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Lenneman pleads guilty to making false cancer claim

By Dan Schneider

Before the judge last Tuesday Stanley Joseph Lenneman was acquiescent as he entered a guilty plea to charges of defrauding the Lowell community of as much as \$10,000 with a false cancer claim.

Michigan State Police arrested Lenneman March 30 at a residence outside of Saranac. An anonymous

letter, sent to local media outlets and forwarded to police in February, questioned the legitimacy of Lenneman's cancer claims made throughout 2005. He had used that cancer claim to defraud money through fundraisers organized by his family.

These fundraisers included a May 27, 2005 benefit auction at Deer Run Golf Club. A thank you

advertisement published afterward in the Buyers Guide listed 63 businesses and individuals who contributed items for the auction.

The formal charge was "false pretenses, value of more than \$1,000, but less than \$10,000." It carries a maximum prison sentence of five years. As part of Lenneman's plea bargain,

prosecutors dropped his repeat offender status from consideration in sentencing. In 1991, Lenneman was convicted of attempted larceny from a motor vehicle. Last year, he was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, second offense.

By pleading guilty, Lenneman waived his right to a trial by jury. He

is scheduled for an Aug. 10 sentencing.

Judge Dennis Leiber was brief in his comments, saying he would save them for the sentencing hearing. He told Lenneman, "I'm going to expect a little more honest industry out of you" between now and Aug. 10.

Earlier in the proceedings, Leiber had asked Lenneman about

his employment status. Lenneman said he was doing home improvement work for his sister in Saranac. His last formal employment was with a mortgage company, he said, but that ended last June after he got into a car accident.

"A real one?" Leiber asked.



Mr. Jiggs, a clown with the Kelly Miller Circus, rides Nina the elephant. Several clowns and elephants will be in town Sunday for two performances

The circus comes to town and tents go up this Sunday

By Dan Schneider

Lowell's Bushnell Elementary will be the grounds for an old-time circus.

There will be other acts, but prospective circus goers can be assured of clowns and elephants.

"Clowns and elephants are the pegs you hang circuses on," Bob Marsh said, quoting P.T. Barnum. "The Kelly Miller Circus has plenty of both."

Marsh was in Lowell last Wednesday afternoon, promoting the circus. A

clown himself, and a rider of elephants, Marsh has a firsthand perspective on the role of each in a circus.

Marsh, who goes by the name of "Mr. Jiggs" when clowning, comes to town usually a week to two weeks ahead of the circus. And usually, he said, he is in his clown costume for these promotional visits, but such was not the case last Wednesday. But he did elucidate what the Kelly Miller Circus entails.

"The show features a wide array of international circus stars and wild animals from around the world," Marsh said, speaking in a deliberate manner suggesting a well-rehearsed routine.

The circus has 24 animals. Three of them are Asian elephants: Viola, who weighs in at 9,540 pounds; Libby, who tips the scales at 7,820 pounds; and the least cumbersome of the three, Nina, who weighs

6,520 pounds. Featured acts include acrobats, jugglers, wire walkers, trapeze artists and mixed animal acts, in addition to the clowns and performing elephants.

Marsh bills circuses, Kelly Miller's included, as family events.

"Not only is the circus one of the oldest forms of entertainment in the world, but it is one of the few forms of entertainment that has never required censorship," Marsh said. "The circus is not a kiddie show. The circus is a family show and we have just as much in our program that will appeal to adults as it does to children."

Two shows will be given Sunday, at 2 and 4:30 p.m. The midway opens one hour before each show with pony, camel and elephant rides.

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Pow Wow at the Fairgrounds

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Fairgrounds will be the site of the Restoring the Circle Pow Wow this weekend.

The eighth annual event, in its third year in Lowell, will take place Saturday and Sunday. Pow Wows are a chance for Native Americans to share their culture and traditions with others while they reconnect with those aspects of their own lives. The Restoring the Circle Pow Wow, in particular, is a time when new participants are taught about native customs.

"Restoring the Circle is bringing that back to the people and getting them that education," said Alicia Haggerty, treasurer of the Grand Valley American Indian Lodge, the organization that puts on the Restoring the Circle Pow Wow. "People who haven't been head dancers before will get that chance."

The head dancers lead the other dancers around the dance circle. Haggerty, a head dancer at other Pow Wows, has been an active participant in Pow Wows for 10 years.

For Haggerty, 33, they provided a link to a native heritage she didn't know she had. She attended Pow Wows where her family, jewelry makers, were traders. She felt strongly moved observing these events, particularly listening to the sound of the drum.

"I listen to the drum and it makes me cry and I have no idea why," Haggerty said.

It was not until later, after her mother and aunt began doing genealogical research, that she was able to understand where that connection came from. She learned she has Chippewa, Ottawa and Potawatomi in her ancestry, and a few other tribes as well.

"Now it makes sense, sitting there crying when you're listening to the drum," she said.

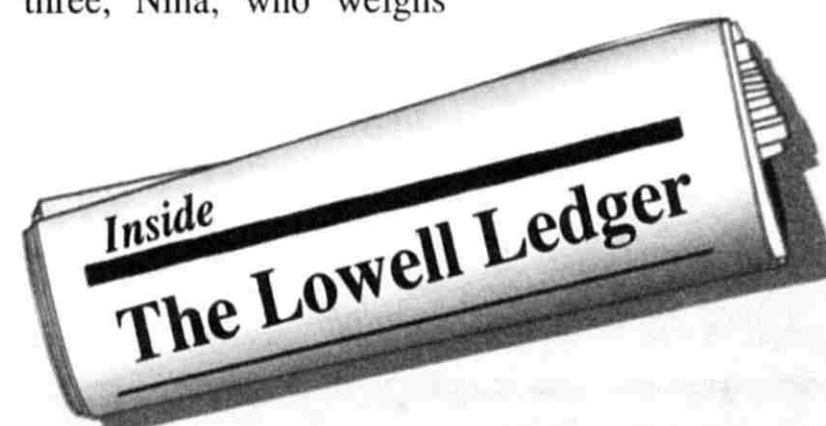
Events at later Pow Wows drew her into more involvement, such as when a family friend gave her a traditional dress to dance in.

"One day I was up in a Pow Wow in White Cloud ... someone actually gave me my first dress," Haggerty said. "I was given my first dress and I knew that I had to at least do an intertribal dance."

An intertribal dance is one in which everyone, including observers from the audience, is invited to participate. The public is welcome to the Pow Wow, and there is no charge for admission.

"Anyone who is interested in the native culture is welcome," Grand Valley American Indian Lodge council director Lori Shustha said.

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Obituaries

DICESARE

John R. DiCesare, aged 51, of Ravenna, died Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at Lacks Cancer Center in Grand Rapids after a courageous battle with cancer. John was born on September 17, 1954, in Detroit to the late Ralph and Margaret (Piper) DiCesare. John married Kathy F. (Lentz) on November 10, 1989, in Rockford. John was a communicant of St. Catherine's Catholic Church. He was a service director for Weathershield Roofing company for several years.

John is survived by his wife Kathy; sons Anthony DiCesare and Tom Gieroch Jr. of Ravenna; daughters Sydney "Kate" DiCesare of Ravenna, Heidi and Jamie VanDenHeuvel of Grand Rapids, Kylie Gieroch of Ravenna; brothers Joe and Raquel DiCesare of Santa Cruz, CA, Rich and Linda DiCesare of Grandville, Bob DiCesare of Australia; sisters Anna DiCesare of Rockford, Linda and Jamie Poling of Grand Rapids, Paula and Bill Doane of Lowell; father-in-law Jack

Lentz; brother-in-law Gary and Mary Beth Lentz of Steilacoom, WA; sisters-in-law Sue and Dan Jungmans of Elkhart, IN, Jackie and Pat Murphy of Grand Rapids. John was preceded in death by his parents, mother-in-law Marie "Mert" Lentz, Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals was celebrated June 16 at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Ravenna with Monsignor John Porter celebrant. Burial at St. Catherine's Cemetery in Ravenna. Memorials have been established in John's name to the DiCesare Children and to the Lacks Cancer Center.

KROPF

Rodney C. Kropf, aged 80, formerly of Lowell for many years, died June 15, 2006. He was beloved husband of Leneva, loving father of Marsha and Gerald (Pam); grandfather to Kristina and Gerry; former

city attorney of Livonia; devoted Livonia Rotarian; member of Michigan Harness Association, Wayne State University supporter, contributor and #1 football fan. Funeral service will held Tuesday at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia.

