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Memorial Day parade, a long standing tradition in Lowell



The VFW and American Legion color guards fires a gun salute at the downtown memorial on Main Street.

by Emma Palova

On a beautiful Monday morning, Lowell honored its veterans with a traditional parade starting at the fairgrounds and ending at Oakwood Cemetery.

The VFW and American color guards paused at the downtown memorial to the veterans, and fired a gun salute. On the other side of the bridge, a tribute was paid to all those who have perished at sea by throwing flowers into the Flat River.

The ceremony was emceed by American Post Commander Elect Dave Thompson with an invocation given by chaplain Rev. Glenn Marks.

"Freedom is not free," said Thompson.

That message resonated throughout the ceremony and through the finely-groomed cemetery with flags marking veterans' graves. Approximately 500 veterans from all wars are buried in the cemetery. In the seating area for veterans and their spouses, many chairs were empty due to aging population.

Guest speaker US Navy Captain Richard VanDop during the ceremony spoke of King David's warriors, and listed all their names.

Brief refreshments followed at the veterans' posts.



Rev. Glenn Marks gives the invocation while Dave Thompson, American Legion commander elect stands by.

Trees under power lines raise questions about cooperation

by Emma Palova

Standing by the newly planted pear trees underneath energized power lines at the fairgrounds, fair manager Ron Wenger tried to make sense of what had just happened.

For three months Wenger had staked out rows

by the parking lot at the grounds for the new trees. The young trees, according to Wenger, were funded from a grant from the city tree fund overseen by the Lowell Arbor Board.

In April, the trees were planted by Twin Lakes Nursery with the full acknowledgement of all the

interested parties including the Department of Public Works and the Arbor Board.

Last week, Wenger found out from Dan DesJarden, DPW director, the trees will have to be moved somewhere else due to the energized power lines above them.

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Michigan History and Garden program ties into fourth-grade curriculum

by Emma Palova

From composting to braiding, fourth graders from the Lowell Area Schools got hands-on experience during last week's history and garden week.

The program had three components, gardening, timbering and a historical farming demonstration. The Wege Wittenbach community gardens hosted the gardening component. Fourth grade students worked on hunger plots to benefit the Flat River Outreach Ministries.

"It's a great connection to agri-science," said Wege Wittenbach Center interpreter Kathy Doyle.

Students Liam Peterson and Noah Houghtaling weeded the pizza garden with basil and oregano herbs. Other students like Carter Noskey, Jacob Sprague and Eric Gable forked the compost.

Doyle hopes the community will take advantage of garden plots available for rent for \$35.

"We think this will

really take off this year," said Doyle.

The 10 by 20-foot plots are available for rent for \$35. They come tilled.

A stroll through the lovely pine plantation in the Wege Natural Area took the students to the cabin in the oak forest. Rambling naturalist Wil Reding of Kalamazoo showed the students how to braid, weave and make shindells.

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Fairgrounds manager Ron Wenger remains baffled over the situation of the newly planted trees.

Obituaries



Johnson
Martin Henry Johnson of Lowell, born in East Grand Rapids, on March 2, 1921, after several years of declining health and dementia Alzheimer's, he was graciously received

by his Lord and Savior, Thursday, May 22, 2008. His loving wife of 66 years preceded him in death on February 16, 2008. He was surrounded by several family members and the wonderful staff of Tidewell (Hospice) House, Ellenton, Fla. He is survived by his children, Randy (Ruth) Johnson of Avon, Ind.; Sharyl Seese of Seward, AK; Pat Lowery-Klingler of Bradenton, Fla.; Yvonne (Roger) Wolfe of Tavares, Fla.; Keith (Beth) Johnson of Lowell; Jaelyn Ashla of Gorham, ME and 20 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving are sisters Mildred Earl; Kay (Bud) Alicki and Betty (Roger) Johnson; sister-in-law Erma Johnson and foster brother-in-law Gus (Donna) Karsten. Mart retired from Fisher Body No. 2 in 1980 and was an active member of the First United Methodist Church (UMC) of Lowell. After retirement, he and Treva enjoyed traveling in recreational vehicles across the country visiting friends and family. For a number of years they wintered in Sarasota Fla. Mart served his country in Europe during WWII and was a member of the American Legion in Lowell. As an avid craftsman, he enjoyed woodworking and with his photography, he supported his wife's passion for genealogy. Mart and Treva's cremated remains will be interred at Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery. As those who knew Mart and Treva, no one could think of one without the other. Therefore, we invite you to gather amongst yourselves for the sharing and celebrating of their lives.

Memorial service honoring both Treva and Mart, on April 19, at the Lowell First United Methodist Church, will remain as the tribute for their family and friends. We sincerely appreciate all the prayers and concern received from family members and friends during this difficult time. Memorial contributions may be made to your local Hospice House, the First UMC of Lowell or a favorite charity of your choosing.

STAUFFER
Lloyd Stauffer, aged 88, passed away at his home near Belding on May 16, 2008. Lloyd was born in Lowell on May 24, 1919, where he graduated from high school as an outstanding athlete, excelling in track, football and basketball. He is survived by his wife, Ernestine (Althaus); their three children, John (Flora) Stauffer of the Philippines, Larry (Nancy) Stauffer of Belding and Linda (Tom) Renucci of Ionia; also, by ten grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Before becoming a dairy farmer, Lloyd worked as manager of the Kroger store in Lowell, as

a guard for the Department of Corrections in Ionia and a produce manager for the Meijer store in Greenville, where he earned the nickname, "Leafy." He was preceded in death by his parents, Emiel and Ada (Dennis) Stauffer, three sisters and two brothers. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Easton United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Easton United Methodist Church, Hospice of Ionia or a charity of choice. Online condolences may be made to www.lakefuneralhomes.com.

SERNE
Mrs. Patricia L. Serne, aged 77, of Lowell, passed away on May 17, 2008. She is survived by her children, Cheryl (Shorty) Taylor, Sue Walters, Nancy (Marc Nelms) Winchel, Lee (Robin) Baldwin; ten grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. A service to celebrate Pat's life was celebrated on Wednesday at Ada Christian Reformed Church. A special thanks to Val and Jack Briggs for the love and care of Pat.

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DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008

Minutes of the May 5, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted and the accounts payables were approved.

The following actions were taken:
The 2008-2009 Budget was presented and the Council held the first of two public hearings.

Motion to approve a resolution requesting the Michigan State Tax Commission to revoke the Industrial Exemption Certificates issued to Newell Manufacturing and Attwood Corporation.

Motion to approve a resolution authorizing execution of a permitting, inspection and enforcement service agreement with Imperial Municipal Services.

Motion to approve a resolution approving and authorizing execution of a residential lease agreement with Gary C. Dietzel and Sandra Bartlett related to City - owned property located at 990 N. Washington.

Motion to buy in to the Regional Geographic Information System (REGIS) computerized mapping program.

Motion to approve a Parks Use Agreement with Christine Grove of Christine's K-9 Service.

Motion to adjourn into closed session at 8:53 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 9:32 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, June 2, 2008.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on June 2, 2008 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.

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City Clerk

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at their regularly scheduled meetings on Monday, May 19, and June 2, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

City Operating Budget for 2008-2009. The document outlines proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund has a total of \$2,476,831.98 in proposed expenditures.

Copies of the proposed 2008-2009 Budget are available for inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and the Englehardt Public Library and the City web page (www.ci.lowell.mi.us).

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

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS MAY 19, 2008

- Motions approved:
- Minutes of the April meeting. List of all invoices.
- Bid specifications for museum.
- Re-appointments to Planning Commission and DDA.
- Gathering Permit for Alto Harvest Festival.
- Copes of entire minutes available on the website bownetwp.cc.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk

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Local elementary schools receive checks for Ledger subscriptions

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

Four local elementary schools were presented with checks from the Lowell Ledger for the elementary school Ledger subscription fundraiser. Students at each school sold subscriptions of the weekly paper to family and friends, and each school received money that will go toward different student projects.

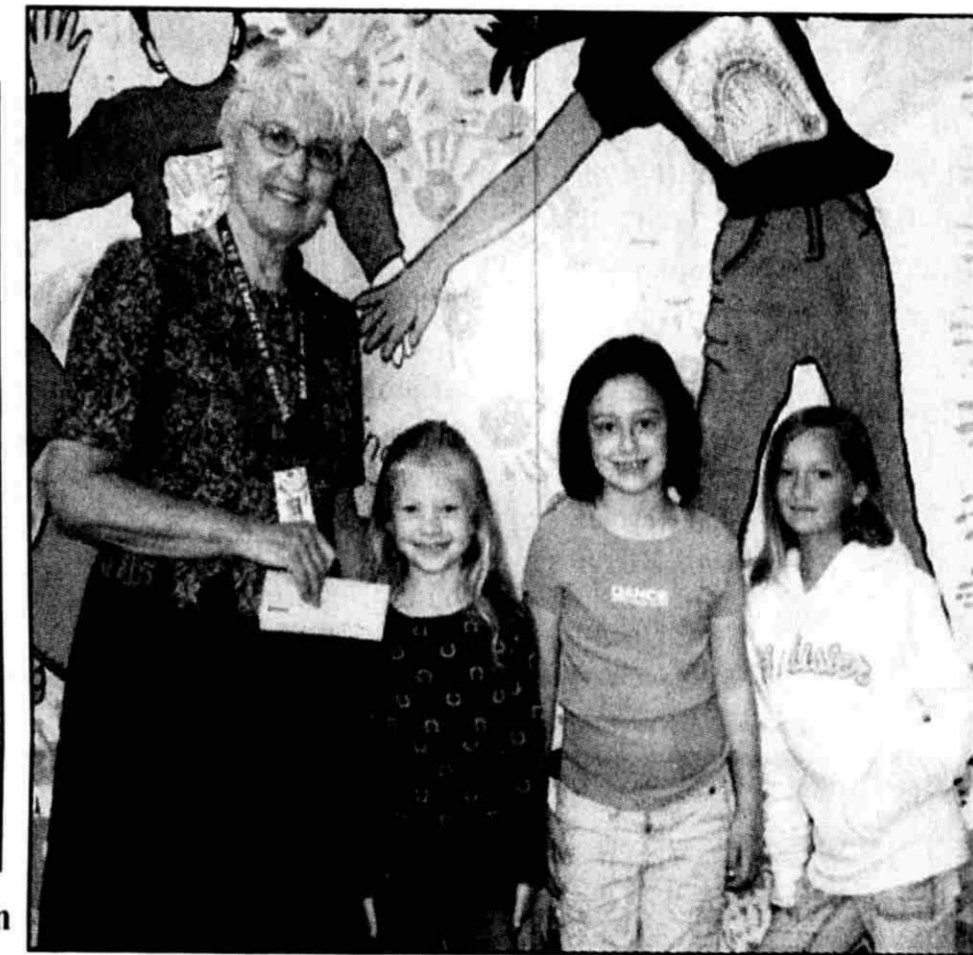
Murray Lake Elementary sold 36 subscriptions, Bushnell Elementary sold 28, Alto Elementary sold 26 and Cherry Creek Elementary sold 15.



