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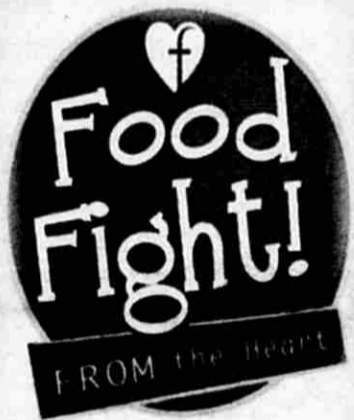
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Six candidates file for three open seats on the Lowell's City Council

by Emma Palova

If anything reflects the state of matters, then it is the number of candidates running for open seats on the city council. That is the experience of longtime clerk Betty Morlock with hometown elections.

This year, six candidates have filed their pe-

titions for three open city council seats in the Nov. 8 general election. They are incumbents Sharon Ellison, Jeff Altoft and Maryalene LaPonsie, and newcomers, Jim Valentine, Jim Hall and Don Green. The candidates have to gather at least 25 signatures.

Ellison, Altoft and

LaPonsie are running for their second term.

Green served on the city council in 1991, 1995 and in 1997. Hall ran previously in 1995 and in 2005. Valentine was chief of police from 1994 to 2009.

The seventh candidate, Greg Canfield, dropped out, so there will be no primary

in August. According to the city charter, if more than six candidates run, a primary must be held to narrow down the field back to six. The candidates run on a non-partisan ticket.

"Our election is totally non-partisan," said Morlock.

The last primary elec-

tion was held in 1979 with seven candidates running.

According to city statistics, kept since 1979, on average four candidates run. But, several times Morlock had six candidates running. The terms are stag-

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Lowell City Council approves Howe as new city manager

by Shelly MacNaughton

After a brief discussion on the wording of the contract, the Lowell City Council approved the contract for Mark Alan Howe as the new city manager.

David Pasquale will leave this position on June 30 and Howe will begin his duties on July 1. "Congratulations Mark. We are looking forward to a long and wonderful relationship," said mayor James Hodges.

The council approved Dorla West's request to hold a plant swap on Friday, June 17, at the corner of Front and Jackson. "We will allow the use of city property for this plant swap



Lowell's new city manager, Mark Howe

at no cost to the city," said Mayor Hodges.

The council also voted to award C&L Trucking & Excavating to carry out the North Center Street project.

"C&L seems to be the most local and the lowest bid," said councilmember Maryalene LaPonsie.

The council then approved the purchase of video camera and equipment, not to exceed \$1200. This new equipment will be used to video record public meetings.

"Last Friday we had Mayor Exchange Day with Belding. It was wonderful. This coming Friday, May 20, we will be going to Belding. We look forward to being their guests," said mayor Hodges.

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Pink Arrow partners with Riverbank Run



Lowell's Pink Arrow Pride was showcased during Friday's Fifth Third River Bank Run Expo. Debuted was one of two Pink Arrow IV billboards featuring cancer patient Claire Block and her parents,

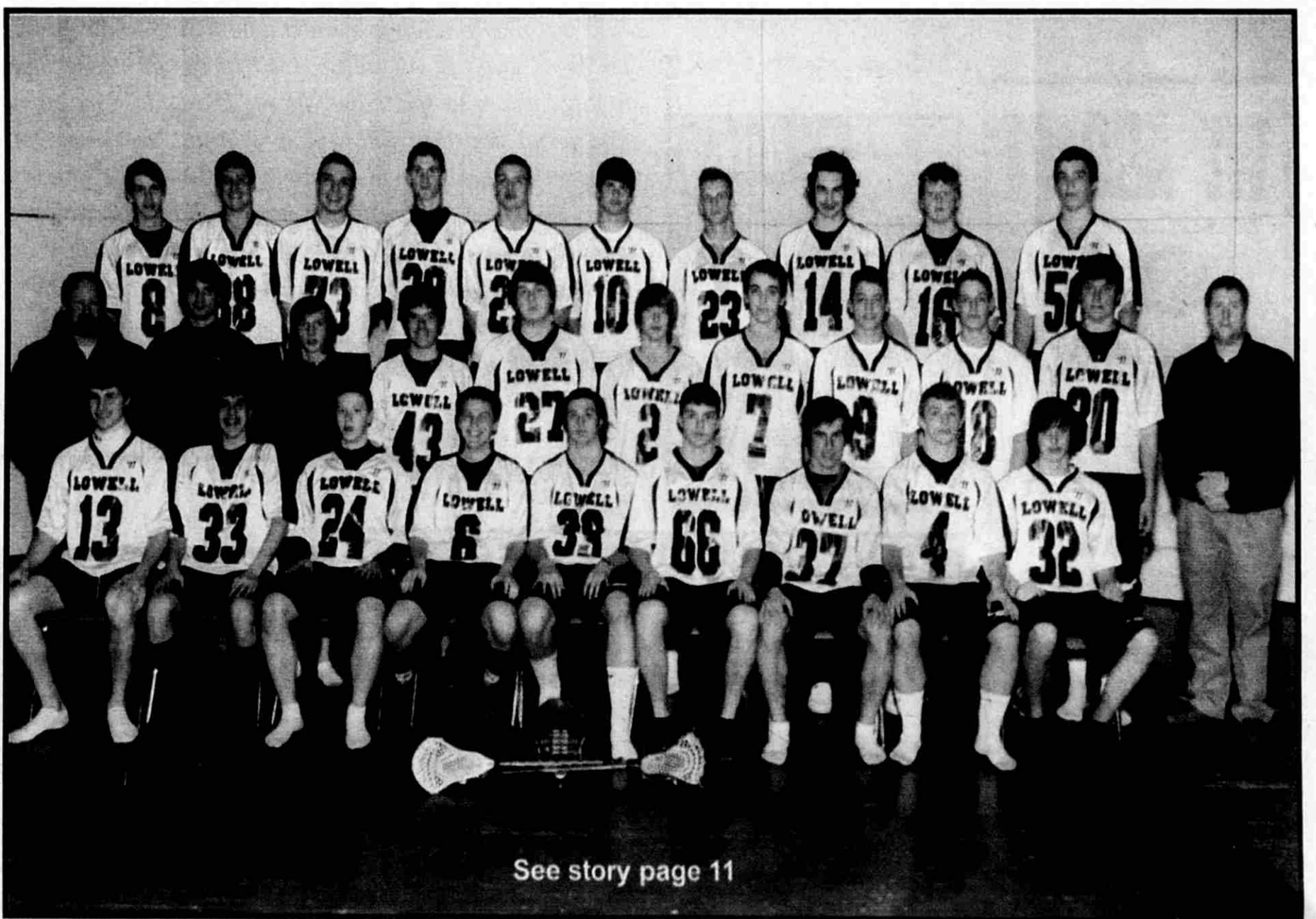
Matt and Melissa Block; and brother, Caleb.

The Pink Arrow booth was staffed by varsity football coach Noel Dean and players, Renn Osborne,

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Lowell boys' lacrosse nets first conference championship

First row, left to right: Jordan Nurmikko, Derek Bitterman, Eli Scoby, Nicholas Getz, Joe Potter, Jim Collins, Jonathon Nichols, Conor McCarrey, and Garrett DeBoer; second row, left to right: coach Matt Hauschild, coach Eric Bredin, Forrest McRee, Zach Graham, Jordan Cambert, Reece Posthumus, Troy Peterson, Taylor Martin, Chad Martin, Justin Ball, and coach Mike DeVries; third row, left to right: Hunter Zuk, Tyler Bitterman, Greg Blanton, Jacob Litchfield, Austin Buckius, Braydon Foley, Brandon Blough, Matt Charrouf, Tim Creighton, and Kyle Bassin.



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Sharon Ellison, Maryalene LaPonsie and Jeffrey Altoft are all up for re-election on the November 8 ballot. Also appearing on the ballot will be Don Green, Jim Valentine and Jim Hall. Also approved was Don Green's request to operate a boat ride concession on the Riverwalk during the spring, summer and fall. Punting on the Flat will begin offering cruises on the Flat River aboard a punt boat. The punt will hold up to six adult passengers. The cruises will be 35-45 minutes long and cost \$15 per person. Sunset and Mid-night cruises will be offered for \$85 for the entire boat. Each boat will be operated by a licensed inland waters pilot. Green hopes to begin

offering cruises sometime this summer, specifically in time for the Riverwalk Festival. Dennis Kent updated the council on the grants approved for the LCTV Endowment Board. The board considered 20 different projects and granted 15 requests for a total of \$204,246. "There was a lot of care taken, a lot of discussion," said mayor pro tem Sharon Ellison. "Every member of the LCTV endowment board had a chance to rate every project. It was very difficult. I appreciate all the work that went into it," said city manager David Pasquale. Some of the approved grants: a Jaws of Life replacement for Lowell Area

Fire and Emergency Services Authority, Lowell Area Arts Council received a grant of \$12,356 for a performing arts sound system, \$50,000 toward the east side riverbank improvement, \$20,000 for music scholarships and equipment for the Lowell Music Boosters, \$15,000 for the City Trees program, \$2000 for lighting system at the dog park, and \$14,530 for the city website upgrade. The council allotted time during the meeting for public comments regarding the city budget, but there were no public comments. City manager Pasquale did read a summary of the projected city budget. The council will hold another

workshop session during the June 6 meeting where again public comments will be taken regarding the budget. Councilmember Jeff Altoft raised concern over the police department budget. "I think the police department should live within their means. What we are doing is taking away from cash reserves and I don't think we should be doing that," said Altoft. Pasquale offered to get the councilmembers a more detailed report on the police department projected budget. "I would like to thank everyone. The budget is truly a team effort and would not be possible without it," said Pasquale.

Public invited to review information on public transportation for suburban and rural Kent County

The Rapid, with support from a technical working group, will host a series of six public meetings during the week of May 23 to discuss and receive comments on the draft report of the Kent County Transit Needs Assessment.

The public is invited to come out to review the information and findings related to the existing transit service in Kent County and the transportation needs of the area. The study team is looking forward to receiving input from the public about the recommendations and conclusions that have been developed for future transit efforts in Kent County.