MILLER

Mrs. Arvilla Miller, aged 74, of Alto, passed away Friday, June 16, 2006. She is survived by her children Jackalyn Anderson, James and Lisa Miller; grandchildren Taylor Blake, Johnny Arnold, Cody Arnold; brothers Robert Lasley, Raymond Lasley; sister Margaret; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband James Miller in 2005. The service for Mrs. Miller was Monday at Pederson Funeral Home in Rockford with Pastor Stanley Mohr, officiating.

POTTER

David Lawrence Potter, born February 9, 1938, died June 19, 2006 in Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents Byron Potter and EuzefaByrnesPotter-Mason, a daughter Ginger Potter and a sister Susan Potter-Miesel. His wife Sharon Potter residing in Palm Harbor, Florida, survives Dave. Also surviving are his two daughters Stacey (Mike) Slominski of Comstock Park, MI, Jackie (Paul) Bogdans of Grand Haven, MI; six grandchildren; five brothers and sisters Joe (Mary) Potter of Charlevoix, MI; William (Jan) Potter of Iron Mountain, MI, Kitty Brenk of Tawas, MI; Sharon (George) Miles of Lowell, Jerry (James) Francis of Lowell. Dave grew up in Lowell and graduated from Lowell High School. He received his business degree from Davenport University in Grand Rapids. He was a prominent businessman and owned his own advertising business. He was a previous part owner and builder of Deer Run Golf Course. Funeral services pending cremation in Florida and transportation back to Michigan.

SWART

Thomas E. Swart, aged 74, of Grand Rapids, died unexpectedly and went to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 15, 2006. He is survived by his loving wife of almost 52 years, Marlene; children Charlene (Roger) Bouma, Thomas (Stephanie) Swart II, Judy Junewick, Jon (Lisa) Swart; 10 grandchildren: Christopher, David Katherine Bouma, Thomas, Michael Swart, Steve (Rachel), Mike, Amy Junewick, Matthew and Elisabeth Swart; sister Gloria Towns; favorite sister-in-law Charlene (David) Bigelow; many nieces and nephews. He was president and CEO of Elston-Richards Storage Company. He was president and served on the board for many years at the Muskegon Rescue Mission. He was a dedicated Christian, husband, father and grandfather. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, the Rev. Msgr. Ernest P. Schneider, Celebrant. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Muskegon Rescue Mission, 1691 Peck, Muskegon, MI 49441.

Java Jive to "sizzle" on the Showboat

Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts will feature Java Jive this Thursday from 7-9 p.m.



Java Jive includes Mary Lewandoski (lead vocals), Matt Porter (upright bass), Jim Saltsman (drums), Vicki Uren (vocal harmony), Rolly Smith (woodwinds and wind controller), and Pete Lewandoski (guitar). It is sure to bring back great memories and a good time.

LPD offers discount bike helmets

The Lowell Police Department is offering discount bicycle helmets for children in the Lowell area. "Head injuries are one of the main reasons that kids get injured on their bicycles," said Lowell police detective Steve Bukala. The helmets meet all safety standards and are

available in most colors. The cost is \$7. "They're stylish helmets and kids agree to wear them, and I have adult sizes as well for the parents so they can set the example," Bukala said. Lowell does not have an ordinance requiring children to wear helmets,

but Bukala has run the helmet program here for five years now. The helmets are ordered through ProRider Inc.'s Children N Safety program, which provides discount helmets through police, fire and ambulance agencies. The helmets are sold at cost. To order a helmet,

contact Bukala at the Lowell Police Department, 897-7120, with the child's head circumference measurement. Or stop in to see him at the police station between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The order will be sent out Wednesday, June 28, at 4 p.m.

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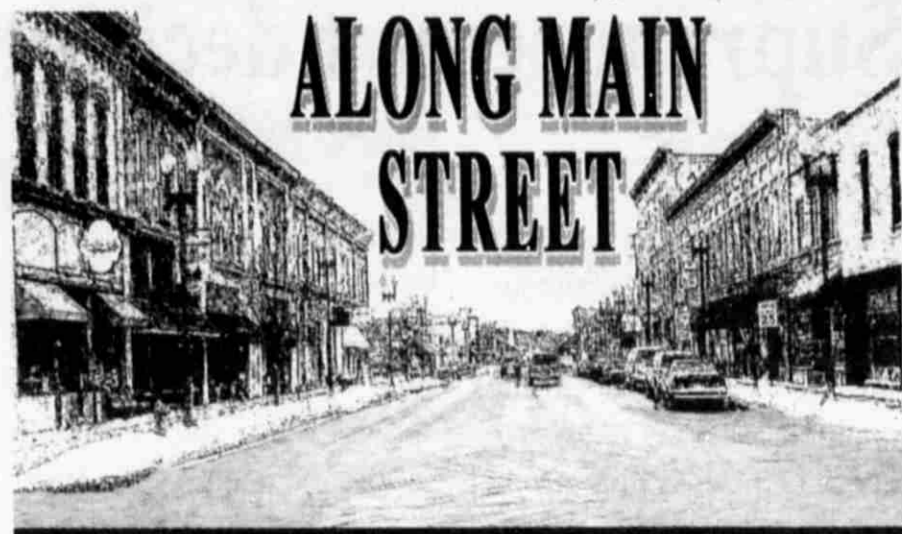
Haggerty said the event can be a moving experience even for those who do not have American Indian ancestry. "Even people who don't have these ties to it can feel it," she said. "If they have an open mind, I can't imagine them not feeling something." An extensive program available at the Pow Wow for no charge explains the significance of a lot of what happens at the Pow Wow. It tells about the different dances and some of their meanings. "It's really important that first-timers look at that information," Haggerty said. It will give them a better idea of what is going on. It also includes descriptions of etiquette that is important to follow

in order to be a respectful observer. "There's certain rules you need to follow when you're at a Pow Wow," Haggerty said. For instance, a dancer's regalia is very important to him or her. Often it includes elements that have been handed down through generations. Therefore, people should ask permission before touching a dancer's regalia or before photographing a dancer. A master of ceremonies will be present at the Pow Wow, explaining dances and events as they happen. There are times during the dances when it is inappropriate to take photographs, such as during the Grand Entries that begin each day's dancing. There are also times of special spiritual significance, such as when an eagle feather

falls from a dancer's regalia onto the dance circle that no pictures are allowed and reverence is important from observers. The master of ceremonies will inform observers when such occurrences take place. Craft booths open Saturday at 10 a.m. with the first Grand Entry at 1 p.m. Dancing will continue until the 4 p.m. dinner break. Another Grand Entry begins at 6:30 p.m. The Pow Wow closes at dark. An auction of donated craft items, many of them from the traders' booths, will take place at 9 p.m.

The Pow Wow re-opens Sunday with a Grand Entry at noon. Craft booths open at 10 a.m. Closing ceremonies will take place at 4 p.m. Camping is available. People are asked to leave their dogs at home.

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Annual membership meeting with election of officers and board members/open public membership drive on June 22 at Lowell Schneider Manor at 7 p.m.

SIZZLIN' SUMMER CONCERTS
Java Jive (swing) will perform this Thursday, June 22, 7-9 p.m. at Riverwalk Plaza. Free admission/parking.

CAR WASH
The Lowell/Caledonia hockey program is hosting a car wash at Tractor Supply Company Saturday, June 24 from 12-4 p.m. Donations accepted.

HISTORIC SCAVENGER HUNT
Visit www.lowellchamber.org or www.lowellmuseum.org for 5 historic questions from the new pictorial book, "Where The Rivers Meet." Every week 'til Riverwalk Festival July 8.

CHAMBER FUN GOLF LEAGUE
Come to the Double R Ranch Mondays between 6 and 7 p.m. for mixed golf league. No experience necessary. Call 794-0520.

LOWELL AREA FARM MARKET
Seeking growers and producers for the Lowell Area Farm Market. Call the chamber to be put on the list 897-9161 or email to info@lowellchamber.org.

CLASSES AT LAAC
Kids, sign up for classes during the summer: woodcarving, patio stones, glass suncatcher and theatre classes. Adult classes also offered. Call 897-8545.

ST. PATRICK'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL
Festivities begin June 24 at 4:31 p.m. at the Las Vegas tent, ice cream social, live band; Sunday with chicken barbecue, games, live band, and raffle.

SUNNY DAY GOLF OUTING
Sign up for the 1st annual Sunny Day Classic Charity Golf Outing at Tyler Creek Golf Club, Saturday July 29. Deadline: June 30. Cost \$50. Call 616-406-6417.

RIVERWALK FESTIVAL
Visit downtown Lowell July 7 and 8 for the festivities. Fireworks Saturday at 10:15 at Stoney Lakeside Park.

