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Tom Richards resigns as the Lowell Light and Power manager.

Lowell Light and Power manager resigns following drawn-out controversy

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By Emma Palova

in Steeped deep controversy over last year's Cable TV sale and tree cutting, Lowell Light & Power (LL&P) manager Tom Richards, 54, has resigned effective June 5.

Richards cited the differences between the utility board's expectations and his own expectations of the board as the major reason for his resignation.

"Lowell's communityowned utility has undergone many changes during my tenure," said Richards, "including the appointment of a completely new board of directors over the last two years."

None of the new board members has more than two years of experience

serving on the utility board. according to Richards.

And running the increasingly complex business of purchasing energy for a public sector utility is a day-to-day everchanging challenge.

A series of controversies culminated last year with the \$3 million sale of Cable TV owned by the subscribers to the system.

It was unfortunate, according to board chairman Greg Canfield, the sale had to be negotiated behind closed doors due to stipulations by Comcast.

"We are trying to improve our relationship with the city government, customers and the citizens of Lowell," said Canfield.

"Tom deserves accolades for the sale. It was an asset of diminishing value."

Canfield admitted there were some differences in opinion between the board and the utility manager in seeking new directions.

"We're concerned about not raising rates," said Canfield.

A recent raise in rates went into effect in early spring to offset costs of upgrades. Still, according to Richards, people served by LL&P, pay 22 percent less for energy than the rest of Kent County.

And then there was the issue of extreme tree trimming in the city that left some streets looking quite bare, mainly Bowes Road.

"Tree trimming is a hot button with people in town," said Canfield "Tom took the heat for that, but he did a great job for us."

Richards, a resident of Cascade Township, came to Lowell 10 years ago as the first full-time director of the Cable TV system. Within two years, he became the new general manager for both Cable TV and Lowell Light & Power.

The two positions were combined to achieve greater efficiency. However, that has proven to be tricky in itself.

> Manager resigns, cont'd., pg. 3

Lowell keeps head above water as storms ravage West Michigan

by Molly Benningfield

After a few days spent in the upper 80s and 90s temperature-wise, Lowell and its surrounding communities across West Michigan were cooled down thanks to a weekend of severe storms.

The bad weather started in the area on Friday, when a tornado warning was issued for many of the counties around Lowell.

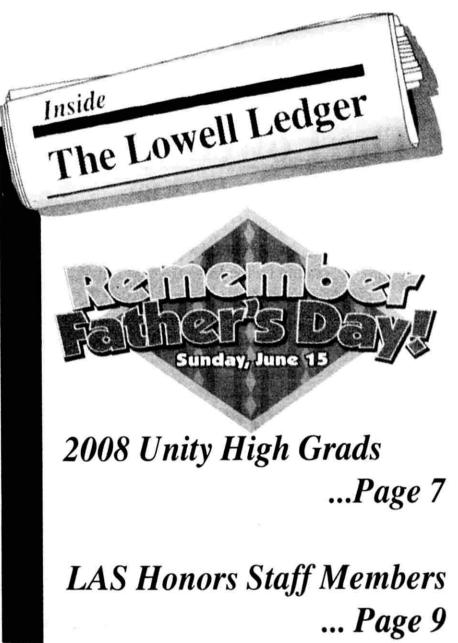
Over the weekend, many storms traveled throughout the area, causing power outages (as many as 100,000 people were without power Sunday), traffic jams and major flooding.

Lowell managed to stay affoat, with help from Lowell Light and Power.

Jeff Mullins, the operations manager of Light and Power, said there were "a couple of individual outages from trees falling." He said the east side of Lowell also saw a few problems, when lightning took out a breaker Sunday morning. But, said Mullins, "We didn't have the problems that a lot of people around the area did."

Power outages hit a number of residents in West Michigan, with big numbers coming in from Kalamazoo, Lansing, Hastings and Battle Creek. More than 320,000 customers have been affected by weather-related activities. Six people in Michigan have died as a result of the storms.

As of Tuesday, Allegan, Barry, Eaton and Ottawa counties were still under a flood warning, with the Thornapple River one foot above flood stage in Hastings. Hundreds of counties around the Midwest have declared "states of emergency", including Ottawa County, due to flooding. Declaring a state of emergency calls for federal relief. South of Michigan, Indiana was hit with major flooding, in what some meteorologists said was the worst their area has ever seen. According to a blog on Wood TV 8's web site, this is only the second time since 1970 that West Michigan has had four days in a row with severe weather.



Concert summer series will rock the Riverwalk

by Emma Palova

Let the summer rock Arts Council. with swing-style blues like 'Blue Moon' or classic 'Natchez Trace' on the Riverwalk by the Showboat.

Starting this Thursday at 7 p.m., the annual concert series will warm up the summer with country, swing, folk and rock.

Nothing feels better than kickin' back in a folding chair and dancing under the stars, while munching on a pulled pork sandwich.

The series in the past has been a big success that many surrounding communities have been trying to emulate, according to Elaine Hommowun of

The concert line-up includes: June 12: Dayna Malow; June 19: Adams Family, Alive & Well; June 26: Blue Moon

July 3: Voices of Freedom; July 10: Bronk Brothers Band; July 17: Blue Number Nine; July 24: Ginny Dusseau with the Truth in Jazz Orchestra; July 31: Argentuck Blues; August 7: Black Canyon & Patchwork at the fairgrounds; August 14: Natchez Trace; August 21: Branded

The concerts and parking are free. The Flat River Grill offers a cash bar

vendors who are set up on the Riverwalk. The concert to get some fresh produce. series coincides with the

and food along with area Farmer's Market at the fairgrounds. So, don't forget too from 3 to 7 p.m.



Dayna Malow will perform this Thursday.

(Ken) Junglas and Greg paper to begin with. grandsons, Zachary Greenlee. Funeral services were held Saturday at Ada Reformed Community Church. Interment Bailey Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan. 1260 Ekhart NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or Ada Reformed Community Church

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LOWELL **CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2008

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE.

Agree Limited Partnership has made application for several variances from Section 4.4 Signs and Billboards of the Lowel Charter Township Zoning Ordinance for a Walgreens store.

