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LaughFest comes to Lowell

by Emma Palova

It will be clean adult humor on March 16 at the Lowell High School performing center as LaughFest makes its appearance in Lowell.

"We have a lot of friends at Lowell Gilda's Club," said Joanne Roehm, festival operations' manager. "It's an important and vibrant community."

There will be two headline acts, Patti Vasquez and Greg Morton, at the school.

"It will be uncensored humor," said Teresa Beachum, member of Gilda's Club leadership team. Adults are advised not to bring children under 18.

Gilda's Club leadership team approached the LaughFest committee to let them know that Lowell had venues available and that it wanted to be part of LaughFest.

"We hope to fill our beautiful performing center and bring talent into

our own backyard," said Beachum.

One of the major sponsors, Gilmore Collection, has also opened its doors to LaughFest.

After the performance at the high school, there will be an open mike night, stand-up comedy, for the public at 10 pm at the Flat River Grill.

Anyone can come and share their humor.

"We hope Lowell will support local Gilda's Club LaughFest," said Beachum. "Laughter is healing."

Tickets for \$17.50 will be available this week at Pep Talk.

"Cancer and grief is something everyone can relate to," said Roehm.

In conjunction with the local LaughFest, the LowellArts! is holding a Punchline exhibit through March 14 with closing reception set for the last day of the exhibit.

So, set your endorphins

free by visiting an art show that will tickle your funny bone. The exhibit features artworks from artists ages 16 and over.

Humorous, amusing, quirky, clever, witty and all in good fun, this art exhibition is definitely a look at life on the lighter side.

People's Choice awards will be offered with proceeds from each \$1 vote going to LaughFest. Voting ends on Saturday, March 10.

The major LaughFest will be held in Grand Rapids from March 8 to March 18 in more than 40 locations. Approximately 60 artists will be participating at both free and ticketed events.

Among the featured artists are Whoopi Goldberg, Martin Short, Kevin Nealon, Rodney Carrington, Jim Gaffigan, and Mike Epps.

For more information go to laughfest.org or call 1-616-735-HAHA.



"Colossus" an oil painting by Kevin Mercer is one of the images from the PunchLine Show presented by LowellArts!



Greg Morton and Patti Vasquez are scheduled to perform in Lowell.

Ledger will present Brick Awards to local businesses at annual chamber dinner

by Emma Palova

A nice mix of businesses will receive the prestigious Brick Award at the annual chamber membership dinner on Feb. 23 held at Deer Run golf course.

Enwork, Green Acres and Litehouse will be the recipients of the award presented by the Lowell Ledger.



One of three Brick Awards will be presented to Enwork's owner Dave Powell.

Enwork completed the construction of a 28,000 square foot steel building located on Christopher Drive in the fall of last year.

The building houses a conference and distribution area. Currently, Enwork has 30 employees and six new jobs have been created with the new building.

"We're very honored to receive this award," said owner Dave Powell. "We built the company here to be a part of the community."

And the company has been growing steadily, according to Powell.

"We've grown by 70 percent this year," he said.

Recently, the company completed their biggest order ever, 3,500 tables for the US Army, worth \$900,000.

The benefits of the company to Lowell are many in terms of hiring new people

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City Council approves deficit elimination plan

by Casey Cheney

City manager Mark Howe wrote in his agenda to the council that the 2010-11 fiscal year ended with negative unrestricted assets of \$66,979 in the Equipment Fund. Under these circumstances, the Michigan Department of Treasury requires the city to determine a deficit elimination plan, which the council must approve.

Monday night, the council was presented with that plan and approved it unanimously.

Howe said, "Generally, our deficit elimination plan will require a commitment from the General Fund over the next five years to eliminate the unrestricted net assets and return it to a positive balance."

The resolution for this deficit elimination stated that \$13,395.80 will be transferred from

"fund number 101 - General Fund" to the Equipment Fund during the 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 fiscal years.

In his memorandum to the council, Howe said, "I plan to discuss with you at the meeting... why we believe [the Equipment Fund] has devolved into a negative net asset position."

No Ledger representative was available for the meeting, nor was Howe available for comment before the Ledger went to print.

The council also unanimously approved \$4,650 in repairs to the water treatment plant. The money will cover the replacement of two six-inch check valves and the rebuilding of two six-inch CLA valves in the pipe galley.

Brian VanVeelen, superintendent at the City of Lowell Water Treatment

Plant, recommended that the council accept the bid from the Layne Christensen Company. He said the same company had just done work on well #3 and "their workmanship is excellent."

Of the four bids, Layne was the cheapest and the council accepted their bid.

At the end of "new business" on the agenda, the council briefly adjourned and convened as the Zoning Board of Appeals - the same people, but a different entity - to select a new chairperson. The board appointed Jim Hall as the new chairperson for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The next city council meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7 pm, as the city offices will be closed Feb. 20 in observance of Presidents' Day.

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FFA teams advance to regionals

On Wednesday, February 1, 31 FFA members from Lowell traveled to Belding to compete in the District Leadership contest. The events are designed to help students develop leadership skills and prepare them for future careers. Students research chosen topics in any area of agriculture and demonstrate their knowledge through speeches and presentations. The contests' areas range from public speaking events to job interview and parliamentary procedure. Students from Lowell competed against students from five area schools, with the top two teams from each event advancing to compete at the regional level.

Lowell had members

advance to the regional level in four of the seven contests in which they competed. From the middle school, Brad Stoffers advanced to the regional level in the Creed Speaking contest where he had to memorize and recite the FFA Creed along with answering a question on what the creed means to him. Brad Depew was named an alternate.

In the Greenhand Conduct of Meetings contest, freshmen team members had to demonstrate knowledge of parliamentary procedure. Maria Blough, Emma Clouser, Paul Crosby, Mary Leasure, Brianna Raspor, Anna Reynolds, and Brice Warner make up the team that will compete at the regional contests.

In the Extemporaneous Speaking contest, Kendra Merriman was given 30 minutes to prepare a four- to six- minute speech. She also will be moving on to the regional contests.

Emma Roderick and Caitlin Clover finished first and second and both will be representing Lowell in the Job Interview contest after preparing a resume and cover letter and successfully going through a mock interview.

