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food fight 2011

Sunny Girls Night Out enjoys steady turnout



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egg hunt winners



by Emma Palova

Champagne, strawberries and chocolate fountains. And this year there was even dancing in the streets offered by Soft on the Feet Entertainment with owner/ instructor Brad Smith.

Yes, line dancing on the sidewalk in front of Dovetail and Journeys Time Antiques on Main Street.

That is what this year's Girls Night Out (GNO) was

all about. The participating merchants who offered food, chocolate, strawberries, beverages and entertainment were the busiest.

The only nice day in a stretch of gloomy cold weather brought women of all ages out to downtown Lowell last week during the spring shopping event.

With this year's theme "These shoes are made for



Michelle Emaus serves sangria to guests at the Flat River Cottage.



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Cheryl Pratt of Happy Bums.

Council to interview four candidates for manager post

by Emma Palova

The city council will interview the following four candidates for the manager position, this Saturday, in this order. The interviews are open to the public. Each candidate will be interviewed for approximately 55 minutes using the same set of questions. One question will be outside the box to determine the candidate's ability to navigate in an unknown field.

Starting out at 10 am will be Ionia County administrator Mark Howe. His accomplishments include the transfer of financial operations into the newly created finance department and managing the Ionia County Airport toward self-sufficiency. Howe also facilitated the creation of the Mid-West Michigan Trail Authority for developing and maintaining a 125-mile trail network.

Cameron Van Wyngarden is currently the assistant city manager in Greenville, who oversees all planning and zoning operations for the city, grant writing and administration as well as economic development efforts.

Matthew Butts is the assistant city manager in Grandville. His duties include assisting the manager in developing the annual budget, writing and administering grants.

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shopping," participating merchants did embellish their wares with shoes of all sorts.

One prom black shoe at the Lowell Area Historical Museum even had a rose embroidered on the back on top of the heel. The Victorian dining room offered a beautiful spread with the traditional cheese ball, chocolates and roast beef wraps.

The most visited shops were the ones that had food, chocolate and beverages. Dave Emmette of AIC Insurance can attest to that. It was hard to move around inside the office.

The counter held glasses of sparkling wine and champagne with strawberries and plenty of chocolate Rochers wrapped in golden paper. Music blasted from the windows.

"We always have fun," said Emmette.

Flat River Cottage with antiques and nostalgic items enjoyed a steady stream of visitors. Michelle Emaus was serving sangria spiked with rum and she was handing out recipes for it.

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Spring Into The Past tour invites to explore Civil War

This year, 21 area his-

torical societies will be

participating in the spring

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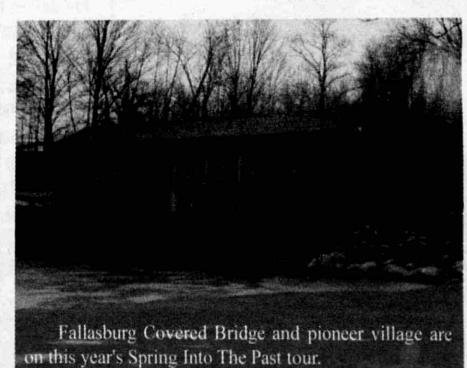
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The ninth annual Spring into the Past tour, organized by the Tri Museum Network, will take place this weekend from 11 am to 5 pm.

"This is a promotional event to raise awareness and generate interest in some of West Michigan's finest small museums," said Pat Allchin, director of the Lowell Area Historical Museum.



Lowell Area Historical Museum will have on display Civil War artifacts such as a hat, a look alike uniform, a sewing machine and other artifacts.

"We anticipate a good turnout," said Luanne Kaeb, program and education director for the museum.

The annual event started in Lowell as a brainchild of former director Judy Straub. It has grown over the years from two museums participating to an entire network.

"More museums want to join in," said Kaeb. "We usually get an excellent turnout from out of town and locally."

Charlton Park will have an extensive display of artifacts from uniforms to rifles to pictures. Bowne Town-

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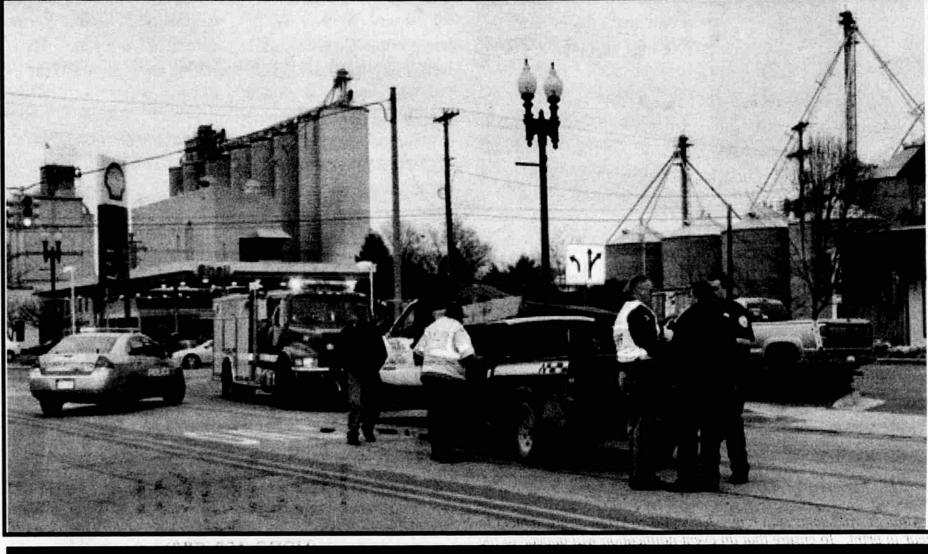
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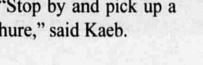
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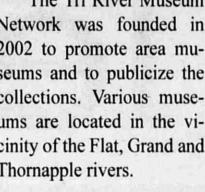
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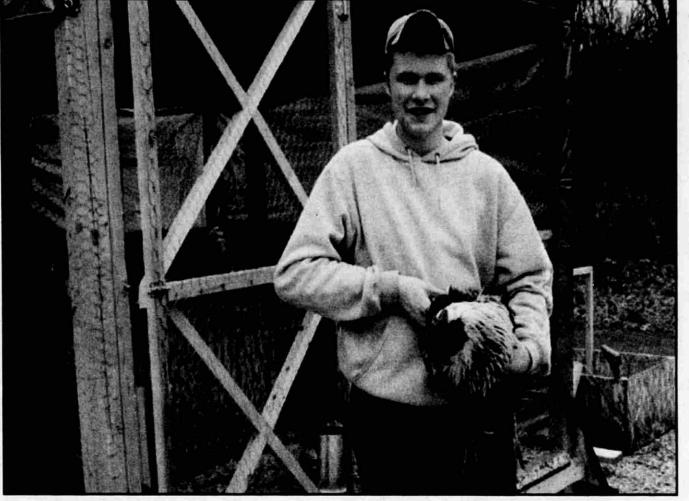
Crowing roosters draw neighbor complaints

by Emma Palova Big Kenny and John Rich, named after the country stars, start crowing Stoffers, early in the morning around

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Forrest Stoffers, 14, with one of his roosters.

April is safe digging month

tion and landscaping season opens, April has been de- volves digging. clared safe digging month

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"Well they're roosters, Lowell High School, got than five acres of property they crow," said Russ the birds for a 4-H project to in Lowell Township. They show them at this year's fair. built a chicken coop for \$800 for the two roosters that will hutch behind the house due to neighborly complaints.

> Just recently, nearby neighbors complained, about the roosters crowing, to the township. Even the Kent County Sheriff's deputies came to Stoffers' residence to inspect the matter.

Lowell Township supervisor Stoffers. Jerry Hale.