The variances requested are:

- . A variance from Section 4.4.5 C.b which allows only one point of sale (on premise) sign per parcel. The applicant is requesting an off-premise sign.
- 2. A variance from Section 4.4.5 C.d which permits only one wall or awning sign per development. The applicant is requesting two wall signs and one awning sign.

The property is located at 11980 Fulton Street SE, Lowell, Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-09-200-003.

The application is available for review at the Township Hall during regular office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk

Go green by going online

by Vonda VanTil. Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

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> Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist

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of the largest exotic traveling petting zoos in the area, Animal Crackers on Tuesday, July 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the Alto

Smoothies - Teens in grades 6-12 will have a blast making smoothies at the Alto branch on Wednesday, July 9 at 1:30 p.m. and the Englehardt branch on Thursday, July

July 15 at 1:30 p.m.

July 11 at 2 p.m.

look at the animal world at the Englehardt branch on Monday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Show Off Your Talent - Kindergarteners through eighth graders are invited to show off their talent at the KDL Talent Show at the Englehardt branch on Saturday, July 26 at 11

Artist and Musician Kevin Kammeraad - Kevin Kammeraad, author of "The Tomato Collection" will share poetry, puppetry, music and fun for all ages at the Alto branch on Tuesday, July 29 at 1:30 p.m. and the Englehardt branch on Thursday, July 31 at 2 p.m.

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Canfield.

leadership the utility is well

case when I came here.

Michigan's water.

accomplishments

protecting our

and recognize Michigan's

Lakes," said Department

of Environmental Quality

Director Steven E. Chester.

"It is also a time to look to

the future for ways that all

of us can contribute to the

preservation of Michigan's

educational and recreational

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are sponsoring

"Those are different industries," said Richards, "both are very volatile businesses and both are very challenging."

And Richards equipped with a degree in advertising marketing from Michigan State University. had experience from Wood TV 8 as programming and operations manager. He also had a background in electric circuits.

However, managing a municipal utility without a large staff or clout for buying power, on top of constant changes in national and state policies was extremely challenging, according to Richards.

And everything the utility does is very visible neglected tree trimming over the last few years to work on power

Not only that, but the best prepared in Michigan fact the utility is owned by the community exacerbated many controversies.

Governor Jennifer M.

Granholm has proclaimed

June 7-14, as Water Week

in Michigan to encourage

protection, education, and

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exerted that control. The board was under a lot of pressure from the city council, the city hall, Kalkaska.

customers and residents." That all added up into increased friction between Richards and the board. place," said Richards. "It's a very complicated

Dave Pasquale, Richards' important position," said resignation came as a In the meantime,

the utility will run as if Richards was on vacation until interim manager is said Pasquale. "We want to get

somebody of his caliber back," said Canfield, "it was his decision to resign." In spite of all the challenges, under Richards'

positioned into the future. "They're one of the for future demands," said Richards, "that wasn't the

Governor proclaims Water Week in Michigan

opportunity to look back will have the opportunity Week.

control as a public utility." \$5 million was borrowed said Richards, "and they for improvements. These included new transmission lines, new substation and a shared power plant in "Lowell has a reliable

source of power no matter what happens in the market

For city manager

got to be knowledgeable and did what was best in the interest of Lowell Light & Power."

Since Richards still remains passionate about public power, he will seek a similar job for a public

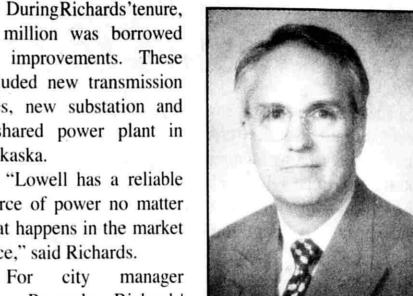
"In the energy field we wear the white hat, we work directly for customers," he said. We don't work for profit or dividends. Our

unite in the effort to preserve activities to celebrate the to express and share

"This week is a great individual communities activities during Water

state's water resources, and approaches to water-related

Business Matters



Tom Richards

goal is to make sure our customers get the safest, most reliable electric at the lowest cost."

The number employees at the utility has decreased from 20 last year to 13 now.

"I hope people will support the board and recognize the value they have," said Richards.

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Joyce Thuston

announced that Joyce

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NEIL SIMON'S COMEDY "JAKE'S WOMEN"

Presented by the Thebes Players June 13, 14, 20 & 21 at 7:30 p.m. and June 22 at 2:30 p.m. at Lowell High School Performing Arts Center, 11700 Vergennes St. SE, Lowell. Tickets are \$8-12. Dinner available June 13 & 20 at 6:30 p.m. Reservations required, tickets \$12. www. lowellartscouncil.org or 897-8545.

SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

The Lowell boys basketball program is offering the following summer basketball camps: 5th/6th grades June 16-19, 8-10:30 a.m. at Lowell High School. 7th/8th grades June 16-19, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Lowell High School. 3rd/4th grades June 23-26, 8-9:30 a.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. 1st/2nd grades June 23-26, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary.

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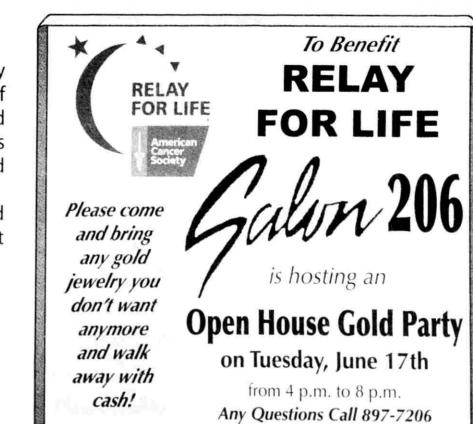


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Wildlife Safari - Children ages 6 and up take a closer

Registration is required for some programs, so for more information, contact or visit your local KDL branch or visit us online at www.kdl.org.

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Board meeting covers budget updates, new contracts and well wishes to retiring staff

by Shelly MacNaughton

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education met Monday, June 9, to well Education Association expenses are \$33,997,761. and the Lowell Education Support Personnel Asso- get include the School Aid 258 years of experience, "We are wrapping up a very a collaborative effort," said Superintendent, Greg Pratt. and Gas/Diesel with in-Both contracts received minor language adjustments, with the LEA receiving a fund balance is \$3,715,785. 2 percent increase for the "I would like to thank John 2009-10 school year, while and his office for their work the support personnel recei- on the budget," said Pat Nuved a 2.3 percent increase.

