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Annual dinner will honor local community leaders

The Lowell Chamber of Commerce has announced that Perry and Teresa Beachum are their 2012 Persons of the Year.

The recipient must demonstrate that the community is a better place to live because of the efforts of the candidate, that the candidate positively promotes the community in both word and action and possesses new and innovative ideas that benefit the community. Also, the candidate cannot be a chamber board/foundation board member at the time of nomination.

The chamber also announced that Showboat Automotive is the Business Appreciation Award winner.

This year the Brick Awards will be given to Litehouse, Enwork and Green Acres of Lowell

The recipients of these awards will be honored at the chamber's annual Winter Gathering to be held at Deer Run Golf Course on Feb. 23.



Chamber director Liz Baker surprised the Beachums at their home last week with the news that they had been chosen Persons of the Year.

Huge turnout for blood drive at area elementary school

The student council of Murray Lake Elementary held their seventh annual blood drive on Jan. 26. These students spent several weeks preparing for and promoting the drive. The student councilmembers met with each class and shared how beneficial blood donations are and how many lives can be saved from these donations.

The planning and promotions payed off as 91 potential donors showed up for the drive and 71 pints were collected. These pints can be used to help save over 213 lives.

Michigan blood drive coordinator Julie Formsma commented, "Wow! This was a fantastic turnout for an elementary school blood drive. Murray Lake produced results that are as high as many of our high school drives. Murray Lake's numbers make them the number one Junior Lifesaver school in West Michigan. They should be truly proud."

Fifth-grade student council volunteer Allie Pawloski said, "There was a lot of people. We had to make sure that they drank some

water and had a snack when they were done."

"It was fun to talk to the people when they were done giving blood. I thought it would hurt to give blood, but the people I talked with said it didn't hurt," said fifth-grade student councilmember Reagan Coxon.

The student council will meet and discuss what went well with the drive and share ways they think they could make it better. They plan on getting even more donors in 2013.



Donors filled the gym at Murray Lake Elementary.

Commission approves King Milling site plan for new construction

by Emma Palova

The Lowell City Planning Commission approved a site plan for King Milling Company to construct a mill feed storage and a load out structure on the east side of Broadway Street.

The milling facility and the associated storage buildings are a permitted use in the district. The proposed addition consists of a facility encompassing two new storage bins.

King Milling submitted several variance requests to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). The ZBA approved the variances regarding the minimum lot area and setbacks.

The planning commission approved the following site plans with conditions:

Builder's Fireplace site plan review for property located at the northeast corner of West Main Street and Amity Street. The site is zoned as commercial general business.

The planning com-

mission also approved with conditions a site plan to add a dewatering facility to Fuller Septic Services' operation located on Bowes Road.

Approximately five trucks per week will arrive at the facility.

The commission tabled the site plan review for O'Reilly Auto Parts to be located at 1427 West Main Street.

The auto parts' store submitted a site plan to develop a 6,750-square foot auto parts' establishment on a 1.2 acre site along the north side of West Main Street. The site is zoned as commercial, which allows the use by right.

Lot coverage cannot exceed 60 percent of a lot.

In related business; following are the dates for the next planning commission meetings:

February 27, March 26, April 23, May 29, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22, November 26, and December 10.

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Snowmobile association explains where your money is spent

by Bill Manson, executive director of Michigan Snowmobile Association

Many of you are wondering why the increase in the trail permit was needed. Well, quite frankly, it's a matter of keeping our trails smooth, while costs to keep them smooth continue to increase.

Here are some numbers for you to think about when you purchase your \$45 trail permit this year. The average cost of a groomer tractor is between \$150,000 and \$250,000. Groomers needed for high snow areas run as much as \$250,000 and that's just for the tractors. Drags run from \$17,000 to \$30,000. These costs have continued to increase over the last few years, so we aren't able to purchase all of the new equipment nec-

essary. This means that maintenance costs on older equipment is also increasing. We are continuing to play catch up in terms of equipment purchases and the cost of that equipment continues to increase.

Another simple fact is that the cost of steel for that equipment is at an all time high, while fuel prices continue to rise. Insurance costs have also increased, while we continue to try and do more with what we have.

Also, trail permit sales were down seven percent last year, which means we had less money to deal with from the start. We sold 170,000 trail permits last year and \$33.53 of every permit went on the ground. I think that is a

credit to the program and the people involved in it.

It's important that we stress that the majority of this state's 69 grant sponsors are volunteer club members who spend countless hours maintaining trails, chasing leases and completing paperwork. If we had to pay 100 percent of the labor costs involved, we would not have a snowmobile program. You don't

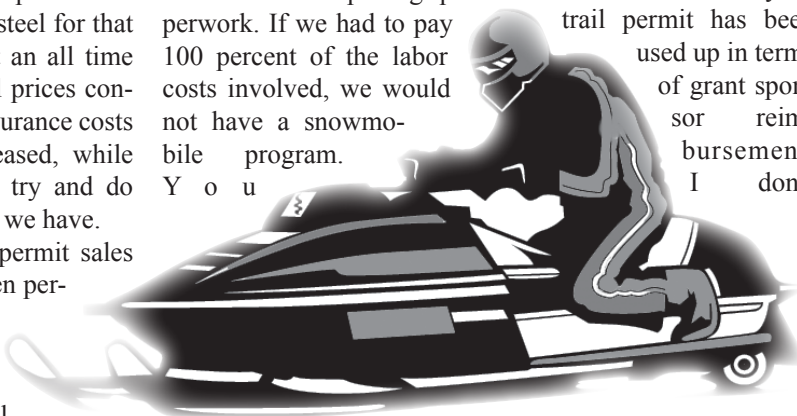
grant sponsors \$5.27 per mile. If you take that \$45 trail permit fee and divide it by that \$5.27 per mile, I think you will see it's not such a bad deal. I mean you can unload your sleds, travel to where you ride and go 8.54 miles before your trail permit has been used up in terms of grant sponsor reimbursement. I don't

know many snowmobilers who only ride 8.54 miles a season. Do you? Under the trail permit fee law passed in 2008, the

cost of trail permits in Michigan will stay at \$45 a year through 2015. In October 2016 "and every fifth year thereafter," the cost of a trail permit will reflect the "cumulative percentage change in consumer price index." This means that trail permits will increase every five years. The increase will be based on the "cumulative" cost of living over the previous five years. Please keep in mind the

funds from trail permit sales and a small portion of the return we see from our gas tax are the only two funding mechanisms we have for our snowmobile program.

During the 2010-11 season 372,906.7 miles were groomed. Fuel to groom those miles came in at \$770,460.14. The total cost to sign, brush, maintain, groom, purchase equipment and fuel was \$1,296,974.40.



would not have smooth trails.

The Cold Hard Truth We now reimburse our

fee law passed in 2008, the

The Magician's Nephew to be presented at local elementary schools

The Magician's Nephew will be performed at Lowell elementary schools in February.

The Magician's Nephew tells the story of young Digory and his friend, Polly. Using magic rings created by Digory's uncle, they set forth on a series of magical adventures through mythical kingdoms and enchanted lands. Seeking a healing apple for the boy's mother, the children awaken Queen Jadis from her enchanted sleep, unintentionally bringing her evil to Narnia.

Just B Cuz Productions brings C.S. Lewis's

Narnia series' classic to the schools. It is directed by Brent Alles with producer Yvonne Alles and assistant director/stage manager Sarah Harmon. Students attending Alto, Cherry Creek and Murray Lake Elementary schools will see the play during school hours courtesy of Lowell Area Community Fund and LowellArts!.

They will also have the opportunity to see the performance in the evening at their schools free of charge.

General admission tickets are \$5 each and good for all locations. All public performances begin at 7 pm.



along main street

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Mon., Feb. 6 at 7:00 pm. Please come and support our athletes.

