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## Third Historical Walk examines Lowell's business past

by Emma Palova

The Third Historical Walk through Oakwood Cemetery, authored by sexton Don DeJong, explores Lowell's late businessmen and women, as well as civic leaders.

DeJong has completed his third historical book highlighting the characters of Lowell's past buried at the Oakwood Cemetery.

The newest walk takes readers and walkers on an exciting journey through time about those men and women who formed what Lowell is today.

"I enjoy history," said DeJong, "but this book makes the cemetery more valuable, a true asset to the community."

DeJong pieced the account from articles written in the Lowell Ledger from the late 1800's to the beginning of the 20th century. The book also has maps of the cemetery, so the tombstones can be easily located.

Standing by the tombstone with the family name of Train chiseled into it, DeJong explained the importance of businessman Jarvis Train in the development of Lowell.

"He was into everything," said DeJong. "He planted 1,266 black walnut trees and 500 apple trees. Lowell was such a busy town."

Lowell on the brink of a new century was a thriving town, always changing with folks on the go.

DeJong credits all the activity to Lowell's ideal location with its proximity to the rivers and the railroad.

"It was like a central hub," he said. "There were a lot of growers around Lowell."

The book's introduction describes Lowell around 1878 as one of the liveliest towns in the state. Following is an excerpt from the 'Third Historical Walk:'

"Lowell contains two of the best flouring mills, a first class ax factory, planing mills, chair and furniture manufactories, busy cooper shops, and as well stocked dry goods, drug, grocery, hardware, clothing, boot and shoe stores and millinery shops, as can be found in any live town."

"Last but not least, Lowell is surrounded by as good a farming country, and as many thrifty well-to-do farmers as can be found

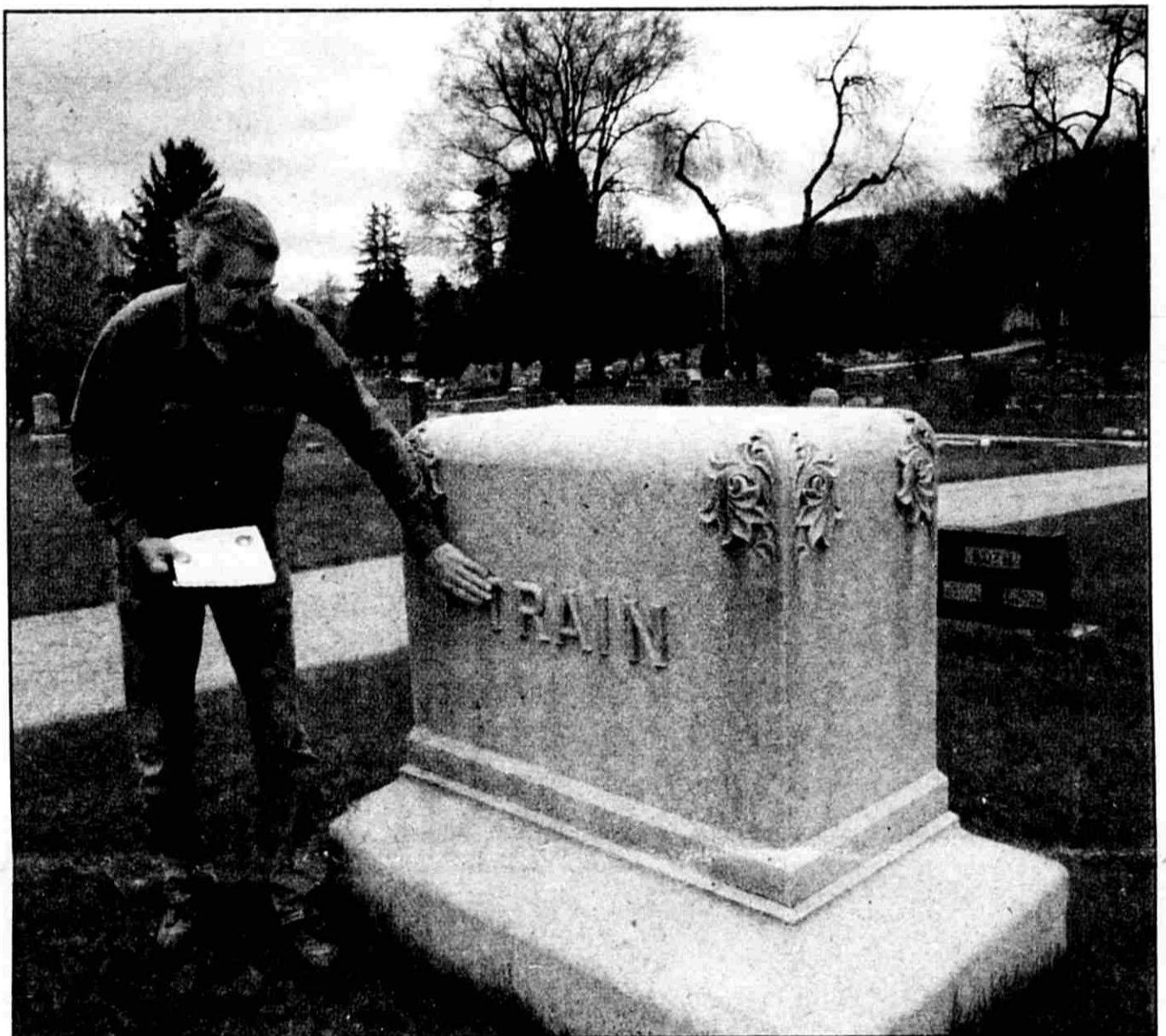
elsewhere, no matter where you look."

DeJong highlights druggist and politician Dexter Look in his book as

a man who was instrumental in Lowell's growth.

Other remarkable men

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Sexton Don DeJong by the Train tombstone with his newest history book.

## Genesis Code to begin filming in mid June in Lowell

by Emma Palova

The Genesis Code movie will start filming in Lowell in mid June due to slow preproduction, bonding, legal stuff, budget and script refining.

Also, the final agreements with the main actors have not been completed. However, Jerry Zandstra, vice-president of America Saga Productions, said the cast may include two Academy Award winners and several Emmy Award winners.

Zandstra, a real-life minister will play the part of a pastor, father of the female lead. This will be Zandstra's first acting experience, first movie.

"I have no acting experience, but I have minister experience," Zandstra said. "I'll be playing myself."

The original screenplay by Michael Leighton explores the relationship between two science students, who are trying to

square away their faith with science. The female lead is a reporter for the school newspaper, while the male lead is a hockey star.

"She is a person of faith, he is not," said Zandstra.

All the establishing scenes will be shot in downtown Lowell, including exteriors where Christmas lights could be used to create winter atmosphere.

"It'll be Christmas in July in Lowell," Zandstra laughed.

Other scene locations include Sneaker's, Larkin's, Keiser's and maybe the new coffee shop, Kava Klatsch.

The biggest church scene will be shot at the Calvin College chapel with up to 400 people. Other scenes may include VanAndel or Patterson arenas, VanAndel Museum, and Calvin College.

The distribution of the movie into theaters is expected in metro areas in October/November. Special effects will be used to

recreate winter atmosphere. That is where director Patrick Read Johnson comes in with his special effects experience.

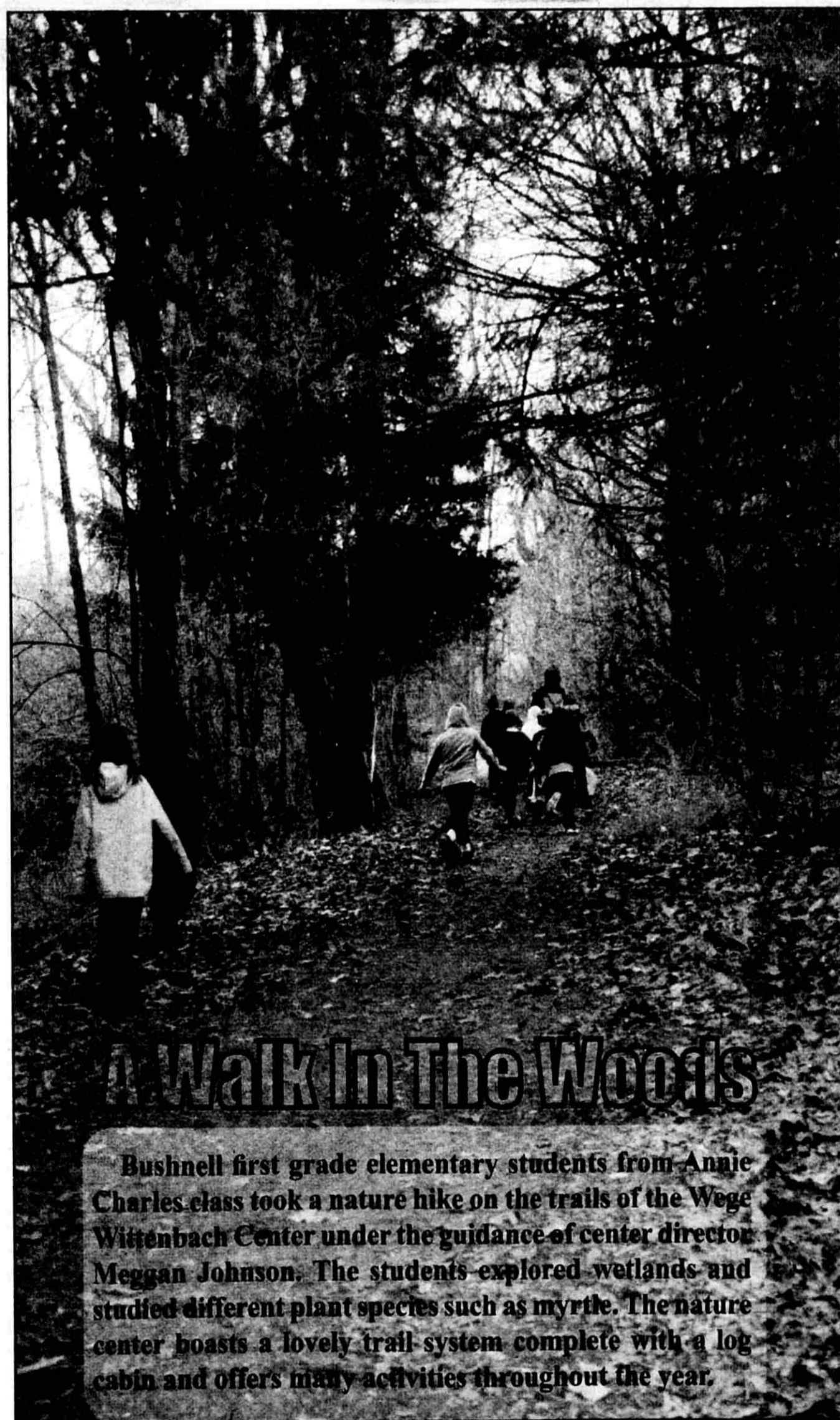
"A good director can make a stick act," said Zandstra. "I guess I'll be the trial stick."

Also, all the post production, including sound and video editing, will take place in the renovated space inside the former antique mall, now the Flat River Retail Center.

Some crew will stay throughout the summer working on the post production. Zandstra expects to use up to 150 local people, and in some scenes, like the church scene, 400 to 500 extras.

The filming equipment will be rented locally.

"I feel intimidated by acting with academy award actors," he said. "We've had a good group of seasonal people. We want to use Michigan based cameras."



### A Walk In The Woods

Bushnell first grade elementary students from Annie Charles class took a nature hike on the trails of the Wege Wittenbach Center under the guidance of center director Meggan Johnson. The students explored wetlands and studied different plant species such as myrtle. The nature center boasts a lovely trail system complete with a log cabin and offers many activities throughout the year.



