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High temps preside over annual Memorial Day parade

By Dan Schneider

owell's Main Street was lined with American flags flapping in the breeze Monday as Memorial Day was observed with a parade heading to Oakwood Cemetery for a brief program.

A sizeable group of Lowell veterans and current soldiers marched at the front of the parade. A steady stream of applause could be heard from people who had gathered to watch from South Broadway to Monroe St.

The parade paused for a moment at the downtown veteran's memorial. In the Lowell tradition, a floral wreath was placed in the waters of the Flat River as a tribute to the service men and women who died at sea. The Lowell High School marching band played the national anthem.

At Oakwood Cemetery

an abbreviated program was given due to the high temperature and humidity of the day. Glen Marks, chaplain of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8303, gave the convocation.

"Thank you for a country where we have the freedom to gather and express ourselves," he

A number of people gathered around the Civil

Parade, cont'd., pg. 16

Veterans recall military experiences past and present

By Dan Schneider

any people in Lowell spent Monday, Memorial Day, attending family barbecues or traveling to the beach, perhaps after taking in the parade and other observances in town.

For veterans and people currently serving in the military, the day can have other meanings.

For Larissa Thomson, 19, Memorial Day has special meaning in her family. An active duty recruiter for the Army National Guard, shetraveled

march in the parade with her grandfather, Ed Barris.

"For me, it's great because I get to follow my grandfather's footsteps and my mom's," she said of her military service. "I'm the third generation."

Barris is a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War. Diane Thomson, Larissa's mother, is in the Army National Guard Reserves and an instructor with the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps.

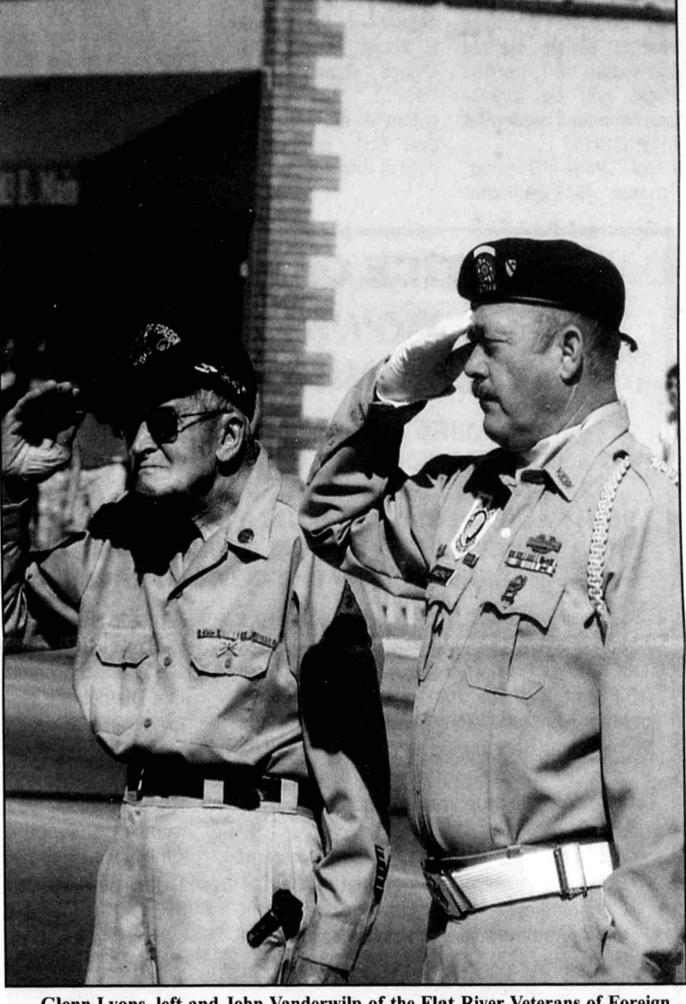
Larissa Thomson proud to wear her

home from Arkansas to uniform every day ... but she is especially proud to wear it on Memorial Day, particularly with her family.

> Eugene Smith, who lives just north of Lowell, was in the Army Air Corps stationed in India during the Asiatic-Pacific campaign of World War II.

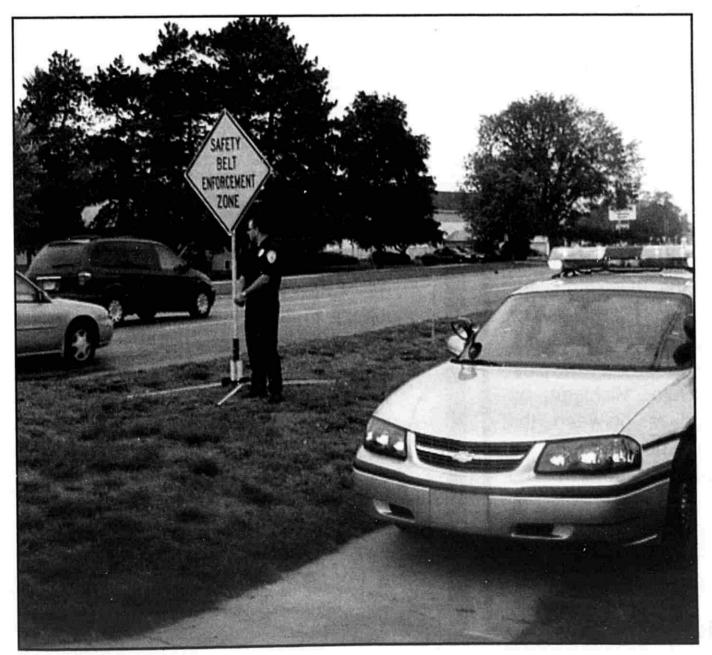
"We were stationed near Burma, which the Japanese controlled, and our job was to bomb the Japanese supply lines in Burma so the ground

> Veterans recall, cont'd., pg. 8



Glenn Lyons, left and John Vanderwilp of the Flat River Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8303 salute the American flag during the playing of the national anthem in Monday's parade.

A fair amount of tickets issued over weekend "Click It or Ticket" campaign



officer Scot Van Solkema scans West Main Street for drivers not wearing safety belts last Thursday, part of the statewide "Buckle Up or Pay Up, Click It or Ticket" campaign of the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP). Between 9 and 11 a.m., squad cars from Walker, Grand Rapids, Kentwood, Grandville and Wyoming and the Kent County Sheriff's Department lined a quarter-mile stretch of Main Street. Van Solkema and Lowell police sergeant Hinton scanned James motorists and passing radioed ahead to the squad cars to pull over those not wearing safety belts.

On Thursday, officers

police stopped 17 cars and issued 14 tickets for seatbelt violations. Officers issued two tickets for other violations and a verbal warning.

> The special seatbelt enforcement continued Sunday; 30 cars were stopped and 21 seatbelt tickets issued. Tickets were issued for seven other

traffic violations and police gave two verbal warnings.

The safety enforcement zones were part of an effort by the OHSP to increase safety belt compliance from 93 percent to 95 percent in Michigan. The effort was paid for with federal traffic safety funds.



Lowell History Book ... Page 3 Playground Complete... Page 9



BIBBLER

Sylvia C. "Sis" Bibbler, and Andy. Sylvia is survived 1 at 2 p.m. at Ada Bible grandchildren, nieces and aged 69, of Lowell, passed by her sons David (Sherrie) Church, 8899 Cascade nephews. Funeral services away May 29, 2006 after she Stevens, Dean (Nita) Rd., Pastor Jeffrey Manion were held Thursday Carigon, Signa Carigon, Robbins, Nancy and fought a courageous battle Stevens, Jeffrey Stevens; officiating. Interment Alton at Ada Community Ellen Oesch, Pauline Daniel Scholten, Steven with cancer. She is preceded brothers David (Caroll) Cemetery. Visitation will be Reformed Church, Rev. in death by her husband Darga, Don (Debbie) Darga; Wednesday 6-8 p.m. at Roth- Julie VanDerVeen-VanTil, Robert; parents Anthony sister Sally (Ron) Gulledge; Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. officiating. In lieu of flowers, and Cecelia Darga; brother sister-in-law Birdie Darga; Hudson and one hour prior memorials may be made to Dan Darga; son Larry 10 grandchildren. She retired to the service at the church. Ada Community Reformed

48864; or to: Donald

within 4 months after

date of this notice.