FROM DONATIONS
The FROM Food Pantry is in need of paper products, especially toilet tissue.

CORRECTION

THE "CIRCUS" AD THAT RAN IN THE BUYERS GUIDE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH & IN THE LOWELL LEDGER ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH HAD INCORRECT PRICING.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 06-181,628-DE

Estate of VERONICA B. PIENTA, deceased

SS# 370-14-7463

June 15, 2006

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, VERONICA B. PIENTA, who lived at 860 Park SW, Grand Rapids, MI died May 27, 2006. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless

presented to David W. Pienta, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 125 Park Street, Sparta, MI 49345, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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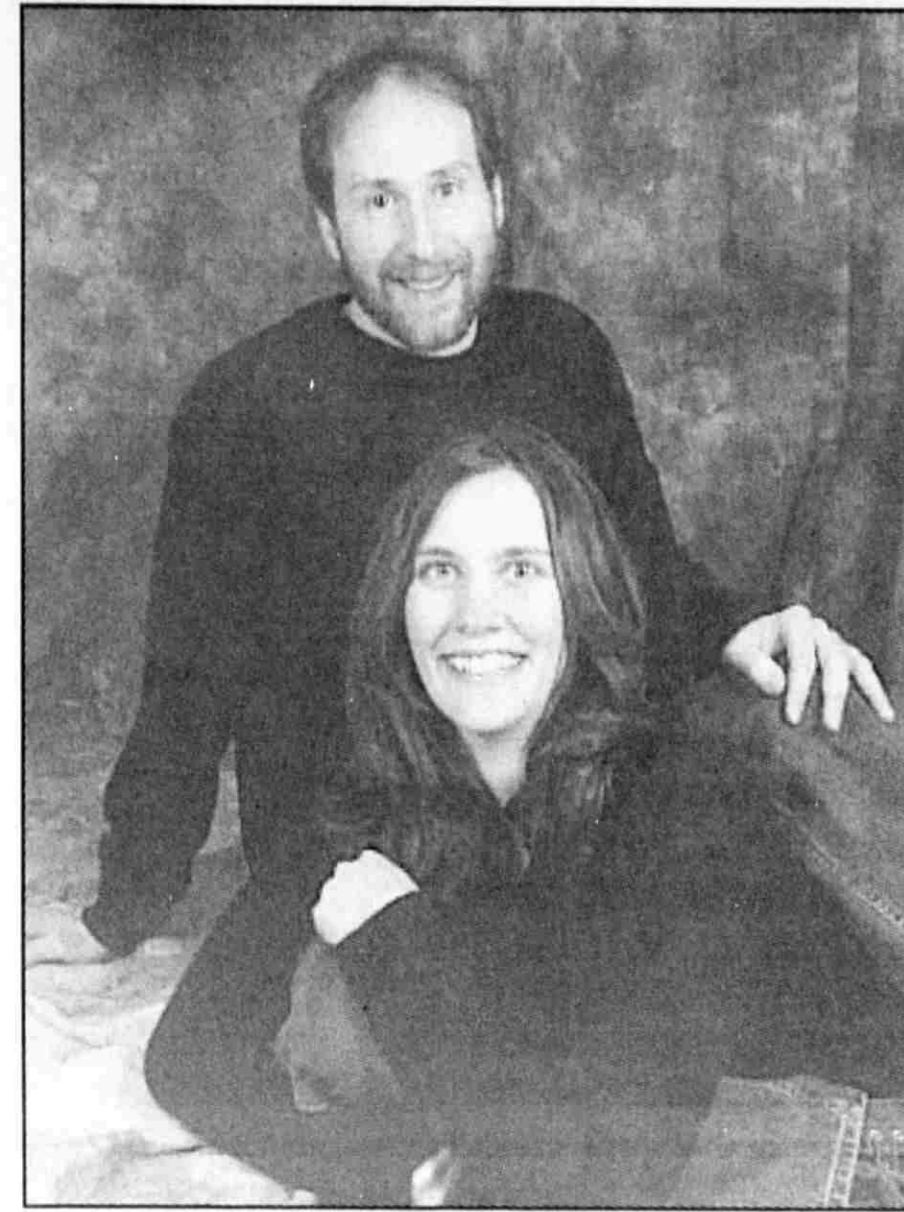
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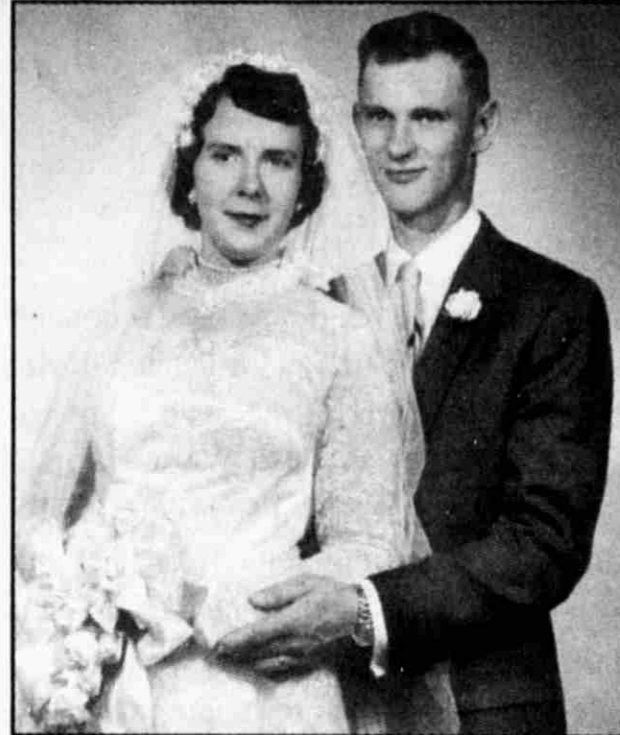


Tasha Yeiter and Rich Brand

Announcing their plans for a September 9, 2006 wedding are Tasha Christy Yeiter and Rich Alan Brand. The bride-elect is the daughter of Craig and Chris Yeiter of Ada. She is employed at Stafford Communications Group in Greenville. The future groom is the son of Bruce and Judy Brand of Sanford, Mich. He is employed at Patterson Ice Center in Grand Rapids.

Golden wedding anniversaries celebrated

Cadwallader



Phyllis and Ralph Cadwallader in 1956 and today



A golden wedding anniversary celebration for Ralph and Phyllis Cadwallader was held June 3 at the home of David and Tina Cadwallader. Many family members and friends attended the "southern social." Pictures of the wedding shower, wedding and their 50 years together were on display along with the actual gown worn by Phyllis.

Their children are Denise and Richard, Dewayne and Sheryl, and David and Tina; they also have many grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.



Rickert

Darle and Joan Rickert, married in June of 1956, are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

Their children are Dennis and Deb Anchors, Jurgen and Diane Jager, Jeff and Julie Rickert, Jay and Kris Rickert, Doreen and Matt Rademacher, Darcie and Ross Myers. They have 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The event was observed with a family dinner.

Darle and Joan Rickert

Reflections of faith

By Pastor Robert Holmes
Christian Life Center

Thirty-one years ago today, my wife and I met at an altar in southern Indiana, and I made a promise to her "to forsake all others and to love and to cherish her, in sickness and in health, for better for worse, till death do us part." I've had the joy of conducting a number of weddings since that time leading the couples in vows that echoed similar promises to each. I recently officiated at a wedding, and the groom stumbled over his words when he came to the line "till death do us part." I stopped and said, "Let's do that over because that's a pretty important line."

I believe in every state it's easier to get a marriage license than it is to get a driver's license! Young people will spend hours in a class and behind the wheel of a car with an instructor and then log hours driving in their parent's car before they receive their operator's license. Getting a marriage license is a piece of cake.

When a couple asks me to "marry them," I ask them if they are willing to commit some time before the wedding in preparing for marriage. We cover a lot of various topics in our times together before the wedding service. I can't remember any couple I've counseled who wasn't "in love," and probably thought that whatever problems that might come up, they would work out because they were "in love."

There is a scripture that I share with each couple and I challenge them to commit it to memory. I really believe that if every couple lived by the simple counsel found in Philippians 2 verses three and four ... there would be fewer

divorce lawyers! The apostle Paul says: "Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself. Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and what they are doing." New Living Translation.

I know there are a lot of issues that come up in marriages that can lead to estrangement and divorce. But a lot of problems come from what is known as "I Disease!" What I want, what makes ME happy, it's MINE, and it goes on and on. Selfishness is the culprit! What's the cure? Here's my translation of Philippians 2: "Don't be a jerk! Life's not just about YOU ... think about what's going to make your wife's (or your husband's) life easier and more fulfilled ... be interested in what's going on in their life!"