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.

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Come meet and have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers on the first Saturday of the month from 8-10 am at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza.



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February Is Library Lovers' Month

We love our patrons at the Englehardt branch of Kent District Library! Check out materials and enter to win a book basket to be given away at the end of the month. Sponsored by the Friends of the Englehardt Library. Feb. 1-29.

Bookworms Adult Book Discussion

Join us for a friendly, informal book discussion, The Help by Kathryn Stockett. All adults welcome. Tues., Feb. 14 at 10:00 am.

Project Sleuth - An Art History Mystery

An international art scandal, a haunted architectural masterpiece and a world-renowned sculpture that suddenly disappears! Popular author Blue Balliett's Chasing Vermeer series of artful mysteries are the basis for this program filled with games, crafts and activities. Can you solve the mystery? For school aged children ages 6 and up. Mon., Feb. 20 at 1:00 pm.

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Odyssey of the Mind teams prepare for competition in March

Recently, ten Odyssey of the Mind teams from Lowell met at Lowell High School to practice a variety of these spontaneous problems in preparation for their upcoming Region 13 competition on March 24.

Odyssey of the Mind is a program that fosters creative thinking and problem-solving skills among kindergarten through college level students around the world.

Teams work to solve any one of a number of long term problems, from building mechanical devices and balsa wood structures to creating a unique interpretation of a literary classic.

Teams also practice ways to solve various spontaneous problems within a five to ten minute time frame.



Working on a solution for a hands-on spontaneous problem are Bushnell and Cherry Creek students: Evelyn Fleszar, Ella Todd, Payton Uhen, Caydence Pawloski, Malia Garrison and Clara Rauch.

Cherry Creek students dream, believe, achieve”

"Lowell - Dream, Believe, Achieve." That's the motto at Cherry Creek Elementary and the students are making a difference. Joe Audia's fourth grade students independently chose to raise funds to help the Haitian people get clean water. Audia had them watch a short YouTube video of Starfysh.org president, Dr. Steve Edmonson, in Haiti touring a tent village and the dire needs of the people there.

The intention was for students to be thankful before leaving for the Thanksgiving holiday. They learned that the number one cause of death in Haiti is dehydration, the effects of diarrhea due to filthy drinking water. The students immediately began plans to raise funds with a goal of \$1,500. Some ideas were to have a dog walking service, bake sale and even shaving their heads; but they finally settled on the idea of selling bracelets that say, "I Helped

Haiti" and "Starfysh.org."

In December, Audia's students began researching and learning more about Haiti. They also began teaching others in the community. The students learned about Litehouse Food's commitment to helping Haiti and wrote letters to request a partnership. Litehouse agreed to purchase the bracelets so that the profits from the fundraiser would all go to help Haiti. Litehouse also agreed to donate \$250 toward the students' goal of \$1,500.

With bracelets on order, Audia turned the students dream into a learning experience using a format called "Project Based Learning." The students' experiences are authentic and for a purpose. Some of the tasks include things like research fact-finders, bulletin board design, posters/advertisers, assembly presentation speakers, picketing captains, sales team, account-

ing, biosand filter demonstrations, videography, news writer, audio/visual technician and more.

Students learned about a variety of government structures, the value of democracy, writing to communicate an opinion and writing to communicate research; they have observed microorganisms and learned of the dangers that lie within untreated water. Students also are seeing the framework of how a small business operates on a simplified scale.

The sale began on January 4 and runs for five straight Wednesdays (called "Help Haiti Wednesdays") during the school lunch period, 11:45-12:45. A new color bracelet is available each week. Community members are welcome to stop in during the sale and purchase bracelets, \$1 each, or mail a donation to 12675 Forman Rd., Attn: Mr. Audia with checks payable to Lowell Area Schools or Starfysh.org

All of the funds raised go directly to the purchase of residential biosand water filters, manufactured locally by Cascade Engineering. Coincidentally, a local team is going to Haiti next month to install the filters. The team consists mostly of Lowell residents and some of the members have spoken to Audia's class to offer encouragement.

The filters purchased by Cherry Creek Elementary will display a label on each unit indicating such. Visit YouTube, keyword "Mr. Audia's Class" or Starfysh.org to learn more.

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LHS January Students of the Month

In conjunction with the LHS Academic Boosters, Lowell High School

has announced that Katie Bush, ninth grade; and Aleesha DenBraven, 12th grade;

are the Lowell High School (LHS) January Students of the Month.

In order to be eligible for this honor a student must be nominated by a department. All the nomination forms for the month are then reviewed and voted on at the monthly department chair meeting. Students are selected based on academic achievement, character and work ethic. There are 1200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Bush



Katie Bush



Aleesha DenBraven



Austin Buckius



Collin Johnson



Amber Sturgeon

and DenBraven. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Bush was nominated by the world language department and they write, "Katie has a great deal of enthusiasm, volunteering for activities, engaged in each lesson and is helpful to those around her. Katie is a positive influence in my Spanish II class and her enthusiasm is contagious. She is always on task and has her homework done."

The English department nominated DenBraven

and they write, "The marvelous thing about Aleesha is her unobtrusively capable nature. She does not need constant attention. She does not expect standing ovations. She is simply good at being good. Aleesha is all we hope our students and graduates [to] become, capable, giving, poised, devoted, talented, responsible, unassuming, and motivated."

In addition, Lowell High School had three students named Students of the Month for December 2011 at Kent Career/Technical Cen-

ter. They were Austin Buckius, who is in the heating/cooling/refrigeration program; Collin Johnson, who is in the graphic design program; and Amber Sturgeon, who is in the health careers program.

This program is made possible by the support of the LHS Academic Boosters, who support the high school in many ways. If you are interested in helping support the LHS Academic Boosters you may call Janine Mork at 897-5671.

LMS Students of the Month

For the month of January, the following students were chosen as Lowell Middle School (LMS) Students of the Month by LMS teachers. The students are Kelsey Emmanuel and Brett Maxim, eighth grade; Megan Ritchie and Nick Truba, seventh grade; and Alexis Higley and Bailey Vandermark, sixth grade.

Students were chosen for demonstrating the qualities of good leadership, good citizenship and good academics.



Pictured, from left to right: Alexis Higley, Bailey Vandermark, Kelsey Emmanuel, Nick Truba, and Megan Ritchie. Missing from photo: Brett Maxim.

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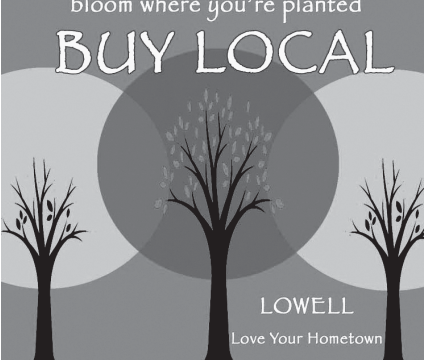
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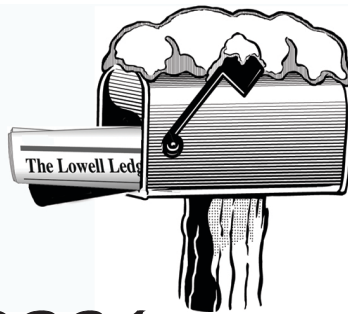
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to the editor

louise writes to the ledger

To the Editor,
I assure you that my message in Sound Off was not a prank. I hope you accept my apology for taking the heat from Luke Skywalker's friend. I really wanted people to be so thankful for the kindness others give.

