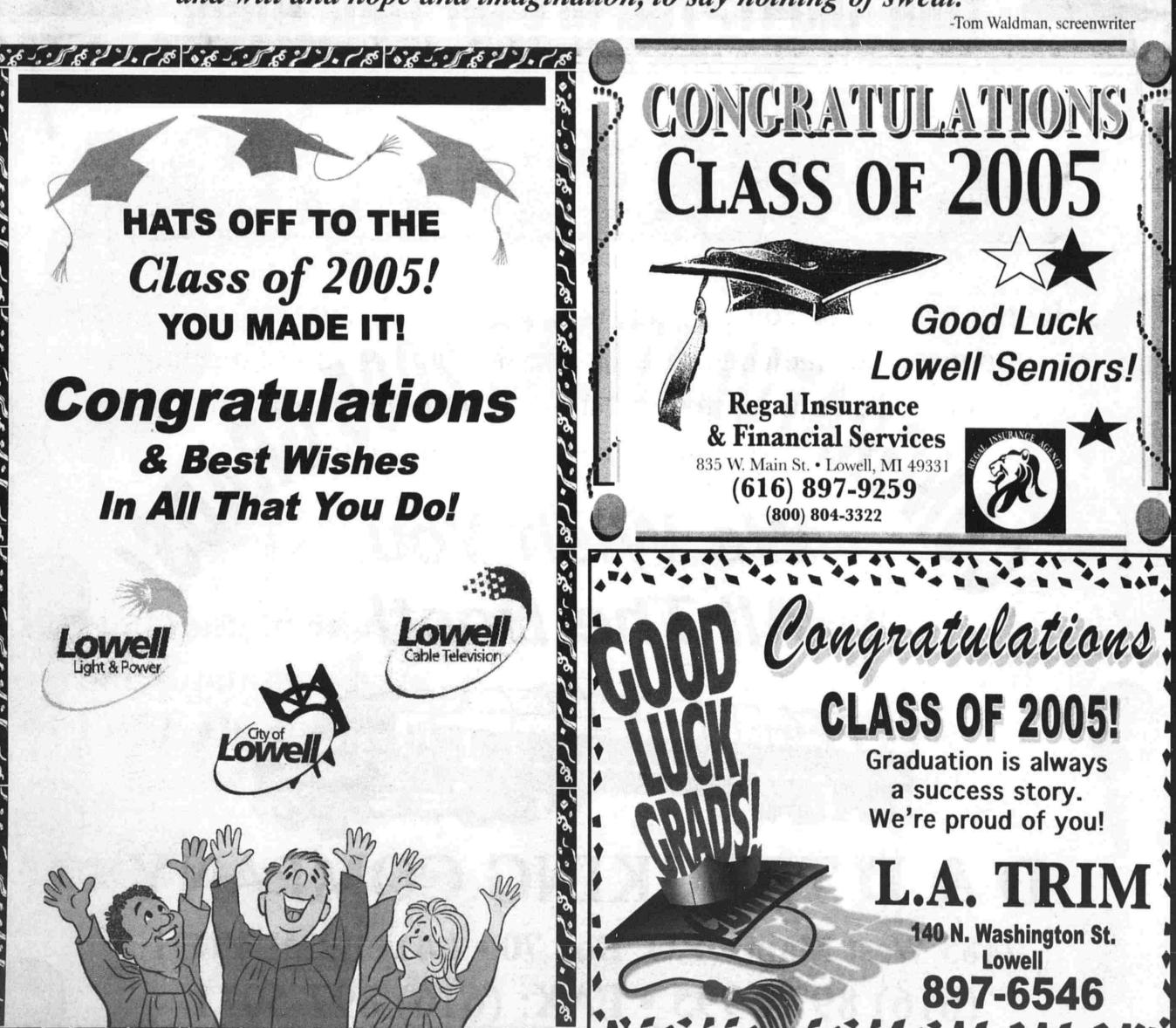


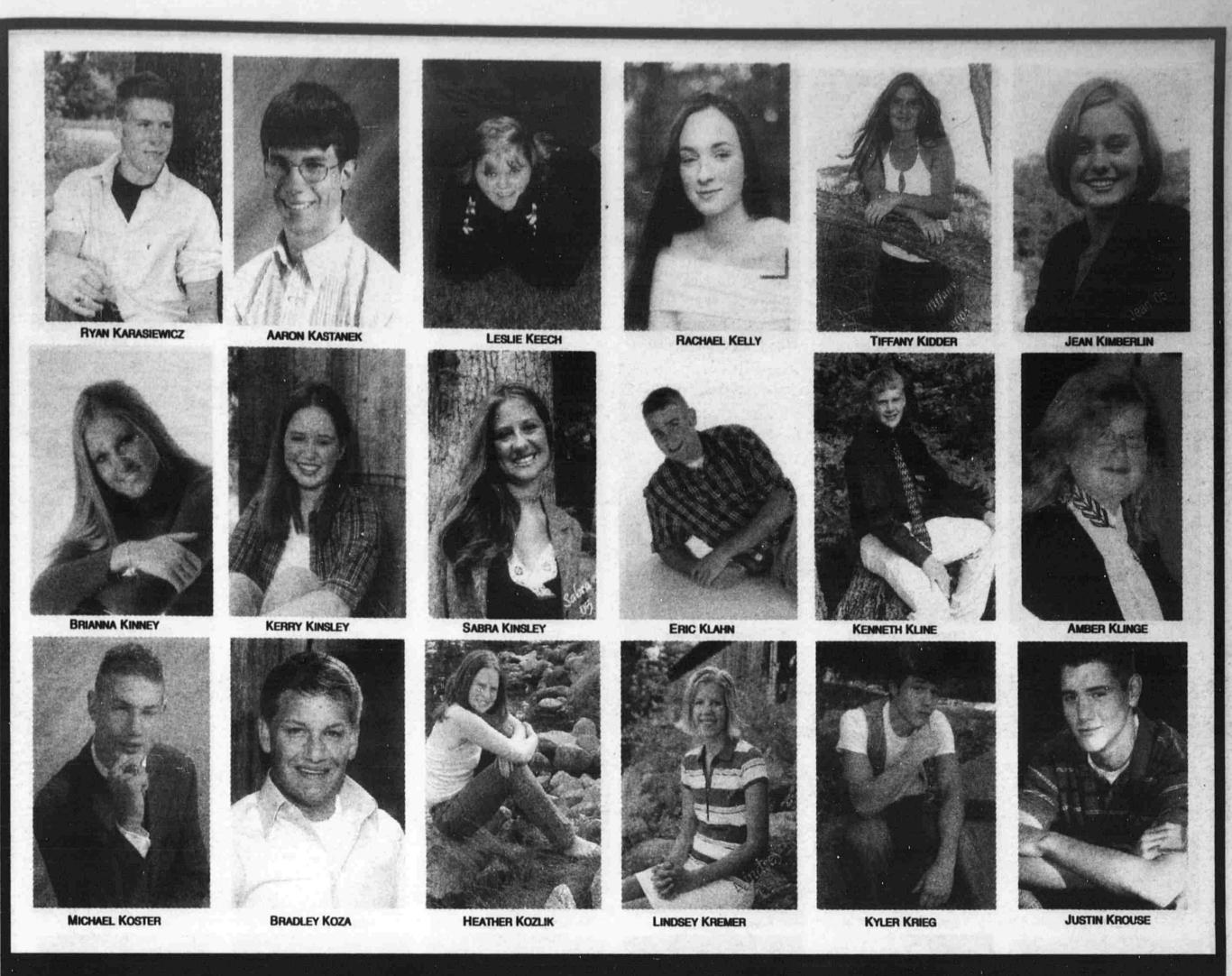
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and will and hope and imagination, to say nothing of sweat.