The remaining students were all recognized with either a gold or silver award at the competitions, but failed to advance. In the Parliamentary Procedure contest, the team of Levi Churches, Kaylee Depew, Kaitlyn Johnson, Olivia Kauffman,

Sarah Misak, Jayme Peterson, and Jacob Poll were named the alternate to the regional contests.

In the Prepared Public Speaking contest, Emma Blough was named the alternate. Sarah Crosby and John Mark also competed for Lowell at the district contests.

In the Demonstration contest, the team of Drew Corson, Mitch Raspor and Forrest Stoffers was named the alternate. The team of Jess Graves and Zac Graves and the team of Josh Bartholomew, Jordan King and Lonnie Smith also competed in the district Demonstration contest.

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At Your Local Library

Michigan authors' series coming to KDL libraries

From March to May, Kent District Library (KDL) will host "Celebrate the Mitten," a Michigan authors' series and showcase aimed at highlighting the state's home-grown literary talent.

More than a dozen authors from across the state are scheduled to appear at various KDL branches to read from their work, talk about the craft of writing and host discussions and writing workshops.

Authors span a variety of genres, including mystery, memoir, teen paranormal romance, humor, historical fiction and include national and state award nominees and honorees, self-published authors and those who have worked with large publishing companies.

April 2 at 6:30 pm - reading and book discussion with humorous memoirist Bob Tarte at the Englehardt branch, 200 N. Monroe St. For additional information call 616-784-2007.

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A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.

~ Henry Ward Beecher



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YOUTH THEATRE PRODUCTION

The Magician's Nephew will be performed at 7 pm on Feb. 15 at Alto Elementary, Feb. 21 at Cherry Creek Elementary and Feb. 23 at Murray Lake Elementary. Tickets are \$5 and available at LowellArts! or at the door. This play is adapted from C. S. Lewis' Narnia Series Classic. For more information call 897-8545.

HEALTHY HEART SEMINAR

A free healthy heart seminar will be held Thurs., Feb. 23, 6:30-8:00 pm, in the Y Childcare Room at Cherry Creek Elementary. Gather information and hear the latest research from an MD, a dietician and a dental specialist on how to keep your heart healthy. Call 897-8445 to register.

LOWELL MOOSE LODGE

The Lowel Moose Lodge #809 will celebrate its 100th birthday with an open house on Sat., Feb. 25. There will be breakfast from 10 am to 12 noon, with a short history and orientation about the Moose and its goals and principles.

SWISS SETTLERS WORKSHOP

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will be hosting a Swiss Settlers Workshop for youth on Sat., Feb. 25 at the Wittenbach/Wege Center from 9 am to 2 pm. Activities will include arts and crafts that were popular to the early Swiss settlers. Class size is limited so register early. For more information or to register, call Linda at the museum, 897-7688.

CALL FOR AUDITIONS

Thebes Players will present The Odd Couple (dinner theatre) from April 27 - May 12. Auditions for the play are on Sat., Mar. 3 at 10 am and Mon., Mar. 5 at 6 pm at Lowell Public Library. For more information and to borrow a script call or visit LowellArts! at 897-8545 / 149 S. Hudson.

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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2/9/2012

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Brick Awards, continued

and that the employees support local businesses. Enwork has donated money to Lowell Education Foundation.

Among the company's clients are Facebook, Sony, Fedex and Eli Lilly.

The company had outgrown its space at Attwood.

"We wanted to keep the business in Lowell," said Powell.

The other recipient of the award is Green Acres.

Green Acres, a luxurious assisted living home,



Wendell Christoff of Litehouse Foods.

opened last year. The home has a Main Street with trees and it is complete with a hair salon, coffee shop, post office and Cattails restaurant overlooking the Grand River.

"We've been a part of the community for many years," said director of operations, Paul Wyman.

The company started Cumberland Manor, sold it and then left Lowell only to come back stronger.

"Lowell needed a new assisted living facility to

keep up with the times," said owner Doug Maas. "Our company is community driven."

Green Acres holds different events and offers volunteer opportunities to the community. Moreover, the residents can participate in the Lowell events and venture out in either a bus or a van.

"We're inviting families to tour the facility and to participate in our events," he said.

These may range from church services to exercising, crafts and music. The residents have an opportunity to take lunch trips to Keiser's or to events in downtown Grand Rapids.

There are several criteria to consider when making an important decision to move into an assisted living facility like Green Acres. These include the need for help with bathing, dressing, food preparation, medication management and maintenance around the house, known as activities of daily living (ADL).

Green Acres also contracts with a pharmacy and for medical supplies. A definite favorite is the spa with staff assistance available.

A laundry room is on hand with assistance if needed.

A versatile menu is available featuring meals made on the premises three times a day. It also accommodates special diets.

When fully filled, the facility will employ 17 to 20 employees. The future plans include an expansion to the east that will house memory care residents in seven units.

The goal, according to Maas, is to fill the first facility within three to four months.

Residents can pick which room they want and bring items from home.

"Families can come anytime and have lunch," said administrator Kelly Johnson.

Retirement Living Management has been in the Lowell area for 30 years and the company continues to grow with new facilities in Mason and Fruitport and several existing facilities in Ionia and Greenville.

"Lowell needed a quality assisted living facility," Maas said.

Another recipient is Litehouse known for its famous dressings.



Ribbon cutting at Green Acres. FILE PHOTO

Litehouse completed a \$4.9 million expansion to the existing facility located on Foreman Road.

The addition of a 43,000 square foot facility with machinery and equipment qualified Litehouse for a 50 percent abatement for 12 years. This according to the application retained 161 existing positions, and it will add 25 new jobs within two years.

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Explore the world of international investments

You're probably accustomed to measuring the progress of your investments, and the overall condition of the investment world, by checking on indexes such as the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500. And since these types of benchmarks focus almost exclusively on American companies, you might get the idea that the best investments are located right here in the United States. But that impression would be false — because there are, literally, a world of investment opportunities beyond the U.S. borders.

In fact, as of the end of 2010, U.S. stock markets constituted less than a third of the total global stock market value, according to the World Bank. And you can probably just look around at the products you use in your daily life to identify many successful foreign companies.