Stoffers the said matched township the complaint against a dog barking ordinance due to lack of specific rules.

found "They a paragraph that did side with the neighbors that found excessive noise between the

hours of 10 pm and 7 am," he said.

The Stoffers were then put on notice with the township to find resolution within 10 days or to be fined. So, the birds will be moved tractor to school day." behind the house.

the record to say that Lowell Township has been very easy to deal with on this issue. They are willing to go the extra mile and work "I think it's silly," said out some resolve," said

> leaves Forrest angry that his birds are being picked on. "I want to show them,"

> he said. "They're older birds, they're afraid."

Yes, one of them. during the photo shoot, ran off into the woods flapping

introduced by Sen.

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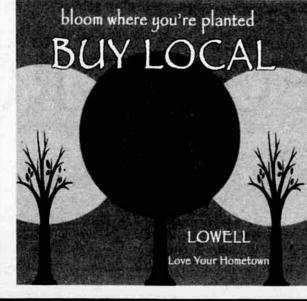
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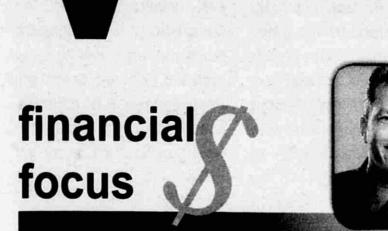
around and Stoffers chased him with a fish net.

Stoffers said he finds the issue very disturbing in one of the last towns in the area that has "Bring your

"What kind of messages "I would like to go on are we sending to our youth today?" asked Stoffers. "We move to the country to open opportunities like this for our children and city people want to dictate how we live our lives."

The Stoffers have to However, the entire deal comply by May 2 to move the roosters.

> complaining The neighbors would not comment on the issue stating they do not want to get involved.



Consider some "tax-smart" investment moves

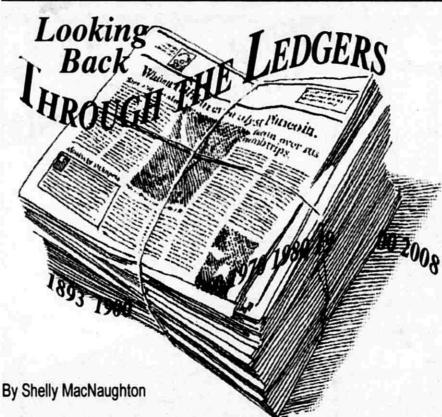
April 18 was the deadline for filing your individual tax return. But that wasn't the only event that occurred this tax season. Although you might not have been aware of it, Tax Freedom Day fell on April 12.

Tax Freedom Day, calculated annually by the Tax Foundation, is the day on which Americans have tions: earned enough money to and local taxes. Of course, Tax Freedom Day is something of a fiction, because most people pay their taxes throughout the year, via their paychecks. Further-

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125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal April 30, 1886

The interior of Rickert's ice cream establishment has been embellished in good style.

Fire broke out in the boiler room of the Lowell Manufacturing Co's works, south of Bank block, a few days ago. Its timely discovery and the excellent service of the mill pump prevented a very destructive conflagration. Let it be said right here that those mill pumps are just what we need.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger April 27, 1911

The seventh grade gave their teacher, Miss Irene Murphy, a surprise party last Friday evening and had a very enjoyable time.

The Mystic Workers will hold a warm sugar socia at Maceabee hall Friday evening, April 28, all invited

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo April 23, 1936 Two girls lead the graduating class of Lowell

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lower your taxable income. es, depending on your state is a key to building wealth. Here are a few sugges- And second, your earnings of residence and the plan in can grow on a tax-deferred which you choose to partici-• Fully fund your IRA. basis. For 2011, you gen- pate.

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Be a "buy-and-hold"

High School this year. Catherine Hoover and Lucy Paulinkas having been named valedictorian and salutatorian respectively. Besides being the best of friends, they have much in common. They live in the same neighborhood, about three and one half miles northeast of Lowell; both are Catholics; neither has received any mark lower than a B; although they often had to walk to school, neither has ever been tardy; and both pursued an academic course during their years in high school.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger May 4, 1961

The editor of The Ledger, at the council meeting on Monday night, pointed out that instead of the city spending \$10,000 for a new street sweeper, Kent County Road Commission would do the job on a contract.

Checking with Leonard E. Kaufman, secretarymanager of the road commission, he said that the county would send a crew of men with a sweeper into the city and do a complete job for \$200 per sweeping. He said that the city would probably need this done about three times a year and pointed out that the interest on \$10,000 would pay this cost, saying nothing about the labor and other equipment involved.

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger April 30, 1986

Lowell High School is proud to have Jason Robertson named as a National Merit Corporations' finalist. He is the first finalist in recent years for the high school. Many students have been named semifinalist in the nationwide academic competition.

Jason is the son of Gary and Rose Robertson of 36th Street. He is the oldest of three children. His hobbies include all kinds of musical activities and he plays the trombone and bass guitar. He also enjoys creative endeavors of all sorts. During his high school years, Jason has played soccer and tennis.



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son of Lowell announce the Emilyn. birth of their daughter, Kayla Rose, born January 29, cy and Steve Hubbarth of 2011. She weighed 7 lbs. 6 Lowell and Phil and Sherry oz. and measured 20 inches. Johnson of Lowell. Welcoming her are

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

Nosebleeds are very common problem. especially this time of year. Most commonly, the bleeding originates from he anterior nose. This area is filled with tiny blood vessels that are located close to the bleeding may occur when medical attention.



and humidify the air that is can indicate problems with inhaled. These vessels are blood clotting or high blood very fragile and can rupture pressure. This type occurs causing a nosebleed. When most often in the elderly a person has a "cold" the population. This type of vessels become dilated and bleed requires immediate



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one sneezes, coughs, or blows their nose. These vessels can also rupture spontaneously, especially when the air is very dry.

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If you experience a nosebleed, first sit or stand up, as this will lower your blood pressure. Hold your head forward, not back. Then pinch the nose tightly, holding it closed for five minutes. Gently release the

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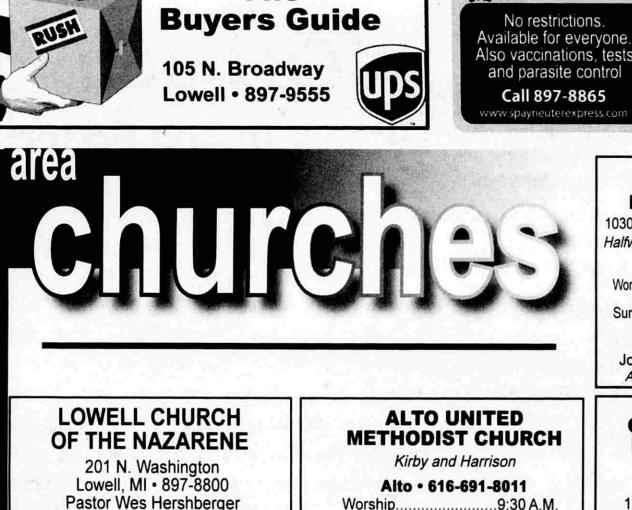
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nose and check for bleeding If bleeding continues, pinch the nose closed for 10 to 15 minutes without releasing. You should seek medical care if the bleeding continues for 15 to 30 minutes, you feel weak, you are on coumadin (a blood thinner). the bleed is rapid with large amounts of blood, or you are having frequent nosebleeds. Your doctor will attempt to cauterize a bleeding vessel or pack the nose to stop the bleeding.

To prevent nosebleeds, use a humidifier during the winter. Furnace humidifiers generally do a poor job at keeping the air moist. You can also use saline nasal spray every one or two hours during the day, or apply vaseline to the inside of your nose.