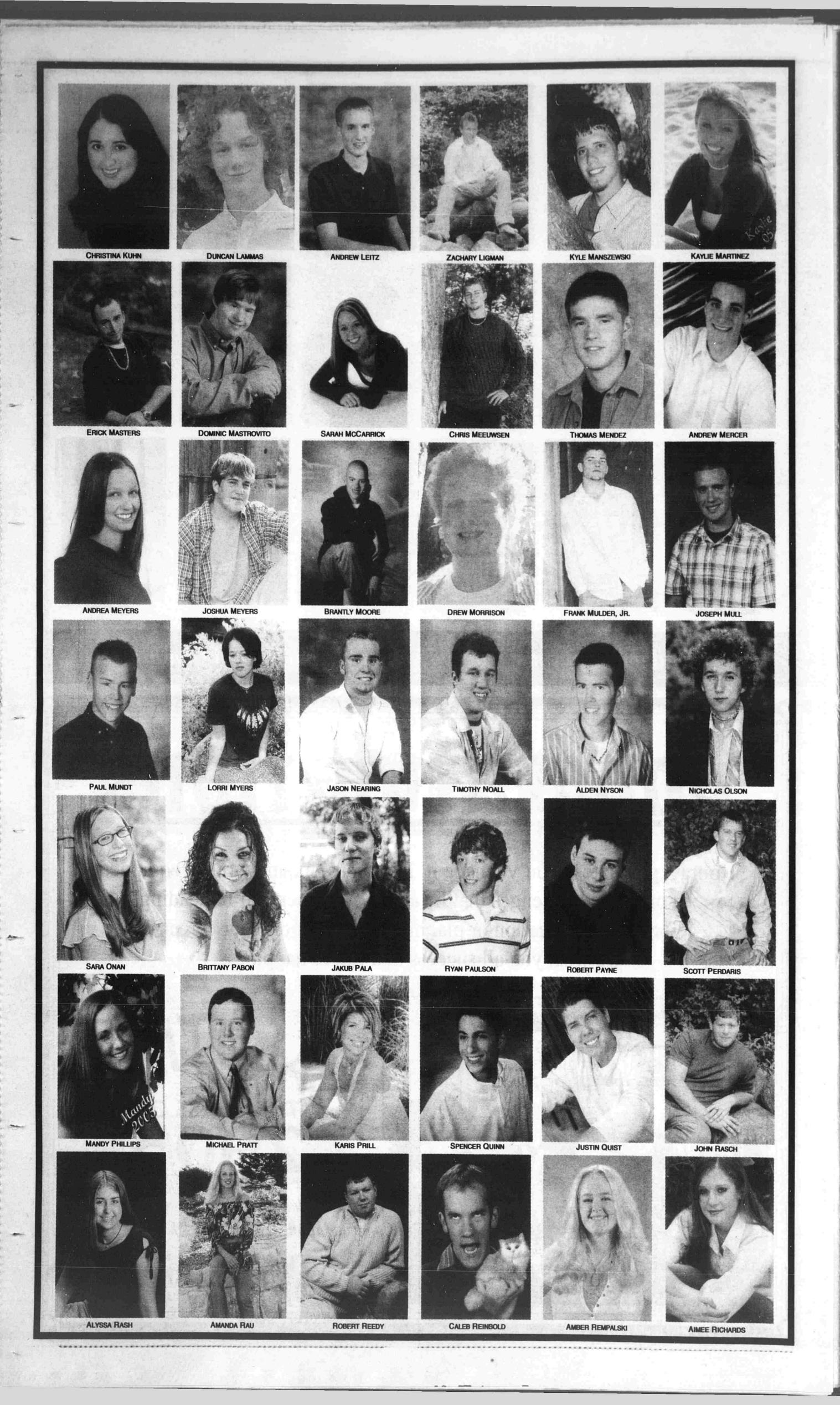
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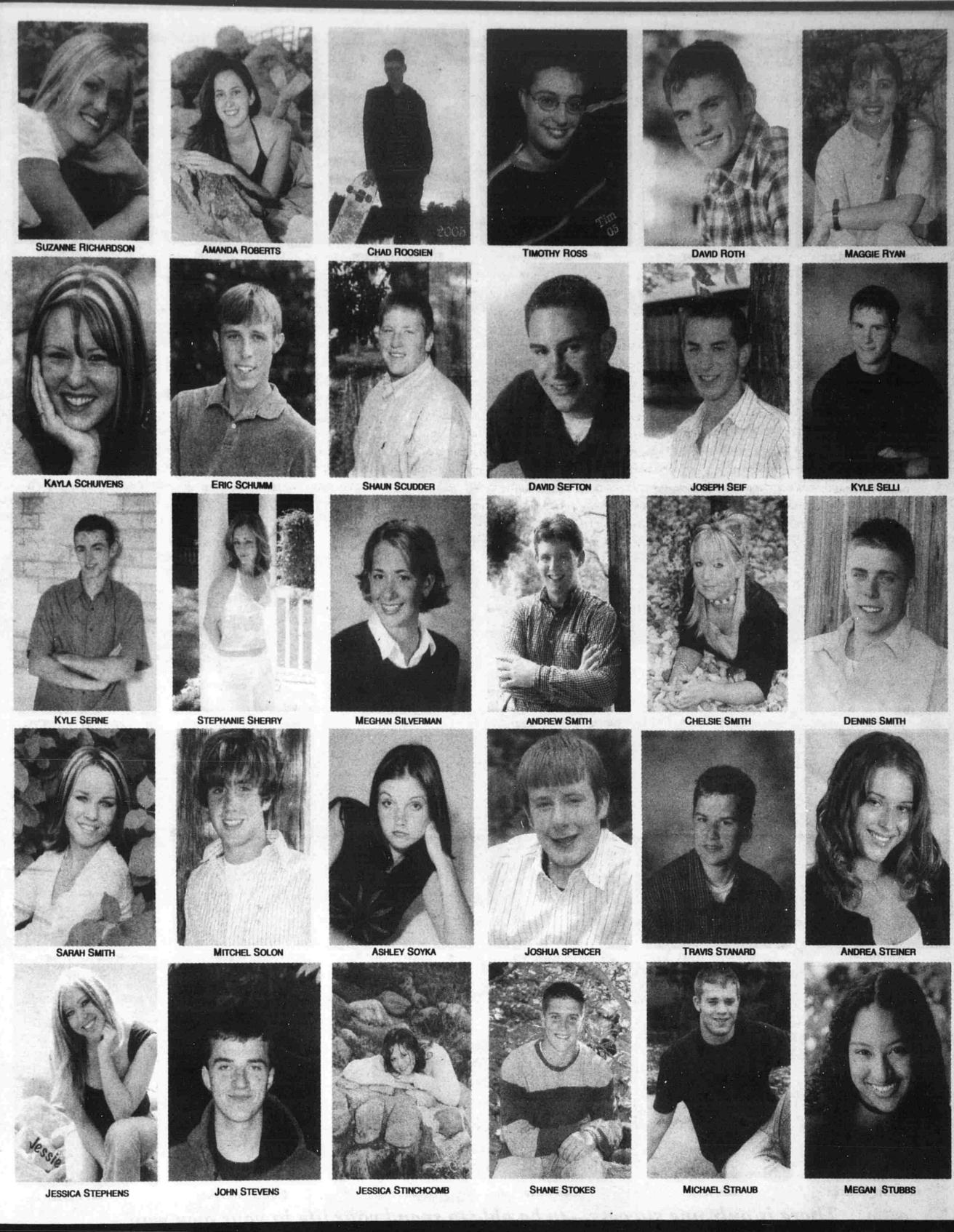
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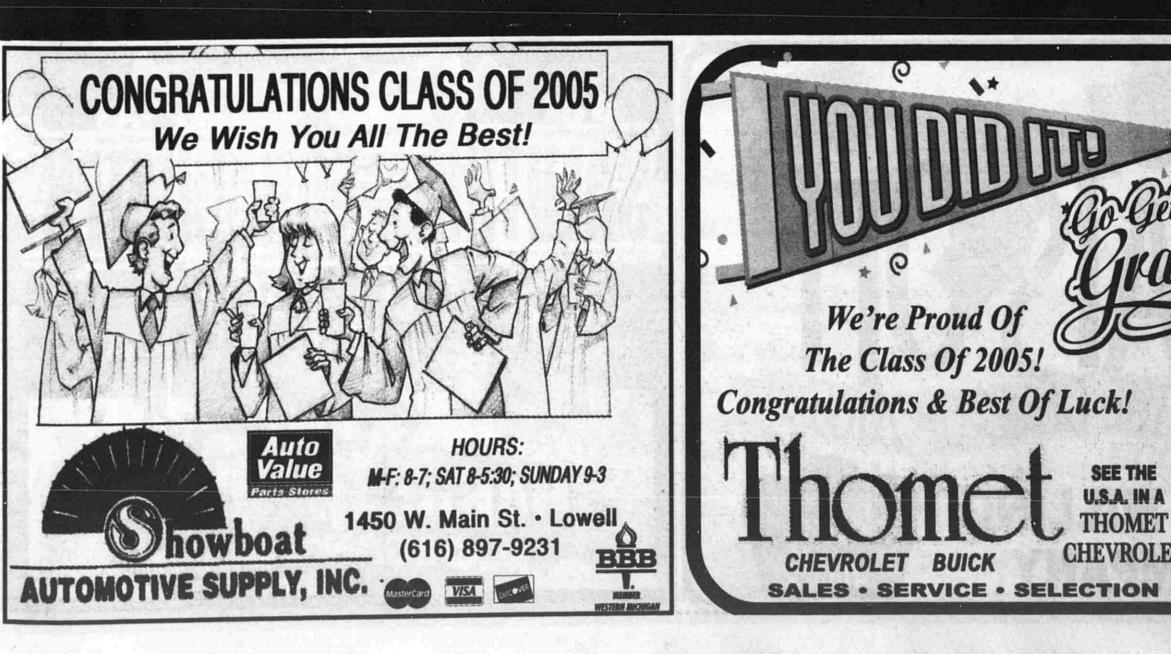