· LEGAL NOTICE ·

Notice is hereby given to Terrace, Okemos, MI any possible creditors that all claims against E. Page, Trustee, 757 the estate of T. Lorrine Village Green Drive, Page, will be forever DeSoto, TX 75115, barred unless presented in writing to:

Carol Page Beecher. Trustee, 4048 Highland

Hospice, 1401 Cedar NE.

HOWLAND

Grand Rapids.

Elaine Lois Howland, aged May 29, 2006. He was 75 80, of Grattan, passed away years old, the son of Ernest to be with her Lord, Tuesday, and Matilda (Swenson) May 23, 2006. She is Johnson. Harold is survived survived by her husband of by his wife Marilyn (Porritt); 59 years, Robert Howland; three daughters Martha children Robert W. (Martha)

from Amway after working Howland of Howard City, (Tom) Brand, Trina, Sara (Al) years at the Employee store James (Mary) Howland where she enjoyed waiting of Grand Rapids, Rick one great-grandchild; sister aged 71, of Ada, passed on the distributors and all (Jan) Howland of Cedar Gladys (Dale) Shade. Harold the employees that worked Springs, Bruce (Linda) there. The funeral service Howland of Harrison, TN; his granddaughter Terra in Lowell. He is survived Stevens; grandchildren Tony will be held Thursday, June many grandchildren, great-Memorial contributions may Church, P.O. Box 164, Ada, be made to Visiting Nurse MI 49301.

JOHNSON

Harold Johnson, of Alto, passed away at his home on

VICKERS

Koning; 10 grandchildren; Mr. Ronald Lane Vickers, away Sunday, May 21, was preceded in death by 2006, at Laurels of Kent Koning in 1994; brothers by his wife of 50 years, Eric, Richard and Edward; Helen; children Donald sisters Lilly Bencher, Agnes Vickers, Susan and Ryan Johnson. Funeral service and Christine Vickers; will be Thursday, June 1 at nine grandchildren; four 1 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral brothers and one sister Home, 305 N. Hudson, Rev. Nyalo, Robert, Richard Dean Bailey of Alto/Bowne and Larry Vickers, and United Methodist Church Janet Vander Weide. officiating. Visitation will Funeral services were held be one hour prior to service. Wednesday, May 24, at Private interment will follow the Zaagman Memorial at Bowne Center Cemetery. Chapel, Pastor Jeff Memorial contributions may Manion officiating. Private be made to Hospice of Ionia interment or Bowne Center United Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 11.01, 11.02, 11.04, 11.05, 11.06, 12.01, 12.02, 12.04, AND 12.06 TO ADD CERTAIN USES AS USES ALLOWED BY RIGHT AND SPECIAL LAND USES IN THE C-1 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND TO REVISE THE USES ALLOWED BY RIGHT AND THE SPECIAL LAND USES IN THE C-2 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a hearing on Thursday, June 8, 2006, at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment:

Amends Section 11.01 (Description and Purpose) to revise the purpose of the C-1 Commercial District to allow for flexibility in allowing non-traditional activities as special land uses.

Amends Section 11.02 (Uses Allowed by Right) to add minor vehicle repair (within existing buildings), upholstering and businesses, and furniture repair contractor's storage and maintenance facilities as uses allowed by right in the C-1 Commercial District.

Amends Section 11.04 (Special Land Uses) to add outdoor storage (as an accessory use) as a special land use in the C-1 Commercial District and to add "other similar uses not otherwise specifically provided for" as special land uses in the C-1 Commercial District.

Amends Section 11.05 (Height, Area, and Dimension Regulations) to provide that where the front setback has been parcel or lot has been established at a distance greater than zero, the Planning Commission may approve a front setback greater than zero, in the C-1 Commercial District.

Requirements) to provide that a site plan shall be submitted and reviewed for uses in the C-1 Commercial District in accordance with Article 18 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Amends Section 12.01 (Description and Purpose) to revise the purpose of the C-2 General Commercial District to provide that this District will typically be established on major arterial roads and may be subject to access management standards.

Amends Section 12.02 (Uses Allowed By Right) to allow "vehicle and boat sales and rentals" and "banks, credit unions, and similar financial institutions, including drivein facilities" as uses permitted by right in the C-2 General Commercial District, to exclude "drive-in restaurants" from the C-2 General Commercial District, and to eliminate automobile, motorcycle, and boat servicing from the C-2 General Commercial

Amends Section 12.04 (Special Land Uses) to allow "vehicle repair" in place of "automobile repair" as a special land use in the C-2 General Commercial District.

Amends Section 12.06 (General Requirements) to provide that a site plan shall be submitted and reviewed for uses in the C-2 General Commercial District in accordance with Article 18 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Interested parties may be heard at the public hearing. Written comments will be received until the close of the public hearing established or where the average setback and may be addressed to the Township Clerk, of existing buildings on either side of a P. O. Box 35, Alto, Michigan 49302. The proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance may be copied or examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Amends Section 11.06 (General Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and

> May 17, 2006 Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk Bowne Township

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Picture it - 175 years of Lowell's history

By Dan Schneider

Residents of Lowell are proving to be enthusiastic about the Lowell pictorial history book the Lowell Area Historical Museum published to commemorate the 175th anniversary of Lowell.

So is museum executive director Judy Straub.

a wonderful commemorate our 175th anniversary," Straub said. "This is the museum's way of honoring that milestone in Lowell's history."

Titled Where the Rivers Meet: A Pictorial Journey Through Lowell, Michigan, 50 hardcover copies the museum had printed sold out within a few days of their arrival back from the printer. The soft-cover history books, 500 of which were delivered to the museum Saturday, May 20, are also drawing interest. Fifty were sold by last Thursday, and that doesn't Lowell's include 30 pre-order sales.

be at Historic Charlton Park

18. Over 1300 vehicles are

expected to be exhibited.

Father's Day Car Show will under their own power.

All cars must be 1980 or 4 and under. Show hours are

in Hastings on Sunday, June is \$15. General admission vendors.

is \$5 for adults; \$3 for

The book has 160 pages and precisely 281 photographs. It uses these

photographs to tell Lowell's Volunteers took several weeks to select photographs for inclusion from among

thousands in the museum's archives. A few photographs lent from private collections were included. Straub said the book offers a glimpse into Lowell history not found elsewhere. photographs in this book

are ones that most people in Lowell have not seen before," Straub said. Thebooktellsthehistory of Lowell in fairly relaxed

fashion. Photographs are in rough chronological order within several categories. These categories

include "Early Years," with photographs depicting seemed the right occasion Lowell's logging industry and other 19th century activities; "People, Parades and Events," including dream come to fruition," centennial Straub said. celebration; and a section

Father's Day Car Show at Charlton Park

devoted to Lowell's famous

The book covers from the 1800s to about 1960. There are a few later events included, such as the straight wind storm that destroyed the Lowell showboat in the

While there are several people pictured in the book, and they were named where possible, photographs were not selected based on who is in them. Rather, they the were picked to represent significant pieces of Lowell's history. With the exception of some of the early white settlers, most people in the photographs

A pictorial history book is an idea that has long been on the mind of museum board member Dan Pipe. The 175th anniversary

> "It was absolutely the perfect time to help Dan's

Show car registration swap meet with over 200 945-3775 for directions or

Charlton Park is located

Mike and Amanda Trimble, owners of Mandolin Design, the graphic design company that put the book

together, are fairly new residents of Lowell. For them, the project was a learning experience. "It was fascinating," Mike Trimble said "When

we first started the project, it was kind of overwhelming ... but it was a great project. We both learned a lot about the town. "We have met several

people that are in some of those photos, so that has been kind of interesting."

The book contains

information that most people other than longtime residents might not know. The Superior Furniture building used to be an automotive parts manufacturer. For instance, there used to be a small eigar factory in Lowell. Other facts about Lowell history might even surprise people who have lived here 70 years or more.

