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Lowell remembers and honors those who have served with annual Memorial Day parade

by Emma Palova

The Memorial Day parade this year, in spite of the volatile weather, had a good turnout. Spectators lined the southern part of the bridge, which is currently under construction. A tribune was set up on the north side of the bridge.

The city council represented by mayor Jim Hodges along with city manager Dave Pasquale walked in the parade.

The parade route started at the fairgrounds and proceeded east on Main Street with a salute to the veterans

at the Veterans Memorial in downtown Lowell.

Also "Those Who Have Perished at Sea" were honored with flowers thrown into the Flat River by the dam near King Milling.

There was a brief ceremony at the Oakwood

Cemetery moderated by Dave Thompson. Both, the high school and the middle school bands played to honor those who served. There are 600 servicemen buried at the cemetery.

Thompson read the names of those veterans who died since last Memorial Day. Among them were P38 Lighting pilot Alan Wisner, and victim of The War on Terror, Lucas Beachnaw.

WWII veterans, King Doyle, Sam Yeiter and Dave

Coons, in their 90s wearing their original army uniforms, participated in the parade.

A new memorial will be erected after the Riverwalk parade on July 10. It will resemble combat boots, rifle and a helmet cast in bronze. Along with Beachnaw, it will also honor another victim of The War on Terror, Michael Purcell.

You can donate money at Huntington Bank to the memorial fund.



The color guard proceeds along Main Street.



Veterans marched through the downtown and onto Monroe to Oakwood Cemetery.

Second "Food Fight" hopes to help stock the shelves of FROM

There is always a winning team in most contests.

As was the case in last year's inaugural 2009 Lowell Community "Food Fight." The North Lowell team did beat the South Lowell team 4,292 to 4,204 in the collection of nonperishable food items.

The result was the Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) received 8,496 food items for their newly dedicated Jody and Kraig Haybarker Food Pantry.

"What a fun way for the community to help us stock the shelves, especially when we need it the most," says

FROM executive director, Mary Novell. "Lowell is a generous and caring community and it shows everyday."

Some of the changes this year included the Lowell Schools' kickoff Food Fight

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The ceremony at the cemetery was moderated by Dave Thompson. The 4-H Royal Court laid flowers to the monument at the cemetery.

Food Fight, continued

through the month of May. The newly formed Interact Club, formerly known as the Lowell Junior Rotarians, decided to embrace the event as a community service project.

"These students certainly know a good opportunity when they see it," exclaimed RJ Boudro, the Interact Club's advisor. "As a first year project, they are already thinking of ways to expand the awareness of hunger in America for next year among all grade levels. Many eyes have been opened and I have felt their compassion as the competition progressed."

With the public and business portion of the game about to begin on June 1, FROM wanted everyone to know of the enhancements that have been added to Food Fight 2010:

The competition will run from June 1 through the completion of the "FROM the Heart Riverwalk Parade"

on Saturday, July 10, with the winner being announced at the afternoon Riverwalk concert.

The North and South teams will continue the same boundary of Main Street/Fulton Street/M-21 with participating businesses on the North having red collection containers and the South having white containers.

There is a dedicated website with scoring updates, stories and pictures at www.fromfoodfight.org

"Make a game of it in Lowell and watch the competitive pride evolve," says Rick Seese, FROM Marketing Director. "It sure feels like Red Arrow football season when I hear people buzzing about this year's competition."

Monetary contributions can be donated for either the North or South teams on the website through PayPal. Each dollar donated will count as one food item.

There will be a Food Fight Box score printed in every publication of the Lowell Buyer's Guide and Lowell Ledger throughout the competition, showing the most updated score possible.

Participating businesses will be advertising their "Food Fight Specials" each week to encourage everyone

to shop at their place of business. In exchange for bringing in a nonperishable food item, the customer will receive the advertised Food Fight Special or discount for that given week.

Those same weekly specials can also be accessed on the www.fromfoodfight.org website. Businesses

interested in being a sponsor can simply e-mail the request to foodfight@fromlowell.org to inquire.

"We are ready," proclaimed North team leader Deb Canfield, owner of Canfield Plumbing and Heating. "We are ready to defend our title."

The chant in Alto seems to be universal. "The South will rise," says Dave Burns, owner of the Alto Bar.

The whistle is about to be blown. And the kickoff is about to happen. Let the game begin.

Social Security helps survivors of fallen military service members

Families of fallen military service members bear significant burdens from the loss of their loved one. Lives are changed forever. Aside from the emotional devastation, the financial hardships placed on such families can be difficult. Often, if a death occurs, a two-income household must make do with one income.

Social Security provides income for surviving families of military service members. Monthly Social Security

benefits may be paid to widows or widowers and unmarried children who are younger than age 18 (or up to age 19 if they are attending school full time). Benefits may be payable to biological and adopted children, stepchildren, grandchildren, or step grandchildren.

Almost two million children receive Social Security survivors benefits with an average benefit payment of about \$750 a month. That's nearly one

and a half billion dollars a month in survivors benefits for children.

More than 4.3 million surviving spouses and parents receive survivors benefits with an average monthly payment of about \$1,100. That's more than 4.7 billion dollars a month in survivors benefits for spouses and parents.

You can apply for survivors benefits by telephone or at any Social Security office.

We at Social Security can never replace the love and life that has been lost. But we can and do honor armed forces members who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and in many cases, we're able to help families financially.

Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 50 College SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov

Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat.

- Theodore Roosevelt (1858 - 1919)



along main st.

TOTS PICNIC

June 7 at 11:30 a.m. at 300 High St., on the playground, the TOTS will be having a picnic and school bus ride. Bring a blanket and sandwich, we will provide drinks and ice cream.

NEW EXHIBIT

"Timeline" a solo exhibition by multimedia artist Jan Upp, at Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes St., Main Gallery, June 7 - Aug. 15, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri. or weekends by appointment. For more information, call 897-7842.

GILDA'S CLUB ACTIVITIES

Building Fitness: A Gentle Approach, Tues., June 8 and 22, 1-1:45 p.m. Join a certified athletic trainer for a time of low impact fitness activities. Gardening with John Brott, Tues., June 8, 1-3 p.m. Join John Brott for some basic gardening and landscaping projects. Gilda's Club Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson St. For more information, 897-8600.

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ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Sat. June 12, 10 a.m. - noon. You may also order online using your debit or credit card. Go to www.angelfoodministries.com Any questions, call Esther, 897-7395.

GREAT GARDEN GIFT

Have fun painting and decorating a flower pot or watering can and then planting flowers in your pot June 12, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson. Suggested donations of \$5 - \$20. All proceeds benefit the LAAC Youth Art and Theatre programs. Master gardeners will be available to assist you. For information, call 897-8545.

FROM FOOD PANTRY

Presently is in need of fruit, fruit juice, cereals, crackers, and spaghetti sauce. Please help if you are able.

Alto Elementary PTO organizes 5k run/walk

The Alto Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) held its first annual 5k fun run/walk on Saturday, May 15. The event drew 173 registered participants representing 52 families. The event was a great opportunity for families to get out on a beautiful Saturday morning and get some exercise. The participants ranged in age from one month to 71 years old.

The event raised nearly \$2000 to fund the activities sponsored by the Alto PTO. The PTO provides funding for school activities that help enrich the education

of the Alto Elementary students. The PTO provides needed supplies, subsidizes the cost for field trips and allows teachers to purchase materials for their classes that would not be available without PTO support.

Prizes were awarded to the first male and female finishers in four age categories. The winners were:

- Adult Female: Annie Link
- Adult Male: Eric Graham
- Female 10 and Under: Erin Smithee
- Male 10 and Under: Jeff Oesch

- Female 11-13: Emily Judd
- Male 11-13: Alex Anschutz
- Male 14-17: Matthew Hess

The race was underwritten by the Alto Downtown Development Authority and B & D Asset Recovery, Inc. Milk for the post-race snack was provided by Dairy Discovery.

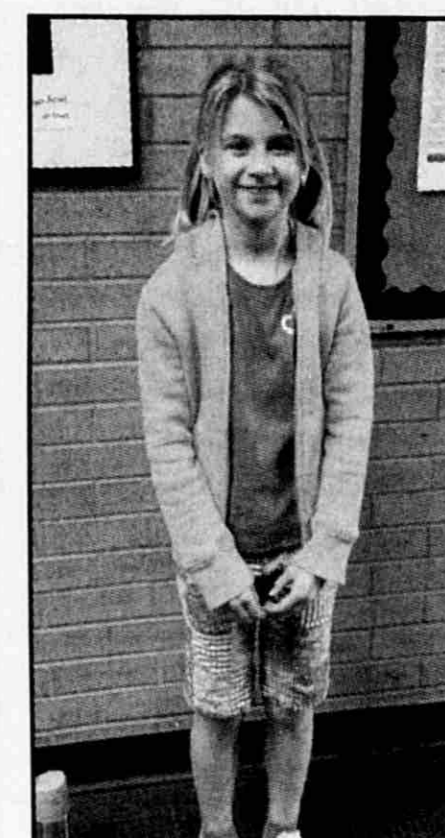
Other sponsors included the Alto Fire Department for providing traffic control and Heidi's Farm Stand. Clay VanderWarf provided the race timing.



The start of the race.



Pictured are race winners, left to right: Alex Anschutz, Eric Graham, Emily Judd, Annie Link, Jeff Oesch, and Matthew Hess. At right, Erin Smithee.