# Obituaries

**SARNIAK**  
Ruth E. Sarniak, age 80, of Lowell, went to be with her Lord May 2, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Stanley Timinskis and John J. Sarniak Sr.; daughter, Barbara Timinskis Sarniak; son, Bernard Timinskis Sarniak. She is survived by her children, Karen Jamison of Lowell, John Jr. (Valerie) Sarniak of Cedar Springs, Daniel (Kelly) Sarniak of Lowell, Robert Sarniak of Lowell, Sue (Dave) Hill of Lowell; brothers, David (Marge)



Shelby, Bailey, Tim, Reed, Liam and Cole; also several great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Ruth touched so many lives and will be missed by all. A Memorial Mass will be offered 11 a.m., Friday, May 8, 2009 at St. Mary Church, 402 Amity, Lowell, Rev. Eugene Okoli presiding. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland Home.

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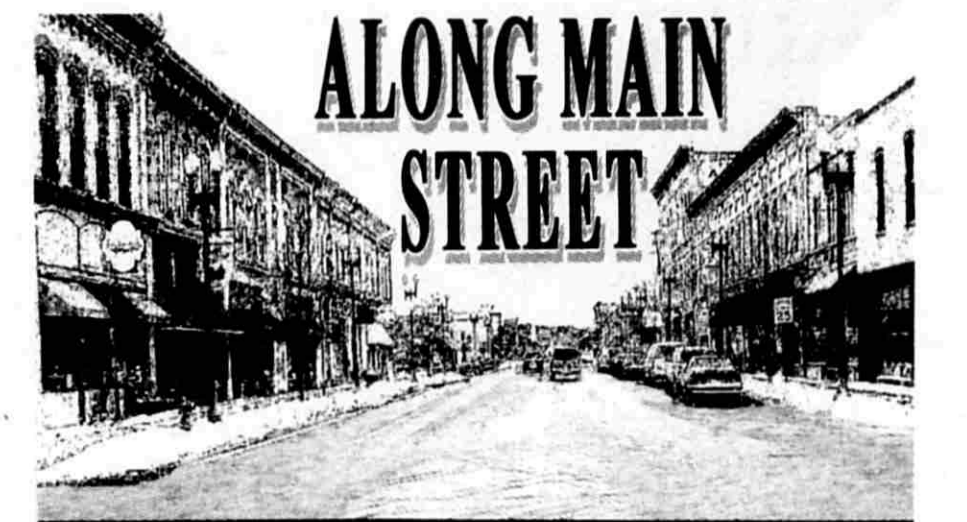
## Social Security benefits everyone

Social Security reaches almost every family, and at some point touches the lives of nearly all Americans. It has an impact on the very fabric of the American economy. Social Security helps not only older Americans, but also workers who become disabled and families in which a spouse or parent dies. Today, about 162 million people work and pay Social Security taxes and more than 51 million people receive monthly Social Security benefits. In 2008 alone, those benefits came to about \$614 billion. In one way or another, Social Security benefits everyone. The payments made to beneficiaries help individuals and families to stay afloat. In many areas across the nation, Social Security is essential to keeping the economy going. Take, for example, Siskiyou County in Northern California. Where nearly 20 percent of the entire economy comes from Social Security - about 30 percent of the population receives Social Security or SSI benefits. In Siskiyou County and other counties around the nation, the benefits paid don't stop at helping the beneficiaries who depend on them. These people spend their benefit payments at the local grocery store, the local clothing stores, department stores, and mom-and-pop shops. Benefits are used to pay for goods and services that sustain the local economy. It's no coincidence that Social Security finds its origins in another financial crisis: the Great Depression. The program played a part in that recovery. There's no denying that it's playing a part in helping the current economy as well. It's clear that in one way or another, Social Security benefits everyone.

## Lowell's all-star volunteers



The Lowell High School girls' softball, volleyball, and basketball teams volunteered for an indoor, miniature golf fundraiser in Woodland Mall that helped bring in \$150,000 to reinstate the Special Olympics Michigan's State Basketball Tournament Finals to its full format this past March in Grandville. This is a first since 2004 when the tourney, that directly benefits individuals with intellectual disabilities across Kent County, was expanded back to a two-day, two-night event from a one day regional. Over 700 local athletes, parents, coaches, volunteers and others were able to participate this year. By all accounts the ramping up was an improvement for every participant. "We were able to bring back the social aspect of a Saturday night dance and a night away for the athletes and their families," said Peter Secchia, Honorary Co-Chair. "It is an honor to be part of bringing the full tournament back to West Michigan." Some of the volunteers pictured above are, back row: Carol Montgomery, Cinda Geelhoed, Megan Montgomery, Emily Oberlin, Lauren Ferguson, Jordan Timmer, Hannah Geelhoed, Yvonne Nausieda, and Gi Gi Peal; front row: Paige McVay, Morgan McVay, and Arie Nausieda.



**ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES**  
Angel Food Ministries order days at First Baptist Church, 2275 Main St. Fri., May 8, 4-6 p.m. and Sat., May 9, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Delivery, May 30, 8:30-9:30 a.m. For info call IlaJean, 897-6609 or visit www.angelfoodministries.org.

**LOWELL LACROSSE**  
Friday Night Under the Lights! - Lowell Lacrosse will be hosting a special night Fri., May 8 at the Lowell High School, Red Arrow Stadium. The Lowell JV-B vs Pennfield at 5:30 p.m., Lowell Varsity vs Grand Rapids Catholic Central at 7 p.m.

**FUN ON THE FARM**  
Join us at the Wittenbach/Wege Center for a day of Fun on the Farm, Sat., May 9 from 9-1 p.m. It's an opportunity to get up close and personal with a variety of farm animals. This is a free, family-friendly event.

**ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES**  
Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Fri., May 15, 6-8 p.m. or Sat., May 16, 10 a.m. to noon. Cost of a regular box is \$30 and feeds a family of four approximately one week. Everyone welcome. Any questions, call Esther at 897-7395.

**BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
The festival will be held May 15-17 at the Lowell fairgrounds. Bands, camping, workshops, and sales. Bring the family.

**CAR WASH**  
Car wash at Tractor Supply, Sat., May 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations appreciated to support chess clubs in our middle and high school.

**NEW EXHIBIT**  
Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes St., "Best of Paint-in/Out," various works by the Wednesday open-studio artists, May 17 - July 11, Main Gallery. Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon.-Fri., or weekends by appointment. For more information, call 897-7842.

**AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM**  
An 8-hour classroom refresher course especially designed for drivers age 50 and over. Thurs., May 28 and Fri., May 29, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Lowell Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson St. Class held at Schneider Manor Community Room. AARP members, \$12, nonmembers, \$14. To register call Lowell Senior Neighbors, 897-5949.

**EDUCATIONAL TUTORS AVAILABLE**  
Would you like help for your student this summer in an academic subject? Call Carol at Lowell Area Schools, 987-2516, to be given the name of a tutor who can be matched with your child's needs. You and the tutor make all arrangements: how often to meet, where, and the hourly cost.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Decedent's Estate  
File No. 09-186,764-DE  
Estate of **VERLA CURRISTON.**  
Date of birth: 8/9/1919  
**TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
**NOTICETOCREDITORS:**  
The decedent, **VERLA CURRISTON**, who lived at 3585 Greenview Ct., SE, Apt. 107, Grand Rapids, Michigan died March 18, 2009.

**Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to CANDY GENTIT named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Ste. 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.**  
**Candy Gentit**  
3583 Greenview Ct. SE Apt. 106  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Decedent's Estate  
File No. 09-186729-DE  
Estate of **HARRY R. GASKELL, Deceased.**  
Date of birth: April 14, 1923

**R. GASKELL, who lived at 4990 Ada Drive SE, Ada, Michigan died April 6, 2009.**  
**Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to THOMAS R. GASKELL named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.**  
**THOMAS R. GASKELL**  
2125 University Park Drive  
Suite 250  
Okemos, MI 48864  
517-706-5810  
**APRIL 27, 2009**

**PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING**  
File No. 09-186777-GA  
**In the matter of FRANCO DAVID FEREL**  
**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS INCLUDING: the missing and unknown children of Franco David Ferel**  
whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:  
**TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on June 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: to appoint a full guardian for Franco David Ferel.**  
**APRIL 28, 2009**

**John D. Mitus (P-31244) 410 Bridge St., NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-774-4001**  
**TO ALL CREDITORS: April 28, 2009**  
**NOTICETOCREDITORS: The decedent, HARRY Foster Zack Little Pasteur & Manning, P.C. Michelyn E. Pasteur - P44536 2125 University Park Drive Suite 250 Okemos, MI 48864 517-706-5810**  
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**John D. Flynn P27413 1275 Hawthorne Hills SE Ada, MI 49301 616-897-6632**  
**Michelle Boley 415 Franklin SE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 616-247-6176**

**BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 09-1**  
At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board held on April 20, 2009 Ordinance No. 09-1 was adopted. The purpose of this Ordinance is to Create a Planning Commission, as required by PA 33 of 2008, The Planning Enabling Act. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:  
Bowne Township will appoint seven members to the Planning Commission, whose membership will be representative of the important segments of the community and of the entire geography of the community;  
Members will be appointed to staggered three-year terms;  
Members may be removed for malfeasance in office upon written charges and after a public hearing;  
The Planning Commission will meet at least four times per year;  
The Commission shall have the powers and duties as set forth in PA 33 of 2008 as amended, being the Planning Enabling Act, and as set forth in PA 110 of 2006 as amended, being the Zoning Enabling Act.  
The Commission shall prepare the Township Master Plan; review proposals for public streets, ways, and spaces; review land division, subdivision and condominium proposals; and undertake other duties and responsibilities as requested by the Township Board.  
This Ordinance will become effective seven days after publication.  
Ordinance No. 09-1 is available for review at the Bowne Township office, 8240 Alden Nash SE, PO Box 35, Alto, Michigan 49302-0035 during normal office hours or by calling 616-868-6846.

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS BOWNE TOWNSHIP RENOVATIONS TO THE TOWNSHIP HALL**  
Bowne Township and Progressive AE as Construction Manager will be accepting sealed bids for the renovations to the Township Hall. Bids will be accepted for two work categories including: Roofing and Siding/Windows.  
Bids will be accepted at Progressive AE, 1811 4 Mile Road NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525-2442, until May 13, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. local time. Any bid received after this time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Bid Specifications will be available at Progressive AE on May 5, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. for a \$25 non-refundable fee. There will be a pre-bid meeting on May 8, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at the Bowne Township Offices located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, MI 49302. For additional information, contact Brendon Ouzoonian at 616/361-2664.  
The Bowne Township Board reserves the right to postpone, accept, or reject any and all bid proposals, in whole or in part, on such basis as the Bowne Township Board deems to be in its best interest to do so.  
No bid proposals may be withdrawn for at least thirty (30) days after the scheduled closing time of the proposals.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION**  
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## May is Lyme Disease awareness month

Lyme disease and other diseases can be transmitted through the bite of an infected tick. Before venturing out this summer, please make sure you take some precautions against Lyme disease and other tick-borne disorders. These are ways you can protect your family:  
• Wear light-colored clothing. This allows you to spot ticks more easily.  
• Wear a hat and long-sleeved shirt. Tuck your clothes in, shirts into pants and pants into socks.  
• Use an insect repellent with DEET on exposed skin.  
• When hiking, stay in the middle of the trails, and try to avoid underbrush, fallen trees, and tall grass.  
• Always perform a tick check when returning in from outdoors or when outdoors for extended periods of time.  
• If you do find a tick, use a pair of fine-pointed tweezers, grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull gently and slowly but firmly until the tick releases, this may take several tries. Avoid crushing or killing the tick while it is still attached to the skin. Once the tick is removed clean the area with an antiseptic, such as alcohol. Lyme disease may cause symptoms such as a rash which only appears in about 55 percent of cases and not necessarily at the bite site. Other symptoms that may appear are flu-like symptoms such as fever, muscle aches, joint pain, headaches, fatigue or weakness. Symptoms can appear days to weeks after a tick bite. If gone untreated, Lyme disease can lead to severe heart, neurological, eye and joint problems because the bacteria can affect many different organs and organ systems.  
For a free packet of information on Lyme disease, contact the Michigan Lyme Disease Association at 1-888-784-5963 or visit our web site at www.mlda.org.