LHS PHYSICALS

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Free athletic physicals for next year's 10th-12th graders: 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: Wednesday, June 7 in the school locker rooms, 6-7:30 p.m. \$10 cash only. Call 987-2800.

FREE FOOD COMMODITIES

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

TRAIL CLEANUP DAY

The Lowell Area Trailway will be hosting a cleanup day, clearing a path around the pond at Cherry Creek Elementary, Saturday, June 3, 8 a.m. - noon. Call Mari Stone 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.

GREG VAN STRIEN The 25th annual older and must be driven in 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; this includes acres between Hastings

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public

hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting

of Monday, June 5, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the

City Council Chamber, Lowell City Hall

Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell

Michigan for the purpose of receiving

comments from the public on the following:

Old blue license plate on its way out

continue its standard blue license plate and adopt a plate with improved features under legislation awaiting the governor's signature, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land said.

The "Old Blue" plate design, as it is known, is used by 5.6 million motorists. It has been on Michigan vehicles since July 1982 and will cease being issued on Jan. 1, 2007. After that, the state will reissue new plates as they expire.

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million new plates needed.

Land compliance with vehicle registration laws to improve as a result of the move to a new standard plate. After the reissue period is complete, those who are driving on expired license plates

Michigan is the last state The legislative package still using the glass-beads includes House Bills 5607 manufacturing process by and 5979, and House Bill which the blue and white 4437. The legislation would plates are created. During provide the necessary funds production, tiny crushed glass to the Department of State to beads with the consistency cover expenses incurred in of sand are sprinkled on michigan.gov/sos for more re-issuing the estimated six the wet white paint to give information.

enforcement groups and others favor the modern design material, which is a highly reflective off-white graphic sheeting that is more

limited reflectivity. Law

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JUNIOR LEAGUE • AGES: 6-16 Begins Tuesday, June 13th 8:00 AM

Cost: \$45.00 Registration fee; \$6 green fees each week. Includes: Basic instruction each week, 9 holes, T-Shirt, end of season cook out, and discount card.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SCRAMBLE 2 Person scramble each Wednesday Morning. 10 AM

Starting May 31 • Cost:□\$15.00 Includes: 18 holes with cart and prize money.



City Operating Budget for 2006-2007. The document outlines proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund has a total of \$2,422,999 in proposed expenditures. After the hearing, the Council will consider adoption.

Copies of the proposed 2006-2007 Budget are available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall, City of Lowell web page (www.ci.lowell.mi.us) or the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

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



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

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The friendly wilderness can be found in state forest campgrounds

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to make a list of summer camping. Some like to

respective programs.

Each year, we all tend number one activity is tent.

K.C.T.C. students of the month

Lowell High School junior Keaton Dilly, from left, senior Ashley Colon, and juniors

other students were in the graphics program, studying electronic publishing and

offset printing. They were nominated for student of the month by instructors in their

NOTICE OF

A PUBLIC HEARING

ON PROPOSED

2006-2007 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, June 12,

2006 at 6:30 o'clock p.m., at Runciman Administration

Building Board Room located at 300 High Street, Lowell.

Michigan, the Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools

will hold a public hearing to consider the District's

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2006-2007

budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the

proposed 2006-2007 budget including the proposed

property tax millage rate is available for public inspection

during normal business hours at the Runciman

Administration Building, 300 High Street, Lowell

The property tax millage rate proposed to be

This notice is given by order of the Board of

Patrick Nugent, Secretary

levied to support the proposed budget will be a

proposed 2006-2007 budget.

subject of this hearing.

Michigan.

Education

the summer outdoor For some it may be spending favorite state park and camp they can only be reached by So, when I find time to that time. And, your camp more time on the Great with family and friends. a determined hike through go camping, I know the can stay in one site for no Day weekend, along with Lakes, catching lake trout But if you are looking for the woods or by paddling rustic campground offers more than 15 consecutive and salmon. For others, it a more rustic camping down a scenic river. somewarmer weather comes could be the peace of a experience, peaceful and quiet trout stream, where a with plenty of space between Department of Natural Re- "The campgrounds I enjoy and enjoy the opportunities fly fishing rod is the tool of campsites, then a state forest But for most, the place for you to set up your the Upper Peninsula and birds, enjoy a steaming cup

campground may be the forest campgrounds, all in wake early to the songs of forest campground.

come, first-served basis.

million acres.

campgrounds do not have for complete relaxation." electric hookups but they do have good drinking State forest campgrounds campgrounds also work water from hand pumps and all feature vault toilets. away from the hustle and budgets. The cost per night One of the nicest features bustle you might find in is \$6, which includes your on water, creating multiple However, in order to offer and access to the amenities water-based recreation op- everyone that atmosphere, in the campground, such as portunities. One can enjoy campers need to abide by a launch facilities and trails. canoeing, swimming, fishing few simple, courteous rules. Many campgrounds also and exploring the trails.

forest campgrounds in a campsite in advance, to Michigan have nearby ensure they get the site of camping comes to the top pathways for non-motorized choice, campers are subject of your summer activity trail recreation, such as to a ticket if they leave a list, consider enjoying hiking, mountain biking, campsite unoccupied for 24 one of Michigan's terrific horseback riding and just hours. In addition, always state forest campgrounds watching nature.

Danielle Balzeski, Kristin Patrick, Jamie Webb and Cameron Dilly were recognized Marquette, prefers going to in the campsite at any time. as students of the month at Kent Career Technical Center over the course of the state forest campgrounds. school year. Webb was part of the wood products manufacturing program and the He loads up his truck camper, charges a battery for power and heads to the U.P. hiking and campfires. be used in a manner that Feldhauser selects a site, creates excessive noise. Click on "Recreation & then registers and pays the The designated quiet hours Camping,"thengoto "Search modest fee at the self-serve are from 10 p.m. - 8 a.m., for your ideal State Park or

me the peace and solitude days. Michigan I'm looking for," he said. sources operates 145 state most are those that let me northern Lower Peninsula. of coffee by the campfire, campgrounds I more than 3,000 campsites into a lake or river to wet a Kovarik

> Many feel the same way. generally are quiet and set well for families on tight other camping settings. site, picnic table and fire ring

In addition, 60 state are tempted to "stake out" places for the kids to swim. keep your pets on a leash and Not only will you find it Mark Feldhauser, of don't leave them unattended

Excessive noise is not permitted in a state forest campground, meaning radios, generators and other amplified devices can't kiosk. "I lead a busy life and meaning that peace and Forest Campground."

With the official arrival activities we hope to pursue. make reservations at a campgrounds are so remote work loads are enormous. quiet must prevail during

Marty Kovarik, of

In fact, some state forest These campgrounds contain then paddle the canoe out are terrific fishing spots," spread out over nearly four line and maybe even catch campground also can be a fish. Later in the day, I home base to enjoy many Sites at the campgrounds enjoy exploring the area, other activities in a general can number from five to 50. hiking the nearby trails, or area. Given a choice, I These rustic campgrounds even just taking a nap. In would go to a state forest accept campers on a first- the evenings, looking down campground, since they at a campfire, then up at the provide the perfect setting forest stars completes my recipe for all of my favorite outdoor recreational pursuits."

Fees at state forest Though some people have picnic areas and good

a pleasant getaway, you also will get to enjoy the high-quality recreational opportunities that abound in

visit the DNR Web site at

www.michigan.gov/dnr.

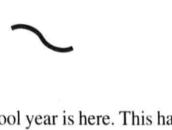
also for the cost of their attorney AND charged for all the time they had spent fighting with me on whether they could come in and destroy my property. They stated they would collect their money by putting a lien on my property. I was allowed to have a hearing in the matter to voice my case,

Tom Richards himself! Now that's fair!!! Because I could not afford an attorney, and take the chance of absorbing all of their costs also, I finally had been bullied into allowing morning, They killed my tree and left the stump for me to

I have created a website regarding this story, complete with pictures, the actual letters exchanged between us, articles from The Ledger and an audio copy of the socalled "hearing." It will be published to the web soon. Stay

The end of this school year is here. This has been one of the best years so far for our children, which is a testimony to the fine effort and hard work of the teachers, administrators, coaches and paraprofessionals. They have all been so caring and they all seem to go the extra mile for their students.