Murray Lake principal Brent Noskey with students (first row, L-R): Bailey Stormzand, Darby Fuller, Maria Briggs and Taylor Higgins; (second row, L-R): Sonja Grasman, Breanna VanLaan, Zeth Dean, Katie Bush, Hunter Kramer, Briar Zimmerman and Nick Kloosterman; (third row, L-R): Katie Haefner, Molly Hoset, Nathan Stephens, Max Dean, Jonathan Roberts, Hannah Briggs and Nikki Lehman.



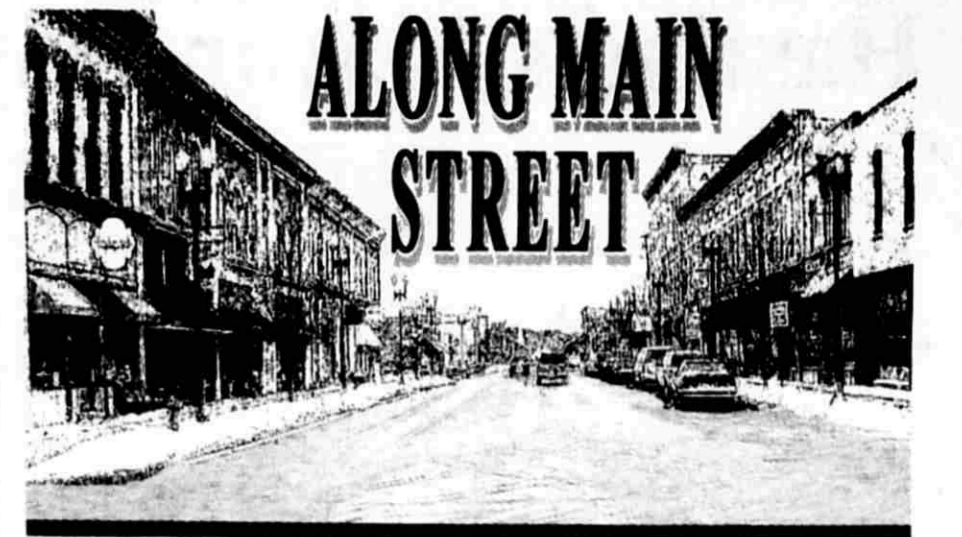
Cherry Creek Elementary principal Maureen Dorough and student MaKayla Martinez.



Alto Elementary principal Mary Ann Schramm stands with students Ella Nauta, Michaela Duursma and Shelby Mutscher.



Bushnell Elementary principal Karen Burd and students Danielle Khermen, Mackenzie Uhen, Brenan Coolan, Korbin Williford and Wyatt Shuck.



SPRING CONCERT

The 6th grade Lowell Middle School Choir will be performing their Spring Concert on Thurs., May 29 at 1:30 p.m. at Lowell Middle School Cafeteria.

PRESCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL

The Franciscan Life Process Center Preschool in Lowell is planning a fun-filled summer program for youngsters running June 2 - 19. Children ages 3-5 years old will experience a variety of learning and enrichment experiences. Classes are available Monday-Thursday mornings two, three or four days a week. Scholarship assistance is available. Call 897-7842 for more information.

LAS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

The Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Monday, June 2 at 7 p.m. Please come and help support our athletes.

LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Summer sign-ups: Wed., June 4, evening, and June 11, morning, at Red Arrow Stadium (during Red Arrow Football Camp). All new players must bring a copy of birth certificate for birth date verification. Flag football, ages 4-7 years, must be 4 by/on Nov. 1. Youth football and 78er's, 8 years - 8th grade, must be 8 by/on Nov. 1. 78er's cheerleading, 7th and 8th grade. For more info call 897-7896, email: lowellyouthfootballleague@yahoo.com or visit: www.eteamz.com/lyfl.

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Thursday, June 5, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., now at the Old Cumberland Manor, 11535 E. Fulton. Must have proof for source of all income and Social Security numbers for entire household. Bring your own bags. Questions? Call David, 616-745-8520 or Virginia, 897-8754.

FRANCISCAN LIFE PROCESS CENTER

An elegant evening with premier vocalists Mary Rademacher and Rick Reuther, highlights the second annual fundraiser, "A Taste of Twilight", which takes place Thursday, June 12, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Guests can also enjoy strolling appetizers, desserts, wine and other beverages catered by Amway Grand Plaza. Proceeds help support the center's program funds including endowment fund, music therapy and lessons, retreat programs, preschool education and art classes and workshops. Tickets are \$50 per person and reservations are required. The Franciscan Center is located at 11650 Downes St., Lowell. For tickets or more information, call 897-7842 or visit www.lifeprocesscenter.org.

WITTENBACH/WEGE SUMMER CAMPS

Farm camp runs June 16 - 18, 9 a.m. - noon for students entering grades 3-5. Summer Science Day Camps four sessions: Extreme Sports, June 23-27; Space Rocketry, June 30-July 3; Gizmos, Gadgets, and Goop, July 7-11; and Science Detective, July 14-18. Camps are divided by grade level and run from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. for \$299 or half day, 9 a.m. - noon for \$184. Discounts are available for youth, who attend more than one camp. Call 987-1002 for more information or to register.

NEW EXHIBIT

Best of Paint-In/Out, work by artists from the Wednesday Paint-In/Out group runs through July 23 at the Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes Street, Lowell. Hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon.-Fri., or weekends by appointment. For more information, call 897-7842.

FOOD PANTRY

The FROM Food Pantry is presently in need of canned fruit, cereals, crackers, boxed potatoes and toilet paper.

The highest reward for man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it.

- John Ruskin (1819 - 1900)

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SPEED RACER (PG)
MON 11:00, 1:45
TUE-WED 11:00, 1:45, 4:30
WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG-13)
12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
IRON MAN (PG-13)
11:10, 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35
MADE OF HONOR (PG-13)
TUE-WED 7:20, 9:40
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Hasting's Mayor May changes places with Mayor Shores

by Megan Lavell
Staff Writer for The Banner

Members from Hastings Rotary, Kiwanis and Exchange clubs, as well as officials from the cities of Lowell and Hastings gathered for lunch at the Walldorff Brewpub and Bistro for the annual Mayor Exchange Luncheon Wednesday.

Exchange Club President Marjorie Haas welcomed guests to the lunch before Hastings Mayor Bob May introduced Lowell and Hastings city officials. Lowell Mayor Jeanne Shores came to Hastings for the day with several Lowell City Council members and several city staff.

"We have thoroughly enjoyed our morning here," said Shores. "I really think I need to come to Hastings some time for a runaway weekend. We're really enjoying ourselves here."

Hastings City officials traveled to Lowell last week to participate in the mayor exchange there. Mayor Bob May then introduced his family, who attended the luncheon with him to see him receive the Book of Golden Deeds. Book of Golden Deeds Chairwoman Nancy Bradley introduced May, saying,



First row, L-R: Hastings City Council member Dave Tossava, Linda Campbell, Lowell Mayor Jeanne Shores, Deb May, Hastings Mayor Bob May, Hastings Council member Barry Wood, Hastings Community Development Specialist Deb Hatfield, Executive Director of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce Liz Baker, Lowell Council member Sharon Ellison, Lowell City Treasurer Sue Olin. Second row, L-R: Hastings Council member Frank Campbell, Hastings Council member and Mayor Pro Tem Donald Tubbs, Hastings Council member Donald Bowers, Lois Bowers, Lowell Mayor Pro Tem Jim Hodges, Hastings City Manager Jeff Mansfield, Lowell Clerk Betty Morlock, Lowell City Manager Dave Posquale, Lowell Council member Tim Pfaller and Hastings City Assessor Jackie Timmerman.

"We like to recognize the unsung heroes of our community. It was one after another after another after another nominating the same person."

Hastings City Manager Jeff Mansfield spoke next, saying the Book of Golden Deeds criteria include choosing a "person who

is sincere about helping the community, has an exceptional track record of continued, unselfish giving and enjoys volunteering to help others.

"It is truly my great, great pleasure to introduce Bob. I think a commonality in

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"I am tired of being walked on," said Wenger in front of the city council at the last council meeting.

Wenger said he should have been notified before the trees were planted.

"I've had flags out there for three months," he said. "Nobody came to look at the marked area and nobody wants to cooperate in this city."

Although Mayor Jeanne Shores admitted to a misunderstanding somewhere along the line, the situation in the newly named "Tree City of Lowell" will continue to baffle Wenger.

"We've selected that area," said DesJarden, "but we do take full responsibility and we will move them."

The Lowell Light and

Power utility approved a new location 50 feet east across the gravel road from the planted trees.