## Historical Walk, continued ... From Page 1

include Augustus Weekes, an elected official and supervisor and horticulturist Noah Husted. "He marketed fruit trees," said DeJong. "It's remarkable how the town was active in late 1800's." The purpose of DeJong's book is to make the cemetery alive. "I want people to view it more as an asset than just a black hole in the ground that needs to be maintained," he said. The book is available at the Lowell Area Historical Museum, at the city hall and at the cemetery office for \$12. DeJong's previous books include the 'Stories of Civil War Veterans' and the 'Early Settlers.' DeJong is planning on writing another book about the famous people buried at the cemetery.

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**CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**LAST DATE TO FILE NOMINATING PETITIONS TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009, 4:00 P.M.**  
City of Lowell registered residents of the City interested in seeking election to the Lowell City Council to fill any of the three (3) two to four year term vacancies occurring must obtain nominating petitions forms for circulation and return no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2009. Petition forms are available between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from the Lowell City Clerk, Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell.  
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MON/WED/TH 4:25, 6:50, 9:15  
GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST (PG-13) TUE 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40  
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## Buildings slated for demolition may be saved

By Emma Palova

Although the Downtown Development Authority is already seeking bids to demolish three structurally unsafe buildings on the north side of the bridge, resident Greg Canfield purchased two of the buildings for \$8,500.

Canfield, Monday night at the city council meeting, requested financial

assistance to repair the buildings. This, according to Canfield, would be cheaper than if the city was to tear the buildings down, and esthetically smooth the area. The cost to the city to demolish the buildings and fix the area would be well over \$100,000.

If the buildings are salvaged, the city could save 25 to 33 percent, and the tax

revenue would be preserved. Canfield will also approach the historic commission and the DDA for financial assistance to repair the buildings.

However, everything must move fast, due to the pending MDOT bridge replacement project that begins in March.

"Things have to be moving," said city manager

Dave Pasquale. "It will be a challenge."

Canfield said he wants to avoid tearing the buildings down.

In other business: The council approved a new fundraiser 'River Revelry' for the Lowell Area Arts Council to be held on the Riverwalk and the Showboat on July 25.

Greg Pierce, Lowell Light and Power manager, presented an electrical rate increase of 5.5 percent in order to get the reserve balance up.

The council started budget discussions with public hearings set for May 5 and June 1. The projected fund balance for 2009/2010 is \$180,000 with estimated revenues of \$2.577 million and expenditures of \$2.511.

The proposed budget includes a two percent salary increase for city employees with no merit increases. One mill or \$99,000 is allocated for street improvements. Council members Jeff Altoft and Sharon Ellison

requested more be put into streets.

"We have to start taking care of what we have," said Altoft.

Proposed street improvements include N. Center Street, Sibley and Donna.

"These improvements would be beneficial to our street system," said Pasquale. "These are main sections of streets that need to be taken care of."

An informal online survey will seek input from the residents on project priorities. Copies of the budget will be available at the city hall and at the library.

## Students help to control invasive garlic mustard

Garlic mustard is an invasive plant that may destroy Michigan's forests if it is not controlled, or better yet, eliminated. Five classes from Cherry Creek Elementary did their part to stop its spread by working to remove it from the school's natural area known as "Nature's Place." The third annual Garlic Mustard Pull was held during the week of Earth Day.

Each class met with Wendy Kopolka, a Cherry Creek teacher, to learn about garlic mustard, and then hiked out to the nature area

to pull. The classes pulled a total of nine large black garbage bags. Kopolka's students used their math skills to determine the weight of each bag by first weighing themselves, and then weighing themselves while holding a bag. They used subtraction to get the exact weight of each bag. When they totaled them up, the bags weighed 204 pounds. The total weight was reported to the Stewardship Network as part of their Garlic Mustard Challenge. The network has a goal of pulling 200,000

pounds this year. Anyone may participate. To learn more about garlic mustard



and the Challenge, go to [www.stewardshipnetwork.org](http://www.stewardshipnetwork.org).

## DDA moves ahead to seek bids for demolition

by Emma Palova

The Downtown Development Authority moved to seek bids for demolition of three buildings on the north side of the bridge.

The buildings have been condemned due to safety concerns. The estimated cost of the demolition is \$30,000.

"We're carrying out code enforcement," said Dan DesJarden, Department of Public Works director.

The condemnation process took two years with much discussion devoted to what the area will look like without the buildings.

"What is happening to Main Street," questioned

resident Jim Hall. "Do you have a plan or is it going to look like a sore on the side of Mike's building?"

The three buildings, owned by the Reedy's and Rita Reister, are adjacent to Springgrove Variety.

Potential plans for the space after the demolition include the extension of the Riverwalk out from the dam to Backwater Cafe, according to Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden.

Acting chair Brian Doyle said the integrity of the Main Street will have to be maintained by putting up a seawall.

"We're taking care of a problem," said Doyle. "So

we don't have buildings falling into the river."

However, it remained unknown how much more money the entire project is going to cost.

According to chamber director Liz Baker, there may be a need in the future for more businesses to locate in the downtown area.

But, DesJarden said the city has been pushed to the limit enforcing the code.

In related business, some trees may be removed in the Riverwalk area because of blocking the view of the summer concerts.

"They're an obstacle to see the stage," said Baker.

Also the Showboat needs more electricity.

Lowell is rolling into summer activities at full speed. Farmer's Market starts May 14, Summer Concerts start June 11, and the Riverwalk, this year, will be extended to four days. The fair, celebrating its 75th anniversary, will kick-off with a parade.

The DDA declined to fund further roof repairs on the former cable TV building stating it should be funded from the Lowell Cable Television (LCTV) fund.

"It's not a DDA project," said Doyle.

The DDA approved the budget for 2009/2010 with a \$271,802 balance.

## Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



### SPRING RAINS

Wintertime in Michigan offers a relatively smaller number of outdoor activities than in milder seasons. The winter passes quickly for people who embrace cold weather pastimes such as ice fishing and skiing. For those who are more comfortable in warmer surroundings, spring can't come fast enough. Springtime provides a blossoming of opportunities to get outside and become a participant not just a spectator in what is happening out there.

Warm wet soil encourages morels to pop-up in those secret places known only to avid mushroom hunters. The rest of us can guess where to look and may be lucky enough to gather a batch.

Tom turkeys are gobbling and hens are yelping, which draws the attention of turkey hunters across the state. Hunting for wild turkeys has become a very popular springtime activity.

Fishermen can try their luck at catching steelhead as the big fish make spawning runs up a number of Great Lake tributaries. I always look forward to casting a rubber spider with a fly rod in the shallows of area lakes for bluegills. Smelt forppers are watching the weather and monitoring their favorite stream for the return of the little silver fish. Trout season, on waters not open all year, began the last Saturday in April along with walleye and pike fishing in the Lower Peninsula. Walleye and pike anglers in the Upper Peninsula will have to wait until May 15. Later this month, bass fishing will open on most waters.

Gardeners can get started but may want to wait a little longer before setting out delicate plants because frost is still possible. I am going to plant in a new location this year where power line crews cut a huge hole in the woods. The hope is of getting a better crop with the increased sunlight.

We who walk, jog, or bike, can now do so without bundling up and will be able to smell the flowers and hear the birds on our daily trek. Golfers are now putting around on the links. Add yard work and spring-cleaning to all of these choices and the season of new life can get a bit busy. In the spring when it rains, it pours.

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# Viewpoint

## To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Every technological change brings with it resistance to that change. It was felt by many that electricity hooked to a home wall socket would jump out of the socket and kill people. One expert predicted that the human body could not withstand the 60 miles per hour attained by the locomotive. Like it or not, the Internet is here and is used by large numbers of people and businesses in our community. Large numbers of people in our community are also frustrated by the expense and/or quality of the Internet service they are able to access. I support the Vergennes Township's efforts to attract a company to provide reasonable, quality high speed Internet to Vergennes Township and, hopefully, supply better service to other townships in the Lowell community. Currently, Vergennes Township is trying to find out how many people have access to reliable, reasonably priced high speed Internet for their homes and businesses and how large a market exists for a company to upgrade high speed Internet in our community. Regardless of the township of residence, I urge all those in the area who would like faster, cheaper Internet service to take the short questionnaire which Vergennes Township has made available in the Buyer's Guide, on-line, and various other places.

For those not aware of the difference between dialup, to which all have access, and high speed, I would like to offer an example. I wanted to upgrade the maps in my mobile navigation unit which I attempted to download with dialup. As the download began, I was informed that the process would take 42 hours which would also tie up my phone for 42 hours. I stopped the process immediately. I later downloaded the upgrade from a site outside the area in just two hours, and the local phone was not tied up. It is not difficult to see the implications to a business considering a move to our area. There are small business people and business owners in our community who have had to pay huge fees for acceptable high speed to conduct their businesses.

Small parts of Vergennes Township have reasonable, reliable high speed Internet provided by AT&T and Comcast. Both companies have been contacted, and both have declined to extend service, at this time, to larger areas of the township. Red Frog, a local company, also supplies quality high speed to our area and would supply more with the proper amount of funding. Vergennes Township has included Red Frog in its discussions. With help from Representative Ehlers's office, the township found that there were no federal funds, as of last year, available to help the township get better service. However, this year, it appears that new Stimulus Package money has been made available to help small markets like ours. The township has been given a grant from the Lowell fund to develop a marketing plan. Using these local and federal sources along with its marketing data, Vergennes Township plans to attract a quality Internet provider.

Have no doubt, the lack of quality high speed Internet has a definite negative effect upon our community's property values. A number of real estate agents have confided to township officials that they have lost sales when the prospective buyers discovered that the property had no high speed Internet access. Since so much can be done on the Internet including working from home, access to high speed has become a condition of property value. To many perspective buyers, there is no difference between electricity and quality high speed Internet when considering purchasing a home.

Many students of our community are also negatively affected by the lack of quality high speed Internet. There are very few homes with school age children who don't have a computer and some form of Internet available. It is difficult to ask students to research a subject where one student has to spend hours on dialup and another student

finishes the assignment in a much shorter time using high speed. Also, students with high speed access at home don't tie up the family phone when using the Internet for school related projects. Lowell Superintendent, Greg Pratt, has agreed that quality high speed Internet would be a benefit to many of our students.

Finally, most of us in the area use the Internet as part of our daily lives and would clearly benefit from a reasonable, quality high speed Internet. We look for the best deals when purchasing an item. We see videos of our grand-children and extended families. We stay in touch with our friends. We do family business. We get a better rate by booking on-line. We gain information on subjects that concern us. The list is endless.

I strongly urge residents of Vergennes Township and other townships in the Lowell area to help us get better Internet service to our communities. The first step is to take the survey which will be used to market our community to prospective Internet providers. Information will be mailed to residents of Vergennes Township regarding the survey. Even with dialup, the survey does not take long to complete. Vergennes Township residents and residents of other Lowell area townships can take the survey at: <http://www.vergennestwp.org>. Paper forms of the survey can be obtained from the Vergennes Township Hall and the Buyer's Guide. This is a community with a history of making great things happen. We can do it again!

Mark Weber

Fellow Michiganders,

If you are like me, then you have probably felt rather helpless as we experience the endless parade of bad economic news affecting our country and our state.

There is a simple, affordable way we can all have a positive impact on Michigan. Someone with better math skills than I possess realized that if every Michigan household spends just TEN DOLLARS out of their weekly food budget on products made in Michigan, then it puts 37 million a week into our economy. Made in Michigan - think about that for a minute - a lot of us check labels for ingredients, calories, and fat content. When you are reading the label look for products that will keep the money in our state.