Our oldest son graduated four years ago and one of the teachers he had still asks how he is doing when he sees me. Our second son is graduating this year. The teacher he had in first grade still asks about him whenever I run into her. Our youngest son is in ninth grade and all his teachers and para-pros go out of their way to make sure he has a positive learning experience at school.



100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 31, 1906

125 YEARS

THE WEEKLY JOURNAL

JUNE 1, 1881

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cool thermometer."

putting up Train's new block.

It's renewal time for Volume XXVII of the Lowell

Heavy rains Monday night and Tuesday, with "very

James Courtney of Grand Rapids has the contract for

Eight cases of smallpox were reported at Gowen last

The mysterious skin eruptions occurring on some residents are not painful; there have been no new cases for

125 Ohio newspapers are charged with publishing Standard Oil Company copy as "news" while being paid

The "Beef Trust" deluges the president with requests not to make the commission investigation of packing

Williams Jewelers has equipment to make eye examinations and prescribe glasses.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO MAY 28, 1931

All motorists must now pay a driver's license fee of one dollar every three years.

The new Kent County maps have trunkline numbers, the new county road names and lake names, and strips of

adjoining counties showing roads crossing county lines. The "Buy Lower in Lowell" campaign will have a drawing Wednesday for gold pieces; tickets are being given

out with 50¢ purchases. Defaulted real estate bonds are prized by swindlers.

Hang on to yours; many will be paid off at full value.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 31, 1956

The annual flushing of the water mains is tomorrow:

reserve your water supplies today to avoid the sediments. Polio immunizations will be given to children up to 14 years old next Monday morning at the high school.

The old gymnasium/auditorium will host Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises for the last time. Almost half the class plans on college.

The Lions Club is selling tickets for the first circus in years, coming to Lowell June 25.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MAY 27, 1981

Robert Reed of Lowell is one of two guards injured in a riot at Ionia prison.

Postmaster Charlie Doyle awards 25-year pins to Rex Collins, Leonard Rittersdorf and Bill Condon.

The Ionia County Sheriff's Posse (volunteer deputies) sponsors a Grand Ole Opry show at the Showboat

breaking seasons.



To The Editor

To the Editor:

I read with interest the letter submitted May 24, 2006, by Don Welsh regarding the issue of stump removal and what the rights are of the Lowell homeowners regarding the "right of way" on their property. I can certainly understand his frustration, as I have also experienced this unpleasant battle with the LL&P.

My tree that they murdered was not in their "right-ofway." It stood in the middle of my fenced in backyard, in which they had no easement rights. This was an inconvenience to them, so they came to my house and told me they were going to remove the tree. I could see the tree had some branches that needed to be removed and was in full agreement to doing so; however, to remove the entire tree was not only unnecessary, it was just plain WRONG!

I approached the City Council and was told it was up to LL&P. I held my ground, stating repeatedly that I had no problem with removing the offending branches, but was opposed to the entire tree being cut down. I also brought several pictures of trees taken throughout the city, some of which are directly across the street from the LL&P, where the power lines are laced right through the trees! They immediately called in their attorney, who called me at home and told me (and I quote), "Oh, we will get that tree - - no ifs, ands or buts!!"

They struggled with coming up with a legitimate reason to give them legal access, at one time Mr. Tom Richards, the manager of LL&P stated they feared a child would climb this tree with a metal pole and touch on of the power lines. Then the reason was because they didn't have access to the tree for trimming. Then they decided they did have legal rights, due to "squatter's rights."

Finally, they came to the grand decision that I was in violation of a Nuisance Ordinance. What this meant, they informed me, is if I did not allow them immediate access to my property to remove this tree, they would take me to court, win their case, and then, according to the ordinance, I would be obligated to not only pay for the tree removal, but

which I promptly agreed to do.

Imagine how surprised I was to find that the hearing was held at the LL&P, and the non-partial party was Mr. them to remove my tree. They arrived first thing the next

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A FORMULA FOR FAILURE

particularly successful investors. Why? Part of the reason can be explained in these few words: Fear and greed.

progress toward their goals? Let's start with greed. Too many people are mesmerized by "hot" stocks - those stocks whose prices have risen substantially, often in a relatively short period of time. Instead of being satisfied with their gains, however, investors hang on to their shares, hoping they can wring more and more profits from ever-rising prices.

But sometimes, rising stock prices are not indicative of high-quality stocks. For proof, just look back a few years, to the late 1990s, when investors poured huge amounts of money into high-tech and "dot.com" companies, many of which had little to offer, apart from futuristic names and fanciful business plans. For a while, the stock prices of these companies just kept rising. But in early 2000, the technology "bubble" burst, helping usher in a lengthy bear market.

investors: fear. Above all else, investors fear losing money - no surprise there. This fear often causes them to sell their stocks when the price has fallen, so that they can "cut their losses."

In short, too many investors hear this advice: "buy low

When to Buy ... and When to Sell

To avoid "buying high and selling low," it would be helpful to know when a stock is going to reach its peak or valley. But no one can really predict these things - and it's usually a bad idea to try to "time" your sales based on when you think a "high" or "low" is near.

Your investment professional can help you ask the right questions about why a stock is moving up or down. For example, is a stock rising due to "hype," as was largely the case with the technology stocks of the late 1990s? Is its price/earnings ratio (stock price divided by earnings per share) unsustainably high? Or has its price gone up so long that some type of "correction" is perhaps inevitable? If any of these things are true, you might want to start thinking about the "sell high" part of the equation.

On the other end of the spectrum, you'll want to know why a stock's price is falling before you "bail out." Are its products or services losing their luster? Does the company belong to an industry in decline? Is it experiencing disappointing earnings? Or is it merely the victim of a "bear" market, which tends to drag down most stocks, even the high-quality ones?

If this is the case - in other words, if you're considering a high-quality stock whose price has fallen due to a down market or a recession - you might actually want to buy more shares, not sell the ones you have. Warren Buffet, perhaps the most famous investor in the world, has made a fortune buying out-of-favor stocks at favorable prices. And even if you don't achieve Buffet-like status, you can improve your chances of investment success by purchasing good stocks at good prices.

Fear and greed. Buy low and sell high. These are succinct phrases, but they say a lot about investing. Give them some thought.

BUY HIGH AND SELL LOW:

It's unfortunate, but true: Many people are no

How do these two emotions keep investors from making

Now, let's switch to the other emotion that can harm

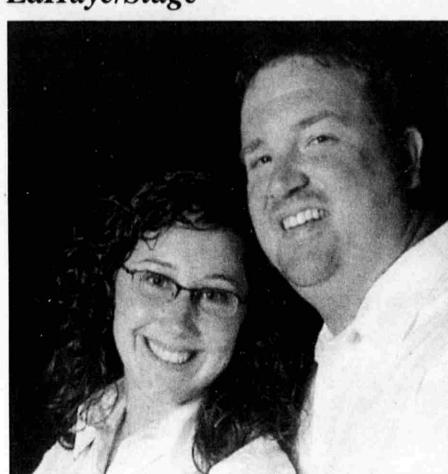
and sell high" - and then do just the opposite.