Why invest a portion

of your portfolio internationally? Here are a couple of reasons to consider:

- **Growth potential** — The United States is a mature, highly developed economy. That doesn't mean, of course, that we have no "upside" here. However, you can also find considerable growth potential in emerging markets — countries such as China, India, Brazil and Mexico that are characterized by younger, less mature economies.

- **Diversification** — The world's financial markets are somewhat dependent on one another, but that doesn't mean they constantly move in unison. In any given year, the U.S. markets may be down, but international markets might be doing better. Consequently, if during that year, you had invested only in U.S. companies, your portfolio may have taken a hit. It's important to diversify your portfolio by investing in many

different vehicles, but you can also boost your diversification through geography. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.)

While international investing can be beneficial, it does not come without risks. For one thing, when you invest overseas, you may encounter political instability, which could threaten the financial markets of a coun-

try or region. Conversely, financial problems, such as the European debt crisis, can result in loss of confidence in individual governments. Also, you might experience currency risk, which means that changes in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to foreign currencies could harm the value of your investments. And in any given year, any market, foreign or domestic, may be down.

Ultimately, you should

probably limit your exposure to international investments to no more than 20 percent to 25 percent of your overall portfolio, with the exact amount, if any, depending on your situation — your goals, risk tolerance, time horizon, financial situation and other factors. You may also want add an international flavor to your portfolio by investing in quality U.S. companies that do a considerable

amount of business abroad. In any case, given the more complex nature of international investing, you'll want to consult with a financial professional before writing a check.

Still, consider the international investment world. With a little exploring, you may discover some good possibilities out there.

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Cut tax loopholes to reduce the deficit



Sen. Carl Levin

A few days ago, I introduced the Cut Unjustified Tax Loopholes Act, or CUT Loopholes Act. Sen. Kent Conrad of North Dakota, the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, joined me in proposing this legislation to help us meet three important goals: Reducing the budget deficit, protecting important priorities, and restoring some of the fairness to our tax system.

Our legislation would reduce the deficit by \$155 billion by closing tax loop-

holes that favor wealthy individuals and corporations, loopholes that raise the tax burden that American families must carry. It would provide more than enough revenue to pay for a full-year extension of the payroll tax cut now in place, or put a significant dent in the deficit reduction we need to avoid draconian automatic cuts that could take effect next year.

It is clear to almost everyone that revenue must be a part of our deficit re-

duction strategy. Presidents from Reagan to the elder President Bush to Clinton have used balanced strategies that included revenue as well as spending cuts to reduce deficits.

I will continue to fight for a number of other revenue measures, such as a surtax on millionaires and billionaires; eliminating tax subsidies for oil and gas companies; ending the Bush-era tax cuts for those earning more than \$250,000; and ending the carried interest loophole. We need to make those changes. But so far, they have run into an ideological brick wall, as too many in Congress refuse to con-

sider reasonable revenue measures. But even that rigid ideological stance should allow for ending the kinds of egregious loopholes our bill would combat.

First is offshore tax haven abuse. The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which I chair, has spent years shedding light on how these abuses aid the wealthy and corporations.

Our bill would give the Treasury Department authority to combat tax haven banks and jurisdictions that help U.S. clients hide assets and dodge U.S. taxes; crack down on offshore corporations that are managed

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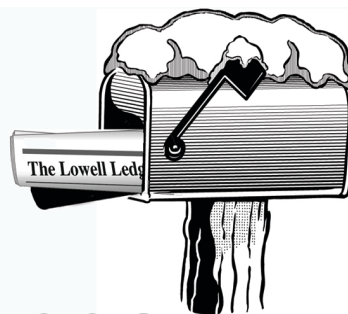
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Spring is not here yet, but given the recent warm spell it sure seems a lot closer. Long before the dogwood buds pop, expositions featuring outdoor recreation equipment fill the gap. Fishing, R.V., boat, camping, garden, and hunting shows draw crowds of folks seeking relief from cabin fever.

These shows can provide valuable information as well as enticing one to purchase the latest and greatest stuff. People who are already involved with an activity like avid golfers and serious fishermen always show up. These

events, however, can also provide an opportunity for someone just thinking about it to become more informed about making a decision to get involved with a new activity.

You have to start somewhere, and especially with outdoor pursuits getting involved does not come naturally. Our culture and lifestyle isolate us from what is going on around the lakes, streams, fields, and woods. We are lured inside by a barrage of media distractions. It is tempting to live out adventures vicariously through a video game or

movie, but this is all make-believe. Our children are extremely vulnerable, because most do not encounter natural environments while going about their daily lives. When the majority of our countrymen lived off the land, in the woods, mountains, or on the farm, interacting with nature was unavoidable.

Now might be a good time to consider jumping off the grid for a spell and engaging your senses in the real world. When was the last time you were actually aware of the direction of the wind or the sound of your own footsteps. We use all of our senses when on our own in the countryside. There is time and opportunity now to

explore new ways to get out and live your own adventure and connect with nature. The experience can change attitudes and the way we view a very unsettled world by recognizing what is really important.

By the way, that awesome looking deep V wall-eye boat with the shiny black motor would probably fit in your garage, but a bubble pack rod and reel from the discount store will catch fish if they are biting, and you and the kids will have just as much fun fishing off the dock.

Give some thought to looking for opportunities to get outdoors and become personally involved. Make your own adventure.

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Kathryn Denhouster Ph.D.