If you want to make it "till death do us part" -- it's going to take work on your part and living out the simple advice that Paul gave us.

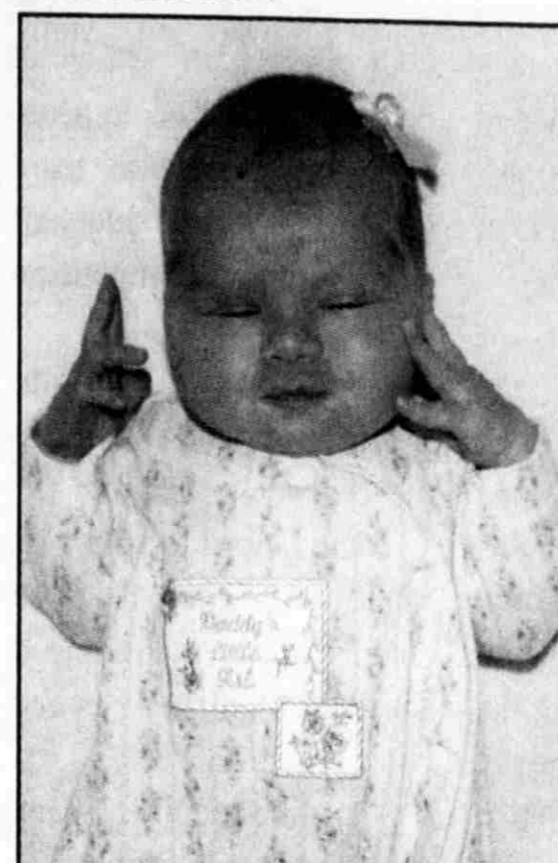
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New Arrivals

Landman



Jacquelyn Jeanne Landman

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Landscaping at Wittenbach/Wege Center



Brandon Elliott and Cameron Dilly spread woodchips after installing plants at the Wittenbach/Wege Center.

Students from the landscaping class at Lowell High School completed the year by installing a landscape at the Wittenbach/Wege Center. During the semester, students learned how to put together a landscape plan and studied the various types of plants to use in different areas. Their project involved preparing and implementing a plan around the barn at the Wittenbach/Wege Center. Materials were donated by Foster's Countryside Greenhouse.

Richmond

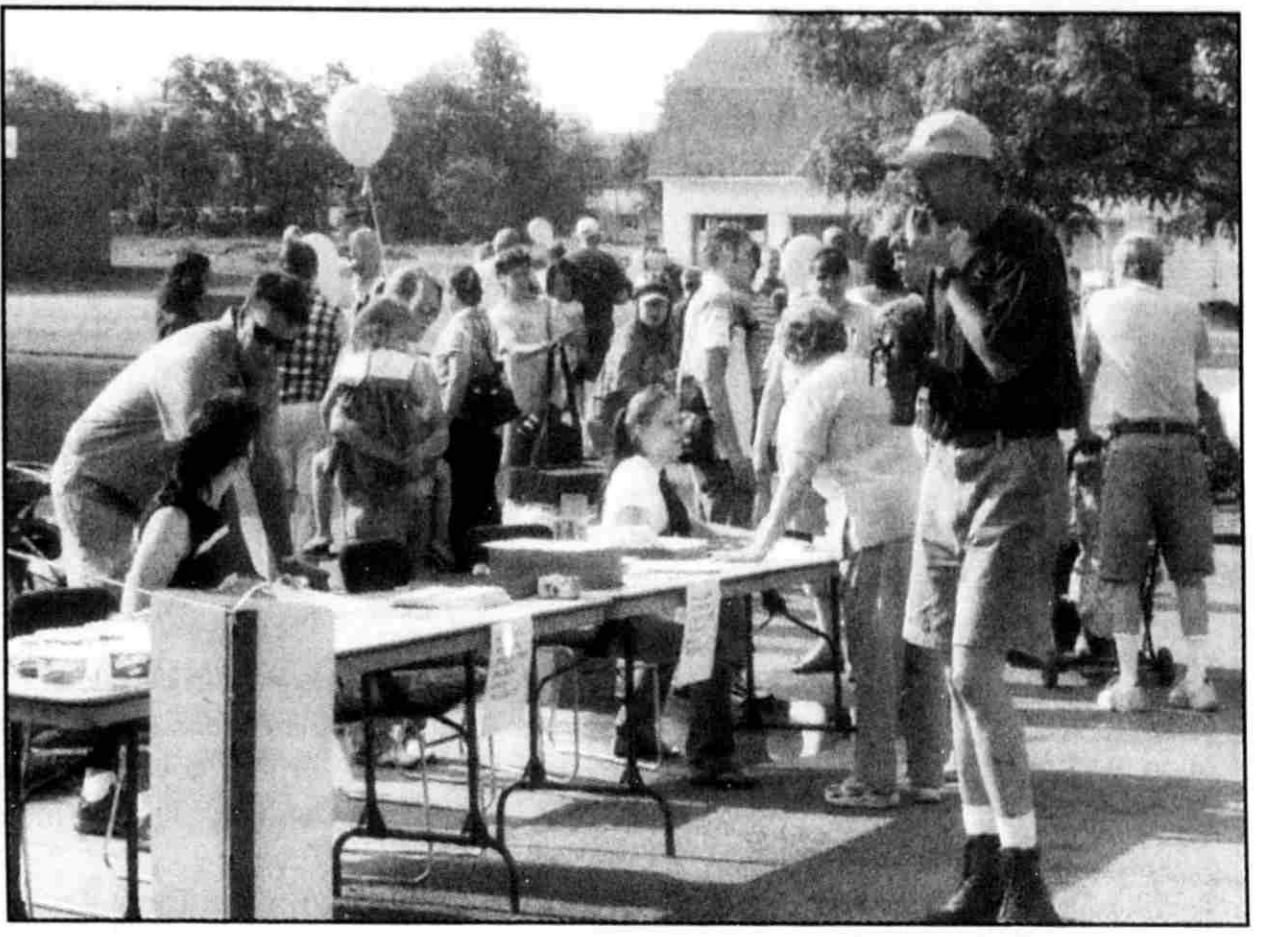
Benjamin and Karen Richmond of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of their son, Samuel Harry, born on June 15, 2006 at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and measured 20 inches.

Also welcoming him home are siblings Olivia, Alex, John-Luc and Anna.

Proud grandparents are Jerrold Richmond of Lowell and John and Pierrette Olinger of Heath, Ohio. Great-grandparents are Alice Olinger of Indianapolis, Ind., and Virginia Uzarski of Grand Rapids.

June Lifewalk raises funds for Women's Center

Alpha Women's Centers of West Michigan hosted their annual Lifewalk on Saturday, June 17. It was the third walk in Lowell with approximately 105 walkers raising a total of \$12,660. The Lowell center, at 2251 W. Main, opened in April.