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and among them is the joy of the recreational opportunities they provide. I've introduced, with Sen. Debbie Stabenow, legislation to designate more than 32,000 acres of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lake Shore as protected

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To keep enjoying the lakes, we must protect them



Sen. Carl Levin

It's that time of year again, time for wind and waves and water and sunshine. Time once again for Michiganders to flock to the shores of our state's greatest natural resource: the Great Lakes. As the boats come out of storage and we start planning our weekend getaways, I want to outline what has been happening in Washington this year to make sure this tradition continues for a long time to come.

Our most important task is protecting the Great Lakes from environmental harm. And our biggest challenge on that front is the possibility that Asian carp will make its way into the lakes. The damage these big, voracious fish could do to the fragile lakes ecosystem is incalculable.

I and other members of the Michigan congressional delegation have pushed for emergency steps to stop the carp from migrating into the lakes through the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, including asking the Army Corps of Engineers to use all its authority to prevent such an invasion.

Asian carp aren't the only invasive species of concern; many others come from ballast water that ocean-going freighters dump into the lakes. The U.S. Coast Guard has proposed regulations that could help close off this avenue for invasive species, but I and other Great Lakes lawmakers have asked the Coast Guard to toughen those rules and speed up their implementation.

We also need to make a major investment in long-term protection of the lakes. This year I introduced the Great Lakes Ecosystem Protection Act, which would authorize more than \$3.2 billion for a range of programs aimed at preventing and reducing damage from invasive species such as the Asian carp, cleaning up polluted water and shoreline and other goals.

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Dave Stegehuis

Time moves on and the world changes. We find ourselves continually reorganizing our priorities to meet new challenges and adapting to different circumstances as we journey through life. It is nice to have a few things that we do remain unchanged.

Stream trout fishing is one of those experiences that doesn't change with the times. Trout have no idea what is going on beyond the stream banks. Digital communications, spooky financial markets, and political turmoil have no effect on trout activity. Trout still spend their days watching for bugs floating on the surface, rolling along the stream bed, or stuck to the sides of rocks. The colorful fish look the same and behave the same and live in the same places as they did when I rode my fat wheel bicycle to fish for them in jump-across creeks over a half century ago.

Still, every spring when the trees bud out and the sun warms the ground enough for the mushrooms to pop, I start thinking

about times past and the tug of a scrappy trout on a tight line. Damp soil and emerging vegetation create a special smell that hangs in the air where the stream flows through lowlands. Wet clay banks hold tracks of deer and raccoon, evidence of other visitors to the stream. A booming turkey gobbler echoes from a high oak ridge. Dark water on an outside bend flows under the bank where a brown trout hides among tree roots worn smooth by the swift current. Mix in the buzz of a few aggressive mosquitoes and the fragrance of insect repellent and the assault on the senses is complete.

A season does not pass when I don't make a pilgrimage to a Michigan trout stream. It is a time to visit a domain where the focus is simply on a fish and where it lives. Connecting with wild creatures in native habitat tends to put everyday concerns in a realistic perspective. Now might be a good time to make a pilgrimage to your own special place.

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Boost your savings and investments during "empty nest" years

You've finished paying your children's college bills. Maybe you've even paid off your mortgage. So now that you're in your "empty nest" years, you don't have to worry about where the money is going, right? In reality, you may be caring for aging parents and possibly even dealing with "boomerang" kids returning home. Nonetheless, at this stage of your life, you need to focus your efforts on saving and investing for the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

If you're concerned about whether you'll be able to afford retirement, you aren't alone. Consider the following figures from the 2009 Retirement Confidence Survey, published by the Employee Benefit Research Institute:

- Just 13 percent of the workers surveyed said they

are very confident about having enough money for a comfortable retirement. This represents the lowest level since the Retirement Confidence Survey began in 1993.

- Seventy-two percent of workers — up from 66 percent in 2007 — are planning to supplement their income in retirement by working for pay.

These figures are probably driven, in part, by the recent recession, but they also reflect a general uneasiness among workers about how well they've saved and invested for retirement. As you know, it's not easy to save for retirement and pay for your kids' college and make your mortgage payments. Like many people, you might have just done the best you could for all these years. But if you've finished paying off some

major expenses, you might have more chances to boost your retirement savings.

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Increase your contributions to your employer-sponsored retirement plan.** In 2010, you can put up to \$16,500 into your 401(k), 403(b) or 457(b) plan, or \$22,000 if you're 50 or older. Your contributions are typically made with pretax dollars, so the more you contribute, the lower your taxable income. Plus, your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis.

- **Increase your IRA contributions.** Even if you have a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, you may still be eligible to contribute to a traditional or Roth IRA. In 2010, you can put \$5,000 into an IRA, or \$6,000 if you're 60 or older. A traditional IRA grows tax deferred, while a Roth IRA can grow tax free, provided you've held your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're age 59 1/2.

- **Rebalance your investment portfolio.** Maintaining the right mix of investments can be a

balancing act. On one hand, you'll need to own a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented vehicles to potentially boost your retirement savings. On the other hand, if you are within, say, five years of retirement, you may also want to reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio, which means you'll need some income-producing investments that carry a relatively lower level of investment risk. There's no magic formula for achieving the correct balance, so you'll want to work with a professional financial advisor — someone who knows your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, and who has the expertise and experience necessary to help you make the right choices.

Becoming an empty nester may provide you with opportunities to do things you haven't done before — such as concentrate your resources on building the type of retirement you deserve.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

viewpoint

to the editor

Dear Editor,

After several years of being unable to do so, my sister phoned to say she was going up to the cemetery in Lowell on May 26 to spruce up the family plot for Memorial Day. She called back later that day to report how splendid the site looked after weeding, edging and planting some perennials and a flat of petunias.

We have lovingly tended to this plot since we were children, going along with our Grandma to clean things up, always being careful to 'follow the rules' set up by the city.

My sister carefully placed a few patriotic pinwheels, solar critters on posts and a special arrangement made by her daughter in between the gravestones and among the flowers, keeping in mind the mowers and weed-whackers that come through the rows. She returned to the cemetery as the holiday approached only to be aghast that all of the special items she had placed were gone.

Assuming that they were plucked from their places

by idle hands, she watered the flowers and prepared to stop at the police station to report the incident and ran into the sexton. He told her he had taken the items off of the gravesites as they weren't compliant with the rules of the charter which he prompted her to read.

In spite of the fact that section 3.14 stating that special remembrances may be placed a week before and removed a week after the date of such an occasion, it seems that includes birthdays, anniversaries and dates of death etc. Why doesn't that 'etc.' include Memorial Day?

The sexton was adamant that nothing be stuck in the ground and that he wanted things to be as simple as possible.

When asked about the items removed from the cemetery, he led my sister to a locked dumpster; behind which laid myriad faded wreaths and arrangements obviously far beyond their prime. The astonishment came as he opened the dumpster revealing a

veritable sea of bright red, white and blue. Here were the recognitions of countless family members who had come to remember their loved ones prior to the Memorial Day ceremonies.

Those folks may never realize their tributes were removed or assume they were thoughtlessly vandalized. Many of these wreaths are made of plastic, artificial flowers and styrofoam which pose little threat to weed-eater operators.

Why in the world wasn't it okay for these remembrances to be left until after the Memorial Day ceremonies were conducted at the cemetery to commemorate those who fought for our freedom and their families who loved them and lament their loss?

This does not reflect the small-town mindfulness and consideration for others in which we were raised.

This has been an upsetting and infuriating experience for my sister to undergo as well as for me to hear about. I figured the citizens whose tributes have disappeared off

grave sites deserve to know they've been locked up out of sight.

Respectfully,
Candice Roth Speerstra
Venice, FL

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter with great sorrow, and I am appealing to every citizen of Lowell to please contact the Lowell School Board and insist that they treat the American flag with the respect, honor, and dignity that it deserves.

It is 10:00 a.m., Memorial Day, 2010, and the flag is flying full staff over the high school stadium and school. Flag etiquette, standards of respect, states that on Memorial Day it is to be displayed at half staff until noon, and then raised to full staff. I know that the school administration is observing Memorial Day, as there is no school today. After all, it is a national holiday and I hope you are all enjoying your long holiday weekend. As you are enjoying your weekend, the flag sits neglected and forgotten as if

they do not really care about the freedoms that they so sadly take for granted.

The freedoms you are enjoying are not free. Your rights to vote, speak your mind, worship, and enjoy your lifestyle, have been paid for by the sacrifice, integrity and blood of countless men and women who have paid for those very freedoms that you enjoy every day, with their lives. While, to your credit, you teach these values to our youth, time and time again, you fail to lead by example.

If you were a private citizen, I would bear you no grudge, as you have the Constitutional right (paid for in blood) to express your own opinion. But you, Lowell Area Schools, have a responsibility to both educate our youth, and to set an example. I would like to know, what gives you the right to not properly observe Memorial Day, that which is dedicated to remembering and honoring those who have died defending the Constitution of the United States of America?

I am asking you, the citizens of Lowell, to demand that Lowell Area Schools follow proper flag etiquette. Do this on behalf of every U.S. sailor who is still entombed in the USS Arizona sitting on the bottom of Pearl Harbor. I am begging you, citizens of Lowell, on behalf of every U.S. soldier who died on the beaches of Normandy, France, for every U.S. Marine whose life was lost in Iraq, I beseech you Lowell citizens. The U.S.

