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Citizens show support and respect for veterans in Memorial Day parade

by Tony Wittkowski
contributing reporter

Despite the chilly temperatures on Memorial Day, hundreds of citizens lined the streets Monday morning to give thanks to Lowell veterans for their service to this country and its people.

The parade was led by the color guard, which included the VFW Commander in Lowell, Herman Weststrate, who was reminded of his wife as well as the four generations of soldiers his family has contributed.

"We were married 19 days before I was deployed to Vietnam," Weststrate said moments before the parade began its slow, meticulous march. "My dad is a World War II veteran, my son



Scouts were on hand for the tribute to the troops, with a few meeting at Oakwood Cemetery to take part in the pledge of allegiance.

Photos by Tony Wittkowski

spent six years at Fort Ben in Georgia and his son is a 19-year-old at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as an MP."

Since becoming commander in 2005, Weststrate has taken part in the parade donning the colors as a remembrance to those who lost their lives at war.

"It's the longest parade as far as time, but I don't allow any political distribution of any kind," Weststrate ensured. "It is strictly a patriotic theme. It's all about Veterans Day."

The men and women veterans marched from the fairgrounds to Main Street with a brief visit to the Veteran's Memorial, while

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Red and White teams line for Food Fight 2013

by Justin Tiemeyer
contributing reporter

Though Lowell High School took an early lead, Cherry Creek Elementary is the current Food Fight leader in Lowell Area Schools. With this skirmish wrapping up, focus is shifted to the city- community-wide Food Fight which begins on June 1.

Rick Seese is the broker/manager of Greenridge Realty. Seese came up with the idea for the Food Fight in 2009. His intention was to help stock the Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) food pantry, provide hunger awareness education and to get the community acquainted with the philanthropic aim of FROM.

"My thought process included the competitive nature of our community based on the huge success of our Lowell High School football team," Seese said.

The competition in the Food Fight is created by drawing a line - in this instance, Main Street - and placing the businesses and residents to the North on one team and the businesses and residents on the South on another.

The second Food Fight was such a success that NBC news anchor Brian Williams mentioned it on his blog, which prompted inquiries from several other

cities interested in following in Lowell's footsteps.

While this year's Food Fight will function the same as the previous years, there have been a couple of

additions. Lowell Light & Power has volunteered to help with food collection. In addition to food donations, there will be an emphasis this year on monetary

contributions, which will benefit the food pantry and other FROM programs. While any donation is

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Participants alphabetically South Team (white jerseys): Chris Bieri, Barb Briggs, Chris Curtis, Mike Curtis, Susan Elliott, LuAnn Ferris, Chris Godbold, Kenda Haines, Amy Reedy, Julie Stewart, Collen Timpson, Gail Waldron and Tammi Wingeier; North Team (red jerseys): Josh Bruwer, Greg Canfield, Steve Donkersloot, Jen Ettinger, Jody Herrmann, Matt Horan, Nick Lemke, Sharon Morris, Greg Pierce, Tom Russo, Mike Sprenger and referee, Rick Seese.

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welcome, those who meet donation milestones receive an honorary title: for \$50 you will be recognized as a Team Fan, \$100 a Team Trainer, \$200 a Team Captain, \$300 a Teach Coach, and for \$600+ you become an Event Sponsor. Donations can also be placed, "in tribute to", "in celebration of", or "in memory of" a noteworthy loved one. Family sponsorships have also become popular. A full-page, full-color scoring update display (as contained in this issue) will be published in each issue of the Lowell Buyers Guide and

Lowell Ledger throughout the entire competition. The display will also recognize those monetary donors as sponsorships. Every dollar donated will equal one food item.

"We are still pioneering this unique event, so it's still developing," Seese said.

Over four years, the North has won twice and the South has won twice. 2013 is the tie-breaker year. Last year, the South won, by a score of 20,430 to 18,895, mostly because all of their locations were consistently pulling in donations with the Deer Run Golf Course,

Lowell Senior Neighbors, Schneider Manor and Heidi's Farmstand leading in number. Though the North found themselves in second place, heavy-hitters like BC Pizza, Ada/Lowell 5, Harold Ziegler Ford and Springrove Variety were able to raise a lot of food for those FROM clients in need.

Seese mentioned a couple of wild cards who could make this year's collection interesting. Dave and Jan Thompson are expected to boost the numbers for the North side with the their Thompson Drive Neighborhood food

pick-up center. As for the South, Seese points to Cliff Yankovich at Chimera Design who he believes will be "creative, as always."

Food Fight extends from the month of June through Saturday, July 16. With red barrels on the North side of Main and White barrels on the South side, Seese describes the Riverwalk Festival parade as the two-minute warning, when everyone can give their last donations of food.

The Food Fight parade has determined the winning team in each of the first four years.

Each year, Lowell has increased its donations to the hungry. This year is likely to continue the tradition of giving, but in order for that to happen the people of Lowell are asked to donate generously, and donate often.

"The use of non-perishable food items as 'coupons' when shopping at 'Food Fight Special' sponsors, is one of the consumer benefits of giving," Seese said. "Just look for their posters beginning June 1".



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along main street

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FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

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Lowell Farmers' Market: Changes in the making

by Tony Wittkowski
contributing reporter

The farmer's market that Lowell is so accustomed to seeing in the spring has made several changes to its operation.

Liz Baker, the director of the Chamber of Commerce, who has helped jump-start the weekly event, revealed a few changes to the market this year.

"We actually shortened the season up this year," Baker said. "The farmers market has been kind of a rough haul for us, we haven't found our niche yet."

By shortening, Baker meant the market will begin June 13 and run through Sept. 12, cutting nearly two months farmers had to sell portions of their crops.