This is the second round of public meetings to be conducted by a team of public transportation consultants who will use the information shared by the local community to refine the Kent County Transportation Needs Assessment.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the public meetings that are most convenient to their schedule. Representatives and clients from human service agencies, government, private and private-nonprofit organizations and employers are also strongly encouraged to attend. Each meeting will be an open discussion and offer ample opportunity for everyone to voice his or her opinion about the future of transportation in suburban and rural Kent County.

Meetings are scheduled at multiple locations, times and days in an effort to meet a variety of schedules. The meeting schedule is as follows. Light refreshments and snacks will be served.

Monday, May 23
6:30 to 8:00 pm
MDOT Grand Rapids TSC, Conference room, 2660 Leonard St., NE, Grand Rapids, 49525

Tuesday, May 24
6:30 to 8 pm
City of Lowell, City Hall, 301 East Main St., Lowell 49331

Wednesday, May 25
2 to 4 pm
City of Cedar Springs, City Hall, 66 S. Main St., Cedar Springs 49319

Wednesday, May 25
6:30 to 8:00 pm
Gaines Township Hall, Room A & B, 8555 Kalamazoo Ave., SE, Caledonia 49316

Thursday, May 26
9:30 to 11:00 am
Hope Network, Motivation Room in Education Center Building, 755 36th St., SE, Grand Rapids, 49548

Thursday, May 26
6:30 to 8:00 pm
Plainfield Township Hall, Board Room, 6161 Belmont Ave, NE, Belmont, 49306

Sanborn named staff member of the month

Patti Sanborn, a Lowell Schools' paraprofessional, was named Staff Member of the Month at Murray Lake Elementary School for the month of April. Sanborn, who has worked in many of Lowell Schools' buildings over the past 20 years, was nominated by several fellow staff members. "Patti has served us all so very well since the day she walked into Murray Lake. She has had a positive impact on all of our students," commented teacher Sue Wilterink.

Sanborn resides in Lowell with her husband Jack and dog Buddy. They have a son (Bill) and three grandchildren. "My job at school gives me great joy. It is always a great feeling to know that in some way I have helped a child learn," said Sanborn.

When Sanborn is not working, she enjoys reading, doing craft projects and helping with her grandkids.



Food Fight slated for June 1

Flat River Outreach Ministries plans to kickoff their third annual North Lowell vs. South Lowell Food Fight on June 1.

The competition pairs all businesses and residents north of Main Street against all of those on the south side. Participating businesses will offer Food Fight specials to any customer donating a nonperishable food item.

The South won last year by less than 300 food items, as both teams

raised over 16,000 food items for the FROM Food

Pantry. Sponsorships and Food Fight Special advertising spots are still available. Anyone interested in participating or donating can call 421-0029 or e-mail foodfight@fromlowell.org



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gated. The two highest vote getters serve a four-year term; the third one serves a two-year term.

But, the average turnout, according to Morlock, is not very high. There are approximately 2,700 to 2,800 registered voters in two precincts. Morlock said she will combine the two precincts together for the November general election.

The recent school election held on May 3 showed

a low turnout, in spite of the approximate cost to hold of \$1,472. This did not include the cost of ballots and notices. City council elections cost twice as much.

Morlock said she expects a bigger turnout than normal due to the number of candidates running for the open seats on the city council.

"When there's more people running there is more interest," she said.

There are several issues in the city politics that may be drawing voters to the polls to vote for their representative. This may be change in leadership, sidewalk repair ordinance, proposed Riverwalk improvements, dilapidated streets and sidewalks.

"Don't forget to vote," says Morlock. The last day to register for the November general election is Oct. 11.



along main street

EDUCATION FORUM RESCHEDULED

The education forum with legislators has been rescheduled for May 20 at the Eberhard Center at Grand Valley, 5:30 pm in room 215.

COMMUNITY SUPPER AND FOOD TRUCK

St. Mary Church, 402 Amity, May 18. Truck arrives at 5 pm, distribution between 5 and 6 pm. Dinner served at 6 pm. No charge, free will donation. Any questions, call 897-9820.

BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Bluegrass music concerts Fri., Sat., and Sun., May 20-22, at Lowell fairgrounds. Campground jamming, instrument workshops, slow jams. Huge barn sale/silent auction, vendors, bake sale. Songwriter contest, kids activities. Camping available. For details call 896-6220 or see www.wmbma.org.

PLANT SALE

Too many plants? Call Karen at 897-7808 to donate to the Memorial Day weekend plant sale. All proceeds go to the LAS equestrian team.

MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications sought for Donald Gerard MD Medical Scholarship for 2011-2012 school year. Must be a Lowell high graduate and be registered in or have been accepted into a qualified program in a U.S. institution granting an M.D. or D.O. degree. Applications available at Student Services Department at LHS. Attn: Mrs. Lisa Nauta, 897-2913. Deadline: June 1, 2011.

BLOOD DRIVE

Fri., June 3, 8 am to 1 pm at Lowell High School in the Aux Gym. Public is welcome. This event is to benefit the West Michigan Community Blood Center.

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations. The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

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Kite flying safety tips

Consumers Energy offers safety tips for those who take advantage of Michigan's breezes by launching a kite. "We urge everyone to follow a few important safety rules when flying kites," said Kip Sauer, executive manager of energy services east. "When it comes to outdoor

fun, look up to identify hazards and obstacles, stay away from overhead electric lines and stay safe."

Kites should never be flown near electric power lines. If a kite gets tangled on an overhead wire, don't try to get it - let it go. Adults should caution children to never climb a utility pole, a tree located near a power line or an antenna tower to retrieve a kite. Buying a new kite is the safest course of action.

Here are more basic rules to help kite flyers have fun and avoid trouble:

- Keep away from all overhead wires, especially electric lines.
- When buying or making a kite, make sure it is constructed of wood, plastic or paper. Never use anything metallic such as aluminum foil or Mylar polyester film; they conduct electricity.
- Use dry kite string when flying your kite and never use wire.
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- Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)

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A special thanks to Litehouse, Inc. for underwriting this premier event. (Litehouse products are now available locally at Ella's Coffee and Cuisine and Meijer, Inc.)



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It is important to "find" children who may need services and reach them early, because research tells us that children with disabilities do better across their lives when they receive early help. If you suspect your child may have a developmental delay which impedes their experience to learn, please contact:

Maureen Dorough
Director of Special Education
Phone: 987-2516

E-mail: mdorough@lowellschools.com

SCHOOLS- SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT FILES-DESTRUCTION NOTICE

Special education student files, including evaluations, referrals, psychological reports and multidisciplinary evaluation team (MET) summaries are kept on file at Central Office. Federal Law under Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), states that schools shall inform parents, or students 18 years and older, when personally identifiable information is no longer needed to provide educational services to the child.

This notice is to inform you that special education files are destroyed as follows:

- Three years after graduating with a diploma (age 21)
- Seven years after leaving Lowell Schools, without a diploma (age 27)

If you would like to request that the student files be destroyed before the scheduled time, or if you would like to pick up your student file, please contact:

Laurie Haan
Administrative Assistive/Office of Special Education
Phone: 987-2516
E-mail: lhaan@lowellschools.com

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Can you save for retirement and education?

The school year is coming to a close, which means that if you have young children, you are now one year closer to college days — and college bills. At the same time, you are moving nearer to your own retirement. Can you save for college while you put money away for retirement? Yes

— but it will take planning, patience and discipline.

Your first step is to be aware of the challenges you will face. As you know, the financial crisis of 2008 and early 2009 took a bite out of just about everyone's retirement portfolio. And even though the markets have bounced back strongly,

you might still have some ground to make up in your 401(k), Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or other accounts. At the same time, budgetary pressures may lead to reductions in Pell Grants and other federally backed financial aid to students, so you may need to provide more assistance to your children than you once might have thought.

To deal with these challenges and help yourself make progress toward your college/retirement objectives, consider the following moves:

- Establish some priorities. How much should you save and invest for retirement versus college? Also, how much of the college costs would you like to cover: 100 percent, 50 percent or perhaps a set dollar amount? There's no one "right" answer for everyone — you'll have to establish priorities based on your preferences and family situation. But once you've set these priorities, you'll have some guiding principles to govern your savings and investment decisions.
- Put time on your side. The earlier you start saving for both your retirement and your children's college education, the better your chances of reaching your goals.

- Choose the right investment vehicles. You may want to work with a financial advisor to choose the appropriate mix of investments for your needs. But in general, it's a good idea to contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement account. Your contributions are generally made with pretax dollars, and your earnings can grow tax deferred. And whether or not you have access to a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan, you can probably also contribute to a traditional IRA, which offers tax-deferred earnings, or a Roth IRA, which provides tax-free earnings, provided you've held your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you've reached age 59 1/2. To save for college, you may want to explore a 529 plan, which also provides tax-free earnings, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses.*
- Keep investing. The financial markets will always move up and down — so in some months, you might not like what you see on your investment statements. But the most successful investors keep investing in good

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At Your Local Library

Summer Reading Club returns to Kent District Library

The Kent District Library (KDL) invites the whole family to sign up for the Summer Reading Club and spend some time reading this summer. This year's Summer Reading Club runs from Monday, June 13 to Saturday, August 6.

With new activities for babies and adults, KDL's Summer Reading Club really does offer something for everyone. There's Baby Bingo for babies 0-18 months, One World, Many Stories for kids 18 months through 5th grade, You are Here for teens grades 6-12, and Novel Destinations for adults. Meet your reading goals and enter to win great prizes such as gift certificates, a new bicycle, and even a Barnes & Noble Nook Color eReader.

KDL is also offering an exciting line-up of summer programs, including Animal Crackers Petting Zoo, Master Arts Street Theatre, Zumba Dance Party with Aimee, Summer Carnivals,

and so much more.

Not only is KDL's Summer Reading Club a great way to have fun this summer, but it's also an important step in helping to prevent what's known as summer reading loss. Studies show that "students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of summer vacation." The Kent District Library aims to help prevent summer reading loss by providing programs and activities that encourage learning while children and teens are away from school. By developing these habits now and making learning fun, we hope to help people succeed in school and in life.

Sign up for KDL's Summer Reading Club starting June 13 at any of KDL's 18 branch locations.

For more information, please call 784-2007 or visit www.kdl.org.

viewpoint

to the editor

budget concerns

Headlines in The Lowell Ledger - "City crunches budget numbers in a work session" and "DDA approves 2011-2012 budget."