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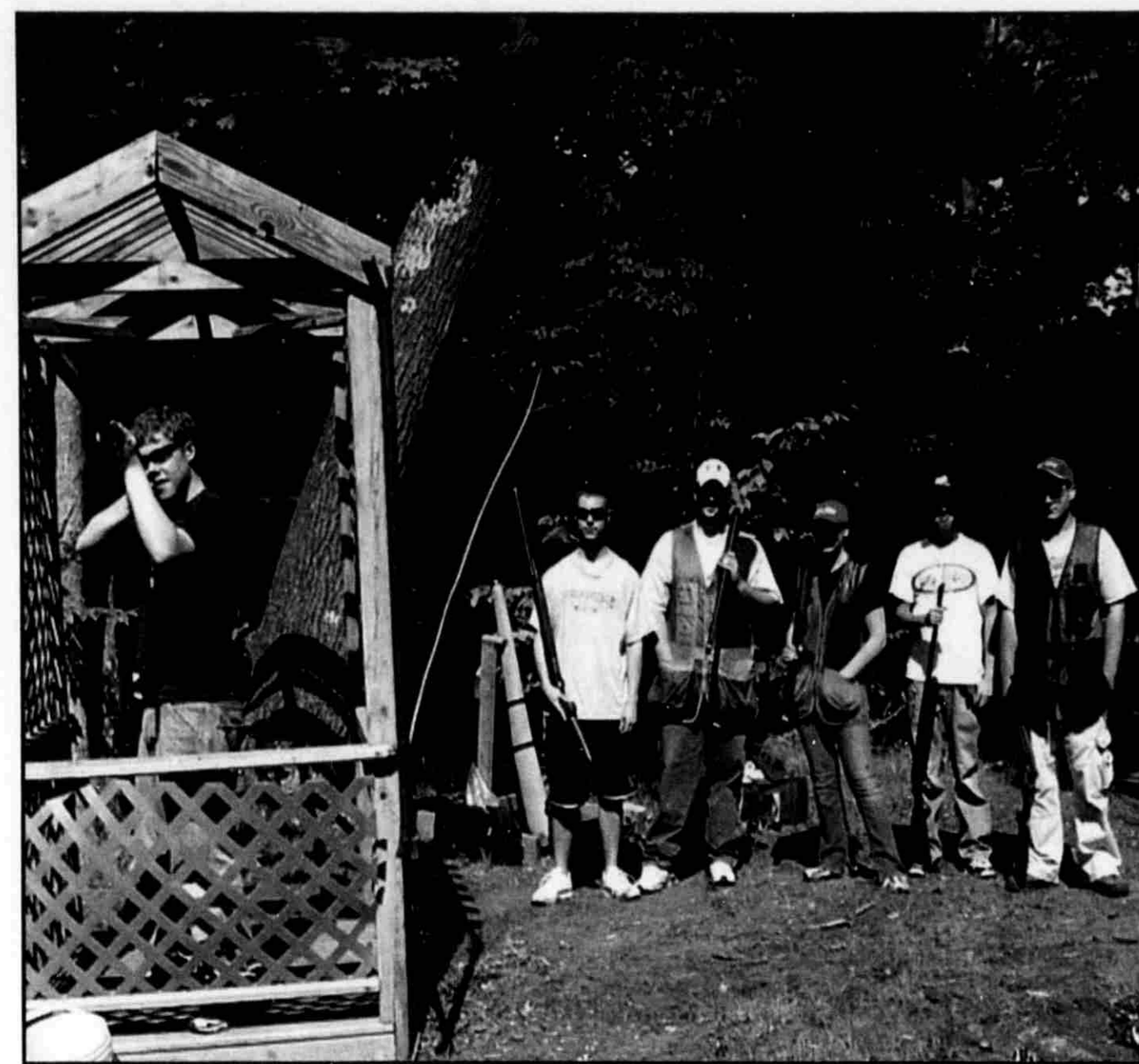
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Ian Fowler sites his gun barrel at the tree line from a sporting clays station at the Kent County Conservation League. Behind Fowler, from left to right, are Tony Mulder, Tristan Easlick, Jenny Humphries, Pat Schoenborn and Josh Kleczynski. The sporting clays team is a new youth team at the conservation league. Fowler had no cartridge in his rifle when the picture was taken.

Fledgling shooting team preparing for state/national shoot

By Dan Schneider

The season is already well underway for this year's Kent County Conservation League's youth shooting leagues.

The youth teams formed last year when a Lowell High School student who worked at the conservation league suggested the idea to some of the members, a number of whom became coaches. This year, the number of young shooters on the teams has grown to 47. Most of them are from Lowell High School, where signups were held in the spring, and Lowell Middle School, but students from Wyoming, Kentwood and Greenville are also involved.

The team is part of the national Scholastic Clay Target Program, which has its headquarters in Connecticut.

They shoot in three disciplines: trap, skeet and sporting clays. In trap shooting, the clay-disc

targets fly in a trajectory away from the shooters at five different stations. Shooters fire five rounds at each station, going after a perfect score of 25 hits.

In skeet shooting, the shooter stands at one of eight stations situated around the arc of a semicircle. Targets are propelled from two houses, a high house and a low house, located at the corners of the semicircle. The targets fly at two trajectories across the field in front of the shooters.

Sporting clays is a new addition to the youth program at the conservation league this year. That discipline takes place at stations located around a woods. Targets are shot in ways similar to trap and skeet. But other types of targets, such as those that roll along the ground, are used to simulate small-game hunting in the field.

The senior division (high school students) skeet team has won both

competitions in which it participated this season. The junior division team (middle school students) won their first competition of the year.

The trap team lost to Sparta when the two teams met in May.

The sporting clays A squad has won its three competitions, while the B squad has finished second twice and third once.

A nine-member skeet team and a six-member sporting clays team will travel to the state shoot at the Detroit Sportsman's Congress on Saturday. Two trap teams in the senior novice division will compete in Mason July 1.

Skeet and sporting clays teams will travel to the Scholastic Clay Target Program Nationals in Rochester, New York, on July 14, 15 and 16. The teams hope to raise funds to defray the cost of the trip, which is about \$500 per person.

Light & Power training day

Lowell Light and Power lineman Walter Price practices a bucket rescue technique, using a pulley system to remove "Bob" the rescue dummy from the bucket of one of Lowell Light and Power's utility trucks. The exercise is designed to simulate a situation in which a lineman is incapacitated while working on lines due to an accident or a heart attack or sun stroke or some other reason.

"Any time we've got a lineman working on energized lines, there's always at least one person in the bucket and there's always someone on the ground to effect a rescue if something goes wrong," Lowell Light and Power general manager Tom Richards said.

Lowell's linemen go through monthly training sessions. They have a pole-top rescue instruction session at least once a year, which includes practicing other techniques such as bucket rescue. When performing a rescue of an incapacitated lineman, the most important thing is to get him down on the ground for treatment within four minutes. Most of Lowell Light and Power's bucket trucks are equipped to get linemen to the ground without a pulley system, but the technique is required for the older, green truck pictured.



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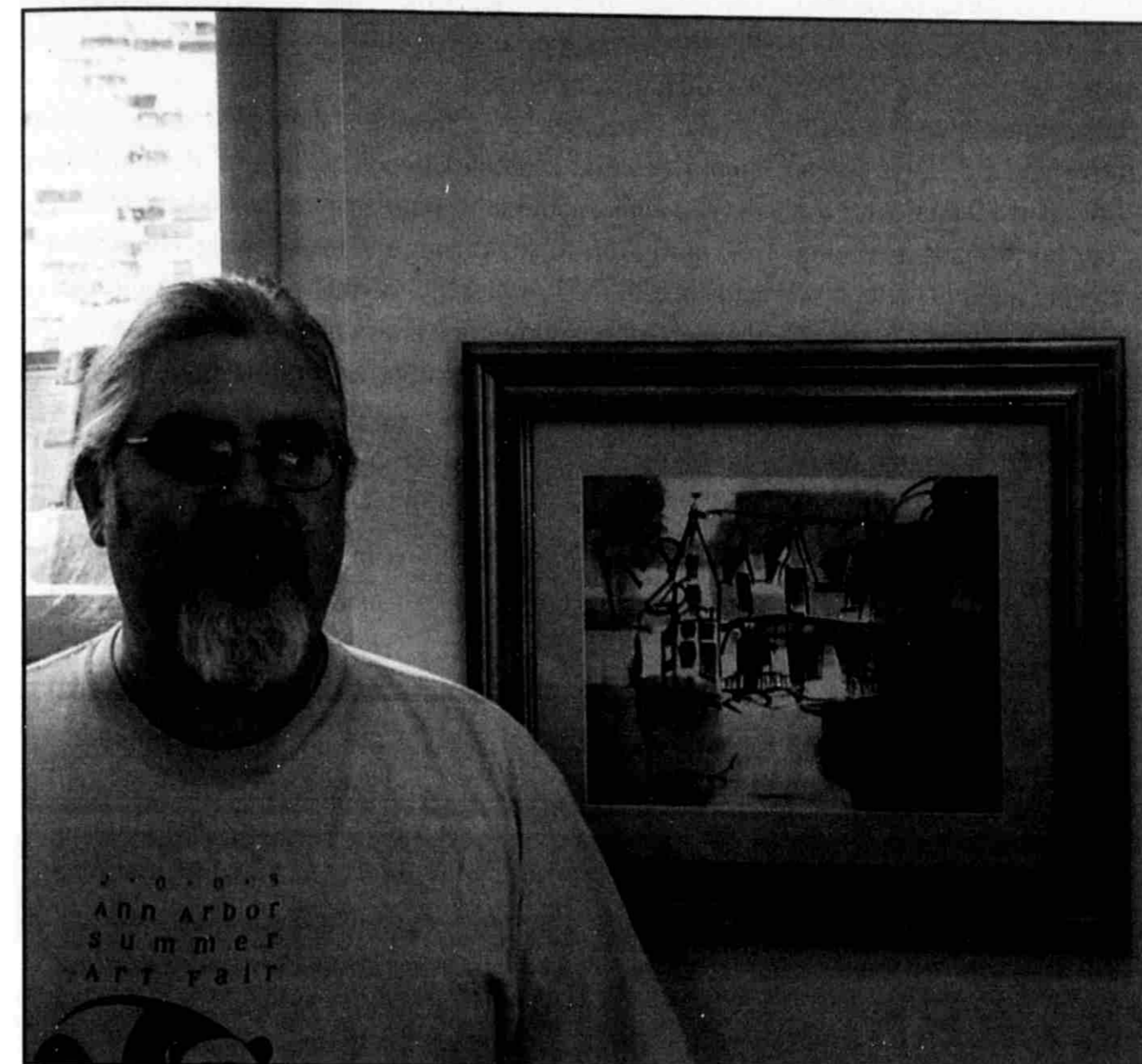
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Featured Artist

Mike Cartwright

By Dan Schneider

Landscapes are something that appeal to Mike Cartwright.