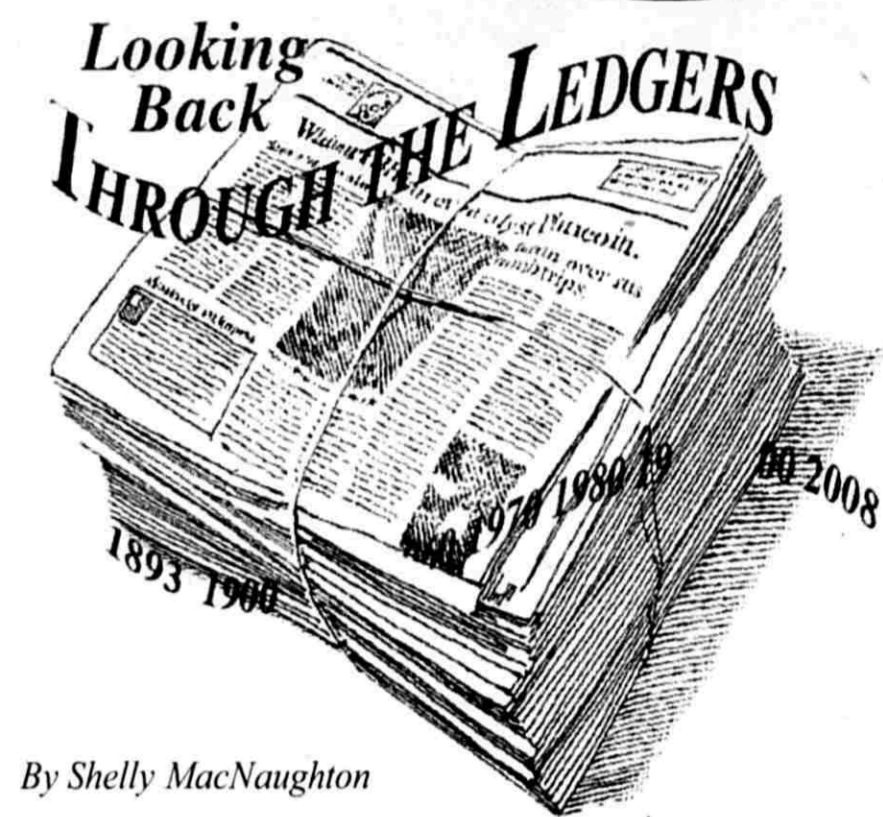
Since I learned that just \$10 out of our weekly food budget can help keep that kind of money in our state, I have turned it into a treasure hunt! The only cereal I am eating anymore comes from Kellogg's. We buy Litehouse dressing all the time (keep Lowell folks working!) and the only ice cream I eat, besides chocolate malts from Ball's, is from Hudsonville. The more you practice this buying habit, the easier it becomes. On a recent trip to the store I spent \$66.14 and almost half was on Michigan made products:

- Kellogg's cereal - \$2 (Frosted mini-wheats were on sale);
- Matador tortilla chips - \$5;
- Michigan red potatoes - \$3.49;
- Country Dairy milk - \$2.99;
- Meijer distilled water - \$ .93;
- Keebler cookies - \$7.58
- Bread/donuts - \$5.66
- Total Michigan bucks - \$27.65.

I normally shop at Meijer, but they do NOT carry Litehouse dressings (our favorite AND it is made in Lowell, Michigan) so I go to Family Fare for that. Last week I stocked up on six different Litehouse dressings for \$15.96. Think of all the great beer and wine produced in Michigan.

It is easy for each of us to do our part for Michigan - take time to read the labels! There is a website devoted to this and they have a growing list of Michigan made products. Surf over to [www.BuyMichiganNow.com](http://www.BuyMichiganNow.com) and click on the Grocery Guide on the home page. Your ten bucks will help keep millions in Michigan.

Cliff Yankovich



By Shelly MacNaughton

### 125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL MAY 7, 1884

The school "roll of honor" next week. The Salvation Army is expected here next week. Manager Crozier closes his rink (Train's Hall) tomorrow night.

The saw and shingles mills will probably begin work about the 15th of this month.

We understand the managers have decided to give a grand Fourth-of-July party at the new rink. Dancers would want to dance "all night till broad daylight" on that floor.

### 100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 6, 1909

The windstorm that visited Lowell with a few gentle caresses last Thursday evening, bore down upon our neighbors a few miles south with all the fury of a tornado.

In the vicinity of Alto, the barns of John Brannan, John Chatterdon, Abe Cudney and Will Hagen were blown to pieces and scattered over a wide territory, and a great amount of lesser damage was done to others.

### 75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO MAY 10, 1934

The large barn on the Peter Peterson farm near the Alton church corners on the Lincoln Lake road, together with its contents, was completely destroyed by fire shortly after noon Tuesday, entailing a loss estimated at about \$5000, partially covered by insurance.

The recent announcement that Ronald W. Finch is to leave the Lowell High School as coach has been received in this community with expressions of regret on all sides. Mr. Finch has accepted the position of coach for football and track at St. Joseph High.

### 50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 7, 1959

Several Lowell business places have forms for anyone who wishes to sign recognition statements honoring Frank J. McMahon who will have a stone placed at the hill top park to be known as Frank J. McMahon Park. These signed sheets will be sealed in copper and placed behind the plaque on the stone. This will be unveiled in ceremonies early in June.

### 25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MAY 9, 1984

The Lowell Red Arrows wasted no time showing the Cedar Springs Red Hawks what a track meet is all about. Coach Kathy Talus' team handed Cedar a 107-21 loss last Tuesday and captured 14 first places on their way to victory. Lowell had the depth and the strength in the field events.

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## Financial Focus

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### INVESTING LESSONS FROM THE VINEYARDS

As an investor, you can get plenty of advice from financial experts on the evening news or cable financial shows. But you may actually be able to learn some deeper truths about investing by observing other professionals — such as winemakers.

At first glance, you might not see what these “guardians of the grape” can teach you about building an investment portfolio. After all, they’re shaping Sangiovese while you’re seeking stocks, they’re bottling Burgundy while you’re buying bonds, and they’re mastering Malbec while you’re monitoring mutual funds. Where’s the connection?

Start by considering the life cycle of wine and the concept of “vintage.” For example, a particular wine is labeled a 2005 vintage if it is made from grapes that were predominantly grown and harvested in 2005. Yet given the requirements of wine production, this 2005 vintage may not actually hit the markets until 2008 — and some aficionados may think the wine won’t taste its best until 2018.

If you translated this type of scenario to the financial world, you could say that the 2008 investment “vintage” was not promising, given that the value of almost all investments — even the quality ones — fell last year. But if you were to hold these quality investments for the long term — as you should, because investing is a long-term activity — you might find that the 2008 vintage investments may eventually become productive vehicles that can help you achieve your financial goals.

So, what lessons can you learn from winemakers? Here are a few suggestions:

- Be patient. Winemakers put a lot of time, effort and money into planting today’s grapes — for which they will not see one penny of profit for many years. Yet they have the discipline to wait patiently until the products of their labors come to fruition. Are all their wines successful? No — and all your investments may not be, either. But given enough time, quality investments can usually help you work toward your financial goals.

- Have faith in your strategy. Wine drinkers’ tastes can change from year to year. Yet winemakers don’t rip out their vineyards and replant them with today’s “hot” varietal. Instead, they cultivate the grapes they’ve planted, make the best wine they can and maintain their belief that their products will find a market. As an investor, you can’t allow yourself to be swayed by today’s hot tips and trends. Instead, build a portfolio of quality investments that can stand the test of time.

- Adapt your goals to your situation. One of the most famous winemaking regions in the world, Napa Valley, contains a number of microclimates that vary by temperature, rainfall and soil. Napa Valley winemakers know which grapes will do best in which microclimate, and they concentrate their efforts accordingly. And you, as an individual investor, should make your investment decisions based on your own “microclimate” — your risk tolerance, family situation, time horizon and other factors. In other words, you should choose those investments that are best suited for you and that have the best chance to help you meet your goals.

Investing, like winemaking, is filled with challenges. But by observing how winemakers work, you may learn some things that can eventually help you raise a glass to your own success.

## Murray Lake volunteer of the month

Pictured is Murray Lake Volunteer of the Month, Heather Organek and her daughter, a first grader at Murray Lake, Emma. Organek was nominated by teachers who are very appreciative of the many hours she spends volunteering in their classrooms. “I love to be a part of the atmosphere at Murray Lake. I enjoy being around all the kids in my daughter’s class. Her teacher, Mrs. Burnett, is really sweet and I just love being at Murray Lake to help,” commented Organek.



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Greenridge Realty announced that Joyce Thusto received Realtor of the Month in April. This award recognizes Thusto for her outstanding success and achievements.



Joyce Thusto

## In The Service

Air Force Airman Nicholas S. Glova graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Glova is the son of David and Mai Glova of Alto. The airman is a 2008 graduate of Caledonia High School.



Nicholas S. Glova

## Ask Kathryn

With Kathryn DenHouter Ph.D.



This is the second article, in a series of five articles, which is looking at the effects of pornography on society and on the individual. Our discussion today is understanding the destructive cycle of pornography. This cybersex industry is fully aware of how addictive pornography is. Consequently, they offer and distribute their product for free, but they know full well that once an individual is “hooked” they will then charge more and more. So this “free” product generates more than \$97 billion dollars in worldwide revenues. Just how “free” is that? This is the destructive cycle of pornography - the cyberporn industry preys on those who are curious by pulling them into their web of greater and greater dependence on more sexual stimulation.

Some of the early warning signs of addiction are outlined in the book, Behind Closed Doors written by Drs. Vanderbeck and Baird. One of the warning signs for an addiction to pornography is a change in sleep patterns. In order to keep the addiction private, individuals will stay up after other members of the household are in bed or

rationalize to their spouses by saying, “I just have to get something done on the computer.” Another warning sign is moodiness and irritability. Most individuals are aware that their addiction to pornography is unacceptable. This inner turmoil presents itself as moodiness and irritability. Also, because the need for privacy is crucial to keeping the addiction going, individuals become easily irritated when interrupted while on the computer. Another warning sign is transferring attention from household responsibilities to increased amount of time spent on surfing porn sites. Time investments change from household chores or other family activities to online pursuits that will feed their addiction. Finally, there will be a change in sexual appetite. Some have increased sexual drive after visiting porn sites while others have less. Often having released sexual energy while online, there is little sexual energy left for their marriage partner.

The destructive cycle of pornography involves both the one addicted as well as those who are close to this individual. Both individuals and families can be devastated by this cybersex addiction. Keep in mind that the pornographic industry is a formidable foe that can destroy family life, marriages and individual integrity.

The third article in this series will be a delicate topic about how to lovingly confront someone who is addicted to pornography. If you have any questions or ideas about this article or any of the other articles, please feel free to contact me at kathryndenhouther@gmail.com.

## To The Editor, continued ... From Page 5

To The Editor,

This past weekend I noticed a story in the Grand Rapids Press about a small coffee shop in Dorr which was saved from closing by support from the local community. Some

people gave money, some people volunteered their time, but most just gave their business to the local shop to keep it open. I thought how important small businesses are to the heart of the local community. Think what the Lowell area would be like without places like Keiser’s and Ball’s. They are where the community communicates.

Coffee shops seem to keep this local spirit alive better than most other places. The local coffee shop is an important place for the community to gather, relax, and talk with friends and neighbors. The Lowell area has been without a local coffee shop for awhile now. On May 15 we will be given an opportunity to support a new locally owned coffee shop. It will be called the Kava Klatsch and will be located at 307 E. Main. Let’s show our support to the Kava Klatsch and other locally owned and operated businesses in our community.

Ben Chapman

## Happy Birthday

**MAY 7:**  
John Schalow, LeAnn VanDyke, Duane Rasch.

**MAY 8:**  
Rhoda Greenman-Batt, Rhonda Timmers, Mary Mooney, F.J. Johnson Jr., Emily Milstead.

**MAY 9:**  
Tasha Brand, Ashley Reinbold, Hillary Briggs, Eric Witherell, Bobbie Clouser.

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**With much love and hope for happiness and success in your career!**  
Mom, Rod, Lauren, Jen, Luke, Ruben, Granny Jan, Grandpa John, Great Gram, Aunt Beth, Uncle Vince, Michael, Patrick, Connor and Analyse.