The reason for excluding the eight weeks is due to the amount of competition, with every small town that now have markets of their own.

The Lowell market started at the fairgrounds and drew success in its first few years, until Ada opened a market on Tuesdays.

"We were getting a lot of people from Ada in our market, and of course they are not there anymore because they have their own market now," Baker said. "We also lost vendors

because, all of a sudden, we don't have as many people coming to patronize the market."

Market Masters Dave and Betty Dean revealed additional changes, which included the use of the flea market, which was only allowed at the farmer's market once a month. Now it will return regularly every week.

"We did try it last year, only doing it once a month and the people liked it," Betty said. "They came to the market and in turn the vendors profited from it."

The market used to open in May and was held until the second week in October, but now it is expected to end in September, right after school begins in the area.

"We also decided to change the hours and it is going to be a new one for people, it's going to be 11 am to 3 pm," Baker added.

Last year the market was available from noon until 6 pm, shrinking from six hours to four. The move to 11 am to 3 pm was made because of the heat and the fact that vendors are on pavement, which does not bode well for the fruit and vegetables being sold.

"It's one of those things that you got to make work,"

Baker said in response to the change in times.

The market will still take place at the Tractor Supply parking lot, where it has been for the last couple of years. Around a dozen vendors are expected this

year for the market which will be held every Thursday afternoon.

"We've been tweaking it ever since the market opened," Dave explained. "We have continued to take suggestions from vendors

and people who come through the market."

Closing in on their third year as market masters and their eighth year in participation, the Deans will be allowing the community booth again to expose local

programs which included FROM, the library and the museum last year.

"We want to service the community with what they need," Betty said. "We are always learning, always listening to our customers."



Beginning this year the Lowell's Farmers' Market will open a little later on June 13. Ledger stock photo

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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

What does Dow 15,000 mean to you?

This month, the Dow Jones Industrial Average hit a milestone, when, for the first time, it closed above 15,000. Of course, 15,000 is a nice, round number, and it sounds pretty big — but what does it mean to you, as an individual investor? Is it cause for celebration — or is it more of a “caution” flag?

There's no one simple answer to these questions. Since March 2009 — the low point of the market following the 2008 financial crisis — the “Dow” has risen about 130 percent. And while the Dow is just one index, it's nonetheless an important measure of the market's performance — which means that you were likely glad to see the 15,000 mark eclipsed and you'd be happy if the numbers just kept rising.

However, as you're no doubt aware, the market does not move in just one direction. Typically, declines of 10 percent or more — or “corrections” — occur about once a year. Unfortunately, they're not predictable. Sooner or later, the markets will indeed change course, at least for

the short term. When this happens, don't panic — corrections are a normal part of the market cycle. Still, you might feel like you should do something to cope with the downturn. But what?

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Keep investing** — Too many people, when faced with a market drop, decide to “cut their losses” and take a “time out” from investing. But that can be a costly mistake — had these investors bailed out of the market in 2009, and only recently returned, they would have missed a substantial part of that 130 percent run-up in the Dow. And when you invest in a down market, your dollars may actually go farther if the market rebounds, because you would have bought more shares at the lower prices.

- **Review your portfolio** — It's usually a good idea to review your portfolio at least once a year, and it may be especially important during those times when the market changes directions. Over time, a portfolio can

become unbalanced — for example, following a long period of rising prices, some of your growth-oriented investments may have gained so much value that they now take up a larger percentage of your holdings than you had intended, possibly subjecting you to a greater level of risk than you desire. If this happens, you may need to scale back on these investments and reallocate the money elsewhere.

- **Diversify** — Always look for ways to spread your dollars among a range of vehicles — stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and other investments. Even within these classes, look for ways to diversify further, such as owning different types of stocks, bonds of varying maturities, and so on. Diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against a loss, but it can help reduce the impact of volatility that can occur in a downturn.

The Dow at 15,000 is certainly no minor event. And since stocks don't appear too expensive compared to their earnings, don't be surprised if higher milestones follow. But record highs can be quickly forgotten when the market falls. By being prepared for that day, too, you can help yourself continue to work toward your goals — even when the major market indices have, for the moment, taken a wrong turn.

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viewpoint

Message to grads: Beware temptation to assume you're right



Sen. Carl Levin

On May 4, I had the honor of delivering the commencement address to the Adrian College Class of 2013. This year's 224 graduates are the latest in a long line from a school with a proud and distinguished history, a school founded by people fired by the search for knowledge and opposition to slavery.

Education, I told the graduates, succeeds not mainly by imparting knowledge, but by encouraging inquiry. It's more about questions than answers. And yet, the world into which these graduates now march is in many ways geared to reward certainty over inquiry and openness.

Because the Internet and emerging technologies like Twitter feed us more information more quickly than ever, we are more prone than ever to excessive certainty that we're right. The greater the speed with which information flows over us, the greater the impetus for hasty judgments and the more likely we'll fail to deliberate over what that information really means.

The need for deliberation is all the more crucial because this rapid flow of information is accompanied by a tendency toward rigidity or closed-mindedness. I am most aware of this in my work in the Senate. The Founding

Fathers designed the Senate to move carefully, slowly even, so it could weigh arguments on all sides of a matter. But too often, the Senate is instead in gridlock caused not by thoughtful deliberation, but by a refusal to consider opposing points of view.

I worry that the increasing rigidity and polarization that has engulfed our politics has encroached on other aspects of American life. Americans are not only increasingly divided about politics, but we have increasingly begun to cluster, in cities and neighborhoods, based on our views. We turn on the television news network that we agree with, one that reinforces our own beliefs. Comfortable and unchallenged in our opinions, we become more and more prone to excessive confidence in the correctness of those opinions.

