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Coldwater's mayor spends the day discovering Lowell

By Dan Schneider

between the two.

or this year's Mayor Exchange Day, Lowell traded mayors with the city of Coldwater. Mayor Gene Wallace and representatives from that city in south-central Michigan were greeted at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning. They proceeded to tour local businesses including Litehouse, Inc., and Superior Furniture. They also toured municipal buildings such as Lowell Light and Power and the water treatment plant. Most of the day was spent touring the town, during which time representatives from both cities talked about the similarities and differences

Coldwater is a town of about 10,800. Its major employers are a Walmart distribution center, three mediumsecurity state prisons, a hospital and its public school system. Coldwater is the county seat of Branch County. Surrounded by the county's 101 lakes, the town draws a large number of tourists during the summer. It also has significant Spanish- and Arabic-speaking populations.

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Front row, left to right: Coldwater mayor Gene Wallace; Coldwater city councilmember Mitch Rice, Candy Rice; Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale; and Lowell city councilmember Jeanne Shores; back row: Coldwater city councilmember Bob Huntley; Sharon Wallace; Coldwater city councilmember Don Shemel; and Coldwater city manager Bill Steven in front of the gallon-size packaging line at Litehouse, Inc., during a tour for Mayor Exchange Day.

Fairgrounds come alive with bluegrass music over the weekend



Schlitz Creek performs Saturday afternoon during the Mayfest Bluegrass festival.

By Dan Schneider

ith the sound banjos, mandolins and stand-up basses, the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association's 11th annual Mayfest hit the Lowell Fairgrounds over the songs. weekend.

There was music on the stage and also everywhere else ... among the campers in the parking lot, in the horse barns and in the King Memorial Youth Center, pickers string were

Even Lowell mayor Chuck Myers got in on the action. After welcoming the bluegrass fans gathered under the stage tent behind the Reeth Barn, he opened up a small suitcase of congregating and playing harmonicas. He proceeded to play some of what he There were The Chapmans,

called "bluesgrass" with members of the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association (WMBMA) board.

Then it was an afternoon of bluegrass, spilling into an evening of bluegrass.

the headline group, who played bluegrass in a real polished style. And there was Schlitz Creek, who had the style of true-grit hillbillies with their bib overalls and between-song banter.

They got started in a barn near Kalamazoo, with a bunch of guys playing just for fun.

"We said, 'Hey, we can take this jammin' out to the bars and make some money with it," standup bassist Nick Griffith said, sitting around a campfire Saturday afternoon, outside

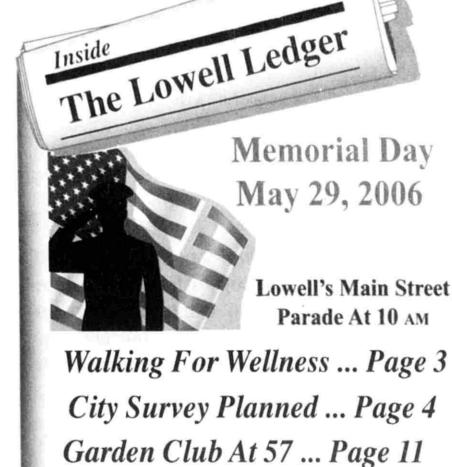
their motorhome near the football field.

Griffith has been familiar with bluegrass music since he was young.

"My dad played when I was growing up, so we were always going to these festivals," he said.

Schlitz Creek guitarist Dave Dekema had a sort of conversion to bluegrass after meeting Dekema and banjo-player Nick Deaton. What inspired him about bluegrass was the expansive repertoire.

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RV Park Possibilities ... Page 13



BOEHM

Sister Margaret Boehm. FSE, aged 87, a Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist, died Tuesday, May 16, 2006, in Lowell. She was the Eucharist, and the Lowell, David (Rhonda) in Halder, Wisconsin, to Eucharist; two brothers Henry and Mary Boehm. As Jerome, Gregory; several a young adult she entered nieces, nephews, grandthe Franciscan Sisters of nieces and grand-nephews. Perpetual Adoration, La She was preceded in death Crosse, Wisconsin. She by her parents, brothers Phil, made her first profession of Francis, Bernard; sisters chastity and obedience

place on May 23 at the as a consecrated religious of Christian Burial is being member of the Franciscan the Franciscan Life Process Sisters of the Eucharist; Center followed by burial in she lived in Lowell for the the Franciscan Cemetery. past two months. Sister Margaret specialized in food service management. She was the inspiration Barbara Jean Carey, aged behind the Franciscan 70, of Lowell, passed away Sisters of the Eucharist's May 20, 2006. She was publication of Franciscan preceded in death by her

Heritage Cookbook. She is husband Richard Carey. She survived by her Community, is survived by her children the Franciscan Sisters of Ernest (Gail) Blanchard of

religious vows of poverty, Sister Maria, FSPA, Sister



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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regularly scheduled meeting of May 15, 2006, the Lowell Charter Township Board adopted Ordinance 05-2006, an amendment to the Lowell Charter Zoning Ordinance. The amending ordinance amends Section 4.3.2, Landscaping. The ordinance requires specific landscaping requirements for greenbelts between residential and nonresidential uses; requires replacement of dead plantings; requires front yard and parking lot landscaping for non-residential uses; stipulates standards for berms and fences used for screening of non-residential uses; and allows the Planning Commission to modify the landscaping requirements according to certain criteria. These landscape regulations do not apply to single and twofamily dwellings.

This ordinance shall become effective May 31, 2006. A copy of the complete text of the amending ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, during regular Township hours or by calling 897-7600.

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

Ann, FSE, and Veronica

CAREY

7-9 p.m.

of Lowell, passed away May aged 80, of Belding, passed Oakwood Cemetery, Rev. a member of St. Joseph Paul Krupinski from Trinity Catholic Church in Belding. Lutheran Church officiating. She was married on Feb. Memorial contributions 3, 1951, in Greenville to may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 1260 Ekhart NE, preceded her in 1993, also

ELDREDGE

GRAY born on January 13, 1919, Franciscan Brothers of the Carey of Big Bay, Melissa Helen K. Gray, aged 72, survived by her children Carey of Lowell; brothers of Alto, passed away on and their spouses, Michele Susan Cole. She is survived Russell (Edith) Bailey, Monday, May 15, 2006. and Ricardo Hernandez by her sons Patrick, Dale, Robert Bailey; sisters Emma She was preceded in death of Grand Rapids, Gregg Tom; grandchildren; great-McKeller, Nancy Coerter; by her husband Harry. She Middleton of Belding, is survived by her children Lisa Bouwhuis of Grand five grandchildren; many Michael, Patrick, Daniel Rapids, Colin Middleton Funeral service was held nieces and nephews. The funeral service will be held (Sue); grandchildren Adam, of Belding, Celia Larsen of Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Wednesday at the Roth-Gerst Sara, Korin; sisters Martha, Belding, Jeanine Middleton Chapel, Lowell, Rev. Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Mary; brother Jim. Memorial of Grand Rapids, Beth and Randy Meyers of Calvary Lowell, Pastor Wayne Haines visitation was held Sunday Gray Annabel of Wayland; Christian Reformed Church of the First Baptist Church of at the Matthysse-Kuiper- grandchildren and great-Lowell officiating. Interment DeGraaf Funeral Home grandchildren; brothers Burdell Township Cemetery, Cemetery, in Caledonia, Memorial and sisters Gertrude Irwin Tustin, MI. Memorials may Visitation Tuesday 2-4 and contributions may be made of Allendale, Rita Gilbert be made to Laurels of Kent to a Hospice organization of Harbor Springs, Minnie or Hospice of Michigan. one's choice.

Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

MIDDLETON Kellogg of Lowell, Inabo Stanley Eldredge, aged 85, Margaret L. Middleton, Reblin of Farwell, Daniel Smith of Utah, Celia one Franciscan Brother of 17, 2006. He was preceded away May 15, 2006 at Wheeler of Grand Rapids, in death by his brother-in- Spectrum Health United Ursula Beecham of Largo. law Dr. Clifford Tengelsen. Memorial United Campus Florida, Mary Anne Libby Annunciation Chapel of Stanley is survived by his in Greenville. Margaret was of Rockford, Allen Smith profession in 1944. Sister the Franciscan Life Process wife of 47 years, Karin; born on March 21, 1926, of Howard City. Funeral Margaret enjoyed 68 years Center, Lowell. The Mass sister-in-law Joan Tengelsen in Missaukee County, the services were held Thursday of Lowell; nieces Dr. Leslie daughter of Ralph L. and at St. Joseph Catholic woman. She was a founding held at 10 a.m. on May 24 at Tengelsen of Boise, ID, Jana Beatrice Nicholls Smith. Church, Belding, with M. Tengelsen of Littleton, Following graduation from Deacon Howard Scheid CO. Mr. Eldredge was a high school, Margaret presiding. Interment in St. veteran of WWII and served attended Michigan State Joseph Cemetery. Memorial in the U.S. Army. Graveside University majoring in contributions may be given services were held at home economics. She was to the ALS Association Gerard W. Middleton and he preceded by her parents, son Shawn and brother

STURDAVANT Eleanor Bertha Sturdavant. aged 87, of Lowell, passed away May 20, 2006. She was preceded in death by her husband Dale and daughter

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City of Lowell Water Department

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COMMISSION SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

Saturday June 10 July 15 Saturday Saturday August 12 Saturday September 9 Creekside Park Recreation Park Stoney Lakeside Park Richards Park

All meetings start at 8:30 a.m. The public is invited as the Commission reviews the conditions of each park and considers possible improvements to each.



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Ralph "Jay" Smith. She is

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 06-181,476-DE Grand Rapids, Michigan

Estate of **GLEN DON HERBLET** deceased Date of birth 01/25//1917

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The decedent, GLEN P21618 DON HERBLET, who 311 E. Main lived at 1000 Lincoln Lowell, MI 49331 Lake Ave., Lowell, MI, 897-5931 died 04/02/2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless

May 22, 2006 NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Michael J. Tummino Jr.

> Michael G. Herblet 8365 Spruce Ave. Newaygo, MI 49337

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Community walking challenge about to start

By Dan Schneider

the challenge. "A hundred and includes a handbook miles in 100 days is kind of and T-shirt. a baseline goal, but if you Community director Patty Sellner said.

By Dan Schneider

performers.