Those two articles tell me that the general fund has a low fund balance while the DDA will have an ending balance of \$426,106 after expenditures. I believe there is something wrong with the way the city is run when there is no cost of living increases calculated into the city budget for city employees' salaries, but the DDA can spend on projects like a new amphitheater.

I believe there is something wrong with the way the city is run when it was noted that the DPW can't get ahead enough to budget for an equipment fund, but the DDA can put the securing of riverbank property on their agenda. The city council has scheduled two public hearings on the city budget. But what good are the public hearings when the needed funding is controlled by the DDA? The same DDA that the city council just recently voted to extend for another

20 years. Taxes that the general fund will not receive.

Will the DDA put their agenda aside and help fund the general fund until the

community is on more of a sound footing or will it be business as usual?

Sincerely, Jim Howard
Lowell

bad luck or bad judgment

Dear Editor,

Last Friday was Friday the 13th (for those of you who are superstitious).

The morning arrived extremely early, as the dog woke us at 4:45 am. I rose to let her outside and as soon as I opened the door, I knew exactly why she was up and stirring. The outside was already filled with an orchestra of sounds and that music was prepared and provided with compliments by none other than

Mother Nature. I asked myself just how does one complain about the sounds that she creates? How does one go about contacting the "old gal" so a complaint can be submitted?

I immediately thought of the situation with the "two naughty roosters" that caused grief for the neighbor. You printed the photo of the 4-H participant along with his rooster and the next week a 'letter to the editor' from the neighbor who

complained. Yes, there was an issue about the property line and the entire situation is in the works of being resolved by the two parties.

(Kudos to both.) I asked myself - how does one control Mother Nature and all of the
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outdoors

triple play

Dave Stegehuis

Ice fishing for pan fish has a limited following because the weather can be brutal, and every move involves walking to another location to drill the next hole. If you missed all that fun, then you have another opportunity right now. There is no closed season on bluegills, they are relatively easy to catch, and most inland lakes have a healthy panfish population. A triple play.

Warmer water this time of year draws the gills into the shallows to feed and prepare for the spawn. Bobber fishing and casting flies or foam spiders attract the hungry fish. Wading and bank fishing can be productive when the fish are in close. Even after the main school moves to deeper water, smaller fish remain near the shoreline. This is a good time for younger children to get fishing experience. A dock or break-wall make a good fishing platform. Bass use docks as cover and can be found lurking around anytime. High drama will occur if a seven year old inadvertently hooks a hefty largemouth on a snoopy pole. Neither one of you will ever forget the experience. Of course, all children must

wear a life-jacket around the water at all times.

As the summer progresses bluegills seek deeper water and can be caught with jigs and live bait such as worms and grubs. Fishing from a boat at this time is comfortable and provides mobility when it is necessary to search out a concentration of bluegills. A sonar fish-finder can add efficiency to the operation. Fishing a foot off bottom is a good place to start, but fish can suspend at any depth so experiment.

Fish kept for dinner can be prepared to suit your taste. There are a number of recipes for frying or baking either the whole fish or fillets. A meal of panfish is protein packed and can be low-fat when prepared properly. Bluegills are at the top of the menu as a favorite freshwater fish.

As mentioned, there is no closed season on bluegill, so there is no hurry, but I know I am eager to get out now that the ice is gone and the water gets warmer every day. Few good things in life come easy, but fishing for panfish during the lazy days of summer may be one of them.



By Shelly MacNaughton

125 Years Ago
The Lowell Journal
May 21, 1886

Strawberries are plentiful in Lowell. The sad fate of Otto Denny should be a lesson to those boys who play on the logs in Flat river. More dwellings have been erected in Lowell this spring than any other spring in the past twenty years. McPherson, the bazaar man, has been acting in the capacity of a cyclone. The result is his old house is torn down and he is preparing to build a new one on the same lot.

100 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
May 18, 1911

Frank McCormick and daughter Evelyn and Marguerite spent last Thursday at Lowell. Miss Margaret Byrne visited her sister, Mrs. Eddie Walsh, at Grattan Center a few days last week. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Byrne spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ford in Vergennes. A line of Wilson Bros. \$1 shirts, all colors, all sizes, now 79 cents.

75 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo
May 14, 1936

C.H. Runciman attended in Lansing, last Friday,

a meeting of the State Emergency Welfare Relief Commission of which he is now a member. Mr. Runciman's plan to have the inmates of state prisons manufacture shoes for welfare relief clients has aroused statewide press comment and commendations.

50 Years Ago
The Lowell Ledger
May 25, 1961

Work was started this week remodeling the old kitchen, in the city hall, for new offices for the police department. An evening project entitled "Letter Rack," in the June issue of Mechanix Illustrated magazine, is a how-to piece written by William Christiansen Jr. of 115 N. Division Avenue, Lowell, Michigan. Mr. Christiansen is a carpenter and cabinet maker and this is his second story to appear in the national science monthly.

25 Years Ago
The Grand Valley Ledger
May 21, 1986

In January of this year Lowell High School administrators were becoming concerned over an evident increase in substance abuse related offenses among their students. Lowell police confirmed that the increase was also present in the surrounding community.

In mid-January high school officials confiscated an amount of a substance later determined to be LSD. A subsequent meeting resulted in the establishment of a cooperative effort between school officials, Lowell Police Department and the Kent County Sheriff's Department Vice Unit. The subsequent investigation was aimed at determining the scope of the drug problem both in the high school and in the community.

During the investigation 23 criminal counts were documented leading to the arrest of fourteen individuals. Eight adults and six juveniles were arrested in an early morning sweep made by Lowell Police officers on Thursday, May 15.



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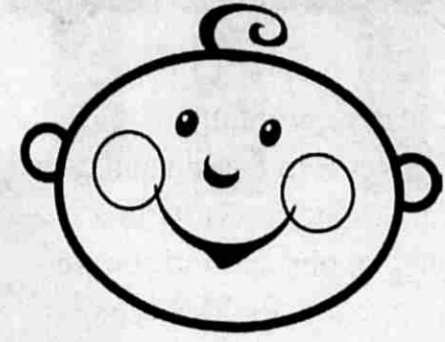
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Most popular baby names for 2011 health

The Social Security Administration announced the most popular baby names in Michigan for 2010. Jacob and Sophia topped the list.

The top five boys and girls names for 2010 in Michigan were:

- Boys:**
- 1) Jacob
 - 2) Ethan
 - 3) Noah
 - 4) Logan
 - 5) Aiden
- Girls:**
- 1) Sophia
 - 2) Isabella
 - 3) Olivia
 - 4) Ava
 - 5) Emma

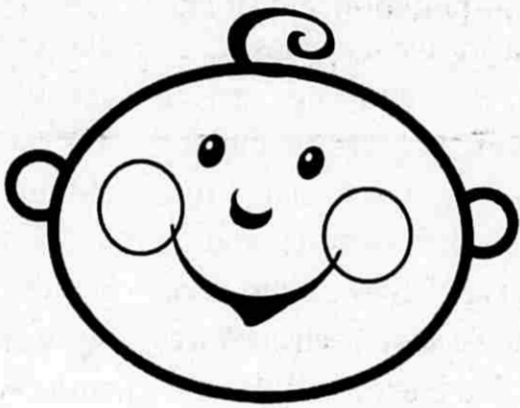


Last week the federal government's top official for baby names, Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, announced Isabella and Jacob were the most popular baby names in the U.S. How does Michigan compare to the rest of the country? Check out Social Security's website -- www.socialsecurity.gov -- to see the top baby names for 2010.

While having fun with baby names, don't forget to help someone you care about get an average of almost \$4,000 of extra help with Medicare prescription drug costs. Social Security's website has the top-rated online services in the U.S., including extra help to pay Medicare prescription drug costs. Boldly Go to www.socialsecurity.gov to apply for retirement, disability, Medicare, and so much more.

In addition to each state's top 100 baby names, Social Security's website has a list of the 1,000 most popular boys' and girls' names for 2010 and a list of

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health



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



radon and lung cancer

Lung cancer is one of the most common types of cancers. Most people are aware that smoking is the biggest risk factor for developing this cancer. Smoking causes 90 percent of all lung cancers. Few people realize, however, that radon gas exposure is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

Radon is a naturally-occurring colorless, odorless gas that is formed from decaying uranium found in soil, rock and water. It occurs naturally in all 50 states, including Michigan. Radon gas levels can be detected almost everywhere. Levels below 4 pCi/L are generally considered safe.

Radon levels can sometimes rise above this safe level and build up inside of homes. Homes with basements and sump pumps are higher risk for radon accumulation. Homes that are found to have a higher concentration of radon can have a mitigation system installed to vent this outside.

The U.S. Surgeon General and the Environmental Protection Agency both recommend that all homes be tested for radon. A simple test kit can be purchased online or at any hardware store. To learn more about this topic, visit the National Safety Council's website at www.nsc.org and search radon.

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High-speed rail helps build our future



Sen. Carl Levin

Michigan recently got a second helping of good news in our drive to make our state more competitive in the 21st century global economy.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood came to Michigan to announce that Michigan will receive nearly \$200 million to bring high-speed passenger rail service to the state. The money will help pay for track improvements, more powerful locomotives, new passenger cars and other improvements necessary to create a safe,

comfortable high-speed link between the Detroit area and Chicago. I was excited to join Secretary LaHood for the announcement, and I'm even more excited about what it means for Michigan.

The high-speed link will give business travelers and vacationers another efficient transportation option along a route already busy with auto and air traffic. It will connect our state with a growing Midwest network that will move travelers more affordably and with more energy efficiency

than ever before. And Michigan will benefit immediately from the jobs created by construction projects along the line.

Specifically, the money will improve rail lines between Kalamazoo and Dearborn, a key part of the planned high-speed network. Some of the funding will also help engineer a new rail and bus station in Ann Arbor.

There are lots of people who made the announcement possible. Among them is Secretary LaHood, with whom Michigan's congressional delegation has worked on high speed rail, on growing our domestic auto industry and on other issues important to our state.

Our state Department of Transportation did a lot of hard work in putting to-

gether a plan that won federal approval, as did local officials along the route.

Gov. Rick Snyder also helped bring this good news to Michigan. Our state got the opportunity to win this funding because officials in Florida turned down a similar grant. Whatever Florida's reasons for doing so, Gov. Snyder didn't turn down the funding and deserves thanks.