Louise

Editor's note: "Louise" goes on in her letter to explain that both she and her friend have had some trying times and that they use these

pseudonyms to "brighten their days." For privacy reasons, she does not want to reveal their real names. Thank you Louise for writing and thereby reassuring our readers that I was not a victim of a prank. And if you change your mind, we would still love to do a story about whatever way you decide to pay back your friend. I find this kind of loyalty and appreciation shown toward a good friend wonderfully refreshing to see.

regarding city parking

Dear Editor,

Headline in Jan. 25 Lowell Ledger - City will have more parking space, manager spearheads Vision group. I believe the headline should have been "DDA continues spending spree while city has a \$140,000 budget deficit."

The facts are that the downtown area had more retailers but less parking area 60 years ago. Now the downtown area has more parking area and considerable fewer retailers. But the DDA continues to spend more on parking area and

projects like a new amphitheater. Those tax dollars could have been used to help out with the city budget deficit. Those tax dollars could have been used to give city employees a cost of living wage raise. It seems that all we read about is what the DDA is spending on or the vision of the community.

What is up with Lowell's city manager spearheading a vision group? Doesn't he have enough on his plate to begin with? What this city needs is a city council and city manager that gets directly to the problems of the day. And those

problems are the city budget deficit, city employees and how to give them a cost of living wage raise, establishing and financing an equipment fund and an energetic road replacement plan. The money is there, it's just not being spent wisely. It's time for a long and overdue discussion on the single larg-

est cost to the city budget. It's time for the city council and the city manager to put aside dreamland and visions of the future and take care of the city's pressing problems.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard
Lowell

remembering lowell

To the Lowell Ledger,

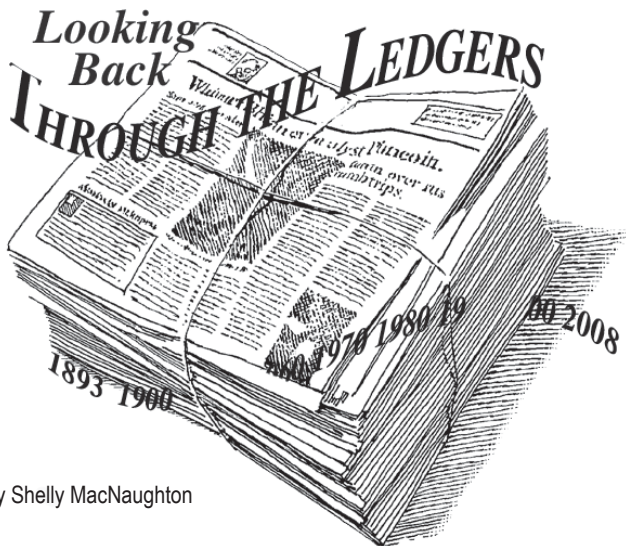
I'm enclosing my payment for a year's subscription to the paper. I'm also enclosing information for the "Looking Back Through the Ledger" column.

I attended Lowell High School, graduated in 1939 - before we had buses for rural students. We usually rode with an older neighbor student who could drive! I was one who couldn't drive and often had to wait for my driver - quite a group of us would wait at Hartman's Store on Main Street; Bill and Laura Hartman seemed to welcome us! They bought and sold used school books

and I think were classified as a drugstore. They were in the same block as Gee's Hardware, Weekes Dry Goods and Ladies Wear and Coons' Men Store.

I am now 90-years-old. My mother wrote for the Ledger, a "news" column called "Seeley's Corner" - local "gossip" - who visited who, etc. So few people remember Lowell as it was back then - but being a farm girl, it was "going to town" for groceries and for clothing - what wasn't produced on the farm or homemade!

Sybil Reynolds Robertson
Lowell



By Shelly MacNaughton

week by raising upwards of four hundred dollars to be used by the American Red Cross for the relief of victims of the worst flood ever experienced in the nation's history. The awful disaster has made a million people homeless throughout a dozen states lying in the valley of the Ohio River and its tributaries. The property damage has already reached hundreds of millions of dollars and to make the picture worse, flood authorities declare that the high stage of the flood will not be reached yet for two weeks.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger February 1, 1962

William Christiansen announced this week that he has sold the Christiansen Drug Co. to Dean L. Manigold and Mitchell F. Wiczorek, both registered pharmacists, who have formed a corporation with equal interests to operate the store as Christiansen Drug Co. They will take over the operation on Wednesday, February 7.

Manigold has been a pharmacist at Christiansen's for the past four and one-half years, coming here after working in Jackson, Cadillac, Lansing and Lake Odessa over a period of eight years.

Wiczorek is a native of Detroit where he has grown up in the drug business. His father still operates a store there. He plans to move to Lowell with his wife Ruth and three children in June.

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger February 4, 1987

Headline: Quada resigns his position as city manager

"It is with deep regret that I submit to you my resignation from the position of city manager," Ray Quada told the members of the Lowell City Council at their regular meeting of Monday, February 2. If the councilmen didn't appear as shocked as one might expect, it was because Quada had telephoned them each individually on Sunday to break the news. Quada had his family in attendance as he read from a prepared statement explaining his decision to take a position as vice president of Operations Control of Wendy's of West Michigan and as general manager of Equity Interest, Inc. The investment firm owns and operates 35 Wendy's restaurants and five apartment complexes in West Michigan.

110 Years Ago The Lowell Journal February 6, 1902

Congregational:

Ten new members were added to the church last Sunday.

The pastor has gone to the Upper Peninsula on a brief business trip and his brother, Dr. Morris of Belding, will occupy the pulpit next Sunday.

Methodist:

The juniors enjoyed the meeting last Sunday. Mr. English knows how to interest and instruct the boys and girls. An interesting object lesson is promised for next Sunday.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger February 1, 1912

Headline: Secret Is Out

Cards were issued yesterday announcing the marriage of Mrs. Frances Doyle to Dale Morgan, the ceremony having taken place Nov. 29 in Windsor, Ontario. The announcement is a complete surprise to their many friends and to the public in general.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan left yesterday morning at 10:15 by way of the Pere Marquette, their destination unknown. After a week's honeymoon, they expect to return and make their home in Lowell.

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo January 28, 1937

The people of Lowell have responded nobly this

outdoors

royalty



Dave Stegehuis

In most countries around the world, living a hunting and fishing lifestyle requires a large amount of luck. That is, one must be born into the right family or have the correct political affiliation to gain the privilege of owning a firearm and being able to hunt game or even go fishing. In this country it is just a matter of purchasing a license and following a few regulations.

Michigan offers more opportunities than all but a few other states. One can access thousands of acres of public land and hundreds of miles of streams and countless lakes to pursue outdoor activities of all kinds in addition to hunting and fishing. Federal and state governments acquired these properties by default or purchases over the years. The accusation and development of natural areas continues today.

It would seem that under current economic conditions, government agencies would not have funds available for these projects. As

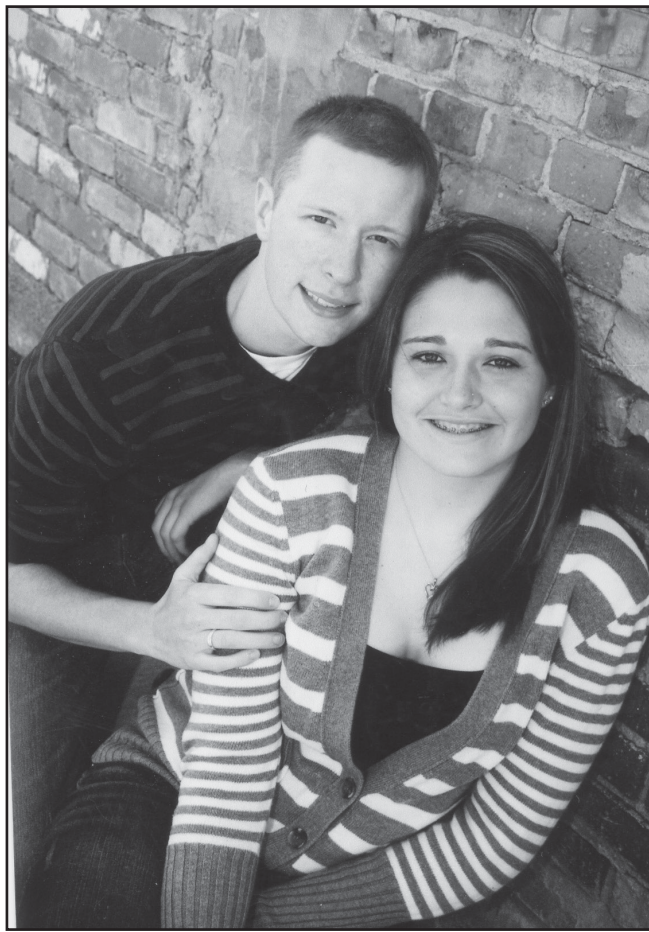
we speak, the Department of Natural Resources is buying 2,354 acres of land along the Menominee River in the Upper Peninsula on the Wisconsin border. The acquisition provides access for expert paddlers who think they can handle the challenging stretches of white water. With the cooperation between the states of Wisconsin and Michigan, the public will have thousands of acres in the region to explore and pursue a number of different recreational activities.