By Emma Palova

Contributing Writer

Organizers of this

year's Riverwalk Festival

in Lowell are taking a new

Lowell Community of four, though smaller for door prize drawings. com. Wellness's second annual team sizes are perfectly The book also lists physical The event encourages Lowell Area Chamber of people to incorporate Commerce and Senior walking and other physical Neighbors. The cost is \$10 activity into their daily lives per person, with a portion of to receive T-shirts is June per day for the 100 days of River Outreach Ministries,

The handbook contains want to, you can challenge a series of tickets on which yourself to do 200 miles, 300 participants log their weekly miles, 500 miles," Lowell miles. These are turned in Wellness at the YMCA, the Lowell

performers at this year's festival

Instead of scheduling a

"It's going to be a Plaza, the festival committee players, barbershop quartets,

The five-year city capi- side Park for \$6,500, pav- ing lot, upgrade existing

tal improvement plan (CIP) ing of parking lots on the hangars, install rotating bea-

ties, streets, water, parks and Park for \$9,300 and sprin- the purchase of additional

lowing improvements at the include tennis courts, an ice ell Planning Commission

city parks to be approved skating park, a future park at for consideration at the June

Projects at the airport

A single-vehicle ac- into a large tree. Long skid Department. Through in

cident Friday morning in marks at the accident site, formation the department

Lowell Township took the coupled with the extensive obtained from the man's wife

life of a man from Gowen. vehicle damage, indicate the and employer, Niedzwiecki

was driving on Morse Lake rate of speed, according to the time of the accident.

Justin Niedzwiecki, 25, car was traveling at a high was running late for work at

Gowen man dies in Morse Lake Ave. accident

the airport. The preliminary kling at Richards Park for property to the north.

by the parks and recreation the Unity High site and dug-meeting.

the main stage on Riverwalk

Riverwalk welcomes street

Gordon Gould.

plan highlights city projects

Capital improvement

outlines projects for facili- east side of Stoney Lakeside

commission: Gravel to boat outs at Creekside Park.

2006/2011 CIP based on last \$10,600.

year's plan proposes the fol-

launch at the Stoney Lake-

at about 6 a.m. Police found

www.GQTI.com

direction with its afternoon slate of acts to perform on acoustic," Gould said.

couraged to sign up in teams or Pep Talk each Monday site, www.lowellschools. walk extensively.

The sign-up deadline town. modified at Pep Talk to for them," Sellner said.

available through a link on Wellness at 340-7781.

little different approach to is seeking street performers jug bands, string quartets,

"It's going to be mostly

That can include guitar

cons, additional hangars and

A final draft of CIP will

Improvement plan,

cont'd., pg. 4

around the festival.

the entertainment," said to entertain on the street

entertainment coordinator at various locations in and

side Park for \$1,440, one include to grade, gravel and

pavilion at the Stoney Lake- asphalt main road and park-

Other future projects be brought before the Low-

Participants are en- Chamber, Senior Neighbors the Lowell Area Schools web

Sellner said businesses 100 Miles in 100 Days acceptable. Registration activities such as swimming are encouraged to field walking challenge will kick packets are available at or gardening and their fitness teams. In the past, Lowell the Lowell YMCA, the equivalents to walking miles Community Wellness has for people who are unable to inspired healthy competition among the businesses in

"The thing with the by walking at least one mile the proceeds benefiting Flat 15. Participants with higher businesses is they're so walking goals than 100 competitive, so we're miles can have their shirts working on special prizes

> A set of maps detailing about the walking challenge, local walking routes is contact Lowell Community

For more information

miniature gospel choirs

not limited to musicians.

Magicians, balloon sculptors

and fire-eaters may also fit

the bill, though the latter

asked to provide their

services on a volunteer basis

but, performers can put out

the crowd as they entertain

main stage entertainment

during Riverwalk Festival.

but it will be limited to the

should contact the Lowell

Area Chamber of Commerce

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PERENNIAL FUNDRAISER

Anyone wishing to donate plants can drop them off at 520 N. Monroe or call Karen, 897-7808. All proceeds benefit Cherry Creek Elementary.

100 MILES IN 100 DAYS

The Lowell Community Wellness "Community Walking Challenge" starts May 29 so form your teams now. \$10/ person; portion of proceeds benefit FROM. Register at chamber of commerce, Senior Neighbors and YMCA. Ends Sept. 5.

LHS PHYSICALS

Free athletic physicals for next year's 10th - 12th graders: Girls Tuesday, May 30, boys Tuesday, June 6; 6:30 - 8 p.m. in high school locker rooms. Bring your completed physical form signed by your parent.

LMS PHYSICALS

Lowell Middle School sports physicals are June 7 in the middle school locker rooms, 6-7:30 p.m. \$10 - cash and other such acts; it is only. Call 987-2800 w/questions.

ART EXHIBIT

Local artists' watercolor/mixed media paintings will be on display at Huntington Bank, 414 E. Main, through would likely not be allowed June 7.

PARADE ENTRIES NEEDED

Sign up for the parade held during the July 8 Riverwalk Festival. Call Liz at 897-9161.

a hat or guitar case to seek APPLICATIONS- CHRISTMAS THRU LOWELL quarters/dollars/etc., from Deadline is June 1 for Christmas Through Lowell

(Nov. 17-19) new applicants. Applications are available at the Chamber of Commerce: email info@lowellchamber. There will still be org; fax 897-9101 or phone 897-9161.

FREE FOOD COMMODITIES

Distribution of food commodities is Thursday, June 1, 9-5 p.m. at Lowell Moose Recreational Bldg., 1320 E. Main. Bring your own bags.

TRAIL CLEANUP DAY

The Lowell Area Trailway will be hosting a cleanup day, clearing a path arouth the pond at Cherry Creek Elementary, on Saturday, June 3, 8 a.m. - noon. Call Mari at 897-5671 for more info.

CLASS OF 1986 REUNION

Check out www.lowellmi.net or call Michele at 866-7276 for more information on their 20th reunion Aug. 19.

LOWELL CABLE TV PRESENTS ...

The Lowell Area Historical Museum's "Lowell's Forgotten Pioneer, Morgan Lyon," airing on channel 20 on Wednesday, May 24 at noon; Thursday, May 25 at 6 p.m.; Friday, May 26 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 27 at 10 a.m.



THANK YOU! to all of you who helped us collect food and money

during our special drive in March and April. A very special thank you to the schools who held food drives!

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Life's Good at Tyler Creek

Planning commission hammers out details for community survey

By Emma Palova Contributing Writer

The 2006 Lowell community survey examine residents' attitudes projects such as a dog friendly park, a skate park, an RV park, an indoor swimming pool and increased zoning enforcement.

The Lowell Planning Commission inched toward \$20,000 for the planners the final version of a to update the master plan after the 1994 survey as part of a master plan update on Monday.

However, the method of distribution of the survey remains yet to be decided with the whole update process still on schedule for September return of surveys. The commission retained would include door-to-door the majority of questions from the 1994 survey, while cost prohibitive. adding the park questions.

"There is a value in to see attitudes have changed," said planner Jim Breuckman of McKenna Associates. "It's a valuable exercise."

issue of who is going to be tax information. According surveyed: taxpayers only or to Breuckman, a 10 percent renters as well. Commission distribution could result in member Mark Mundt said a one percent response. surveyed. He also suggested

tapping into donations cross section," said city theRiverwalk/Amphitheater 1994 has changed, but it from the community funds to offset the costs of the

Breuckman renters are spending dollars the majority of commission homeowners, and should be included in the survey. The results, however, could be tabulated separately for homeowners. The city has budgeted

community survey modeled including the community The sampling of the survey. Some Breuckman said a fully were in favor of a scientific sample to get a statistically determined, however, that

> "The easiest is random sampling," said Breuckman, "as long as every person has the same chance of being

This could be as simple person out of the phone Under fire came the book or using assessing or Teelander.

method said remained unclear, although members leaned toward sending out the questionnaire with a utility bill to save

manager Dave Pasquale.

"It's cost effective if of the showboat. mailed with a utility bill. said Pasquale.

Garland Berry suggested posting the survey on the city the showboat's role since Other questions will touch web site or other electronic commission venues in addition to a members questioned the written format. However, interactive survey online would cost \$6,000. Still the significant response. It was response would most likely remain low at two percent, scientific sampling which said Breuckman.

According to Mundt, the questioning would be too city should take advantage of the survey for as many purposes as necessary, include questions about volunteerism. Those surveyed should not be required to sign their name.

"Do you volunteer, and as picking every 12th if not, why not?" asked commission member Jerri

commission retained the majority of questions pertaining to the Lowell Showboat while "We need to get a good adding a new section about

city population with only 0.8 higher degrees. percent population growth.

remains the symbol of the "The amphitheater has community. It is the host

become an eyesore," said Pasquale. "We need some summer concert series. long-term planning." Commission

chairperson Clark Jahnke said the survey should ask the question about the future "Do you want to see the projects in question

the showboat removed?" he Commission member asked.

explained neighborhood

on growth in the city.

Pasquale said the projects could be funded through a special millage much like the Lowell Area Historical Museum. "It's a different type of

> The surveys will be mailed out within a week after the July planning commission meeting with an amendment in regards to the method of distribution. In 1994, the city received approximately 240 responses to the community survey.

City in line with state, county demographics, not with townships

site for the Thursday night

conclude with a section

about the willingness of

the respondents to fund

survey

clean-up.

venue now," he said.

The

By Emma Palova Contributing Writer

ographics by contracted housing choices, something planners' McKenna As- everybody likes to see." line with state and county increase in senior population demographic trends, but of 65 and older which will not with the surrounding impact the housing trends, townships.

comparable to the averages According to the housing."

said. "Housing choices

and demand for services may differ as the senior population grows. You dem- have a wide variety of just under \$100,000, while

There has been an

according to Thomas. The prior to 1939. The demographics and median income in the city housing trends based on data per household is \$42,326, from the 2000 U.S. Census while in Lowell Township, are part of the city master the median income is \$58, 639 and in Vergennes "The city of Lowell is Township, it is \$61,500.

of the county and the state," data, 41 percent of the city said planner Sue Thomas. "It residents have high school differs from the townships." education as the highest the level of education, while demographics, there hasn't the townships show more been a big increase in the residents with bachelor's or merge the natural features

The greatest rate of "The city is a built growth both in population she and housing has been in separate.

Vergennes Township with 45 percent. The median housing value in the city is in Vergennes Township, the housing value is \$158,000. in Lowell Township, it is

In the city, many buildings were constructed

"Housing in the city is a relative bargain," said Thomas. "The houses will appreciate in value along with others. There will be a greater demand for senior

In related business, planner Jim Breuckman presented existing land use and natural features maps. The commission decided to map with the wellhead protection map, but keep the existing land use map

Mayor Exchange Day, cont'd. ... From Page 1

Wallace was impressed community in Lowell. with downtown Lowell. He particularly liked the driving around it's a Riverwalk, which he said gave him some ideas about creating public space in lakefront areas around is designed to facilitate the Coldwater. He was also sharing of ideas between impressed with the sense of towns of similar size facing

very tight, close-knit community," Wallace said.

Mayor Exchange Day

similar issues. Dinner was held at City Hall at the conclusion of the day. Representatives from the city of Lowell traveled to Coldwater last week.

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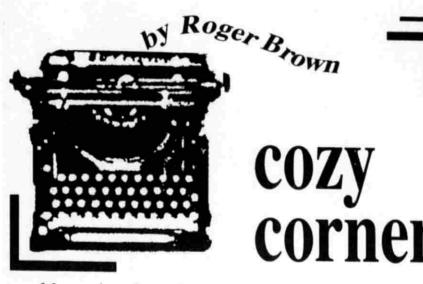
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Improvement plan, cont'd.... From Page 3

In other business, a committee of the planning commission continues the review of the off-street parking lighting section of the zoning ordinance.