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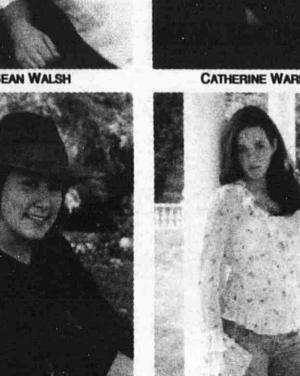
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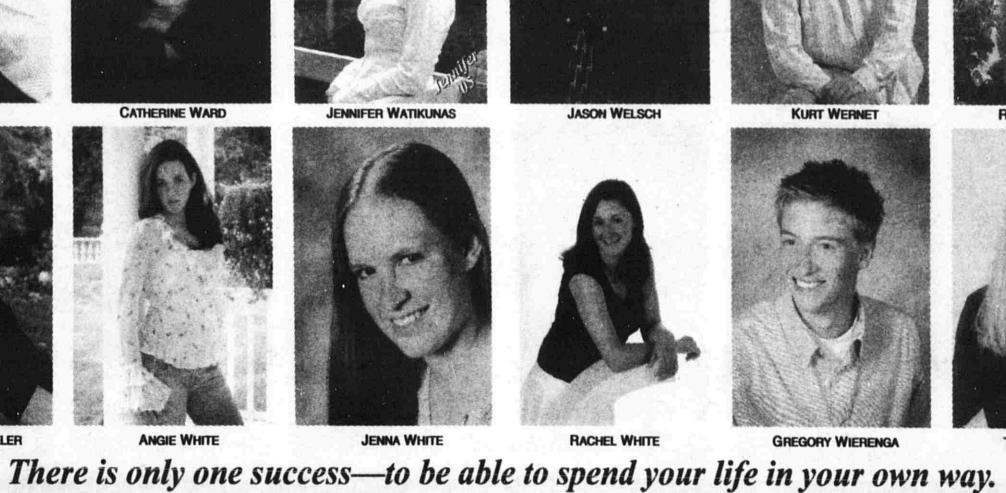
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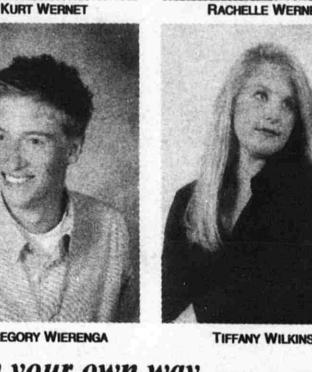
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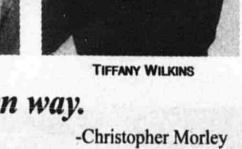