"I would like to thank the board for our one-year hired as the new Cherry extension, I would also like Creek Principal. Shelly coto thank Greg Pratt, Roger mes to Lowell from Grand Bearup, and John Zielinski Rapids Public Schools, and for their ability to work to- has been a principal for gether and solve problems," eight years. said Paul Jacobus, president of LEA.

tion also worked to extend Director. the Superintendent's contract for three more years. After two solid evaluations, the Board extended Pratt's promise to work very hard their desire to see the district work in the direction current Cherry Creek prinfirst set when Pratt was hi- cipal, will now serve as the red two years ago.

budget hearing at 6:30 p.m. for Lowell Area Schools. although there was no public ted revenues for the district

Salary/Benefit increases, district. from last year. The ending gent, board member.

Shelly Otten has been

"Shelly comes very highly recommended," said The Board of Educa- Roger Bearup, Curriculum

"Working in Lowell has always been a dream of mine. I am very pleased and contract and emphasized for the district," said Otten.

Maureen Dorough, the

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The board held a public Special Education Director

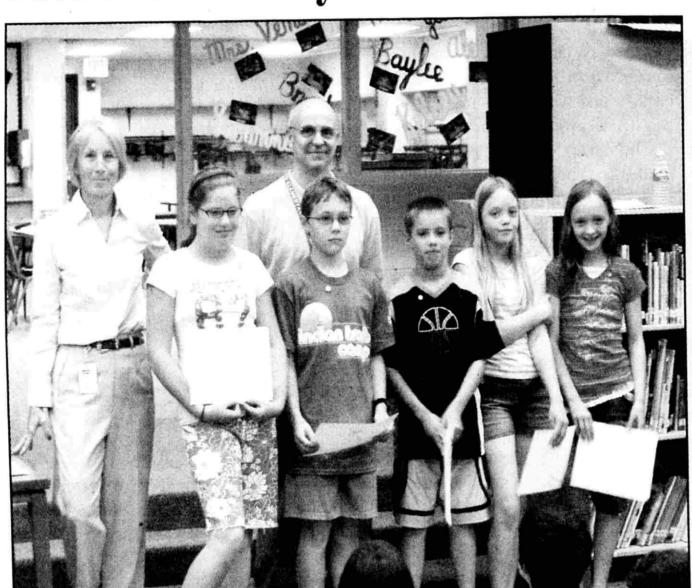
Retirees were honored in attendance. Total projec- at the board meeting. For a full list, see story on page 9. are \$33,802,551. Projected "My hat goes off to the retirees, thank you," said Greg Challenges to the bud- Pratt. The retirees totaled Bill still pending, Annual love and dedication to the productive year. I really

presentations by the Bush- nell staff. The teachers have nell staff on the RTI Pilot really gone above and beyprogram implemented at ond. Jackie has done a fabu-Bushnell and a Literacy Coaching Data Report from I think our kids have really Jackie Krygier, Literacy Specialist at Cherry Creek.

The board welcomed have to commend the Bushlous job as a literacy coach. benefited," said Bearup.

of our teachers, administrators, bus drivers, food service, this is a group of people that really care about our students," said Dan Brubaker board member. "Thank you to the entire Lowell "I want to commend all School Family," said Nu-

and Gas/Diesel with increased costs up 150 percent Alto Elementary Presidental award winners



Alto Elementary is proud to announce its Presidential Award Winners for 2007-08. These students have held an A-average or above all through 4th grade and the first half of 5th grade. Congratulations (L-R): Lydia Tawney, Austin Rife, Alex Bohr, Maria Blough and Adrienne Rife. Also pictured are Mrs. Schneider and Mr. MacDonald, 5th grade teachers.

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- Bill Gates (1955 -)

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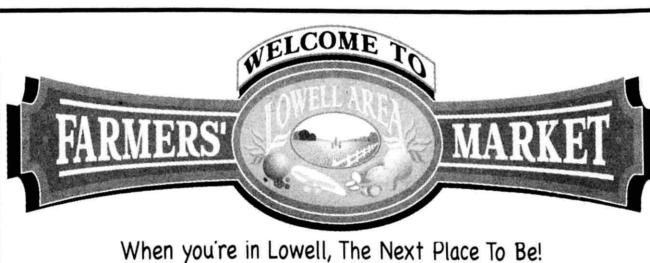


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Viewpoint-

To The Editor

To The Editor.

Mayor and City Council - On June 3, 2008, Lowell police chief James Valentine informed me that the Lowell City Council has directed him to enforce "Section 23-45: Dear Editor, Duty to Cut". (Article III. Grass and Noxious Weeds). Apparently the City Council wanted to selectively enforce this code on Main Street and other prominent thoroughfares!

This particular section (23-46) reads in part:

"It is hereby declared unlawful for any resident to (12) inches."

property is owned by me, Charles V. Bernard. I am not a doesn't apply under its current writing.

town ordering Main Street business to mow vacant lots. city streets could come from that value. Meanwhile, many Lowell City properties aren't mowed!

There is a glimmer of hope when councilman James Pfaller firmly stands behind the forces of reason, good business acumen and concern for our carbon imprint! I respectfully request that this unreasonable edict be

escinded even though it doesn't apply!

Charles V. Bernard

In Lowell's 2008-09 budget proposal, there were statements made that, with assistance from the state, the airport board is seeking to upgrade the facility to a General Utility status enabling the airport to qualify for state grant funds, and is reviewing a proposal for a new fixedbased operator? Will there again be an attempt by the city permit grasses and weeds to grow to a height of twelve to appropriate property or property rights bordering the city airport? Hopefully there will not be a shallow deed The property in question is adjacent to Bernard's like condemnation which would only deepen the division Ace Hardware on the east side of that fine business. That between Lowell and its neighbors. I believe that the airport, no matter what is done to it, will never be a commercial resident of Lowell! Therefore, it would seem that this code airport or self-supporting 'and will be nothing more than a playground for the elite and their play toys. Where is grant It's unfortunate that we have to go to these lengths to funding for our city roads? Not much, if any. I wonder gentle breeze to the residents on Hudson street cannot be avoid the ongoing anti-business demeanor that seems to what our state representative's would think about funding a pervade the City of Lowell. Business property taxes are 35 backyard airport and little or nothing for city streets? How spection. to 40 percent higher than surrounding townships. Storefront could condemnation be justified for an airport that's not vacancies abound! Gasoline prices are headed to \$5 a self-supporting and not worth much financially to the city gallon, and the city is running our fine police chief all over of Lowell than its property value? Replacement of Lowell's



Century G.I. Bill

With Senator Carl Levin

era with expanded educational benefits, similar to those provided by the original G.I. Bill, which will help them reenter civilian life and strengthen our nation.

education is high up on the list of worries, a list that is already too long. We have read the stories of returning veterans having to work at night so they can attend school during the day - even with their current G.I. Bill benefits. Our service members certainly deserve assistance to help them pursue an education and return to civilian life without facing steep financial challenges.