Girls' softball and golf teams are enjoying record-



Engagements

LaHaye/Stage



Lisa LaHaye and Adam Stage

are pleased to announce of Livonia. A June wedding the engagement of their is being planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael daughter, Lisa Marie to LaHaye of Grand Rapids Adam Frederick Stage, son of Lowell) of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stage



Elisa White, Children's Ministry director Impact Church

and meaningful, some are casual, and some are merely brief encounters.

he found a way to be involved in relationship.

impacted by the quality of relationship I have had with my parents. I will even go a step further and say that I feel relationship with God has been influenced by my parents. Wow! You know, I'm a parent! Is it possible that

Mathews celebrate 25 years of marriage

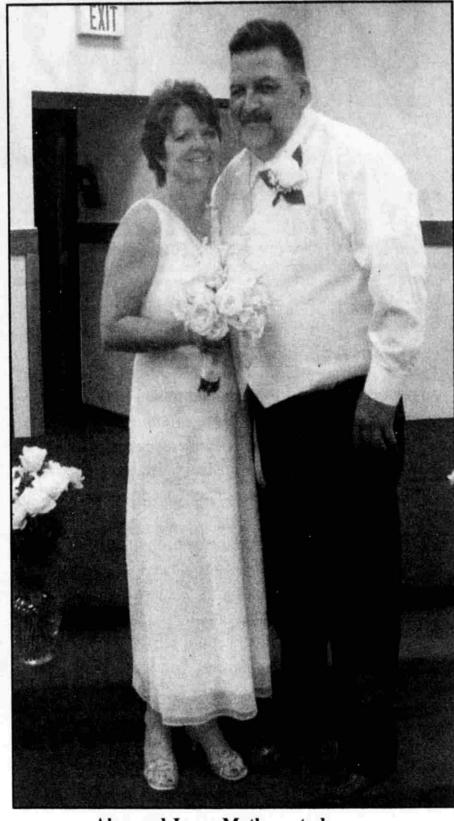


The Mathews' wedding day in 1981

the relationships I'm developing with my four children will have that kind of influence in their lives? I have two toddlers and two teenagers. To be honest it is very easy for me to have what I consider good relationships with my toddlers, but quite a bit more challenging to invest my time and energy in my teens. Well, toddlers - for the most part - can be controlled. I'm bigger; I'm the MOM and truly, they really think I'm wonderful.

My teens on the other hand ... I'm not much bigger; Relationships ... They're everywhere. Some are deep they don't always care who I am and they have begun to notice that I'm not always wonderful. Not only that, but they have really different ideas about life sometimes. They We can't escape them - even if we wanted to. We make some crazy decisions and their decisions affect me! NEED relationships. I recently watched the 1999 movie This is why they need me to have positive influence in "Cast Away" starring Tom Hanks. Even on a desert island their lives now more than ever. They need me to put aside my agenda, my need to be in control and my desire to look I've been thinking a lot lately about the relationships good in their eyes. They need me to ask questions, but that have influenced me; my choices and my experiences. not always have all the answers. They need me to spend Next to God, I would say that I have been most profoundly unsolicited time with them, especially when there are other things I could be doing.

And because I see the value of relationships and the pretty confident that to a large degree my ability to have influence I have as a parent, I'm willing to restructure my life to invest in theirs.



Alan and Jayne Mathews today.

Mathews, of Lowell, were married on Sunday, May 10, Sells, Jason Mathews and 1981 (Mother's Day). They Meghan Mathews stood up renewed their wedding vows with them. on Friday, May 12, 2006, at West Cannon Baptist

Their three children, Abbey and husband Chris

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Pizza

assorted

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fruit, chips, milk.

fruit juice, milk.

WED:

vegetable,

fruit, milk.

MON: Spaghetti

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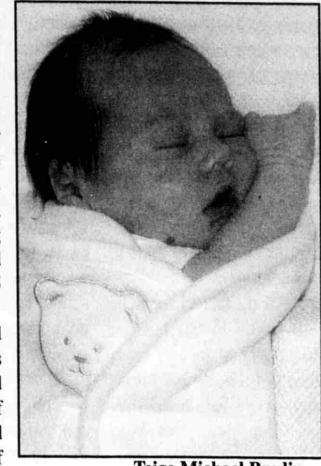
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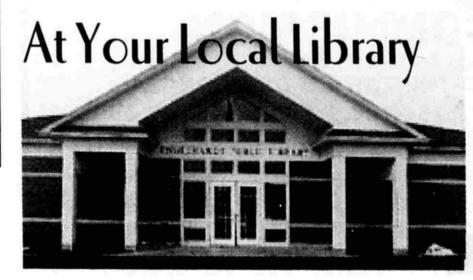
Beachum, Ray Kennedy.

Bushnell announces Paraprofessional of the Year

at Bushnell was awarded the title of "Paraprofessional respect for their unique gifts of the Year" through the is evident in all she does," Kent County Education said Donahue. Association. VanAmburgh, who was nominated by Cindy with Lowell Area Schools Donahue, was in competition paraprofessionals throughout Kent County.

VanAmburgh, everything she does with a positive, can-do attitude. Her love for children and

She has been employed for 31 years and has touched countless young lives, as well as those of their "Miss Sheri approaches families and her colleagues.



NATIONAL HUNGER AWARENESS DAY

Kent District Library will conduct a district-wide fundraiser to coincide with "National Hunger Awareness Day" on June 6. This date serves as a way for domestic hunger-relief organizations to raise awareness about hunger, one of the most solvable problems in America, and the work being done to end it.

In January, KDL staff identified the Second Harvest Gleaners as a local charity they would like to support.

The fundraiser will run for three days: June 6, 7 and 8. Information will be displayed in each of the 18 branches for patrons who wish to participate.



Sheri VanAmburgh

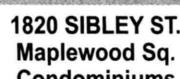
"PAWS, CLAWS, SCALES AND TALES"

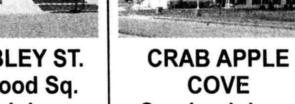
The Summer Reading Club through Kent District Library will begin Monday, June 12. "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales" is open to children

ages 0 - fifth grade, and there is a separate club for teens. Kick-off events for the animal-related club are scheduled for Saturday, June 10 at the Walker branch and Saturday, June 17 at the Byron Township branch.

A wide variety of activities and events are planned throughout the summer at each KDL branch - everything from musical performances, animal and bug programs, pet during the fundraiser. Donation envelopes will be available parades and the "Ruff Readers" program. Visit www.kdl. org for a list of events.







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Veterans recall, continued ... From Page 1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BOWNE TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

TO AMEND SECTIONS 2.33, 2.45, 2.76, 2.94, 3.39, 5.02, 5.03, 6.02,

6.03, 7.02, 7.03, 8.02, 8.03, 9.02, 9.03, 10.02, 10.03, 14.02, 19.01,

19.02, 19.04, 19.05, 19.06, 19.07, 19.08, 19.09, 21.04, 21.05, AND 21.06

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ALLOWED BY RIGHT IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, TO AMEND

APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL LAND USES, TO REVISE

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS, POWERS, APPLICATION AND HEARING

PROCEDURES, AND APPEALS FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF

APPEALS, AND TO AMEND THE HEARING AND NOTIFICATION,

DECISION, AND ADOPTION PROCEDURES FOR ZONING AMENDMENTS

and that's exactly how it not suffer heavy casualties a day of recognition and veterans)." happened," Smith said.

year after Smith was first Smith said. to making supply runs to said.

from combat.

Those he knows who

Public notice is hereby given that the

Bowne Township Planning Commission will

hold a hearing on Thursday, June 8, 2006, at

7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located

at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to

hear public comments regarding a proposed

amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The

Amends Section 2.33 (Family Day Care

Home) to revise the definition to meet PA

Amends Section 2.45 (Institutional Care

Facilities) to revise the definition to meet PA

Amends Section 2.76 (State Licensed

Residential Facility) to revise the definition

Amends Section 2.94 (Zoning Board) to

Amends Section 3.39 (Open Space

Development Regulations) to change title to

Open Space Preservation Development

Regulations in accordance with PA 110 of

Amends Sections 5.02 and 5.03 (Uses

Allowed By Right, Accessory Structures And

Uses) to change State Licensed Residential

Facilities from accessory use to use by right

in the AG Agricultural District, and to delete

Family Day Care Homes as accessory

Amends Sections 6.02 and 6.03 (Uses

Allowed By Right, Accessory Structures And

Uses) to change State Licensed Residential

Facilities from accessory use to use by right

in the R-1 Rural Residential District, and to

Allowed By Right, Accessory Structures And 12:00 p.m.

Uses) to change State Licensed Residential

Facilities from accessory use to use by right

in the R-3 Urban Residential District, and to

delete Family Day Care Homes as

accessory uses.

proposed amendment:

116 of 1973.