A separate committee is in the process of reviewing regulations for single family homes in R3. According to planning commission chairperson Clark Jahnke, the committee may come up with an ordinance amendment outlining regulations for single family homes in R3 using the same standards as for single family homes

Viewpoint-



already done once. The reason for the do over? My stupidity, of course.

About two months ago Terese and I began sprucing had were pretty much destroyed by hurricane Wilma last my underground patch melted down. It was kinda like fall. For a small weekend project we had gone to a nursery Chernobyl, only on a smaller scale. with a truck and trailer. We returned with a hundred plants. Granted, some were pretty small, but a hundred plants is a the top of the "To Do" list. After some digging around in lot of work any way you care to look at it.

a pick and shovel, my aching back told me to go for the trick a friend showed me for finding underground wire. horsepower. I off-loaded my auger from our dock-building and is reasonably portable. The bit drills a twelve-inch hole, method. I had already worked up a blister the size of Kansas question. on my right hand and my back was killing me.

that?" I wondered out loud.

As I cleared loose dirt from the hole with my hand I was jolted with a pretty good electrical shock. It's common knowledge that I can be pretty slow on the uptake, but

the electrical poke told me immediately what was going on. Bottom line ... I had been really stupid yet again.

On one side of where we were planting is the house. On the other side is a small guest cabana with electrical service, to include 220 volts for the air conditioner. Any dummy should have known there would be a buried cable between the two structures. This would be especially true if the dummy in question had built the cabana and installed the electrical service.

The next two hours were taken up by trying to repair the auger wound to the buried conduit and wires inside. My project for today is doing something I hate more Using lots of tape, caulk, glue and a splint made from the than almost anything else. That is, doing something I've next size of PVC conduit, power was restored to the cabana. About the only confidence I had in my repair job was that it certainly wasn't up to code.

Sure enough, the next time it rained, ground water up the landscaping around our house. The plantings we seeped into my patchwork. The wiring shorted out and

I had some time yesterday and this repair had risen to our new plantings and mulch ground cover, I hadn't found After a few plants were in the ground by wielding the conduit. After working up a new blister, I remembered a

Using two lengths of welding rod bent to 90 degrees barge and went to work. This auger is mounted on two wheels you loosely hold one end of a rod in each hand. The long portion of the rods should be parallel and pointing straight which is about right for what we were doing. Wrestling the away from you. As if you don't already look stupid enough, machine around was no picnic, but it sure beat the previous you begin walking slowly (heel to toe) across the area in

Trust me on this folks, this little gimmick does work. In an hour or two I had the holes drilled and loaded the As you near an underground wire, the rods will magically machine back onto the barge. We went to work installing the begin to cross. As you get directly over the wire, the rods plants. Curiously, one hole was smoking. "What's up with will have moved 90 degrees and will be in perfect parallel. It works every time.

I dug where the rods told me to, and sure enough, there was my conduit. Yes, it worked even though there was no

Cozy Corner, cont'd., pg. 7

To The Editor

Dear Editor.

building, would the Alpha Women's Center open an office in Lowell, duplicating the services already offered? Aren't there many communities where no such services are offered? Just wondering.

Sincerely, Marge Rehl



To the Editor,

This is on the issue of stump removal and what people have or don't have to say about the right of way in the front of their property. First off, Mrs. Shores said that people should take responsibility for the stumps. Well, she should know what the subject is before making a statement on it. To make a public statement like that you had better make a public apology for being wrong. The stumps are in the right

This all started when the Lowell Light and Power told me that they are the public utility company and they don't have to get permission from no one to take trees out on private property or out of the right of way. The supervisor and the crew talked down to the land owners and don't care how much they are going to devalue the property.

As for talking to the city - What are people like me, and why don't you have time to deal with people like me? Does

that mean I'm not in your class, or that I'm not someone with the right name here in town? If you don't have time to deal with people like me (most of the population of Lowell, I think), then who? This is not your little kingdom.

As for what can and can't be done by the city council, it's not for the LL&P or the DPW to decide. Yes sir, you I am writing this letter out of curiosity. My question do have to answer to the council and you are not your own is this: Why, when Lowell has a wonderful, Christian boss. The tax payer is your boss. Talk to the people who will Pregnancy Center located in the old St. Mary's School be impacted by what you are going to do. Maybe putting 26. notices on the bills, or going around and talking to the homeowner (both), not just the wives. But if you say that I, as a homeowner, have nothing to say about what is or competitors. isn't going to happen on this right of way, there are words for this kind of government (socialism, communism). I've Lowell Resident lived here 30 years and work hard mostly from pay check to pay check (maybe that's the kind of people like me?) and to have the LL&P or the PDW come and tell me I got nothing to say, well that's wrong.

If their actions are going to lower the value of my property, why don't I have a voice? Why did they only cut the neighborhood? Is it that they don't want to deal with a lot coach. of people like me! Because this town is full of hard-working people like me and we will be treated with respect, not with operation. the attitudes of contempt.

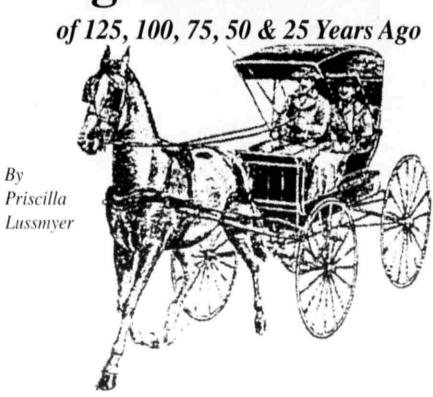
The city has placed me in a real problem and the people we pay wages to with our taxes. When you come and tell us we have no right to question the LL&P or DPW, we do barbecue at Recreation Park, feeds 400.

Well sorry for this letter, but you are next if you have trees and the city thinks it ought to do something on your land and you have nothing to say. Trust me that is what they said standing in my driveway.

Letters... We love to hear from you!

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Ledger Entries



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MAY 25, 1881 This issue is missing.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 24, 1906

A stolen horse and buggy are recovered after the horse, frightened by an automobile, runs into a wire fence. Edwin Fallas is building a large storehouse here,

planning to move his canning factory to Lowell. The Upper Peninsula forest fires are believed to be

under control; they have destroyed at least a dozen small Over two months of debate results in Congress declaring

that railroad shipping rates be fixed by the interstate commerce commission.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO MAY 21, 1931

The Better Business Committee of the Lowell Board of Trade initiates a "Buy Lower in Lowell" campaign, with ads and free drawing tickets given with purchases.

Lowell's track team wins the Regionals over eight competitors with 60 2/3 points against runner-up Grandville's

Bennett School wins the Field Day events at the Lowell play festival and field meet with over 15 rural-school

Melody Farms Dairy has constructed a large new milk house with the latest equipment, so milk is ready for delivery five minutes from the cow.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 24, 1956

Teacher Gladys Doyle retires and four others move trees down on two pieces of property and not do the rest of elsewhere; Jack Howe replaces Bob Perry as head football

The traffic lights at Main and Hudson finally are in

Supervised dumping is allowed Saturday mornings in the grounds along the river by the old horse barns.

The Lions/Rotary All-activities banquet, a chicken

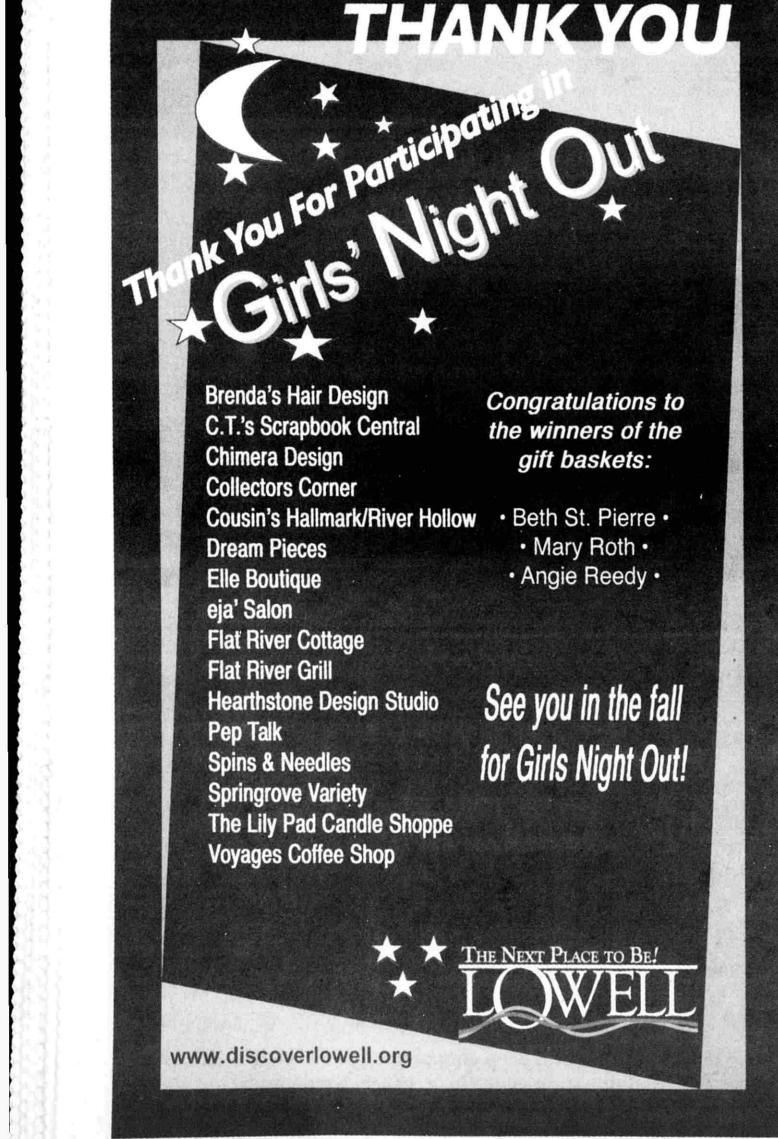
25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MAY 20, 1981

The "Old Town Mall" in the Christiansen Building is coming along in construction and should open in July.

Plans for the renovation of Richards Park with landscaping and new playground equipment are accepted by the Council

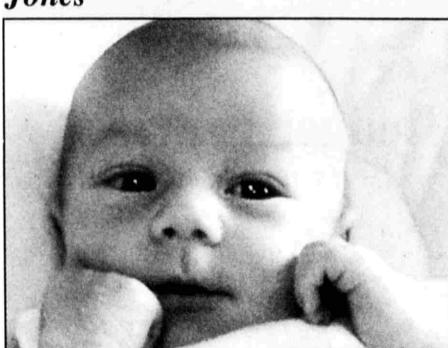
David Thaler, seventh grade, and Stephanie Kidder, eighth grade, take top honors in a calculator contest at Grand Valley State College.