This is only one project that is proposed for this year. Local government units that have their proposals accepted will receive millions of dollars for recreational development projects. The major support for these proposals comes from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund which derives funds from royalties on the sale and lease of state owned mineral rights, such as gas and oil wells

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engagements

Everitt and Loetz



Craig Loetz and Nicole Everitt

Nicole Everitt and Craig Loetz will exchange wedding vows on March 31, 2012. The Lowell couple are the children of Sue Everitt of Lowell and Rick and Cathy Loetz of Alto.

Knights of Columbus council receives award

Knights of Columbus Council 7719 of Lowell has earned the distinction of Star Council, one of the organization's top awards. The organization's head-

quarters, located in New Haven, Connecticut, made the announcement. The award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership recruitment and retention, promotion of the fraternal insurance program and sponsorship of several service-oriented activities. The award was presented to the membership by district deputy Larry Adams.

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In announcing the local winner of the Star Council award, Carl A. Anderson, chief executive officer of the organization said, "Please accept my sincere congratulations upon attaining this prestigious award. Your dedication to the Order is seen in the high standard of excellence you have achieved. At the same time, I encourage you to carry for-

ward this enthusiasm to meet the challenges that will face the Knights of Columbus in the years ahead. May this award be a reminder and an inspiration to the members of your council to continue to promote the ideals of Columbianism for the good of the church, your community and the Order"

area births

Meissner



Jack Thomas Meissner

Ryan and Amy Meissner of Allendale welcomed their son Jack Thomas on Dec. 8. He weighed 9 lbs. 3oz. and measured 21 inches.

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

frozen shoulder

Frozen shoulder is a condition where the capsule surrounding the shoulder joint becomes tight and thickened. Most of the time this develops after an acute injury to the shoulder which causes one to decrease use of the area. Then the shoulder range of motion gradually decreases. Pain begins again as the shoulder is used and soon a chronic ache sets in. Raising the arm, reaching back to scratch or reaching across to the other shoulder become impossible.

Risk increases with age and injuries, such as

rotator cuff injury, broken arm, stroke or recovery from surgery. Other diseases like diabetes, Parkinson's and thyroid disorders also increase risk.

Treatment often begins with physical therapy and anti-inflammatory medication. If that fails, steroid injections can help and less often surgical procedures are used to free up the joint.

The best way to prevent frozen shoulder is to begin range of motion exercises as soon as possible after an injury and prevent prolonged immobilization.

college news

Ian Blodger, a junior philosophy and English major at Hillsdale College, was named to the dean's list for the 2011 fall semester. He is the son of Mark and Karen Blodger of Lowell and a 2009 graduate of Lowell High School.

Ian Woodworth, of Ada, was named to the dean's list for summer semester at Baldwin-Wallace College. Students who receive at least a 3.6 GPA for seven or more graded hours in a single semester are named to the dean's list.

Outdoors, continued

drilled on public land. The state constitution protects this fund from raids against other interests, so it can't be used for pensions or potholes. Because recreational spending is a huge part of Michigan's economy, the development of these projects greatly benefits local businesses and increases tax revenue for the state.

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My family tree is documented back to 1650 and I can't find any connection to royalty, but in Michigan I can still hunt like a prince. In America, we have a huge country estate at our disposal, so don't take it for granted. At a time when it seems a lot of things in the world are going bad, the opportunity to get out and enjoy an outdoor lifestyle at home is getting better.



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St. Patrick School spelling bee winners

The spelling bee held on Jan. 20 was won by sixth grader Maggie Camp (first place) and eighth grader Kristina Samson (runner-up). Both will continue the contest in a Grand Rapids area district tournament in

a few weeks. Pat Firlik, St. Patrick School alumni parent and parishioner, donated his time and talent to be official pronouncer; Barb Vezi-no organized the bee and Nikki Kevic and Deb Russo were official judges.

Pictured are, front row, left to right: runner-up Kristina Samson and first place winner, Maggie Camp; second row, left to right, principal Scott Czarnopys and bee pronouncer, Pat Firlik.



lend a hand

volunteering opportunities

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 6:30 pm and lasts one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the center and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The Literacy Center of W. Michigan is a nonprofit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in our community. Based on 1990 census figures, at least

19,000 adults in Kent County cannot read at a functional level. At least 6,000 adults cannot speak or understand English well. By training people to be tutors, the center can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The information session will be held at the Literacy Center of West Michigan, located at 1120 Monroe Ave., NW, Suite 240, Grand Rapids, MI. Please call us at 459-5151 (ext. 10) to register.

financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Investors can learn much from Super Bowl teams

It's Super Bowl time again. And whether you're a sports fan or not, you can probably learn something from the Super Bowl teams that you can apply to other endeavors — such as investing.

What might these lessons be? Take a look:

- Pick players carefully. Super Bowl teams don't usually get there out of luck; they've made it in part because they have carefully chosen their players. And to potentially achieve success as an investor, you,

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Ring in the new year means different things to people. For some, there are traditions, parties, resolutions and new beginnings. For several of the residents at Laurels of Kent, New Years Eve is just another night, but when asked to reflect on celebrations of past, some were quick to recall and share their most memorable holiday.

Resident, Genevieve Gordon remembered a very special New Year spent in Hawaii. "We weren't at a party or anything like that, but actually, on our way to the airport to return home," she says. "It was very busy, with cars bumper-to-bumper, and people were yelling out and running up to cars wishing everyone happiness in the upcoming year. There was such a euphoria in the air!" she remembers. "The whole experience made such an impression on me because there was an overall feeling of love & electricity between everyone."

Mr. Andy Anderson, from Lowell and now residing at Laurels, remembers a romantic evening with his wife, and her memory stirs a feeling of joy. "We went to DeVos Hall for a nice dinner and dancing. She was always so much fun to be with," he says with emotion. "My wife was loved by many people because she was a good person. She always put others first, especially me. When we got home that New Years Eve, I didn't want the evening to end, so we danced some more in our living room."

On a less romantic note, Betty Hamp, also from Lowell, quickly remembered a New Years tradition that she and her husband made sure to do every December 31st. "It all started with my husband's parents, and it may go back before then, but to prevent ourselves from going broke in the upcoming year, we

would wrap Herring," she giggles and explains, "Each of us would wrap a cabbage leaf around a piece of Herring, then put a dime in the center and place the rolls in a sealed jar." Asked if they did this every year, she replied, "Yes, without fail. Because we never went broke, we didn't want to risk ever skipping a year. We just kept jamming them in the jar!" To which one wonders how they handled opening that jar year after year.