Adrian's new

graduates, and all of us, will face situations in which we are dead certain of our correctness, but are confronted by others equally certain that they are right. Judging when to stand on principle and when to compromise to get the job done – that is one of the most important skills we can develop, in work and in life.

How can you tell a principled stand from blind stubbornness? I offered two suggestions.

Not long ago, my wife, Barbara, and I had dinner at our favorite Chinese restaurant. When she opened up her fortune cookie, here is what it said: "Try not to stand on your own side during an argument."

I think putting yourself in the other guy's shoes for a while is the right thing to do. But it's also practical. You are not likely to resolve a dispute unless you have some sense of what the other person feels, and why,

and what might satisfy their needs.

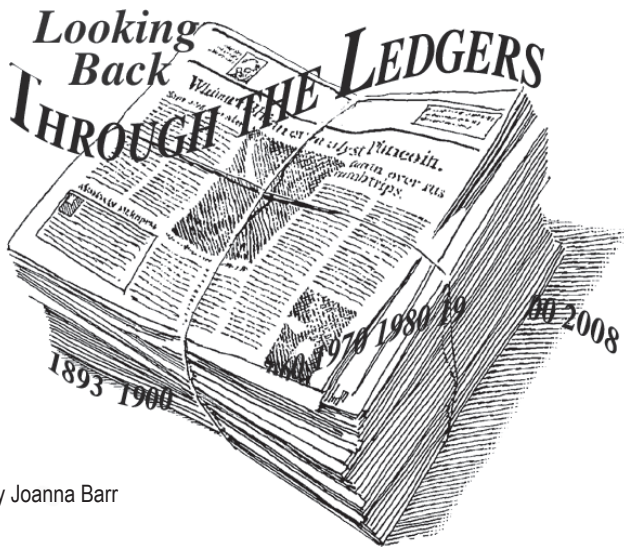
The second suggestion I borrowed from a colleague. Not long ago, Sen. John McCain spoke to students at the University of Arkansas' Clinton School of Public Service about that school's namesake, President Bill Clinton. Sen. McCain described how he and the president had worked together in the 1990s on restoring our diplomatic ties with Vietnam.

At the time, opposition to diplomatic relations with Vietnam was still high. Sen. McCain believed a diplomatic opening was the right thing to do. And as a hero of the Vietnam War, he knew he wasn't likely to face criticism for his stand. But President Clinton's lack of service in Vietnam had been a big issue during the 1992 presidential campaign. He was sure to come in for criticism, and

he did. As John McCain told those students: "[President Clinton] had to risk his self-interest to do the right thing. He had to have courage."

And this is the question I asked the Adrian graduates to ask themselves when caught between principled opposition and prudent compromise: Is it my principles and ideals that are at stake or just my interests? If we honestly examine our own motivations, we might find that we have more room than we think for compromise that does not damage principles we hold dear – if we have the courage to sacrifice our self-interest.

I told the graduates that their lives will be measured in part by how faithfully they seek to question their own certainties and to understand those with whom they disagree. The same is true, I think, for all of us.



By Joanna Barr

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger May 29, 1913

Headline: What is a cord? Justice Collar has an interesting problem to solve. The case of Levi Nash plaintiff and Fred J. Roth defendant, now pending before Justice of the Peace Clarence Collar, presents an interesting and puzzling question, to-wit: "What is a cord of wood, stove wood of 18 or 20 inches length or four-feet long, such as we used to speak of as "cord wood" when we were boys? About a year ago Mr. Nash sold his farm to Mr. Roth and one of the terms of the sale was that the former should have the privilege of cutting "25 cords of wood." When it came to cutting Mr. Nash took 25 cords of four-foot wood? Hence the suit. There other claims and counter claims; but this is the main point of contention. The plaintiff's attorney Mr. Shivel contends with the dictionary that a cord is eight-feet long, four-feet high and four-feet wide. The defendant's lawyer, Mr. Springett holds that custom should rule and that stove-wood length is the custom in wood dealings. Hearings were held May 10 and 23 and at the latter an adjournment was taken to June 5, while Judge Collar takes a beetle and wedge to the knotty question, "When is wood a cord"?

Headline: Gets a long term. Charles Howe drew twenty years from Judge Brown. Convicted of the terrible crime of attacking his own fourteen-year-old daughter Charles E. Howe Saturday was sentenced to serve from fifteen to thirty years at Jackson. Judge Brown recommended that the maximum be twenty years. In passing sentence the court scathingly arraigned the respondent, declaring that his crime passed all understanding of decent people and that there could be no room even for sympathy. Howe is 39 years old and has a wife and six children. The crime was committed at Grattan tan Center, where the family then lived. At the time of his arrest Howe was living at Orleans in Ionia county. - Grand Rapids Press.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 2, 1938

Headline: Crew of 25 men start Monday on Showboat - many permanent improvements to be

made; project under WPA. The work of constructing Lowell's Greatest Showboat and several other improvements in connection therewith is scheduled to start next Monday, June 6 according to official information received here Tuesday. It will be a WPA project and a crew of 25 men will be from this area. The construction of the 1938 Showboat as a WPA project will mark an innovation as for the first time the Federal government will have a considerable part in aiding in the production of what has become to be universally recognized as one of Michigan's outstanding and most unique of summer attractions. The project was applied for in the name of the Village of Lowell although the village itself will not be called upon to stand any of the expense for the reason

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Lindsay-Doyle



Morgan Lindsay and Reagan Doyle

Morgan Lindsay and Regan Doyle are announcing their engagement. Parents of the couple are Brian and Cindy Lindsay of Brookville, Kansas and Brian and Cheryl Doyle of Alto.