116 of 1973.

to meet PA 110 of 2006.

delete outdated definition.

honor for living veterans, in

"I always think that Cherry Creek Elementary for college. After several that, his mission changed did die, died of malaria, he to honor the dead, that's fifth-grade teacher Rob years of active duty, he driver didn't. the way they should do Stevens. Smith is appreciative things," Smith said. "But Smith was fortunate that overtheyears, Memorial I think it's important that recognize veterans enough,"

Amends Sections 10.02 and 10.03 (Uses

Allowed by Right, Accessory Structures and

Uses) to change State Licensed Residential

Facilities from accessory use to use by right

in the R-5 Manufactured Housing

Amends Section 14.02 (Application

Procedures) to revise the public notice

requirements for Special Land Uses in

Amends Section 19.01 (Membership) to

revise certain membership requirements for

the Zoning Board of Appeals in accordance

Amends Section 19.02 (Powers of the ZBA)

to amend certain review authority provisions

and require a 2/3 vote for to approve use

variances for the Zoning Board of Appeals

Amends Section 19.04 (Appeals) to revise

the title to Application and Hearing

Procedures, to revise the public notice

requirements for ZBA hearings, and to allow

representation agent representation before

the ZBA, in accordance with PA 110 o

Amends Section 19.05 (Hearings) to place

certain provisions under Section 19.04 while

Amends Section 19.07 (Appeals of the ZBA)

to revise process for appealing final ZBA

decisions, in accordance with PA 110 of

Amends Sections 19.06 through 19.09 to

hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on

renumber as 19.05 through 19.08.

in accordance with PA 110 of 2006.

accordance with PA 110 of 2006.

Community District.

with PA 110 of 2006.

deleting others.

Allowed By Right, Accessory Structures And P. O. Box 35, Alto, Michigan 49302. The Uses) to change State Licensed Residential proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

Facilities from accessory use to use by right may be copied or examined at the Township in the R-2 Low Density Residential District, Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, or

and to delete Family Day Care Homes as Wednesdays and Thursdays between the

Amends Sections 8.02 and 8.03 (Uses Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and

It's something people get a little apathetic."

Stevens joined the U.S. Army reservist and Army in 1979 to help pay "I don't think we 1987. He was mobilized

> For the last 15 years, he school graduation photo, or has served in Civil Affair no picture at all. units, which go into cities ahead of the combat troops of any Memorial Day is to warn civilians.

"Our job is to keep contemplatively.

After battles, they help the civilians re-establish their lives. While in Iraq, he has known many, many Stevens helped re-establish schools in the city of Balad, which is in the region known in the army as long as I as the Sunni Triangle.

He said it was a good who you know too often."

"I've gone several tours you because you wonder and each time I've met a lot 'Is it someone I know? Is of people and in a lot of it someone I trained? Is ways, they want the same it someone who got hurt things we do," Stevens because I trained them said. "They want to be safe wrong 20 years ago?"" and want to be able to go to

Unfortunately, it's also a dangerous job.

every single night from the willing to say, 'Okay, I'm time we got in the country going to let people shoot at to when I moved down out me in foreign lands because of Balad," Stevens said. I believe in this country and it's the best thing we got,"

three months.

It's something he it through his military believes people should keep experience so far in good in mind all year long.

Interested parties may be heard at the Introducing Alden Nash West delete Family Day Care Homes as public hearing. Written comments will be Fulton (M-21) to Alden Nash, North 1.5 Miles received until the close of the public hearing Amends Sections 7.02 and 7.03 (Uses and may be addressed to the Township Clerk,

May 17, 2006

Bowne Township

Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk

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addition to those who have should do year round, said

troops could wipe them up, to be in an outfit that did Day has evolved to become they do (recognize living he said. "That there are some close friends, who heroes around. I think we haven't. He has a picture

on his classroom wall of a

friend whose humvee was

recently blown up in Iraq.

pages with names and

pictures of the soldiers who

have died in Iraq on the

whose picture is their high

typically spent quietly and

friends who are no longer

people in the military.

His long service means

"When you've been

have, you're losing people

their lives, it always affects

Stevens not only

"People who are

remembers the people who

died, but he remembers

what they died for.

Stevens said.

with us."

For Stevens, much

"I have a real hard time

Stevens has posted

joined the Reserves in for Desert Storm, for the Bosnian conflict in 1996 and for Kosovo. His most windows of the library at recent tour of duty was in Cherry Creek. He especially Iraq from February 2002 to hates to see the soldiers April 2004.

civilians out of the way," Stevens said. "We set up during Memorial Day," sites where they can go for Stevens said. "I've got

way to experience the Stevens said. "When you people living in war-torn read about people losing

work and go to school."

"We got mortared He was in Balad for

Stevens has made

health. He knows soldiers,

And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man.

- John F. Kennedy (1917 - 1963)

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A new place to play

A brief ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Thursday at a new community playground. Located behind the Lowell Area Schools (LAS) administration building at 300 High Street, the playground is designed for children ages 2-5 and is open to all families in the community. Volunteers assembled the playground Saturday, May 20, and it was paid for with a \$37,869 grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund. Pictured, from left to right are volunteers Simon and Kara Kelley, LAS Curiosity Corner Preschool and Tots on Track for School (TOTS) coordinator Kathy Cole, interim superintendent Pat Murphy, and community fund board member Kurt Lardie. The playground will be used by children in the community ages 2-5, TOTS kids, 96 Curiosity Corner Preschool students this fall and children in the YMCA daycare programs.

A little nonsense now and then, is cherished by the wisest men. - Roald Dahl (1916 - 1990)

the introduction or spread

of aquatic invasive species

Michigan's anglers encouraged to help protect our waters In an effort to prevent this year to distribute with dispose of their unwanted environmental degradation

annual license renewals. and Michigan waters, the be easily introduced through enjoyment. Michigan Office of the the improper disposal of

bait in the trash. Preventative as well as economic losses can Invaders such as zebra practices will help to protect which have been estimated

More than 160 AIS have Great Lakes, Michigan water from bait buckets entered the Great Lakes and Sea Grant, and the into Michigan's lakes and Michigan waters through Michigan Department of streams. The bait stickers ballast water, aquaculture, Natural Resources will be will be distributed to anglers canals and waterways, distributing over 65,000 by local bait retailers recreational activities, and "Don't Dump Your Bait" throughout Michigan in the trade and use of live stickers to approximately an effort to educate and organisms. Without natural 650 Michigan bait retailers remind anglers to properly predators, AIS contribute

Students

pay tribute

Sherri Melle's third

military

grade class at Cherry

Creek Elementary rem-

heroes with a special

ceremony on Friday

as John Bigham, Calib

Taylor, Brendan Spencer

and David Rose hoisted

the flag. Melle's students

have been responsible for

raising the flag for the

entire school year.

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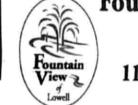


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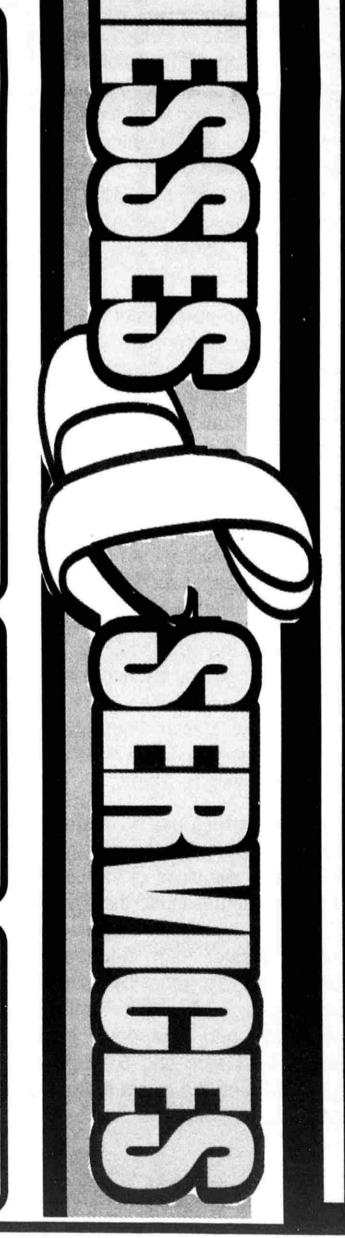