The 21st Century G.I. Bill, which I cosponsored, would provide funding to any veteran who has served on

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• "Crossfire" letters between the same two people on one issue will be limited to one for each writer.

· In an effort to keep opinions varied, at times there may be a limit of one letter per person per week.

Writing To The editor ...

· All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification. All that will be

· Letters serving the function of "cards of thanks" will not be accepted unless there is a compelling public interest,

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active duty for at least three months since September 11. 2001, with increasing benefits for those who served up to 36 months or more. The maximum benefit would cover the cost of any in-state public school tuition and fees for four academic years.

Furthermore, the bill would establish a program under which colleges and universities, including private schools, may voluntarily contribute additional money to veterans to make up the difference between what their school Following World War II, our nation's "greatest charges and what the new GI Bill benefits would provide. generation" returned home to a remarkable opportunity: Under this program, the government would match the a G.I. Bill that fully funded their college education. Over schools' contributions dollar for dollar up to 50 percent of the years, subsequent generations of veterans have received the difference. The bill also includes \$300 per month in diminishing benefits. But in May the U.S. Senate passed a additional assistance (or over \$10,000 over 36 months) for 21st Century G.I. Bill to provide veterans of the post-9/11 service members who serve on active duty for at least five consecutive years.

Together, these measures promise to have wide-reaching benefits for our armed services, for our economy, and for our In these difficult economic times, paying for a college veterans and their families. The 21st Century G.I. Bill would help the armed services overall by improving recruitment of new service members. And when these veterans enter the workforce, their education and training will have positive effects that spread through our nation's economy.

Earlier G.I. Bills provided education to generations of our nation's leaders, including three former presidents, 12 former senators, 14 Nobel Prize winners, and numerous

Levin, cont'd., pg. 11

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL **JUNE 13, 1883**

By Shelly MacNaughton

Considerable complaining is heard regarding the odor issuing from the slaughter house on the south side of Train's track. It really does not smell any too sweet and, with the wind to the right direction, the perfume (?) "wafted by the very consoling. The council should authorize a sanitary in-

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER

Headline: All Stars Win Easily

The exhibition of the national game put up by the Lumberjacks last Friday looked more like a comic vaudeville stunt than a real ball game. There were more errors without number and the pitching staff might have been improved upon. Collar started the box-work but allowed six hits, three of which were two-baggers, in four innings, when he retired. Then someone told O'Donnell, a recruit from Ionia, that he could pitch, but it was a mistake. He lasted just one inning. All-Stars 14, Lowell 0.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO JUNE 11, 1933

Last Thursday, June 8, marked the 25th anniversary of the entry of Mrs. H. C. Scott into the business life of this community. It was in 1908 that A. A. and H. C. Scott opened the "Little Candy Store" on the bridge, making and selling home-made candy, ice cream cones, pop, milk shake and

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER **JUNE 12, 1958**

Boynton School voted 59-2 to join Lowell Schools next fall at the election held last Friday. Riverview and Boynton will join Lowell but Mapes will maintain its own school.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JUNE 15, 1983

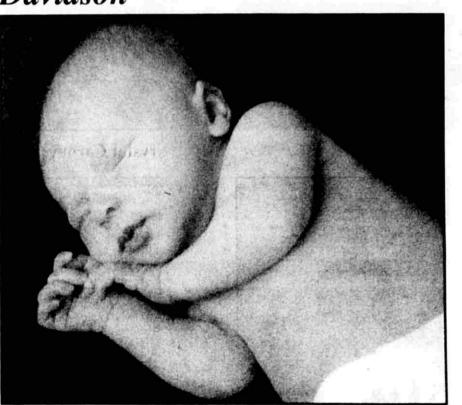
"A round house grand slam victory for the school system and the people of the Lowell community" is how one resident stated his feelings the day after both the millage renewal and the millage increase passed.

Two new Board Education members, Roger Kropf, incumbent, and Sandra Nagy, were elected Monday in what voting officials termed as light turnout, 28%.





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Shin splints (or medial tibial stress syndrome), occur mileage by 10 percent or less.

as a result of training errors or an anatomical abnormality of the foot. Training errors include running too many miles per week or increasing mileage too quickly, hard surface running, or old shoes. Foot hyperpronation and fallen arches also contribute to shin splints.

Over time, a stress fracture may occur if one continues running with this pain. Plain x-rays of the area may not show a stress fracture, so sometimes a bone-scan is ordered to confirm this type of injury.

Treatment for shin splints includes anti-inflammatory medications, rest, ice massages prior to and after exercise, new shoes, and formal physical therapy. If shin splints continue to occur, custom foot orthotics may be needed. These help to correct anatomical defects, such as hyperpronation or fallen arches. After the pain has substantially subsided, runners can increase their weekly

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- Will Rogers, US humorist & showman

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> **JUNE 12:** Benjamin Zoodsma, Jenny Engle, Noah Green.

> **JUNE 13:** Holly Fetterhoff, Vivian Hoskins

JUNE 14: Kyle Manszewski.

JUNE 15:

Joey Hunt Jr., Courtney Baker, Caran Schalow,



JUNE 11: Terri S. Fonger, Dick

Rachel Heinicke, Katlin Manszewski, Alice Monks, Sam Richmond.

JUNE 16: Roger Raymor, Michael

Pretzel, Orin Comdure, Jean Bishop, Mike Kenney.