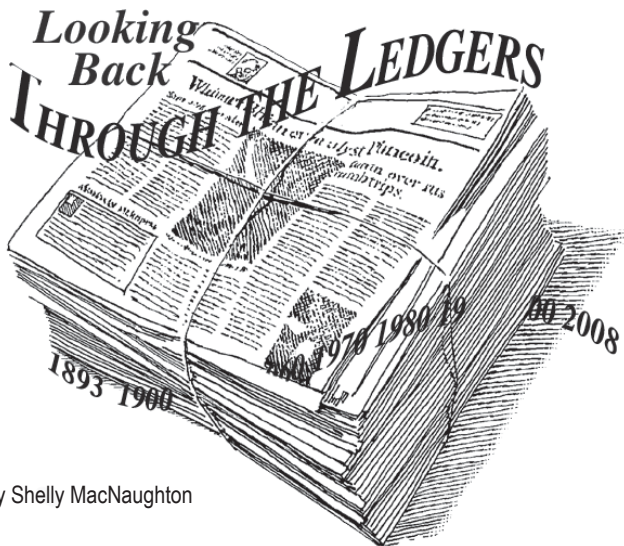
In the last article, I presented a brief overview of the new approach to dealing with pain called the "Open Focus Method." This method maximizes "attentional flexibility" and takes a different perspective on the scope and absorption of pain. The Open Focus Method is the opposite of the narrow, objective focus of attention which is the approach that most of us use. This attention focuses on a few important things, then relegates everything else to the background. The "Objective Focus Method" of attention actually increases our tension and alertness at times, thereby making us hyperaware of our pain.

Open Focus, on the other hand, expands our attentional field and makes our awareness more diffuse. It releases this effortful attention and allows us to expend just the right amount of effort rather than chronically overdoing it as in the objective focus of attention. The Open Focus is a precise, relaxed, yet interested attention - a lightly held narrow-objective attention amid a diffuse-immersed background of space. You can use this exercise while doing almost anything, from riding on the subway to working on your computer. Stopping what you are doing and becoming aware of your peripheral vision - becoming aware of the space between you and the objects around you - is a way to begin incorporating Open Focus into everyday life.

Here is an exercise that is found in Dr. Fehmi's book, "Dissolving Pain." This particular exercise is from the CD that accompanied the book: "And can you imagine that as you begin to enter the pain, you even more completely open yourself, making yourself more vulnerable to the experience of pain, surrendering yourself right into the heart, the center of the pain? And just as you experience the most intense part of the pain, can you imagine once again letting the pain spread through you and your body and space and opening your attention to include all that is you - all attention styles, sensations, perceptions, emotions and feelings, including the pain - all simultaneously and equally and once again coming to rest in multisensory space?"

This method is unique because it emphasizes the flexibility and change of your attention, rather than you becoming hyperaware and focused on the pain. It is important to remember that recognizing and dealing with the pain is a necessary first step in the treatment and cure of an ailment, so contact your doctor for medical care. This method, advanced by Dr. Fehmi, is for chronic pain that cannot be alleviated medically.

The next article will be on how emotions affect pain. If you have any concerns or questions about this article, please email me at kathryndenhouster@gmail.com



By Shelly MacNaughton

A fierce wind that seemed to blow from all directions at once, full of icy snow that cut and stuck, drove all traffic from the streets. Snow banked up against the doors of business faces and there was little or no occasion for disturbing it.

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo February 18, 1937

L. E. Johnson, village clerk and Jon Gehan drove to Louisville, Ky., last Friday afternoon to visit friends and view the flood damage. Mr. Johnson reported that the county "looked like a wreck!" Houses scattered over the landscape, mud on everything, rows of houses condemned to be torn down and rebuilt. Downtown in Louisville is pretty well cleaned up, he reported. Machine street cleaners and washers from Chicago, New York, Detroit and many other towns have been used to clean the mud and filth off the street.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger February 15, 1962

The annual Scout spaghetti supper was held Monday evening at the Scout cabin. Mrs. Chancey Boyce and Mrs. Bernard Olson prepared the spaghetti.

All fathers were invited as guests and witnessed their sons receiving awards in different fields of achievements for the past period.

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger February 18, 1987

Headline: Macker hits the road!

When we saw the lengthy spread about the Gus Macker Tournament in Sports Illustrated awhile back, we all knew bigger and better things lay ahead for the three-on-three basketball tournament. Well, it appears we were all correct in our assumptions. Though not quite a "world tour" (yet), a five - possibly six - city tour of the popular tournament is slated for this coming summer. Fret not Macker fans, we're assured the neighborhood version we're all accustomed to, the second weekend in July, will take place as usual.

110 Years Ago The Lowell Journal February 20, 1902

Fred Smith, aged 28, a farmer of Ada township, is confined in jail for safe keeping. Violently insane, Smith accompanied by his wife, drove to the city yesterday morning and did some shopping. They were on their way home about 4:30 o'clock and had just passed the tollgate on the Cascade Road when suddenly Smith gave a yell, dropped the reins, leaped from the wagon and ran towards the woods. His wife, badly frightened, drove back to the tollgate and related the story to W. J. Blacklock, the keeper of the tollgate. Mr. Blacklock telephoned Sheriff Chapman and deputies Gates and Pettis tracked Smith through the woods and across several fields and finally overtook him three miles south of Reed's Lake. After a struggle he was handcuffed and brought to this city. It took five men to take Smith upstairs and after he was placed in the padded cell for detention, the united efforts of three deputies were required to move the handcuffs. It is said Smith was hit on the head accidentally with a ball bat last spring and since that time he has had periods of temporary insanity. Smith owns a fine farm and is highly respected.

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger February 22, 1912

One of the wildest wind and snowstorms that has ever been experienced in old Michigan struck this vicinity yesterday, raging throughout the day and night.

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Lowell Moose celebrate centennial

The Lowell Moose Lodge 809 will celebrate its 100th year anniversary on February 25.

In 1912, the Moose Lodge was inaugurated as "Three Island Lodge" due to its close proximity to the three islands on the Flat River. The name was later changed to Lowell Lodge 809.

The lodge started on the third floor of the Ledger office, 210 E. Main and later added the second floor. Then, in the 1950s, the entire building was purchased

from the Lowell Ledger and all three floors were utilized. When the outside fire escape became unsafe, the third floor was vacated.

In the 1960s, the building next door, at 212 E. Main, was purchased. The lodge was then expanded to double its size where it exists today.

At the time the lodge was instituted, Moose was a "social club." But in 1913, Moose Heart became a reality and every member's family was protected. If anything should happen to a member,

his family would be provided with housing, clothes, food and education. Moose Heart became the first family insurance policy.

Moose Heart still exists today, where children of lost or broken homes live in a campus-like environment with its own school, church and dormitories on a 1,000 acre setting.