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## HEALTH

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

### PROSTATE CANCER

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer and second leading cause of cancer deaths in men. It has been estimated that more than 50 percent of men will develop prostate cancer by the age of 80, although many of these are sub clinical and many never cause any harm.

The prostate gland is about the size of a walnut. It is located just below the bladder and completely surrounds the urethra (the drainage tube that exits the bladder). The prostate produces seminal fluid that helps transport sperm.

There is some controversy regarding screening for prostate cancer because of concerns regarding benefits vs. risks of early detection. Proponents feel that early detection and treatment increases the chance for a cure. Opponents argue that treatment of a very early, slow growing cancer may actually cause more harm than good.

We usually recommend screening all men for prostate cancer at the age of 50 and at age 40 in those with a family history of prostate cancer. The usual screening test is a digital rectal exam (DRE - examining the prostate with a gloved finger) and the prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test. If either of these tests is abnormal your doctor will recommend a trans-rectal ultrasound picture and biopsy of the prostate gland.

Treatment of prostate cancer varies depending on the stage of the tumor, general health and age of the patient. Options include simply watchful waiting, hormonal therapy, radiation and surgery.

Prostate cancer is different for every individual patient and it is important to discuss testing or treatment recommendations with your doctor depending on your specific situation.

For more information you can contact the American Urological Association at www.urologyhealth.org.



# Coffee shop will serve as a community gathering place

by Emma Palova

A new vibrant coffee shop will open in a familiar spot on Main Street. Kava Klatsch will have a grand opening on May 15.

While carrying on the tradition of community-oriented Voyages, owner Wayne Haines is hoping to offer more than just coffee. Just like the name Klatsch taken from German language suggests, the coffee shop will serve as a gathering place over coffee for the purpose of discussion.

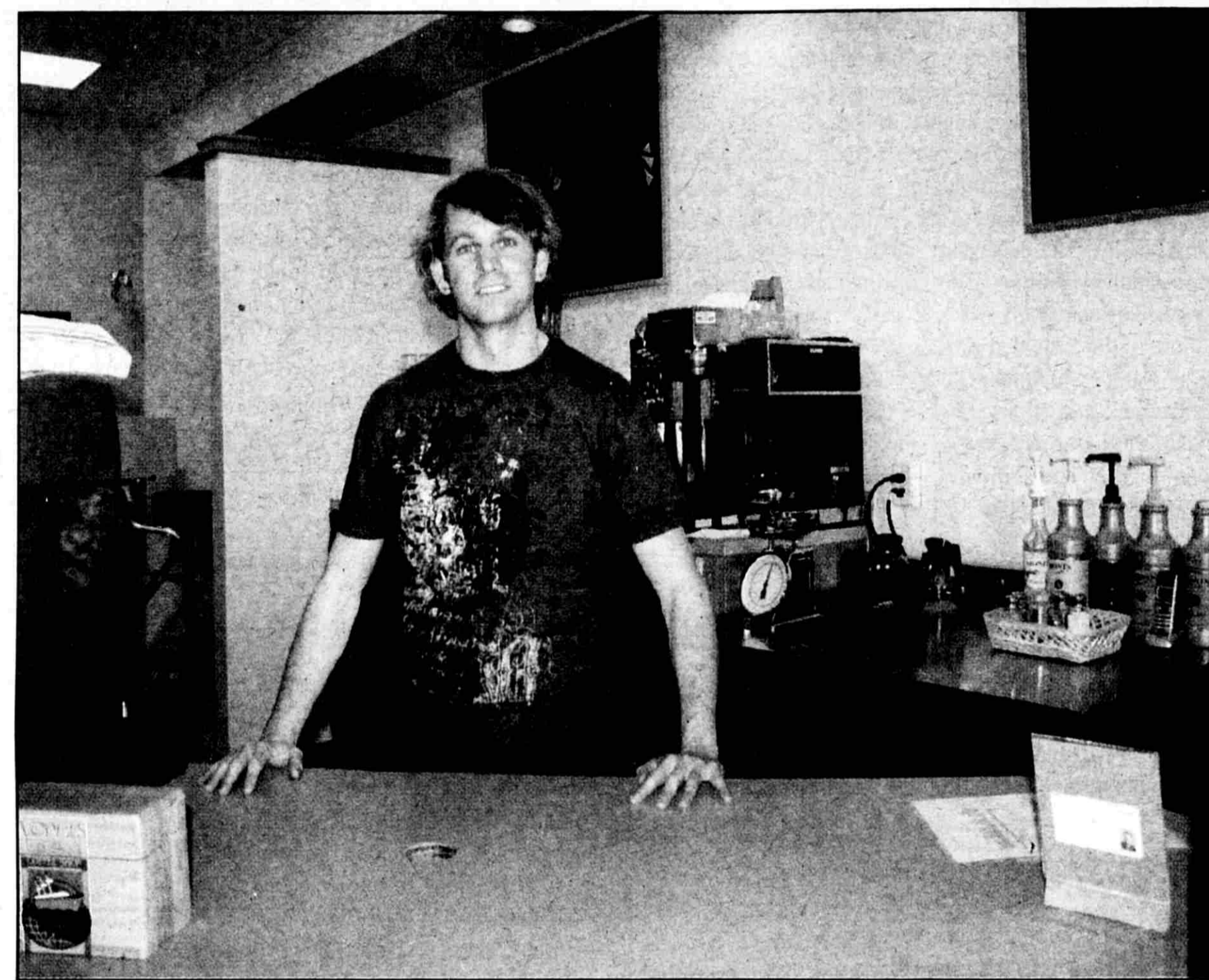
Not that the coffee product won't be excellent.

"It's not just about the coffee," said Haines. "We're striving for excellence in everything we do. It's also about people and Lowell as a community. It's about people connecting with people. And if the excuse is coffee, it's a good excuse."

The ambiance is also somewhat different. The shop is now painted in live colors and curtains on the large windows will block the summer heat.

"We're giving the community another place to do life, a place to share, relax and build relationships, and to do business," said Haines.

"They were a big part of Voyages," said Haines. "Our hopes are that we are successful on multiple fronts, and not just being profitable. The emphasis is not on making a lot of money. We're about people first."



Wayne Haines hopes to offer a relaxing place in Kava Klatsch.

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**DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009**

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion to approve the regular minutes of the April 20, 2009 meeting as corrected and the accounts payables were approved.

Paul Barron and Dale Fegal stated concerns with the Lowell City Airport air easements.

Motion to change the July 2, 2009 date to July 25, 2009 on the application from Flat River Grill for temporary authorization to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for the Lowell Area Arts Council River Revelry Fundraiser.

Motion to allow the Lowell Area Arts Council to use the Riverwalk for their River Revelry Fundraiser on Saturday, July 25, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Motion to set public hearings for May 18, and June 1, 2009 regarding the 2009-2010 budget.

Motion to adjourn to closed session at 8:32 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2009.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on May 18, 2009 on the City's web page at [www.ci.lowell.mi.us](http://www.ci.lowell.mi.us) or at City Hall.

Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk

When asked if he was leery about opening a coffee shop in tough economic times, Haines responded that when he was presented with an opportunity, he wanted to try it.

"At least I tried," he said. "Not to take hold of your dreams is worse than failing."

For more information go to [www.kavaklatsch.com](http://www.kavaklatsch.com)

# Women's Club gives money to local organizations

Lowell Women's Club awarded a total of \$2,800 to several local organizations. Pictured with their checks are: back row, Lorain Smalligan of the Lowell Area Arts Council, Deb Karasiewicz of Alpha Women's Center of Lowell, Pat Allchin of the Lowell Area Historical Museum, Madelyn Pfaller of St. Mary's Pregnancy Center, Steve Flohr of Advance Eyecare, Staci Messersmith of YMCA, Frank Martin of Lowell Area Fire Department; front row, Marge Rehl of Flat River Outreach Ministries, Liz Baker of Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and

Kathy Horsch, treasurer of Women's Club.

The money will be used in the following ways: F.R.O.M. for the food pantry, LAAC, Pink Arrow project, LACC, summer concerts, St. Mary pregnancy center for baby needs, Alpha Women's Center for baby needs, Lowell Area Recreation Authority for Lowell trails, Lowell YMCA for family needs, Lowell Historical Museum for cookbook printing, Fire Dept. for printing fire prevention books for children and Advanced Eyecare for the free clinic in October.



A FEW NOTABLE EVENTS FROM APRIL 30 - MAY 6 • 2009

- David Souter resigns as supreme court justice.
- Longtime Republican Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania leaves his party and joins the Democrats.
- A Dallas Cowboys' training facility collapses during high winds and injures several including a coach who was the most seriously injured with a broken back.
- Quarterback and Bob Dole's vice presidential running mate, Jack Kemp, dies at 73.
- Mine That Bird wins the Kentucky Derby. The horse was a 50 to one long shot.
- At a restaurant in Calexico, California, people are coming in to see what they believe to be a miracle, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on a griddle.

- Although more cases have been cropping up in the U.S., the swine flu appears to be waning in Mexico. Several schools in Michigan have been closed, mostly as a precaution. By Tuesday the government was no longer recommending schools be closed because of the flu.
- While antique shopping, a Texas man finds an old book that contains a recipe "D Peppers

Pepsin Bitters" from a drugstore where Dr. Pepper was invented. Although not the recipe for the soft drink, it may be the very earliest version of the closely guarded secret recipe.

• Designed to stimulate auto sales, President Obama and Democratic lawmakers initiate "cash for cluckers" bill.

## College News

Hope College Rebekah Woods, of Lowell, was awarded a monogrammed blanket for her participation in cross country (captain) at Hope College. The orange and blue "H" blankets are presented to seniors who earned at least three varsity letters while at Hope. One of the varsity letters must have been earned during the student's senior year.

Olivet College recognized the best of its student body at the annual Honors Convocation held Wednesday, April 15 in the college's Mott Auditorium.

Sarah Fitzpatrick, of Lowell, received the Sociology/Anthropology Achievement Award. This award recognizes the senior who has made significant contributions to the learning of others in the discipline.

She also received the Betsy Dole Sisterhood Award, which recognizes a student for contributions to the growth and development of Olivet College that exemplify social justice in the area of gender.

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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Balanced effort highlights Lowell baseball wins

by Thad Kraus

In improving its record to 12-2, the O-K White leading Red Arrow baseball team glimpsed into its future and the light was bright.

Sophomore Will Plummer, pitching in his first varsity game of his career, allowed three runs on six hits while walking one and striking out eight as Lowell blasted Unity Christian 14-3 in game two of a doubleheader.

"Will pitched really

well. It gives us some light for the future." Lowell baseball coach Justin Miller said.

The Red Arrows also received an outstanding first varsity start from Kaleb Ort in game one which Lowell won 12-2.

Ort gave up two runs on five hits while walking one and striking out five.

Some of the offensive fireworks delivered by Lowell hitters included Josh Drake's two triples and three

RBI; Zach Stevens' two hits and two RBI; Torsten Boss' double, triple and three RBI; and Nick Trasky's two hits.

Lowell 3-1 Greenville 1-0

The Red Arrows needed complete team games to subdue a game Yellow Jacket squad.

In game one, Lowell defeated Greenville's ace.

Lowell jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Jesse VandenBosch got things started with a single.

Zach Stevens was hit by a pitch. Torsten Boss followed with an RBI single and a Josh Drake run-scoring ground ball to short score the second run.

Stevens pitched and got the win with relief help from Boss.

The Red Arrow starter walked three and struck out 11 Greenville batters.

"Both teams pitched well. The difference was their four errors gave us more outs," Miller said.

In game two, Lowell needed a strong pitching performance from Josh Drake to carve out a win.