The Lowell Women's Club spring luncheon features 100 years of bridal fashions at the First United Methodist



Silver anniversary

Jones



Caleb Hunter Jones

Tony and Heidi Jones are glad to announce the birth of their first son, Caleb Hunter. Caleb was born May 4, 2006 at 7:20 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and measured 21 1/2 inches.

Proud grandparents are Mike and Laurie Jones and Adam and Susan Porter. Great-grandparents are Ken and Velma Porter, Mary Anderson and the late Richard Anderson, Norman and Georgia Trudgen, and Don and Alice Jones and the late Arlene Jones.



Jim Bowen, student ministries pastor Impact Church

GRADUATION: SAND OR STONE?

Wow! Where did this school year go? With graduation

upon us, it hit me this week that the seniors are moving on. As I received graduation party invitations, preparing for Baccalaureate and for our student ministry service where we send off our seniors, a wave of emotions came over me. I realized I loved them. I really did ... not all of them all the time, mind you. There were moments in their turbulent teenage lives when I wanted to strangle (metaphorically)

them. I am sure many of you parents are right there with Here I am, close to graduation, remembering all the highs and lows, the passing of a loved student leader, as I was transitioning into the ministry. The joy of baptizing some of them or seeing one of them baptize their sibling, it has been such a blessing to be a part of their journey. But as this time approaches, this thought crosses my mind,

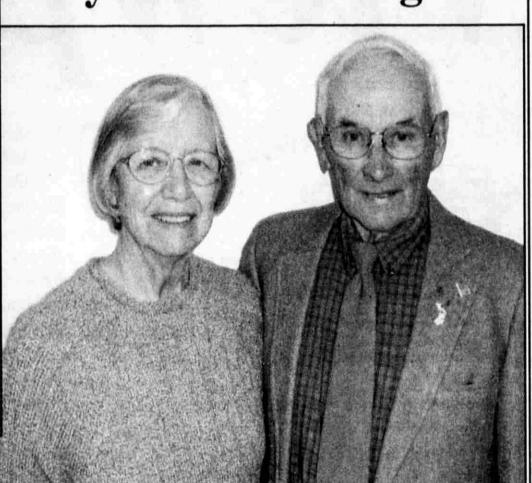
Jesus, in Matthew 7:24-27 teaches about houses built with



Doris and Edwin Roth above on their

wedding day and at right today.

Roths celebrate 60 years of marriage



Edwin and Doris Roth of Lowell will observe 60 years of marriage on May 25, 2006.

Their children are Steven and Barbara Roth, Glenn and Jeanne Vandersloot and Michael and Nancy Moore.

They have eight grandchildren and ten greatgrandchildren.

The occasion was celebrated with a family dinner on May 5. A trip given by their children is planned for later.

a foundation on rock or on sand. He warns, when the rain comes down, streams rise up, and winds beat against your house, will it fall or stand?

I have a great hope for our seniors, but I am sure you will find these statistics as disturbing as I do.

"Perhaps the most striking reality of twenty something's faith is their relative absence from Christian churches. Only 3 out of 10 twenty-something's (31%) attend church in a typical week ... As teenagers, more than half attended church each week and more than 4 out of 5 (81%) had ever gone to a Christian church. That means that from high school graduation to age 25 there is a 42 percent drop in weekly church attendance and a 58 percent decline from age 18 to age 29. That represents about 8,000,000 twenty-something's alive today who were active church-goers as teenagers but who will no longer be active in a church by their 30th birthday." (www.Barna.org http://www.Barna.org)

In light of these statistics, we need to make sure our Brown, David Christiansen. teenagers' lives are being changed by Radical Devotion to Christ, Ruthless Commitment to loving one another and Relentless Dedication to encountering the world in which

This needs to be done by a collaborative effort of all our student ministries and families in our city working together to reach and love all of the students in our school. So as we get ready to send off our loved seniors, our prayers are that they will be able to withstand the rains and winds of life after high school by being built on the foundation of Christ.



MAY 25: Rick Wernet, Phyllis Bieri.

MAY 26: McIntyre, Guy Watrous, Joshua Bryant.

MAY 27: Dakota McClure, Bertha

MAY 28:

Casey Parker Gordon, Mary

Beth Harwood.

MAY 31: Mark MacDonald, Arleen (Bryant) Irving, Tiffany Condon, Hannah Burtt.

MAY 29:

MAY 30:

Carolyn Jane Blough, Kara

Rasch, Allen McClure, Ryan

Barnes, Kevin Homrich,

Heather Witherell.

Lindhout, Justin Doyle.

Lindhout, Sue

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electrical shock didn't feel so good either.

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electrical current. Yes, I was smart enough to throw the breaker. Yes, I had to get shocked

been to the store and purchased new wire at over a hundred bucks. Today I plan to pull the

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Two days, a trip to town, well over a hundred bucks, a blister and an electrical shock.

Cozy Corner, continued ...

College News

Gaylord and Betty Heaston of Lowell will celebrate their

65th wedding anniversary on May 29, 2006 at their home

The couple was married in Beloit, Wisconsin, in 1941. Their children are Dean (Nancy) Heaston of Green Bay

and Diana Bittrick of Lowell. They have five grandchildren and five great-grandsons, all of whom will be spending

with their immediate family.

Memorial Day weekend with them.

students are 2002 Lowell High School graduates.

received a degree in Management. He is the son laude (grade point average psychology. He is the son of Gordie and Susan Barry of Stevensville.

graduated cum laude (grade

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Gerstacker Liberal

Commencement cere-point average above 3.5) receiving a degree in theatre monies at Albion College with a degree in economics with a concentration in mass honored nearly 420 students and management, and a communication. She is the on May 13. The following minor in philosophy and daughter of Michael and a concentration in the Marcia Scheider of Lowell.

Wagner

have resided in Lowell for

Barry Program in Professional graduated magna history with a minor in of Bill and Missy Harrison above 3.75) with a degree in biology and a minor in

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Kelsey Scheider grad- Spanish. Wagner is the uated cum laude (grade daughter of Sidney and **Harrison** point average above 3.5) Susan Wagner of Lowell

Happy 35th Birthday!

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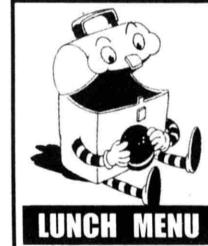
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Jennifer

Ronald Janowski and nine years, have one son, Karen Waid will celebrate Philip. They will celebrate

Ronald Janowski, Karen Waid and their son Philip

25 years of marriage on May their anniversary with 23, 2006. The couple, who friends and dinner.



ELEMENTARY MENU Week of May 29, 2006

MEMORIAL DAY - No School.

TUES: Cheese pizza (BBQ rib on bun also offered at Murray Lake), peas & carrots. assorted fruit, milk. ALTO FIELD DAY Hot dog on bun, baked beans, sherbet cup

WED: Soft taco w meat, cheese & lettuce stacked turkey 8 cheese on bun also offered at Murray Lake), fruited gelatir salad, milk.

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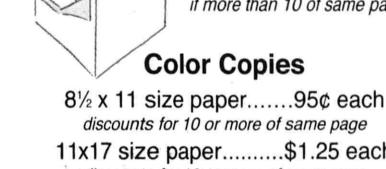
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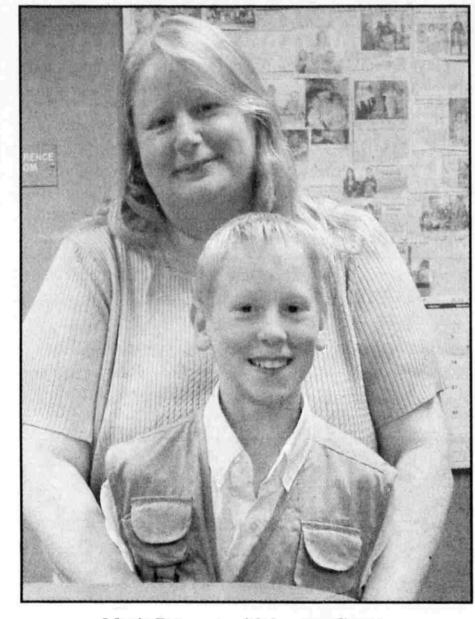
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Marie Peterson with her son Grant

Volunteer of the month at Murray Lake

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by staff members for the time able to stay actively involved many activities going on at Peterson. Murray Lake.

"I love to volunteer, Murray Lake because our teachers work Elementary's volunteer of so hard to give our children the month for April. She a good education, and I just and her husband Jim have want to help them out in any three children in the Lowell way I can. I also hope by School District: Alyshia and showing my children how Jayme at the middle school important their education and Grant, a fourth grader at is to me, they will make it important to themselves. Peterson was nominated Through this process, I am

and energy she puts into the in my children's lives," said

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Simple solutions to avoid boating accidents

According to the most recent statistics released by the U.S. Coast Guard, drinking and driving is a safety concern that is not limited to Michigan roads. In fact, says the Coast Guard, alcohol was involved in more than half (51 percent) of all boating fatalities in Michigan during 2004, well above the national average of 33 percent.

By comparison, alcohol was a factor in 37 percent of Michigan highway fatalities during the same year, according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Part of the problem, say law enforcement officials, is that boating is often strictly viewed as a recreational activity and some of its more serious obligations can be overlooked.

Sgt. Dan Toth of the Oakland County Sheriff Department Marine Division, said more than 80 percent of the drownings and fatal boating accidents that occur each year are due to reckless operation, alcohol use and/or not wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD). He recommends that all new boat owners - including those using jet skis for the first time - take a boater's safety class. If you were born after Dec. 1, 1978, it's mandatory.

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Michigan law also requires that all vessels be equipped with a PFD for each person on board. More than half (63 percent) of the 676 persons who died in U.S. boating accidents last summer were not wearing a life jacket. PDF's System) if possible to keep known obstructions pinpointed. not only keep you afloat after a mishap, but can help protect core temperature, and also provoke some protection against weather. Always have a compass onboard. internal injury in boating collisions and falls.

• Take a safe-boating class. Many schools, local sheriff's department marine division and diverse groups such as the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Red Cross offer them.

 Give your boat a safety check. This should be done at the start of each season and each time you leave the dock.

· Be watchful for old pilings, sandbars and other hazards. Plot your routes using a GPS (Global Positioning

• Equip your vessel with a marine radio or cell phone. you against deadly hypothermia, or lowering of the body's Emergencies can arise and it's good to keep track of the

College News

Erin Doyle, of Alto, received her diploma May 13 from Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. Doyle earned degrees in both political science and Spanish, and graduated summa cum laude, achieving a cumulative grade point average above 3.8. Among her academic accomplishments,

she received the Orestes Augustus Brownson Award given to one student each year by the Political Science Department

She is the daughter of Brian and Cheryl Doyle of Alto.