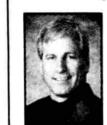
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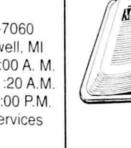
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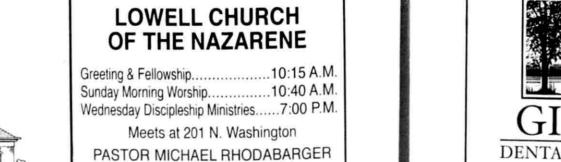
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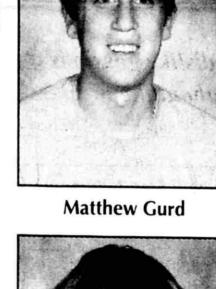


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What could go into this toolkit? Here are a few suggestions:

- Stocks You may want to give shares of a company

 College News that produces products or services that your father uses. If vou're going to give some of your own shares, you'll need to know what you originally paid for the stock, how long you've held it and its fair market value at the date of the gift. Your father will need this information to determine gains or losses if he decides to sell the stock.
- Bonds If your father is at or near retirement age. he might benefit from the interest payments provided by bonds. If you give your father a municipal bond, the interest is free from federal taxes, and if the municipality that issues the bond is located in your father's state, the interest also may be exempt from state and local taxes. However, some municipal bonds — particularly airport and housing bonds - might be subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT),

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so you'd want to be familiar with your father's tax situation experienced investors. A word of caution, though: Stay away before giving him an AMT-susceptible bond.

working, he can contribute to a traditional or Roth IRA — author and he should, because an IRA offers tax advantages and a wide array of investment options. For 2008, your father can related games that are both fun and informative. These games put up to \$6,000 into an IRA if he's 50 or older, or \$5,000 often use real-life scenarios to depict the various factors that if he's under 50. While you can't make a deposit into your go into investment decisions and their results. You can also father's IRA, you can give him money for that purpose.

for a while, he could probably still benefit from some game format and as computer software. A quick search on additional knowledge. Consider giving him a subscription the Internet will turn up plenty of them. some kind. Of course, drills, sanders, saws and screwdrivers to a magazine that focuses on financial issues. Or you might want to give a book on investing, such as Jeremy J. Siegel's financial toolkit for your dad this Father's Day. He'll likely something that can help him build his future? Specifically, Stocks for the Long Run, generally considered one of the appreciate your generosity - and he'll be able to put the most valuable and "user-friendly" books for both new and "tools" to good use.

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Ryan Hill, Allison Hartley, University. Hoerner was Kimberly

The following students Bradley Boelkins, Jacob Rebekah Woods

Local student. Corv Hoerner, of Ada, recently Kishanda Lockhart, graduated from Tulane Boelkins, one of approximately 1,170

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Lowell Area Schools honors retirees, award winners

by Molly Benningfield Editor

members at a reception last bus driver (32 years); Diane and Steve Mueller, direc- Mike Stephens, Dorann Tru-Thursday at City Hall.

School.

Mary Ann Schramm

retires after 29 years

of working in Lowell.

Schramm was the

Beverley Reid gets

a hug from Bushnell

Elementary principal

Karen Burd. Reid retired

after 34 years in Lowell.

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Elementary.

Didion, a bus driver who has years); Kay Jones, an ad-Those staff members ee at the middle school (20) who were honored for 30 years); Mary Ann Schramm, years of service were: Jan the principal of Alto Elemen-Hanson of Alto Elementary; tary (29 years); Beverley Karen Burd, Cindy Donahue, Reid, a kindergarten teacher and Sheri VanAmburgh of at Bushnell Elementary (34 Bushnell Elementary; Linda years); Gary Goff, a sec-DeCator-Highway of Mur- ond grade teacher at Cherry ray Lake Elementary; Tom Creek Elementary School

Retiring from the Sally Sterly, a second grade Wittenbach-Wege Center (3 Roy, a food service employ- tor of outdoor education at ax and Molly Wepman.

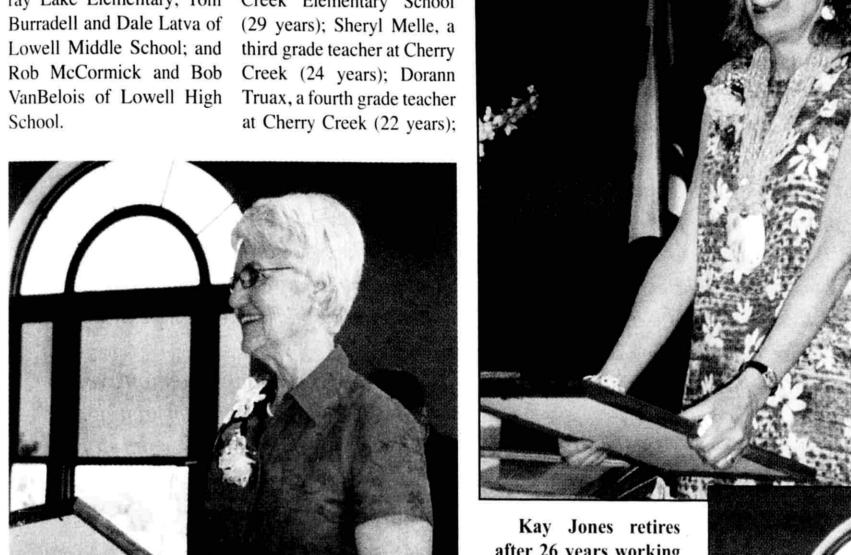
school system were: Mary teacher at Murray Lake (23 years). Lowell Area Schools been with the district for 16 ministrative assistant to the Tribute Tree Leaf award honored many of its staff years; Emmy Vanderbilt, a superintendent (26 years); were: Kay Jones, Ilene Roth,

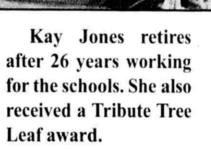
Those receiving the was honored by Karen Burd, a tribute leaf from the Board who said, "She helped any- of Education. one in need. She loved chil-

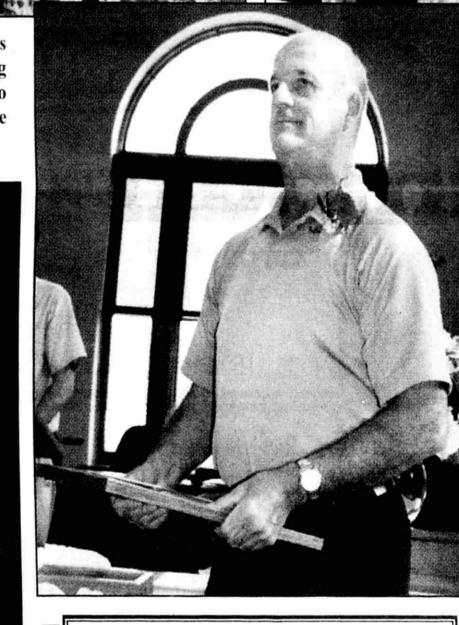
from LHS. Eckman was land."