Lowell Light and Power manager Tom Richards said there may have been some misunderstanding about the possible moving of the power lines somewhere else, even though there are no immediate plans to move them.

Unlike the Bowes Road power lines, the line across the fairgrounds is energized, and serves the citizens south of Lowell living across the Grand River.

Richards said the decision to move the newly planted trees was made by DesJarden and by the Arbor Board members. The discussions, according to Richards, included Shores, and city manager Dave Pasquale.



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Viewpoint

To The Editor

To The Editor,

I read the article by Councilmember Sharon Ellison and I couldn't let it go unchallenged. I believe if I read her article right, Councilmember Ellison is trying to tell the subscribers of the Lowell Ledger that the information isn't always correct and come to the council to hear the facts. I believe if you go to the council for your answers, you might hear the facts as they see them and the truth as they see it. So I say to Councilmember Ellison and to the constituents of Lowell, it depends on whose eyes it's seen through. If Councilmember Ellison has a problem with what is said in the Lowell Ledger, then like the rest of us, she should bring her rebuttal to the forefront. I believe the Lowell Ledger, with its Viewpoint and Sound Off, is a benefit to the community. I wish I could say the same for our city council. I went to a council meeting where Ivan Blough spoke on the subject of the Lowell Cable TV Fund and after Mr. Blough finished speaking, I believe there were many unanswered questions. The council went to a direct vote and in my eyes, without any consideration for tabling the matter and giving it more thought and discussion showed me that the council's only concern is to be the decider and not the servant. Sincerely,
Jim Howard

Dear Editor,

Today I encountered, once again, a dangerous driving situation in the downtown Lowell business region that I feel we need to seriously address given the potential danger to life and limb involved. Specifically I'm talking about the intersection at Main Street and North Broadway. Like the many hundreds of vehicles daily leaving the Lowell Post Office and traveling south on N. Broadway (one way), I did so at mid-day with the intention of making a left turn off N. Broadway to go eastbound on Main Street. Sitting at this busy intersection looking to my left and trying to see oncoming westbound traffic proved to be very difficult due to at least four sidewalk sandwich board signs placed near

the curb by local business owners all but fully obscuring my ability to see oncoming vehicles. As any local resident knows, this is typically a business intersection and generally requires very focused attention to avoid hitting or being hit by vehicles going in both directions on Main Street. As I sat there today waiting for traffic to clear, I began to move forward to complete my left turn onto Main Street when, in an instant, a westbound motorcycle appeared from behind one of these curbside business signs and our two vehicles very nearly became as one.

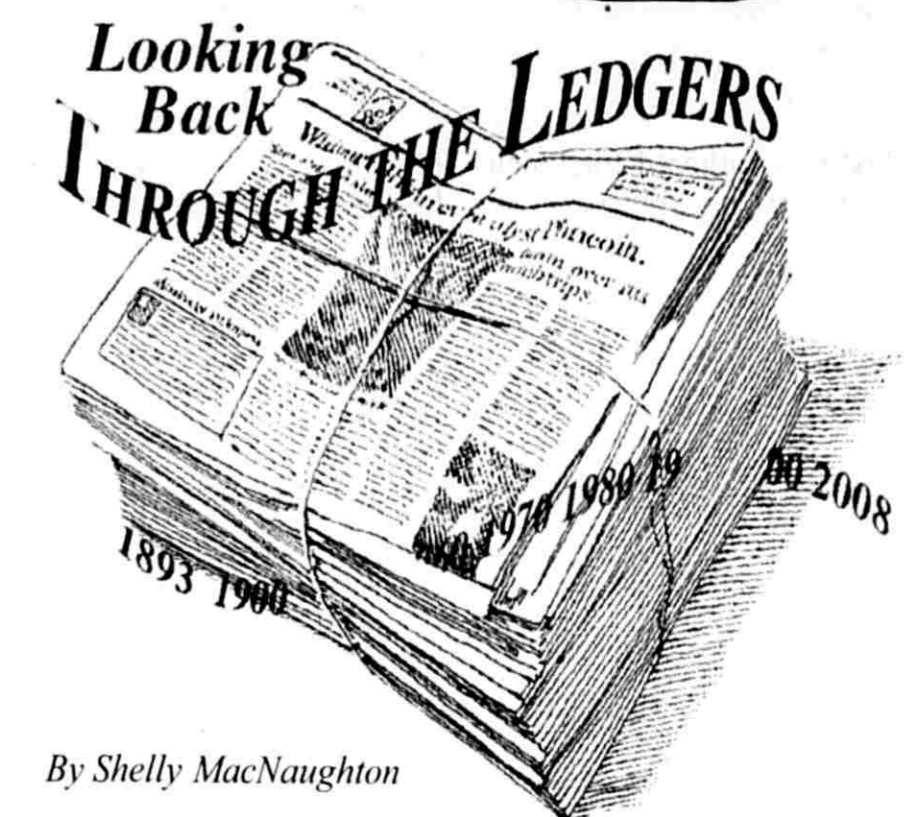
If that wasn't frightening enough for both the motorcyclist and myself, when I once again tried to make the left turn thinking the road was safe and clear along comes a small car at a higher than normal speed from behind one of the other sign boards. I finally gave up and made a right turn onto Main Street, rather than risk any further chance of maybe killing another driver or perhaps myself.

Before anybody thinks that I'm "anti-business" and don't understand the need for businesses to advertise, let me state that my father was an editor/publisher of northern Kent county newspapers at Cedar Springs, Sparta and Belding, and that I grew up in the business, so I very well do understand and support the need for business advertising. For the past 25 years I've owned and operated a statewide safety engineering risk management corporation specializing in public liability safety matters. I've driven well over one million business miles in this state and have been a licensed pilot for 35 years. I also own and have ridden motorcycles for the past 50 years throughout the United States.

As such, I believe I know a serious hazard when I see one and after today feel that the city of Lowell needs to seriously address this very obvious and potentially life-threatening public traffic safety hazard by either properly enforcing any existing laws and codes pertaining to the safe displaying of sidewalk business signs and/or make it very clear to every business in this community that they must keep their signs back away from the curbsides in a manner and distance so that they do not interfere with the driving public.

I've lived in Lowell for the past 16 years. We have a great community here. I simply want to try and make sure, as best one can, that it remains a safe community for residents and visitors alike.

Richard Gamm



By Shelly MacNaughton

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL MAY 30, 1883

Lowell is one of the most beautiful and thriving villages of Michigan. The following facts taken from a paper prepared in 1876 by Mrs. Eaton, daughter of Dr. Arba Richards, gives numerous facts regarding the first settlement of the village:

The first school-teacher was Caroline Baird, in 1838. The first white settler was Captain Daniel Marsac, in 1829. The first log house was erected in 1831 by Marsac. The first bridge was built across the Flat River in 1840, at Fallasburg. Philander Tracy was the first Postmaster at Lowell. The first white child born in the settlement was Joseph Marsac, son of the first settler. The first marriage took place in March 1839 between Caroline Baird and Caleb Page.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 28, 1908

Clark's grand opening, Thursday, June 4. Carnations for Decorations day, 50 cents per dozen. C Guy Perry

Mrs. James Murphy has moved to her new home on the West side.

John O. Clark will open an up-to-date sanitary confectionary and ice cream store in the King block, Thursday, June 4.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO JUNE 1, 1933

There are forty members in the class of 1933 of the Lowell High School, and all but two or three are sure of receiving diplomas Friday night. Two or three are still having difficulty and will have to write some examinations before receiving diplomas. This year's class is the smallest one in years to graduate from Lowell High School

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 29, 1858

James Trumble, 18, received head injuries Sunday afternoon when he was thrown out of a trailer being towed behind a car moving the city Hall piano from the 4-H building. He was taken to Butterworth hospital where he was treated and released. The piano was smashed beyond repair. Driving the car was Conrad Roark, 20, of Ada; also riding in the trailer with Trumble was James DeGood of R-2, Ada, who was not injured. The boys were returning the piano to City Hall after having used it for a dance Saturday night at the 4-H building. If anyone has a good piano they would like to donate to the City Hall, call the clerk.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JUNE 2, 1983

John Kwant will give the graduation address as Valedictorian of the Lowell High School class of 1983. The son of Henry and Hellen Kwant, has been very active throughout his high school career, both in school and out.

Ask Kathryn

With Kathryn DenHouter Ph.D.



the fact that your loved one will not return, and that you miss them is the first part of grieving, 2. Learning to express your feelings openly through talking or writing about your loss, 3. Identifying, summarizing and holding onto the fond memories of your loved one is a necessary part while making room for yourself to move on, 4. Identifying how you have changed because of the loss of your loved one, and take inventory of your interests and activities, and finally, 5. Reinvesting in life and living more fully knowing that you have learned much about life through grieving. This important, necessary process takes time and focus, and it fosters how we respond to life.

What has the fast pace of our society done to how we handle the grieving process? This is the fifth article in a series that is responding to the question, "What has the fast pace of our society done to how we do life?" This fast pace affects the grieving process as well. There is an expectation that rushing through losses is advisable, and that an efficient redirection of energy is the sign of someone who is strong. To the contrary, grief is a process that takes time. Healthy grieving manifests one's ability to cherish life and the impact that one person has on another. It takes time to think, talk, write and share about it. Grief work is necessary for a meaningful life. It is something that cannot be rushed. Loss is the most common experience that we share as humans, and frequently, people know the least about how to overcome loss. Researchers who have studied longevity have discovered that most often those who have learned how to process loss in a healthy way have the greatest longevity. Healthy grieving has implications for both quality and quantity of life.