Mike Cartwright, shown with his watercolor painting "Union Street," has artwork on display at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

College News

Louis Glinzak, a 2006 Lowell High School graduate, has been recognized for superior academic achievement with an Albion College Presidential Scholarship worth \$13,000.

Glinzak will be a first-year student this fall at Albion, majoring in political science. He is the son of Louis and Lynnea Glinzak of Lowell.

Alma College has announced its dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the 2006 winter term. Those

achieving a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, along with at least 13 credits, are recognized. From Lowell are Katelyn Bush, Cori Drenth and Zachary Sneider.

University officials have announced academic honors for the semester that ended in May at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design.

From the Lowell area are Audrey Bailey, Theodore Bergin, Brian Bodemann, Emily Cyrocki, Dawn DeRaad, Jenny Dillinger, Lori Gleason, Christine

Harwood, Seth Hay, Tyler Hoard, Whitney Jernigan, Tara Kuipers, Robert Lay, Shannon Levinston, Dustin Pedley, Colleen Ritchie, Kimberly Seaman, Megan Shellenbarger, Michael Whitman and Randall Zeisler.

From the Alto area are Paul Cronk, Jaime Ekkens, Michelle Lindale and Patrick O'Connor.

Jacob Rickert, a senior at Northwood University, has been named to the dean's list for spring term. He is the son of Jeffery and Julie Rickert of Lowell.

Around The Town

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FALLASBURG SCHOOLHOUSE

"I like the color of a landscape," Cartwright said.

The Grand Rapids artist has paintings on display at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, and many of them are of landscapes. A large number are also of barns, many of which he saw along M-37 on frequent trips to Battle Creek.

"I noticed that the rural landscape is disappearing very quickly, and so I started into painting barns," Cartwright said.

A Cartwright painting that isn't of a landscape, such as one of the barn

paintings, is likely to have a lot in common

with a landscape painting, however.

"It's going to have a landscape feel, it's going to be natural, it's going to be nature, it's going to be solitude," he said.

Cartwright paints outside and from photographs. He uses watercolor, a medium with which he feels he can strike a good balance between tight lines and free brush movement.

"I like detail, but I want a looseness if I can get it," Cartwright said. "You're going to see loose and tight all at the same time."

One example is a painting called "Union Street." It is a composition

of rectangles of colors behind a stark black rendering of a house on that street in Grand Rapids.

"I painted large blotches of color that represented what I saw and then later I came in and sketched it (the house) in," the artist said.

Cartwright, 51, has been painting for about 30 years. He's done pieces from as small as three-by-two inches all the way to mural size. Lately, he's been painting watercolor on canvas.

Cartwright's work will be on display through July 11. An artists' reception will be held Friday from 5 to 9 p.m.

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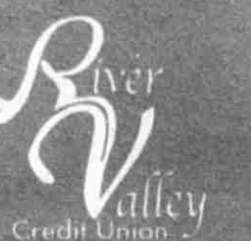


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measures but some of the methods and ideas produced in this article made me seriously question what is going on.

I personally have not experienced that putting people on the defense works. If a council member has concerns, he or she should request information and research prior to a public council meeting.

"Do we need six people working?" does not sound like a legitimate question, it sounds like a statement reflecting belief and is belittling. But what really gets me the most upset is reading ideas like pay-to-play fees to non-residents, charging the fair and other events for police services.

Those statements make me wonder if our council understands the value those events bring to local business. Will the Kent County Youth Fair disappear like Gus Macker? The answers we search for to increase funding should not become a flat-use tax. Isn't it valuable to city residents to keep kids playing in sports rather than causing trouble? Isn't it valuable to have beautiful parks and events that bring people to the "Next Place to Be"? NEVER should Lowell think about selling Lowell Light and Power. Keep it financially sound, yes. But selling it would be one of Lowell's worst ideas ever.

Lowell has opportunity oozing from its seams. Strong leadership is not just about making drastic cuts when the pocket book isn't fat anymore. It's about vision. Lowell needs a strong vision. A vision that includes promoting people to come.

"If you build it, they will come."
Let them come, let them spend money with our local businesses. Let the businesses thrive and pay their taxes. Please help me understand why Lowell is blessed with the Kent County Youth Fair and yet our fairgrounds are being overrun by city buildings. If you're going to build there, how about a recreational building that brings in shows?

Isn't it ironic that the Chamber's Lowell Expo isn't even hosted in the city limits? Kent County is one of the state's largest counties and our Fairgrounds have so much more potential.

Lowell has some nice baseball fields that with more development could be an excellent opportunity to host baseball tournaments. I've recently attended a youth baseball tournament that charged \$5/head for spectators. These events are happening all around us and some of the facilities are less than we could offer!

As for cost cutting, I agree the city shouldn't be buying lunch to the Downtown Development Authority ... but not just because the budget is tight. Pasquale is correct to let employees in every department find some cost savings. But this should be a permanent cultivated culture in our city - not a fleeting, as needed, idea.

Put together a committee that job shadows city employees and promotes understanding of the hard work they do while, at the same time, inspires new ideas. Don't use prison workers to do mowing and landscaping. Hire students part time in the summer that do that work seasonally. Have the high school do Service Learning projects for the city.

I look forward to a future article that highlights more respectful ideas and goals.

Respectfully,
Tonia North Lifelong
Lowell Resident

Hedlund participates in air race for WMU

Two Western Michigan University women have headed west for the start of the 2006 Air Race Classic, a women's cross-country event that will take competitors across the center of the nation from Arizona to Michigan.

For the June 20-23 race, Courtney Hedlund, a WMU flight instructor and a December 2004 graduate of the College of Aviation, is sharing piloting duties with Leslie Treppa, a December 2005 graduate who is also a flight instructor. This is the seventh year WMU has entered a team in the classic race, which has attracted women aviators from across the nation since the days of Amelia Earhart.

The duo left Battle Creek's W.K. Kellogg Airport on June 12, to fly the race course in reverse before arriving in Mesa, Ariz., for pre-race ceremonies. They'll compete against 36 teams in a 2,156-mile race that began in Mesa on Tuesday, June 20. Competitors fly east over New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana, then head north through Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin before coming to the finish line in Menominee, Mich.

Hedlund, a 2000 graduate of Lowell High School, and Treppa, who is from Macomb Township, Mich., are both new to the race, ending a long tradition that has seen one veteran racer and one novice on each WMU team. Adding to the team's challenge is the fact they'll be flying a new

airplane in the race. "We're a new team and we're flying a new airplane, so we'll have a lot to handle," said Hedlund. "We'll also be flying over terrain that's completely new to us. We'll be facing high elevations and hot temperatures, especially on the first day out."

The high-profile race is billed as "the only all-woman, cross-country event." This year, for the first time, the WMU team is flying a new Cirrus S20 aircraft, part of the college's new training fleet. Since the Cirrus is faster than the plane used by WMU teams during the past few years, the team will likely face a larger handicap from race officials.

Entrants fly under visual flight rules during daylight hours and all fly fixed-wing aircraft. Since many types of planes are used to compete, each plane is given a handicap in ground speed, and the goal is to have the actual ground speed be as far over the handicap speed as possible.

"I've known about the race for several years and I'm really looking forward to competing against women of all ages and from different aviation backgrounds," said Hedlund.

A map of the race route and additional information can be found at www.airraceclassic.org/. Hedlund and Treppa expect to file daily reports on their progress.

The reports will be published online in WMU News at www.wmich.edu/wmu/news.

The objective is to fly the "perfect" cross-country course. In this type of race, the official standings are not released until the final entrant has crossed the finish line.

A total of 37 teams, including five from U.S. colleges and universities, are taking part in this year's race.

University teams compete for the overall event title as well as for a separate collegiate trophy offered as part of the competition.