The bride graduated from Ell-Saline High School in 2009 and Kansas State University in 2012 with a B.S. in Agribusiness. She will move to Chattanooga, TN after the wedding and pursue a career in finance.

The groom graduated from Lowell High School in 2007 and Kansas State University in 2011 with a B.S. in Milling Science and Management. He currently lives in Chattanooga and works for Horizon Milling as a regional head miller.

They plan to marry on June 15, 2013 at the University United Methodist Church in Salina, Kansas.

college news

Courtney Schmidt, a student at Hope College, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester of the 2012-13 school year.

To be named to the dean's list a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Schmidt is the daughter of Daniel and Tonya Schmidt of Lowell.

Cori Curtis of Lowell has been awarded the communications departmental award from Grand Valley State University.

Curtis is a graduate of Lowell High School.

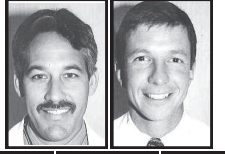
Freshman Mallory Simon of Ada, is among thirty Alma College students - 17 freshmen, eight sophomores and five juniors - who were recently

awarded the President's Cup. The students earned the honor by achieving the highest academic standing in their respective classes at Alma.

Simon is a 2012 graduate of Forest Hills Central High School, and the daughter of Sanford Simon of Ada.

The tradition of the President's Cup was started in 1968 by Alma's ninth President, Robert D. Swanson. Students earning the honor receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement and have their name inscribed on the appropriate class (freshman, sophomore or junior) President's Cup trophy. The trophies are kept on permanent display in the Reid-Knox Administration Building on campus.

health



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

excessive sweating

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The treatment depends on how much you sweat, how much the sweating interferes with your daily activities, and to what lengths you'll go to get relief. Several treatments are available. The most common treatment is the

application of an aluminum chloride solution called Drysol. This can be applied to the skin before bedtime and then washed off in the morning. Tap water iontophoresis is a second method of treatment in which electrically charged water is applied to the skin. In several cases botulism toxin (also known as Botox) can be injected into the skin to provide relief for up to six months. And finally, as a last resort for the most severe cases, surgery can be performed to cut the nerves responsible for sweating. Any of the above treatments can have side effects. It is important that you discuss these risks with your health-care provider prior to starting any treatment.

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LHS Freshman give back to the community

by Karen Jack

Since 2005, the freshman classes of Lowell High School have been involved in a service learning project, spending a couple days out in the community to help various organizations with their unmet needs.

On Thursday and Friday, the class of 2016 selected Camp Manitou-Lin, the Lowell Fairgrounds, Flat River Outreach Ministries, Wittenbach Center, Laurels of Kent and the high school grounds as their projects for this year.

The overall goal of the service learning project is to diversify the learning opportunities for the students, fostering a connection between the community and schools, improve character traits, develop a sense of civic responsibility and expose students to different lifestyles

On Thursday, about 270 students, 30 volunteers and 17 teachers headed out to Camp Manitou-Lin to clean, stain and paint cabins and decks, clear trails, prepare a golf course and children's garden for the season, paint backdrops and create supply kits for themed lunches.

With the camp's core values of caring, honesty, responsibility, respect and inclusion closely aligning with the values the high school tries to instill, it was a perfect fit. The kids completed thousands of dollars worth of work, which otherwise would

not have been done due to budget cuts at the camp.

On Friday, the students spread throughout the community to give back. At Laurels of Kent, they built bird feeders, sanded and painted courtyard benches, planted flowers, cleaned and painted the parking lot fence

and weeded. The added bonus was that they got to talk to the guests of Laurels and get a little back.

Wendell Torrey, the administrator at Laurels, said the seniors really enjoy having the kids there and watching them work.

"They get a kick out of them. Sometimes you think the younger generation has a problem communicating with the seniors, but they really don't. Just watching them pass one of our residents, and they at least say hello," said Torrey. "Both generations benefit, because our seniors also have a lot to give to the kids."

The students also went to the Wittenbach Center to spread mulch, clean up the area and clear one of the perennial beds that was completely overgrown. The bed is also part of the Schoolyard Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation.

Director Meggan Johnson was excited to have the kids there, "To do this ourselves would have taken a ton of time, which we just don't have," she said. "These kids have been so great, and I'm really enjoying them."

"This is really fun, and I'm happy to help," said freshman Brady Schaeffer. "It feels good to get out, and help other people. This has really helped us learn how much teamwork can get something done faster than just one person doing it, and this group I'm working with is awesome."

With the flooding at the fairgrounds, the students had their work cut out for them there. They did a lot of clean up, and repainted the inside of several of the barns that were water-damaged. They also painted the outside of the Fulman building to give it a fresh new look, and built

new risers for the poultry cages.

John Bieneman, president of the fair, was very pleased with the kids and their hard work around the fairgrounds. "This is awesome. A lot of these kids come down to the fairgrounds for the fair, or show their animals, and for them to have a vested interest in giving back is great," he said. The kids were definitely having fun with the painting, and, at times, it seemed that they may have gotten more paint on themselves than on the buildings.

At Flat River Outreach Ministries, the kids planted, cleaned up the grounds, cleaned out the food fight barrels and cleaned windows throughout the facility.

"If we paid someone to do this, it would have cost us a lot of money, which we

Freshman, continued, page 14



Hannah VanWynen and Mallory Koster get a little paint on themselves while painting at the fairgrounds.



Hannah Duvernay and Kellen Quinn wash the fence at Laurels of Kent.