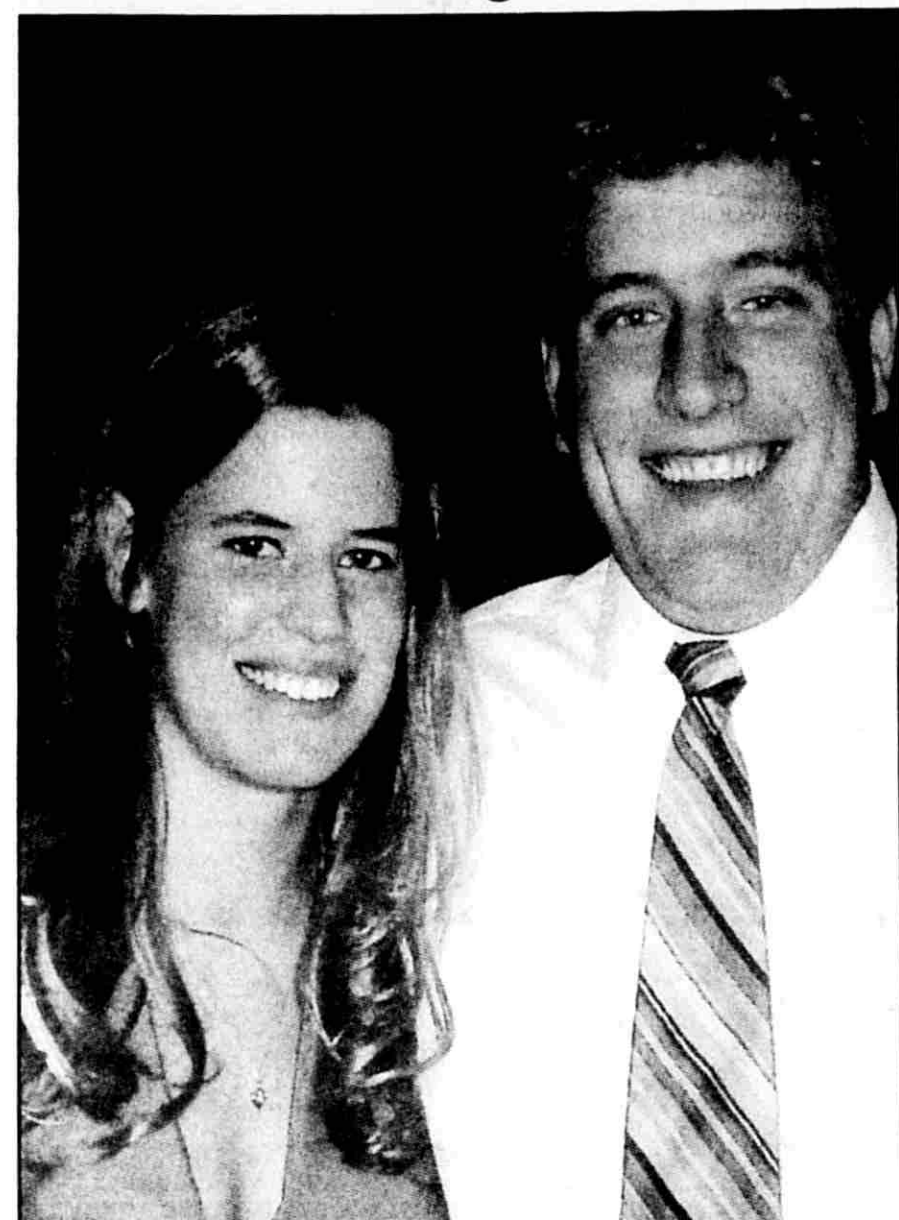
What are the landmarks of the grief process: 1. Accepting

You will know you are done grieving when: 1. You can talk about your loved one without crying or feeling pain, 2. When you can look in the mirror and smile, 3. When you have a good time doing things without your loved one, 4. When you have a sense of direction which energizes you, 5. When you can be by yourself and not feel lonely or yearn for your loved one, 6. When you have dealt with all the anger, guilt and remorse you may have felt, 7. When you feel like you are a whole and complete person in yourself, 8. When you feel you have things to contribute or offer to others, 9. When you believe you have completed the tasks of grief, and 10. When you can be happy and content with your life as it is.

Next month we will discuss how our fast paced society affects our spiritual lives. Your questions are welcome. Please send them to me at kathryndenhouther@gmail.com or visit my site on the web: www.kathryndenhouther.com.

Engagements

Converse/Fosburg



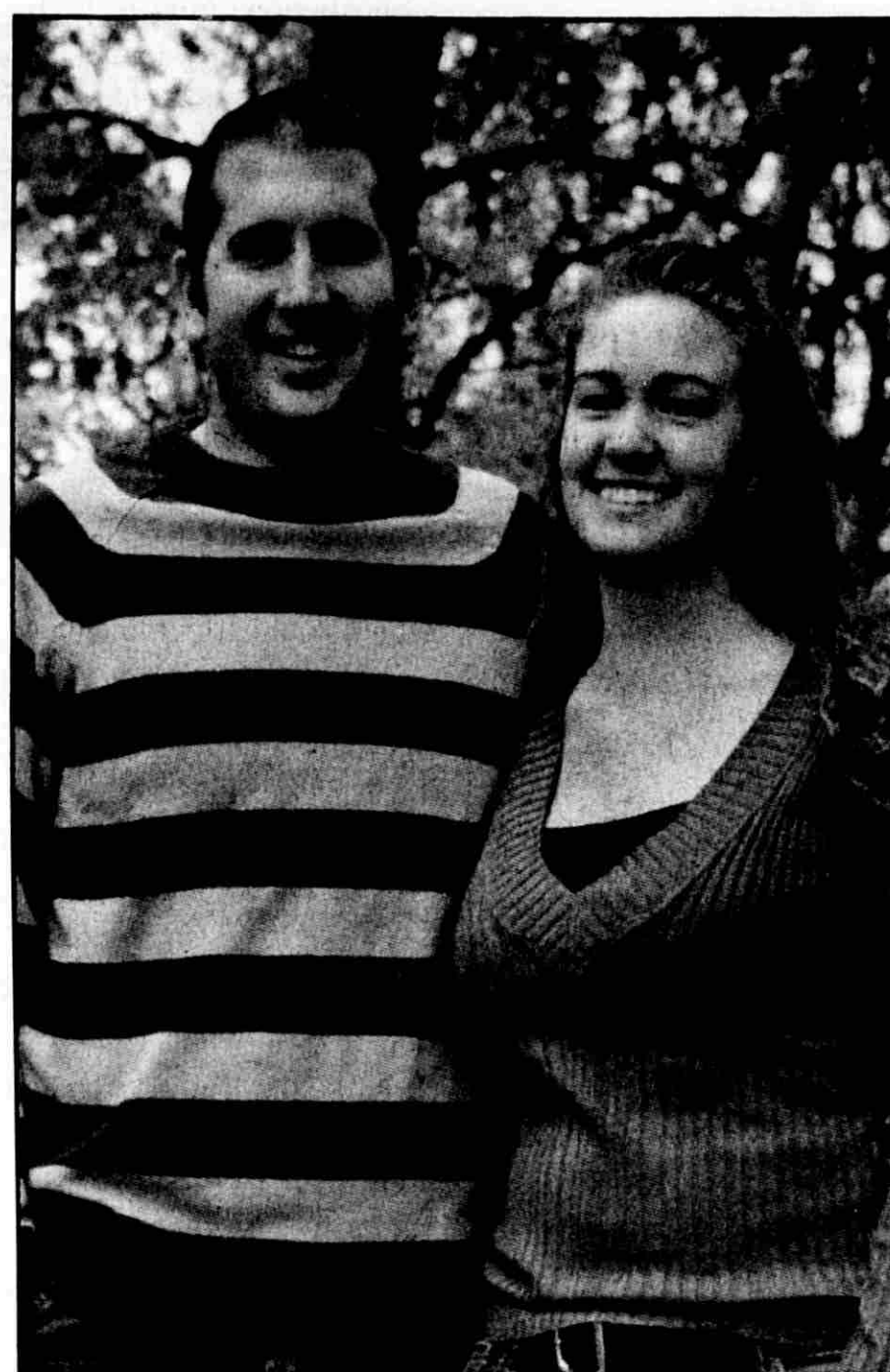
Audrey Converse and Michael Fosburg

Audrey Converse and Michael Fosburg, both of Portage, will be wed on June 28, 2008. The bride is the daughter of Gregg and Marsha Converse of Lowell. She graduated from Lowell High School and Hope College. She is currently working as a special education teacher at Paw Paw High School. The groom is the son of Dave and Rhonda Fosburg of Lowell. He graduated from Lowell High School and is currently attending Western Michigan University.



In The Ledger

VanSpronsen/Pullen



Amber VanSpronsen and Sean Pullen

Amber VanSpronsen and Sean Pullen will be united in matrimony on August 16, 2008. Their parents are Randy and Sue VanSpronsen of Lowell and Pat and Char Pullen of Ada. The bride, of Lowell, graduated from Lowell High School and Grand Rapids Community College. She currently is working at Fifth-Third Bank. The groom, of Ada, graduated from Lowell High School and is currently attending Grand Valley State University and working for Berends Hendricks Stuit.



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SECTION 529 PLAN CAN MAKE GRADUATION DAY A REALITY

It's the time of year when students across the country are graduating from college. It took a lot of effort to earn those degrees, but it took something else, too: money. It's this financial aspect of college that may concern you if you have children. How can you take some of the stress out of paying the high costs of higher education?

To begin with, it pays to be informed about what college actually does cost. Consider these figures from the College Board's 2007-08 Trends in College Pricing: The average total expense (including tuition, fees, room and board) is \$13,589 per year for in-state students attending four-year public colleges and universities; for students attending four-year private colleges and universities, the average total cost per year is \$32,307. And over the past several years, college costs have been rising faster than the general inflation rate, so you can expect to pay considerably more in the future.

How can you cope with these costs? You could tap into your Roth IRA or take a loan from your 401(k). But do you really want to potentially lower the resources you'll have available for retirement? Alternately, do you want your children to start their working lives saddled with heavy student loans? (The average student loan debt is \$21,000, according to the Project on Student Debt.)