Roth, who passed away called a "strong supporter of earlier in the school year, education". He also received

Receiving a special dren - Ilene was the real thank you was Betty Yeiter, who donated property for Al Eckman received the future use by the school. Marsha Wilcox Community She said, "I am not a saint. Service award for his work The reason I did this was bewith the Amateur Radio cause of my husband, and in Club, even after retirement his honor, I have given this







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Al Eckman received the Marsha Wilcox Community Service award for his work with the Amateur Radio



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The Ledger "Almost" Anything Goes Column



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We will not print any comments that are offensive or libelous. Direc aims at individuals, political figures and businesses will not be printed. For direct opinions on a subject (including, but not limited to, politics, businesses, city government and Ledger criticisms), please send a letter "To the Editor" All letters must be signed (first and last names). Please check Page 5 of this week's paper for the complete guidelines.

All comments are submitted by the public and do not necessarily represent the views of the Ledger.

I'm sorry, I wasn't aware that cashiers aren't aloud to take breaks. My mistake.

Long lines at the store is not the fault of the employees, but the fault of a poor economy. Employees feel the stress of working with a cut staff also, and deserve their breaks.

Congratulations to the Varsity Baseball team and coaches on winning the Conference and Districts! Awesome job! You guys have worked hard and deserve it! Go Arrows!

Congratulations to ALL of the 2008 LHS graduates! All of your hard work has paid off. Good luck to all of you in the future!

I cannot say enough great things about the freshman Lacrosse players and parents. Thank you for a great season! I am already excited about next season. - KD

Can anyone tell me if there is a story behind the shoes hanging in the tree on Foreman Road? I drive by there everyday and wonder if there is a sentiment behind it. Thanks!

You can thank the environmentalists and the Democrats for the high gas prices.

Thank you CCE and Bushnell crossing guards - Mike, Dirk, Lisa, Trish, Deb and Carrie for keeping our kids safe this past year. You rock!

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Why is gas in Lowell always higher than the national average? Could someone tell me? I'd like to know.

Whoever is responsible for cleaning the cemetery did a wonderful job. I have never in my lifetime seen it look as nice as it did this year.

The Alto DDA would like to congratulate Susan Hoeksema on receiving the good citizenship award this year.

I would like to give out a thanks to the Lowell officers and their D.A.R.E. program. I'm glad they care as much as the parents do about the safety of the children.

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"As the threat of severe storms continue, it's critical that residents follow basic food safety rules when there is a power outage in their area," said Don Koivisto, MDA Director. "Following food safety guidelines can reduce the risk of contracting

a foodborne illness during glass, slivers of debris, or a power outage. Just keep mind, 'When in doubt

hits, follow these important food and water safety tips: If flooding

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has occurred, keep the When severe weather refrigerator/freezer door closed as much as possible maintain adequate temperature.

occurred, discard any foods that have come into contact with flood waters.

cans with broken seams.

 If a power outage for more than two hours. Frozen

 Always discard anything that turns moldy, has unusual color, or odor. When in doubt, throw it

refrigerated foods (meats, poultry, fish, dairy products, eggs, etc.) should of be thrown out if they reach temperatures warmer than 40 Fahrenheit

temperatures at above 40 degrees Fahrenheit should be discarded.

Refrigerated foods will generally be safe as long as the power is not out for more than a few hours and the doors have remained Perishable

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about one day. If a freezer isn't full, group packages together so they form an foodsafety.gov, "igloo." If power may be fightbac.org, or call the U.S. out for several days, use Department of Agriculture dry ice. Twenty-five pounds Meat and Poultry at 800of dry ice should maintain 535-4555, the U.S. Food freezing temperatures in a 10-cubic foot freezer for

about four days. For more information, Extension office.

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6/5/2008

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Levin, continued ... From Page 5

sector. This sterling record explains in part why the 21st Century G.I. Bill received overwhelming bipartisan support.

immediate benefits of this legislation, my hope is that voung people across our nation come to associate military service with a free, back into civilian life, and to quality college education. Our message to recruits and indeed to every young person in America - should be: after you serve us, we will serve you. A grateful nation will pay for your college education.

The men and women of our armed forces today will of this nation, and we owe comprehensive plan to pay beyond high school. We must do everything possible to assist these brave men provide the tools that allow

in their post-service lives. I President Bush will sign it produce many future leaders them and their families a for training and education and women in the transition

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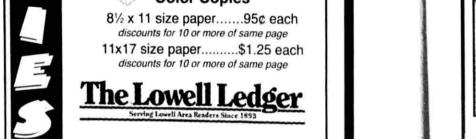












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- Coach Juston Miller

Baseball gets tough loss in Regional finals at Rockford

by Molly Benningfield

The Red Arrows won a decisive victory against Grandville Saturday in the following, and Stephens lost to the Wildcats 0-2. first round of Regionals at closing out. Rockford, but saw a tough loss to Jenison later that afternoon in the finals.

Lowell ends its season with a 31-7 record and a No. 10 ranking in the state.

Against Grandville, runs coming in the first and second innings.

Grandville got within reach in the fourth inning after a score put them at 5-8. They scored once more in the seventh inning, but relief pitcher Zach Stephens, who Bryans' playing. stepped in for Josh Drake,

their best to end the game," two RBI. coach Juston Miller said

shut down Grandville.

great job," Miller said. Drake Miller said. He said any pitched four innings ending time you get to the Regional his season 8-2. Against finals, where 160 teams has Grandville, he allowed three been whittled down to 16, hits and struck out five.

"The first game was a new step for [the team]." Miller said. "They were just excited being [at Regionals]. and then they settled in."