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Lowell Odyssey of the Mind teams compete at state finals

After many months of long practice sessions. Odyssey of the Mind teams of third through twelfth grade students from across the state, traveled to Davenport University to compete at the Odyssey of "As Good As Gold..Berg" In addition to their Rube Almost Got Talent" left the Mind state finals.

and Ryan Lothian led the uncomplicated real life task where something changed You can visit Murray Lake Elementary and create a device made out appearance at least three odysseyofthemind.com, information. team of fourth and fifth- of an unnecessarily complex times and eventually www.miodyssey.com or grade students to a third series of components that returned to its original form place bronze medal finish as they competed in the task as the existing item.



would perform the same and appearance. This team's problem. Their problem Goldbergdevice, the students the judges and audience in had to build their own props stitches! In addition to their and sets, design and make long-term their costumes and prepare each team was required to a script to accompany their compete in a spontaneous performance.

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Also, competing at the tournament, which they had state finals competition was also practiced throughout the "Full Circle" team from the school year. Lowell Middle School. This team was asked to present

The Lowell Middle School "Full Circle" team. pictured, left to right: Olivia Nurmikko, Angie Baerwalde, Maria DeCator, Maddie Burt, Nina Vulpetti, Isabelle Fleszar and Alyssa Roest. Missing is coach Angela Baerwalde

Digging, continued

"The partnership between the Michigan legislature and Public Service Commission along with MISS DIG and utilities. such as Consumers Energy, DTE Energy and Wolverine Pipe Line Company, is vital to continue raising awareness among residents and excavators about the importance of calling 811 before

and prevent serious injuries, or paint. Following proper least three business days be- ties will send representatives Fournier, MISS DIG chief property damage and loss of service that can result from contacting underground pipes, wires and cables."

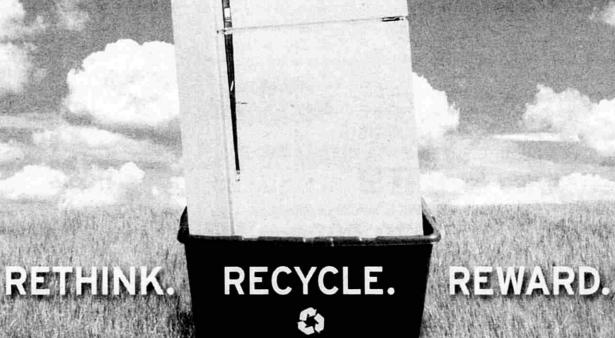
projects that require a call to 811 can be as simple as landscaping to installing decks, basketball hoops or sprin- tion contractors are encour- vention. Once a request is kling systems," said Horn. aged to continue their part- received, MISS DIG con-"Making a simple, free call nership with MISS DIG and tacts local utility companies digging," said Nofs. "Our to 811 is the first step to the state's utilities by call- according to the dig location penalties and personal ingoal is to eliminate dig-in having underground utili- ing 811 for staking of under- provided by the caller. Utili- juries, according to Kathie utility damages in Michigan ties located with flags and/ ground utilities, waiting at

digging practices will ensure fore digging, then following the safety of workers and the digging best practices when general public."

Warmer weather marks "Home construction the start of large construc- gan connects callers to MISS tion and excavation projects DIG, a statewide, one-call like road work, building and center for construction safehome construction. Excava- ty and utility damage pre-

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The third place Murray Lake Elementary "As Good as Gold ... Berg" team, back row left to right: coach Mark Looman, Christian Davis, John Russell, Mike VandenHout and coach Ryan Lothian and front row, left to right: Emily Lothian, Chloe Looman Cassie Dean and Addison Mallindine.

to mark the approximate location of underground lines with paint and/or staking flags within three working days. The service is free.

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executive officer and executive director.

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Food Fight 2011 is on!

clash of the summer, FROM annual competition, between North Lowell and South Lowell, hopes to raise the most nonperishable food items pantry.

becomes because

Flat River Outreach winter holiday drives, is Ministries is gearing up long gone," stated Mary for the biggest competitive Novello, FROM executive identifies families to help director. "June also marks supply Food Fight 2011. The the beginning of our summer community-wide lunch program and the time of the highest need in the helped 111 families, feeding food pantry."

of kids, in the Lowell School "2011 will be our third year for FROM's depleted food District, qualify for the free for our lunch program." or reduced lunch program

budgets. FROM's family lunch program summer nutritious lunch supplies for their school age children. "Last summer we 300 children," said FROM An estimated 29 percent chairman Kraig Haybarker,

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The Lowell Schools/ "This time of year through the schools. In the Interact Club (formerly challenging summer these children eat Junior Rotarians) kicks off the food, so at home putting an added the 2011 campaign with their generously donated during strain on already tight own Food Fight during the

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Tuesday, the 3rd day of May, 2011, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, William R. Byl, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "SCOTT LOWE COUNTY DRAIN DRAINAGE DISTRICT", and the tentative ap portionments against parcels and municipalities in the Drainage District will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Also on this date, the computation of cost for said drain will be open for inspection by any interested parties. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 336-3688.

WHEREAS, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. And also if drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the land owner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

WHEREAS, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the drain commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If there is no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment. The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

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The following government units and permanent parcel numbers of the parcels of land within the Special Assessment District of said drain will be assessed:

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Bowne Township at large and the County of Kent on account of roads.

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Dated this 11th day of April, 2011.

month of May. Interact is the name of a high school based Rotary Club with students aged 14-18 who are engaged in providing the FROM Food Fight as

internationally. Interact Clubs in the world, with over 500,000 members. in over 120 countries. Lowell's Interact Club was chartered this past fall after

the 2009-2010 school year. 65 Lowell students who are now active interactors. RJ Boudro, one of the counselors the largest one in Michigan at Lowell High School, is the at the current time. They Interact advisor. Clubs elect are a great group of students their own officers, set up dedicated to helping others their own dues, raise funds and they follow in the Rotary

and perform hands-on service the need may arise.

"The club has chosen service projects for both one of their local community their local community and service projects again this year," said Boudro. "The There are over 15,000 kids are excited to help serve the Lowell community.

Last year the Interact Club participated in the FROM Food Fight as just one of their local projects. a successful trial year during They also gathered many needed supplies for a relief earthquake.

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Even though mayor Jim Hodges didn't make it this year to Eja Salon for some eyebrow plucking, owner April McClure was busy doing evebrows with Janet Buck.

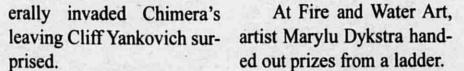
At Ella's Coffee & Cuisine, visitors enjoyed some good coffee, art and company of fellow shoppers.

erally invaded Chimera's prised.

"It's not as busy as the he said.

Yankovich goes through up to offer a prom package item in landfills. boxes of wine before the give away. night is over. Partner Julie Clare-DeVoe baked choco- cludes tuxedo rental, cor-A group of women lit- late covered cookies.

April McClure works on Janet Buck's eyebrows.



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It wasn't as busy on the fall one but it's been good," other side of town where cording to Pratt, disposable Brenda's Hair Design and During the fall event, Lowell Floral Shop teamed the third largest consumer

> The prom package insage, boutonnière, up do hair style and a guy's haircut.

Three Brothers Pizza made bruschetta for the py with the turnout for our event

Happy Bums offering cloth tober 20," said Baker.

diapers and green detergent. **Owner Cheryl Pratt stressed** the environmental importance of cloth diapers. Acdiapers are reported to be

Giggles & Gumdrops also joined in on this year's spring shopping night.