Moose Haven (a retirement village in Florida) was implemented to take care of a member in his later years. This campus was built near Jacksonville. It has a golf course, fishing pier, social quarters, beauty shop and a hospital, built especially for older people which has its own doctors and nurses.

As time passed, the Moose also became a community service organization.

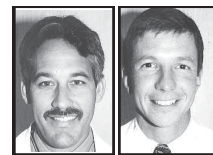
Just a few of the com-

munity service projects the Lowell lodge has been involved in are funeral luncheons, kids' Christmas and Halloween parties, Easter egg hunts, veterans' dinners, a spook house, Senior Neighbors' Christmas baskets and fishing derbies.

On a national and state level, Moose supports such programs as "Say No To Drugs," "Kids Talk," Yellowstone Park, Special Olympics, Paws for Cause, Make A Wish Foundation and Boy Scouts.

The Lowell Moose Lodge will celebrate its 100th birthday with an open house on Saturday, February 25. There will be a breakfast from 10 am to 12 noon, with a short history and orientation about the Moose and its goals and principles.

health



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high altitude illness

Every year people travel to the mountains for skiing, snowboarding, backpacking and other activities. When you travel to an altitude of 8,000 feet or higher, you're at risk of developing high altitude illness. High altitude illness is divided into three categories: acute mountain sickness, high altitude pulmonary edema, and high altitude cerebral edema.

The low amount of oxygen in the air at high altitudes can cause high altitude illness. The amount of oxygen in the air goes down as you climb higher above sea level. When people travel too quickly to altitudes above 8,000 feet, they are at risk of high altitude illness. Some of the first signs of illness are

headache, lightheadedness, weakness, trouble sleeping and upset stomach. If these symptoms occur, you should go down to a lower altitude until you feel better. More severe symptoms include difficulty breathing at rest, coughing, confusion and trouble walking. If these symptoms occur, you should see a doctor right away and then get to a lower altitude.

High altitude illness can be prevented by taking your time to travel to higher elevations. For example, try to spend a night or two at a slightly lower altitude before reaching your destination. Your body will begin to adjust to the lower amounts of oxygen in the air, but it will take several days to adjust completely. You should also avoid alcohol, stay well hydrated and avoid strenuous activity for the first few days. A prescription medication called Diamox can be used to prevent and treat the symptoms of high altitude illness.

If you're planning a trip to the high mountains, talk to your healthcare provider to find out if you are healthy enough to travel. People with chronic medical problems, such as severe COPD, severe emphysema, severe heart disease, as well as sickle cell anemia should not travel to high altitudes. You can also find out if you would benefit from taking prescription Diamox to prevent high altitude illness.



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School staff member of the month

It has been a very humbling few months for Murray Lake and Bushnell paraprofessional Jodi Schaefer. Schaefer's adult son Jordan was recently diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, a type of cancer that was aggressively attacking his left arm.

Schaefer has had to miss several days of work to take her son to the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor for treatment and surgery. Jordan has re-

sponded very well to the treatment.

Through it all, Schaefer has continued to work at both of her schools with a positive attitude. "She has been through a lot of stress with her son's illness this year, but she comes to school with a smile on her face every day. Jodi is amazing and does a great job with my students," said young five's teacher Amy Pike.



Jodi Schaefer

Schaefer is married to husband Bill and they have three children and two grandsons. Their daughter Brandi is married to Rick Berta and they have two sons: Jackson who is three and Carson who is 17 months. They also have a daughter Jami.

Schaefer has worked for Lowell schools part-time for almost 14 years in various positions. She was an

individual student aid for seven years, then a teacher assistant for five years in the Great School Readiness program at Bushnell and for the last two years has taught the Project Optimize Reading program at Murray Lake and RTI Reading program at Bushnell.

She is also a full-time high school youth leader at Cascade Christian Church and has been on several mis-

sion trips. "I love spending time with our family, grandsons, friends and high school youth group. I feel very blessed to be working at both Lowell schools and Cascade Christian Church. I truly have the best jobs anyone could ask for," commented Schaefer.

In her spare time, Schaefer enjoys reading, going to the beach and just being very active.

Levin, continued

from the United States from claiming foreign status to dodge taxes; eliminate tax incentives for moving U.S. jobs overseas or for transferring intellectual property offshore; and establish the presumption that, unless a taxpayer proves otherwise, a corporation formed by, receiving assets from or benefiting a U.S. taxpayer is considered under that taxpayer's control for tax purposes.

These provisions and others would reduce deficit by at least \$130 billion over 10 years.

Our bill's second focus is on a tax loophole that subsidizes corporations giv-

ing stock options to corporate executives. Today, corporations can take massive tax deductions for stock options, but usually show a much lower expense on their books. Our subcommittee found that from 2005-2009, this loophole allowed excess tax deductions ranging from \$12 billion to as high as \$61 billion in a single year.

The CUT Loopholes Act would prevent corporate income tax deductions for stock options that exceed the expense shown on company books. It would preserve current tax treatment for individuals receiving options and for incentive stock op-

tions used by start-up companies.

According to Joint Committee on Taxation, these measures would reduce the deficit by \$25 billion over 10 years.

The time for these measures is now. Here's why.

First, the math is inescapable. We can't reduce the deficit and do other important things – protect our country, care for our seniors, educate our young –

if tax revenue remains at its lowest level in decades, and if the effective corporate tax rate is at historic lows, thanks in part to these and other tax loopholes.

Second, there is a growing recognition among Americans that loopholes like these and many, many others leave the deck stacked against them and their families. Overwhelmingly, Americans tell us: Close those loopholes

down. Public opinion polls show strong support for closing tax loopholes, support that crosses partisan and ideological lines.

Reducing the deficit and protecting important programs is hard. We face many tough decisions and difficult fights in the months ahead.

But this decision should be easy. We should close these loopholes and make a strong statement that we can reduce the deficit, serve important priorities and restore fairness to the tax code.



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CITY OF LOWELL

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Notice is hereby given that the public accuracy test of the Optical Scan Tabulating Equipment for the February 28, 2012 Presidential Primary Election will be conducted on Friday, February 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lowell City Hall, Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.



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The offices of Lowell City Hall, Lowell Police, Light and Power and the Department of Public Works will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2012 in observance of President's Day.