Air Force Airmen killed in Vietnam cannot speak anymore, citizens of Lowell, please speak for them. The 103 men of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Escanaba all have one thing in common. On June 13, 1943, in the North Atlantic on convoy duty, they too left behind families and loved ones and gave their lives for your freedom. I humbly request that you speak for them too.

Lowell Area Schools, the list of names starts in 1775 and continues to present day. Please envision every man and woman, both American and of other nationalities, who enlisted in the Armed Services of the United States of America and were never discharged. Picture in your minds how they died. Try and feel the anguish and pain of every mother, father, and sibling as they receive the news that their son or daughter, brother or sister, will not be returning home alive. "Shame on you" for setting the wrong example in our community. "Shame on you" on behalf of every American serviceman/woman that died defending our Country. "Shame on you" on behalf of the families that have lost their loved ones.

I, for one, believe that you owe the citizens of this school district an apology. An even greater apology should be afforded to those men and women and families mentioned in this letter.

Fred Maier
Lowell
U.S. Navy (ret)

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By Shelly MacNaughton

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June 2, 1910

Dedication and opening day came at last; Thursday, June 2, 1910, will ever be memorable in the history of Lowell as the day when the magnificent new city hall was turned over to its owners, the people.

75 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo
June 6, 1935

The foundation has been completed and the framework is now well underway for the poultry and egg house which C. H. Runciman is having constructed on

his property opposite the King flour mill. The building will be 30 x 40 feet in size.

The first of the weekly band concerts was given this week, Wednesday evening, and it is expected that they will be continued every Wednesday evening hereafter throughout the summer. Howard White, the director, has good musicians in his organization and their music is greatly appreciated by all.

50 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
June 2, 1960

Commencement services will be held at Recreation Park on Thursday evening and with the weather permitting will be the first outdoor graduating exercise ever held at Lowell. The principal speaker will be retiring superintendent of schools, Walter W. Gumser, who will bring a message of his 34 years in Lowell to the 119 graduates and their friends.

This year's graduating class will make a total of 2,287 that have completed their education at Lowell High School under the administration of Gumser.

25 Years Ago
The Grand Valley Ledger
June 5, 1985

Wind gusts up to 60 miles per hour toppled a large tree in the northeast corner of the Riverside schoolyard last Friday, just after students had been sent back to their classrooms to prepare to leave school for the day. Runciman and Riverside students had been participating in their annual "Field Day" events near the tree all afternoon. One teacher said that his entire class was under the tree at one time in the afternoon. A starting line for one of the events was located where the tree fell. Fortunately the tree waited until the students had gone inside and a tragedy was averted.

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Silver anniversary celebrated



Jeff and Susan See

Twenty-five years ago, June 7, 1985, Jeff and Susan (Burton) See pledged their love in the presence of God. They now celebrate with their two children, Samantha See and Katherine See. A northern trip is planned for a later date.

area births

Burghdoff



Alden James Burghdoff

Jim and Jennifer Tate Burghdoff of Hastings would like to announce the arrival of their son, Alden James, born on March 16, 2010 at 3:18 a.m. at Spectrum Health. Alden was welcomed home by older brothers Lepl and Nathaniel Burghdoff of the U.S. Marine Corp stationed at Cherry Point, NC and Mason of Hastings. Alden's grandparents are Elle Norton and Rex and Pam Burghdoff of Hastings and the late Tuff and Faire Tate.

health



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

endometrial cancer

Endometrial cancer is the fourth most common cancer in women, usually occurring in between the ages of 50 and 60. This cancer begins in the lining of the uterus.

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Clotheslines and Memories opens today

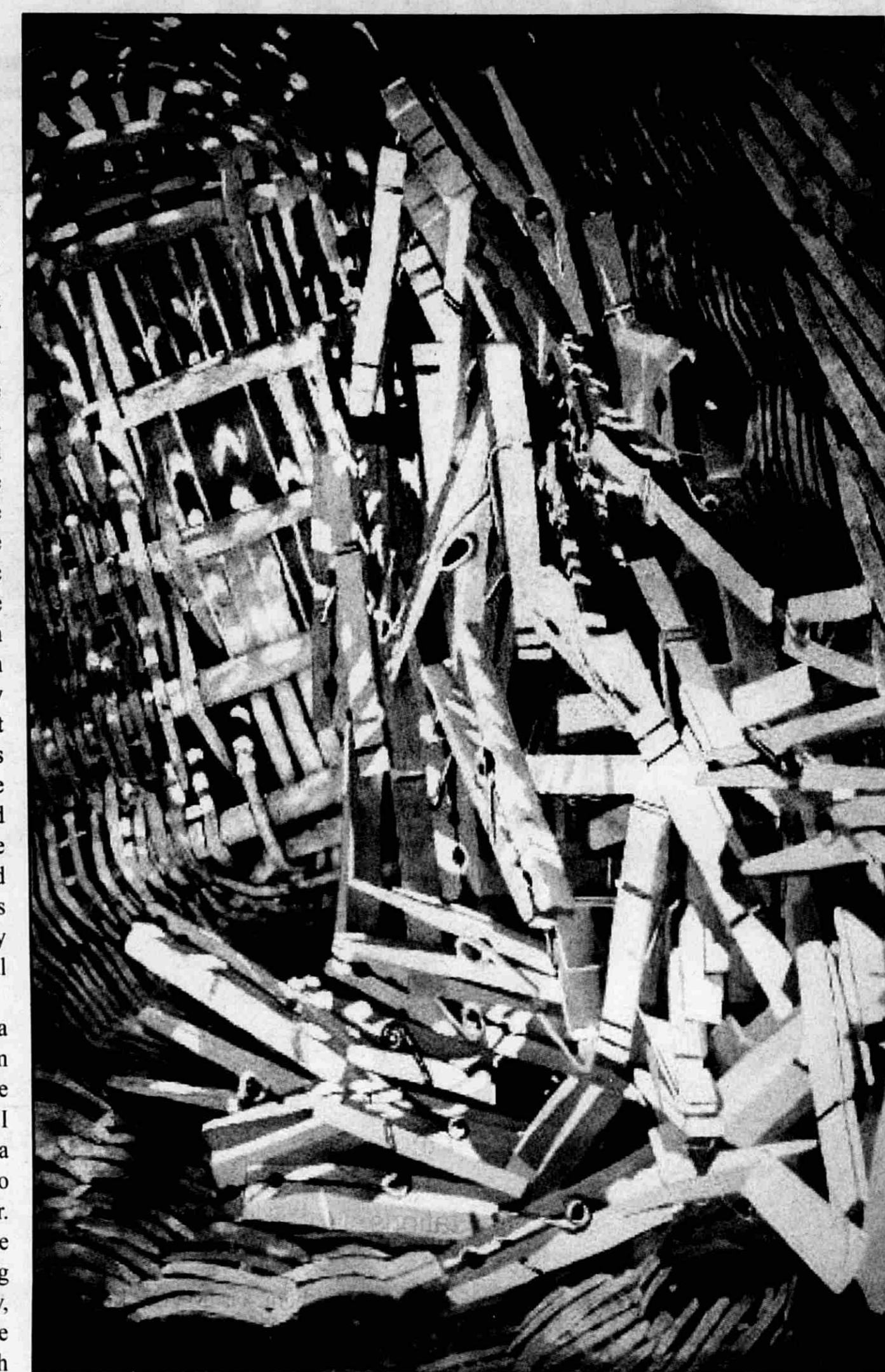
submitted by Lorain Smalligan

Artists Wanda Gringhuis Anderson and Linda Baker use the imagery of clothespins, clotheslines and paintings of clothing to visually communicate the history of women and the evolution of their role in our society. Their artworks create a feeling of nostalgia that brings back memories of one's past relationship with women in our lives. Both artists live in Spring Lake. During this exhibition the artists will provide tours and discussions about their artworks and their creative process at the opening on

June 2 beginning at 3:30 p.m. In addition the Lowell Area Arts Council will provide writing and drawing workshops related to the exhibition theme.

Anderson describes her work, saying, "The images in my paintings arise by spontaneously applying paint and water to the watercolor paper. The basically non-objective shapes are arranged with a concern for good composition, and for balancing the negative and positive shapes while working to integrate the colors. Occasionally realistic renderings are imposed on the resulting images. More often a sensory involvement with the past emerges. I usually surround myself with at least ten paintings in various stages of completion. Some of my paintings are hand embossed; often they include collage, thick texturing and stitching. My paintings are often reflections of my desire for a more beautiful universe."

Baker says, "As a professional artist, I am intrigued by the gentle translucence of nature. I consider my work to be a contemporary approach to traditional subject matter. Striving to simplify the complicated while seeing the unique in the ordinary, I capture the essence of gentle scenes with harmonious strokes. I like the international feeling of the iconic symbol that transcends language barriers and cultural differences to a universal task that is dealt with in every nation."



Watercolor painting with clothespins by Linda Baker.

The exhibition runs from June 2 to July 9 with a public reception to meet the artists on Sunday, June 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council located at 149 South Hudson Street. For more information contact the Lowell Area Arts Council at (616) 897-8545.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

SOFTBALL

Red Arrow bats silenced with conference on the line

by Thad Kraus

The two games mirrored one another. The results varied just slightly. Lowell entered the O-K White season-ending doubleheader two games in back of Northview, therefore needing a sweep if it was to share in league honors.