Longtime Lowell resident, Jan Kropf, recalls an adventurous New Year when she and her husband, Bob, along with another couple, would take off on their snowmobiles near Murray Lake. "We'd make a day and night of it, riding on my in-law's property. Then we'd find a spot in the woods, build a campfire an hour or so before midnight and roast hotdogs. It was so much fun," she laughs. When asked if that was all they had, she smiled and said, "Well, one of the guys would pull out a flask to ring in the New Year."

But for another Lowellian, the most memorable celebration was all about resolutions. Dick Huver clearly remembers the New Years Eve of 1970, when he and his wife went to a party at a friend's new home. "There were several couples there, and we had a great time celebrating their beautiful home, our friendships and good fortune. And that means, I did my share of 'toasting,'" he laughs and continues, "my wife drove us home, and when she left to take the babysitter home, it was 'all over but the cryin'." I don't remember much after that except one thing...that was the night I quit smoking," he says proudly.

Yes, New Years Eve is still, and will always be, a time of resolutions and new beginnings, traditions, appreciation and possible romance, but let's all hope it is not a time of "going broke," even if we do opt to skip the Herring.

Tax loophole encourages financial games over job growth



Sen. Carl Levin

We have learned a lot in recent months and years about how special tax breaks and loopholes favor the privileged and powerful at the expense of Michigan's and America's middle class. As one of my first actions in the Senate this year I introduced a bill to close one of the most troubling of those loopholes.

The bill, the Closing the Derivatives Blended Rate Loophole Act, meets the twin tests of helping to reduce the deficit while promoting the interests of

American families. It would put an end to a tax loophole that showers benefits on short-term traders of certain financial instruments, but does nothing to promote economic growth and raises the tax burden on American families.

Our tax code taxes what are known as "capital gains" — income from the sale of stocks, real estate or other assets — at a much lower rate than the tax on income such as your paycheck. But generally speaking, taxpayers are

allowed to claim a lower long-term capital gains tax rate on earnings only if those earnings come from the sale of assets that they have held for more than a year. The reason is simple: we tax long-term capital gains at a lower rate because we want to encourage the long-term investment that helps our economy grow.

But under current tax law, traders in certain complex financial instruments called derivatives have managed to win themselves an exemption from the distinction between short-term and long-term capital gains. They can claim 60 percent of their income as long-term capital gains no matter how briefly they hold the asset. This "blended" tax rate applies if the trader holds the asset for

11 months or 11 hours or 11 seconds.

The details may be complex, but the bottom line is that this treatment bestows a big tax break on those who typically hold the covered derivatives for only a brief period. It encourages and rewards short-term speculation in complicated financial products and does little, if anything, to help our economy grow and create jobs. In fact, the increasing focus of our financial markets on short-term profit through trades that last just minutes or seconds threatens real damage to our economy. So we're subsidizing activity that doesn't help the economy, and could do harm, at the expense of middle-class taxpayers.

We lose significant tax revenue by allowing this tax break — a revenue loss that means we must either ask for more from American families or add to the deficit. What's more, this misguided policy contributes to the basic unfairness that characterizes too much of our tax code by providing an unusual and unnecessary tax break to a small group of financial speculators.

The tax experts at the American Bar Association's Tax Section wrote in December to the tax-writing committees of the House and Senate: "We are aware of no policy reason to provide preferential treatment for these gains and losses."

Ending this loophole by passing the Closing the

Derivatives Blended Rate Loophole Act would not solve all the problems in our tax code nor end our deficit dilemma. But it would be another important step toward a saner, fairer tax code. It would demonstrate that Congress shares the concerns of so many Americans that the tax system is too often stacked against the interests of working families and in favor of the privileged few. It would end a policy that encourages short-term speculation over long-term investment in growth. And it would provide a down payment on the revenue we need to restore if we're to engage in serious deficit reduction and avoid slashing critical programs.

Financial Focus, continued

too, need carefully chosen "players" — investments that are chosen for your individual situation.

- Choose a diversified mix of players. Not only do Super Bowl teams have good players, but they have good ones at many different positions — and these players tend to play well together. As an investor, you should own a variety of investments with different capabilities — such as stocks for growth and bonds for income — and your various investments should complement, rather than duplicate, one another. Strive to build

a diversified portfolio containing investments appropriate for your situation, such as stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and other vehicles. Diversifying your holdings may help reduce the effects of market volatility. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.)

- Follow a "game plan." Super Bowl teams are skilled at creating game plans designed to maximize their own strengths and exploit their opponents' weak-

nesses. When you invest, you also can benefit from a game plan — a strategy to help you work toward your goals. This strategy may incorporate several elements, such as taking full advantage of your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, pursuing new investment opportunities as they arise and reviewing your portfolio regularly to make sure it's still appropriate for your needs.

- Stay dedicated to your goals. Virtually all Super Bowl teams have had to

overcome obstacles, such as injuries, bad weather and a tough schedule. But through persistence and a constant devotion to their ultimate goal, they persevere. As an investor, you'll face some challenges, too, such as political and economic turmoil that can upset the financial markets. But if you own a diversified mix of quality investments and follow a long-term strategy that's tailored to your objectives, time horizon and risk tolerance, you can keep moving forward, despite the "bumps in the road" that all investors face.

- Get good coaching. Super Bowl teams typically are well-coached, with disciplined head coaches and innovative offensive and defensive coordinators. When you're trying to achieve many financial goals — such as a comfortable retirement, control over your investment taxes and a legacy to leave to your family — you, too, can benefit from strong "coaching." As your "head coach," you might choose a financial professional — someone who can help you identify your goals and recommend

an appropriate investment strategy to help you work toward them. And your financial professional can coordinate activities with your other "coaches," such as your tax and legal advisors. Unless you're a professional football player, you won't ever experience what it's like to play in the Super Bowl. However, achieving your financial goals can be a fairly big event in your life — and to help work toward that point, you can take a few tips from the teams that have made it to the Big Game.

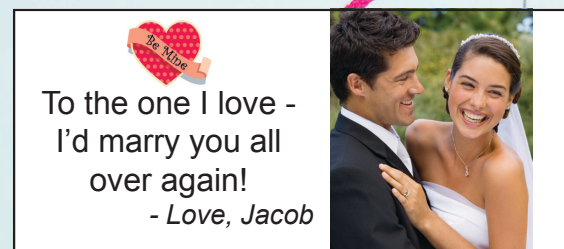
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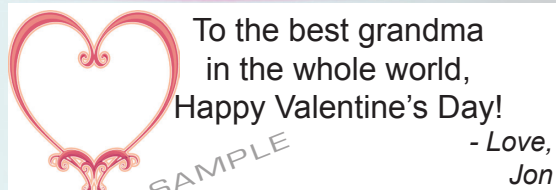
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Red Arrow SPORTS

Boys basketball tramples Creston, tough week ahead

by Casey Cheney

The one-game week found the Lowell Red Arrow boys basketball team on the right end of a blow out on Friday as they beat Creston 75-53.

“We jumped out to a great start,” head coach Kyle Carhart said. “Justin Castro was great. He was very aggressive getting to the basket, getting

some early steals and easy baskets. He really led us and got us going.”

Castro led the Arrows with 14 points, adding four assists and three steals in the game.

Big men Kyle Rogers and Alec Roerig had 10 points, eight rebounds and nine points, seven rebounds, respectively.

Carhart said, “Kyle and Alec continued to lead us and really dominated the game on the interior. They got a lot of defensive stops for us and continued to lead our guys.”

“All seniors all stepped up and played very well for us,” he said, adding, “We did a good job of playing fast and getting really good shots.”

A major contributor to that was the ever-moving Blake Lyman, who finished the game with 11 points and three assists.

“Blake was also really good. He can score in bunches but also made some really good decisions with the ball and put his teammates in positions to be successful with his aggressiveness,” Carhart said.

On the offensive side, Carhart said his boys did well with protecting the ball and limiting turnovers, a must against teams like Creston.