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Lowell softball places second at Tichelaar Tournament

By Dan Schneider

Lowell placed second two runs in the first inning. triple by Nawrocki, one of Plummer drove her home Tournament. In the thirdat the 11th annual Memorial Katie McElroy scored the two she hit in the game. Mandy Tichelaar Softball Tournament last Tuesday at making her way to third RBI triple in the fifth inning. the Cherry Creek softball Four teams were invited. in the inning, Kerri Ort hit a a double. Grandville beat Kenowa double that drove in Becky

Hills 3-2 in one first-round game. Lowell played Grand to base. Rapids Catholic Central in the other, winning 5-1.

first by hitting a single,

Plummer, who had walked their only run of the game run in the third inning on four total hits in the game.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION **PROPOSED NEW TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN**

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 8 2006 at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall. located at 8240 Alden Nash, S.E., Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding the proposed new Master Plan. The proposed new Master Plan has been revised following the Township Board's objection to the proposed Master Plan originally approved by the Planning Commission. The revision changes the designation of property in Sections 23, 24, and 25 of the Township from Rural Reserve to Agricultural Preservation. The areas affected by this revision are generally bounded by 84th Street, 92nd Street, Wingeier Avenue and Freeport Avenue (four parcels are south of 92nd Street).

The proposed new Master Plan, as revised is intended to serve as a guide for future development and land use within Bowne Township. The proposed new Master Plan contains information about current and past conditions in the community, goals for the future of the Township, and a future land use map illustrating development patterns and intended land uses throughout the Township. The proposed Master Plan will replace in its entirety the current Land Use Plan adopted in

Adoption of the proposed new Master Plan does not change any ordinance or regulation regarding the use of land. Adoption of the proposed new Master Plan also does not mean that any property will be immediately rezoned to match the Plan.

Interested parties may be heard at the June 8 public hearing. Written comments will be received until the close of the public hearing and may be addressed to the Township Clerk at P. O. Box 35, Alto, Michigan 49302. The proposed Master Plan may be copied or examined at the historic Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, S.E., Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

> May 17, 2006 Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk Bowne Township

Nawrocki had her other wild pitch. base and scoring on a bunt She again scored Plummer, involved in Lowell's third the recipient of by Ashley Nawrocki. Later who had gotten on base with

on three hits in the seventh consecutive year Grandville scholarship, which provides district game. The district

Ort had three hits for Lowell.

Plummer hit a major pitching milestone in the fourth inning of the game: the 1,000th strikeout of her high school softball career. It was one of 12 strikeouts she had in the game.

the Lowell lost championship game to Grandville 4-3. The Arrows gave up three runs in the first inning, one of them earned, and what proved to be the deciding run in the sixth inning.

Lowell scored two runs in the first. Brittany Bueche

Lowell's . Jen Ettinger connected with the ball in this at-bat in last Tuesday's game against Catholic Central, round one of the Memorial Mandy Tichelaar Softball Tournament.

with a triple and scored on a place game, Catholic Central

Plummer was also and final run. She doubled in year's Tichelaar softball Catholic Central scored it home on an Ort single. is taken up at each year's

The Red Arrows scored a single by Plummer and a was safe on an error, then Memorial Mandy Tichelaar money for books and other "The softball program

> defeated Kenowa Hills 6-5. would like to thank the Kelly Malling was Tichelaars for their continued support of Lowell softball," the seventh inning and made scholarship. A collection Bob Rodenhouse.

the third tournament to help fund the Creston Tuesday in the pre-Lowell scored another inning. The Cougars had beat Lowell in the a Lowell softball player with tournament starts Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Cherry



Lacrosse beats Catholic Central

By Dan Schneider

final game of the regular Cougars kept it close, but season last Monday, beating could not overtake them. Catholic Central 13-10.

Lowell defeated the Cougars Eric Bredin said. in six meetings in the history of Lowell lacrosse. Catholic goals in the game. Scott the past. Central beat Lowell 5-2 earlier in the season.

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field, the Red Arrows had pretty well distributed with a lot of the guys played their Lowell played their the lead the entire game. The six scorers.

Devroy had three assists and

best offense of the season," "It was good to see some Bredin said. scoring," Bredin said, ...

"It was pretty even especially against Catholic It was the first time throughout," Lowell coach Central's zone defense, a Lowell lost 16-4 at Okemos defensive scheme that has in the first round of the Ben Nugent had six given the Arrows trouble in regional tournament.

Playing on Lowell's rest of Lowell's scoring was scoring a lot and against CC had one goal.

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David Gallagher scored "The last few games we two of Lowell's goals. Adam Bowers had two. The played, we had a tough time Bowers and Nugent each

> orogram. "They're just at a different level than we are," Bredin said.

established

Okemos has a more

In last Wednesday's

against Okemos.

Lowell is showing growth, however. The Red Arrows had an overall record of 8-11 this year. That's three more games in the win column than last year's record.

"Beating Holland Christian and Catholic Central at the end of the season was good," Bredin

Holland Christian, too, had beaten Lowell earlier in the season.

Red Arrow baseball pulls out big win against Caledonia

By Dan Schneider

up a win last Wednesday against Caledonia, the OK Gold champs.

8-6 score. They scored one run in each of the third and each of the sixth and seventh innings.

Lowell had 14 hits in the game. Josh Gilliard had three hits in four trips to the plate. He scored twice and Meppelink went 3-4 on the day. Jay Ryan had two RBIs they won. and Jordan Ickes had one.

The Arrows won by an rest of the game and got the we'll be alright."

Miller said. "Throughout the by a 4-1 score. It was only year, we've been in a lot of 2-1 going into the bottom close games and this one we of the fifth, but the Wildcats were on the good end of."

batted in two runs. Tylor focused team throughout the of reach. Lowell had three game, which is the reason base runners in the seventh

Girls basketball team earns

academic all-state recognition

Zach Burger pitched five come with focus, I think they around a bit toward the end. focused on every pitch. If

The win came after a pair first base. "Our boys played well. of losses in a doubleheader fourth innings and three in They weren't committing at Northview last Tuesday. errors," Lowell coach Juston Lowell lost the first game seventh. scored two more runs in that He said Lowell was a inning and put the game out

inning, but was unable to

"Our boys, when they drive in the runs.

Lowell baseball picked strong innings for the Red can beat anybody," Miller in the top of the fifth. Ethan loss for Lowell. The Red the bat on the ball but we Arrows, but was knocked said. "They just have to stay Drain hit a double and Arrows scored in the second just weren't able to get on moved to third on Kenny inning when Ickes hit a base." Torsten Boss pitched the we can continue to do that, Hayes' sacrifice bunt. He single, moved to second on then scored on an error at a fielder's choice, and was Creston Tuesday in a pre-

game with a double in the only two hits of the game.

Game two of the game," Miller said. "We had

"Bats went cold in that baseball field.

The Arrows' run came doubleheader was an 8-1 a lot of plays where we put

driven in by a Meppelink district game. The district Boss went 2-4 in the base hit. Those were the tournament starts at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Cherry Creek

OK White season done, girls soccer heads to districts

The Lowell girls soccer last Monday. Lowell played in the opening round of the team placed fourth in the OK in the third-place game last district tournament at Forest concluded last week.

in the opening round May score. 17, Lowell fell 4-3 to Forest Hills Central in the semifinal Greenville this Wednesday

Lowell will play against Hills Central this Friday.