On the strength of a 16 strikeout performance from Morgan Groom, Lowell tamed the Wildcats 1-0 in the opener. The Red Arrows scored the game's only run in the second inning on an RBI double off the bat of Kaylie Petroelje. Northview had few scoring opportunities against Groom. Their best opportunity was in the sixth inning when Northview loaded the bases with no



Kaylie Petroelje was called out at third. This picture indicates she may have been safe?



outs. Groom, however, struck out Brooke Hein, got a force out at home on a slow roller from Kellen Dewey and then struck out Bekah Harkes to retire the side. "It was a weird night. We just couldn't get our bats going. Groom is a very respectable pitcher and Lowell is a respectable softball program," said Northview coach Heather Rangel.

Wildcat bats managed just five hits in game two against Petroelje, but played the game's winning and only run in the fourth inning on a double and two singles.

Lowell, meanwhile struggled against Kellen Dewey. The Red Arrows rapped out just four hits, two of those came in the seventh inning.

Not surprisingly, it was Lowell's only true scoring threat. With one out Jenna Smith singled. A ground ball to third advanced Smith to second with two outs. A Leigha Frisbie infield hit kept Smith at third but had Red Arrows on the corners with two outs. The game ended when Dewey struck out Kelly Wyckoff, giving Northview a league-clinching 1-0 victory in game two.

"It was a tough game to lose. Petroelje pitched a great game, but we were a run short," Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse said.

In the Mandy Tichelaar Memorial tournament, Lowell was upended in the finals by Rockford, 4-0.

The game featured an outstanding pitching duel between the Rams' Tricia Graham and Lowell's Morgan Groom. Both pitchers struck out 13 batters.

"It was a good game with two great pitching performances," Rodenhouse said. "Rockford had a couple better hitters."

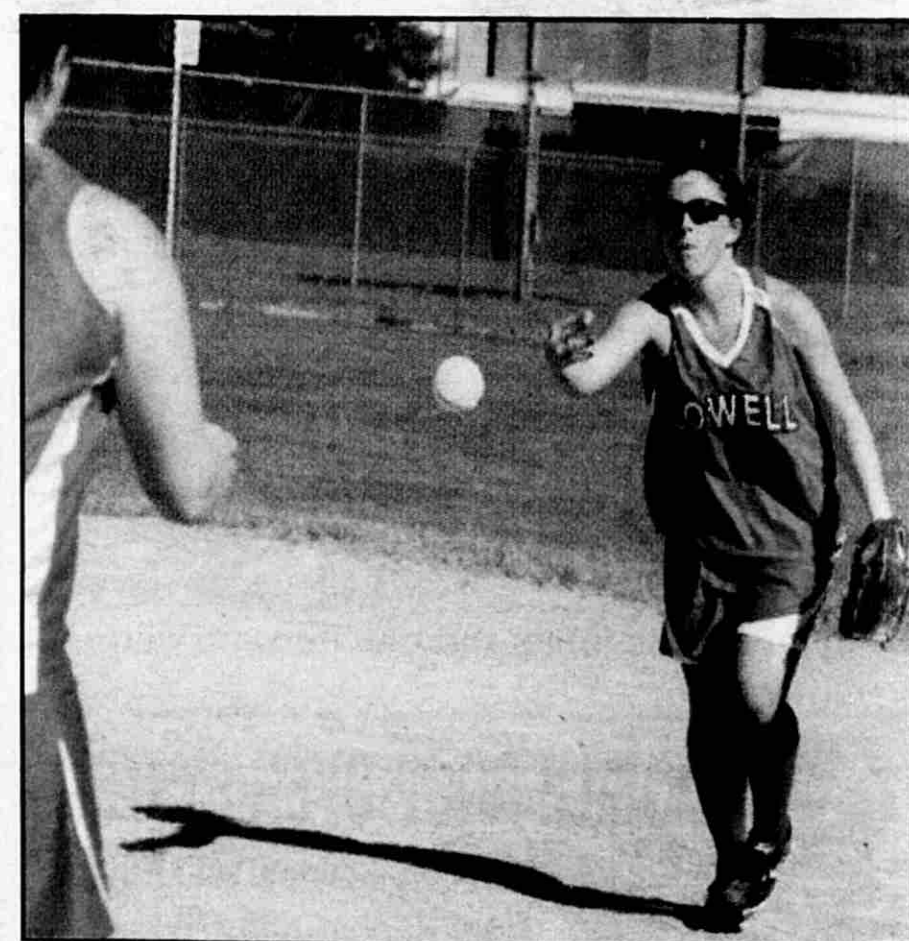
The Rams tallied a run in the fourth inning and three in the sixth off of Groom.

Lowell's only hit off of Graham came in the fifth inning when M.J. Vietzke lined a double.

Lowell advanced to the finals with a 9-4 win over Kenowa Hills. Rockford defeated Grandville 2-0.

In Lowell's only other game, the Red Arrows blanked East Grand Rapids 15-0 in three innings.

The Pioneers did not put a ball in fair play against Lowell's pitchers (Groom and Petroelje).



Shelby Roberts flips the ball to first in game one action against Northview.

Following Lowell's 15-0 win over East Grand Rapids, Lowell fans, players past and present, celebrated Lowell's Bob Rodenhouse's 500th win (against Creston earlier in the year). A plaque commemorating the win was presented to Rodenhouse by Lowell athletic director Barry Hobra.

Red Arrow SPORTS

LACROSSE

Red Arrows slide well in defense of district lives

by Thad Kraus

It was the fourth meeting of the year between two of West Michigan's rising lacrosse programs.

Lowell defeated Northview in game one, an early season nonconference tussle.

The Wildcats however, won the more meaningful regular season contest and the conference tourney title game (12-11).

So a semifinal district game between the two foes most likely would be an emotional battle royal with the winner getting the state's third ranked Rangers of Forest Hills Central in the district finale.

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Stephen Hauschild looks to pass in first-half district action against Northview.

with two goals of its own to rebuild the lead to five at 10-5.

"Lowell was the better team tonight," said Northview coach Mike Malloy. "Defensively,

they slid very well and we couldn't react quick enough and find the open shot."

A handful of Northview's close, open shots were either snared or deflected by Red

Arrow goalie Jonathan Bassin.

"He probably played the game of his career," Bredin said. "His clearing, tonight, was just outstanding."

Alec Downing led all Lowell scorers with four goals. Tyler Bitterman netted three and Kameron Claypool and James Collins added two goals each.



Tyler Morris locks the ball into his webbing during Lowell's 14-9 win over Northview.



Tyler Bitterman netted four goals in the Red Arrow district win.

TENNIS

Knowledge and skill has Trapp playing at the top of her game

by Thad Kraus

A better knowledge of her skills and how to play the game has elevated Kelly Trapp's tennis game.

The Red Arrows' top singles' player will take her improved game into the state tournament on Friday in East Lansing. It will mark the second time in three years that Trapp has qualified for the state tourney.

"When I went as a freshman, things didn't go too well," Trapp recalls of her loss to Waterford Kettering.

Trapp has built her 20-5 record against West Michigan's best singles' players.

"I try not to think about who I'm playing or let that get into my mind. I think I'm

more mentally tough. I don't let players or bad shots get to me."

The result has been a greater level of achievement, according to Trapp.

"I'm playing the game I want to play," she says. "I've also played more aggressively when situations call for it."

The results have made 2010 her best year yet. The highlight so far has been Trapp's regular season win over Forest Hills Northern's Carolyn Alleck.

The Huskie avenged the loss with a tough regional final win against Trapp.

"I was happy with the way I played despite not winning," Trapp explained. "I gave her a run for her money." The

Red Arrow is trying not to set any expectations for her trip to Michigan State on Friday.

"I just want to be proud of my effort and come away with good memories," she said.

Tennis has provided plenty of good memories and feelings for someone who started playing the game at the age of six.

"I love the feeling of being able to control the ball and move it around

to where I want," Trapp explained. "I also like that the game of tennis is a lifelong sport. My grandparents are in their 70s and still playing. I want to have that."

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Red Arrows finish league schedule with sweep of Northview

by Thad Kraus

After being mercied twice by a Grand Ledge team, who many consider the best high school baseball team in the state, many were left to ponder how a young Lowell squad would respond?

"The boys responded quite well and played good baseball all week," said Lowell baseball coach Justin Miller.

The Red Arrows finished out conference play with a three-game series sweep of Northview.

Most impressively, Lowell battled back from a deficit in game one to pull out a 10-8 victory.

The Red Arrows tied the score at 6-6 with two runs in the fifth inning and then grabbed the lead with a four-run sixth.

The game-deciding hit in the sixth was a two out, bases clearing double into left-center off the bat of Will Plummer. Jake Gould then followed with a run-scoring single.

Gould also came in relief for Jordan Drake in the sixth inning to pick up the win.

Game two was a little easier as Lowell cruised to a 10-2 win.

Kaleb Ortootook to the bump as he controlled Northview hitters throughout.

The Red Arrow hurler struck out six and walked three.

"Northview had a difficult time catching up to Kaleb's fastball," Miller said.

Meanwhile, Lowell hitters went to work early, scoring two runs in the first, four in the third and four more in the fourth.

Pat Martin, Drake and Plummer all collected two hits. Martin scored two runs while Plummer knocked in three.