He said, “They pressure the basketball and really try to turn you over. Our guards were pretty good all night.”

Defensively, however, he saw some holes.

“Our defense was good in stretches but we will have to sure up some mistakes if we want to be successful against Grand Rapids

Christian and East Grand Rapids on the road this week,” Carhart said.

Jake Boelens also scored in the double digits on Friday with 10 points,

tallying three rebounds as well.



Austin Lemke sends away a Creston shot during the Friday night blowout.



Point guard Justin Castro defends against the struggling Creston offense.

Girls basketball dominates Creston, faces league rivals

by Casey Cheney

Getting their fourth win of the season, and by the widest margin, the Lowell Red Arrow girls' basketball team defeated the Creston Polar Bears 52-23 on Friday.

Head coach Kevin Brechting said, “We were very balanced in our scoring with Lauren Kurtz leading

the way with 14 points. The key to the victory was pushing the ball and hitting open shots.”

Brechting did critique the number of missed lay ups in the game, but said his team’s staunch defense gave them a continuous edge.

“Playing good defense

and holding them scoreless in the third quarter made up for it,” Brechting said.

Brechting said that defense will be tested this week as they face two league leaders on the road in Grand Rapids Christian and East Grand Rapids.



Stephanie Stevens looks for an open teammate against Creston.



Amber Martin drives the ball past two Polar Bears in Friday’s game against Creston.

Red Arrow SPORTS

Player Spotlight



This Weeks' Athlete: *Jason Malling*
Team: Lowell Boys' Varsity Basketball
Position: Point Guard
Grade: Junior

Do you play any other sports?

"Baseball, but I'm not doing baseball right now."

When did you start playing organized basketball?

"Probably fourth grade."

Why did you start playing?

"My dad played and my brothers and sister played."

Why did you stick with it?

"I have a good time playing it. It's a lot of fun."

How long have you been a starter?

"I started last year. I've been on varsity two years."

Any hopes to play in college?

"I would like to but I don't know if I can."

If you had to choose, would you pick basketball or baseball?

"I would definitely choose basketball."

Why?

"Baseball's slower I guess. It gets kind of boring sometimes. And I don't like playing in the cold."

What part of the game do you like most?

"I would definitely say [scoring] points."

Who would you say you're most like, Steve Nash, Allen Iverson before he sucked, Chris Paul or an American Tony Parker?

"I'd say Chris Paul."

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- GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics gets first conference win

The Lowell gymnastics' team celebrated its first conference win during one of its busiest weeks of the season. They beat East Kentwood 126.75 to 117.80.

Head coach Michele DeHaan said, "There were uncharacteristic falls for three of our girls on the bars tonight."

Lowell's top scorer on bars, Kaezi Bladey, had a great bar routine.

"She kept her routine moving and had very nice lines," DeHaan said.

I think having four meets in the last eight days is taking a toll on the team."

DeHaan said she looks forward to slowing down and having time to refocus and regroup.

"We have had more competitions lately than practice and that makes it hard to make any changes that are needed," she said.

Danielle Krajewski and Colleen Cater posted personal best scores on beam against East Kentwood, both sticking their routines with no falls. Lauren DeHaan and Meghan Plutschouw posted personal best scores on floor.

The team went on to lose to Kenowa Hills 127.45 to 137.10.

"Rough meet tonight," DeHaan said. "This was our fifth meet in the last 10 days. The girls are tired and we can't wait until next week when we have no meets all week. The girls need time to rest and refocus. With having meet after meet, we have had no practice time to fix mistakes in routines. It's very hard on the girls having this many meets in a row."

The girls finished off their long week with a sixth place finish at the Kenowa Hills Invitational. They boasted their best team score of the season - 131.80.

"This was obviously our best overall meet yet this season," DeHaan said. "They hit my goal of the team scoring 130 this year. We have had such a rough two weeks with having six meets and very little practice and for them to finish this meet on such a high note, the determination and perseverance they displayed makes me so proud to be their coach."

The team had its highest scores this year on vault and



Kaezi Bladey does her routine on the bars. Photos courtesy of Paige DeHaan

a personal best for every single girl.

Lauren DeHaan scored a 9.0, making her the first gymnast from Lowell to score a 9.0 in the last two years on any event,

DeHaan said, "You will be seeing many nines in the near future from many girls on this talented team! I can't wait for that to happen."

Kaezi Bladey had a personal best bar routine.

She added a release move and some more difficult new tricks and cleaned up her old tricks.

Abby Rogalke shone on floor with a personal best score. She added a half twist in her layout in her first tumbling pass, so that added difficulty helped raise her score.

"This week we now will have the time to get over lots

of video to fix mistakes in the girl's routines," DeHaan said. "This time without meets enables us to work on some new skills to try to increase difficulty to raise scores. Also, it gives a few girls with injuries time to rest."

Once again, the team has qualified for the regional tournament.



Bethany Kaczanowski executes her floor routine.

SCORES

Individual qualifiers:

Vault 7.9
Morgan Taylor
Emily Judd
Colleen Cater
Meghan Plutschouw
Jorie Bennett
Abby Rogalke

Bars 6.8
Morgan Taylor
Emily Judd
Meghan Plutschouw
Bailey Roberts
Abby Rogalke

Beam 7.5
Danielle Krajewski
Kaylee Wold

Floor 8.0
Meghan Plutschouw
Abby Rogalke

Qualified All Around
(on all four events)
Lauren DeHaan
Bethany Kaczanowski
Kaezi Bladey

Lowell 126.75
East Kentwood 117.80
Vault
Meghan Plutschouw 8.7
Lauren DeHaan 8.65
Emily Judd 8.55
Morgan Taylor 8.55

Bars
Kaezi Bladey 7.85
Lauren DeHaan 7.2
Bethany Kaczanowski 7.1
Morgan Taylor 7.0

Beam
Bethany Kaczanowski 7.7
Colleen Cater 7.625
Danielle Krajewski 7.525
Emily Judd 7.15

Floor
Lauren DeHaan 8.4
Meghan Plutschouw 8.3
Bethany Kaczanowski 8.25
Kaezi Bladey 8.2

Lowell 127.45
Kenowa Hills 137.10
Vault
Meghan Plutschouw 8.6
Abby Rogalke 8.50
Lauren DeHaan 8.45
Colleen Cater 8.45

Bars
Kaezi Bladey 7.85
Bailey Roberts 7.85
Lauren DeHaan 7.15
Bethany Kaczanowski 7.075

Beam
Danielle Krajewski 7.8
Abby Rogalke 7.55
Meghan Plutschouw 7.55
Colleen Cater 7.175

Floor
Meghan Plutschouw 8.55
Lauren DeHaan 8.5
Kaezi Bladey 8.4
Colleen Cater 8.0

Kenowa Hills Invite
A team - finished 6th overall - 131.80

Vault
Lauren DeHaan 9.0-----
tied for 5th place
Meghan Plutschouw 8.9 -
tied for 6th place
Abby Rogalke 8.85
Kaezi Bladey/Bailey Roberts tied 8.75

Bars
Kaezi Bladey 8.25
Bailey Roberts 7.95
Lauren DeHaan 7.85
Abby Rogalke 7.45

Beam
Lauren DeHaan 8.2
Kaezi Bladey 7.6
Abby Rogalke 7.35
Meghan Plutschouw 7.2

Floor
Abby Rogalke 8.7
Bailey Roberts 8.6
Meghan Plutschouw 8.6
Kaezi Bladey 8.55

B team - placed 10th overall with a score of 115.30

Vault
Bethany Kaczanowski 8.75
Emily Judd 8.7
Colleen Cater 8.55

Bars
Emily Judd 7.4
Bethany Kaczanowski 7.3
Morgan Taylor 7.3
Danielle Krajewski 7.05