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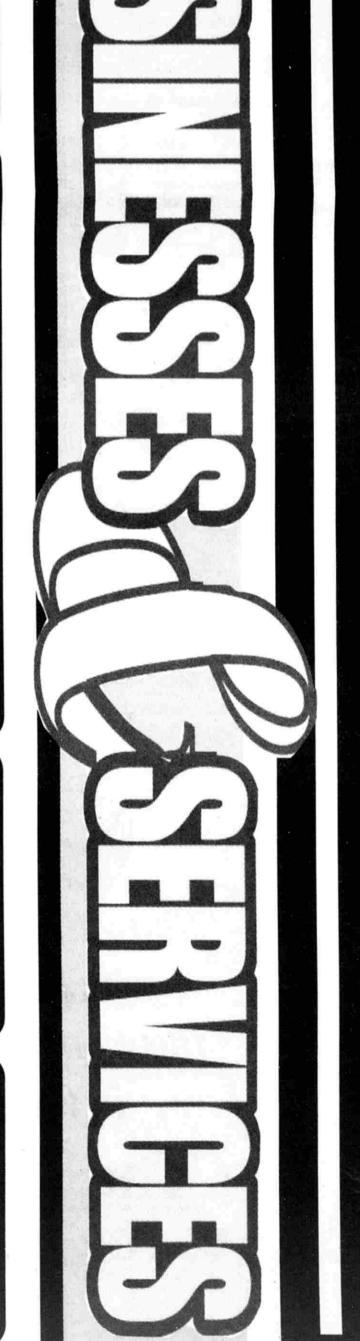
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Bluegrass, continued ... From Page 1

for years, and you can't get two types of music now, rock and rollers together bluegrass and rock and roll, to play for four hours," because country is all rock Dekema said. "But these and roll now," he said. guys would play all night long without playing the his bluegrass philosophy same song.'

played in Lowell before, at answering questions and get previous WMBMA festivals back to playing his guitar. and at the Riverview

around here, that's for parking lot, sums up what he sure," Griffith said. "It's likes about bluegrass music nice to play for a crowd that this way: "You don't find pays attention. We'll play anything that you couldn't in a bar in Kalamazoo and sing to your grandmother, all you can hear is clinking or your preacher." bottles."

plays guitar with the outfit the festival. Most people's "Ellen Beam and Bluegrass time was spent "pickin" bluegrass

"I played rock and roll of music--there's only

He was talking about Saturday afternoon. But Schlitz Creek has mostly he wanted to stop Buford Ridell, who was

playing music with Emard "They like bluegrass between a pair of RVs in the

That kind of family For Les Emard, who spirit pretty well pervaded music means and grinnin'," as the saying goes, and enjoying types America's old-time music.

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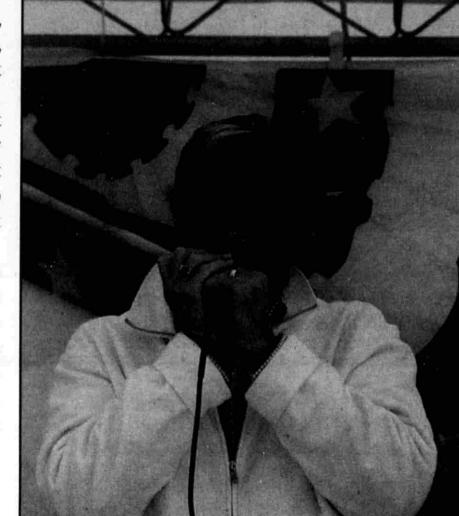
them on their accomplishments

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- Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809 - 1894)



TOURNAMENT FISHING

At a time when professional sporting events from auto racing to ice hockey are riding a wave of popularity, professional fishing tournaments have not been left behind. There are large and small fishing tournaments across the country for a variety of species.

The In-Fishermen Professional Walleye Trail (PWT), for example, will produce eight events from May through August during the 2006 season. The Keweenaw Waterway at Houghton/Hancock and Big and Little Bay De Noc at Escanaba, both in the Upper Peninsula, are the Michigan venues for the 2006 PWT Pro-Am schedule. Other threeday events will take place in South Dakota, Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin.

Pro-fishermen are sponsored by boat, motor and tackle manufacturers as well as some non-fishing related products. The Pros spend most of their time representing sponsors' products at sport and fishing shows, guiding and presenting seminars on fishing techniques. Because of the time and travel required, these fishermen need the support of very understanding spouses and children

Amateur fishermen can apply for an opportunity to fish with a pro in any PWT event. If successful, for a fee, the amateur will fish with a different pro each day. It is a great chance to learn about walleye fishing methods and explore new water. There are prizes for top finishers for both anglers.

The tournaments draw anglers and fans from across the country to communities which welcome the visitors to their area. Of course, local waters receive a temporary spike in fishing pressure. I have been inadvertently caught up in a few tournaments while fishing with family and was not significantly inconvenienced or hindered by the tournament boats. Usually, a larger body of water will be chosen for larger tournaments.

Fish are always released after the weigh-in. Dead or injured fish do not count toward the anglers' score, so great effort is made to keep fish healthy. Even when hundreds of fish are caught, very few, if any, die. Casualties are donated to a local food program or institution.

These tournaments create a showcase where equipment manufacturers can exhibit their wares to fishermen who are eager to see the latest and greatest stuff. Also, the average angler can find out how and where fish are caught on the particular body of water. Local businesses such as bait shops, motels/hotels, and restaurants enjoy the surge in business. And, hopefully, the excitement and interest generated will help to recruit new fishermen to the sport.

The next time you have an opportunity to watch a fishing tournament or participate in one, pay attention to what's happening and you will likely become a better fisherman. Besides, it's lots of fun, and it is comforting to know someone else is as passionate about fishing as you

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Showboat Garden Club concentrates its efforts on keeping Lowell beautiful

By Dan Schneider

of the club's namesake, Lowell. the Lowell Showboat. on the Riverwalk Plaza maintains the labyrinth of perfect attendance. adjacent to Lowell's at the Wittenbach- "I just made up my Memorial Day parade.

Hulda Fineis, the club is a year. federated club, a member Garden Club hosted the more little projects." Golf Club. There were scholarships dressed scarecrows.

in '49, and during its early Extension Service for McGregor at 897-1259. history, it had officers in Kent County.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 06-02

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Ordinance No. 06-02 amends Section 20.08

of Chapter 20 of Appendix A - Zoning

Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the

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addition, wall signs may be located on any

Ordinance No. 06-02 is effective 10 days after

Betty R. Morlock

front or side exterior wall of a building.

this publication.

COUNCIL ON MAY 15, 2006

charge of interesting things is probably most visible different direction, with flowers. hanging from the decks the focus on beautifying

Fairgrounds for the Kent said. Founded in 1949 by County Youth Fair this

Clubs, Inc. The Showboat "We're always looking for meetings.

this month at Deer Run directly. The club offers meeting," she said. 150 gardeners present for especially for students gardening Springs. They are lunch financial support to the plants mostly flowers. and listened to speakers in Wittenbach Wege Center, the banquet hall decorated Frederik Meijer Gardens in favorites. I like pansies for with flowers and well- Grand Rapids Township, and to the Michigan State When the club started University Cooperative joining the club can contact

The club is a familiar like "bird life" and "Civic presence at the Lowell Area In its 57 years of and Roadside Therapy." Arts Council's Fallasburg existence, the Lowell The club's major emphasis Fall Festival. From a large Showboat Garden Club throughout its first 30 booth usually tucked in the has left a mark on this years was on staging trees at the northeast end flower shows. In 1979, the of the grounds, members Currently, that mark club decided to pursue a sell arrangements of dried

The club meets once a month, often making field That spirit continues trips like last month's trip For the past several years, today. Besides the flowers to a hosta and daylily farm the club has hung baskets planted aboard and near Cedar Springs. Olive spilling over with flowers alongside the showboat, Cook, 77, has been to every from the rafters of the the club plants the single Showboat Garden showboat. They've also flowers around the Lowell Club meeting for the last 35 filled the planting beds Municipal Airport sign and years, an impressive streak

celebrated boat. This year's Wege Agriscience and mind that I was going to go installation of hanging Environmental Center. each time and if there was baskets is scheduled for Plans are in place to plant something else going on Friday, in time for the gardens around the Lowell I just didn't do it," Cook

When she needed heart surgery three years ago, she "We try to do as much had the doctors schedule it of Michigan Garden Clubs, as we can," club president for a Tuesday so as not to Inc., and National Garden Carol McGregor said. conflict with the Monday

"I asked them how Not all of their long it could wait, and they Spring Meeting earlier projects involve plants, set it up so I could go to my

the event from such towns enrolling in agriculture was young tending the as Holland, Saugatuck, school at Michigan vegetable garden at her Belding and Cedar State University. It gives parents' farm. Now she

> "I have quite a few one thing," Cook said.

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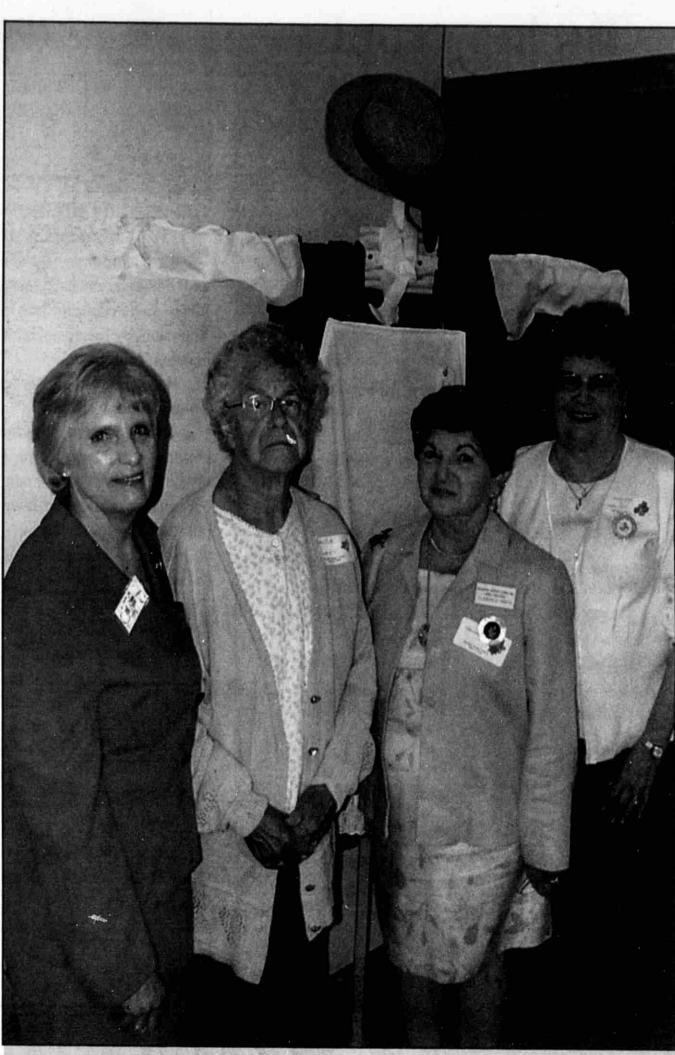
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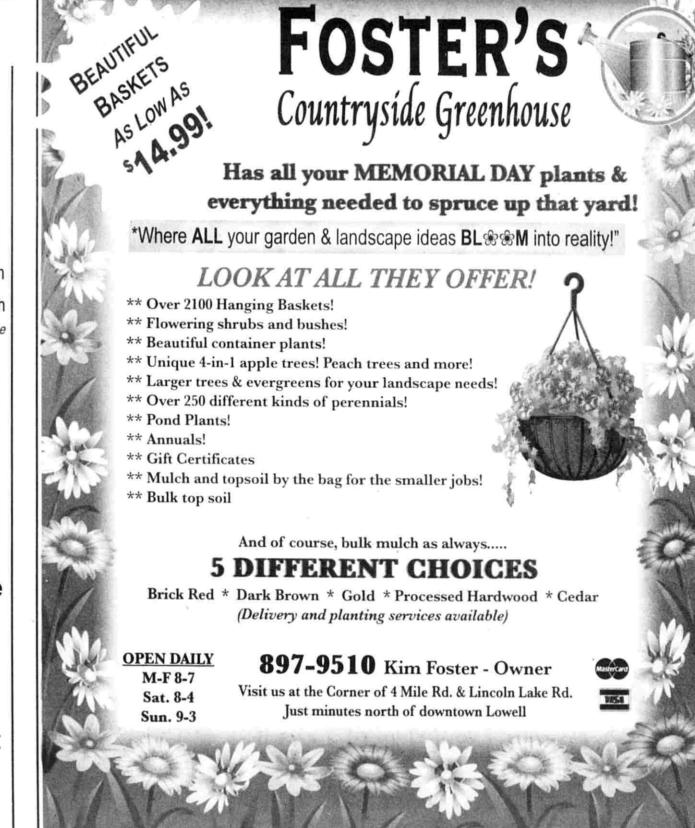
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Showboat Garden Club president Carol McGregor; club member Olive Cook; Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. president Florence Smith; and Michigan Garden Clubs District 4 director Jeanne Poll at the District 4 Spring Meeting, which the Showboat Garden Club hosted May 1 at Deer Run Golf Club.