Back in October, I wrote about another funding announcement, more than \$160 million for the Michigan-to-Chicago high-speed link and other rail projects in the state. Then, as now, I believe these projects are an important part of our economic future.

Creation of a high-speed Levin, continued, page 14

college news

Albion College is pleased to announce that Culver Redd graduated cum laude, Sigma Xi, with a degree in physics and computer science. Redd was one of just 20 students to graduate with Albion College Honors, signifying completion of the College Honors Program and an original thesis.

Redd is the son of James and Marsha Redd of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell High School.

The honor of cum laude signifies that Redd graduated with a cumulative grade point average above 3.5. Sigma Xi recognizes outstanding research accomplishment.

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Financial Focus, continued

times and bad. If you decide to take a "timeout" from investing and head to the sidelines during a market slump, you could miss out on the next rally. By following these suggestions, you can keep moving forward toward two special times in your life: when your children attain the higher education that can help them succeed in life and when you can enjoy the retirement for which you've worked so hard.

* Withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes, plus a 10 percent penalty. There may be state tax incentives available to in-state residents who invest in their home state's 529 plan. Student and parental assets and income are considered when applying for financial

aid. Generally, a 529 plan is considered an asset of the parent, which may be an advantage over saving in the student's name. Make sure you discuss the potential financial aid impacts with a financial aid professional. Tax issues for 529 plans can be complex. Please consult your tax advisor about your situation. Edward Jones, its financial advisors and employees cannot provide tax or legal advice.

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To The Editor, continued

sounds that she causes and how do you control those parts of Mother Nature that we all know no human has control over? Or shall we blame God? As He is our Creator and He created all of these wonderful and beautiful creatures - which are part of Mother Nature.

Should I get out my shotgun and start eliminating all these birds that are making this racket? Probably not - as it would be illegal first of all - but my point is - the birds waking up in the morning are nearly as loud as if I fired a gun. (I just sat in the chair and listened to the beauty of Mother Nature at her best. (And don't forget - I too was awakened by the commotion.) The first sounds of the birds were at 4:45 am and it was easy to identify the racket was from a robin. Then there were two, then three - and it was just outside the window and as clear as if the windows were wide open - but they weren't. Then I heard a tufted titmouse, then several sandhill cranes (off in the distance), a nuthatch and more robins. Then I heard

at 5:15 am more calls of Mother Nature, crows and then the pheasants began to chime in and another one answered the first one. Soon there were more crows joining in the chorus. Now I heard chickadees and even more robins. And before it was even totally light - I could see in the flowering bush a hummingbird looking for breakfast. Soon the entire orchestra that Mother Nature provided was playing as loud as possible (crescendo) - and there was no turning down the volume. It was as though the volume button had broken while it was turned up the loudest. After the orchestra got in full swing, even the sandhills began whooping it up louder.

Let me remind you all of one thing that probably not too many of you gave any thought to. Do you remember this thing called daylight saving time? Before the human beings started messing with the clocks the darn birds still woke up when Mother Nature told them to. It would have been 3:45 am prior to the change

of daylight saving time had the clocks not been moved ahead by humans. We can't control when the birds chirp - it's just one of the ways of Mother Nature - and now we have sandhill cranes who are really loud and I heard a ringnecked pheasant crowing, another proceeded to answer back and soon they were communicating back and forth. One last thing to mention - next week is a full moon - so the birds will really be chirping.

For those of you who aren't aware - it is spring and spring is mating season for the birds - no matter what kind - and the male birds are loud - trying to get the attention of the female birds for possible courtship.

The one thing that I have noticed is that the birds are much noisier the first thing in the morning when they wake than the rest of the day - and once again in the evening just prior to sunset. Again - the ways of Mother Nature.

And this applies not only to wild birds, but to chickens, etc.

Please don't forget about

the time change the next time you want to complain about nature waking up - and if any of you do know how to contact Mother Nature so we can "voice" a complaint - be sure to let the Ledger know so we can all be made aware. In the meantime - try to sit back and enjoy - and just a reminder - as the days get longer we'll have more opportunity to sit and listen - and it's your choice - get angry at the "early bird" - or figure out a way to enjoy and appreciate. One might have to get a nap late in the afternoon.

And for those of you who live in areas where there are lighted parking lots, etc. - the killdeer don't know when it is dark - and many times they are chirping all night.

Be thankful that we have the opportunity to hear the birds.

P.S. The deer hunters know what it is to hear Mother Nature wake up!

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TUES: French toast sticks or cereal w/graham crackers, each w/cheese omelet, 100% orange juice, banana, milk.

WED: Baked chicken nuggets w/dinner roll (Jr. turkey & cheese sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), mashed potatoes/butter, peaches, milk.

THURS: Cheeseburger on bun (3 meat sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), salad w/Litehouse dressing, fruit goop w/ vanilla pudding, milk.

FRI: Grilled cheese sandwich (rib BQ on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), tomato soup w/ crackers, fresh mini carrots, applesauce, milk.

Facility Kitchens offer commercial rental, share time, space and equipment

by Emma Palova

Facility Kitchens located behind Bieri auto shop on Ottawa Street now offers the rental of a fully equipped kitchen, for commercial purposes, to local entrepreneurs just in time for the upcoming produce season.

Facility Kitchens is a 2,800 square foot facility with commercial kitchen equipment, available for rent by the hour.

Owner Janet Tlapek bought the concept of a shared use kitchen to Lowell from Chicago. A commercial rental kitchen builds on synergy of all producers by sharing time, space and equipment.

When one producer leaves the kitchen, it is expected to be clean enough so the next producer only has to sanitize it.

"We must mind our times and spaces to prevent losses to other producers," she said.

The facility accommodates both social and professional users. The procedures for social production are simpler and there is a staff member on site to monitor the equipment use.

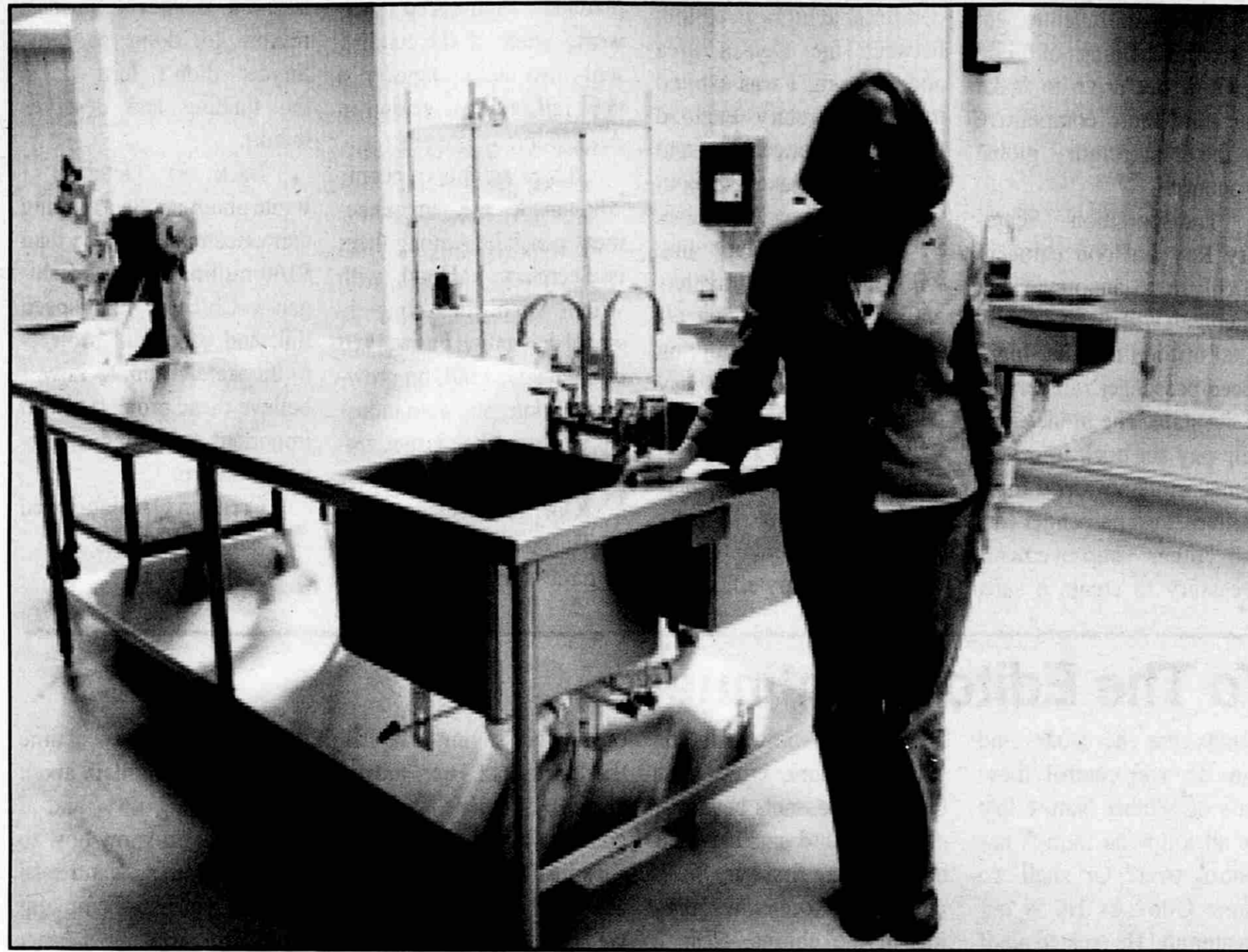
There are several zones available for renting, the main zone, the center preparation and packaging. The building has a loading and receiving area in the back and a storage area, both refrigerated and non-refrigerated.

A clipboard with paperwork tracks the times, zones, equipment used, and items purchased.

If the product made in the Facility Kitchens is for resale, users must have Department of Agriculture licenses.

Currently, there are four licensees using the kitchen on regular basis. They are the French Baker with authentic cakes, pastries, tarts and breads; GrandRaWpids Raw Chef and Consultant organic foods; Kissing Rock Kitchens and Seasoned with Love, offering cheese balls, dip mixes, chip dips and party balls from the 50s.

The kitchen is equipped with professional Stafford Smith & Northwestern Bakery appliances. These include two stoves with 11 burners, double stack convection oven, 20 and 30 quart Hobart mixers, large



Janet Tlapek stands by the professional equipment inside the Facility Kitchens.

double sink, stainless preparation area and three section refrigerator.