Beam
Danielle Krajewski 7.75
Morgan Taylor 7.35
Emily Judd 7.25
Colleen Cater 7.0

Floor
Emily Judd 8.65
Bethany Kaczanowski 8.1
Colleen Cater 7.75
Erin Groom 7.4

obituaries

CARIGON

Harold Edward Carigon Jr., age 74, of Lowell, passed away Saturday, January 28, 2012. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Jessie Hunt; parents, Harold Sr. and Grace; brothers, Albert, Howard and Harry; sister, Anna Tanis; and dear friend, Mattie Dalziel. He



is survived by his children, Connie (Gary) Yeiter, Bonnie (Mark) Essich, Carol (Steve Eickhoff) Hunt, Robert Dalziel and their mother, Shirley Carigon; sister, Ella Aspinall Mulder; grandchildren, Jason (Meagan) Yeiter, Eric (Jillian) Yeiter, Heather (Dan Summers) Essich, Tarah (Dustin Burke) Essich, Brittany Essich, Joey Hunt Jr., Tiffany Hunt, Sophia Dalziel; great-grandchildren, Blake, Matthew, Emma and Layla. Harold was retired from Keebler after 40 years. He loved playing cards, fishing and hunting. Funeral service will be held Wednesday at 11:00 am at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Rev. Nate Gray of Elmdale Church of the Nazarene officiating. Interment Bowne Mennonite Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding Ave. S.E., Ada, MI 49301. Arrangements provided by Roth-Gerst, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Michigan 49331.

Norman J. Jackway, of Lowell, formerly of Williamston, age 89, passed away Thursday, January 26, 2012. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ida. He is survived by his children, Jim (Kathryn), Michael, Judy (Roger), Susan (Michael); nine grandchildren; and twenty-three great-grandchildren. He was a carpenter and farmer who loved fishing, hunting and gardening. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

McCORMICK

James Patrick McCormick, age 77, of Lowell, passed away Monday, January 23, 2012. He was preceded in death by his brother, John; sisters, Florence Hurley and Kathryn Flanagan. He is survived by his son, Jim (Jolene) McCormick; grandchildren, Jimmy, Nick, Alyssa, and Jarred McCormick; sisters, Helen (Thomas) Harring, JoAnn Umlor, and Mary Nead. Grandpa Mac will be sorely missed by all, especially his best friend and son, Jim. In his retirement Mac enjoyed his antique tractor hobby. He was a member of the Eagles, Moose Lodge and American Legion. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 4351 Parnell N.E., Ada. Rev. Mark Peacock presiding. Interment St. Patrick Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to VA Ann Arbor Health Care System, Attn: Voluntary Services, 2215 Fuller Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Arrangements provided by Roth-Gerst, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Michigan 49331.



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Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov

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card of thanks

CARD OF THANKS The family of Joan Roth would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind words, cards, flowers and memorial gifts. A special thank you to the caring staff at Emerald Meadows Assisted Living, Faith Hospice, Pastor Rick Blunt, Mr. Bill Zinke, the United Methodist Women's Group and Roth Gerst.

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KENT COUNTY NARFE GROUP - for retired & current federal employees meet the 2nd Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton, 1/2 mile west of E. Beltline. Potluck at 12:30 p.m. & meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. Call Ed Moore for time, 616-784-6716.

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Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: I was horrified to read recently that our oceans are actually becoming acidic, that the continued burning of fossil fuels is changing the chemistry of our seas. What's going on? -- Kim Richardson, San Diego, CA

It's a known fact that our oceans are becoming more acidic as a result of the increasingly large load of human-generated carbon dioxide (CO₂) entering our atmosphere. About 25 percent of all the CO₂ we send skyward out of our tailpipes and smokestacks ends up in the world's oceans, where it triggers chemical reactions in the water column that lead to increased acidification. Researchers estimate that the acidity of our seas has increased 29 percent since the dawn of the Industrial Revolution. If we do not slow down the pace of greenhouse gas emissions, our oceans could be two to three times as acidic in 2100 as they already are today, which could prove disastrous to marine ecosystems and the world's food chain.

"When carbon dioxide is absorbed by seawater, chemical reactions occur that reduce seawater pH, carbonate ion concentration and saturation states of biologically important calcium carbonate minerals," reports the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). These calcium carbonate minerals, typically abundant in areas where most marine life congregates, are the building blocks for the skeletons and shells of many marine organisms, from oysters to coral. "However, continued ocean acidification is causing many parts of the ocean to become undersaturated with these minerals, which is likely to affect the ability of some organisms to produce and maintain their shells," adds NOAA. The process will not only wreak havoc on the shellfish we eat, but also on smaller marine organisms that are key components on the lower end of the marine food chain.

According to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), a leading green group, coral reefs around the world may face an even greater risk than shellfish because they require very high levels of carbonate to build their skeletons. "Acidity slows reef-building, which could lower the resiliency of corals and lead to their erosion and eventual extinction," they write. This would be an unmitigated environmental disaster, given that an estimated one million marine species depend on healthy coral reefs for survival.

"Such losses would reverberate throughout the marine environment and have profound social impacts, as well — especially on the fishing and tourism industries," NRDC reports. "The loss of coral reefs would also reduce the protection that they offer coastal communities against storms surges and hurricanes — which might become more severe with warmer air and sea surface temperatures due to global warming."

Researchers are working on strategies to protect aquaculture farms from further losses due to acidic water, but any large-scale effort to address ocean acidification will require the slowing down or phasing out of fossil fuels. Powering our cars, heating our homes and running our machines and appliances all require burning fossil fuels which generate greenhouse gas emissions and in turn cause acidification. Cutting back on our consumption of oil, gas and coal and switching to renewable energy sources — solar, wind, biomass and others — will be a necessary part of the strategy to counteract ocean acidification.

We can all help by driving less and walking/bik-

ing more; upgrading our vehicles, light bulbs and appliances to more energy efficient versions; patronizing companies that work to reduce their carbon footprints; and pushing our state and federal governments to enact binding reductions in CO₂ pollution.

CONTACTS: NOAA, www.noaa.gov; NRDC, www.nrdc.org.



Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that cable and other pay TV boxes that sit atop television sets consume massive amounts of energy, in part because they are always on, even when the TV is off? -- Sam Winston, Metairie, LA

We hear a lot about how much energy modern day flat screen TV sets consume, but the innocuous set-top boxes that drive them, along with their built-in digital video recorders, may be even more to blame. A recent analysis conducted by the consulting firm Ecos on behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) found that "the average new cable high-definition digital video recorder (HD-DVR) consumes more than half the energy of an average new refrigerator and more than an average new flat-panel television." Overall, set-top boxes in the U.S. consume some 27 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity. This is equal to the annual output of six average (500 megawatt) coal-fired power plants and accounts for the emission of 16 million metric tons of carbon dioxide.

Part of the reason these boxes are such energy hogs is that they typically operate at nearly full power even during the two-thirds of the time when they are not actively in use driving TV screens or recording to built-in DVRs. "As a nation, we spend \$2 billion each year to power these boxes when they are not being actively used," reports NRDC.

To make matters worse, American consumers have little if any choice about which set-top boxes they get from their cable or satellite service providers. Since the providers usually own the boxes yet don't have to pay consumers' electric bills, they have little incentive to utilize or develop more efficient models. In Europe, Sky Broadcasting is beginning to distribute more efficient equipment to subscribers there. NRDC is urging the largest pay-TV service providers in the U.S. (Comcast, Time Warner, DirecTV, Dish Network, Verizon and AT&T) to heed the efficiency call with their own set-top box and DVR offerings.