CITY OF LOWELL

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The City of Lowell Planning-Citizens Advisory Commission will conduct a public hearing at Lowell City Hall, located at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 on Monday, June 10, 2013 at 7:00 PM concerning a proposed amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance. The following provides a summary of the proposed amendment and its regulatory effect:

The amendment represents a comprehensive update and revision to Chapter 20, Signs: a clearer intent and purpose statement and scope of application will be incorporated, all sign types will be defined, and a list of prohibited signs is provided. Several sections of the Chapter have been expanded to include clearer regulations for temporary-type signage, such as political, real estate, portable, construction, and other sign types. Permitted sign area, sign height, sign placement, the maximum number of signs, and the type of permitted sign, as these features relate to specific zoning districts, have been revised. Specific provisions related to changeable copy signs, temporary signs, the size of a sign base or structural components, and other elements, have been included in the draft revisions.

At the above time and place, all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. Written comments concerning the proposed amendment may be mailed or delivered to the Lowell City Clerk, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 up to the date of the public hearing. Copies of the proposed ordinance amendment may be viewed at City Hall at the address noted above during normal business hours.

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Memorial Day parade, continued

bagpipers followed suite, accompanied by both the Girl and Boy Scouts and the Lowell High School Marching Band.

The parade then continued down Main before turning onto Monroe, which led to the city cemetery just north of town.

Mayor James Hodges walked in the parade with other members of city council, and took the time to appreciate what this parade was able to remind others.

“Memorial Day is important for our nation as well as our community,”

Hodges said. “It’s not a fun parade; it’s an honorary parade for those who fought and lost their lives for our country.”

The march through Lowell saw plenty of clapping and applause by various amounts of citizens

to show their appreciation, as veterans remained focused at half pace.

American Legion Commander Dave Thompson stood tall on the podium at the cemetery

to speak to the crowd that had gathered to pay their respects.

“Lowell has many of its citizens who have served in the defense of our country, some of them having made

that supreme sacrifice,” Thompson said during the opening portion of his speech.

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The bagpipers were an integral part of the parade who helped the ceremony stay traditional while playing their music with gusto.

of the Civil War monument, which included the Lowell's Women Club, the Lowell Garden Club, the Girl and Boy Scouts, city officials, the DDA and the Kent County Youth Fair Royal Court.

Nearly 700 veterans have been buried at Oakwood Cemetery, which after this year, 29 have been added to that total, Thompson said.

"We are all to be reminded as we observe these flags placed alongside individual graves that freedom is not free, it never has been, it never will be," continued Thompson. "This year we are again reminded that some of these flags go back to the War of 1812 and the Civil War, while some have been as recent as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Through all the flags planted in front of every store and every cheer hollered from spectators, the soldiers will be remembered and praised for years to come.



Different branches of the military stood in line and saluted the flag during the pledge of allegiance at Oakwood Cemetery.



The Fallen Soldier Battle Cross memorial.



The parade stopped momentarily near the Fallen Soldier Battle Cross to recite the pledge of allegiance and recognize the efforts of the veterans that stood before them.

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Player Spotlight

Our Spotlight Athletes This Week:

Bethany Dean
Team: Softball
Grade: Junior

&

Taylor Vanderhorst
Team: Soccer
Grade: Senior

Bethany Dean

How long have you been playing softball?

I've been playing softball since third grade.



What other sports do you play?

How long have you been playing those?

I played volleyball and I ran cross country. I played volleyball from fifth grade to tenth grade and I just started cross country this year.

What is your favorite sport?

My favorite sport is softball.

Have you received any awards?

I received all-conference honorable mention, and all-district my sophomore year. I also was all-conference this year.

Have you broken any records?

Yes, I currently hold the most doubles in a season (12 doubles)

Do you have siblings?

Yes, I have two older brothers, Eric and Ryan. They both attended Lowell, but have graduated.

What do you like to do for fun?

I like to spend time with family and friends and help my mom make t-shirt quilts.

What was your personal best during any of your sports?

I have the second highest batting average in our conference. And I have the most doubles.

What's the best thing about playing sports?

The best thing about playing sports is they are a huge life lesson and you also make a lot of great friends along the way.

Do you plan on attending college?

Do you plan on playing any sport in college?

Yes, I'm thinking about attending either Northern Michigan University or Lake Superior State University.

I'm not sure if I want to play in college.

If I had the chance I would, and I definitely would play softball.

Taylor Vanderhorst



How long have you been playing soccer?

I started playing YMCA soccer at about age 6, then I played LASSO up until U-11, that year we didn't have enough players for a team, so our team unfortunately split up.

What other sports do you play?

Myself and a few others went to CREW for a year, which was more challenging, but I loved it. Due to the traveling distance and price, we only stuck with crew for one year. We went back to LASSO. Still not having enough girls, we went on the boys U-13 B team. I've also played softball, and basketball in the past -- softball from about age 6-10, then basketball from age 5-15.

What is your favorite sport?

Soccer.

Have you received any awards for any of them?

No outstanding awards, just compliments from other teams coaches really, for my speed and foot skills on the field.

Have you broken any records?

No.

Do you have siblings?

I have an older sister, Hannah Vanderhorst. She is 20 and also went to Lowell high school.

What do you like to do for fun?

For fun, well, if I'm with my friends, I'm always having fun. We don't have to be doing much for it to be a good time. In the summer, we usually bridge jump, swim, pull pranks, go tubing, go to the beach, go up to my family's cottages in Pentwater, eat gallons of ice cream, tent out in random places, have bonfires. Basically, we're never standing still or wasting any time being teenagers.