Courtney Hedlund and Leslie Treppa

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Boy Scouts, Lowell Light & Power ask council for support

By Emma Palova
Contributing Writer

In the wake of recent budget discussions including the potential sale of Lowell Light & Power utility as well as the North Washington Street property, utility general manager Tom Richards asked the council for support.

Richards was joined by Lowell Boy Scout Troop 102 Monday as the city continues to tighten up the budget. The council has been discussing the sale of 27 acres of vacant land on North Washington Street for possible development once the Lowell Light and Power moves to the former Newell site.

The Boy Scouts had a cabin on the property since 1952 with some storage space for their equipment.

"If you take the cabin and the land away from us," said scout Devon Chopp, "we will have no place to

meet. We will have no room to hold equipment."

Both Richards and Chopp stressed the civic contributions of their organizations to the city.

"Lowell Light and Power is a community-owned nonprofit utility," Richards said. "Who would provide greater civic contributions to the city?"

According to Richards, Consumer's Power has higher rates than Lowell Light and Power that has been serving the city residents for 110 years.

"We've been entrusted by the charter for the benefits of the citizens," he said.

If the city wanted to get rid of the utility, it would ultimately be by the vote of the people, according to city manager Dave Pasquale.

The Boy Scout troop also showed support for the utility.

Scoutmaster James Sterling said he's had power out for days on many occasions. "It would be nice

to have someone power my house," he said.

Sterling said forcing the scouts out of the city would be a detriment, because the troop wants to be actively involved in the city.

North Washington Street resident Peggy Covert suggested the North Washington Street property could be purchased with grants from land conservancy for preservation.

Although the council hasn't made any decisions in either case, council member James Pfaller said he will continue to challenge issues to make Lowell a better city.

Pfaller brought up the idea of examining the ownership of Lowell Light and Power at a budget work session on June 12.

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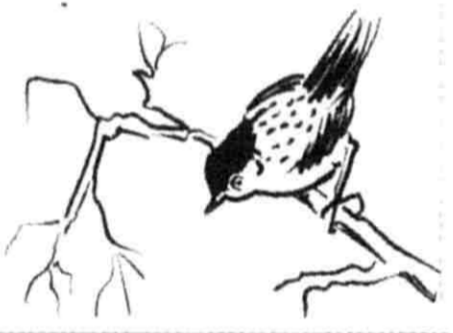
Grattan's new fire station dedicated

Grattan Township assistant fire chief Ann Ward and fire chief Lou Kirkbride cut the ribbon at the entrance to the new township fire station. The ceremony was held May 29. There was a flag raising at the station, as well, and state senator Bill Hardiman gave remarks. The fire station dedication was the second ceremony to be held in Grattan that day. After a Memorial Day service at the Grattan Center Cemetery, a groundbreaking was held there in honor of veterans.



Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



DESTINATIONS

Ask anyone who is about to retire from full-time employment what he or she plans to do in the future and the most common answer is travel. The choice of a destination might be related to cultural interest, curiosity, ancestry or just taking time to relax in pleasant surroundings. Folks who

must rely on vacation time most often travel for the same reasons. This consensus leads large numbers of travelers to the same destinations.

People who hunt wild game or go fishing have their destinations chosen for them. The fish, birds and animals require hunters and fishermen to travel to places where the creatures reside.

I would never find myself climbing around in the dark on a windblown snow covered slope in the Rocky Mountains if I didn't think there was the chance of a bull elk passing by at daylight. I know I won't have to wait in a long line to do it.

Brook trout find their home in clear, clean, cold water. Streams that meet these requirements are found in places that have yet to feel the heavy hand of exploitation. Of course, to find these places one may have to endure clouds of mosquitoes and be careful not to become lost. But the habitat is as beautiful as the fish.

Getting chased off a caribou kill by a huge black

bear is an unusual travel adventure, but the George River in Northern Quebec is the place it happened to me. Few people besides barren ground caribou hunters can find the George River on a map, but the place is legendary to those who hunt caribou.

Going to these places allows one to become aware of regional environmental concerns. Being out in the countryside provides opportunities to meet and talk to residents who have serious interest in wildlife and habitat. When in Quebec, speaking some French is helpful and Newfoundlanders do speak English, but following a conversation between two or three locals is difficult. There are still cowboys in Montana.

Sharing corners of the earth with the wildlife that live there introduces one to some special places, unique experiences and interesting people. Catching fish or the hunt itself is only a small part of the travel experience, but it does get you out there.

Policy, continued ... From Page 4

protect people and their rights," Valentine said. "I would hope that the courts and the law enforcement agencies won't deviate from the way things should be done just based on a 5-4 decision."

He said there are practical reasons for the

department to continue its practice of knocking and announcing. Just because the Supreme Court decided not to suppress the evidence in the Hudson vs. Michigan case, does not mean courts will continue to allow such evidence at trial.

"I don't want to be the

one to have to make that call that we're going to knock the door down, based on that Supreme Court decision, going on the assumption that evidence won't be suppressed," Valentine said.

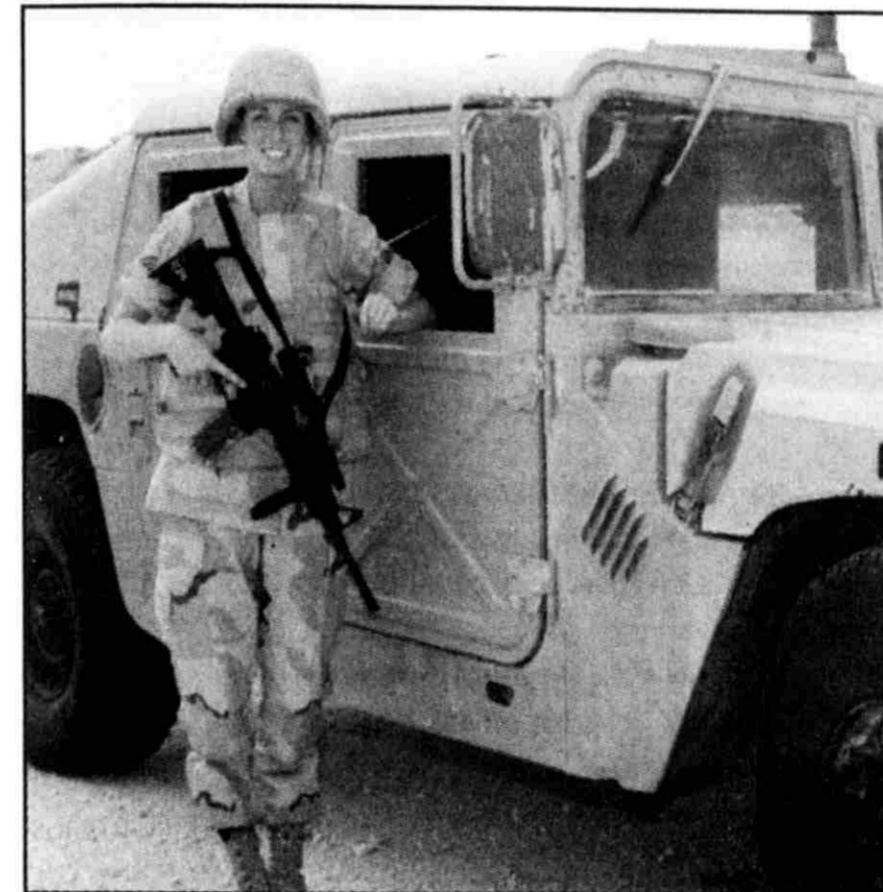
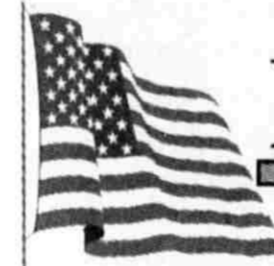
Future court decisions on the issue may depend a lot on how police react to this supreme court decision, according to Valentine. "If it is abused, the pendulum may swing back," he said.

Character at Cherry Creek

Cherry Creek Elementary recently received a letter from the Josephson Institute of Ethics recognizing its students for their participation in the Character Counts! Foundations for Life essay contest. Every student at the elementary school submitted an essay. The students pictured attended Cherry Creek's Winter Writing Fest, held in March at the school. They are, back row, from left to right: Rebecca and Emily Schreur, Erin Duma; front row: Patrick Haywood, Isaac Duma and Josh Theisen. All of the students' essays were put on display for the event and all of the writers were given recognition by the Cherry Creek Character Committee. The committee has been busy over the past year infusing the school with character-related reminders. For instance, hallways in the school have been painted with names related to the six main character traits, such as "Responsibility Road" and "Citizenship Circle." "Character Counts" was painted in letters three feet high in the main hallway of the school.