In the final game of the series, The Red Arrows raced out to a 6-0 lead over the first four innings before things got interesting.

The Wildcats clawed back into the contest with four runs in the fifth inning.

Plummer started for Lowell and Drake came into the game in relief.

"It wasn't a case of Plummer pitching poorly. It was our inability to not make a play and therefore extending the inning," Miller said.

At the plate, Martin was 3-for-4 with two stolen bases

and a run scored. Drake also was 3-for-4 with a run scored and a stolen base.

"I am happy with the way the boys have played this year. We have hit well," Miller said. "Our pitching has been good, but at times sporadic."

Lowell finished the week 9-6 (third) in the O-K White and 16-14 overall.

BASKETBALL

Brechtling - Lowell's choice to lead girls' program

by Thad Kraus

Kevin Brechtling interviewed for the Lowell varsity girls' basketball position three years ago. "I obviously didn't get it, but I kept in touch and looked in but stayed out," Brechtling explained.

With the announcement of Danielle Gallert's resignation as head basketball coach, he opened up communication again about his interest in the position.

An interest he could pursue again following his departure from East Grand Rapids.

"I've learned a lot more about the development of [the] girls. I always saw their potential, but now I have a better grasp of how to get them to play to that potential," Brechtling explained.

Brechtling enjoyed a successful five-year tenure at Kent City prior to taking the Pioneer position. While Lowell is a larger community, he believes the two are similar in that they both have and are their own community.

"Lowell has its own distinct uniqueness to it," Brechtling said. "There's a family community value here that I like."

As to his coaching style, where things don't fit he will tweak.

"I thought Lowell was fundamentally sound defensively. From an offensive standpoint I like to throw many things at the other team. I like a little more up-tempo offense."

He adds that the style will mirror the talent he is coaching and that of the talent coming up. The difference will be there are more years to mold and grow the style with the young kids coming up through the system.

"I met with the girls from this year's team on Tuesday and I'm excited to get started," he concluded.

Fitzpatrick's three goals lead Lowell past Wildcats

SOCCER

by Thad Kraus

Lowell finished its O-K White conference soccer season with a 6-0 shutout over Northview.

The Red Arrows, who finished second to East Grand Rapids in the league, scored

early and often as it breezed past the Wildcats.

Caitlin Fitzpatrick netted three first-half goals in leading Lowell to a 5-0 half-time advantage.

Stephanie Stevens scored two goals (one in each half)

while Sara Nagy tallied the game's first goal.

Distributing assists were Mackenzie VanDerWarf, Nagy, Stephens, Taryn Endres and Brooke Curtis.

Lowell finished the conference season at 9-2.

Beurer Lowell's new hockey coach

by Thad Kraus

Tim Beurer's allegiance to the game of hockey will meld nicely with the players' strong alliance to high school and team.

Beurer, who spent five years as a youth hockey coach and then four as Lowell/Caledonia's assistant varsity coach, was named as the new guy to head the cooperative hockey program in 2010.

Beurer replaces Mike

Ballard who resigned at the end of last year.

"I've always been interested in stepping in and coaching at the varsity level," Beurer explained. "I don't think people will see much of a change in philosophy of style. However, I would like to see a well developed program as it relates to involvement at both the school and community level."

The new head coach also wants to see the program grow as it relates to being a competitor.

"I would like to see the program grow from Tier 3 to Tier two and be competitive," Beurer said.

The new coach will enter his first season with 10 players returning from an 11-12-02 squad.

The Tale of the Troll, Part VIII

by Amy Hayes

Are you wondering what all the fuss is about with the Trolls? Are you thinking we have lost our minds in Lowell? Are there really Trolls? Do they exist?

I am here to tell you that the Trolls are alive and well and are taking over store after store, restaurant after library, bank after - well you get the idea. If you don't believe me, then get your "doubting self" down to the shops and see for yourself. Sixty-four merchants, yes, you heard me - 64 merchants, have opened their doors to these magical Trolls and they are all waiting to meet you.

(Yeah, and that means we have a whole lot of chapters to write too.) And if you have missed any of these hard to believe, silly little chapters, then head to the Chamber of Commerce and Ms. Liz will get you copies of the tales you have missed. Well, she will do her best, but be prepared to be bossed around by Mrs. Troll. Remember, she lives in Lizzie's office.

Speaking of bossy Mrs. Troll, last week we left her knowing that her Troll Daddy was once again on the lam, oh and was she angry. However, rather than wasting too much time looking for the rascal, she decided to meet with Jim the plumber at Canfield's Plumbing and Heating. She actually thought Jim was the hardest working troll she knew and they had been friends since elementary

school. Jim was just a great guy who would make sure that Mrs. Troll's new home was equipped with all the latest and greatest plumbing advances. Jim had been in the business since, well since forever, and no one knew more than he did about how to get water from point A to point B. Mrs. Troll knew her meeting with Jim would go beautifully and it would be brief. Jim didn't waste anyone's time and he was a straight shooter who just loved to get back to work. Mrs. Troll had promised Jim a delicious home-cooked meal in her new home just as soon as it was complete. Mrs. Troll was also holding out hope that she would be marrying Jim off to one of her many available sisters. But that is a story for next week.

Mrs. Troll's next stop was to see her uncle from the Netherlands, Old Dutch. It was hard for her to find Old Dutch because he was always traveling off to some exotic destination. Old Dutch lived with the folks over at Arctic Heating and Air Conditioning. Mrs. Troll was going to hire her uncle to install the heating system for her new home. Old Dutch

would do a terrific job for his niece and he was happy to take care of all her heating needs. Lowell is lucky to have two wonderful places to choose from for heating and cooling with both Canfield's and Arctic Inc. Mrs. Troll felt blessed to live in a community filled with such hard workers.

Speaking of hard workers, this reminded her that her husband wasn't one of those. And just where had Troll Daddy gone off to this time?

Unbeknownst to Mrs. Troll, her husband was actually at Firstbank of West Michigan applying for a loan to cover all the additional expenses their new and improved home would cost. Troll Daddy was meeting with his sister-in-law Suzie Banks, a real financial guru. Man, Suzie was a total money geek. Her blackberry was always, always, always in the palm of her hand so

she could constantly read "up to the minute" banking trends. Suzie was also a great resource for anyone wanting advice on business growth opportunities. Troll Daddy knew she was the perfect person for him to talk with regarding a home equity loan.

Besides, Suzie was a crazy coin collector and it was a well known fact that Troll Daddy dabbled in coin collecting himself. The two could talk for hours about unique and rare coins they had discovered around the Lowell area. Yes, Troll Daddy was spotted heading into Firstbank of West Michigan and it would be hours before he would be seen exiting the building.

Well, life was fairly calm this week, no trauma, drama, or angry mama. Calm before the storm? Perhaps. Or maybe everything was just blissful in Lowell, maybe. See you next week.

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This week's Bridge Buck winners: the \$50 winner is: Melissa Roth; \$20 winners are: Aguda Vera, Lisa Callier, Sue Huffman, John Bialczak and Pat Essig; and the \$10 winners are: Tim Rogers, Mallory K, Gay Pfaller, Keven Krieger and Melissa Mittelstadt.

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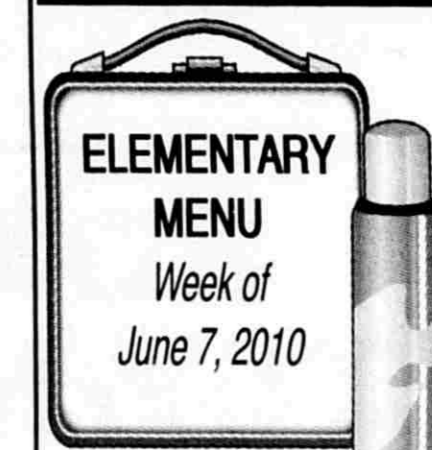
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NOTICE OF MEETING

FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM SMALL URBAN PROGRAM LOWELL AREA

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, Conference Room, 301 East Main Street, Second Floor to receive comments on eligible street improvement projects in the Lowell area for the Federal Surface Transportation Program allocated to the Small Urban Program.

Road and transit projects are eligible for funding under the Small Urban Program. All road projects must be located on Federal-aid highway system and within the federal urban area boundaries of cities within 5,000 to 50,000 populations. Projects must be consistent with regional land use and development plans.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is accepting Small Urban Program project applications for the years 2012-2014. Applications from the Lowell area will be submitted after the public meeting and in consultation with transportation agencies.

The City of Lowell has proposed the following projects for STP 2011-2012:

Reconstruction of Bowes Road from 1950 feet west of Valley Vista Drive to 2925 feet west. Federal fund \$184,000. Total cost: \$255,000.

Mill and Resurfacing of Bowes Road from South Hudson to South West Street. Federal fund \$150,000. Total cost: \$218,183.

The City of Lowell has proposed following project for STP 2013-2014:

Mill and resurfacing with sidewalks of Bowes Road from 2925 feet west of Valley Vista Drive to West Main (M-21). Federal Fund: \$156,317. Total cost: \$259,853.

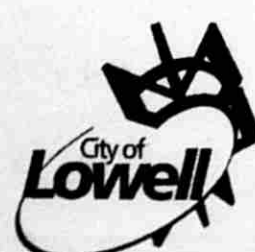
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Alden Nash from M-21 to Foreman Road. Mill and resurface M-21 to 900 feet north and remaining crush and shape. Federal share: \$218,683. Total cost \$328,000.