I hope that while so many people are out smelling the flowers, someone is taking the time to plant some.

- Herbert Rappaport



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Turkey trophy



Samantha Mundt, 16, of Lowell, is pictured with the 20 pound turkey she harvested last week. The bird had a 10 inch beard and was taken on private land in Lowell Township.

Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold EdwardJones

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HELP YOUR CHILDREN (AND GRANDCHILDREN) BECOME SMART INVESTORS

To become a good saver and investor, you probably had to learn some hard lessons along the way. Wouldn't you like to save your children or grandchildren those troubles? You can - by teaching them, early on, about the basics and benefits of investing.

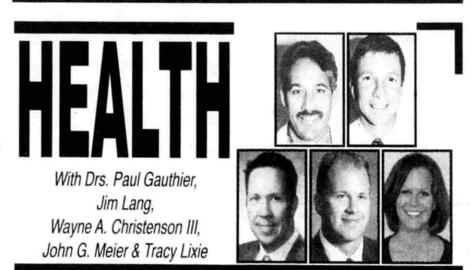
a good start:

- · Suggest a savings strategy. If you give young taxes on all unearned income at their own rate. children an allowance, suggest that they divide it into two pools - "saving" and "spending." And if they earn money babysitting or mowing lawns, offer to match whatever they put into a savings account. They will be pleased to see how their balance grows, and, hopefully, they will be motivated to keep putting more in.
- their children or grandchildren would not be interested in something as "grown-up" as the stock market. But that's just not true: Kids are often fascinated by the idea of owning shares of a company. And the more they understand about owning stocks, the more interested they become. So, consider playing a family "stock-picking" game. Have everyone in your family choose a stock to follow for month or so. At the end of that time, award a small prize to the person whose stock has done the best. You also may want to add some "qualitative analysis" by examining the different factors that may have caused the winning stock to outperform the rest. Keep all explanations fairly simple, but

don't underestimate your children's ability to grasp fairly sophisticated concepts. Children love to learn - and they're often better at it than adults.

- Give stocks. If you want to invest the money, you can go beyond the stock-picking game and actually give shares of stock to your kids. Try to find companies that make products with which your children are familiar - provided, of course, that the stocks are of high quality and have good prospects. When you do give stocks to your kids, be aware of the "kiddie tax." According to the kiddie tax rules for 2006, the first \$850 in unearned income - interest, dividends and capital gains - is tax-free, and the next \$850 is taxed at the child's tax rate, which is typically 10 percent, or five percent for long-term capital gains. If your child has unearned income of more than \$1,700, he or she will be Here are a few ideas for getting young investors off to taxed at the rate that would apply to you if this money were added to your taxable income. Children 14 and over pay
- Showtherightbehavior. Children are great imitators - so, if you show them how you are saving and investing for the future, it's likely to leave a strong impression. Let them know when you've reached a particular savings/investment goal - enough money for a new car, for example. Show them the statements for the accounts in which you are investing • Make "stock-picking" fun. A lot of adults believe for their college education. However you do it, make sure they understand the concepts of setting objectives, making regular contributions, delaying gratification, etc.

those lessons can last a lifetime.



CARING FOR YOUR NEW BABY

New parents often have many questions about their baby. Here is some general information on caring for your newborn. Most babies have eight to ten wet diapers a day. Most breast-fed babies have more than three bowel movements per day, while formula-fed babies generally have fewer than that. Only feed your baby breast milk or formula. Giving a baby water can lower the amount of salt in his or her blood, which can lead to serious problems.

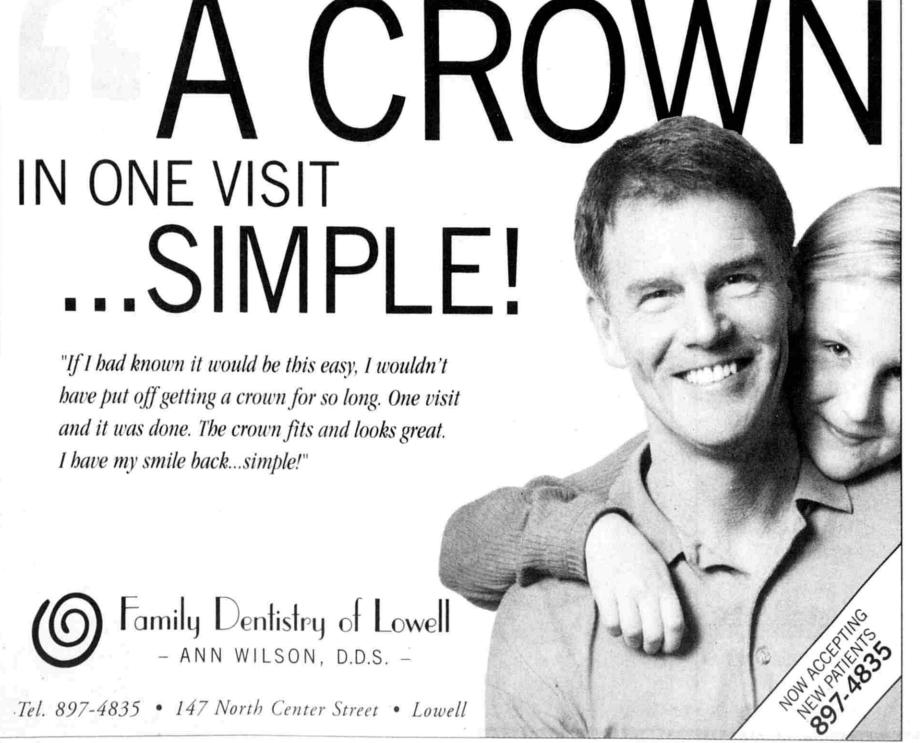
If a baby has jaundice, the skin and eyes may look yellow. Jaundice is caused by too much bile in the blood. Most babies aren't harmed by jaundice, but if the bilirubin levels get too high, brain damage can occur. If your baby looks yellow, you need to take him or her to your doctor for simple blood test.

After delivery, the doctor will cut your baby's umbilical cord. A small amount of the cord will be left. When you change your baby's diaper, carefully wipe the cord stump with a clean cotton swab. It should dry up and fall off within

Always put your baby to sleep on his or her back. Use

family room

Wooded lot



Characters in Action at Murray Lake Elementary

Lowell Schools focused on "making good decisions" during the month of April. The following Murray Lake

Elementary students were recognized as Character in Action award winners for making good decisions. Front row,

left to right, are: Danielle Krajewski, Kailee Dawson, Michelle Smith, Jason Mellema, Michael Fogarty-Thomas,

Grant Peterson, Keaton Pomper, Rachel Hindley, Emily Stump, Diana Roth, Adam Korzen, Jared McCormick and

Anthony Erhardt; back row: Brittany Tasma, Josie Ladner, Megan Khodl, Katie Haefner, Madison Kaminski,

Michaela Vandenberg, Francessca Robinson, Samantha Robinson, Darby Fuller, Gavin Palmer, Robert Sheldon,

Mark Rasch, Tony Polise and Max Dean. Not pictured: Julia Yeo, Kollin Hieftje and Kennedy Zimmerman.

By following the above steps, you'll be providing your children or grandchildren with the knowledge and skills necessary to help them become savers and investors. And

two weeks.

a firm mattress in the crib. Don't keep any loose covers or pillows in the crib with your baby.



RV park proposed at Flat and Grand rivers confluence

By Dan Schneider

tracks, would be a good for the idea. place to park an RV.

ity (DDA) last Thursday. economy for Lowell." He believes many people

forest peripheries.

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big-rig motorhomes, pop-up way of bringing people into just tent camping, on the lake, multi-tiered cabins on The proposal projects the Alongside where the campers or just tents thrown town." Flat and Grand rivers meet, in the back of their cars

Jim Hall, who presented a to bring visitors to Lowell Grand. proposal for a Recreational for almost a decade. The Vehicle Park to the Down- motivation behind the idea, spaces for motorhomes, bath

Garlic mustard cleanup

A large number of volunteers, including girl scouts and church youth groups, pulled garlic mustard

plants Saturday, April 29 at Stoney Lakeside Park. They filled more than 30 bags with garlic mustard, an

invasive plant species that threatens native wildflowers by outcompeting for soil nutrients and sunlight at

The basic plan calls for for some time.

largest of the islands in the It would be a more pro- Flat River. Bridges would just southwest of the train would share his enthusiasm ductive use of city-owned connect the camping area property, there on the east- to the Lowell Fairgrounds. worked on the idea along to be between \$159,000 and Hall has been thinking ern bank of the Flat River In fact, a camping facility is That's the belief of about an RV park as a way and the northern bank of the a project fair manager Ron for V-Tec Engineering, a Wenger has thought about

The proposal elaborates town Development Author- Hall said, is "beefing up the and shower facilities, and on several other imaginahiking trails in what is now tive, though perhaps more "I think it would bring a large, low-lying grassy far-fetched, amenities that who spend their leisure time in tourists," he said. "It just area. There would also be the RV park could offer.

cruising the highways in seemed kind of a natural camping, though probably These include a man-made erate revenue for the city. the islands, even an enor-

> with Hall and who works \$198,750, annually. company that has designed on a 120-day camping seaprivately-owned RV parks, son. Prices in that scheme also sees potential in the ranged from \$8 daily for project. Zandstra said Hall one of 50 basic sites to \$23 has a vision for a way to get for one of 25 full service the most out of unutilized sites. city property, though it may be a tough one to bring to that is an expensive propo-

"Being environmentally sensitive, it doesn't allow during certain times of the year. "But he's trying to right it could be really neat

beneficial to Lowell.

could happen."