White tournament, which Wednesday at Forest Hills Hills Central. The winner of Northern. The Red Arrows that game will face Grand After beating Northview fell to the Huskies by a 2-1 Rapids Central on Thursday. District finals are at Forest

Crew competes in Indiana

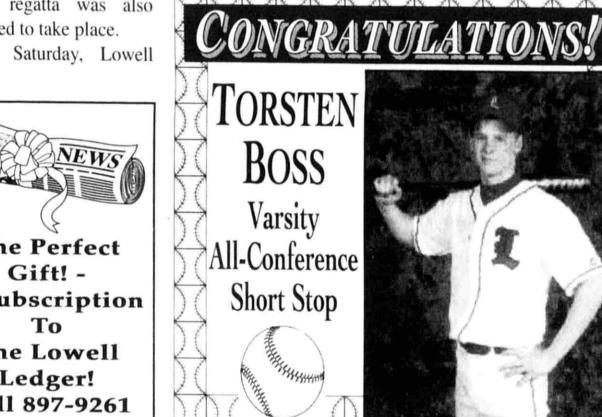
Lowell crew traveled competed against local rival initial heat, to row again May 19 to Culver, Indiana, Rockford, Culver, and other in a final 1500-meter race. High School next to Lake 4-boat placed third in an Jessica Nelson. Maxinkuckee where the rowing regatta was also scheduled to take place.



The Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) recently recognized the 2005 Lowell girls varsity basketball team as Academic All-State. The team placed sixth Gift! in Class A with an overall grade point average of 3.684. The grade point average of all Pictured back row, left to right, are members of the 2005 Lowell varsity team: Audrey

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to compete in their last schools from Ohio, Illinois The 4-boat rowers included regatta of the 2006 season. and Canada. Everyone on Kyle Riley, Logan Brenk, The students were housed the team made a great effort Erick Holmgren and Nick overnight in the Culver but only the men's Novice Gilhespy, with coxswain







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players are combined and averaged to reach the team grade point average.

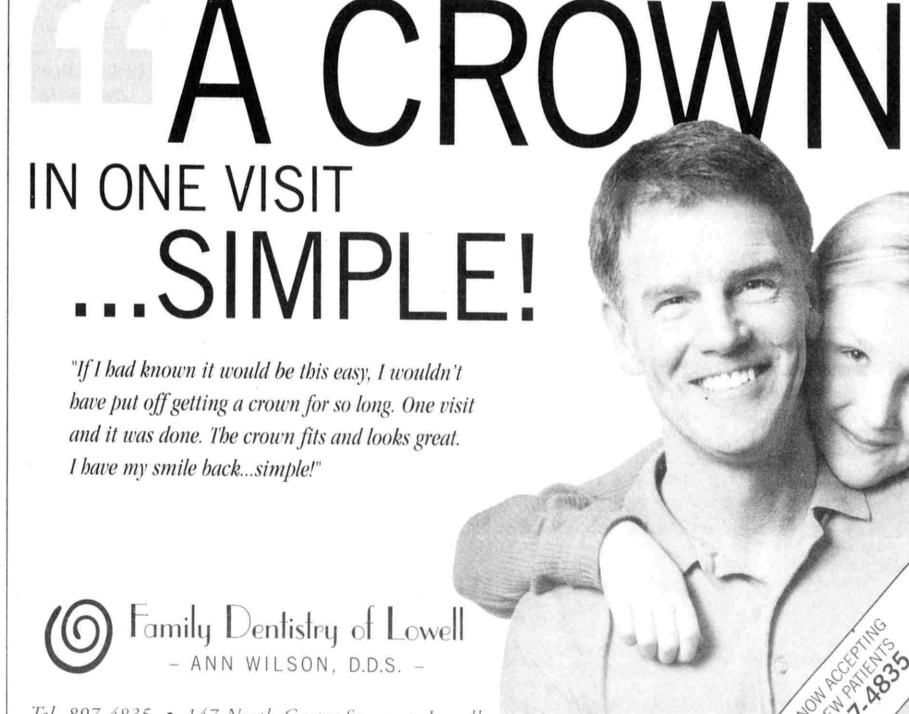
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High School graduate, is goes to a junior in education the daughter of David and who demonstrates distinct Carmen Bush of Lowell. She is majoring in political commitment to a career in science and history.

Audrey S. Converse School. was one of 35 Hope College juniors to be inducted into

More than 130 Alma Mortar Board on April 27 College students participated during the college's annual in the college's 10th annual Honors Convocation. This Kapp Honor's Day program is a national honor society on April 6. Traditional that recognizes students for classes are canceled and scholarship, leadership and students share their original service. Converse is a 2003 research, creativity and graduate of Lowell High

and Math Book Award in Honors Convocation on Bush, a 2003 Lowell April 27. The cash award ability and evidence of teaching. Devoid is a 2003 graduate of Lowell High

Neal DeVoid, a Hope

Jacque Benedict

Jacque Benedict, a junior at Central Michigan University, has been named to the Academic All-Mid-American Conference softball team for the second year. The outfielder was also a second team All-MAC performer on the field this season. Benedict has a 3.78 grade point average and is majoring in sport studies and minoring in business She is a 2003 Lowell High School graduate.



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EVENTS

STAMPIN UP - demonstrator is hosting stamping classes the second Tuesday of every month Saturday classes also available. Please call Linda Milley, 616-897-0173 for more information.

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SERVICES

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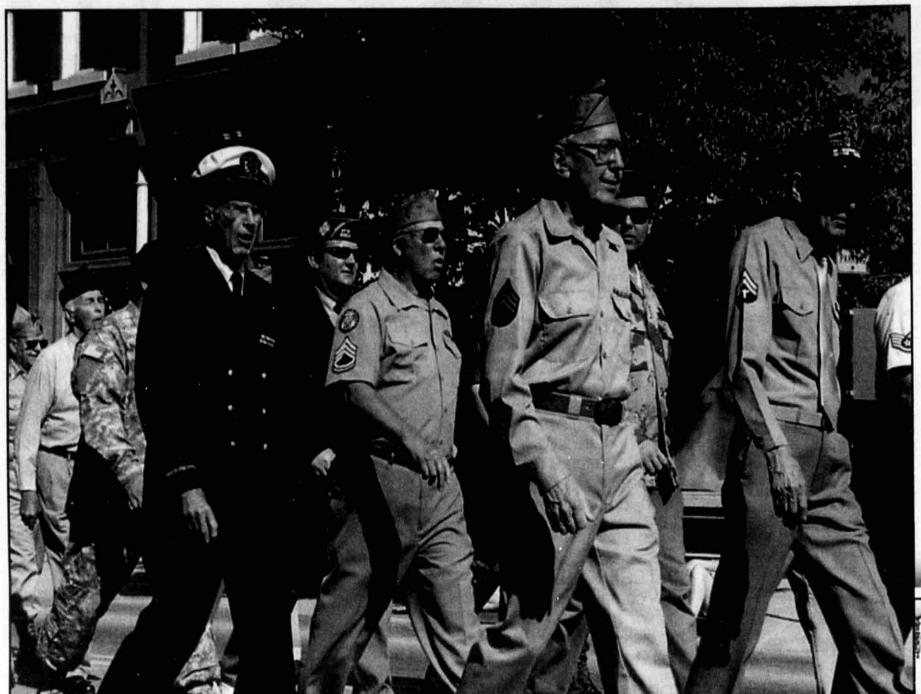
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War Monument as Marks gave the remarks for the service. Around the crowd, throughout scattered the cemetery, were the grave sites of 555 Lowell veterans.

"Five hundred fiftyfive veterans that served our country and did their supported," Marks said. part for freedom," Marks said.

He referred to his experiences in the battles of World War II.

"Even though the odds Jack Misner.

were against us," Marks said, "men went in there and did the job, whatever was required."

He told the people to be mindful of the sacrifices service men and women

"Our troops need to be

continue to make.

The high school band performed "America the Beautiful." The program "Taps," ended with performed on the bugle by

Lowell veterans marching in the parade drew applause from onlookers all along the parade route.



The Lowell High School color guard makes its way along Main St.

Motorcyclists decorated their bikes in patriotic fashion for the parade.



The Lowell Middle School marching band performs in Monday's parade.



Lowell veterans and current soldiers salute during the playing of the national anthem at Oakwood Cemetery.



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8303 chaplain Glen Marks gave both the convocation and remarks at Oakwood Cemetery for the Memorial Day observances.