The best way to avoid either of these scenarios is to start saving for your children's college education when they are young — and to consider using a savings vehicle specifically designed for college funding.

One such vehicle is a Section 529 savings plan. With this plan, you put money in a specific pool of investments. Contribution limits are high — more than \$300,000 per beneficiary in many state plans, although special gifting provisions may apply. Plus, Section 529 savings plans provide you with a degree of flexibility, in that you can change your plan's beneficiary to another family member. This can prove quite useful if you have one child who decides against college while another one wants to go. Furthermore, all withdrawals are free from federal income taxes, as long as the money is used for the beneficiary's qualified college or graduate school expenses. However, Section 529 withdrawals for expenses other than qualified education expenditures may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes. (Also, distributions will appear as income on the child's tax return, which could affect financial aid calculations.)

Not all Section 529 savings plans are alike; some have high fees and limited investment options. Because it's not always easy to compare the benefits of different plans, you may want to get some help from your financial advisor. As a general rule, though, you might want to start by looking at your home state's plan, which may come with a tax deduction or a matching contribution, up to a certain dollar amount. And even if you sign up for your home state's plan, your child doesn't have to attend an in-state college; you can apply the money to virtually any accredited school.

By starting to save early, and by taking advantage of an appropriate college savings vehicle, such as a Section 529 plan, you can make that graduation day of the future a happy one for everyone concerned.

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Reflections of faith

by David Sims, Lead Pastor
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ROBES AND REWARDS - GRADUATION

The end is near. Rehearsal and roll call are scheduled. Very soon the band will strike up the melody of Pomp and Circumstance; berobed students will parade into the crowded stadium; proud (and relieved) parents and grandparents will capture photos and take videos of the auspicious occasion; speeches will be delivered and endured, awards bestowed and diplomas distributed with handshakes to seal the memorable deal. Viva la Graduation Day. (I know - our last college student walked the stage two weeks ago - Viva la End-of-Tuition-Bills!).

Funny how this day creeps up on you. Over a decade of classes, growing, trying, learning, crying, playing, doing, hoping, working, wishing and waiting pass by week-upon-week, month-after-month, and nearly-too-late we realize it was but a moment and it came and went all too quickly.

Needless to say, this milestone is a popular event. The stores have their aisles and shelves overloaded with

graduation stuff - all sorts of wares, paraphernalia, gifts, cards, decorations and more. And grocers, caterers, food distributors, tent and awning companies, helium vendors and cake artisans are booked up full for making the most of the commencement of students leaving high school behind to launch off into the next adventure of their young lives. What a day, indeed.

But amid all the hoopla, behind all the festivity remains a secret, a vital statistic... something they call a GPA. The diploma doesn't tell all, but the transcript pretty well witnesses the real story. Diligent study pays off. Faithful schoolwork is worth it. Hard work has lasting rewards. That little number with such a tiny decimal in it has a way of sticking with you throughout the rest of life. Those four high school years sort of glue themselves to your dossier, like a burr catching a ride for the rest of the journey. So it is with the life yet to come.

God is busy getting ready for our graduation, too. For all who have trusted Him through His eternal Son, Jesus the Christ, we are encouraged that He is getting everything ready for our stage-crossing (John 14:2). The party can only be described as "fantastic", since I haven't been there yet, but do know the awesome creativity of the Host. What we call death here is called Life there - a commencement of never-ending blessing and joy. Yes, all true Christ-followers

"graduate" to glory - the diploma is already sure and secure. (John 5:24)

O, but what about that GPA? Yes, it does transport with us...we do wonderfully graduate if we are saved, but our ability- and responsibility levels forever are determined by our "school years" here and now. Rehearsal today, Roll Call soon. Faithful following now counts. Loyal diligence here makes a difference to infinity and beyond. As Matthew 25:23 asserts: "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things." Or as 1 Corinthians 3:13-14 informs us: "[our] work will be shown for what it is... because the Day will...test the quality...if [it] survives, [we] will receive reward...if it is burned up, [we] will suffer loss [of reward]."

Let's not let that day creep up and catch us unprepared. Let's pursue faithful excellence for Christ...we can be as excited as the Apostle Paul was for his "Graduation Day" - no qualms at all: "...the time has come for my departure (death, graduation to glory). I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown [and robe] of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing." (2Timothy 4:6-8) Viva THAT Graduation!

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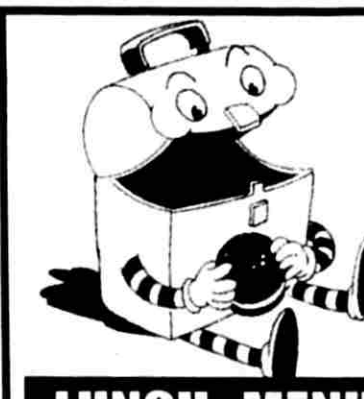
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College News

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Who: Survivor and one guest
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- Victory Lap with dinner to follow (Check in starts at 4:30 p.m.)
Saturday, June 28, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.
- Pancake breakfast at 9:30 a.m.
- Celebration lap at 11:30 a.m.
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LHS holds "Drive your tractor to school" day



Blake Zigmont, a senior, stand in front of his combine he drove to school. Unlike many of the other tractors, his was glass-enclosed and he had a heater to keep warm.

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

Lowell High School held its annual "Drive your tractor to school" day last week before the seniors' last day.

Blake Zigmont, a senior, said he has driven a tractor to school for the event for three years, but said the tradition started before him, when some students would drive

About 25 tractors were in the high school's parking lot after school on Wednesday, with eight owned by Zigmont, who let friends drive them to school.

Taking part in the tradition were Zigmont, Steve Harden, Eric Sledright, Eric Denhoff, P.J. Penninga, Casey Homerich, Seth

Bogard, Dan Hogan, Brandon White, Tony Larkins, Bob Crosby, Jim Crosby, Mike Thuston, Tricia Thuston, Gus Geldersma, Kevin Jones, Noah Blough, Paula Blough, Nick Ropalski, Justin Elliott, Bry Johnson, Mike Clover, Kevin Nugent, Kyle Fitzpatrick, and Micah Soyka.



Steve Harden, a sophomore, and Tracey Johnson, a senior, sit atop two of the tractors in the LHS parking lot.

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The City Of Lowell wishes to thank the following for their participation in the "Mayor Exchange Day" with the City of Hastings on Thursday, May 15, 2008. We are very proud of our city and this gives us an opportunity to show off our community to others.

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College News

Davenport University students and faculty win honors in national competition

Twenty-eight Davenport University students and two faculty recently received awards at the Business Professionals of America's (BPA) 42nd National Conference in Reno, Nev.

The Davenport students were among some 6,000 secondary and post-secondary participants from schools nationwide.

Winning Davenport University BPA students included: Chris Roelofs, of Ada, Network Design Team, 3rd Place.

Stephen Geldersma, of Lowell, Web Site Design Team, 4th Place.

Joshua Anderson graduated from Indiana Tech University in Fort Wayne Indiana on May 17, 2008. He was presented with the 2008 Outstanding Graduate award in Recreational Management. Anderson is the son of Nancy and Don Anderson of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell High School.

Andrew Vander Klok has been accepted into the College of Engineering at Michigan State University. Vander Klok is a graduate of Lowell High School and is the son of William and Regina Vander Klok.

Michigan history, continued ...

From Page 1

"I've learned that from grandpa and grandma," he said.

Reding is an 1830s farming demonstrator donning broad fall pants, a wool vest, and a pullover shirt with wooden buttons.

"I like it here," he said. "It's show and tell."

Center director Steve Mueller said the program has recently been revised to include historical interpreters such as Prairie Pete or Reding.

"This gives students

first-hand experience on early settlers a chance to see the person and learn about settling," said Mueller.

Mike Forton re-enacted an early 1850s timber surveyor. With the help of Biltmore sticks, the students learned to determine the amount of wood.

"We hope to do this every year," said Mueller, "to be a part of a community program."

For more information, go to www.lowellschools.com.



Mayor exchange, continued ... From Page 4

this entire room is that we are all friends of Bob May," said Mansfield.

Hastings City Council member and Mayor Pro Tem Don Tubbs spoke next. He mentioned some of May's activities, including serving on the Hastings City Council, serving as mayor, working with the Hastings Area School System through the city, serving in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, staying involved with the American Legion, staying active in Boy Scouts and serving on the Hastings Downtown Development Authority, Local Development Finance Authority and Planning Commission.

May's activities also include participating in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and the March of Dimes Walk America.

After May was honored with his plaque and his wife Deb was honored with

flowers, he said, "I really do appreciate it."

May said although he did not grow up in the Hastings area, this is now his home and he is always excited to come back to it.

"It's people like you who make me feel that hometown pride," he said.

Barry Community Foundation Executive Director, Bonnie Hildreth was the guest speaker. She talked about HomeTown Partnerships, a program through the Barry Community Foundation

that focuses on four pillars of community: assets, entrepreneurship, youth and leadership.

"The bottom line is we really believe we have to do it ourselves," said Hildreth of survey results from people of Barry County. "It takes all of these things for it to work," she said of the community.

Haas closed the program, before Hastings and Lowell officials continued their tour of the city of Hastings.



Students Liam Peterson and Noah Houghtaling worked the pizza garden.

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Lowell student runner-up in Michigan Week photo contest

Justin Ford, age 17, of Lowell, was a regional winner (runner-up) in the Michigan Week 2008 Youth Photo Contest. His photograph was of Au Sable Light Station (taken in Au Sable).

The Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL) announced the winners of the sixth annual Michigan Week Youth Photo Contest, coordinated by HAL, Michigan History for Kids magazine and Michigan State University Extension's 4-H Youth Development, with support from the Michigan Barn Preservation Network.