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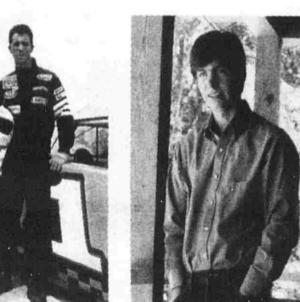
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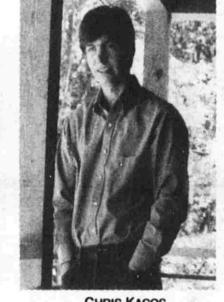
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of honesty and virtue lie

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• Jeff Moore

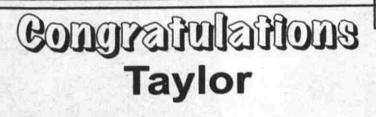
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Lowell/Caledonia Varsity Hockey Salutes our **Graduating Seniors** Mike Baron · Pat McMahon • Ted McCoy

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Graduation June 5th and Happy 18th Birthday, June 12th

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Dad, Mom and Ryan



-Plutarch (A.D. 46?-A.D. c. 120)



• Dave Sweeney



Best Wishes at Hope and may God Bless and Protect Mom, Dad & Zach



& Nikki

From one Marine to Another -We're proud of you Kyle! GOOD LUCK!

Dad, Deb & Jeremy Kaminski



SUMMA CUM LAUDE





ABIGAIL LEIGH DEBIAK (4.115) VALEDICTORIAN Abbie, the daughter of John and Cindy Debiak, will be attending Northern Michigan University in the fall. She is unsure of her area of study at this time. Extracurricular activities included soccer, cross country and Varsity



KEVIN THOMAS EGGEBEEN (4.107) SALUTATORIAN Kevin, the son of Kim and Diane Eggebeen, plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall and will be studying bio-chemistry and molecular biology. He would like to become a research Extracurricular included Outreach, International Club and Model UN.



GIRWARNAUTH Sam, the son of Andy and Kathleen Girwarnauth, will be attending Grand Valley State University in the fall to study genetics and molecular/cell biology. Activities in which he participated were Prayer Zone, Model UN and church.

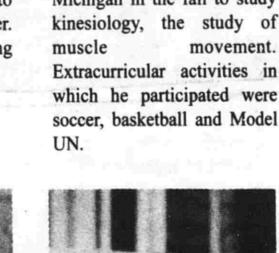


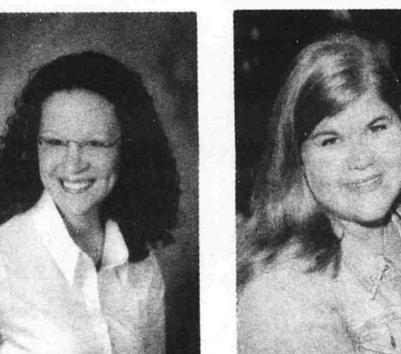
(4.038)Nick, the son of Martin and Leslie Myers, will attend Grand Valley State University to study biology. He plans to work as a medical researcher. Activities included marching band and pit band.