In The Service



Senior Airman Maygan Rhodes

Air Force Senior Airman Maygan Rhodes has deployed to the U.S. Central Command Air Forces Combined Air Operations Center in Southwest Asia to support the missions of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Horn of Africa.

The airman is a junior combat operations controller regularly assigned to the 30th Space Wing, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Lompoc, Calif. She is the daughter of Brent and Kim Post of Caledonia. Her husband David is the son of Dianna Rhodes of Lowell.

Weapon permits will soon expire on birthdate

State Rep. Dave Hildenbrand announced legislation, to allow the expiration date on a concealed weapons permit to fall on a person's date of birth, has been signed into law.

Hildenbrand said the

law will make it easier for people to remember to renew their concealed weapons permit.

"Birth dates are used by other organizations to keep track of important licenses or renewals, such as a driver license, and it just

makes sense that we use a date people are already very familiar with to remind them to renew their permits," said Hildenbrand, R-Lowell. "It will help ensure that people who are carrying concealed weapons are up-to-date with their permits."

Public Act 184, formerly House Bill 4977, is the freshman lawmaker's seventh bill signed into law since he took office in January 2005.

HEALTH



With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

CLUSTER HEADACHES

A cluster headache is a rare kind of headache. It happens in a cluster or bunch that can last for weeks or even months. During a cluster, the headaches happen every day. In between clusters, there are generally no headaches. Some, but few individuals, have the headaches all the time.

Cluster headaches cause severe pain in or around one eye. The eye may get red or watery, and you might have a runny nose or stuffiness on the side with the pain. Each headache usually lasts from 30 minutes to three hours. The headaches may cause you to be restless or nervous.

Cluster headaches, when diagnosed, are treatable. The best treatment is to breathe prescription oxygen through a face mask for 15 minutes during the headache. Another treatment that is helpful is the injectable form of Imitrex.

Certain things can start a headache during a cluster. Common triggers are smoking or drinking alcohol. Certain medicines, such as the nitrates used for heart problems, may trigger this kind of headache.

These types of headaches can be incapacitating for those who suffer with them. It is important to see your physician and have an accurate diagnosis made.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Public Hearing of June 12, 2006

PROPOSED 2006-2007 BUDGET - The Board conducted a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on the proposed 2006-2007 general fund budget to be adopted during the regular meeting following the hearing.

Regular Meeting of June 12, 2006
EMPLOYEE/CITIZEN RECOGNITION

Nancy Hopkins announced that a reception had been held earlier to recognize retirees, 30 year staff members, the Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award winner, and the Tribute Tree Leaf Recipients. She then announced the following names:

Retiring:
Kathy Flanagan - 27 years, Kay Wisner - 19 years, Dorothy Hoag - 12 years, Barb Roth - 32 years, Sharron Manszewski - 33 years;

30 Years:
Lori Ingraham, Lorraine Freedlund, Scott Vashaw

Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award Recipient
Betty Yeiter

LAS Education Foundation Tribute Tree Leaf Recipients:

Shari Miller (Ned Miller received the award on behalf of Shari), Melanie Brim, Betty Yeiter, Terry & Nancy Raymor

Bus Mechanics
Nancy also awarded a certificate to Leo Bowen, Duane Hamilton, and the Bus Driver Association for receiving an excellent inspection report on the transportation fleet.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT
Brooke Liu, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board, reported that students had a very successful year and she thanked the community for all their support. Many students are now involved in the summer camps related to music and sports. Brooke then shared a video of the Alternative Spring Break Trip and reported that more trips will be planned until the clean-up from Hurricane Katrina is completed.

REPORTS
Michigan Alternative Education Organization (MAEO STARS)

Marlene Heemstra introduced two Unity students, Kirsten Vander Jagt and April Polaski, who showed the video they created for the Michigan Alternative Education Organization; Success, Teamwork, Achievement, Recognition and Self-Esteem (MAEO STARS) Program and which had received 2nd place in the competition. They shared, with enthusiasm, just how much the alternative high school means to them.

AWARD - West Michigan Blood Center Award
Laura Granger of the West Michigan Blood Center awarded a plaque to Brooke Liu as President of the High School Student Council for outstanding efforts in organizing two successful blood drives at Lowell High School this year. Laura reported that 197 pints of blood were given with 97 first time donors participating.

ACTION ITEMS
The Board accepted the following gifts:

- Lowell Community Fund donation of \$250 for the Academic Boosters and \$250 for the Athletic Boosters.
- Andy Bigham donation of books for elementary children valued at \$300 to be used by Cherry Creek Elementary.
- Terence & Audrey McBurney donation of a piano valued at \$800 to be used by the Lowell Middle School orchestra program.
- Altico donation of language tapes, recorder units, and video tapes valued at \$150 to be used by school libraries.

Approved the General Fund Budget Appropriation Resolution for 2006-2007.

Approved the following millage rates for 2006-2007: General Fund 18.0000 mills, 1990 Debt Fund 5.6000 mills, 2000 Debt Fund .5500 mills, 2004 Debt Fund .1000 mills, and 2005 Debt Fund .7500 mills

Approved the realignment of the OK Conference beginning with the 2007-2008 school year and approved the OK Conference Handbook changes.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted were:
• Minutes for May 8, 2006 Regular and Closed Session Meeting, May 22, 2006 Special and Closed Sessions, and May 22, 2006 Board Workshop

• The following payment of bills for May 2006:
GENERAL FUND.....\$1,219,681.09

SCHOOL SERVICES FUND

A. Food Service Fund.....\$ 63,685.37
B. Athletic Fund.....\$10,575.53

2004 Debt Fund.....\$ 2,228.13
Scholarship Fund.....\$1,905.04

TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$ 60,881.37
• The Canvass Report for the May 2, 2006 regular election
• MHSAA Annual Membership Resolution

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Senior Class President, Nikita Miles, memorial deck at the school

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Pat Murphy thanked Brooke Liu and Nikita Miles and shared that they were examples of the tremendous young people at LAS. He thanked the staff members, building principals, Board of Education and a special thanks to Connie Gillette, Jonathan Schelke, and former staff member Mark Kasmer for all their help during his time as interim superintendent. Pat expressed his gratitude for being allowed to be a part of Lowell Area Schools and shared that new superintendent Greg Pratt will be very good for the district.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Special Board Meeting - Monday, June 26, 2006 - 5:30 p.m.
Followed by a Board Workshop
Runciman Administration Building - Board Room
300 High St., Lowell, MI


Organizational Meeting - Monday, July 10, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.
Followed by a Regular Board Meeting
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Circus, continued... *From Page 1*

The Kelly Miller Circus is in its 68th consecutive year on the road, touring eight months of the year. Annually, it visits more than 200 towns. It has staked down in Chicago and Dallas, Marsh said, "But it is also committed to small-town America and plays as many small towns

between the major markets as possible."

Currently, the circus is on its way down from the Upper Peninsula, making its way to Chicago, and giving two shows per day in each town it stops in. It has been a few years since the circus performed in Lowell.

"We play this area

every year, but we try not to play the same town back to back, so we don't wear out our welcome and the circus is still fresh for people," Marsh said.

It is fresh this year, anyway, Marsh said, because the circus has put together a brand new show.

"It's a totally different

show than it was a few years ago, totally different acts," Marsh said.

Advance tickets for the show are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and are available at various locations in town, including the Lowell Ledger. Tickets at the gate the day of the circus are \$12 for adults and

\$6 for children under 12. A portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit the Lowell Lions Club, which is the local organization sponsoring the circus.

Earlier in the day, there will be a free old-time circus spectacle: the tent raising. "That's the part where the elephants will

come in and actually raise the king poles, and the tent billows into the air," Marsh said.

"King poles" are the two tall wooden poles that provide the main structure of the tent. The tent raising is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

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PARISH FESTIVAL

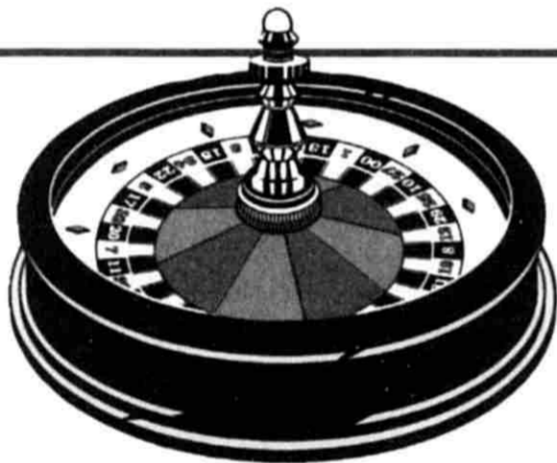
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