Chamber director Liz Baker said the turnout was good. "We were very hapspring GNO event and look New on the block were forward to fall GNO on Oc-

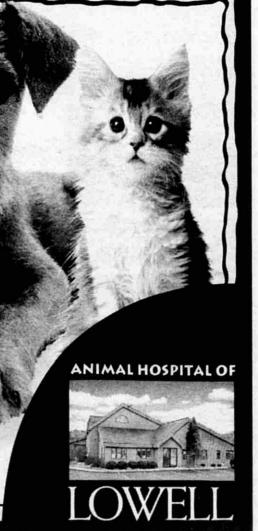
self." said Rotarian Jim projects to assist wherever White, "These are some of the finest students in the high school. They are motivated to do good things in our world and they don't hesitate to get themselves involved." According to Boudro,

"These kids are fantastic! It is hard to hold them back. They want to do so much!" "It doesn't surprise me one bit that these interactors are once again, this year, fully involving themselves in the FROM Food Fight," said To date, there are over project in Haiti following the White. "They know what wonderful things FROM "The Lowell club may be does for those in need in our community and they want to help in any way they can!" "When you see what these Interact students can do and are doing, in leading the way towards developing a better world. One can only wonder what their limits might be," he added.

> "Our Interact Club students are an outstanding group. They enjoy working in the community and understand the importance of community service," stated Dee Crowley, Lowell High School assistant principal.

> Conner Swift, Interact Club president, explained, "Our local food pantry and the Food Fight seemed like the perfect outlet for our local project. Our members do weekly pickups at all of

> > Food Fight, continued, page 11



Leighanna Mongar and Shawn Flippo, co-owners of Lowell Floral Shop.

Ericka Claypool, Anna Scudder and Montana Bergy try out the chocolate fountain at Glass House Designs.



Joy Smith and Susan Stouffer at LAHM.





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Girls' Night Out.



Monique Bailey, Tammy Smith and Brenda Bergy at Brenda's.

Dave Emmette, Tab Molehouse and Jason McNamara inside



Brad Smith of Soft on the Feet Entertainment prompted visitors to dance in the streets during

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Red Arrow

Each week, Shane Beach will visit Lowell High School athletes to find out a bit more about each one and get a closer look at the On Sports kids we're all so proud of in the community

When did you start playing softball and how did you get interested in the sport?

SPORTS

I was eight years-old. Mom played and threw me into little league in second grade. It was kind of like t-ball. I liked it right from the start. Didn't really know what I was doing, but it was a lot of fun. My parents have helped me a lot.

What are your biggest strengths on the ball field?

I'd say hitting. I've worked very hard. And probably catching difficult throws at first base. I play first and this year I have been playing a lot of centerfield as well.

What's your favorite food?

Tomales, I love them. They are not good for you, but they taste the best. Who made the best tomales?

Grandma made the best for sure!

What do you do for fun?

I like to run. Just go out and run a couple miles for fun, listen to music, hang with friends and go to movies.

What are your plans after high school?

Not sure yet. I've thought of some colleges, but not sure what I want to be when I grow up. Just seeing what I like to do yet.

What are some of your goals going into the 2011 season?

Conference champs. I think we can do it. Coach preaches on base percentage and we know that will help. We all seem to be a little closer and have a lot of fun, which is also one of my goals.

What makes the sport to softball special?

It's really cool that softball is a team sport and individual sport at the same time. Many girls, with all kinds of talent, all come together and make good things happen. It's so cool that when you are at the plate (batting), it's an individual thing, but it makes the difference in our team winning. We play as a team and we play to win.

Describe the most exciting moment you've ever had in softball? Yeah, I remember one. Two years ago at Lowell softball tournament. The format was

This Week - Carissa Paiz Lowell Varsity Softball

lose one and go home, so we had to be on top of our game at all tiames. We were losing by three and came back in the last inning to win the game and then the same thing happened the next game. Everyone worked so hard and was so pumped up and we ended up winning the tournament.

Are softball players superstitious like baseball players? Do you have superstitions?

Oh yeah. Softball has a lot, just like baseball. For me, I don't like change, so I use the same ball mitt no matter what position I am playing. I've used the same mitt at all my positions since I was 13 years-old.

What other activities are you involved in at Lowell High School? Basketball, I run cross country and Lady Arrows varsity club.

How are things different this year with a new varsity coach? There are some changes, coach McElroy is more relaxed and open to the idea as the head coach. Coach likes team bonding and likes to surprise us. We like it. It's annoying but cool. He is very tough and makes us work very hard. He is very focused and loves to win, which we all like to do.

Has anything surprised you early in the season?

Yeah, I'm surprised how versatile our team is. So many girls can play so many different places in the field and we never miss a beat. It's so cool to see everyone do so well. Our hitting is great. I knew we would do well, but I think we are even better than we all expected. Everything is just so impressive all around.

What should our community know about the Lowell Softball program?

Well, we are all crazy. We are really super hard workers, super nice and we like to have fun. We have so much fun. Come watch us. We're always chanting and always full of

Mom. dad. brothers or sisters? Mom, Leann; dad, Bill; sister, Mallory; and a dog, Peyton, named after Peyton Manning.

Anything else?

The girls are very excited and many people are talking about Lowell softball. It's very exciting to see. We want more people to come see us play. We will keep working hard to go as far as we can go this season.

- TRACK

Red Arrows have strong showing at tournament

The Lowell track team traveled to Grand Rapids Christian last Thursday and came away with some strong finishes.

strong. They have depth in the sprints and distance. It's going to take us a few years to beat a team like Christian. but with hard work and a little luck we can get there," stated coach Sarah Ellis.

Bryce Hrusovsky had a great day in the hurdles, also counted on for points in finishes.

finishing strong in both the the 400 meter. 110 meter and 300.

Matt Kyllonen was a pleasant surprise, with his

6'1" height, also having a 400

first place.

Robert Becker have been Hewitt, Betts) relays teams strong in shot put. Becker is also took home first place

The girls' track team saw first-place finishes by Kendell Hewitt in the 200 meter dash, Rachel Walters "The boys' team is very great time in the 200 and in the 400 meter dash and Katie Holzhueter in the 800 Robby Coffey will meter run. Matti Newman keep improving in P as he took first in the shot put and jumped a solid 11 feet for the girls' 200 (Hewitt, Boon, Starkey, Vosburg) and 400 Leighton Watson and meter (Walters, Holzhueter,



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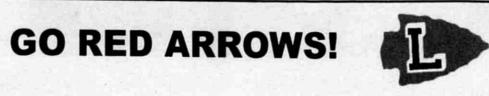
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It sure is nice to see the Lowell crew team out on the water again. Keep up the great work! Good luck in the Riverside Invitational on Saturday!

To the jerk who ran me off the road (M-21) on 4/20 - I hope you got wherever you were going without hurting anyone. Next time you pass a car, at least look to see if any cars are coming in the other direction.

The homes in the city of Lowell have depreciated between 10% and 12.99%. We have depreciated the most in Kent County. Do our taxes show how much less our property is worth? I think as homeowners we should be asking why.

Now that Meijer's garden center is active again. please be aware that there is a crosswalk and a stop sign there. Easter Sunday, with people actually walking in the crosswalk, one car zipped through without even a pause. Pay attention people!

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APRIL 20 - APRIL 26

Libva's Moammar Gadhafi is alive despite what one official called "a NATO attempt to kill him by bombing his compound."

- Flights resume Sunday at the main airport in St. Louis after a tornado struck, knocking out power, shattering windows and sending passengers scrambling for cover.
- Airfare to England for the royal wedding is sky high. More than 600,000 tourists intend on flying to England. First class seating is priced at \$18,204 from New York/\$23,000 from L.A.
- Astronaut Mark Kelly visits wife, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, twice a day and helps with her recovery. On Friday, she'll attend the launch of her husband's space shuttle, Endeavour, on its final mission.