Janet said she picked Lowell because it draws people from a 30 to 40 mile radius. "It's an industrial area," she said.

The industry is represented by wholesalers of food and farm producers.

Janet is planning to work with the Lowell Farmers' Market and to offer Summer Canning 2011 for personal

production. She offers help with paperwork for the Kent County Health Department.

All food brought into the kitchen must meet health codes, specifically, meat

must be USDA inspected. No game meat is allowed.

For more information or to reserve a rental go to www.FacilityKitchens.com.

Riverbank run, continued

Jim Collins and Gabe Dean. More than 40,000 toured the Expo and learned about the Pink Arrow Project.

Dave Shurlow showcased his Pink Arrow hand-cycle bike. He finished the 25k in 54 minutes/40 seconds. More than 90 Pink Arrow volunteers worked the finish line wearing Pink

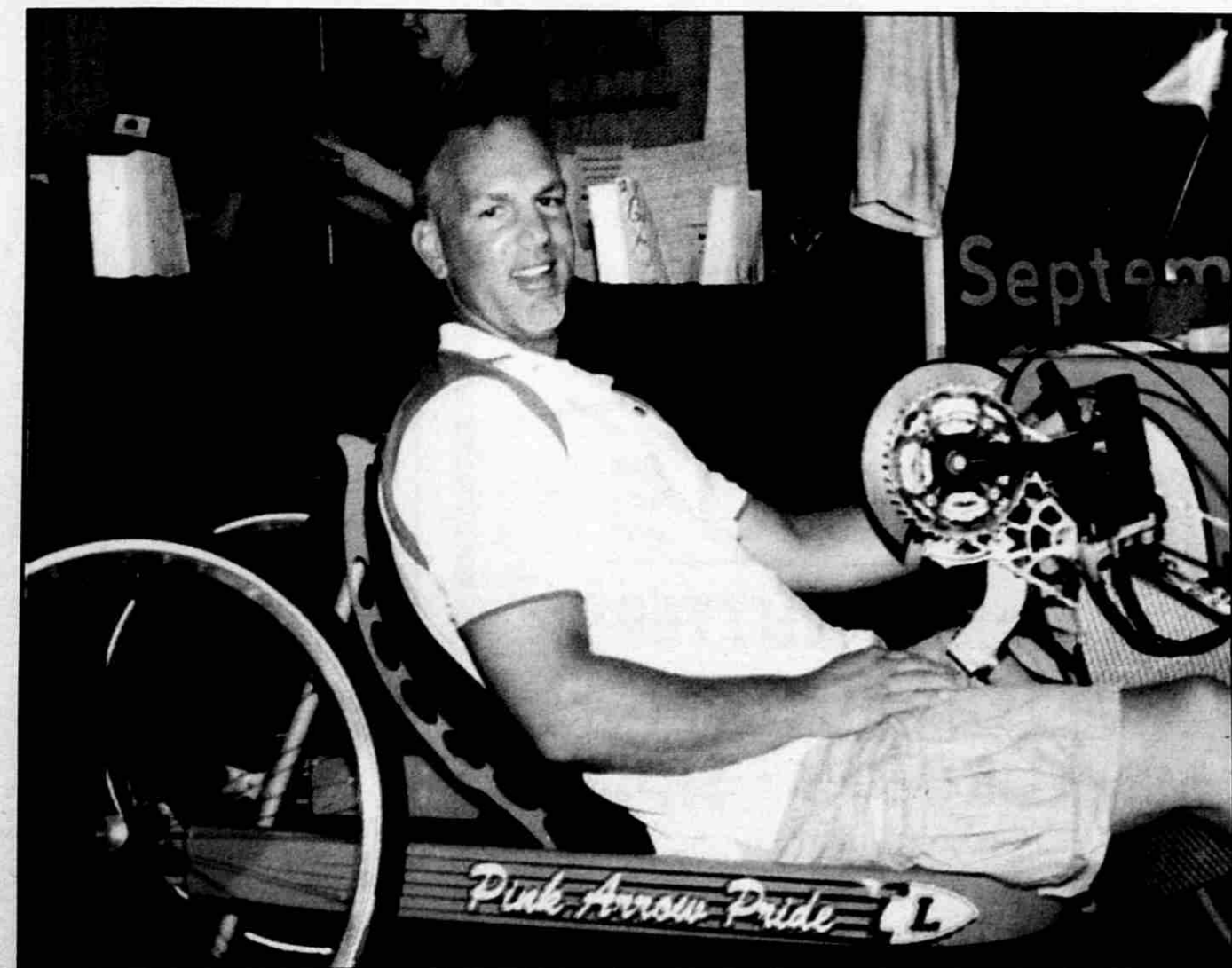
Arrow safety vests which featured the mission slogan "Serving our community and inspiring others to serve theirs."

In addition, registration for the 2011 Pink Arrow Quiver Run & Walk was officially launched at the Expo with the addition of a 10k course. The race

will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, at Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes Ave. Participants can choose from a 10K or 5K Run, 5K Walk and Kids Fun Run. Anyone interested can register at pinkarrowpride.org.



Quiver Race director, Beth Kaminski, finishing the 25K. She's assisted by volunteers, Julie Krajewski, Darci Mierendorf and Danielle Krajewski.



Dave Shurlow showcased his Pink Arrow hand-cycle bike.

LWC Woman of the Year, a friend to everyone

by Emma Palova

The Lowell Women's Club has named Kathy Horsch as Woman of the Year for 2010-2011 for her relentless volunteer work in the community.

Horsch has held office in the Lowell Women's Club, she has sponsored senior girls and she has participated in many activities of the club. These included Kids Food Basket, Santa Claus Girls, Parade of Homes and Christmas thru Lowell.

"Our honored lady has a 1950s personality but is very much a woman of today," said club president Elaine Brinkert.

Horsch, a beautician and a Mary Kay consultant, has owned her business, Galaxy Signs and Awards. She is also active in St. Mary's Catholic Church Pregnancy Center, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and the Flat River Outreach Ministries.

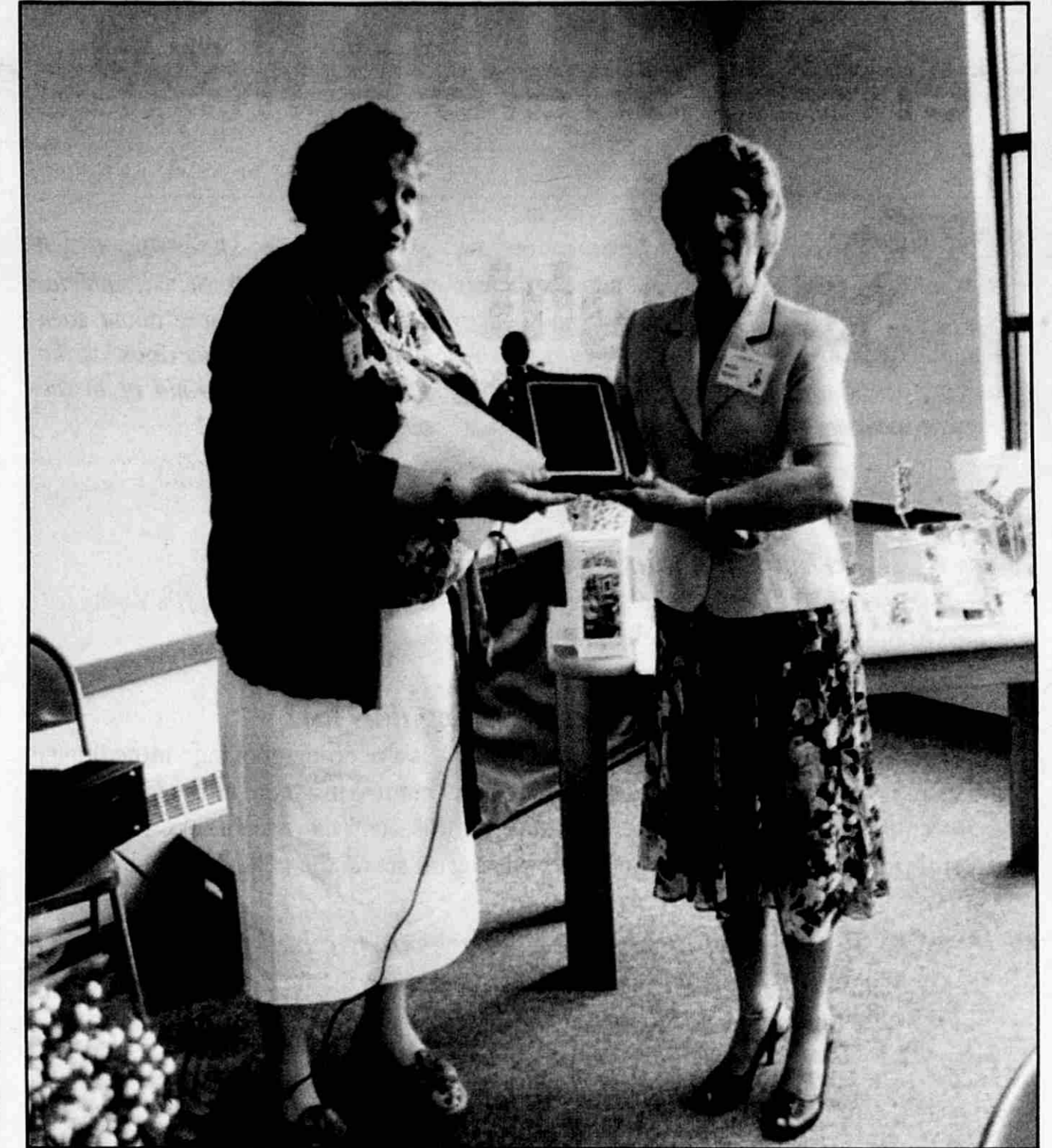
She loves to sew, crochet, dance, play cards, swim, garden and travel. Husband Richard says she is a sudoku queen. Horsch comes from a military family: Richard and both sons served in the military.

Horsch has followed Richard through 26 moves in the 47 years they have been married. They settled

in Lowell 14 years ago. Kathy and Richard had four children, James and wife June, David and wife Terry, Monica and husband Steve. Daughter Holly died as an infant.