Will Bryan had a big game offensively, going 3-4, with one run, two RBI plays. and one stolen base. "That

"Zach struck out one of was 2-3, with one run and strikeouts for the game.

Zach Stephens (2) was 2-3 against Grandville and had one run.

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out two in just one inning really good defensively." The team had a short

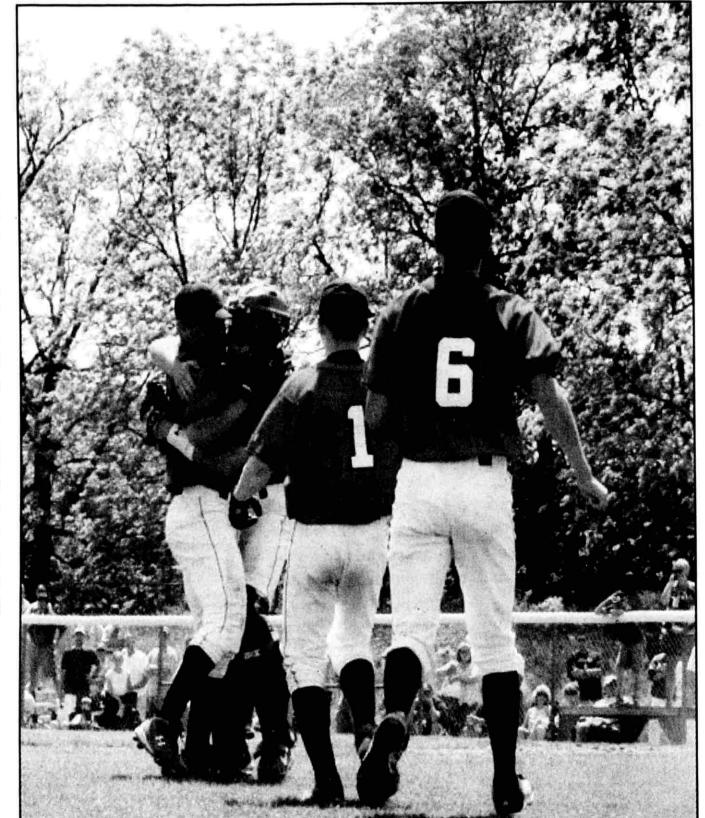
Torsten Boss started the break from the heat before game pitching, with Drake they took on Jenison. They

"This was a great high "Josh [Drake] just did a school baseball game," the competition will be stiff.

> "Our boys played well and the boys hit the ball well - that's just baseball," Miller said of the close loss. "Our expectation was to win, but unfortunately Jenison was able to make some good

Stephens rode his onewas huge." Miller said of inning high into the second game and "pitched a great Stephens was 2-3 with game." Stephens ends his one run, and Jason Nugent season 9-3. He had eight

Jenison scored one in Miller noted that the the first and one in the third of Stephens' game-ending team kept Grandville under to get the win. "Historically, Stephens struck control because they "played Jenison has had some great



Catcher Pete Scudder (14) hugs pitcher Zach Stephens (2) after Stephens struckout a Grandville player to win the game. Ryan Dean (1) and Mitchell Malling (6) rush from the dugout to celebrate.

seball," Miller said.

-3. Drake was 1-3 with a memorable." olen base, and Boss was 2-

to lose - your expectations which was a big challenge

were high. Without a doubt. for us in the off-season. But Jesse VandenBosch was the experience will be people found their niche."

has been a good one, full the community for their Miller said his team of good teamwork. "We continual support of Lowell was disappointed with the explained to them all the baseball. He said his team loss, after a long season hard work it would take was happy with how the of hard work. "[Winning] to achieve [the preseason crowd supported them meant a lot to them by how goals]. We only returned during Regional play at bad it was hurting for them four starters from last year, Rockford.



Will Bryan (5) at second base keeps his eye on the ball.

Red Arrow SPORTS

All-Conference selections for spring season announced

by Molly Benningfield

Lowell had 23 studentathletes named to the OKthis spring.

The baseball team VanEns named four students: Torsten Boss, Will Bryan, Josh two students: Kelly Trapp Drake and Zach Stephens.

The lacrosse team named three students: Drake Chittenden, Joel Morgan and Roman Tapia.

The softball team named six students: Cassie DeCator, Lauren Dood, Katie McElroy, Jessica Meyer, Samantha Mundt and Ashley Nawrocki.

The soccer team named three students: Chelsea



Chelsea Harrison, Soccer



Courtney Schmidt, Soccer



Softball

Tennis

Katie McElroy, **Kelly Trapp, Tennis**



Melissa Zuiderveen, Richelle Kimble, Track

Harrison, Cat Howard and Courtney Schmidt.

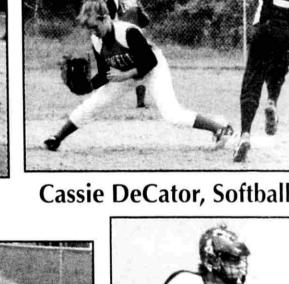
The track teams named four students: Jasmine White all-conference list Holliman, Richelle Kimble, Dylan McElveen and Amy

> The tennis team named and Melissa Zuiderveen. The golf team named

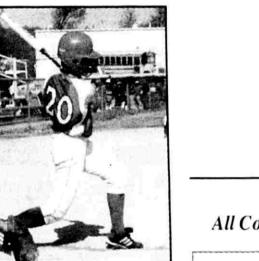
one student: Rich Porter.