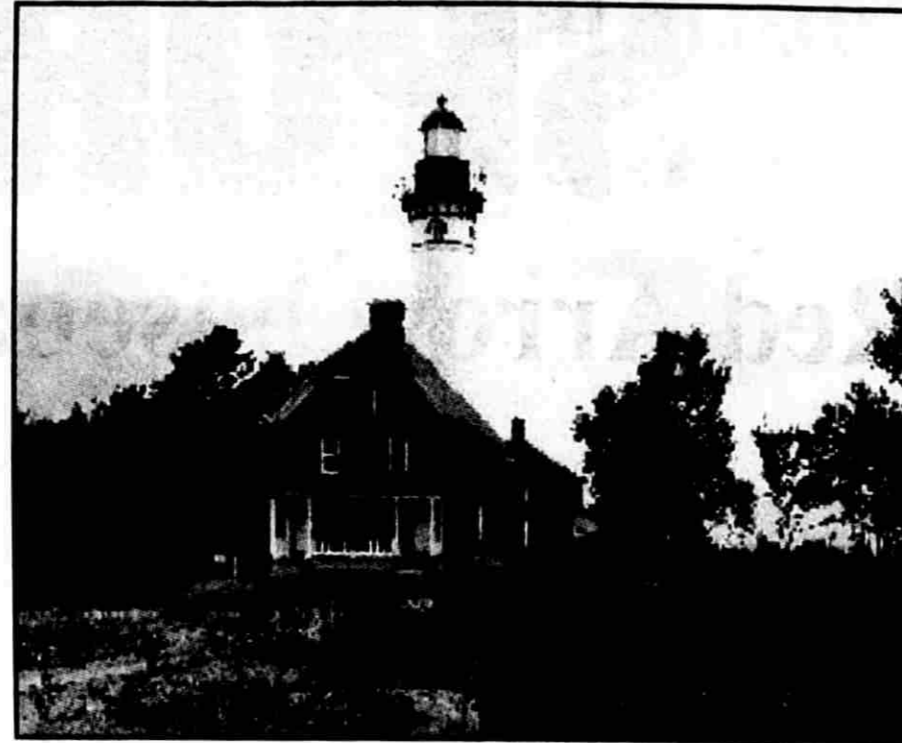
The 12 winning photos, from all regions of the state, depict the photographers' favorite Michigan historic sites. The photos are on display in the rotunda of the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing through May 26, and will then travel around the state as part of 4-H exhibits at selected county fairs, libraries, museums and other venues.

Seventeen photos also were selected as regional

winners. Both the statewide and the regional winners can be seen on the Michigan Week Web page at www.michigan.gov/michiganweek.

"It's fitting that as we celebrate both Michigan Week and National Historic Preservation Month, we're recognizing these young people who have captured some of Michigan's rich history and character on film," said HAL Director William Anderson. "I hope it inspires Michiganders of all ages to discover the unique historic treasures in their own communities and around the state."

The contest, which required that the subject of the photo include a building or object at least 50 years old, is part of the annual Michigan Week celebration. Its 128 entries came from 40 counties representing all regions of the state and both peninsulas, with contestants ranging from ages nine to 19.



Justin Ford's photo of Au Sable Light Station was runner up among many statewide entries.

Red Arrow SPORTS

“IT WAS A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR OUR PROGRAM. IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY SINGLE SENIOR CLASS CHALLENGES THE NEXT ONE. ALL THE HARD WORK SEEMS TO PAY OFF.”

- Coach Justin Miller

Red Arrow baseball gets first league title in 35 years

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

The Arrows still have a few days until tournament time starts, but they can notch one very big accomplishment in their books already - OK-White champions. Lowell, who has not won a title in 35 years, won the league outright last Tuesday in a doubleheader against Northview, winning both games.

Coach Justin Miller said the game was good for the team and the program. "It was a great accomplishment for our program. It seems like every single senior class challenges the next one. All the hard work seems to pay off."

Early in the season, Miller said the team was working toward a conference champion as their main goal for the year. He said teams like East Grand Rapids and Forest Hills Central would prove tough opponents.

"The [OK-] White's kind of wide open, we're all pretty good," he said in March. Lowell beat EGR twice, winning 4-3 on May 5 and 17-4 on May 15. The Arrows split a doubleheader with FHC on May 9, losing the first game 2-9 and winning the second 8-1. But the Arrows had to defeat Northview in their first game last week for an outright title, which they did.

Lowell traveled to the east side of the state for the Oxford Tournament, competing against Oxford, Swartz Creek, Lake Orion and Detroit Catholic Central. Miller said he was happy to travel to the east side for some new competition. "To be able to play them was challenging for us - it's a great test for us. We try to play the best competition we could in non-league games."

Lowell vs. Oxford
Against Oxford, Lowell won 3-0. Nick Trasky was 2-2, with one RBI. Torsten Boss was 1-2 with one RBI and two stolen bases. Josh Drake was 1-2 with one RBI. The team had seven hits to Oxford's three.

Boss was the winning pitcher, improving his record to 5-0. In six innings pitched, he had 10 strikeouts, allowing three hits and three walks.

Ethan Drain led off the fifth inning by reaching the base on an error by the first baseman. Boss then knocked him in after Drain moved bases on a wild pitch. After

Boss stole second, Drake hit him in on a base hit. Ryan Dean, pinch running for Drake, was then knocked in by Trasky.

Lowell vs. Swartz Creek
The Arrows were on the winning side again against Swartz Creek, winning 8-1. Drain was 2-3 and had one RBI, Trasky was 2-2 with one RBI, Pete Scudder was 2-3 and had two RBIs, and Boss was 1-3, scoring two runs, with one RBI and three stolen bases.

In the fifth inning, Lowell had five runs, starting with Boss' single. He moved to second on an error, and then stole third base. He scored on an error by the catcher when he was trying to steal third. Also scoring were Mitchell Malling, who was knocked in by Scudder. Jason Nugent had a two-RBI single. In total, Lowell sent 11 hitters to the plate in the fifth.

Zach Stephens got the win for the Arrows, extending his record to 8-2, with six innings pitched. He had seven strikeouts, with two hits, one run and one walk.

Lowell vs. Lake Orion
The Arrows weren't as fortunate against Lake Orion, one of the best teams in the state, losing 0-7. Will Bryan was 1-2, with the only hit for the Arrows. He was the lone base runner for Lowell.

Drake picked up his second loss of the season, now 7-2.

Lowell vs. Detroit Catholic Central
The Arrows got a tough loss against Detroit CC, losing 11-12.

Bryan was 2-5; Boss was 2-4, with three runs, three RBI, a double and one stolen base; Drake was 2-5, with three RBI and two doubles; and Drain was 2-3.

Tim Hettinga picked up his first loss of the season, now 1-1. Trasky started the game, pitching four innings. Detroit picked up the win in the bottom of the sixth by hitting a double followed by a base hit to knock in the winning run. In the second inning, Detroit's five scoring opportunities were unearned runs. The Arrows made three errors in that inning.

Lowell had tied the game in the top of the sixth when Boss got a single to knock in Dean and Jesse VandenBosch.

Lowell vs. Northview
In a 6-0 win against the



The Red Arrow varsity baseball team won the OK-White in a win against Northview last week. This league title is the first in 35 years. (Photo submitted by David Drain)

Wildcats, the Arrows became league champs in Game 1 of their doubleheader. Lowell scored twice in the first inning and four in the seventh. In the first, the Arrows got both of their runs without a hit.

Stephens was 1-2, had one RBI and one stolen base. Bryan was 1-1, with two RBIs. Drake was the winning pitcher. In seven innings pitched, he had 11 strikeouts, with only two hits and three walks.

In Game 2 of the doubleheader, the Arrows saw more action, but still won 4-3.

Boss was 3-4, with one run, two RBIs and three stolen bases; Bryan was 3-4, with two runs and one stolen base; and Drake was 1-3 and one RBI.

The Arrows were tied with the Wildcats going into the seventh inning, when Boss knocked in Bryan with his third triple of the game. Stephens was the winning pitcher, with three strikeouts.

Lowell vs. Mona Shores
The team traveled to Hudsonville for an invitational, getting a win and a loss.

Against Mona Shores, the Arrows lost 2-6.

Boss was 2-3, with a hit-by-pitch; Stephens was 1-4 and had two RBIs. Stephens picked up his second loss, but had seven strikeouts.

Lowell vs. Calvin Christian
Against Calvin Christian, the Arrows won 16-1 in four innings. The team scored in all four innings, with one in the first, 10 in the second, one in the third and four in the fourth.

Lowell sent 16 hitters to the plate in the second inning, and had 14 hits total.

Drain was 3-3 with one run, two RBIs and two stolen bases; Dean was 1-1 with

three RBIs; Trasky was 2-3, with three runs and one RBI; and Scudder was 2-2, with two runs and three RBIs.

Boss was the winning pitcher with one hit and no

walks, and five strikeouts. The Arrows will take on Creston in the first round of Districts Saturday at Northview, starting at 12:45 p.m.

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- Coach Bob Rodenhouse

Softball is 17-12 going into last doubleheader and district tourney

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

Compared to other weeks when the team has played six games in as many days, last week's doubleheader on Tuesday seemed pretty quiet for the Arrows. Lowell competed in its own Mandy Tichelaar Memorial Tournament, with Rockford, Kenowa Hills and Grandville. The tournament is held in honor of Tichelaar, a former Lowell softball player who died in an auto accident in 1995.

In Game 1, the Arrows defeated Grandville in a 6-5 upset.

Katie McElroy had the first hit of the game, with a bunt single, while a wild pitch got her around to third base. Monica Vigil drove McElroy in on a ground ball to third.

The third inning saw three runs. Beth Lyckoff

started the inning with a walk. McElroy had a single. Vigil had a sacrificed bunt and Samantha Mundt drove in Lyckoff with a ground ball. Ashley Nawrocki was walked and then stole second, leading the way for Cassie DeCator's base hit to drive in two runs.