They have seven grandchildren and Horsch has been a foster mother to 11 babies, giving them a good start in life. While living in Illinois, she was a nanny to five children. Her dog Katie also calls her mom.

She treats everyone as special and important, like the time when they lived in Illinois and Horsch was the president of the St. Margaret-Mary Women's Club. Her daughter re-



Women's Club president Elaine Brinkert presents certificate of recognition to Kathy Horsch as Woman of the Year.



Lowell Women's Club scholarship winners are, left to right: Rebecca Lorentz, Ellie Fitzpatrick, Maggie Lancaster, Anna Scudder, Alyssa Kargl, Bryleigh Loughlin, and Brynlee Pomper. Missing is: Hannah VanderHorst.

business matters

Sue Majnska promoted to assistant branch manager Huntington Bank has announced the promotion of Sue Majnska to assistant branch manager at the Lowell Westown branch.

Majnska earned her Business/Marketing Management degree from Northwood University. She is involved with the Lowell Boy Scouts, Flat River Outreach Ministries and the St. Mary's Parish Finance Committee.

Sue resides in Lowell with her husband George and their children, Matthew, Catherine and Maxwell.



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Red Arrow SPORTS

Spotlight On Sports

With Shane Beach

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 kids we're all so proud of in the community.

What is it about baseball that makes it special?

Being out with friends and playing as a team. The love of the game. It's warm (most of time) and hitting a baseball itself is special.

How is the season going thus far?

The team started slow but we're catching on. We're doing good and more things are coming into focus. Personally, I'm doing okay but making more errors than I want to. I've been playing second base. Transitioning to second has been a little tough, but it's still just fielding a grounder no matter where you are on the field. All will be fine.

What are your biggest strengths on the ball field?

My biggest are probably either the ability to think on the field or knowing what to do. I'd like to think I'm a good leader.

Describe the most exciting moment you've ever had in baseball.

It came recently, this past week, I hit my first home run over the fence vs. East GR at East GR.

What are some of the things coach Miller stresses to all his players?

Mental toughness, high focus, play as team and play together.

What do you say to people that think hitting a baseball is easy?

It's a lot tougher than it looks and takes a lot of practice to succeed.

What MLB (Major League Baseball) player do you most resemble and why?

Placido Polanco because he does so many things well, including kind of like being a coach on the field. He could play me in a movie.

This Week - Sam Steed Lowell Varsity Baseball

Favorite food?

Cereals. I eat Rice Chex about three to five times a week.

Do you think MLB players' salaries are out of control?

No, I think if the MLB can afford to pay, then the players should get it. If they can't, then they have to start reducing pay. People want to be entertained.

Albert Pujols or Miguel Cabrera? Why?

Albert Pujols. He's been in the league longer, been more consistent, plus he's not been in and out of trouble the last couple of years or at any point in his career, like Cabrera.

Do you think pitchers have a leg up on hitters now that the steroid era seems to be under control?

I'd say pitchers have more control than they used to but are still very even, more now than ever.

Would you rather see a no hitter or a record number of home runs in a game?

No hitter because they are rarer.

What should our community know about the Lowell baseball program?

That we have a lot of good guys, we play together and the second half (of the season) should be a lot of fun to watch. We are looking forward to seeing people out to games. We have a good pitching staff and hit the ball.

Mom, dad, brothers, sisters, or pets?

Dad, Doug; mom, Roxanne; older brother, Steve; younger brother, Dave; and sister, Aubrieh. I also have a pet dog name Callie.

Anything else?

I said it all, I think. I am headed to Central Michigan next fall. I'm going to play some intramural sports and I'm going to study accounting, for now.

- TRACK

Boys' track improves in conference meet

by Shane Beach

The boys' track team totaled 79 total points in the conference track meet this past Friday in Greenville. This total was 39 points more than last year's finish in fourth place, ahead of Grand Rapids Creston and Grand Rapids Northview.

Matt Kyllonen in the 200-meter, came in sixth

with a time of 23.44 and second in the 400-meter with 52.15.

Bryce Hrusovsky came in second in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.64 and seventh in the 300-meter hurdles with 45.23.

Robert Becker came in eighth in the 400-meter with a 55.64.

Jacob Khodl was tenth

in the 400-meter with a 56.45; Sean Khodl was seventh in the 800-meter with a 2:06.63; Zach Rose was a close ninth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 45.63; and Liam Kelley had a 48.4 in the 300-meter hurdles.

In the 800-meter relay, Kyllonen, Watson, Meyer and Brower, had their best

time, all year, of 1:35.59 and came in third.

Ben Partridge has a posted result in the mile at 4:59, Martin Brubaker in the 3200-meter run at 10:47 and John Mark in the 3200-meter at 11:12.

The 400-meter relay team of Bryce Hrusovsky, Leighton Watson, Matt Kyllonen, and Robby Coffey

made all conference.

"They are really starting to see some of their hard work pay off," coach Sara Ellis stated. "And I believe they are excited about how much better they are than last year. They're the same kids, but now they have that glimmer of a winning attitude."

With the win, the Red Arrows' baseball team improved to 8-4 in conference and pulled to .500 (12-12 overall) for the first time this season.

After a bring down in the nightcap, 0-2 to Northview, Lowell scored three runs in the second. J.P. North led off with a single, Matt Houston ran for him, stole second and worked his way to third. Titan Anderson walked and then a double steal by the Red Arrows led to their first run.

Luke Bigham reached base and Jordan Drake knocked in a couple in the second inning.

In the third, North got another hit and Travis Gordon singled in North.

Red Arrow SPORTS

- LACROSSE

Lowell boys' lacrosse nets first conference championship

by Shane Beach

For the first time the Lowell High School varsity lacrosse team has won the tier 2 Ottawa-Kent conference title.

Last Friday night, Lowell upended Holland Christian for the second time in two weeks. The Red Arrows won an exciting game in overtime in their previous meeting. This game was

much different as Lowell struck for four goals in the first two minutes, vaulting them to 8-1 after the first quarter. They never looked back, pounding Holland Christian 22-14.

Led by head coach Eric Bredin, the Lowell varsity team of 29 juniors and seniors, including three pairs of brothers, has worked

very hard to get to this conference championship and an 11-2 record.

Entering the quarter finals with eight wins and two losses, Lowell defeated Grand Haven, 18-11, on May 11. Two days later, the Red Arrows beat Grand Rapids Catholic Central, 15-13, in the semi-final game and then, on May 13, they

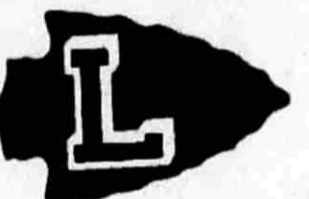
won their final playoff over Holland Christian.

Lowell's coach Bredin and the players' parents take pride in cultivating a team culture of fair play and professional attitude. This was evidenced in a statement by an opposing team's coach calling the Red Arrows a 'class act.'

Lowell vs Holland Christian OK conference tier 2 tournament scores:

Lowell goals: Bitterman 9, Collins 4, Martin 3, Posthumus 3, Foley 1, Zuk 1, McCarrey 1

Holland Christian goals: Heidenreich 6, Zoerhof 3, Wiersma 2, Miedema 1



- SOCCER

Girls' varsity soccer tied for first in conference

The Red Arrow girls' varsity soccer team is currently tied for first place, in the conference, with East Grand Rapids.

The Arrows tied EGR 0-0 in double overtime. They meet the Pioneers again Wednesday, May 18, 6:45 pm, at Bob Perry Stadium.

The team's overall record is 9-2-1. They were defeated by Grandville in an early season nonconference match, 0-3, and lost to Forest Hills Central, 1-2, with

a goal from Caitlin Fitzpatrick.

In their previous games, the Arrows defeated Wyoming Park, 4-1, with three scores coming from Michelle Foote, Claire Hopkins, Stephanie Stevens and C. Fitzpatrick contributed with one each.

They hosted Creston and won, 8-0, with goals from Megan Montgomery, MacKenzie VanderWarf, Taylor VanderHorst, Hannah Fitzpatrick, Taryn En-

dres, Alyssa Kargl, Brittany Martin, and Hopkins.

The Arrows traveled to Grand Rapids Christian and came away with a 2-1 victory. Foote scored with an assist from Jordan Timmer. Timmer scored with an assist from Stevens. "The girls played great in the first half after going down 1-0, but came back strong and dominated the rest of the first to come up to 2-1. The second half was a battle and

the defense stayed strong to earn us the victory with a great last minute save from keeper Sarah Kramer," said coach Dan Ebbutt.

The Arrows beat Fruitport, 2-1, with both goals from C. Fitzpatrick. They defeated Northview, 3-1, with scores from Ste-

vens, C. Fitzpatrick and Timmer. They traveled to Greenville and won, 1-0, with a goal from C. Fitzpatrick.

The girls took on non-conference Reeths Puffer and tied, 1-1, with a score from Timmer. Also, a non-conference game with Ce-

dar Springs gave the Arrows another win, 4-1, with two goals from Stevens and one each from Timmer and C. Fitzpatrick.

The skilled defensive players consist of Courtney Schmidt, Erica Walendzik, Melissa Southwell, Brooke Curtis, and Skylar Bowne.

- BASEBALL

Red Arrow baseball team sweeps three vs. Northview

by Shane Beach

The bats are starting to come around for coach Miller's team as they pounded out 13 hits in a 10-3 route of Northville, finishing the recent three game sweep of the Wildcats.

With the win, the Red Arrows' baseball team improved to 8-4 in conference and pulled to .500 (12-12 overall) for the first time this season.

After a bring down in the nightcap, 0-2 to Northview, Lowell scored three runs in the second. J.P. North led off with a single, Matt Houston ran for him, stole second and worked his way to third. Titan Anderson walked and then a double steal by the Red Arrows led to their first run.

Luke Bigham reached base and Jordan Drake knocked in a couple in the second inning.

In the third, North got another hit and Travis Gordon singled in North.

The Wildcats got one back in the fourth, but the Arrows struck again as Luke Bigham started off the inning with a single and was driven in by Elliot Drain.

The Red Arrows blew it open in the sixth as Drake and Steed singled. Drain got hit by a pitch and North drove in two with another single.

Anderson followed up with a double and was driven home by fellow sophomore Zach Huver.