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the entire school."

Swift added, "We had widespread lunches during the school not just to our student body, FROMfoodfight.org) Maggie Lancaster, Krystal collected and counted. Troyer and Summer Moore.

in the community seems to items ahead of the North." understand the need."

This year, the North/ South food collection competition promises to be fierce, but friendly. "We've added more dimensions to a donor's ability to give to the cause and join in the competition for the team of their choice," commented Rick Seese, FROM board member. "In addition to the popular Food Fight special advertising, as last year, we

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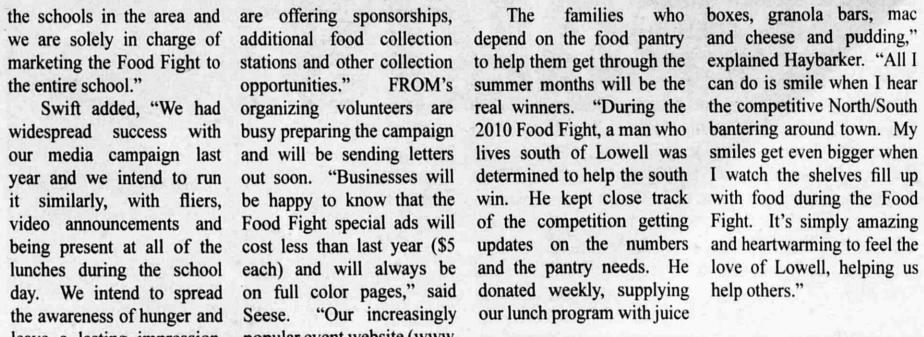
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the schools in the area and are offering sponsorships, opportunities." year and we intend to run out soon. "Businesses will it similarly, with fliers, be happy to know that the video announcements and Food Fight special ads will being present at all of the cost less than last year (\$5 the awareness of hunger and Seese. "Our increasingly leave a lasting impression, popular event website (www. will but to the whole community also provide recognition, of Lowell." Other Interact weekly Food Fight specials, Club officers are Zoe photos, history, and scoring Beloncis, Bryleigh Loughlin, updates, as donations are

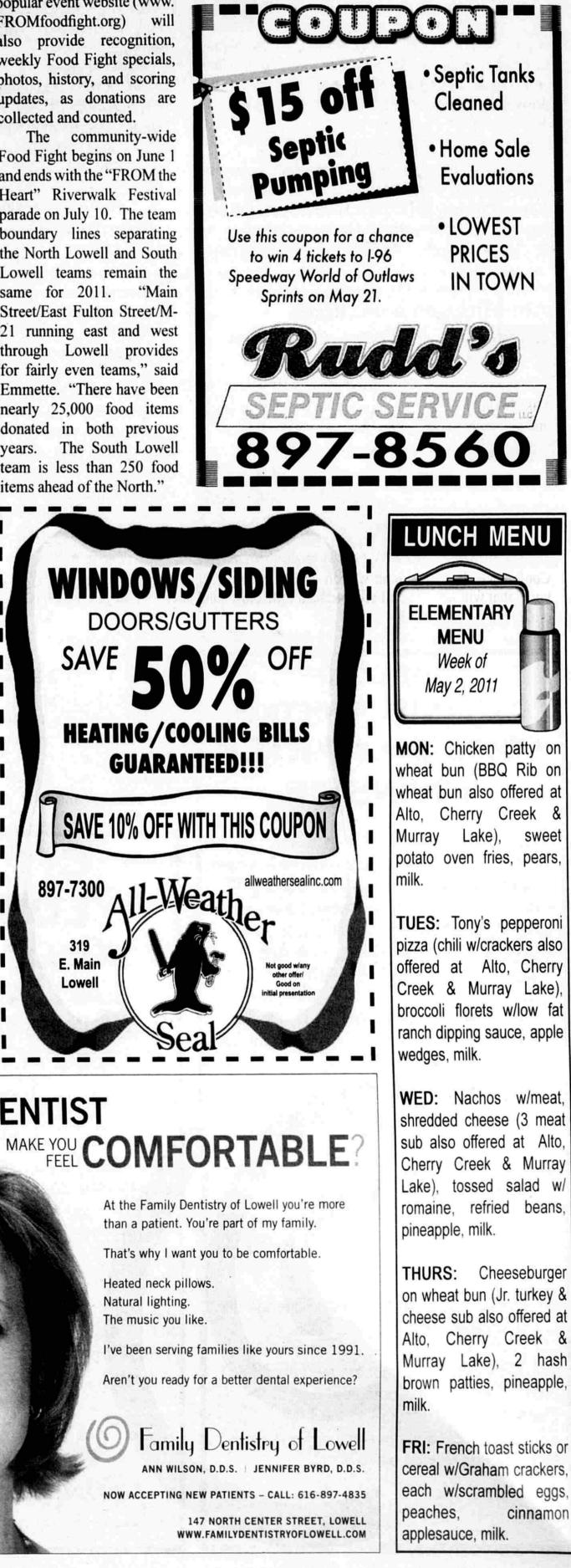
The community-wide TheFoodFightcampaign Food Fight begins on June 1 has become an integral part and ends with the "FROM the of FROM's annual food Heart" Riverwalk Festival collection. "In our inaugural parade on July 10. The team year of 2009, we collected boundary lines separating 8,496 nonperishable food the North Lowell and South items and North Lowell Lowell teams remain the won the competition by a same for 2011. "Main mere 88 items. Last year, Street/East Fulton Street/Mthe South Lowell team won 21 running east and west by only 337 items, as we through Lowell provides nearly doubled the count to for fairly even teams," said 16,383 nonperishable food Emmette. "There have been items," said Dave Emmette, nearly 25,000 food items FROM board member. "I'm donated in both previous impressed with the level years. The South Lowell of participation. Everyone team is less than 250 food







The families who boxes, granola bars, mac and cheese and pudding,"



obituaries

FREUND

John Matthew Freund, age 70, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, April 23, 2011. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Gena Freund. He is survived by his children, Jill (Mark) Smith of Lowell, John Freund Jr. of Seattle, WA, Joseph bv Freund of Allen Park, Jennifer (Donald) Haring of White Lake; sister, Sandra Freund of Rockford; grandchildren, Landon and Logan Smith, Steven and Shane Freund, Dawson Freund, Lauren Haring; nephews, Chip (Marti) Oosdyke, Thomas Oosdyke; and niece, Christine Oosdyke. John was an avid reader and fanatic Detroit Red Wings fan. Memorial Mass will be held Friday, 11 Michelle am, at St. Mary Catholic Church, 402 N. Amity, Lowell. Rev. Eugene Okoli presiding. Visitations will be Thursday 2-4 and 6-8 pm, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson St., Lowell. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church or Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. SE, Lowell.

MCBRIDE

Michael D. McBride, age 62, of Mendon, passed away peacefully on April 18, 2011. A memorial service will be held on May 28, 2011, at 11:00 am at the McBride farm, 21168 Mahnke Road, Mendon. Cremation has taken place. Share a memory at www.avinkcremation. com



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on April 18, 2011, Ordinance No. 03-2011 - Parking of Commercial, Recreational and Inoperable Vehicles, an amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance was adopted, a summary of which follows:

TOWNSHIP

An amendment to Section 4.20(b) to allow recreational vehicles to be parked in the front yard for up to 72 hours for the purposes of loading, unloading, and cleaning.

An amendment to add Section 4.20(d) which would prohibit trailers from being parked in the front yard in the R-2, R-3, and MH, Mobile Home Park Zoning District except that trailers could be parked in the front yard for up to 72 hours for the purposes of loading, unloading, and cleaning.

An amendment to Section 4.20 to change title of this section to add the word "Trailers".