If there are any questions, please contact David M. Pasquale, City Manager, at 897-8457 or write to 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331, or Roger Belknap, Kent County Road Commission Transportation Planner, 242-6910 extension 6948.

Written comments prior to the meeting will be accepted.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk



NELLIST

Irene (Souzer) Nellist, age 94, passed away Wednesday, May 19, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Nellist. She leaves her son, Charles (Pat) Nellist of California; daughter, Marilyn Kropf of Cascade; sister, Mildred "Susie" Harter of Kentwood; brother, Victor Donald (Ginny) Souser of Lowell; and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Irene was retired 33 years from Dexter Lock. She became active in the Ada Congregational Church at an early age and enjoyed teaching the young children's classes. She was a member of the Eastern Star Chapter (VESTA) for many years in Ada. Her later years were filled with many hours at the Ada Historical Society. According to her wishes, a private family service will be held. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to the Ada Historical Society in memory of Irene. The family is being served by Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Service.

FREEMAN

Charles Cary Freeman, age 70, of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, May 25, 2010. He was preceded in death by his sister, Starr Henderson. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Gwen; children, Christopher (Melissa) Freeman, Heather Freeman, Tiffany (John) Pitkin; grandchildren, Kieran, Lochlainn, Acacia, Soleil, Zoe Freeman and Emmalea Pitkin; and sister-in-law, Jill Heatwole. Private family services were held at Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Research.

JAHNKE

Thomas "TJ" Jahnke, aged 28, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly with his loving girlfriend, Alyssa AnnMarie Workman, and their unborn daughter, Layla Lynn Jahnke, on Sunday, May 23, 2010. He is survived by his mother and stepdad, Tanya (Steve) Evans of Nunica; father, Tom Jahnke of Coldwater; stepmother, Bonnie Jahnke (Randy Bates) of Lowell; brothers and sister, Christopher Miles, Zachary Jahnke and Kayleigh Jahnke of Lowell, Robert Jahnke



of Grand Rapids, Kevin Jahnke of Standale; nieces, Kaytlynn and Ayvah Jahnke and Marriah Miles; grandparents, George and Sharon Miles of Lowell and Billie Jahnke of Caledonia; also many aunts, uncles and cousins. TJ was a great man, friend and brother who lived and loved life to the fullest. He will be sadly missed by all. Funeral services were held Saturday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, with Rev. Robert Gerke, officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the T.J. Jahnke Memorial Fund, c/o Tanya Evans, at any 5/3 Bank.

SMITH

Michael Ray Smith, aged 50, of Grand Rapids, went to be with his Lord on Friday, May 28, 2010. He is survived by his sisters and brothers, Cathy Ciganik, Julie (Greg) Janeschek, Ted (Robin) Smith, Kathy (Darryl) Onan, Laury (Mike) Topping, Steve Smith; several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at Community of Christ - Alaska Branch, 8146 68th St. SE, with Elder Loretha Smith and Elder Ronald Demute officiating. Interment will take place in Rosedale Memorial Park.

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help wanted

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FREEDOM FARM OF LOWELL - a non-profit corporation, serving the disabled is currently hiring part-time caregiver positions. Must be CPR & first aid trained. Call Cathy at 987-6474.

lost

SEARCH CONTINUES! - Still hoping to find our "family member" - Blackie, an all black, long-haired cat, fluffy "feather duster" tail, big round BRIGHT yellow eyes, male, adult, 2 1/2 years old. Lives on Ryan Ridge/Alden Nash, south of Lowell, near twp. offices, ANY info - please call 897-8385. REWARD. Thanks for your caring support!

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card of thanks

THANK YOU

to everyone that came to pay their respects for Orle and comfort our family, we can never thank you enough. To all those who sent cards, flowers, food, money and hugs, we will never forget your kindness. Thanks to Pastor Ken Ford for the service, Roth-Gerst for taking care of all things to help us in everyday. Special thanks to Beth Haner for getting the Honor-Guard, to Shantelle Cooley for helping with the music and to our dear friends Leonard and Joan Venneman for the many hours spent consoling me and my children.

God Bless,
The Orle Grindle Family

card of thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate our 60th anniversary. We enjoyed hearing from so many of our friends. A special thank you to our family for making it such a great day. Thank you again for the cards and well wishes.

Bob & Morna Ford

Special thanks
to all our friends and families who so thoughtfully shared in our sorrow at the passing of our mother, Dorothy Potter.

From the families of
Ron Potter, Judy Baird,
Carol Sue Baer

in memoriam

In loving memory of **FAYE L. EGAN**, who passed away 2 years ago on June 1, 2008. Days and years go by we miss you and love you and to be loved is like being warmed by the sun and hearts from both sides at once.

Love,
Honey Gerald, Sally,
Josh, Precious, Chris & Matt & family

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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.

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

NICOTINE ANONYMOUS - Every Monday 7-9 p.m. at Englehardt Public Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. For info call Thomas at 691-1147. Nicotine Anonymous is a fellowship of men & women helping each other to live free of nicotine. There are no dues or fees.

LOWELL SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB - meets the 3rd Monday in the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington St. at 7 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.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372 - every Tuesday at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

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

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTS- MAN'S CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

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

GARAGE SALES This Week!

ANNUAL MURRAY LAKE SALE

Fri. & Sat., June 4 & 5, 9-4 p.m. Check out 4455, 4444 & 3819 Causeway Dr. to name a few! Lots of great furniture, some from "Superior" of Lowell, antiques, skis, fishing poles, chicken, collectibles.

YARD SALE

outdoor play equipment, bar & stools, clothing - all sizes including kids, tools, Christmas decorations, 36 banquet table decorations (vases w/marbles), MSU Tailgate table & MSU Gear. June 4 & 5, 8-5 p.m. 6687 Hastings Rd.

RUMMAGE SALE

June 3 & 4, Thursday & Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. All proceeds used for missionary projects. Old Time Methodist Church, 5590 Whitneyville Ave. Alto.

GARAGE SALE

June 3, 4 & 5, 1835 & 1898 McCabe Ave., South of 2 Mile. Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 9-? Abercrombie, Gap, Gymboree Kids 0-4; 10-16 girls 0-16, mens size 40, XXL, woman's Lg-XL, baby bed, toys, snowmobile, oak entertainment center, oak dresser, glider rocker.

BIG SALE

Thurs., June 3 to Sat., June 5, 8:30 - 6 p.m. 1763 Veronica, lot 203. Fishing poles, jewelry, glassware & more. (Key Heights).

YARD SALE

June 4 & 5, 9-5 p.m. 730 E. Main. Something for everyone.

KARRIE'S GARDEN SALE - 820 N. Jefferson, Lowell. Sat., June 5, rain or shine, 8:30 to 4 p.m. Plants, antique garden tools & planters, creative art & furniture for yard or cottage. Lots of fun stuff! This is not a garage sale, many friends participating.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE

403 N. Monroe, Lowell. June 3-5, Thurs. & Fri., 9-5 & Sat., 9-4 p.m. Teen/adult clothes, a lot of household & holiday decorations, 100+ VHS videos (mostly Disney), PS2/games, toys, some furniture, a lot of misc. items.

ADOPTION FUNDRAISER GARAGE SALE

Baby stuff and lots of clothes. Corner of Foreman and Alden Nash, June 3-5, 8 to 5.

AMERICAN GIRL DOLL CLOTHES

Homemade outfits \$10 and under. Movies & books, brand name teen clothes, household items, car parts, craft items & books. 6117 Ellison Rd. (btw Hawley & Johnson Rd.) N. off M-21, June 3, 4 & 5, 8-5

LARGE GARAGE SALE

June 3 & 4, Thurs. & Fri. 9 to 4, 2863 Court Dr. Furniture, glassware, fishing, lawn & garden, estate items, sports. Sorry no clothes or baby stuff.

DOUBLE FAMILY YARD SALE

1553 S. Marble Rd., June 3 to 5 & 1018 Pinckney, June 3 only.

BARN SALE

Located at 10939 36th St. (1 1/4 mi. W. of Alden Nash). June 3 & 4, 9-5, June 5, 9 - noon. Too many items to list.

LEEPING LIZARDS IS BACK

Huge garage sale at garage sale prices. Comic books, collectibles, toys, clothing, housewares, books, 24" Huffy bike. Looking for something we may have it. 345 Donna Dr. June 3 & 4, 9 to 5 & June 5, 8 to 1.

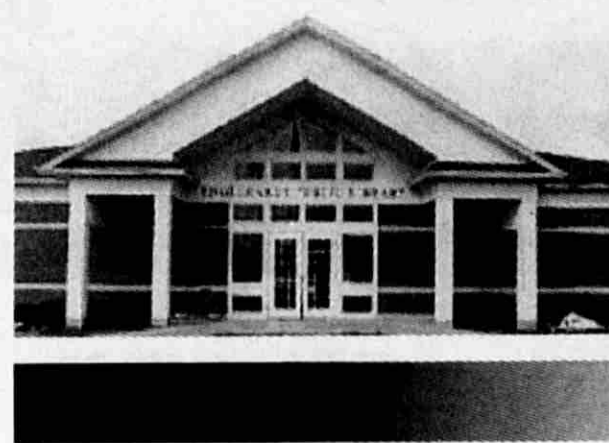
DRESSER & FURNITURE SALE

Sat., June 5 at 9 a.m. 9610 Bennett, corner of Boynton. Cancelled if rain. No prior sales.