Final Score: Lowell 10/ Northview 3. Jake Boelens picked up the victory on the mound.

After the games, coach Miller had this to say, "The team is still playing sound. The biggest difference is we are starting to work to favorable counts with guys in scoring position. This has resulted in key hits. We have lost seven games by one run. Now that we are getting

some key hits, especially out of the seven, eight and nine spots, we are seeing a difference in the scoreboard."

Miller is excited by the many things he is starting to see and also adds, "We have players with talent and a lot of young players contributing, this year, who our coaching staff have been working really hard with to help them make the big adjustment from JV to varsity baseball."

"I couldn't be more proud of this group of guys. They are working hard [and] doing what is asked of them to play team baseball," Miller added.



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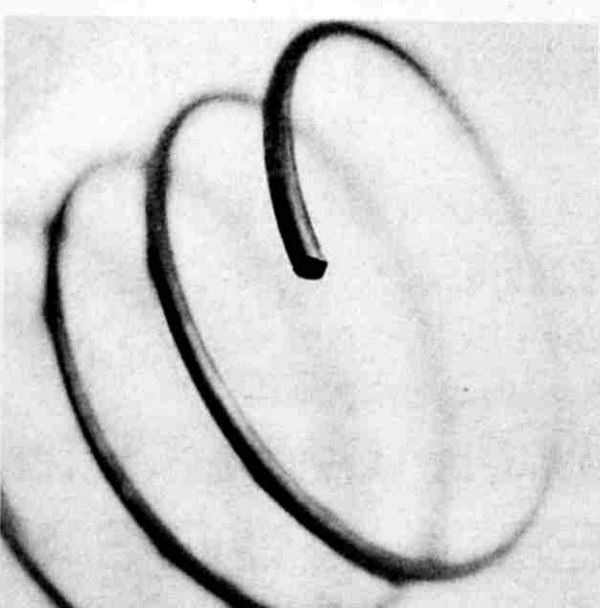
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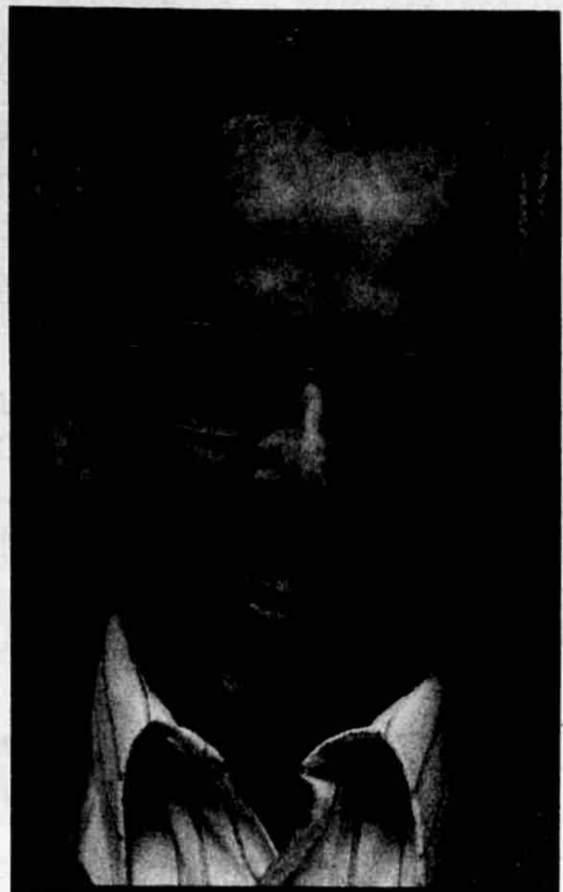
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obituaries

MCKELLAR

Harold Floyd McKellar, aged 85, of Grand Rapids, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 10, 2011. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Alma; son, Timothy, and grandson, Billy. He is survived by his nine children, Pam (Hank) Ross, Dann (Jann) McKellar, Nancy (Robert) Lyon, Lillian (John) Bryant, Cheryl (Jim) Lilley, Catherine (Gary) Acker, Elenora Lauriere, Darlene (Harry)Chichester, and Cori (Todd) Runnels; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters, Ruth Curtiss and Nettie Boogaart; brothers, Larry McKellar, Art (Katie) McKellar, and David (Kathy) McKellar; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He enjoyed spending afternoons on the golf course and visiting friends at the Vet's home. Harold served his country in the United States Navy during World War II. Harold was a wonderful and loving husband, father and grandfather who will be missed by all who knew him. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Kidney Foundation. A memorial service was held at Comfort Inn on Saturday.



Brenda Lynn (Ebels) Peterson, age 47, of Lowell, formerly of Holland, went to be with her Lord May, 9, 2011. She was preceded in death by her nephew, Michael Ebels. Brenda was a wonderful wife, mother and daughter, who loved the Lord, her family and community. She is survived by her husband of 20 years, Dave; children, Ben and Liam; parents, Don and Nancy Ebels of West Olive; brothers, Terry (Lisa) Ebels, Tim Ebels, Dean (Linda) Ebels; three nieces, a nephew and a great niece; parents-in-law, Wayne and Sharon Peterson; brother-in-law, Bruce Peterson; niece-in-law, Hannah Peterson; many aunts, uncles and cousins. She loved her 25 years of work at the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital neonatal unit. Funeral service was held Friday at Impact Wesleyan Church. Pastor Phil Struckmeyer officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Impact Wesleyan Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, Lowell.



Social Security survivor benefits explained

The loss of a loved one can be painful. The death of a wage-earner upon whom a family depends also can be financially devastating.

If you're like most young or middle-aged workers, you probably think of Social Security only as a retirement program. But some of the Social Security taxes you pay go toward providing survivors insurance for workers and their families. Think of it as a life insurance policy you never knew you had — paid for by the same taxes that cover you for retirement or disability.

When you die, certain members of your family may be eligible for survivors benefits. These include widows, widowers (and divorced widows and widowers), children, and even dependent parents. In many cases, there also is a one-time lump-sum payment of \$255 that can be made to a surviving spouse or minor children who meet certain requirements.

If you are a survivor, you should apply for survivors benefit right away. To make an appointment with the local Social Security office, call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY: 1-800-325-0778).

To help prepare you, here is the information we will need:

- Proof of death — either from a funeral home or a death certificate;
- Your Social Security number, as well as the deceased worker's;
- Your birth certificate;
- Your marriage certificate, if you are a widow or widower;
- Your divorce papers, if you are applying as a divorced widow or widower;
- Dependent children's Social Security numbers, if available, and birth certificates;
- Deceased worker's W-2 forms or Federal self-employment tax return for the most recent year; and
- The name of your bank and your account number so your benefits can be deposited directly into your account.

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

Read, every day, something no one else is reading. Think, every day, something no one else is thinking. Do, every day, something no one else would be silly enough to do. It is bad for the mind to be always part of unanimity.

- Christopher Morley

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DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, MAY 16, 2011

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion to approve the regular minutes of the May 2, 2011 meeting as presented.

Motion to approve the accounts payables as presented.

Motion to approve the request from Dorla West to use City owned property located at the southwest corner of Front and South Jackson for a plant swap on Friday, June 17, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Motion to approve the amendment to Section 6 of the City Manager Employment Agreement with Mark A. Howe.

Motion to approve the resolution approving and authorizing execution of City Manager Employment Agreement with Mark A. Howe.

Motion to approve the recommendations from the LCTV Endowment Fund Board regarding grant applications.

Motion to award contract to the low bid of \$202,955.98 from CL Trucking for the North Center Street reconstruction project.

Motion to approve the request from Donald Green to operate boat ride concessions on the Flat River.

Motion to approve the purchase of video camera and equipment not to exceed \$1,200.

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, June 6, 2011.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on June 6, 2011 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.



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City Clerk

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misc.

BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL - May 20 - 22, Fairgrounds in Lowell. Bands, camping, family fun. Barn sale, silent auction.

card of thanks

THE FAMILY OF STEVEN BALCOM extends its appreciation to all who sent cards and flowers on behalf of Steven during our time of grief. To Joyce Starkweather and the Ladies of the First United Church for their wonderful luncheon, Roth Gerst Funeral Home and staff for help in planning the service. We also extend a special thanks to Rev. Rick Blunt of First United Methodist Church of Lowell for his inspirational message.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS

my sincere thanks for all of the cards, flowers, memorial contributions and for the food that was given to us after the passing of my husband Timothy J. Seif. It was especially heartwarming to see so many people at the visitations and at the funeral. Thank you Father Mark Peacock for the beautiful service and to St. Patrick's for the wonderful lunch. Thank you to King Milling, it was comforting to see everyone there at the mill on the night of March 17, I will always remember the compassion you showed, I sincerely appreciate everything and to the Lowell Police and Lowell Fire Dept. Thank you. Dawn Seif & family

sales

MOVING SALE - Kirby & Electrolux vacuums, exercise machine, dishes, furniture, leaf blower & misc. Fri., May 20, 9-5 & Sat., May 21, 9-noon. 10352 76th St. Alto.

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in memoriam

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It's been one year since you've been gone. We have had sadness in our hearts.

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BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL - May 20-22 at the Fairgrounds in Lowell. Concerts in the Foreman Building. Campground jamming, instrument workshops, slow jams, songwriter's contest, kids activities. Camping available. Details at www.wmbma.org or call 897-6220.

BLOOD DRIVE - Fri., June 3, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Lowell High School in the aux gym. The public is welcome. This event will benefit the West Michigan Community Blood Center.

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GILDA'S CLUB LOWELL CLUBHOUSE KNITTING - May 24, 6-7:15 p.m. Instructional knitting class on the 19th with Cathie Richter open knitting time on the 26th. Bring your projects. 314 S. Hudson, Lowell. For more info call 897-8600.

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

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Food products made with soy have enjoyed great popularity in the U.S. and elsewhere in recent years. Two decades ago, Americans spent \$300 million a year on soy food products; today we spend over \$4 billion. More and more adults are substituting soy — a great source of protein — for meat,

Levin, continued

speed rail network would move our country toward the same competitive transportation system that many of our global competitors now enjoy. Such a system would create jobs both as we build it, with American workers building the trains and rails, and when it is completed, by promoting tourism and commerce and making travel between cities more affordable and convenient. And it would reduce our dependence on foreign oil because rail service can move passengers more efficiently than other modes of transportation.