ALSO

Due to President's Day, the Lowell City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

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FFA teams advance, continued

Jacey Culross was named the alternate to the regional level in the Job Interview contest.

The regional contest will be held on Wednesday, February 15 at Lowell High School. The top teams will advance to compete at the State Convention March 7-9 at Michigan State University.

FFA is a national youth leadership organization that strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The Lowell FFA is one of the largest chapters in Michigan with over 100 members in grades 7-12.



Representing Lowell in the Extemporaneous Speaking contest will be Kendra Merriman.



Brad Stoffers will represent Lowell in the Creed Speaking contest at the regional level.



The Greenhand Conduct of Meetings team consists of, left to right: Maria Blough, Mary Leasure, Emma Clouser, Paul Crosby, Anna Reynolds, Brianna Raspor, and Brice Warner.



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Red Arrow SPORTS

Red Arrow wrestlers win district championship

by Karen Jack

The run for the state title began last Wednesday, in Lowell, with the Red Arrows winning the district championship.

It began with the semifinals between Lowell and Forest Hills Northern, where the Arrows won 67-3. In that match, the bonus points racked up. Sophomores, Derek Krajewski (103 lbs.) and Bailey Jack (112 lbs.) and junior Scott VanOosten (125 lbs.), won by technical fall – when the match is stopped after they score 15 more points than their opponent. Jason Nagy (119 lbs.) and Zac Graves (140 lbs.) both won by void.

The Arrows had five pins in this match from Nate Limmex (130 lbs.), Ryan Walters (135 lbs.), Andrew Morse (171 lbs.), Josh Colgrove (215 lbs.), and Luke Stephens (285 lbs.). Gabe Morse beat Gabe Stepanovich, 9-6, at 145 lbs.; Angus Arthur majored Michael Hipp, 19-6, at 152 lbs.; and Garret Stehley beat Tommy Killeen, 13-6, at 189 lbs.

In the district championship match, the Arrows

faced the Forest Hills Eastern Hawks and won handily by a score of 70-9. Of the 14 weight classes, Lowell managed to pin the Hawks in half of them. Those pins came from Bailey Jack (112 lbs.), Jason Nagy (119 lbs.), Calvin Meyer (135 lbs.), Gabe Morse (140 lbs.), Jake Stehley (171 lbs.), Luke Stephens (285 lbs.), and Derek Krajewski (103 lbs.). Both Jordan Hall (125 lbs.) and Nate Limmex (130 lbs.) scored technical falls and Lowell won by void with Kanon Dean (152 lbs.), Pierce Watson (189 lbs.), and Nick Shaffer (215 lbs.).

Dave Dean, head coach of the Arrows, said he was proud of the team. “Again, it’s a win because of hard work. This is only the first step in making it to Battle Creek. We have a long road to go,” stated Dean. The best eight teams of each division meet in Battle Creek at the end of February to make the final run for the state championship. “We have to stay focused and concentrate on winning the regionals next week,” added Dean.

When asked how he



feels about the district championship, senior Luke Stephens said, “This is pretty exciting. Now we have a better chance to make it to the final eight. We have worked hard for this and it was a good night for the Arrows.”

With this being his first district experience, freshman Arthur Angus said, “I’m happy for our team. Now we have regionals to think about and I’m hoping I get to experience being part of a regional championship team too.”

Lowell will face Grand Rapids Northview in the regional semifinals tonight (Feb. 15) and then face the winner of Fruitport vs. Wyoming Rogers in the regional final.

The crowd will get a bonus before the North-

view match. The Mighty Arrows (youth wrestlers, ages 4-6) will have one-minute matches between each other prior to the regional championship. Mighty Arrow wrestling begins at 5:15 pm and the regional championship begins at 6:00 pm.

All 14 Lowell wrestlers qualify for regionals

by Karen Jack

It was a quiver full of Arrows that showed up in Spring Lake on Saturday for the individual district championship. Ten of the fourteen shot their opponents through the heart to win championships and for the first time in history, Lowell qualified all 14 wrestlers for the next step in the state tournament. With 10 champions, two runners-up, and two third-place finishes, all 14 wrestlers have qualified

for regionals on Saturday (Feb. 18).

“That’s the first time, since I’ve been here that we’ve taken all 14 to regionals for the individual tournament,” said head coach, Dave Dean. Not only was it the first time since Dean has been coaching the team, but it’s the first time in school history.

The district included 16 teams from Coopersville, Creston, East Grand Rapids,

Forest Hills Eastern, Forest Hills Northern, Fruitport, Grand Rapids Christian, Kenowa Hills, Northview, Ottawa Hills, Reeths Puffer, Spring Lake, Wyoming Park, and Wyoming Rogers. Each school was allowed to bring 14 wrestlers and Lowell walked away with the most medals.

The district champions are sophomore Derek Krajewski (103 lbs.), soph-



Luke Stephens takes down Billy Belcher (Spring Lake).



Bailey Jack spladles Trevor Gingrich (Kenowa Hills) for three points.

omore Bailey Jack (112 lbs.), freshman Nate Limmex (125 lbs.), senior Gabe Morse (140 lbs.), senior Andrew Morse (152 lbs.), senior Jake Stehley (160 lbs.), sophomore Garrett Stehley (171 lbs.), senior Gabe Dean (189 lbs.), freshman Josh Colegrove (215 lbs.), and senior Luke Stephens (285 lbs.).

In the finals, Krajewski pinned Cameron Butler (Fruitport), Jack beat Trev-



Jake Stehley tries for a pin against Jordan Sullivan (Coopersville).

Red Arrow SPORTS

- HOCKEY

Lowell-Caledonia recovers from losses, improve to 17-4

After losing three in a row, the Lowell-Caledonia (LC) hockey team was out for blood last week and it showed. They picked up three wins, improving their conference record to 9-1, 17-4 overall.

Head coach Tim Beurer said, "It was a good week for the LC hockey team. We had three conference games this past week and were looking to get back on track after three losses in a row."

Lowell-Caledonia has three games left to play on their schedule, including two conference games with Grand Rapids Christian and West Ottawa.

Their first game of the week was Wednesday against Northview. Northview struck first, just two minutes into the game.