Deadline Mon. at 5 p.m.

Price is 20 words for \$13, each additional word is 25c

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At Your Local Library

Kent District Library summer programs at Englehardt Branch, 200 N. Monroe St. For additional information call 616-784-2007.

Beyond Magic with Magician Tom Plunkard - This high-impact magic show is loaded with new tricks. See the 'Wacky Egg,' an illusion that looks as if an egg has a mind of its own, and, of course, the bunny and birds will make an appearance. **Registration is required.** Wednesday, June 16, 6:30 p.m.

Drop-in Craft Time - Drop in at the library for some creative fun with self-directed activity. For children ages 6 and under with a caregiver. Fridays, June 18 to July 9, 11 a.m.

Ruff Readers - Ruff Readers is a unique read-aloud program that pairs kids ages 6 and up with trained therapy dogs and handlers who love to hear a good story. **Registration is required** and participation is limited. Call 616-784-2007 to register for a 15-minute session. Presented in partnership with the West Michigan Therapy Dog Association and Pet Supplies Plus. Wednesdays, June 23 to August 11, 6:30 p.m.

Karate with Robert Giles - Giles Sensei will teach the traditional style of Karate Martial Arts with a focus on self-defense. **Registration is required** and participation is limited. For grades 6-12. Tuesday, June 22, 1 p.m. Each branch will raffle off awesome prizes including a mall gift certificate. For teens entering grades 6-12. Monday, June 14 to Saturday, August 7.



MAY 26 - JUNE 1

• The last surviving Pearl Harbor Medal of Honor recipient, John Finn, 100, dies.

• Robots will begin making cuts to the "lower marine riser package" on a gushing oil well in the Gulf of Mexico, preparing for the placement of custom-made cap.

• The death toll from tropical storm Agatha is growing, with 123 reported killed in Guatemala, 17 in Honduras and nine in El Salvador. At least 90 people are missing in Guatemala and another 69 seriously injured.

• China - Foxconn's Longhua plant, which employs 300,000 workers, has had a rash of suicides. The 300,000 workers eat, sleep, and work in a space smaller than a square mile.

• U.S. officials - Al Qaeda's No. 3 leader, Mustafa Abu al-Yazid, is believed to be dead, killed by a U.S. predator drone strike.

• Actor Dennis Hopper succumbs to cancer at the age of 74 and child star, Gary Coleman, 42, dies.

• U.N. condemns the 'acts' that led to the deaths of nine pro-Palestinian activists when Israeli forces boarded a Turkish ferry challenging a sea blockade of Gaza - but Israel insists it was not a humanitarian mission.

• IAEA, the U.N. nuclear watchdog, states in a report Iran has more than two tons of enriched uranium, enough for two nukes.

• The son of legendary TV newsman Ted Koppel was found dead Monday in his apartment after a day long drinking binge. Andrew Koppel was 40-years-old.



Sound Off! The Ledger's "Almost" anything goes column!

When submitting your opinion to Sound Off, we ask you to follow a few guidelines.

Sound Off is meant to be a way for you to compliment or vent your feelings with civility. A healthy way to get something off your chest or spread a little kindness.

We welcome your comments, with or without signatures, but signing your name to your comment does increase the odds of seeing it in print.

Threatening or deliberately cruel comments will not be accepted and, of course, no advertising a product or service please.

So basically, submit anything - but not everything will make it to print.

The Ledger reserves the right to choose what is printed, and reminds the public that views expressed in Sound Off, unless otherwise stated, are not the opinions of The Ledger staff or its publishers.

The Scout participation in the Lowell Memorial Day parade perplexed me. Why did the Boy Scouts march in strict military formation while the Girl Scouts walked loosely behind? What message does that send about the goals of the Scout organization? If participating in a Memorial Day parade demonstrates respect and gratitude for those that have served our country why must there be such a gender differentiation? Perhaps participating in the Scouts leads to the civic duty of serving our country. If this is true, then are the boys who march the ones destined to join the military but the girls simply are not up to it? Women have served and died alongside their male counterparts for decades now. The Scouts need to present a unified front to the community.

Thanks you to all who donated buttons to the Hugs and Kisses button drive. We collected enough buttons to make over 200 bracelets and sold them for over \$5,000. This would not have been possible without all of your help.

-Chelsey and Devon

The strings program is outstanding. What an amazing concert. Mrs. Tenney, you are the best. And thanks for the best field day ever. Mr. Russell and the high school kids did a great job.

last week's poll result: Sound Off

Are you concerned about your information being kept private on Facebook?

YES 31%
NO 31%
I'M NOT ON FACEBOOK 38%

THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL QUESTION...
Do you have any sympathy for the Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson?

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SKIN PROTECTION

SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK and SLIDE

Can you say that five times fast? Australian children learn at an early age the five steps to protecting their skin from the sun. They are:

- SLIP** on protective clothing like a T-shirt.
- SLOP** on sunscreen-SPF 30+.
- SLAP** on a hat with a brim.
- SEEK** some shade.
- SLIDE** on sunglasses.

Yeeouch!

If you forget to slip, slop, slap, seek and slide, your skin can burn. A burn from the sun is called a sunburn.

A sunburn can be very painful and is much like a burn from fire. Your skin will turn red, and if the sunburn is bad, you may get blisters. As the burned area heals, your skin peels, which can be very itchy.

How to Treat a Sunburn

- Take a cool bath or use wet cloths to cool down the burned part of your skin.
- Apply special lotion for sunburned skin.
- Don't use soap, as this could dry and irritate your burned skin.
- Stay cool and rest.
- IMPORTANT:** If watery blisters appear on your skin, you should see your doctor.



Standards Link: Health: Know how to maintain and promote personal health.



Find It
Find these things hiding in this picture: a banana, a house, a crayon, a fish, a surfboard and a dinosaur.

Sort It
After finding the hidden pictures, sort each object by the number of syllables.

- 1 syllable
- 2 syllables
- 3 syllables

How Sunburns Happen

The sun's rays are made up of ultraviolet (UV) radiation. Too much UV rays can not only damage a person's skin, but also trigger more health problems, such as skin cancer and eye damage.

The sun scorched some of the words out of this paragraph. Can you replace them?
EXPOSURE BURN RAYS
CANCER SERIOUS

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Use grade-level appropriate vocabulary in speech.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you match each snake to its shadow?



Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

SUNBURN
PAINFUL
BLISTERS
HEALS
ITCHY
IRRITATE
SERIOUS
EXPOSURE
TRIGGER
SEEK
SLIDE
BURN
RAYS
SKIN
SOAP

R S E T A T I R R I
E N B U N N P S B K
G R U L D A U N E
G U R E I O Z N E
I B N N I S N I K S
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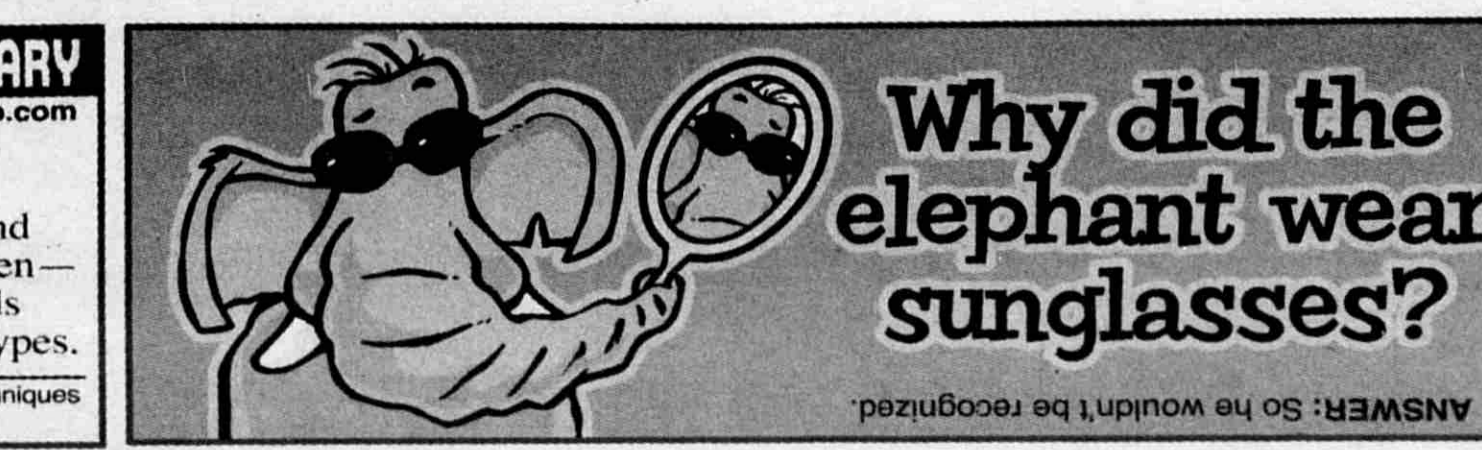
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Action Language

Look at the models in newspaper ads and write three words that describe the women—and men—in those ads. Discuss how ads influence our ideas of beauty and body types.

Standards Link: Visual Arts: Know how different media, techniques and processes communicate ideas.