"The lefty they threw surprised us. He pitched well," Miller said.

Drake, however, threw better. The Red Arrow went the distance in throwing a two-hit shutout.

"He struck out nine and threw just 76 pitches over seven innings.

Jeremy Drake provided all the offense with a run-

scoring single in the third inning.

**Lowell 19 Middleville 16.**

In a long, strange, nonleague affair, Lowell outlasted Middleville.

It appeared to be your basic blow out, but baseball doesn't have a buzzer and high school baseball requires 21 outs.

Lowell led 11-5 heading into the fifth inning. That's

*Baseball, cont'd., pg. 11*

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Lowell girls strike a chord with game's many emotions

by Thad Kraus

There was a full week of emotions on the ball diamond for the Lowell softball team.

The Red Arrows' mark of 2-3 included a mercy win against Grand Haven, a gut-wrenching loss to Greenville and a softball classic against Grand Rapids Christian.

The Red Arrow bats ripped hits to all fields in its 19-0 mercy rule, shortened win.

Lowell tallied five

runs in the first, eight in the second and six more in the third against Grand Haven pitching.

"We hit the ball and did not commit an error in the field," said Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse.

Both Ellie Timpson and Bailey Allen (double and a triple) led the Red Arrows with two hits apiece.

Allen also earned the victory. She pitched three perfect innings while striking

out four and not walking a batter.

Lowell's Kelly Wyckoff powered Lowell to a quick start with a three-run home run in the first inning.

**Lowell 7-11 Greenville 2-12**

The Red Arrows' second win of the week came in the opener against league foe Greenville.

Bailey Allen, again earned the victory while Kelly Wyckoff and Jourdan Westdorp led all Lowell hitters wrapping out two hits each.

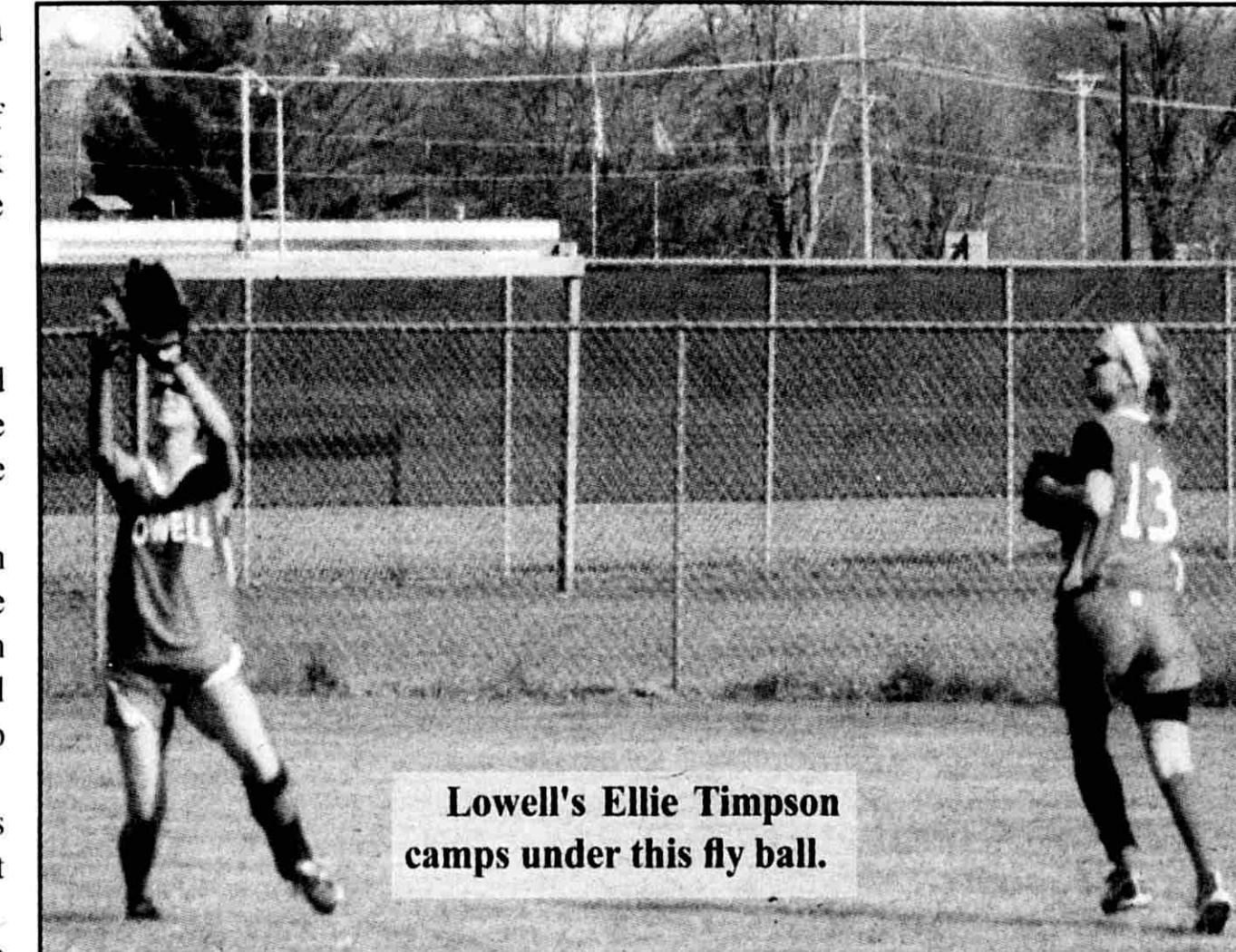
The Red Arrows' 10 hits were spread out over eight of Lowell's starters.

Lowell scored runs in three of the first four innings. The Red Arrows plated two runs in the first, one in the third and four in the fourth inning.

A total team seventh-inning collapse triggered a 12-11 defeat in game two against Greenville.

Lowell led 11-5 with one out in the seventh when things went very wrong.

The Yellow Jackets, with one out, had five consecutive batters get aboard. Two singles and a walk loaded the bases. A hit batsman plated Greenville's first run. A single then scored run number two. Following a ground out, back-to-back



Lowell's Ellie Timpson camps under this fly ball.

walks brought in two more runs cutting Lowell's lead to 11-9 and loading the bases with two outs.

A base-clearing error, gave Greenville a 12-11 lead.

"We collapsed. Greenville stole this one from us," Lowell coach Bob Rodenhouse explained. "This is a game we should not lose."

Lowell scored three runs in the first, one in the second, five in the third, one in the fourth and one in the fifth.

Weaver blasted a two-run home run in the five-run third.

**G.R. Christian 1 Lowell 0**

In the best played game of the week, Lowell lost to the Eagles.

"Our girls played their best game of the year. Christian hit some shots but we made plays," Bob Rodenhouse said.

Lowell's Bailey Allen, took the loss, but scattered five hits while striking out six and not walking a hitter.

Lowell did not get a hit off Eagle pitching, however, left runners on second and third in the fourth inning, and first and second in the sixth.

"We hit the ball, but at people," Rodenhouse explained. "The girls are playing better at times, working hard and their attitude is still good."

Lowell finished the week at 3-10 overall and 2-2 in the O-K White.



Beth Wyckoff is one of Lowell's leading hitters in 2009.

## Baseball, continued

... From Page 10

when Middleville rocked the Lowell pitching for 10 runs to tie the game at 15-15.

An inning later, the Trojans plated a go-ahead run to take a 16-15 lead going into the seventh inning.

Lowell bounced back. The bottom (7-8-9) of its order started the inning with walks to load the bases.

A Jesse VandenBosch

fielder's choice scored a run, tying the game at 16-16.

Torsten Boss, delivered a three-run triple to give Lowell the lead.

The senior had four hits, including a triple and home run, and five RBI.

His triple was Boss' 26th of his career, breaking the state record (25).

"The boys learned a lot today. No lead is safe. We lost our focus in a game they

thought was over," Miller explained. "Baseball doesn't have a buzzer."

Lowell finished the week at 12-2 overall and 5-0 in the O-K White, tied for first with East Grand Rapids.

"We're pitching well and playing great defense. I'd like to see our hitting be a little more consistent," Miller concluded.

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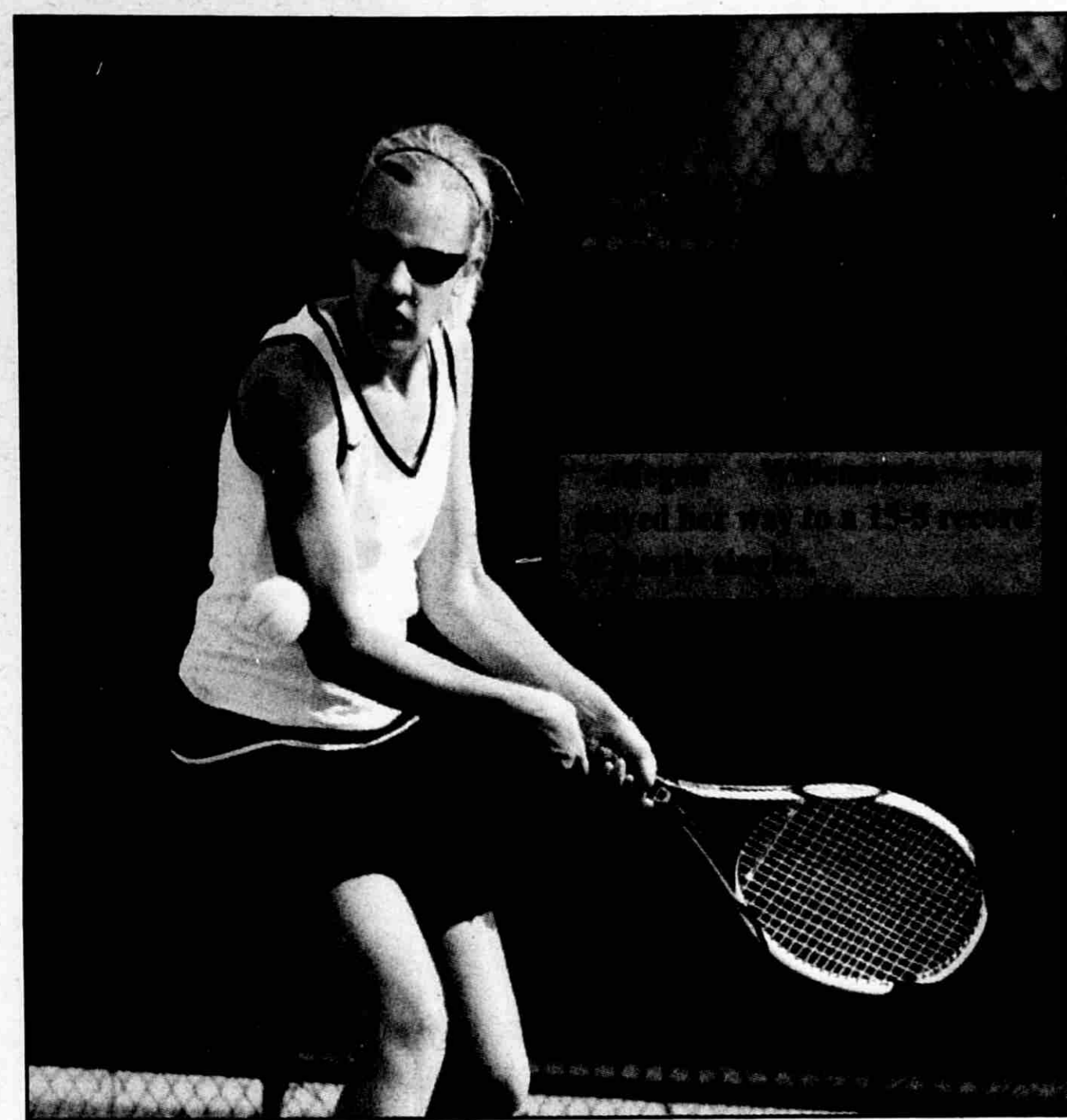
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# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Willemstein nets title at Northview Invitational



by Thad Kraus

Lowell's girls' tennis team leveraged some strong wins at Northview against a disappointing performance against Grand Rapids Christian.