Redesigning set-top boxes to power down when not in use is perhaps the biggest opportunity for energy savings. "Innovation to reduce power consumption when not in active use — such as has occurred with mobile phones, which also work on a subscriber basis and require secure connections — is sorely needed in set-top boxes," counsels NRDC. Also, re-jiggering content delivery systems so that only one main set-top box sends signals to all the televisions in the house (or to lower power "thin client" boxes) could also cut down household electric bills and carbon footprints. The group adds that "better designed pay-TV set-top boxes could reduce

the energy use of the installed base of boxes by 30 percent to 50 percent by 2020."

Last year the U.S. government released new energy efficiency standards for set-top boxes within its EnergyStar appliance efficiency rating program. While this new specification is a step in the right direction, consumers have little knowledge about such options. NRDC urges pay-TV subscribers to request that their providers make available set-top boxes and DVRs that meet the newer EnergyStar 4.0 standards. The more of us that request such improvements, the likelier they are to happen. And the cable or satellite provider that can save customers money while reducing overall environmental impact may just win over an increasingly large sector of the American people that actually cares about being green.

CONTACTS: NRDC's "Better Viewing, Lower Energy Bills, and Less Pollution," www.nrdc.org/energy/files/settopboxes.pdf; EnergyStar, www.energystar.gov.



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SUPER BOWL

ACROSS

- 1. No longer required to lick this
- 6. *Kick catcher
- 9. Manufactured
- 13. BBQ spot
- 14. Argonaut's propeller
- 15. Inside of a jacket
- 16. Lusitania's destroyer
- 17. *___ Bowl, 1 week before Super Bowl
- 18. ___ peace
- 19. Type of sale
- 21. *Last year's winner
- 23. International trade organization
- 24. Screen material
- 25. Legal group
- 28. Process of seeping
- 30. Pass away
- 35. A graduate
- 37. Of sound mind
- 39. Specialty
- 40. *Can be used to describe a safety
- 41. Item in diary
- 43. To finish with a ceiling
- 44. Twig of willow tree
- 46. It includes upward and downward dogs
- 47. It replaced the ECU
- 48. Food of the gods?
- 50. "Where the Wild Things Are" rollick
- 52. Teacher's favorite
- 53. *A field goal wide right, e.g.
- 55. Immeasurable period
- 57. *She infamously had a wardrobe malfunction
- 61. *This year's host
- 65. Repent
- 66. *Defensive ___
- 68. Quechuan people
- 69. Inanimate thing that talks?

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- 70. Electric swimmer
 - 71. Not fashion-minded
 - 72. Volcano action
 - 73. Wade's opponent
 - 74. Austin Powers creator
- DOWN**
- 1. Basketball star Tim Duncan, e.g.
 - 2. Inhibition resulting from social custom
 - 3. A-bomb particle
 - 4. *Most frequent Super Bowl host

- 5. Sometimes mashed
- 6. Antonym of "yup"
- 7. ENT's first concern?
- 8. Figure of speech
- 9. Not to be worn, according to PETA
- 10. ___ Hathaway
- 11. It can be white-tailed or black-tailed
- 12. He/she "___ on the safe side"
- 15. Bushy tree growth
- 20. *Tony Siragusa's nickname
- 22. Egyptian cobra
- 24. Trusted advisors
- 25. *Last year's MVP
- 26. Nonchalantly unconcerned
- 27. Derived from gold
- 29. Like a clown
- 31. *Hall-of-Famer and Super Bowl XXIII MVP
- 32. Frost over
- 33. Frodo Baggins' homeland

- 34. Feudal lord's property
- 36. *Team captains do it on the 50 yard line
- 38. Consequently
- 42. Mandarin's headquarters
- 45. The infamous Jon-Benet ___ case
- 49. Site of 2016 Olympics
- 51. Preacher's platform
- 54. Show contempt
- 56. Nincompoop
- 57. Peach and strawberry preserves, e.g.
- 58. Summit location
- 59. Traffic controller
- 60. "I ___ it!"
- 61. Not in use
- 62. Heart pain
- 63. Hair removal product
- 64. #22 Down, pl.
- 67. What's old is new again, prefix

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- Florida's primary has Mitt Romney well ahead of his main competition, Newt Gingrich.
- A massive pile-up on I-75 in Florida, near Gainesville, kills 10 and injures 18. The incident was caused by blinding smoke from a nearby brush fire.
- A soap opera actor, Nick Santino, had to put down his beloved dog Rocco. Afterwards the actor took his own life leaving a note that reportedly said he had betrayed his best friend and "Rocco trusted me and I failed him."
- Robert Hegyes, the man who played Juan Epstein on the 1970s sitcom "Welcome Back Kotter" died at the age of 60.
- The search for the missing passengers of the Costa Concordia off Italy's coastline has been called off. The immediate dilemma is to remove the fuel from the vessel safely.
- Dan Gairon on Fox News is concerned that Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy have a liberal agenda saying, "It's amazing how far the left will go ... to manipulate your kids to ... give them the anti-corporate message." Miss Piggy fired back with, "It's almost as laughable as accusing Fox News of, you know, being news."
- Super Bowl XLVI is scheduled for February 5, 2012 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN. The New England Patriots will face off against the New York Giants.

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Lowell Ledger reaches out to the community

by Emma Palova

As a reporter for the Lowell Ledger, I cover the majority of the events that happen in the community. Christmas through Lowell (CTL) was one of them, just like the opening of Green Acres assisted living facility in late summer.

I also write about Christmas parades, Girls' Night Out, Sizzlin' Summer concerts, the efforts to bring high-speed Internet to Vergennes Township resi-

dents and politicians, past and present.

Soon after CTL, I received a card from Green Acres' life enrichment coordinator James Wyman regarding how much the residents appreciate our work at the newspaper. Wyman wrote that the article brought the annual shopping event close to home to the residents, because they couldn't participate and go physically on the tour.

As a team at the paper,

we're not used to compliments, usually we just get complaints. So, the card warmed my heart and I thought maybe I could go and visit the home and talk about what we do.

I didn't get elaborately ready for the talk because I believe in being spontaneous, especially in our business. I discussed the main premise of the talk with my editor Jeanne Boss, on the morning of the speech. We got ready all the tools of the

trade including the video camera we use for podcasting, some published articles and features and the city directory.

I was nervous and I did have second thoughts about the talk.

But that all dissipated once I was there. I believe in stage fright. It keeps you on your toes.

I didn't talk just about the nuts and bolts of the business, because that can get boring.

Sometimes people accuse us of things that we do not have any control over.

I told a story about us posting in our Sound-Off column that we are looking for a woman who signed her name as Louise and that she is taking her friend

Thelma in a convertible to Grand Canyon. We wanted to talk to her for a story. After that, someone e-mailed us that Luke Skywalker is his neighbor if we want to talk to him about the Dark Side, as well.

When I saw resident Lois McCandless smile at the story, I thought we must be doing our job right.

One of our biggest projects is putting in the paper all the graduating seniors and matching up the names with pictures. In a big district like Lowell's, that's a big task. But, the photos of kids from Unity High School always come in a separate file that is easy to misplace. Consequently, they didn't make the issue and for two years they were in the following week. One year, they were even laid out on the page and the page was misplaced and once again they did not make the graduation issue.

I think the secretary at Unity High was sure we were doing it on purpose.

I feel privileged that I can work in the newspaper business. Coming from a communist country, I did not have too many opportunities to exercise my first amendment rights.

"You are very passionate about what you do," Wyman said.

Somebody also asked me if I think the print version of papers will completely disappear and give way to Internet websites.

I said no.

"People will still need to have the sense of touch."

It's called humanity.

I got a new card from Wyman who thanked us for bringing a new sense of life to all at Green Acres.

It's the least we can do.



The residents who attended the activity included: Frank Johnson, Reatha Seaman, Marjorie Palinkas, Lloyd Fuller, James Wyman and Lois McCandless.



Emma Palova relayed several anecdotes on reporting for a local paper.

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