Ashley Nawrocki,



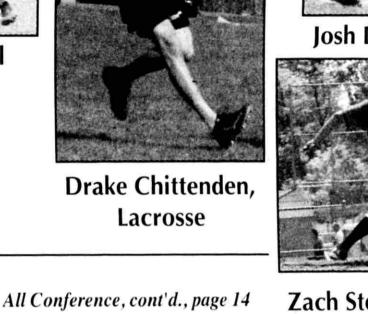


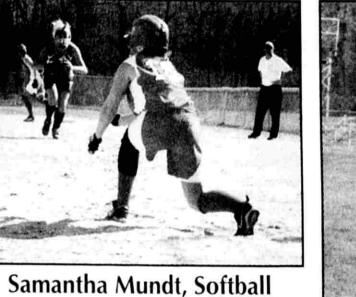


Lauren Dood, Softball

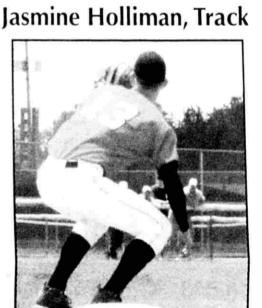
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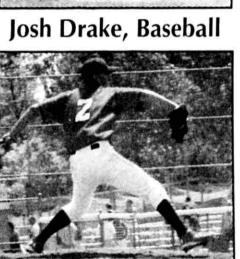
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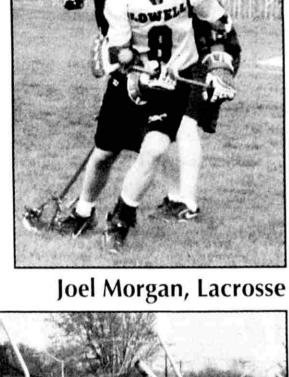








Zach Stephens, Baseball

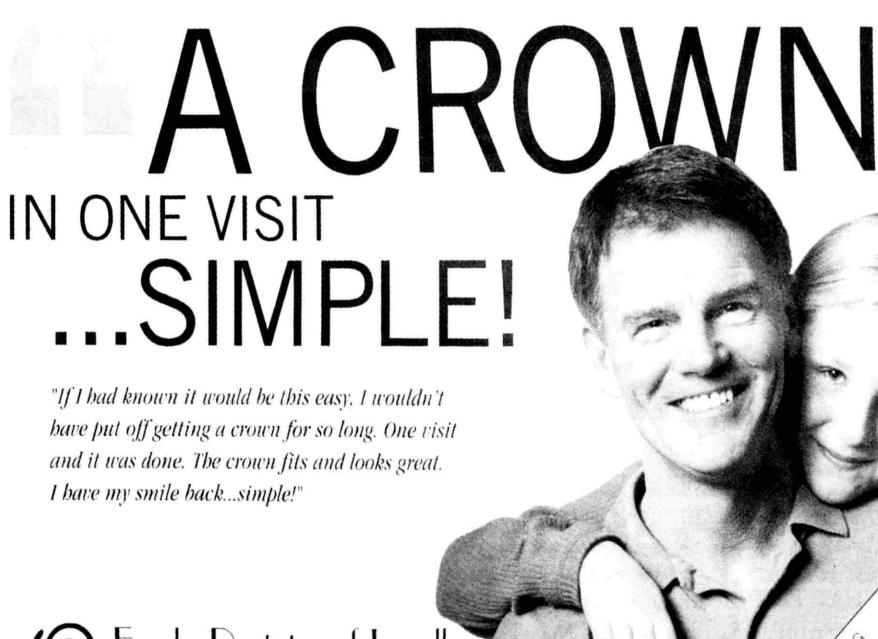




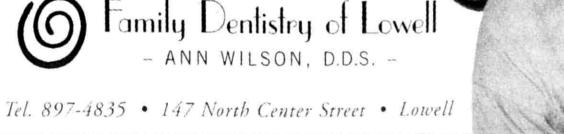
Will Bryan, Baseball

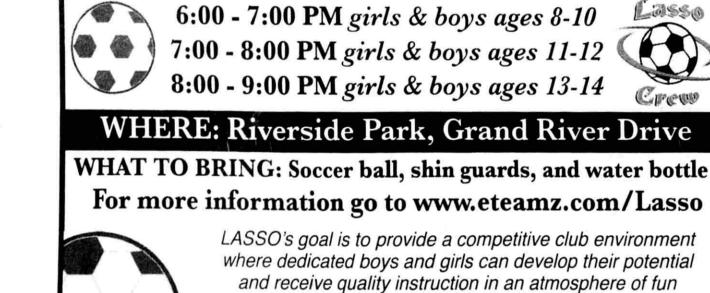


Cat Howard, Soccer



(6) Family Dentistry of Lowel







Josh Drake (13) helped lead the Arrows to victory against Grandville.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Freshman Trapp competes at tennis state finals at No. 1 singles

at No. 1 singles as the only Red Arrow to make it.

round match to Amanda finished her regular season named All-Conference for Cornwell from Waterford with a record of 23-6.

Kelly Trapp traveled Cornwell barely lost the No. meet at No. 1 singles, before week, on June 9, said coach to State finals May 30-31 2 seed 6-4 in the third set.

Trapp made it to state finals by taking second in Trapp lost in the first the regional tournament. She State finals, Trapp was also

Trapp also made it to

losing to Ellen Silver of East Bonnie Wall. Grand Rapids.

Besides traveling to the OK-White.

The tennis team starts She lost 1-6, 1-6. the finals in the conference their summer program this more.

Kelly Trapp will return to next year's tennis team as a sopho-

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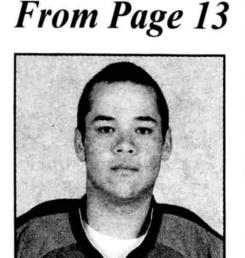
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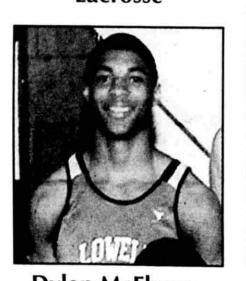
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Roman Tapia, Lacrosse



Golf



Dylan McElveen, Track



Amy VanEns, Track

THE BENNING-FIELDER



by molly benningfield sports editor

The Cup returns to Hockeytown

And the Cup hath returneth.

In what was a nice jolt to the Detroit sports scene last week, the Red Wings skated to victory against Pittsburgh in a six-game series. It's been a little sad in Detroit since the Pistons lost to the Celtics and the Tigers have been so up-and-down. But the Red Wings skated to their first victory since 2002, and helped the NHL reach the highest TV rating since 2002. Coincidence? I think

In other Wings news, Dominik Hasek has retired after 16 seasons and two Stanley Cups with Detroit. Although he played backup during the playoffs to Chris Osgood, Hasek will be remembered as being a huge help during the 2002 win for the Wings.

The Wings set a record with 30 wins in the first half of the season, and also extended the longest active streak in sports with its 17 straight post season appearances, according to ESPN. They have four Stanley Cup wins in 11 seasons and have shown that Hockeytown is indeed the place to be for aspiring hockey players.

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