This Ordinance shall become effective May 4. 2011. A copy of the complete text of the ordinance can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI, 49331 during regular office hours.

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

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MARENTETTE

Brian Allen Marentette, age 42, of Iron Mountain, formerly of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly April

18, 2011. He was preceded in death by his stepfather Fahrni. survived parents. Ruth Fahrni, Rav (Ann) Marentette: Mark (Tracy) Marentette and Rob (Amanita) sister. (Tom) many, many nieces and and friends.

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Jill and Cathy. Memorial service was held Monday at Roth-Gerst Chapel with Pastor Nathan Gray of Elmdale Church of the Nazareen officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Brian Marentette.

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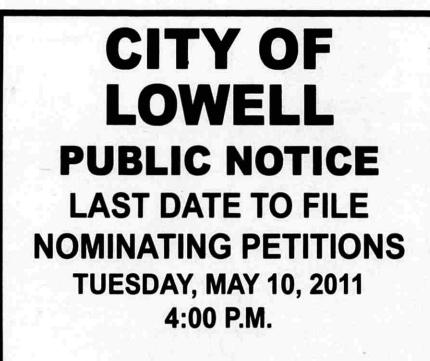
Daniel Duane Miller, age 88, of Lowell, passed away Friday, April 22, 2011. He was preceded in death by

his wife Helen. He is survived by his children. Sharon (Dan) Ryan Debbie (Tim) Yalacki Gary (Kathy) Barnette; and grandchildren Richard, Pat and Nikki A graveside service was held Tuesday, April 26, at Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell Pastor Tom Harris of Shiloh Community officiating. Church Memorial contributions may be made to Gilda's Club of Lowell, 314 S. Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331.



SUMMERFIELD

Jeffrey S. Summerfield, age 46, of Grand Rapids, passed away unexpectedly Monday, April 18, 2011. He is survived by his wife of four years, Riza; children, Chris Cater and Charlie Summerfield; parents, George and Ruth (Elston) Summerfield; brothers, Mark (Laurie) Summerfield and Tom (Cori) Summerfield; parents-



City of Lowell registered residents of the City interested in seeking election to the Lowell City Council to fill any of the three (3) two to four year term vacancies occurring must obtain nominating petition forms for circulation and return no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 Petition forms are available between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from the Lowell City Clerk, Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell.

Betty R. Morlock

City Clerk



in-law, Reynaldo and Cecilia Marasigan; brothers-inlaw, Luis, German (Samantha), Dino, Ace (Jackie) Marasigan; also many nieces and nephews. Jeff was

a 1983 graduate of Tekonsha School High and received his associate's degree from Manchester College in Indiana. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, with the Air Force in Operation Desert Storm and worked for Wachter Network, Inc. of Kansas Lenexa, Jeff was a fanatic Detroit Tigers' fan. Funeral services were held Friday. April 22, at Central Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Grand Rapids, Pastor John Delger, officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Special Olympics Area 11, 1239 76th St. SW Suite E, Byron Center, MI 49315.

Robert Jack VandenHout, 79, of Yucca Valley, CA., passed away April 11, 2011, in Joshua Tree, CA. Bob was born in McCords to Walter and Margaretta (Reynhout, Shaw) VandenHout and went to school in Whitneyville. He attended Lowell High School and joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1951 with his best friend Raymond Ramsdell. That same year he married Dorothy Neelis of Belding. Bob retired from the Marine Corps on a medical disability in 1970 and remained in CA., where he owned a service station, drove his 18 wheeler, raised and showed Peruvian Paso and miniature horses and continued to collect cars. He was preceded in death by his parents; stepfather, Charles Shaw; sister, Donna Hahn; brother-in-law, Gurney Hahn (Hahn Hardware) and mother-in-law, Grace Kutchey. Survivors include his wife, Faye VandenHout; daughters, Karen Wagner (Ronnie) of Kendalia, TX; Kim Miller (Donnie) of Twentynine Palms, CA; son, James R.VandenHout (Dianna) of Yucca Valley, CA; brother, James W. VandenHout (Sue) of Alto; sister, Dorothy Smith of Ann Arbor; grandchildren, Matthew Gillett, Ashley Finch (Wyatt) of TX, Clinton Miller, Courtney (Matthew, Capt USMC) Moreno of Twentynine Palms, CA, Jeremy VandenHout of Yucca Valley, CA, Paul VandenHout and Douglas VandenHout (Jessica) of Colorado; and five great-grandchildren. He is also survived locally by his nieces, Anita Hahn Roth (Dave) of Ada and Gretchen Hahn Jones (Paul) of Lowell; nephew, Robert Hahn of CA, formerly of Lowell; and families. Other survivors include many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, cousins, nieces and nephews throughout the greater Grand Rapids area.

will be held on May 17, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at 180 **PROBATE COURT** COUNTY OF KENT Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. PUBLICATION OF Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: on the petition of 11-190161-CA John Stafford for the appointment of a guardian and conservator for Harold 04/25/2011 John D. Flynn (P27413) MICHAEL 1275 Hawthorne Hills SE MARIE BLAIR Ada, MI 49301

STATE OF MICHIGAN NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO. 11-190162-GA, In the matter of HAROLD SLACK. TO ALL INTERESTED Slack. PERSONS including: TERRY SLACK, GARY SLACK. SLACK, NAN DILL.

and whose address(es) are 616-897-6632 unknown and whose interestinthemattermay be barred or affected by the following:

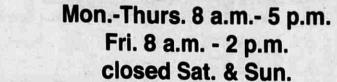
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personals

IN CELEBRATION OF Pat DeYoung's (Stiles) 70th birthday on May 6, we are having a card shower. Please help us celebrate by mailing cards to: Pat DeYoung, 1112 Bowes Rd. Apt. 4, Lowell, MI 49331 Thank you!

sales

2ND BEST & BAKE SALE Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Hwy., Lowell. Sat., April 30, 8a.m.-2p.m. Conifer trees, household items, clothing & baked goods. Something for everyone!

TOTS SPRING PRE-SCHOOL ALMOST NEW SALE - Sat., April 30, 9-1 p.m. Cherry Creek Elementary, 12675 Foreman, Lowell. FREE to shop. FREE to sell! (set up 8-9). Call Lori at 987-2532 to reserve a space.

HUGE BARN SALE 10003 Bailey Dr., Lowell west of Parnell. April 29 & 30, 9-5. Tools, horse tack, pool table, paint ball guns, weight machine, furniture, TV's. printer, household, toys, sports equipment, & much more.

GARAGE SALE - 66 Strong Rd., Ionia. April 28, 29 & 30. Thurs. 9 - 5 p.m.; Fri. 9-5 p.m.; Sat. 9-12 p.m. (half off day). All of the proceeds from this sale go towards the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk for the cure.

ROLLING CREEK NEIGH BORHOOD GARAGE SALES - Thurs., Apr. 28, 12 to 8 p.m. & Fri. & Sat. Apr. 29 & 30, 9 to 5. Twin gir clothing size 2T, furniture, lots of kids items, & household goods. Off Grindle.

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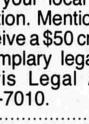
THE EAST KENT COUNTY REPUBLICANS(EKCR)-meets the second Saturday of the month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce (113 Riverwalk Plaza) from 8:30 to 10 a.m. to discuss current events on the local, state & national levels. Bring your concerns & issues to our meeting for open discussion! Share nformation about what you can to to become involved! For more information, please call Dave Emmette, 644-0759 or Nancy Steckler, 897-6380.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MIN STRIES THRIFT STORE - is open Wed. 10 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 10-6; Sat., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 11535 Fulton St. E. Thrift Shop, 897-8260, Food Pantry 897-8260, Emergency Services, 897-8260.

ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER 2251 W. Main. Hours: Mon. 11-5 p.m.; Tues. 6-9 p.m.; Thurs. 10-6 o.m. 987-9533. Diapers, formula, clothing & free pregnancy testing vailable.

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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 ee. 897-7688.

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LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS - (AA) Mon., Wed. Thurs.: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues. & Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 p.m. & 8-9 p.m.; Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m. 101 W. Main, 897-8565.

SHOTGUN&ARCHERY SHOOT-**ING LEAGUES - at Caledonia** Sportsman's Club (Alto/Freeport). Contact Al Potas 698-2051 or email shooting@csc.us.com

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY - at Cascade Fellowship Christian Ref. Church, 6655 Cascade Rd. Free perishable food. 1st Monday Register: 4:30 p.m. Distribution: 6 p.m.

BINGO - Every Sunday, 2 p.m. The Moose Rec Hall, 1320 E. Main St. Sponsored by W.O.T.M. Chapter #1388. Open to the public.

NEW CLASSES FOR EVERY-ONE - children - adults at Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. Every Wednesday 7-8 p.m Bible-centered classes for children through 5th grade, youth group for 6th grade thru high school & adult prayer & Bible study. Everyone is invited to attend.

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2010 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR CITY OF LOWELL AND LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

This report covers the drinking water guality for The City of Lowell and Lowell Township Water for the calendar year 2010. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2010. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from 4 groundwater wells, each over 87 feet in depth, drawing from the Grand River watershed. They are located at 1596 Bowes Road in Lowell behind the water plant. The State performed an assessment of our source water in 2003 to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our source is moderate. (See Table 1.) We have no significant sources of contamination. We are making efforts to protect our sources by maintaining a wellhead protection program. A copy of the full Source Water Assessment can be obtained by contacting George Regan at the Lowell Water Treatment Plant, 1596 Bowes Rd., Lowell, MI 49331 or call at 616-897-5234.

- Contaminants and their presence in water: Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
- Vulnerability of sub-populations: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/ CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
- · Sources of drinking water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.
- Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- Radioactive contaminants, which are naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2010 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 - December 31, 2010. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

Water Supplier: Define only the terms you use in the table below. Delete any you don't use.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to

- health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- N/A: Not applicable ND: not detectable at testing limit ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter ppm: parts per million or milligrams
- Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Regulated Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Highest Level Detected	Range	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminan
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	1.2	•	06/22/10	No	Run off from fertilizer use and erosion of natural resources
Total Trihalomethanes (ppm)	0.080	0.080	0.0027		06/22/10	No	Organic and chlorination by-products
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.95		06/22/10	No	Erosion of natural deposits. Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Radioactive Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Highest Level Detected	Range	Sample Date	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Alpha emitters (pCi/l)	15	0	<3	2	10/31/00	No	Erosion of natural deposits
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Ra226/228 (pCi/L)	5	None	<1		5/13/03	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated Co	ntaminant **	Single Sample Test	Range	Sample Date	
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Contaminant Subject to AL	Action Level	90% of Samples <this level<="" th=""><th></th><th>Sample Date</th><th>s</th></this>		Sample Date	s
Lead (ppb)	ad (ppb) 15 <0.0		NA	7/14/10	
Copper (ppb)	1300	<0.010	NA	7/14/10	

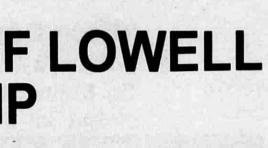
LEAD: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Lowell is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

** Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

Distribution System Regulated Contaminant Source Water Assessment

Test Result	Analyte Name
0.0027 mg/l	Max Potential Trihalomethanes
0.0180 mg/l	Max Potential Trihalomethanes
	0.0027 mg/l

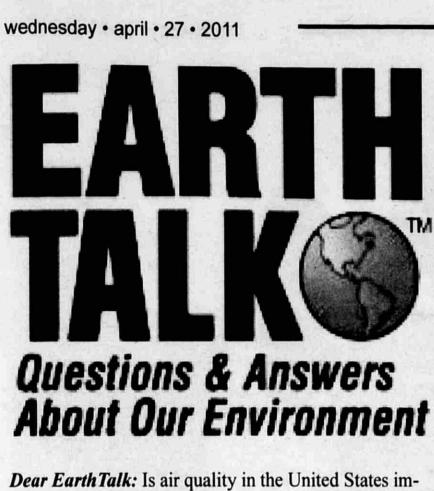
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per liter pCi/I: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).

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	S Above AL Typical Source of Contaminant 0 Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits Corrosion of household plumbing							
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Eros	ion of natural deposits							
Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant							
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0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives							

Limit MCL Rpt Limit Tested 0.08 mg/l 0.0004 mg/l 6/17/08 0.08 mg/l 0.0004 mg/l



proving or getting worse? Is it cleaner in some parts of the country than in others?

matically since 1970 when Congress passed the Clean Air lived some 43 weeks longer on average. Act in response to growing pollution problems and fouled air from coast to coast. According to data from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), levels of all major air pollution contaminants (ozone, nitrogen oxides, car-

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bon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter and lead) are down significantly since 1970; carbon monoxide levels alone dropped by more than 70 percent.

lished in the New England Journal of Medicine found that efforts to reduce fine particle pollution from automobiles, diesel engines, steel mills and coal-fired power plants have added between four and eight months to the average American's life expectancy in recent years. Overall, Americans are living some two and three-quarter years longer than during the 1980s. Changes in smoking habits and improved socioeconomic conditions are the biggest reasons why, but cleaner air is also a big factor. "It's stunning that the air pollution effect seems to be as robust as it is," Arden Pope, the Brigham Young University epidemiologist who led the study, told reporters.

As for how to protect ourselves from still problematic Pope and his team analyzed life expectancy, economic, air pollution, ALA recommends checking air quality foredemographic and pollution data from 51 metropolitan areas, casts and avoiding exercising or working outdoors when and found that when fine-particle air pollution dropped by unhealthy air is present. The federal government's AirNow 10 micrograms per cubic meter, life expectancy rose by 31 website provides daily air quality updates for more than 300 -- K. Gould, Sherman Oaks, CA weeks-such as in Akron, Ohio and Philadelphia. Where fine cities across the U.S., as well as links to more detailed state particle counts dropped even more-by 13 to 14 micrograms, and local air quality web sites. And if air quality problems Air quality across the United States has improved dra- such as in New York City, Buffalo and Pittsburgh-people in your area continue to be bothersome, consider picking up and moving. Fargo, North Dakota or Lincoln, Nebraska, But according to the American Lung Association anyone? According to ALA's "State of the Air: 2010" report, these two cities rank among the cleanest in all of the air pollution categories studied.

(ALA), even though air quality around the country is improving overall, some 175 million Americans-58 percent of the population-still live in places where pollution levels can

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CHLORINE RESIDUALS:

"Maximum residual disinfectant level, or MRDL (4.0mg/l), means the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in Monitoring and Reporting Requirements: The drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants."

"Maximum residual disinfectant level goal, or MRDLG (4.0mg/l), means the level of a drinking water disinfectant 2010. below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants."