Kevin, the son of Dave and Barb Gillman, will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall to study kinesiology, the study of

KEVIN ANDREW GILLMAN





KATHERINE ANN SERNE TIFFANY TAYLOR (4.002)VENNEMAN Katie, the daughter of Patrick (4.010)and June Serne, will study Tiffany, the daughter of animal science at Michigan Leonard and Carol Venneman, State University in the fall. will be attending Grand Valley State University in the fall but She plans to become a veterinarian. Extracurricular is undecided on her area of activities included FFA. study at this time. Activities included marching band (drum Women's Club and band. major) and SADD (peer resistance team).



AMY JEAN OBERLIN Amy is the daughter of Mark and Lois Oberlin. She will attend Liberty University in the fall to study exercise science and fitness pro with plans of becoming a physical Extracurricular activities she participated in were soccer, basketball and

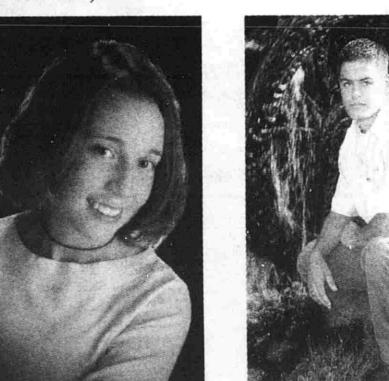


REBEKAH JEAN WOODS

Rebekah, the daughter of David and Jean Woods, has plans to minor in Spanish at Hope College in the fall but is undecided on her major area of study. Activities included cross country, track and field, and ice hockey.



ROYA MARIE ESHRAGH (3.969)Roya, the daughter of Shawn and Winnie Eshragh, will study foreign language at McGill University in the fall. Extracurricular activities in which she participated were Model UN, Yearbook and Jr. Rotary.



AMANDA SUE GUNBERG BRANDON BURTON LAWRENCE Mandi, the daughter of Jim and Sally Gunberg, will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall to study history. She plans to become

an archaeologist or historian/

archivist. Activities she

participated in were tennis,

golf and Model UN.



Brandon, the son of Burt and Deb Lawrence, will be attending Grand Rapids Community College in the fall to study exercise science. He hopes to become a personal Extracurricular

activities included varsity

tennis and Jazz band.



EMILY KATHERINE GERARD Emily is the daughter of John and Lori Gerard. She will be attending Taylor University in the fall to study biology and

hopes to become a physical therapist. Activities in which she participated were soccer, and cheerleading. cross country and student



JULIE ELIZABETH DUNN

Julie, the daughter of Rick and Kathy Dunn, will attend Michigan State University in the fall. She is undecided on her area of study at this time. Extracurricular activities included FFA, equestrian team



HEATHER LEE VANDERHEIDE (3.952)

Heather, the daughter of Mark and Tamara VanderHeide, will be attending Cornerstone University in the fall to study music. Activities she participated in were band and

Planting with wildlife in mind can be enjoyable and rewarding

By Vern Stephens, Wildlife Division

sudden burst of color from of the fragmenting effects landscaping project. spring flowers and welcome that you get with urban and the cool shade of rustling suburban development." leaves on a hot summer

blueberries and apples?

efficiency of your home, said, improve the environment and and attract a variety of stage in backyard habitat

Rose Lake in East Lansing of a good plan are: illustrates how you can your vard while providing area. valuable wildlife habitat "Providing wildlife habitat becomes increasingly important in the face of urban sprawl," your yard's current features

said Bruce Warren, wildlife including technician at the Private Lands Office. "Backyard Do you long for the habitats help reform some

the larger and more diverse food, water, cover and your senses the habitat, the more wildlife space. Trees, shrubs, vines, heightened by the sight of it can support. However, flowers and grasses all a butterfly hovering over it isn't necessary to have provide food and cover for mystery." bright flowers, the tune of a large amount of land in wildlife. Rock, brush and songbirds and the flavor of order to improve the habitat compost piles also provide quality of your yard. "Many valuable cover. Streams or All these delights are as landscaping projects can be ponds, rain gardens, rain close as your own backyard. confined to a small area, and dew provide the water By landscaping with native a butterfly or wildflower component. trees, shrubs, wildflowers garden for example, yet improve the habitat quality using an array of plant enhance the beauty of your of your yard and, indeed, yard, improve the energy your neighborhood," Warren vines, flowers and grasses.

most landscaping. Managing The demonstration site Michigan's Wildlife: A created by the Department Landowner's Guide on the of Natural Resources at DNR Web site is a good their Private Lands Office at starting point. The four steps

 List species of animals increase the enjoyment of and plants native to your

 Set objectives by deciding what species of wildlife you want to attract.