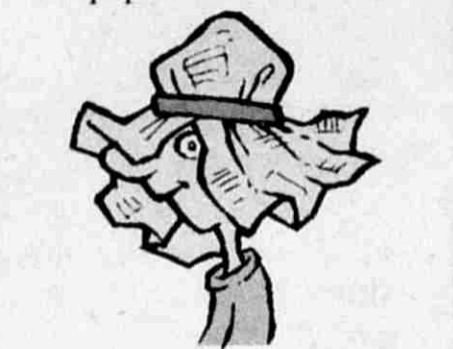
ANSWER: So he wouldn't be recognized.

Kid Scoop Together: Newspaper Hat

Hat-making fun for two!



1. Drape a page of the newspaper over your friend's head.



2. Wrap tape around your friend's forehead—outside of the paper.



3. Crinkle up the paper hanging below the tape and shape it to form a creative hat brim.



4. Decorate the hat with strips of construction paper, feathers, flowers, small toys or whatever you like!



5. Repeat and have your friend help you make your own hat.

Send us pictures of yourselves in your newspaper hats. We will post them on our website. thescoop.com

Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word SHADE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

S	H		
H			S
A		H	
D	H		
E			H

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS
This week's word: **SEEK**
The verb seek means to try to find, to look for.
When outside, seek shady places to play.

Try to use the word seek in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Write On!

Best Book of the Summer

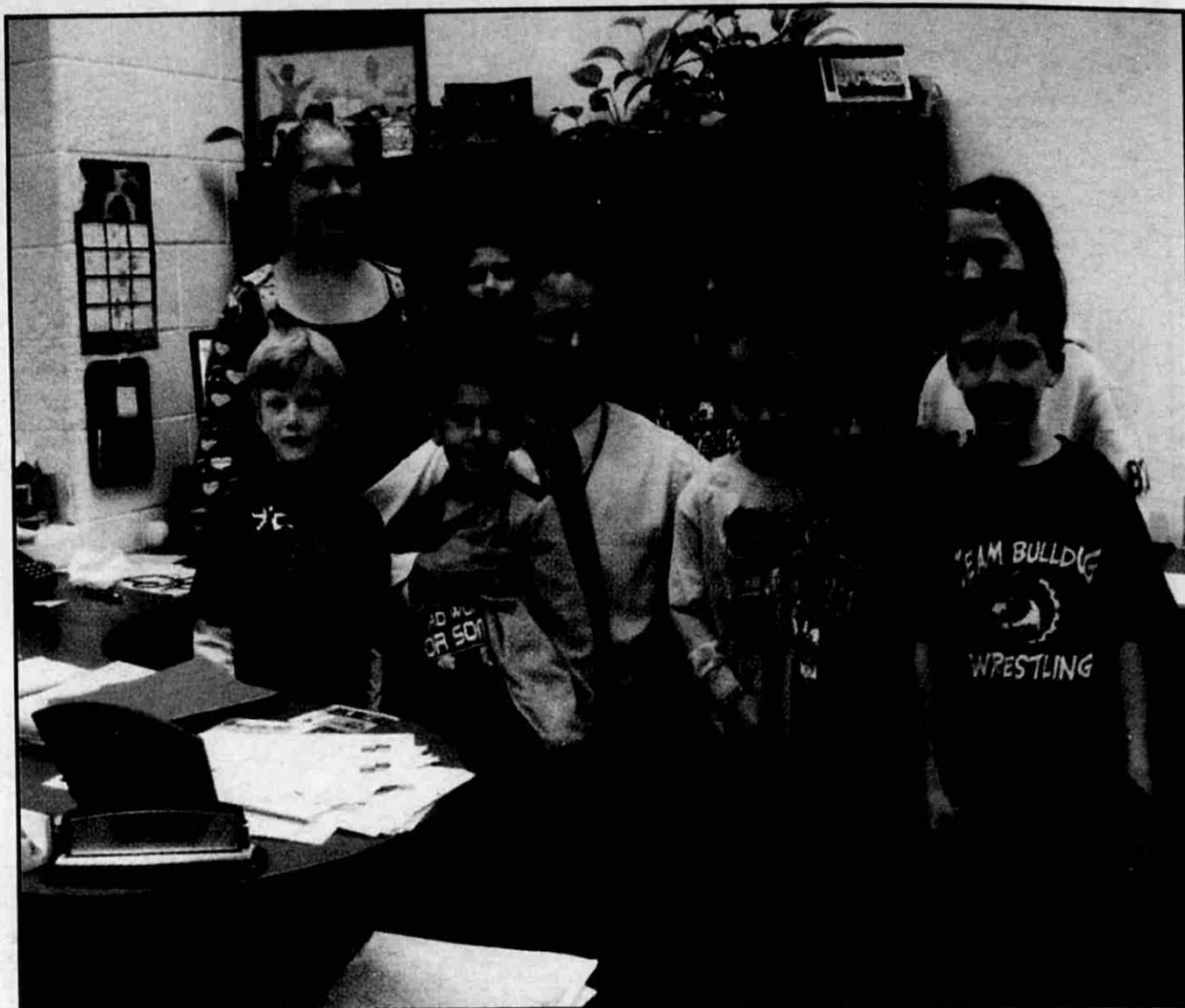
Tell other kids about a book you think they should read this summer.

Murray Lake Elementary's staff member of the month

The staff of Murray Lake Elementary has unanimously named Brent Noskey, principal, as the Staff Member of the Month for April. As principal since Murray Lake opened in August of 1994, Noskey has provided the leadership to develop a first-class elementary school. Noskey gets to know each student in the school. This is evident by the many students visiting him in his office, sitting by him in the lunch room, or asking him to play outside at recess. Parents can rely on Noskey to make sound decisions regarding curriculum and discipline based on his 20 years of experience in the education field. Staff members benefit from Noskey's ability to lead and motivate, yet at the same time he

encourages staff members to be actively involved in structuring programs and activities at Murray Lake. Noskey is always willing to do whatever is needed throughout the school day, whether that is teaching in a classroom, organizing after school events, cleaning up the lunchroom or setting up for a music program. "He always has a positive attitude and never considers a job to be beneath him. He sets the tone in our building - one of mutual respect and professionalism, with a dash of good humor," commented teacher Nancy Breuker. Media para-educator Patti Harreld said, "He does it all and sets a very high standard for us." After receiving the award, Noskey said, "Murray Lake

is a great place to work. We have very supportive parents and top notch students. The staff here comes to work each day with a positive attitude and a strong work ethic; they are second to none. We also never forget to have fun. I feel very blessed to be part of such a wonderful school community." Noskey is a lifelong resident of Lowell. He and his wife, Lisa, have three sons. Zach is graduating from Lowell High School this year, Grant is a freshman at Lowell High School and Carter is in sixth grade at Lowell Middle School. Noskey's hobbies are golf, spending time with his family, working out, and coaching his kids' basketball teams.



Principal Brent Noskey with some Murray Lake students.

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wilderness. This designation, developed after extensive public consultation, would protect natural resources and enable current and future generations to enjoy the scenic beauty of the dunes and appreciate the generations of farmers, trappers, hunters, and mariners who came before. Michiganians also appreciate the history we inherit from the generations before us, and I'm working to preserve that history. Last year I introduced legislation that would help preserve the historic lighthouses that are so much a part of the lakes' historic character. And in May, I testified before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee in favor of legislation that would help the Great Lakes

Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point preserve an important aspect of the lakes' maritime history. Of course, shipping isn't just a part of the Great Lakes' past - it's an important part of the present and future. Ensuring the viability of Great Lakes shipping is vital to growing Michigan's economy. In April, I introduced the Harbor Maintenance Act,

which would make sure that funds set aside to maintain the nation's harbors are spent as intended. And I and other Great Lakes senators have asked the Senate Appropriations Committee to give priority to funding for improvements to Coast Guard icebreakers stationed on the lakes. As a senator from Michigan and as co-chair of the Senate Great Lakes

Task Force, protecting the lakes, making sure they can be enjoyed by all, and encouraging commerce across them, are among my highest priorities. The more success we have in Washington, the more all of us, and generations to follow, will be able to enjoy the jewels that help make our state so great. Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Flat River Outreach Ministries will again be offering a lunch program to continue the free or reduced lunch program into the summer. Last summer we helped feed approximately 125 kids.

Anyone who is currently on the meal assistance program at school or could use help with lunches throughout the summer can do so by signing up below. All contact information will be kept confidential.

Families can receive a week's worth of lunch supplies for their school-age children once per week per family. Children must attend Lowell Area Schools. We are also looking for anyone who would like to donate food items or their time to pack the food bags.

The distribution site will be at Flat River Outreach Ministries, on Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:00 to 4:30 pm.

If you have any questions, call 897-8260 and leave a message on the summer lunch program line (5) and someone will call you back.

Please return the registration form below, to Flat River Outreach Ministries (attention Sue) at 11535 Fulton St. East, Lowell MI 49331 no later than June 10th.

In August FROM will be distributing backpacks and school supplies to school-age children, grades kindergarten through middle school. If this program would be helpful to your family, please check the backpack box on the registration form.

REGISTRATION FORM

I am interested in receiving food for _____ children - ages _____

Does your child have any food allergies? _____ To what? _____

I am interested in donating my time and can be reached at _____

I am interested in donating food items _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

I am interested in receiving a backpack and school supplies for _____ children

Grade they will enter in the fall _____

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