What was your personal best during any of your sports?

My personal best I'd have to say was when I got my first hat trick. There's nothing better than the feeling of scoring a goal, but three in one game was indescribable. Also, I made the varsity soccer team as a sophomore. It was my first year playing high school soccer, so that was a big achievement for me.

What's the best thing about playing sports?

The best part of playing sports would have to be the rushes and the determination you never knew you had.

Do you plan on attending college?

Do you plan on playing any sport in college?

I've decided not to play soccer in college; I just feel like my time is up, and it's time to move on to bigger and better things, although, I do hope to maybe play on an indoor team sometime. I plan on attending GRCC next year for at least the first two years. Then, I'd like to hopefully transfer to a college in Florida.

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Red Arrow **SPORTS**

- SOFTBALL

Red Arrow softball comes out on top in last four of five games

by Karen Jack

The softball team has won four of their last five games, having lost a lot of close ones in the early portion of the season.

With the weather choosing not to cooperate at the beginning of the season, and the team not being able to get much practice in,

Lowell got off to a slow start, but has come back powering through their opponents.

The team split two games with Thornapple-Kellogg last Thursday, winning the first game 4-3, only to drop the second 4-3. In the first game, Thornapple-Kellogg had the bases loaded in the bottom

of the seventh inning, but Lowell managed to hold them off for the win. Makela Chapman received the win while pitching.

Then on Monday, the team swept both games against Northview, 11-9 and 10-5. In game one, Beth Dean and Kortney Beachler each had two hits. Grace Quiggle hit a triple, which



Beth Dean dives back to second to avoid the out.



Kortney Beachler drags a bunt to advance the runner.

scored three runs in the sixth inning to give Lowell the lead for good. Chapman was the winning pitcher in that contest as well.

In game two, Beachler went four for four and was also the winning pitcher. Julie Smith had three hits and three RBIs.

The team went on to beat Forest Hills Eastern on Tuesday, 12-1, in six innings. Chapman and Beachler shared the win in the game. "Everyone contributed to the win with

solid defense and timely hitting," said head coach Kim Griffith.

"We are really coming together at the right time of the year. As we are nearing districts, the team is playing with more confidence and our hitting is coming together as well," she added.

The team travels to Byron Center on Wednesday, May 29, and then to South Christian High School on Thursday, May 30. Game time for both is 4:15 pm.

Makela Chapman rounds first.

- BASEBALL

Baseball splits for the week

by Karen Jack

After splitting a double-header against Forest Hills Eastern on Tuesday, then winning one of four games at Lake Orion on Saturday,

the Arrows are getting ready for districts coming up this weekend.

In game one against Eastern, the Arrows were

down 2-1 going into the sixth inning, where they racked up five runs to Eastern's one, to take the lead and win the game, 6-3. Garrett Gordon and Parker Groom each had two hits and two RBIs. Tyler Shurlow and Tim Antel each hit in one run. The arrows dropped the second game 4-2. Shurlow, Gordon, Groom, and Zach Huver each had one hit. Alex Chavez had two RBIs in the game, and Huver had one.

Traveling to Lake Orion on Saturday, the team went one for four on the day. Losing to Lake Orion in the first game, 10-2. Gordon had the lone hit for the team in that game. Zach Dawson and Jake Stephens each had an RBI.

In game two against Lake Orion, the Arrows were blanked 11-0.

Facing Plymouth in their next game, the Arrows pulled out a late game win, 8-7. Ahead by four

runs going into the sixth inning, the Arrows allowed Plymouth to score seven runs in the same inning. But the arrows came back, thanks to Stephens' double to bring in the winning run. Stephens went on to lead the team with two hits. Shurlow, Dawson, Titan Anderson, Gordon, Huver and Tim Antel each had a hit. Gordon led the team with three RBIs. Huver and Stephens each contributed an RBI of their own.

The Arrows finished the day, falling to Northville 9-3. Top hitters were Anderson with three, and Gordon and Dawson with two. Gordon had two RBIs.

Heading into districts for the state tournament, the team has a bye in the first round, but will be playing in the second round on Saturday, June 1, against Forest Hills Northern. The game starts at 12:45 pm and will be played at Greenville.



Getting ready to hit is Titan Anderson.



Parker Groom winds up for the pitch.

obituaries

NUGENT

Terrance (Terry) D. Nugent, age 70, of Lowell, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Wednesday, May 22, 2013. He was preceded in death by his parents Ligouri and Lucille Nugent (Slowinski). He is survived by his wife of 50 years Jean Nugent; children, Sheila (Conan) Burkhardt, Fowlerville; Mike (Betsy) Nugent, Belding; Tom (Kathy) Nugent, Clarksville; and Renee (Moss) McCauley, Lowell; eight grandchildren, Tyler and Kristen Burkhardt, Steve Bowman, Connor, Jake, Nikki and Keegan Nugent, and Alan (Cash) McCauley. Brother Denny (Mary) Nugent, Lowell; Sisters Phyllis (John) Powell, Ionia; Kathleen (Tom) Evans, Acampo, CA; Jean (Dan) Fitzpatrick, Lowell; Sharon (Mike) Plaska, Zeeland; and Joan (Jack) Weeber, Lowell and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Terry was a proud dairy farmer and operator of Nugentdale Farms with his family. He was a member of Michigan Milk Producers Association, Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Holstein Association and served for 19 years on the board of directors for NorthStar Cooperative. He and his wife were recognized as the MSU Dairy Farmer of the Year in 2009. Terry served for 12 years as a Trustee on the Grattan Township Board and 15 years on the Kent County Farm Service Agency Committee. Besides dairy farming, Terry loved racing stock cars on dirt, riding his GoldWing motorcycle with Jean behind him, going to dairy shows and spending time with his grandchildren. He will be missed greatly by his family and many friends. Special thanks to Spectrum Health Hospice. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Patrick's Church. Rev. Mark Peacock presided. Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Michigan Dairy Memorial & Scholarship Foundation, MSU, 1250 Anthony Hall, 474 S. Shaw Lane, East Lansing, MI 48824 or to St. Patrick's Church Endowment, 4351 Parnell Ave., NE, Ada, MI 49301.