Identify and map

Cutting through service

per incident," he said. "If

you can be responsible for

an underground line can be

more than monetary. When

incidents like broken utility

Advice to homeowners

Homeowners

The costs for damaging

MISS DIG, cont'd. ... From Page 11

According to industry sources, an increasing lines can damage your percentage of dig-indamages wallet as well. According to come from landscaping Dave Savoy, a Consumers Most damage Energy claims manager, prevention experts agree dig-in incidents involving that part of the problem is their utility lines cause about the mistaken assumption \$750,000 worth of damage by many homeowners that every year. "A claim can run utility lines are buried far a couple thousand dollars below the surface.

"We are noticing a rise you're digging without first in the number of damages staking and hand-exposing, due to landscaping projects," Darryl Ellington, the cost of repairs." damage prevention process manager for DTE Energy. "Many people might think 'I'm not going that deep,' emergency response teams but they can misjudge very are occupied with avoidable

Michigan law requires lines, it can hamper their that an area be staked and ability to respond to other lines exposed by hand calls. before any digging with power equipment occurs. with landscape projects? The law applies to everyone, It's always better to be safe. from large construction Make the call to MISS DIG companies to homeowners. - it's free and it protects you

Cutting through service and others. lines can be dangerous. "It's not very hard to ignite that request free staking through gas - a metal shovel head MISSDIG by phoning 1-800hitting a rock can spark," 482-7171 or online at www. explained John Roberts, a missdig.org. Allow three damage prevention leader business days for staking for Consumers Energy. "All to be completed. The MISS new residential services DIG System is available now have plastic lines. If 24/7 for emergency and cut by accident, the static non-emergency requests. electricity in the plastic can also ignite the gas."

· Design the individual

When landscaping for wildlife, keepin mind the four According to Warren, basic habitat requirements:

types such as trees, shrubs,

and deciduous shrubs with perennial wildflowers, trees and shrubs of differing ages, or using plants of varying heights to create a stepped

"Avoid straight lines in your design," he said. "Clumps and curves add diversity, texture and

Consider bloom times of each species of plant to offer year-round color and nectar source. Trees and shrubs provide unparalleled habitat for wildlife. Conifers, such Plant diversity includes as spruce, cedar or pine, offer excellent cover for wintering songbirds.

Fall foods such as oaks, Structural diversity includes hickories, hazelnuts and Planning is the first such things as placing dogwoods are important important together plants of contrasting for migratory birds and

textures, like evergreen winter residents. In winter, of your yard to wildflowers that retain their fruit, such northern bayberry and highbush cranberry.

> trees and limbs for their chickadees and flickers will use cavities in old or dead trees," Warren said. "If you don't have an old or dead

> > Converting a portion food for wildlife.

wildlife use trees and shrubs and native grasses will reduce your mowing time, as crabapples, hawthorns, add beauty and diversity to your yard, as well as furnish food and cover for wildlife. Do not overlook dead Prairie grasses, or warm season grasses, grow rapidly songbirds, such as bluebirds, water and nutrients more

Perennial wildflowers require little maintenance, tree, consider installing nest no fertilizer or pesticide and boxes for specific species." provide excellent sources of

efficiently than typical lawn



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LOWELL LITHO **Buyers Guide**

The Lowell Ledger

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Hey guys, everyone that thinks you can park on the Jefferson St. side of Balls THINK AGAIN -notice the no parking sign. Trucks do have to go through.

Kudos to the Ledger on great color pictures from the Memorial Day parade! And so many pictures! Keep up the good work!

Keep the school pictures coming! It's nice to see the events going on in school. If your school isn't represented, go take a picture to the Ledger!

Congratulations on your retirement Carrie Pelon! We thought you had enough years in to get a school named after you! You've been a wonderful mother and teacher. - Love Heather Why don't parents make their kids write Thank You's for birthday presents anymore. My kids have been invited to countless birthdays and have gotten ONE thank you. Is etiquette dead?

I followed a bus through town. Not once did she use a turn signal. Is buying buses without turn signals part of a budget cut or something?

It's sad when someone welches on a bet with a blind woman. I guess it's back to standing on the corner selling pencils from a tin cup for me...

To the person(s) residing on the corner of N. Monroe and Grant: Thank you for cutting back the low hanging branches over your sidewalk. I noticed and appreciate it.

To the lady in the blue car throwing her garbage in the woods on 3 Mile Road, I hope someone uses your yard as a garbage dump.

Dick DeVos for Governor? It would be funny if it weren't so frightening. Enough of the lifestyles of the Rich and Clueless.

I'm one of those miserable, bored old women in Lowell that's gossiping. But if you didn't give us something to gossip about we wouldn't gossip.