In the sixth, the Arrows scored two more. Jessica Meyer was walked, and off of Lyckoff's base hit, scored. McElroy drove Lyckoff home with a triple that extended all the way to the tip of the fence.

Although Grandville caught up to the Arrows in the sixth by scoring four, and scoring one in the seventh, they couldn't seem to shake Lowell's lead. Centerfielder Samantha Mundt had two outs in the seventh inning, in which she was "positioned perfectly", said coach Bob Rodenhouse. "She's being

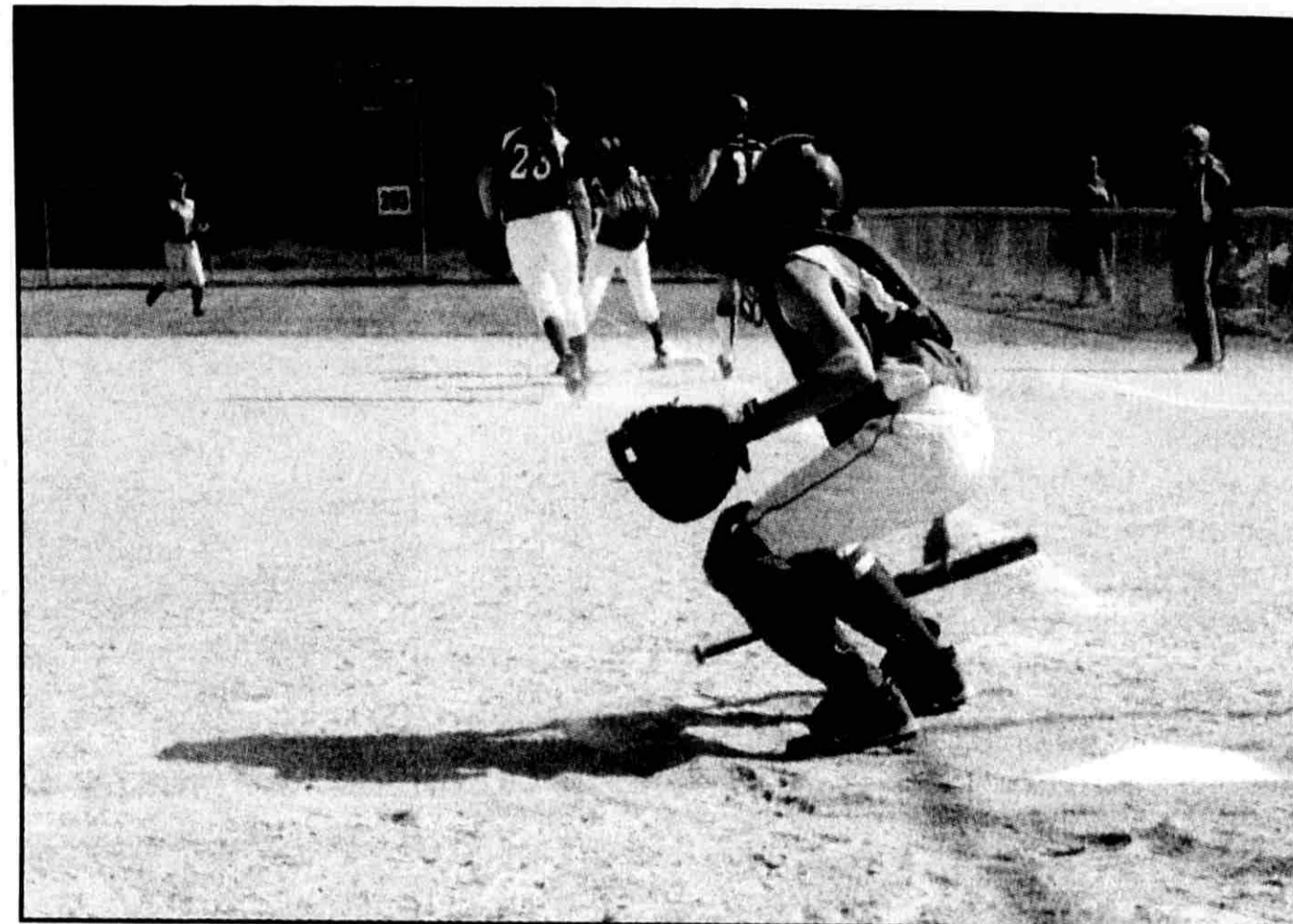
where she's supposed to be."

Lauren Dood was the winning pitcher in Game 1, walking one and striking out two. The win against Grandville was Dood's tenth of the season, as she goes 10-2.

In Game 2, the Arrows weren't as fortunate, losing 2-7 to Rockford.

Lowell scored both runs in the second inning, with an error on a ground ball and a walk. The team had four hits total, something Rodenhouse contributed to Rockford's good pitcher Ashlee Olsen. He also said the Arrows saw too many walks. "They were 4-5 on walks scored. They had a couple of key hits, and it seemed every time we looked up, they had someone on base. They are a very good team."

Bailey Allen, who picked up the loss, is 7-7.

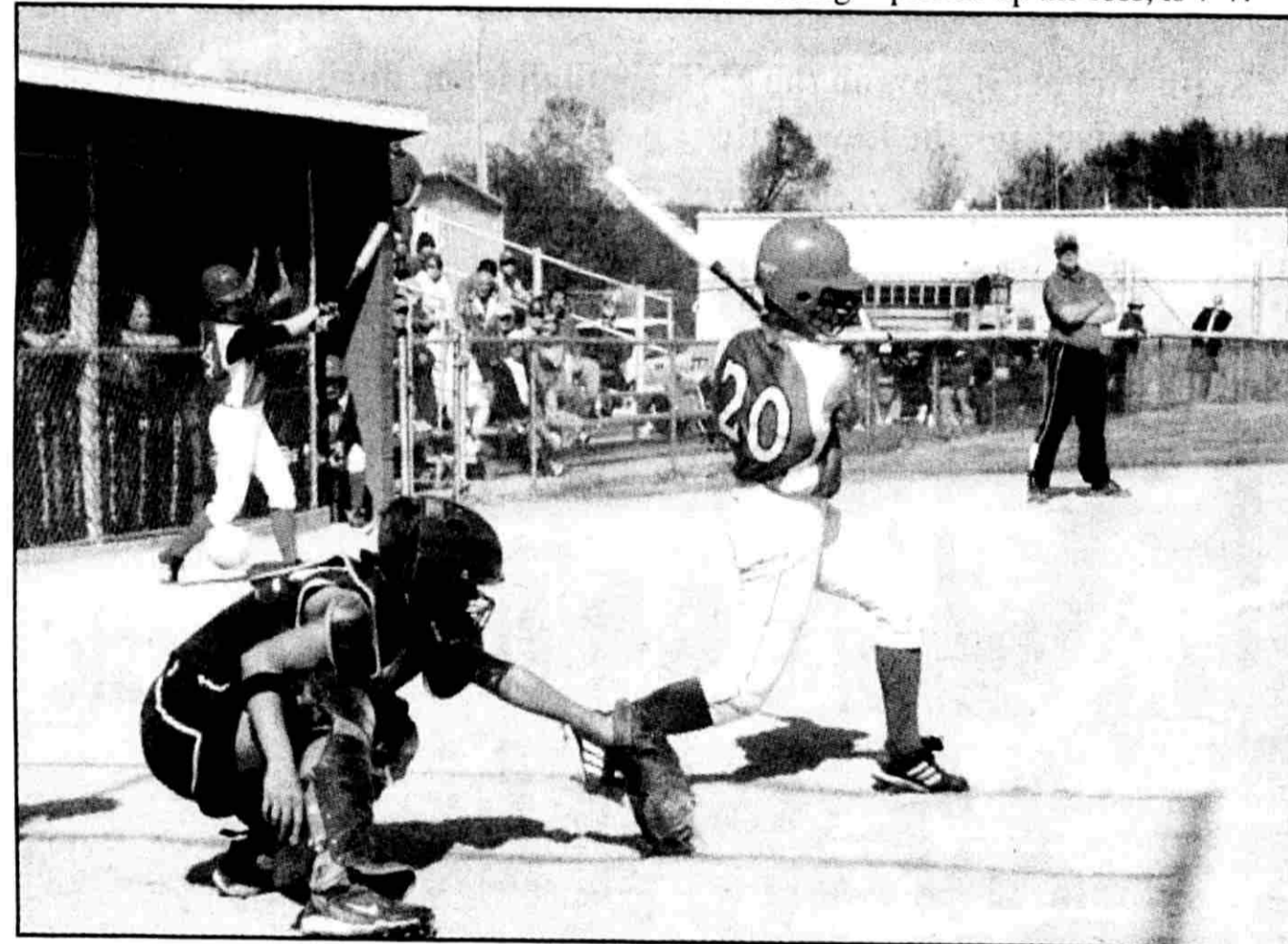


The Arrows have a doubleheader left for the regular season on Thursday at home against Kent City. They will then travel to Northview for District finals on Saturday at 10 a.m., competing against Creston. If they win the first game,

they could have a chance to square off against Rockford, who will be taking on host team Northview in the morning. The second game would be at 2 p.m.

Rodenhouse said he's excited for the team's prospects and is liking where

the team's at. "At one point, we were 3-7, then 4-7, 5-7..." he said. "We picked it up a little bit to go 17-12. I feel pretty good about [Districts]; it'll be interesting. We have to play our best softball, that's for sure."



(Top): Cassie DeCator (17) gets an out at first with help from pitcher Lauren Dood (23) and catcher Ashley Nawrocki (13).

(Upper left): Jessica Meyer (20) swings for the ball during the game against Grandville.

(Upper right): Beth Lyckoff (16) touches home on a hit by Katie McElroy.

Golf team ends season at Districts, Porter qualifies for Regionals

The varsity golf team took 10th of 14 teams at Division 1 district finals last week at the L.E. Kaufman Golf Course. The team had a combined score of 358. Forest Hills Central won the day with 314.