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THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION - second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 300 High St., Lowell.

KIDS TALK - Every Tues., in 1st - 4th grade on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion & playtime. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY - meets every Monday, 7-8 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, fellowship hall, 12051 84th St., corner of Alden Nash. Call Sue at 868-6219 or www.womenforsobriety.org

BOWNE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY - meets the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Historical Museum at 84th/Alden Nash.

NEEDLERS - Second & fourth Monday evenings, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Schneider Manor Community Room.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE - third Monday at 7:30 p.m. for business meeting.

AMERICAN LEGION CLARK-ELLIS POST 152 - meets the fourth Monday at 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post.

V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.

LOWELL SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB - meets the 3rd Monday in the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington St. at 6:30 p.m.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Randy Jesberg at 897-4569 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

LOWELL ROTARY CLUB - meets each Wednesday at noon at Lowell City Hall. New members welcome.

DOWN IN THE DIRT NATURE CRAFTS - Dig into nature-inspired crafts w/ideas & materials from Mother Nature. For all ages. Wed., June 12, 6:30 p.m. Englehardt Public Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. Ph. 784-2007.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372 - every Tuesday, weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m. Key Heights, 11335 Fulton, Lowell.

CUB SCOUT PACK 3188 - meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.quake-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

LOWELL LIONS CLUB - meets third Tuesday at noon at Lowell City Hall.

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - meets the 2nd Saturday at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM - open Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday: 1-4 p.m.; Thursday: 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individual \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

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KID CRAFT SATURDAY - Third Saturday of each month. Drop in anytime between 9 a.m. - noon. Make a craft & take it home. All ages are welcome. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding. 616-794-1450.

Looking Back, continued

that the village share is to be paid out of Showboat receipts. The federal government pays all labor costs which it is estimated will be approximately 75 percent of the total. The entire cost of the project is estimated at right around \$7,700. Plans call for making the 1938 Showboat larger and more substantial in every way than any previous attempts. The numerous other improvements in connection with the project which begins next Monday, include the following: A new stage of solid concrete construction reinforced with steel, 20 feet in width by 50 feet in length 10 feet of which will extend out into the water, leaving 10 feet construction on dry land. Undoubtedly a coffer dam will be made in order to lay the foundation for that portion of the stage extending into the water. This new large stage will give a much wider range of activities for the performance than has been possible in the past. The project also calls for a very marked improvement in seating arrangements and increased capacity for caring for the crowds. A super-structure will be built over the new municipal garage to carry five sections of bleachers. The lowering of the roof of the cement block building joining the municipal garage will permit the construction of permanent foundations for bleacher seats which will be constructed on the vacant lot adjoining the cement block building on the south. It is estimated that these new seating arrangements will permit 4,000 people in the same area that was formerly occupied by reserved seats only. Other improvements provided for in the project include the construction of a sidewalk on the river side of Lafayette St. from Main St. extending north to the sidewalk opposite the high school building. New sidewalk is also to be constructed along the front of the municipal garage and also on the south side of Avery St. from Monroe to Lafayette. Curbs and gutters are also to be constructed on Lafayette and Avery, also a new sewer on this street to accommodate the municipal garage. Albert Roth of Detroit, village engineer, is due to arrive in Lowell Friday to confer with local officials, general Showboat chairman, N.

E. Borgerson and Clarence Dollaway, foreman of the WPA crew. Blue prints and specifications of the entire project have been approved by WPA headquarters in Grand Rapids and the welcome sound of pick and shovel, hammer and saw will fill the air without interruption for the next two months. Get ready now for Lowell's Greatest Showboat, August 3, 4, 5 and 6.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 30, 1963

It was revealed this week that veteran Showboat endman, Forrest Buck will occupy the center of the stage in the 1963 production serving as Showboat interlocutor. "Bucky" former Lowell grocery store manager but now a resident of Saranac has been a part of Showboat for over 20 years and is familiar with all the aspects of the show. Selected to serve as endmen in the 1963 show will be; Richard McNeal, Ron Holst, Ron Weeks, Steve Nisbet, Bill Reynhout, Loren Wolford. The endmen are in process of selecting their musical numbers and searching for gags and jokes suitable. Showboat chorus rehearsals: Bruce Walter, director of the Showboat chorus announced that the first rehearsal will be held on Thursday, June 13, at the school gym. Those who would like to participate in the chorus are invited to come to this first meeting.

Royal VandonBroeck reported to the police that he had just purchased three red plaid wool blankets at a sale in Saranac, Saturday and returned to Lowell and stopped in the parking lot on the east side. When he returned to his car, the blankets were gone. Authorities believe the blankets were taken between 10:30 and 11 pm.