Chivalry is not dead! Many thanks to Wayne, who came to the rescue of three women with a flat tire near his driveway. May God bless you!

Hey, self-centered buttheads...45 m.p.h. does NOT mean 75 m.p.h. Just thought you might need this clue. Chill out through the work zones!

Hey parents who smoke!!! Quit being so selfish and stop smoking around your kids. Put their needs ahead of yours!

Sport used to be clean fun. Look at it now spectators fighting with referees, throwing things, swearing, heavy drinking. Is that what your kids should watch?

I'd like to find out what the readers think. Should people be paying Social Security on everything they make under \$80,000 while people making over \$80,000 do not? -Chris Johnson

I'd like to know why they took the flowers and flags off the graves right away.

> What was all the beeping for over 12 hours on Sunday?



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GARAGE SALES

LIQUIDATION SALE Sat., June 11, 9-4 p.m TONY'S FLEA MARKET STUFF, no clothes. 3105 Alden Nash SE, across from VFW Hall

YARD SALE June 11, 12 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 9855 Potters Rd., Lowell.

GARAGE SALE Sat., June 11, 9-3 p.m. 707 Foreman. Computer, printer, TV, radio/CD, microwaves, dishes, tools clothes, toys & many other

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES Rolling Creek Dr. off Grindle

Take James St. to Grindle. urn right, 2 miles back on the left. Tons of kids stuff!

GARAGE SALE Thurs., June 9 & Fri., June 10, 9-6 p.m. 13534 Forest River Dr. Take Lincoln Lake Vergennes to Flat River Dr.

BIG SALE June 9, 10 & 11, 9-? Lot 120 Key Heights. Ball cards. glassware & plus size

1 DAY ONLY! Sat., June 11, 9-3 p.m. Coffee w/2 matching end tables, baker's rack, child's desk w/hutch, storage bench. area rugs, artwork & pictures, king size wrought iron 4 post bed, bar stools & more. 1300 Boynton Hills, off Bennett.

COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALES

Key Heights, June 10 & 11 Variety of items. 1/4 mile W. of Meijer on M-21.

MULTI-FAMILY SALE June 10 & 11, 8 a.m. - ? New Pampered Chef items, kids clothes, like new toys, misc. household, lots of great items! 13452 Forest River Ct. (Vergennes & Flat River

GRATTAN TWP 1/2 mi. S. of M-44 at 6124 Lincoln Lake Ave. Garage Sale - June 9, 10 & 11, 8-5 p.m.

YARD SALE June 9, 730 East Main St. Toys, some furniture, bug light, crafts, bathchair, some collectibles, clothing & much

GARAGE SALE Fri., June 10, 9-? Lots & lots of good stuff, 10660 Bailey,

GARAGE SALE June 9 & 10, 9-5, 7163 Bronson St., Ada. Adult clothing, numerous household items and miscellaneous.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE

Something for everyone! 6/10 & 6/11, 8:30 - 4 p.m. 11030 36th St. SE, Lowell.

GARAGE SALE June 10 & 11, 9-5 p.m. Lots of children's clothes (boys & girls), toys, household items, 13950 84th St., Alto.

GARAGE SALE

210 Marsac, Lowell, Military stuff, tools, antiques, pellet pistols, WWI rifle, coins, rings, marbles.

HUGE GARAGE SALE Bows, hunting supplies, tools, glass & dishware, antiques, books, kitchen items, furniture, toys, computers, too many items to list. Thurs., June 9, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (no early sales) 13495 Crestwood (off N. Washington & past the cemetery.)

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Sayles.

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF five year. SPECIAL USE APPLICATION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a special use permit from Faulk & Foster to place an antenna onto an existing communication tower at 4283 Timpson Road for the purpose of cellular phone transmission. The request will not change the height of the existing tower or expand the area currently being used by the tower and supporting equipment. The permanent parcel number for the land at 4283 Timpson Road is 41-20-20-400-003 and the permanent parcel number for the tower parcel is 41-20-20-400-601.

The hearing will be held as follows: WHEN: MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2005 TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL 2910 Alden Nash Avenue SE Lowell, MI 49331

Information about the proposed project and a site plan are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or by calling 897-7600.

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

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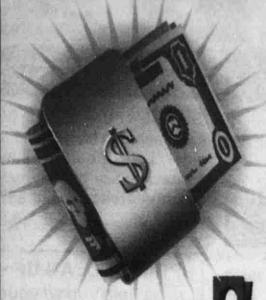
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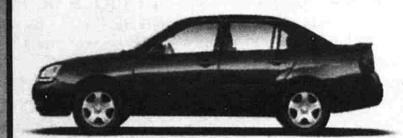
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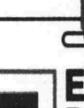
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