(good for the city)," Zand- places." stra said. "The next thing is, some big questions. You've would support an RV park. got the sensitivity of the en-

park would potentially gen-

gross revenue generated by one possible configuration Ray Zandstra, who has of a 100-site campground

Those figures are based

"Building a park like sition," Hall said. "But at least it gets people here."

Getting people here much," Zandstra said of the sounds like a good idea to site, much of which floods downtown business owners.

"I think if they do it conceive of something that to turn Lowell into a vacation destination," Pep Talk If it did come together, owner Amy Hayes said. "I Zandstra said, it would be would love to see Lowell have more of a tourist draw "I think if it could hap-because I think it's one of pen, it certainly would be the coolest, most unique

Keith Ferguson, owner could it happen? Those are of the Lowell Beer Store,

"I'd be for it," he said. vironment and the money it "I know whenever they would take to make it hap- have a bluegrass festival or during fair, our business al-Once in operation, the ways goes up.

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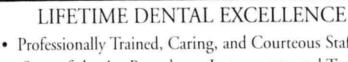
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Lowell softball falls just short against Northview Wildcats

OK White championship decided by only two runs in doubleheader

By Dan Schneider

doubleheader at Northview walks for the Wildcats. Friday, snapping a 13-game

games defined by strong error, a base hit and a triple. pitching from both teams.

fell 1-0. The Wildcats scored Brittany Bueche had a base in the first inning on a base hit. A double by Plummer hit, bunt and another base moved her to third. From each had one. Tawney came hit and that was all it took. there, Bueche beat the throw Both teams had base runners to home plate on a fielder's (Lowell had six over the choice. With runners on the neither team could drive a pop up and threw out in any more runs. Becky Lowell's runner at first Plummer struck out 11 and

Northview beat Lowell Northview's Sharon Palma

Lowell lost the second of Red Arrow winning streak game 2-1. The game was and taking the OK White scoreless until the seventh championship inning. Northview scored It was a pair of close the top of the seventh on an

Lowell scored one in In the first game, Lowell the bottom of the seventh. the game), but corners, Northview caught

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strikeouts and no walks in walked none for Lowell. the game. Palma struck out softball in both games of a had 11 strikeouts and four 15 and walked one.

"There were a lot strikeouts in that game," Lowell coach Bob

Rapids Christian 4-1 last Thursday, scoring one run in each of the first and third innings and adding a twofifth inning to get the into the game in the third inning, struck out nine batters and walked one for the win. "She retired the last

14 batters for the win," Rodenhouse said.

Last Wednesday a Greenville, Lowell won a five-inning mercy-rule pitched a no-hitter. She also Arrows scored in the first had three hits in the game.

things out on a high note another three in the third. Ashleigh Smit had a two-out with a game leadoff home They scored their final run in run, one of six runs the the fifth inning.



Lowell's Brittany Bueche heads for third en route to home plate during last Thursday's game against Grand Rapids Christian.

inning. Lowell scored three in the game. McElroy and Katie McElroy started runs in the second inning and Bueche each had two hits.

base hit that drove in two runs in the second.

Lowell hosted the Mandy Tichelaar Memorial Tournament, Tuesday. District play starts next Tuesday with the pre-district

Lowell lacrosse beats Holland Christian

By Dan Schneider

rough start with a 14-0 loss catch well enough to keep up assist from Scott Devroy. But to Zeeland at Zeeland West. with them."

"We just had a tough time generating any offense," Arrows went up against a That was when Ben Nugent

well on offense and we

Lowell coach Eric Bredin Holland Christian team that scored on another assist by Lowell played in the said. "They played a zone had beaten them twice during Devroy, sending the game West Michigan Lacrosse defense which requires you the regular season. This time, into overtime. With about Conference tournament last to pass and catch the ball Lowell won 3-2 in overtime. a minute left in overtime,

The Arrows got off to a weren't able to pass and one goal for the Arrows on an goal unassisted. Lowell trailed 2-1 with two Then, Thursday, the Red minutes to go in the game.

Austin Blough scored Nugent scored the winning

"It was a really good

Lacrosse, cont'd., pg. 15

COMING EVENTS

Notices in the "Coming Events" are free to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. Keep notices brief; may submit by mail, phone - 897-9261, fax -897-4809 or email - ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com. All submissions are subject to available space.

MAY/JUNE

THURS., MAY 25: Hong Kong dinner, 4:30 p.m. Lowell pond. Call Mari Stone 897-5671. Senior Neighbors.

TUES., MAY 30: Girls' free high school athletic physicals, 6:30 - 8 p.m. in locker room. Bring completed physical form w/parent's signature.

WED., MAY 31: Potato Bar, 12 p.m.; John Ball Park, 12:45 p.m. Lowell Senior Neighbors.

THURS., JUNE 1: Vergennes Co-op Club, 1 p.m. Schneider Manor. Program: Gemstonesw/Julie from Chimera Design. Hostesses: Shirley Weeks, Marilyn Cahoon.

THURS., JUNE 1: Free food commodities, distributed at Lowell Moose Rec. Bldg., 1320 E. Main, 9-5 p.m.

SAT., JUNE 3: Lowell Area Trailway cleanup day at Cherry Creek Elem., 8 a.m. - noon. Clearing a path around the

TUES., JUNE 6: Boys' free high school athletic physicals, 6:30 - 8 p.m. in locker room. Bring completed physical form w/parent's signature.

WED., JUNE 7: Lowell Middle School sports physicals in locker rooms, 6-7:30 p.m. Cost: \$10, cash only. Call 987-2800 with questions.

SAT., JUNE 10: Wittenbach/Wege Center "Michigan Wildlife Viewing" all-day trip to sharp-tailed grouse area near Houghton Lake to observe butterflies, etc. Call Ranger Steve 987-1002 or smueller@lowellschools.com to register or for more information.

SAT., JUNE 10: Saranac High School alumni dinner/ dance. Social hr. 6 p.m.; dinner 7 p.m. Call 642-6660 or 642-9818 for more information.

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

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Red Arrow baseball beats Greenville, falls to East

By Dan Schneider

win of the season last of the seventh. Boss scored

over the Greenville Yellow base in the game. Jackets. The win came largely off the top rail of the fence, record to 4-3 on the season. five errors.

Lowell baseball picked center, and a leadoff home cap off a strong defensive five errors, five extra outs, it inning. Josiah Teft got the makeup doubleheader at up its second conference run to right center in the top performance by the Arrows. four of the Red Arrows' five they didn't throw the ball and backed up their 6-0 It was a 5-2 victory runs. He also had a stolen away," Lowell coach Juston

a fifth inning double to left Boss picked up the save to "The boys played hard.

on the strength of Torsten in the first, two in the third, a loss last Monday to East single, a third inning triple win for Lowell, improving his the story: one run, five hits, innings in relief.

makes it tough," Miller said.

pitcher with 10 hits to score Greenville, Lowell's overall the seven runs. They scored The Arrows suffered two runs in the second Boss's hitting. Boss hit for one in the fifth and one in the Grand Rapids, 7-1. Their one in the fourth. Then Ryan game with West Ottawa was the pre-district. The district

Lowell scored one run conference game for that

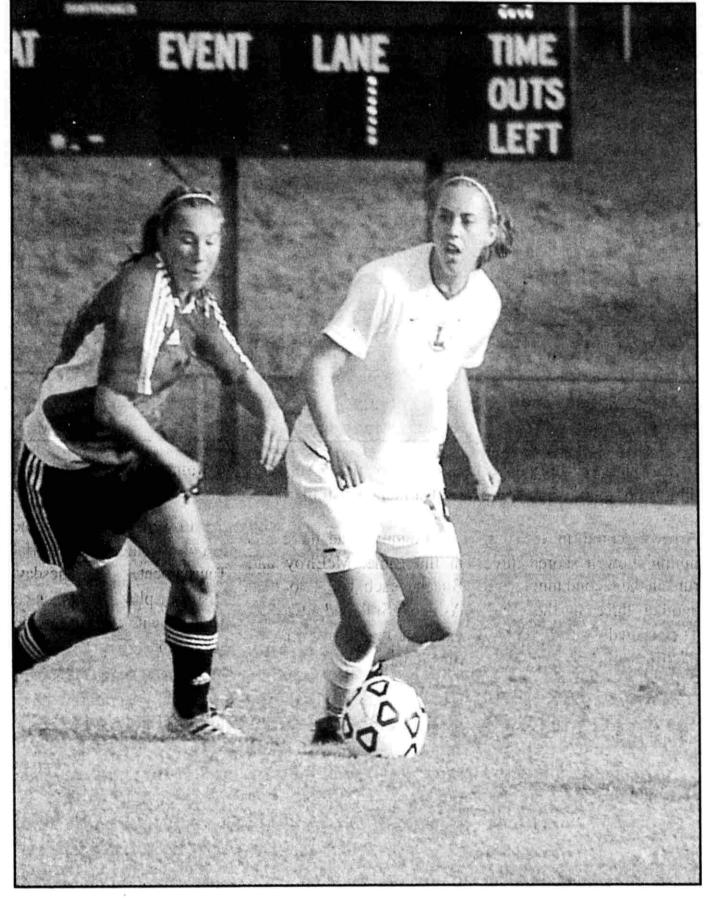
"When you give a team in the bottom of the seventh day. Lowell played a rain-East gave up no errors drove in Gabe Delnick.

the cycle with a first-inning seventh. Zach Burger got the score line pretty much tells Kalman pitched three shutout canceled due to the Panthers' need to re-schedule a Saturday, June 3 at 10 a.m.

next game is Wednesday at After the win over Caledonia. Lowell hosts this year's district tournament. record for the season stood at District play starts next Tuesday when Lowell takes

Monday's scheduled on Grand Rapids Creston in

Lowell girls soccer picks up two wins over Northview



Lacrosse, cont'd ... From Page 14

there," Bredin said.

The last time Lowell met goal and went on to win in of the regional tournament.

regular season, the Arrows

win for the players who were Holland Christian during the overtime in that game. Lowell hosted Catholic

Lowell was missing lost in a similar fashion to Central, Monday. Their four starters due to a choir last week's victory. Holland next game is Wednesday at Christian scored a last-minute Okemos, the opening game



Red Arrows beat Wildcats in last regular season OK White game, first round of tournament

OK White tournament last Last Monday, Lowell beat Wednesday with a 3-0 win Northview by the same 3-0 over Northview.

The Red Arrows hosted the Wildcats for the first-

moves the ball up the field Friday. during last Wednesday's OK White tournament their regular season with a Central. game against Northview.

score in the final game of the OK White regular season.