Beurer said, "The quick goal set our team back on their heels and allowed us to get focused on the game. Although we were pressuring the Northview team during the entire period after their first goal, we just could not find the back of the net."

Northview, however, took a late penalty in the period and allowed LC to score a power play goal. Caledonia senior Cam Steger put the puck in the net off a pass from Caledonia junior Trevor McCoy and Lowell junior Collin Finkhouse, with 41 seconds remaining in the first period. The first period ended with each team scoring one goal.

The second period started out somewhat similarly to the first.

Northview scored at the ten minute mark of the pe-

riod to take the lead 2-1. LC would get an even strength goal just two and a half minutes later when Caledonia junior Jake Rossman scored from assists by Steger and Caledonia senior Colin Echelbarger. Two minutes later, LC defenseman, Caledonia senior Kyle Jansens, scored on the power play from a pass by Lowell senior Braden McGillicuddy.

This would end the scoring the second period with LC now leading Northview 3-2.

At the start of the third period, LC found themselves on the power play again after a Northview penalty right at the end of the second period. Just thirteen seconds into the third period, Northview would take another penalty which resulted in a 5 on 3 for LC for almost two minutes. Twenty-two seconds into the 5 on 3, McCoy scored with assists by Jansens and

McGillicuddy giving LC a two-goal lead.

LC scored another power play goal thirty-two seconds later when Steger found the back of the net with assists to Finkhouse and McGillicuddy. This gave LC a comfortable three-goal lead.

LC scored again, credit to Finkhouse with assists from McCoy and McGillicuddy and another when Jansens scored with an assist from Andrew Light.

The final score of the game was 7-2. This win ended the three game losing streak for the team and gave them an important conference win.

Next, they played the Unity Knights. This game would start out very similar to Wednesday night when Unity scored four and a half minutes into the first period to take a one-goal lead.

Although LC had 18 shots on goal in the first period, they were not able to get one past the Unity goaltender. Unity would take a one-goal lead into the lock-

er room at the end of the period.

The second period started with a quick Lowell-Caledonia power play goal in the first minute when Steger scored an unassisted goal.

"This first goal proved to be the back breaker for the Unity net minder," Beurer said.

LC scored six more goals in the period, all unanswered and would lead the game 7-1 after the second period.

The remaining goals of the period for LC are broken down below: Trevor McCoy (JR-CAL) - Assists (Steger); Jake Rossman (JR-CAL) - Assists (Jake Roetman (JR-CAL) and Colin Echelbarger (SR-CAL); Rossman - Assists (Echelbarger and Steger); Justin Pinto (SO-CAL) - Assists (Josh Dillon (FR-CAL); Tage Green (SR-CAL) - Assists (Andrew Light (SR-LOW) and Collin Finkhouse (JR-LOW)

The third period would start with Green scoring for

LC with an assist from Jansens three and a half minutes into the period. LC would end the game when Rossman scored this third goal of the night with an assist from Caledonia junior Bailey Rietman. The game ended under the mercy rule with Lowell-Caledonia 9-1.

After that dominating performance, Lowell-Caledonia went on to face Jenison on Saturday. Once again, the opponent scored first. LC, however, answered two minutes later when Finkhouse scored with assists by Caledonia senior Colin Echelbarger and junior Eric Balut.

Steger got one behind the Jenison goalie on the power play with an assist by Jansens. With less than three minutes to play and LC shorthanded, Rossman would score on a pass by Light.

Jenison got another goal before the end of the period, which ended with LC leading Jenison 3-2.

LC started the second period where the first period left off, scoring another power play goal when Light found the back of the net with assists by Braden McGillicuddy and McCoy.

LC scored a third power play goal for the game, Steger finding the back of the net yet again with an assist from McGillicuddy. Light later scored an even strength goal with just twenty-four seconds remaining in the period off a pass by Rietman.

LC headed into the locker room with a 6-2 lead over Jenison.

The third period started out poorly for LC.

Jenison scored an impressive three goals on just as many shots to pull within one goal in the game.

LC was able to respond, however, with an even strength goal by Caledonia sophomore Justin Pinto, scored with an assist by Jansens. But Jenison kept battling in the period and would score again to bring themselves, yet again, within one goal of tying the game.

"We took a time-out to settle [them] down a little and refocus to play[ing] better defense in our end," Beurer said.

Jenison continued to apply pressure on the LC defense, but the team stood up to the challenge.

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Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 6th, 10:00 am

Appeal Hearings:

Tuesday, **March 13th**, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Thursday, **March 15th**, 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and to equalize the 2012 assessments

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The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2012 are as follows:

Commercial.....	52.33%.....	0.9555
Residential.....	53.23%.....	0.9393
Industrial.....	49.34%.....	1.0134
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Red Arrow SPORTS

- BASKETBALL

Girls' pick up win against Northview in snowstorm

by Casey Cheney
A win this week against Northview and a sought-after win next week Friday against Greenville would put the Lowell Red Arrow basketball team at 5-5 in the conference. Head coach Kevin Brechting said a win against Greenville should wrap up third place for them in the conference. "Which isn't bad," he said, "considering we got

off to a 0-4 start in the conference."
The win against Northview was a big one. Despite treacherous roads on the drive out, the girls were able to maintain their composure and pull off a seven-point victory.
"We had good composure," Brechting said. "We did the little things, which was great."
Brechting said North-

view's top post player, who averages between 12 and 14 points a game, did not score that night.
"Our interior defense is fantastic right now," he said.
To finish the game, Lowell scored an impressive 21 points in the fourth quarter to Northview's 18, giving them a little breathing room and the seven-point victory.
Lowell, however, stepped up offensively.

Stephanie Stephens scored 14 points and Amber Martin scored 12 points in the game.
"My seniors are really leading the way offensively," Brechting said. "We're starting to catch momentum."
Mona Shores held a five-point lead at the end of the first quarter on Tuesday. The Red Arrows held strong in the second, match-

ing Mona Shores' 11 points with 11 points of their own, making the halftime deficit still a manageable five points.
Lowell couldn't keep up in the second half, however. Mona Shores extended their lead to 12 in the third quarter. The Red Arrows lost 36-49.
Brechting said, "It was a tale of two cities last week. With Mona Shores,

we played well for about 75 percent of the game, but that other 25 percent of the game we let them do what they wanted."
Amber Martin led the Lowell squad in scoring with 11 points, draining one three-pointer. Aubreigh Steed and Lauren Kurtz were close behind with seven and six points respectively.