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Bacteriological sample site #2				0.3	20 I S S S S				1 0.30			0.44
Bacteriological sample site #3			2	0.4	12 1 1 1 2 2 2				8 0.42			
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Bacteriological sample site #2	0.35	0.44	0.39	0.19	0.16	0.24	0.16			0.35	0.38	0.36
Bacteriological sample site #3	0.40	0.52	0.51	0.50	0.41	0.53	0.38	0.43	0.31	0.42	0.38	0.49
Monthly average of samples	0.38	0.48	0.49	0.42	0.37	0.43	0.31	0.33	0.37	0.44	0.42	0.47
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Bacteriological Site #1					0.41	0.31				0.28	0.35	0.3	Residual
Bacteriological Site #2	17.00			0.56	0.61		0.31	0.5	0.4	0.34	0.36	0.41	Total
Bacteriological Site #3	1 200			0.5	0.55	0.34	0.27	0.29	0.22	0.21	1.1	0.38	Trihalomethar
Bacteriological Site #4	······			0.08	0.13	0.22	0.29	0.35	0.18	0.3	0.27	0.4	Total Haloace
Source Water	ybe n son so ngel son			0.62	0.62	0.58	0.6	0.29	0.51	0.57	0.61	0.58	Acids (HAA5
Monthly Average of Samples				0.44	0.46	0.36	0.37	0.36	0.33	0.34	0.40	0.41	
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Bacteriological Site #2	0.46	0.51	0.54	0.51	0.42	0.38	0.34	0.31	0.31	0.42	0.39	0.29	Lead & coppe
Bacteriological Site #3	0.47	0.49	0.48	0.44	0.3	0.23	0.24	0.26	0.18	0.21	0.26	0.22	
Bacteriological Site #4	0.5	0.47	0.41	0.39	0.2	0.19	0.17	0.2	0.17	0.29	0.3	0.36	1 Sec. 2.7
Source Water	0.59	0.66	0.6	0.57	0.06	0.51	0.51	0.55	0.6	0.44	0.56	0.53	Lead
Monthly Average of Samples	0.51	0.54	0.49	0.48	0.25	0.30	0.32	0.33	0.32	0.32	0.36	0.33	
RAA Computed Quarterly			0.418			0.398		Ť	0.391		**** 1 j *	0.379	Copper

cause breathing difficulties or worse. The group's "State of the Air: 2010" report looks at levels of ozone and particle pollution found in monitoring sites across the United States And that's good news for everyone. A 2009 study pub- in 2006, 2007, and 2008, and compares them to previous periods.

> The biggest improvement was found in year-round (annual) particulate levels, which the ALA attributes to recent efforts to clean up major industrial air pollution sources. "However, the continuing problem demonstrates that more remains to be done, especially in cleaning up coal-fired power plants and existing diesel engines." the group reports. ALA also found, by overlaying census data with pollution maps, that Americans with the lowest incomes face higher risks of harm from air pollution, underscoring what environmental justice advocates have been saying for years.

CONTACTS: ALA's State of the Air: 2010, www.stateoftheair.org; AirNow, www.airnow.gov.

State and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all monitoring and reporting requirements for

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We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main, Lowell, Michigan and at Lowell Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, Michigan. This report will not be sent to you.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. Lowell City Council meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI. Lowell Township meetings are held at 7:00pm on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact George Regan at 897-5234. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at www.epa.gov/safewater/

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Unit	MCL	Action Level	90% Samples <	Samples	Sample Date	Exceeds AL	Typical Source Of Contaminant
ppb	0	15	<3.0	0	7/14/2010	0	Corrosion of Household Plumbing
ppb	1300	1300	16	0	7/14/2010	D	Corrosion of Household Plumbing

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Annual Easter egg hunt winners

The following children won the top prizes at the 19th annual Lowell Moose Lodge Easter Egg Hunt.

Winning \$50 Meijer gift cards were: Tyler Carns (3-year-old group); Skyla Degrote (1-2 yearold group); Esabel Wilson (4-5-6 year-old group) and Madison Stevens (7-8-9 year-old group).

Winning \$15 checks were: Gabbie Saldivar, (1-2

year-old group); Kaylee Droese, (3 year-old group).

The \$25 check winners were: Isabel Barnes, (4-5-6 year-old group) and Jenna Happie (7-8-9 year-old group).











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The Easter Bunny was on hand as area children searched for hundreds of colored eggs.



Cadet First Lieutenant chestrating the efforts of Melissa A. Hawks was an- over 100 cadets in complet-

losophy in order to prepare the cadets to be the highest quality officers in the United States Air Force. The Wing provides cadets opportunities to learn, develop and use leadership abilities through administration and execution of the Leadership Laboratory program. Cadet Hawks is currently a third-year student at Michigan Tech. and is a civil engineering major. She is the daughter of Ed and Marcia Hawks of Ada.

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Two Public Hearings will be held regarding requests for Special Use Permits at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on May 16, 2011, at 7:00 pm at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

Alec McPherson of 1927 Pikeview Dr., Warsaw, IN 46580, has requested a special use permit to remodel a grainery barn that is located on his property at 1313 Parnell Ave, Lowell. Plans for the remodel are to use it as a guest house, which use will be secondary to the house that already exists on the parcel. This request is addressed in the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance under sections 201.415 (C) and 201.502.

Ryan Peel of 9769 Vergennes St., Lowell, 49331, has requested a special use permit for construction of two towers for additional Internet connections within the township. The first one would be located at 9777 Vergennes, Lowell, and is planned to be 120 feet in height. The second would be located at 13101 Beckwith Dr., Lowell, with a height of 100 feet. The Vergennes Township Wireless Communication Facilities Ordinance, 201.432, regulates the placement of these structures.

Copies of the applications are available for public inspection at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, 616-897-5671, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Public comment will be taken at the meeting, or if received by the Clerk in writing or by e-mail at clerk@vergennestwp.org by 7:00 pm May 16, 2011.

> Mari C. Stone Vergennes Township Clerk



nounced as the incoming Cadet Wing (CW) Commander for the fall 2011 semester for Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 400, Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI. Cadet Hawks will be responsible for oring all cadet wing activities. Cadet Hawks and her staff are responsible for the overall planning and supervision of the Wing. The mission of the 400 CW is to recruit, retain, train, and educate cadets employing mutual respect as their training phi-

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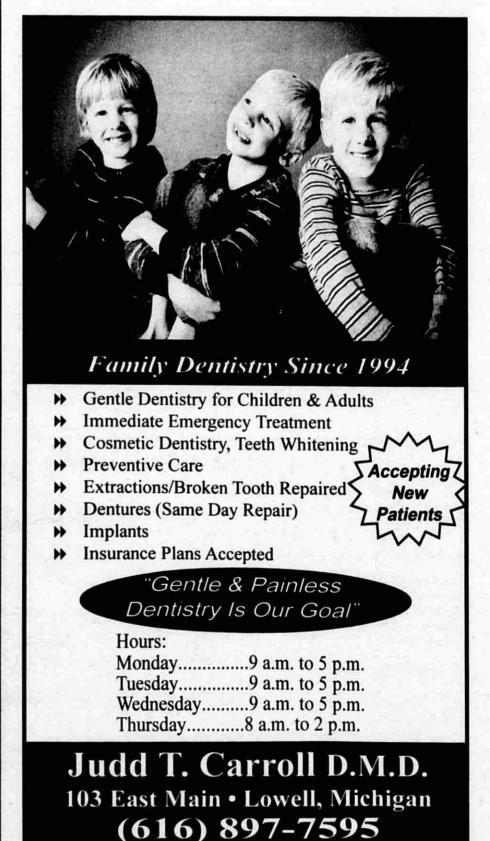
The City and Township Clerks will be available at the following locations on Saturday, April 30, 2011 or any registered voter who would like to apply for or return an absentee voters' ballot for the May 3, 2011 Primary Election.

Sandra Kowalczyk Bowne Township 11am - 2pm 8240 Alden Nash Alto, MI 49302 (616) 868-6846

Linda S. Regan Lowell Charter Township 11am - 2pm 2910 Alden Nash SE Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-7600

Betty Morlock City of Lowell 8am - 2pm 301 East Main Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-8457

Mari Stone Vergennes Township 11am - 2pm 10381 Bailey Dr Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-5671



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