Cedar Springs 4-0 in a Lowell's Nicole Shepard nonconference away game

The Arrows concluded

10-4-1 record. They were 3-3

Lowell traveled to Forest Hills Central Monday for the second round of the OK White tournament. The final is this Wednesday.

Districts start next Tuesday with Lowell playing Greenville at Forest Hills

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Track finishes season at Muskegon Reeths Puffer regional

Lowell hosts conference meet at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium

By Dan Schneider

Both Lowell track teams finished in the top four of the OK White last Monday at the conference meet. team finished fourth.

The meet was held

May 12, but was rained out. points. The Lowell girls team

been scheduled for Friday, placed second with 97 meet

A good portion of finished third while the boys Lowell's meet points came from the field events. High The Red Arrow girls jump was one highlight; Thursday, May 11 and scored 84.53 meet points. Lowell swept the top three Forest Hills Northern won places. Amy VanEns was Arrow Memorial Stadium. the meet with a score of the conference champion, Originally, the final day had 123.53. Kenowa Hills clearing 5'-1". Mary Calvi

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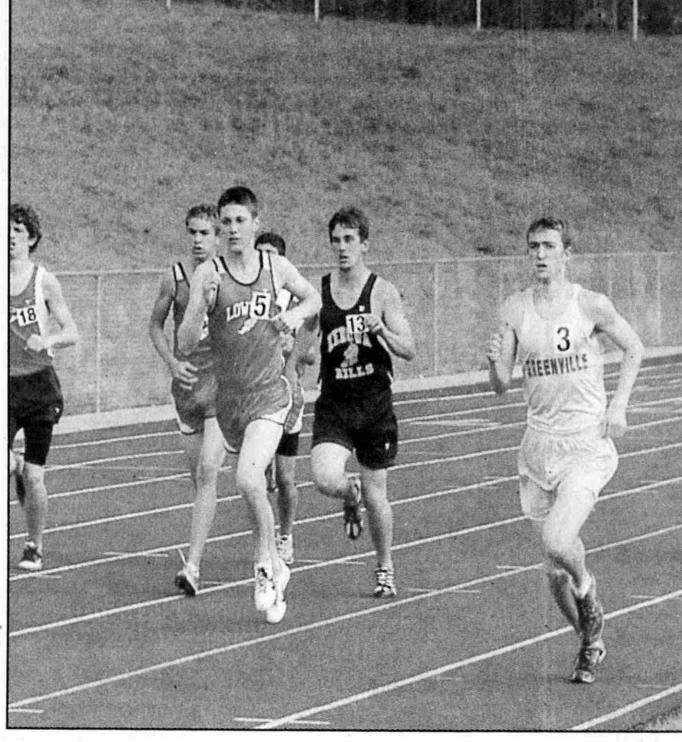
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Lowell's Andy Mark (#5) competes in the 1600-meter run in the OK White conference meet.

4'-10" to finish third.

Jasmine Holliman was the 3200-meter relay.

Lowell's Monica Fitzpatrick competes in the 1600-meter run at the conference They finished second in the (sixth, 2:30.74).

placed second, clearing 5'- 400-meter relay, third in the 6" to take first place. His 0" and Megan Gallop cleared 800-meter relay, fourth in the vault was a full foot higher 1600-meter relay and fifth in than his nearest competitor.

in the discus throw, with a scored meet points were for sixth in the pole vault, throw of 98'-6". She also Meggie Fitzpatrick in the clearing 10'-6". placed fifth in the shot put 100-meter dash (fifth place, with 29'-8". Malley Cahoon 13.69), Richelle Kimble in second in the discus event placed fourth in the discus the 100-meter hurdles (fifth, throw, throwing 89'-4.5". 17.4) and 300-meter hurdles Morgan Olin placed (sixth, 52.01), Paige Senters in the 100-meter dash with a third in the long jump, with in the 200-meter dash (sixth, 28.44) and 400-meter dash

> scored 42 meet points for their fourth place finish. fourth in the 1600 meters, Forest Hills Northern won running it in 4:44.23. the meet in convincing fashion with 178 points. Greenville was second with event (400 meters, 800 114. Northview scored 102

> Lowell's Allen Messing Other Lowell girls who placed in a three-way tie

"I don't think they Central's Gerrit Veltman marked the end of the season believed how close they 2-6, 6-4, 6-1. Brett Hobrla for the Red Arrow boys Brad Shea finished could come to that but now defeated Forest Hills tennis team. they know and hopefully Central's John Albers 7with a throw of 124'-2.5".

Tom Doll placed second time of 11.5 seconds.

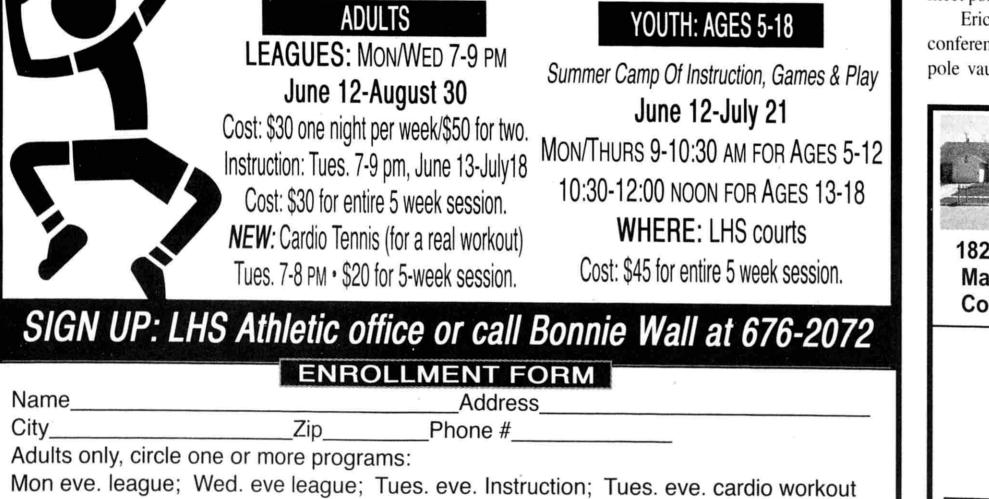
Lowell's Ryan Lane The Lowell girls did (fifth, 1:04), and Monica and Ryan Kyllonen were well in the relay events, too. Fitzpatrick in the 800 meters both part of a six-way tie for fourth place in the high The Lowell boys team jump. Both cleared 5'-4".

Andy Mark placed Lowell relay teams

placed sixth in every relay scoring 207 meet points. meters, 1600 meters and

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Golf finishes season at Cedar Springs regional match Red Arrows roughed up in OK White conference tournament

By Dan Schneider

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Central.

going to the state finals last

tournament at Forest Hills

than the 18 necessary to

season, the Arrows had set

seemed far out of reach.

qualify for state.

Friday in the golf regionals at Cedar Chase Golf Club in Cedar Springs.

Red Arrows did not field a

not get a team score. But Silver Lake Country Club competed three Lowell golfers did in Cannon

89 for 18 holes; Crystal Because of players Dietz shot 110 and Sydney

full team and therefore did was held last Monday at tournament.

point short of trip to state

showing at regional tournament

The Lowell boys tennis to next year," said Lowell singles final.

Hills Central (who had

ahead of fourth-place Mona

state qualification as one of were regional champions. singles. His record was 18-5

Trapp defeated Forest Hills

their goals. But at the time it At second singles, Travis for the season.

They scored 17 team Forest Hills Northern (team Hobrla's record for the full

Boys tennis falls one

Lowell puts forth strong

team came within a point of coach Bonnie Wall.

At the beginning of the team points.

Thursday at the regional the regional, behind Forest

points at the meet, one less score of 20). Lowell placed

Stef Stuewe shot an the tournament with a team shot been disappointing to finish

a 92 to place eighth The conference meet among individuals in the Lowell was up against some

"What a way to finish

Trapp finished the

Forest Hills Central's Don Li

The regional tournament

season was 22-4.

Lowell's

White this year.

OK White league advanced next year.

Plotner each had 116.

Township, Sydney Stuewe shot 114. is," Lowell coach Becky While it may have Lecuru said. "There's some

> great talent in our league. seventh in the conference, It's good competition for the And it will be good very strong teams in the OK

experience for the Red "Three teams from our Arrow golfers coming back

"We've got a lot of people returning next year, so I think we'll be more improved next year because we'll have more experience," Lecuru said.

Stef Stuewe was a unanimous selection for this year's all-conference team.

The regional was the last competition for the Red Arrows this season.

Drivers urged to buckle up

twist, for both young men and teens, were launched recently, it was reported by the statewide Click It or Ticket mobilization. The new ad campaign is designed to belt use is linked to a decline in fatalities. further reduce traffic deaths by driving up belt use.

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they will carry that over 6(4), 4-6, 6-1 in the third

Lowell placed third at off his high school career,

a team score of 27) and season with a 23-3 record

Shores, which scored 14 McMahon fell 6-4, 6-1 to

Two Red Arrow players in the final match of fourth

The Division 1 regional meet was held Friday at high jump champion. She of 11:01.8. Kimble placed time of 11.4. Muskegon Reeths Puffer.

The girls team scored 43 meet points to place sixth out of 15 teams. Rockford was the regional champion, 4.75".

regional champion in the clearing 9'-10". discus throw; she threw 103'-3". She placed eighth in the shot put with a throw of 31'-2".

fourth, clearing 5'-0".

the long jump with 16'-

the fourth in the pole vault,

The Red Arrows' 3200meter relay team of Monica Fitzpatrick, Hayley Getzen,

cleared 5'-4". Calvi placed seventh in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.0 seventh in the high jump. Olin placed second in seconds.

The boys team tied with Alyssa Buikema placed 14th place. Both teams had 11" 10 meet points. Rockford

with 100 points.

200-meter dash with a time Hannah Becker and Senters of 23.3. He placed seventh

VanEns was regional finished seventh with a time in the 100-meter dash with a Devon Kyllonen placed

> clearing 5'-8". Eric Dean placed eighth

Grand Rapids Union for in pole vault, clearing 10'-Lowell competed in

was the regional champion the Champ of Champs meet, Monday. They travel Doll placed fourth in the to the John Bos meet this

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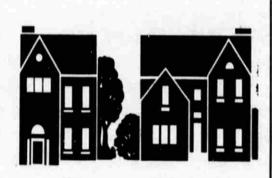
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IN **MEMORIAM**

IN MEMORY **SANDRA GAUW** Jan. 7, 1949 -

Dec. 23, 2005. Five months ago you entered through the gates of Heaven and became our Guardian Angel.

broken the day you left. It is through memories that we keep you in our heart. We miss you. Love, Mom & Dad,

Our family circle became

Terry, Bill, Rick & George. **MEMORIAL FOR**

RICHARD C. BEACH, Aug. 23, 1960 -

May 23, 1982. Our God had a plan and a purpose, Not ours to question why.

His love brings peace and comfort. As the years go passing by.

To some he may be forgotten, And to others, part o

the past:

Dick's memory will forever last. Lovingly missed &

remembered by his

But to us who loved and

SERVICES

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