Previous generations of Michiganders built the roads and the tracks and the ports and the factories that helped make our state the arsenal of

democracy and the engine of middle-class prosperity.

It falls to us to build for future generations. Success for them means moving people and goods faster, more cheaply and with more energy efficiency than ever before.

High-speed rail is an important piece of that. If our competitors in China and Japan and Europe can succeed with high-speed rail, there is no reason we can't too.

I'm confident this project is going to pay off for the people of Michigan and for the country. This project and others like it will help create jobs, grow our state's economy and secure a better future for the generations to come.

while a quarter of all baby formula contains soy instead of milk. Many school lunch programs nationwide have added soy-based veggie burgers to their menus, as have countless restaurants, including diners and fast food chains.

And there are hundreds of other edible uses of the legume, which now vies with corn for the title of America's most popular agricultural crop. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration promotes the inclusion of soy into other foods to cut down on heart attack risk. Clinical studies have shown that soy can also lower the risk for certain types of breast and prostate cancer.

But there may be a dark side to soy's popularity and abundance. "Many of soy's health benefits have been linked to isoflavones — plant compounds that mimic estrogen," reports Lindsey Konkel in Environmental Health News. "But animal studies suggest that eating large amounts of those estrogenic compounds might reduce fertility in women, trigger premature puberty and disrupt development of fetuses and children." But before you dump out all your soy foods, note that the operative phrase here is "large amounts" which, in laboratory science, can mean amounts substantially above what one would consume in real life.

Also at issue is that upwards of 90 percent of the U.S. soybean crop is grown using genetically modified (GM) seeds sold by Monsanto. These have been engineered to withstand repeated dousing with the herbicide, glyphosate (also sold by Monsanto and marketed as RoundUp). According to the nonprofit Non GMO Project, this allows soybean farmers to repeatedly spray their fields with RoundUp to kill all weeds (and other nearby plant life) except for the soybean plants they are growing.

The U.S. government permits the sale and consumption of GM foods, but many consumers aren't so sure it's okay to eat them — given not only the genetic tinkering but also the exposure to so much glyphosate. Due to these concerns, the European Union has had a moratorium on GM crops of all kinds since 1998.

The fact that genetically modified soy may be present in as much as 70 percent of all food products found in U.S. supermarkets means that a vast majority of Americans may be putting a lot of GM soy into their systems every day. And not just directly via cereals, breads and pasta: Some 98 percent of the U.S. soybean crop is fed to livestock, so consumers of meat, eggs and dairy are indirectly ingesting the products of scientific tinkering with unknown implications for human health.

Since GM soy has only been around and abundant for less than a decade, no one yet knows for sure what the long term health effects, if any, will be on the populations of countries such as the U.S. that swear by it. Natural foods stores like WholeFoods are your best bet for finding non-GM foods of all sorts.

CONTACTS: Environmental Health News, www.environmentalhealthnews.org; Non GMO Project, www.nongmoproject.org.

Dear EarthTalk: Our community is talking of culling local deer herd numbers. Frankly I think it's the people who are overpopulated, crowding out every last inch of habitat. What happens when we finally do develop everything? Pow! There goes the last doe? -- Anne Williamson, State College, PA

It's hard to believe that deer, those innocuous enough vegetarian browsers that occasionally tromp through our backyards, are considered the scourge of many a suburban neighborhood across the continent. Prior to white settlement of the "New World," tens of millions of deer blanketed the continent, but their population density was kept in check by free-roaming natural predators such as bears, wolves and mountain lions.

The white man's rifle took out the deer's chief predators and did a number on deer populations as well; venison was a staple meat on the ever expanding frontier. Biologists estimate that there were only a half million white-tailed deer left in the U.S. in the early 1900s due to unregulated hunting. At that point many states jumped in and began to regulate hunting to try to conserve fast dwindling resources. The new rules set limits on when hunters could kill deer and banned hunting females altogether.

In the meantime, many of the one-time farms in the eastern U.S. began reverting back to forests, creating a habitat patchwork that in some areas was ideal for deer. The ensuing rebound of white-tailed deer populations — over 20 million roam the U.S. today — is viewed as one of the nation's greatest conservation success stories, especially since it occurred long before the dawn of the modern environmental movement.

But there is a dark side to all this "success." Too many deer can cause problems for humans, other wildlife, and even for the deer themselves, who must compete for dwindling forage sources. "Complaints from residents are often that the deer are eating things that they have planted," reports the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). "Well fertilized and watered landscapes and gardens can be much more desirable to the deer than surrounding common ground areas that are likely not watered or fertilized."

Other concerns beyond tearing up suburban backyards include damage to agricultural crops, deer/car collisions, transmission of Lyme disease, and the over browsing of habitat which deer and other wildlife need. "Increasing deer densities through

time can lead residents to a feeling that they have to share too much with the deer as the damage they do becomes less tolerated," reports MDC. It's at this point that wildlife managers begin considering culling local herds, usually by tweaking local hunting regulations.

Many animal advocates oppose such practices. In Defense of Animals (IDA) reports that even permitted sport hunting, under current wildlife management guidelines and outdated land management policies, contributes to deer overpopulation problems. "Currently, there are approximately eight does for every buck in the wild," the group explains. "Laws restrict the number of does that hunters may kill." Since bucks will often mate with more than one doe, the ratio of does to bucks "sets the stage for a population explosion." And open season on both sexes won't solve the problem, as too many does would die, stranding needy fawns and depleting the reproductive pool — as happened in the early 20th century when deer numbers fell precipitously low. IDA and many other animal protection organizations believe that sport hunting should be banned and that deer populations should be allowed to regulate naturally.

CONTACTS: MDC, www.mdc.mo.gov; IDA, www.idausa.org.

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ACROSS

- Panorama or scene
- Its pilots flew with the U.S. in Korean War
- Elizabeth Gilbert's "Eat, ____, Love"
- These accompany pains
- Right-angle building extension
- "Die Lorelei" poet
- Mangles
- Water in Paris
- Acrylic fiber
- Actor/Director Sydney
- Like hot lava
- * ____, Laurence Olivier star of Richard III
- Raunchy
- British sci-fi doctor
- Fail to win
- Famously filed for bankruptcy in 2008
- Argo's propellers
- "For ____ the Bell Tolls"
- Actress Watts
- Small stream
- *Hang-out spot
- Sauce base of fat and flour
- Small porch
- Actress Rogers
- 100 centavos in Mexico
- Do this through the tulips?
- Offensively curious
- Bear's room
52. Double reed woodwind
- *Sock ____, a.k.a. dance
- Emerson: "____, proud world, I'm going home"
- "From Here To Eternity" Oscar winner

- *Bullwinkle to Boris, e.g.
- 2nd largest bird
- Slobber
- Corpulent
- Opposed Wade
- Bar by estoppel
- Fender-bender damage
- Drunkard
- Mouthpieces

DOWN

- Femme fatale
- International Civil Aviation Organization
- Synagogue
- "He ____ it like it is"

- Lash out
- Smell badly
- ____ carte
- Narrow water-filled gorge
- Saucy
- Irritate
- "At another time" to Shakespeare
- Japanese monetary unit
- *He thought a lot of people were phony
- *"The Lonely ____" by David Riesman
- Pooh's "wise" friend
- Resembling the king of the animals

- Not at all good
- *Francois Duvalier came to power on this West Indies island
- The lowest deck
- Door-stopping wedge, e.g.
- It has a neck and strings
- Made cow sound
- Make somebody laugh
- *Vice President for most of decade
- One-armed bandit
- Office communique
- Revered Hindu
- *Type of skirt
- ____ and flow
- Distant, yet within sight
- Inspections of court documents in hearings
- Break down or analyze
- Hurtful remark
- "Pop it in the ____!"
- Kiln for hops
- Edible fat
- Carrying bag
- Crucifix
- Mont Blanc mountain range
- *Hot ____
- Bovine sound

Puzzle solutions on page 14

As we look deeply within, we understand our perfect balance. There is no fear of the cycle of birth, life and death. For when you stand in the present moment, you are timeless.

- Rodney Yee



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The garlic mustard (an invasive species) is starting to flower, so it's really easy to find it. Please go out and pull it on your property, including along your road frontage. Destroy it after pulling, as it will still produce seeds if it's left laying.

last week's

Sound Off

poll results:

Bristol Palin is doing a reality show. Do you think it will be a hit?

YES you betcha!13%

NO boring.....87%

Should U.S. children attend school all year with no summer break?

YES.....50%

NO.....50%



MAY 11 - MAY 17

The Pakistani Taliban claims responsibility for suicide attacks killing 81 people on a military training facility in the nation's northwest. In a statement, this was a retaliation for the killing of terror leader Osama Bin Laden.

A 38-foot sailboat out of Portland, Oregon, is participating in the Oregon International offshore race when a breaching humpback whale crashes down onto the vessel, crushing its mast and rigging.

Kenyan olympic marathon champion, Sammy Wanjiru, dies in a fall from a balcony after a domestic dispute involving his wife and another woman.

Former Michigan coach Lloyd Carr will be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame this year. Carr had a distinguished 13 year career as the Wolverines' coach with a 122-40 record, five Big Ten titles and one national championship.

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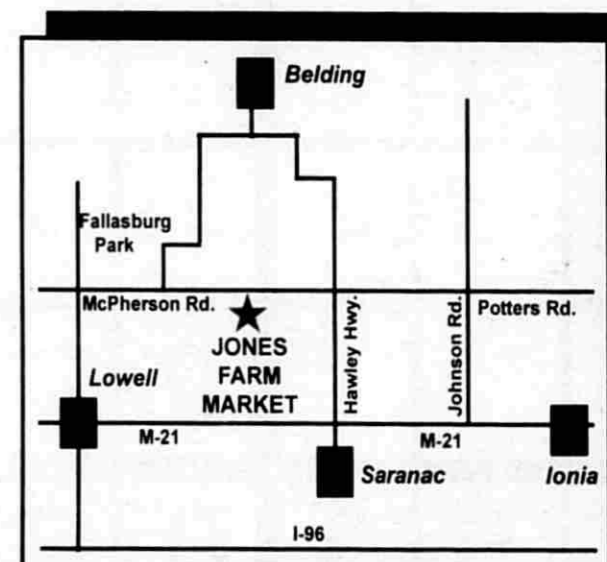
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