Rich Porter was the top scorer for the Arrows, with 81. His score was good enough to qualify for Regionals, which will take place at Deer Run Golf Course in Lowell on May 29. Only the top six individuals from the district finals were allowed to move on.

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Keith Nichol returns to MSU after freshman year at OU

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

It's been an interesting year-and-a-half for Lowell native Keith Nichol, and he's looking to find his niche as he heads to Michigan State University this summer. Nichol will head to East Lansing in June to begin training for the Spartan football team, in a spot he had originally eyed back in high school.

As a junior on the Red Arrow team, he verbally agreed to play under John I. Smith's Spartan team, but when the coaching staff was rearranged, he packed up and decided to play for Bob Stoops at Oklahoma University instead.

He started classes in the spring of 2007, after graduating early from Lowell High School, and trained with the Sooners. But with other quarterbacks being considered for a spot he had wanted, Nichol said he didn't get as much playing time. "Me and Sam

[Bradford] were neck-in-neck all through the fall, and he was chosen."

In his one season at OU, he completed 2-7 passes (with 15 yards), and had three carries for 13 yards of rushing.

He decided at the end of the academic year that he would transfer to another school. "I decided I would try my luck somewhere else," Nichol said.

Nichol said leaving friends and the guys on the team "like DeMarco [Murray]" was the hardest part about saying goodbye to Oklahoma.

But he ultimately decided to attend MSU. "It was real close to home, I've always loved MSU, it was a good fit, and I'd be able to start," he said. He ticked off a list of reasons that going to MSU seemed like a good fit: friends that go to school there, being back in the state of Michigan, and watching his brother, Kyle's, high school games in the fall. He

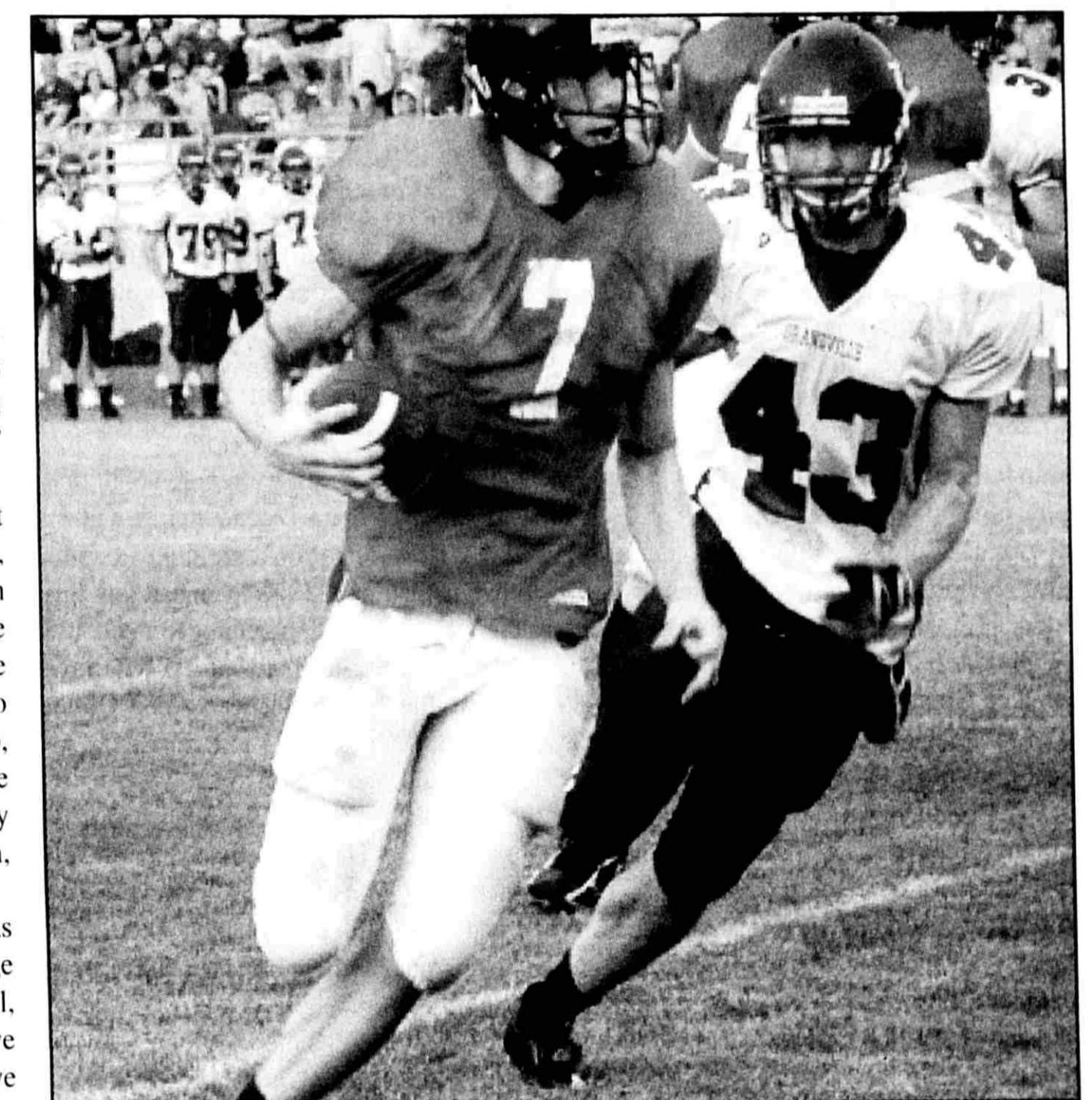
said he was optimistic about his future and said it feels like it's the right thing.

When he steps onto the green and white field this summer, he'll have a year to wait before he can officially play as a Spartan.

"I'm going to sit back and learn from [State's quarterback], watching him and learning everything," Nichol said.

In the short time that Nichol has back at home, and his rare time off from training this summer, he said he hopes he'll be able to see his brother. The two have a close relationship, due in part to their close age and love of football. "I'll try to see him as much as I can, follow what he's doing."

And in the meantime, as he prepares to start a college career at another school, he'll have his longtime love for MSU on his side. "I've grown up with green in my house, I've always been a lifelong Spartan fan," Nichol said.



Keith Nichol (7), now on the MSU football team, during his senior year as quarterback for the Lowell Red Arrows in 2006.

Lowell Arrowdynamics baseball club wins tournament

THE BENNING-FIELDER



by molly benningfield
sports editor

Pride of Deeeeee-troit

As fans of Detroit sports, we've been run through the ringer. At the rate we're going right now, it seems to be pretty cool to be rooting for anything coming from the east side of the Mitten. But if you've been a Detroit fan for a certain length of time, you'll certainly recall the less-than-thrilling roar from the Lions in recent years, the Tigers' slump for most of my childhood in the '90s and early '00s, the sporadic years of non-dominating Red Wings play, and that period of time between the Bad Boys and the current Pistons (although I'll always be a Grant Hill fan). And that's just including the football, baseball, hockey and men's basketball line-ups.

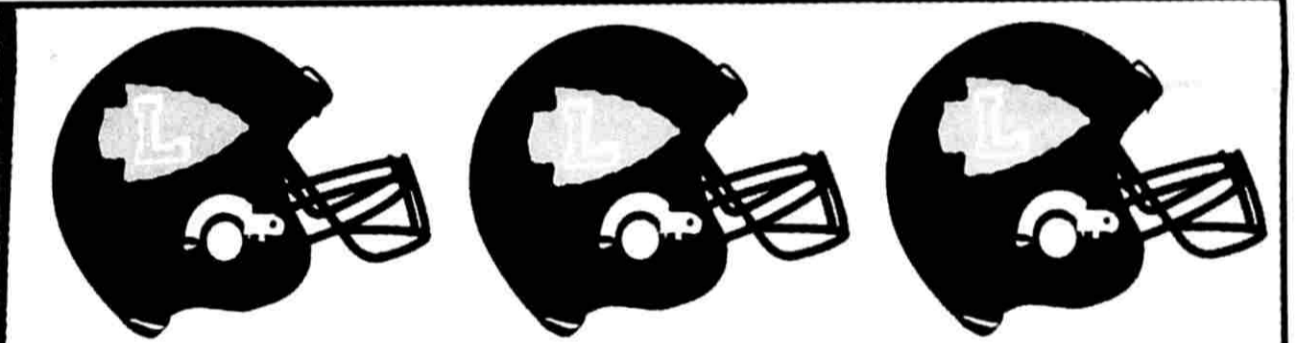
Right now, I'm feeling pretty good about my guys from Motown. I'm thinking sports ratings for Michigan on Saturday night were at a high, with our Pistons, Wings and Tigers playing, and it's an exciting time to watch the Pistons shake off less-than-worthy opponents, and actually hang with the giants from Boston. At 2-2 in the conference finals, I'd say Detroit has a pretty good chance at seeing a title this year, after handling the 76ers and the Magic. And then you have the Wings, who, although can't be seen on regular cable (seriously? Do we really have to go through this again?), are still kicking it in the Stanley Cup finals, going 2-0 in the series after a 3-0 win Monday.

Sure the economy's terrible, we still don't know how - or if - our delegates are being counted in the Democrat primaries, and it can go from humid over the weekend to a damp chill in less than a week. But, as Michigansers, we have one thing to tightly hold onto, and that's the fact that we can yell "Go Detroit" and mean it.

The 13-and-under Lowell baseball team won the May 17-18 Petoskey Crown Jewel Tournament, overcoming the cold, wet and windy conditions. The team went 3-1 during the weekend.

Jon Fox, Garrett Stehley and J.P. North each picked up a win as pitchers en route to the championship hardware. During the tourney, Tim Antel went 9-11 with seven RBI, Austin Gildea was 5-9 with six RBI, Fox was 6-11 and Zach Dawson was 4-8 with two sacrifice bunts. The Lowell 9 hit .429 as a team.

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