The Lowell Chamber of Commerce will open their month-long "silver dollar bonanza" with a drawing of \$50 in silver dollars on Friday, June 7. Tickets for the drawing will be given away by most of the Lowell merchants. For details see their advertisement in this issue.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 1, 1988

The Lowell Area Fishing Club is again sponsoring a Free Fishing Clinic and contest. The '88 event will again be held at the Lowell Middle School pond on Foreman Rd. The date and times for this year's outing are: Sat., June 11, from 9 am to 12 noon. Boys and girls, ages five to 13, are invited to participate. "Fishing is one of the most enjoyable sports there is; something a person can do all of his or her life," said Len Hamp, president of the Lowell Area Fishing Club. "It's important to get started early and correctly to get the most enjoyment from any sport. That's what we would like to help these boys and girls to do. We had a really good response to last year's event and we are sure that, had the weather cooperated a little better, we would have had all fifty of the kids that registered. We again request that the kids pre-register." (Form found elsewhere in the Ledger and in the Buyers Guide.) Entry deadline is 12 noon, Friday, June 10. The clinic/contest, said president Hamp, is being held in conjunction with the National Fishing Week and the DNR's "Free Fishing Days," June 11 and 12. The clinic will feature some "hands on" instruction and tackle demonstrations by club members, with the contest to follow. "The area merchants that donated last year were most generous and we are again seeing this same feeling of generosity. The prizes we were able to award last year were quite nice and we hope to do as well by the kids this year." Capping the event will be a free hotdog and soft drink lunch. Attendance will be limited to [the] first 50 youngsters to pre-register. "They should bring any fishing tackle they have," said Hamp, "but we will have some available for use for those who don't." The club also requests that the kids be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The Lowell Area Fishing Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Flat River Snowmobile Clubhouse on Potters Rd.

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Household Furniture: Pennsylvania House "Mt. Vernon" china cabinet and table with 6 chairs; Contant-Ball bed and dresser; Cushman Colonial Creations Maple sofa table from Vermont; end and coffee tables and lamps and funky 60's and 70's items too.

Antiques: NUMEROUS dining tables, chairs, dressers, sideboards and beds. Gorgeous china cabinet; twig cradle; wicker chairs and doll buggy, wash stand, end and side tables; crocks and churns; yellow ware, tin toys; working Edison Disc Phonograph and Philco floor radio; erector sets; McCormick-Deering electric cream separator; quilts, beautiful lamps; Sterling dresser set; medicine cabinet; portable Singer sewing machine and many framed photographs. Wonderful scrapbook and Herbarium & cast iron penny banks.

Vintage: More tables and lamps; ice and roller skates and sleds; large quantity of teaching/classroom supplies; toys from the 50's & 60's; camping tables and camp stove; stools, benches, boxes, crates and trunks; model cars; globes; Boy Scout items; 100's of marbles; baby clothes, blankets, shoes and furniture; some ladies clothing and lots of buttons; perfume bottles; cameras, clocks and projectors; 60's army uniforms and boots; miniature steam engine; pocket and hunting knives; kitchen, including Pyrex, FireKing, Corning and Melamine; linens; Toledo counter scale; August Adams hand made German violin; interesting front table smalls and ephemera,

Tools & equipment: Push mowers, Meijer self propelled mower like new; Toro snow blower; rolling tool box; air tank & compressor; radiator for 1938 Plymouth; large variety of hub caps; welding table; FIMC sprayer; Spartan John Bean Sprayer w/Briggs & Stratton motor; Troy-Built Tomahawk chipper/shredder like new; Acetylene torch set; DC welder w/ Kohler motor; several heavy duty pumps, bench grinder on pedestal; lawn edger; hand cultivator; horse drawn cultivator and plow; fishing rods and reels, Higgins tackle box, full; cane polls and large spear; cross country skis, hand and yard/garden tools of all kinds and full garage.

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Freshman, continued

don't have. We have three part-time staff members and depend on volunteers for the rest." said executive director Tamela Spicer. "The kids have been so helpful. Often times, we're so focused on helping our clients that we never have a chance to do

any of this, as we'd rather use our volunteers to help others out in the community. So this is perfect. They're doing a fantastic job and making this place look great."

Dustin Cichocki, director of the Freshman Center at the high school,

said he was really pleased how hard every single student worked.

"They stayed focused on the task at hand, and got the job done."

In his first year as the "principal" of the freshmen, he said, "To date, this has been my proudest moment. I know there will be more, but this really shows that this program affects both the kids and the organizations we're working with, and watching these kids perform has been fantastic."

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- Chinese state media say firefighters and medics rescued a newborn baby boy from a sewer pipe beneath a squat toilet. The child is said to be doing well and officials are searching for the infant's parents.
- President Barack Obama met with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie to take a helicopter trip to tour Atlantic City's boardwalk, which was heavily damaged last fall during Hurricane Sandy and is once again open to the public.
- The U.S. Supreme Court declined to consider whether the state of Indiana can prevent Planned Parenthood from receiving federal Medicaid funding for any medical services it offers to low-income people. Supporters of the law wanted to prohibit any government funding of Planned Parenthood's medical programs, such as cancer and HIV screenings, because the group also provides abortion services.
- Another cruise ship fire. This time the fire was on the Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas. Royal Caribbean said that the cruise line was arranging flights for all 2,224 guests. Also, passengers will get a full refund of their fare and a certificate for a future cruise.

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5. Kitchen whistler
6. Blacken
7. Dog holder
8. Like a snicker
9. Paul of "This Is 40"
10. Dwarf buffalo
11. Inwardly
12. *Summer learning _____
15. Excavates
20. Derive
22. "_____ the land of the free ..."
24. Helen Keller did this
25. Capital of Belarus
26. "Potato State"

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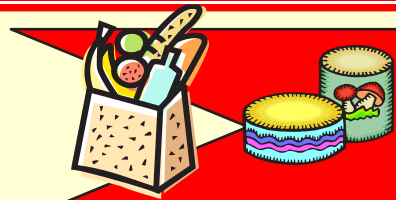
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