"The loss to Christian is disappointing because we did not play like I would have hoped," said Lowell tennis coach Bonnie Wall. "I thought we had an opportunity to pick up a league win."

Instead, the Red Arrows settled for wins at first and third singles.

Kelly Trapp continued her strong season with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over the Eagles' Alex Hartman.

"Kelly continues to play real well. She's had to because Kelly is playing against some quality opponents," Wall explained.

Trapp improved her

season record at first singles to 17-3 with the win.

"She has excellent top spin and plays with movement and balance that is without peer. Kelly also has marvelous defensive skills. She makes her opponent work for every point."

The Red Arrows' only other win was recorded by Lauren Heemstra (11-9) at third singles.

Heemstra posted a 6-0, 6-1 win.

"Lauren played smart tennis. She has a strong backhand. She hits good drops and short balls and then is able to execute passing shots," Wall said.

**Northview Invit'**

Lowell finished fifth at the Northview Invitational.

Lowell's Megan Willemstein, playing fourth singles, won the title with a 6-4, 6-3 win over South Christian's Tine Geelhoed.

Willemstein (15-5) lost to Geelhoed earlier this season 6-3, 6-2.

"Megan played her heart out. She kept the ball in play and fought for every point," Wall said. "She had a strong backhand and with her height she goes to the net and volleys well."

The only other Red Arrow to advance to the finals was Megan Trapp.

Lowell's first singles player reached the finals with a 6-2, 6-1, win over South Christian's Andrea Meyerling.

Trapp lost in the finals to Zeeland West's Jill Pastunink, 6-2, 6-4.

"Pastunink is a Division I player who will be playing at Western Michigan University next year," Wall said.

Lowell finished the week at 4-4 and 2-2 in the O-K White.

## Pioneers pin tough loss on Red Arrow soccer team

by Thad Kraus

It was a familiar scenario. One which Lowell girls' soccer coach Paul Legge and his Red Arrows have seen play out before. "Our athleticism

enables us to always compete, but against good teams we come up on the short end," Legge said.

Lowell lost 1-0 to O-K White leading East Grand Rapids.

The Pioneers' goal came a little less than 20 minutes into the first half on a goal by freshman Lilly Clifford.

"Oh yeah, it's a good feeling to come out and

play a tough team and, win," said EGR girl's soccer coach Hollie Bonnema. "The girls came out ready to play, they were aggressive and handled a high percentage of the 50-50 balls."

Within a seven-day stretch, East defeated Grand Rapids Christian and Lowell to take control of the O-K White.

The three clubs will

play one another again in a second round of league games.

Bonnema knows there is plenty of soccer still to be played.

"Anything is possible. We have to play them again," Bonnema explained.

The win improved EGR's record to 7-2 overall and 5-0 in conference play. Legge was disappointed

with his club's inability to finish.

"The girls have to get better at communicating better, closer to the net. We have to do a better job of communicating who's making the run and where to play the ball inside the box," Legge explained.

The loss dropped Lowell to 6-2-3 overall and 3-2 in the O-K White.

## Arrow lacrosse team draws even in league with two wins

by Thad Kraus

Lowell's lacrosse team improved to 4-4 in the O-K White with dominant midfield play and some fourth quarter composure.

Lowell opened the week with an impressive 8-6 win over the defending league champion from Caledonia.

"Caledonia only had one loss coming into the game. So, it was a good win for us," said Lowell lacrosse coach Eric Bredin. "The key was our midfield play. We dominated between the boxes, giving our defense a rest and our offense lots of scoring opportunities."

The two clubs battled to a 2-2 tie through the first quarter.

Netting goals for Lowell were Abe McIntire and Isaac Tawney.

Lowell outscored Caledonia 3-1 in the second quarter to take a 5-3 half-time lead.

Tawney added two goals and Joel Morgan found the net on the third one.

Both teams scored three times in the second half. Lowell's Tawney recorded his fourth goal of the game in the third period giving the Red Arrows a 6-3 advantage heading into the final period.

The Fighting Scots outscored Lowell 3-2 in the fourth quarter.

Lowell's fourth quarter goals were scored by Alec Downing and Kolin Morgan.

Downing led Lowell in assists with three. Morgan contributed with two.

**Lowell 10  
Zeeland 7**

Lowell controlled the first half of play before withstanding a flurry of offense in the third quarter by Zeeland.

"We were up 6-1 and got a little overconfident," said Lowell lacrosse coach Eric Bredin. "Zeeland made a heck of a run in that third quarter, but I was proud my

guys kept their composure and scored four goals in the fourth quarter to secure the victory."

The two teams battled to a 1-1 tie after one quarter, before Lowell took control in the second quarter with three unanswered goals to take a 4-1 advantage.

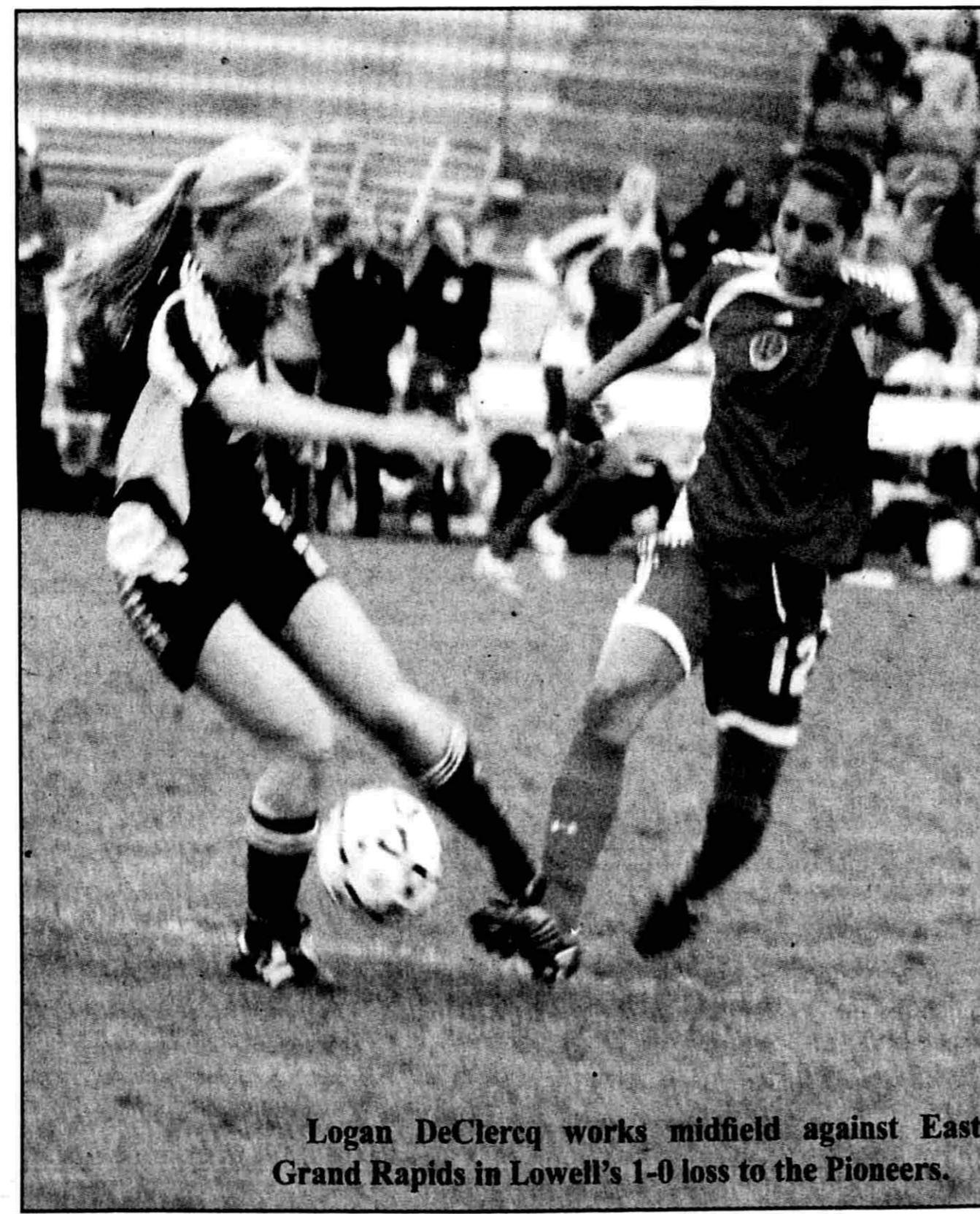
The Red Arrows increased their margin to five (6-1) with two quick goals to start the third period.

Zeeland answered with five straight goals to tie the game at 6-6.

The Red Arrows outscored Zeeland 4-1 in the final quarter of play.

Joel Morgan led all Red Arrows in scoring with four goals. Isaac Tawney netted three with Kolin Morgan, Abe McIntire, and Alec Downing all chipping in with a goal apiece.

McIntire led the club in assists with three and Tawney recorded two while Joel Morgan added one assist.



Logan DeClercq works midfield against East Grand Rapids in Lowell's 1-0 loss to the Pioneers.

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## New facility is the charm for Grand Rapids Christian runners

by Thad Kraus

Remember as a child your mind convinced you that with a new pair of tennis shoes you could run faster?

Hosting its first ever track meet, at its new athletic

facility, Grand Rapids Christian's girls' track team did nearly everything faster and better than the visitors from Lowell.

The Eagles defeated the Red Arrows 91-46.

"Grand Rapids Christian was deep in all distance events and they are very good," said Lowell girls' track coach Robin Briggs.

Lowell won just five of the 17 events.

Kallie Holzhauer had top honors in the 800 coming home in 2:34.99.

The sophomore also ran the mile for the first time. Her time was 5:31, just six seconds off the school record.

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3200 - 1600 RELAY -

**Kathy Talus  
Memorial Invitational**

Lowell girls' track team finished fifth with 49 points on Saturday at the Kathy Talus Memorial Invitational.

The Red Arrows medaled in four events.

Richelle Kimble, Kelsey Teft and Jillian O'Haire were third in the pole vault with a height of 15-0.

It was a tough day with prom the night before. We were hopeful for better things but the results were expected," Briggs said.

Madelyn Brower, Hannah Boon and Bryleigh Loughlin recorded a height of 13-0 tying for third with Grand Ledge.

"The high jump was a bonus," Lowell girls' track coach Robin Briggs said. "That's the first time Hannah has competed this year in the high jump and she hit an opening height of 4-3."

Kendall Hewitt, Taylor Marchido, Lauren Trasky and Kallie Holzhauer came home in 10:38.41 to take third in the 3200-meter relay.

It was Kara Rasch, Crystal Vosburg, Kimble and Miah Jackson stopping the clock in 54.62 to take third in the 400-meter relay.

"It was a tough day with prom the night before. We were hopeful for better things but the results were expected," Briggs said.



Richelle Kimble placed sixth in the 100 hurdles.

## Lowell outmanned at Christian and in Talus tournament

by Thad Kraus

Lowell boys' track team finished sixth in the eight-team field at the Kathy Talus Memorial Track Invitational.

The Red Arrows scored 13 points finishing behind Hudsonville 117, Greenville

100, Grand Ledge 98, Caledonia 68, and Hartland 61.

Lowell took four fifth-place finishes and five sixth-place finishes.

The fifth-place finishes came in shot put (89-10 1/4); discus (218-8); Red Arrow Relay (1:44.54); and 1600-meter, Zach Robinson (4:53.16).

Lowell finished sixth in the long jump (48-3 3/4); 800-meter relay (1:40.12); 3200-meter relay (9:26.17); 100-meter dash, Austin Tackmann (12.28); and the 1600-meter relay (3:49.12).

**G.R. Christian 128  
Lowell 9**

Red Arrow Zach Robinson claimed Lowell's only first in its meet at Grand Rapids Christian.

Robinson won the mile with a time of 4:57.

He claimed a third in the two mile with a time of 11:06.

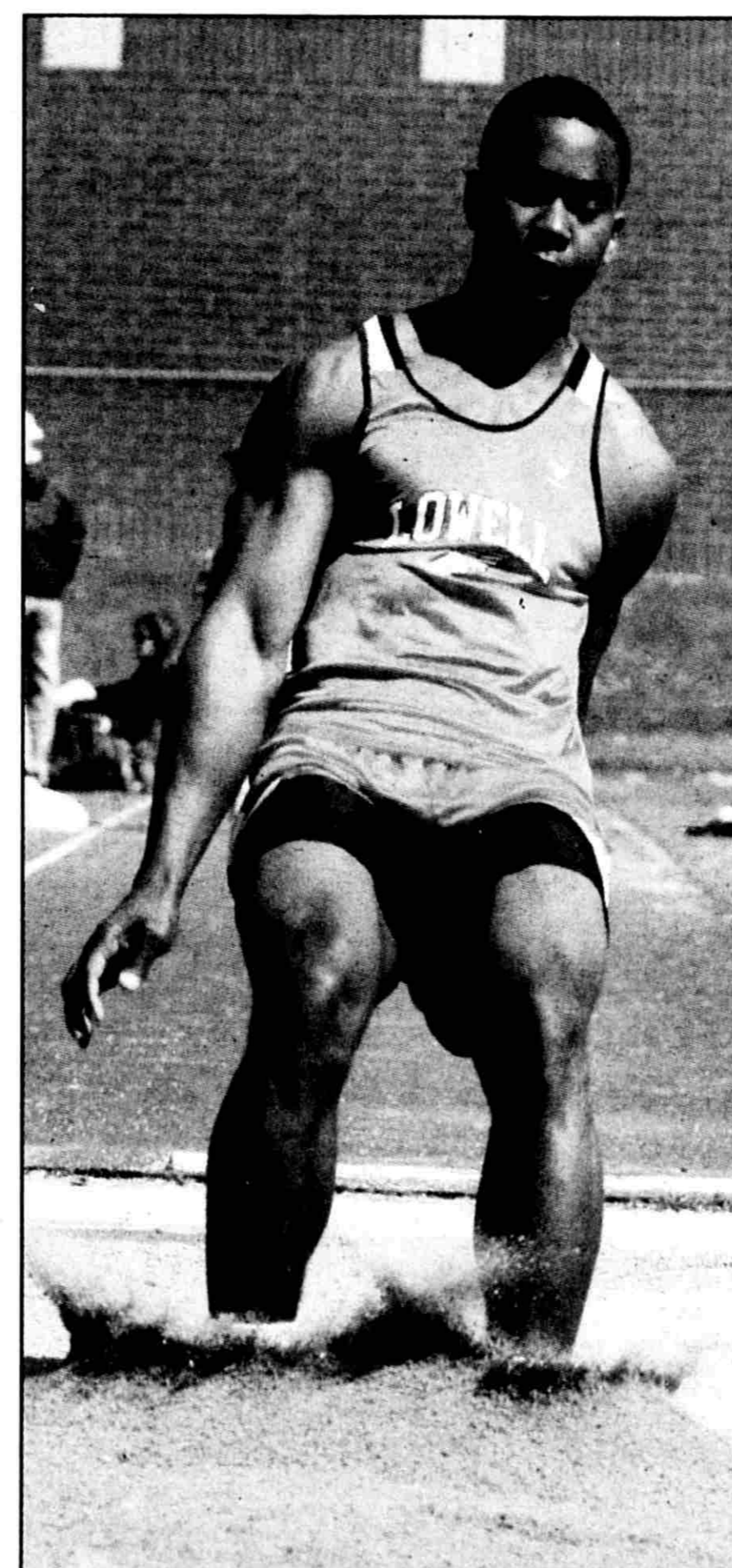
Lowell recorded third in the 100 dash, long jump and 800 run.

Austin Tackmann stopped the clock in 12:28 in the 100.

Drew Culross leaped to a third in the long jump with a distance of 18-8.

Ben Partidge came home in 2:27 in the 800 for a third place.

"Christian has a lot of depth which made things difficult for us," Lowell boys' coach Russ Stevens said.



Marc Destine completes his second round in the long jump competition on Saturday.



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# OKAY - Someone Has To Say It ...

by Thad Kraus

## Baseball bites

The top college basketball recruit, John Wall, was recently arrested for allegedly getting caught in someone's house. He didn't have permission.

Wall is such a good basketball player, Duke and North Carolina are on his short list of universities to attend. It seems insulting to suggest that he's going to school for an education.

What do you suppose are the chances, if Wall is found guilty, these two elite programs will drop their pursuit of him? My guess - NO CHANCE.

I quit believing a while back that most college coaches care about the individual and the type of person they are recruiting. The bottom line is, can you help me (the coach) win basketball games; in the case of Carolina and Duke, national championships.

We're right around 25 games into the baseball season and it's always fun to check for surprises.

From a team record standpoint, I'm not sure that there are many.

Florida, and its annual band of youth, stands atop the NL East.

St. Louis has jumped out to 10 games above .500. The Cardinals are always good, but I think many question their pitching.

The Cubs have been playing right around .500. With all the preseason hype, some would consider this a surprise since they are not atop the NL Central.

With the exception of Cleveland, all the teams in the American League Central are right around a game above .500.

Many would consider Cleveland's bad start a surprise. I'm thinking the Indians just aren't that good. This start is a three-year trend.

Seattle is a legitimate surprise at five games above .500.

They were one of the worst teams in baseball last year. Toronto has also jumped out quickly in the American League East. I doubt, though, the Blue Jays can keep the pace with Boston.

## Pujols - Questions

Albert Pujols is considered by all to be one of the best, if not the best player in baseball. 25 games in he's second in batting at .356; first in runs with 25; first in RBI with 28; third in hits with 31; and tied for first in home runs with nine.

Do baseball fans have the right to question what he's done in this era? There is good reason to question if his career numbers have been enhanced by steroids. Over the last 10 years, who of baseball's superstars can you trust?

Here's hoping Albert hasn't, but would I be surprised if he has? NO!

## Who to Watch

Kudos out to Lowell Middle School's Mattie Newman. She set a Lowell Middle School record in the shot put with a throw of 38 feet.

Megan Willemstein, fourth singles for Lowell girls' tennis team is 15-5. She won her flight at the Northview Invitational.

Lowell's boys baseball team is 12-2 and 5-0 in the O-K White. We're within a couple of weeks of the three-game series with EGR (also 5-0 in the league).

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## LUNCH MENU

**ELEMENTARY MENU**  
- Week of  
May 11, 2009

**MON:** Tony's sausage pizza (BBQ rib on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), broccoli, fruit cocktail, milk.

**TUES:** Chicken mashed potato bowl (like KFC) w/ gravy & dinner roll (3 meat sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes/gravy, assorted fruit, milk.

**WED:** French toast sticks/syrup or cereal/graham crackers & scrambled eggs, applesauce, strawberries, milk.

**THURS:** Hotdog on bun (quesadilla w/salsa also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), baked beans, fresh apple slices, trail mix, milk.

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**CASCADE GARAGE SALE**  
8239 45th (off Cascade Rd. or Whitneyville). Bandsaw, sander, misc. & household items. Cheap prices! May 7 & 8, 9-5 p.m.

**4TH ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE GARAGE SALE**  
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**MAY 8 & 9**  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Alden Nash West Development, just South of Lowell High School. Lots of kids toys, clothing boys and girls, Craftsman tractor.

**3-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
Thurs. & Fri., May 7 & 8, 9-5 in beautiful downtown Saranac, pole building across from Depot on Bridge St. NO PRESALES. Ski equipment, men's & women's snowmobile clothing, women's clothing sizes 2-12, men's clothing sizes 1XLT & 2XLT (all name brand quality clothing), household items, full size bed frame antique oak kitchen chairs & table, antique curio cabinet, antique oak paneled doors, bedding, curtains, stuffed animals & so much more.

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**GARAGE SALE**  
May 9, 8-4. 8203 MacArthur Rd., Saranac. Infant clothing 0-3T, infant car seat/stroller combo, bouncy seat, infant swing, TV, entertainment center, antiques, kitchen supplies, drawing table, glider rocking chair & much, much more.

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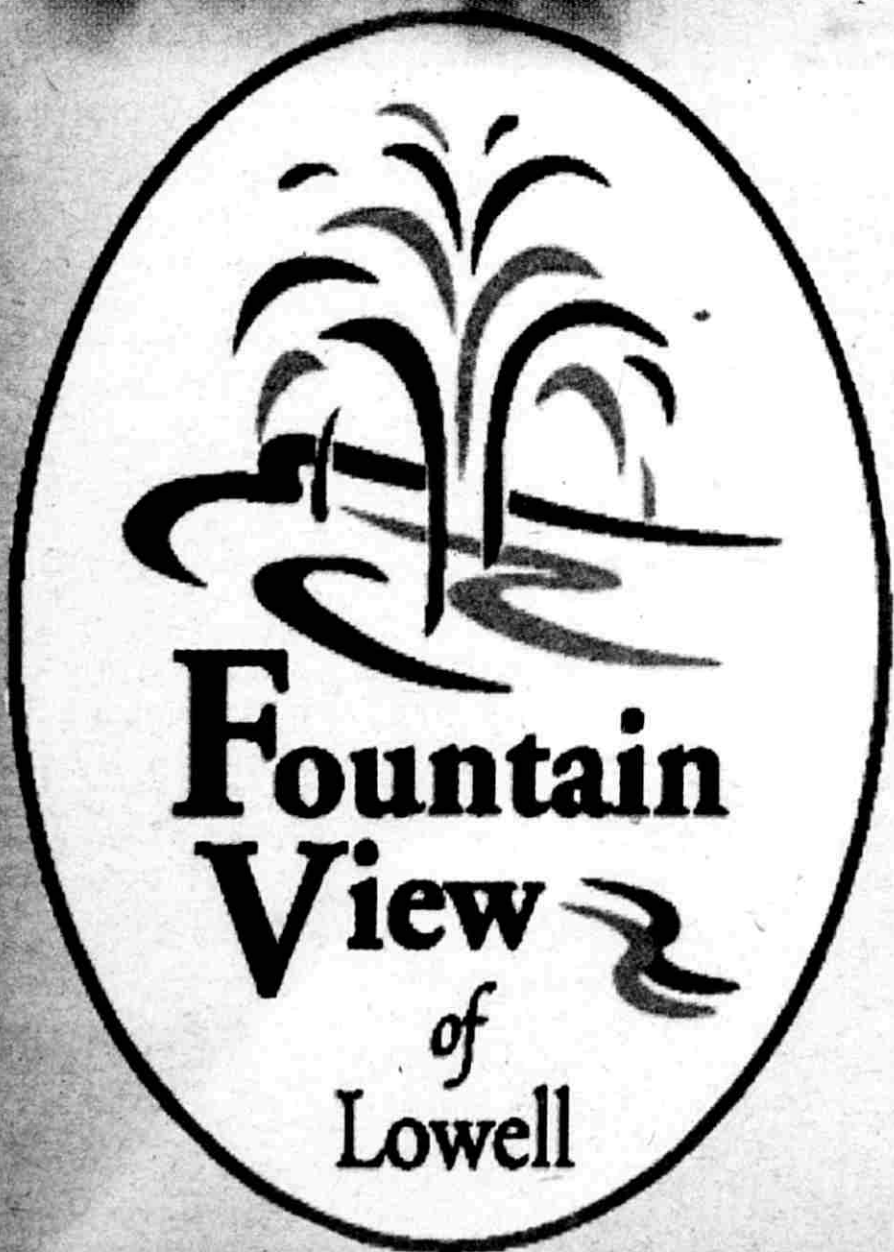
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