Lowell dominates Mona Shores 72-52 then a loss to Northview 39-54

by Casey Cheney
Another split week keeps the Lowell Red Arrows boys' basketball team stuck below .500 for the season at 6-8, 3-5 in the conference.
Lowell crushed Mona Shores at home on Tuesday, turning a tie at halftime into a gaping 48-36 lead after a 23-point surge in the third quarter. Tacking on another 24 points in the fourth to Mona Shore's 16 points, the Red Arrows ran away with the game. They won 72-52.
The easy scoring of Tuesday's second half disappeared early in their home game on Friday. Their 10-3 lead in the first quarter was forgotten, along with their

offense, as they went on to lose to Northview 39-54.
Head coach Kyle Carhart said, "We just did not make shots. We shot 24 percent from the floor - 12/50 - and we did not think that we were taking bad shots. A lot of the looks were right around the rim and we just could not get them to go down."
In light of Lowell's early lead, the Wildcats went with a full-court press, disrupting the Red Arrows' offense for the rest of the game.
"You have to give Northview credit. They tapped us all over the floor and forced us to rush and miss shots," Carhart said.

"We needed to take care of the ball. They have very good perimeter defenders, and we really asked a lot of our guards trying to withstand that pressure for 32 minutes. I did not do a good enough job putting our guards in a position to be successful [or] making the proper adjustments early enough to help us in our offense."
Lowell would only score one more point in the first, heading into the second with a slim 11-10 lead.
Northview's offense erupted in the second quarter. The Wildcats scored 25

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In traffic, Alec Roerig makes the move in the post, trying to get a bucket to fall in a Red Arrow struggle offensively.



Kyle Rogers tosses one up against Northview.



Jason Malling works against the Wildcats' tough full-court press at the Friday night home game.

obituaries

BRIGGS

Gordon George Briggs, age 90, of Detroit, passed away Wednesday, February 8, 2012. He is survived by his son, Danny (Shirley) Briggs; and grandchildren, Steven Briggs, Denny (Beth) Briggs, Cynthia (Charles) Hedman. Private services were held by his family. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Michigan 49331.



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STEVER

Mr. Michael "Bear" Stever, of Hart, died Monday, February 6, 2012. Surviving are his mother, Naomi Stever; children, Jacob (Lorrie) Stever, Jenny (Justin) Dillinger; and grandson, Elijah Dillinger. Bear was a dedicated and loving husband, father and friend. He was an avid fisherman and felt more at home on the water than anywhere else. It was his wish to be cremated. Family and friends are invited to join the family in celebration of his life at J. Gardellas Tavern, 11 Ionia St., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 on Friday, February 17, from 5-8 pm. Any flowers can be sent to 1103 Cambridge Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49001.

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you earn over the limit from your monthly benefits.

You can learn more about the earnings test and how benefits may be reduced by visiting our website, www.socialsecurity.gov, and searching on the topic "earnings test."

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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STORYTIME - Every Tues. at 10 a.m., Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

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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.

ALTO LIONS CLUB - Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday at 7 p.m. at Keiser's Kitchen.

COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL - Come meet & have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers. First Saturday of each month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza, Lowell. 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

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Red Arrow SPORTS

Wrestling, continued

or Gingrich (Kenowa Hills) 11-5, Limmex decisioned Alex Melinn (Coopersville) 6-4, G. Morse majored Harry Kriger (Spring Lake) 14-6, J. Stehley beat Jordan Sullivan (Coopersville)

5-3, G. Stehley majored Jack Rozema (Rogers) 16-8, Dean majored Andrew Hisom (Spring Lake), Colegrove injury defaulted Vinny Wals (Northern), and Stephens pinned Billy Belcher

(Spring Lake). A. Morse pinned his way through the tournament, defeating Dakota Gordon (Fruitport) in the finals to take the gold.

District runners-up include freshmen Jordan Hall

(119 lbs.) and Angus Arthur (145 lbs.). Third-place finishers include senior Calvin Meyer (125 lbs.) and sophomore Kanon Dean (152 lbs.).

"I feel great coming into this last leg of the season. I feel like our team is really peaking right now. It's a testament to the hard work we've put in all season and it's great to see the team excel and I'm looking forward to seeing how the next couple weeks pan out," said senior Andrew Morse.

Senior Gabe Dean said,

"I think it was a great team effort and the guys worked hard in all their matches, whether it was a finals match or a third- and fourth-place match. Win or lose, they kept up the pace and that was awesome."

"This is an exceptional bunch of kids. We had lower seeds step up to win and our number one seeds did their job today as well," commented Dean. "We have just a cohesive bunch here, all working together to make each other better even

though this was an individual tournament. Right now, we have the whole team taking the next step in the road to the Palace and I have never been able to say that prior to today."

The individual tournament continues Saturday in Middleville at Thornapple Kellogg for the regionals, starting at 9:30 am. The top four finishers in each weight class will advance to the state championship tournament at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Hockey, continued

At just over a minute left in the game, penalties were assessed to both teams after play in front of the net.

LC got a shorthanded goal with just one second remaining, extending the lead to two. It was Jansens who put one into the Jenison net while their goalie was on the bench for an extra attacker.

The game ended with an 8-6 LC victory.

"I believe the three wins this week have set a school record for number of wins in a season," Beurer said. That breaking number is 17 wins.

He, however, would

like to make the new record harder to break.

"We have another tough conference game this week with Grand Rapids Christian," he said, adding, "This game is also important to all of the players as we are teaming up with Christian in the 'A Community for a Cure' project in accordance with Van Andel Institute."

Each player on both teams will be wearing a special jersey and will be playing in honor of someone who has or is battling cancer. Each honoree will be given the jersey from each player at the conclusion of the game. There will be spe-

cial events during the game which are all in an effort to raise money and awareness.

Beurer urged readers to promote and attend this game.

"This game is an important conference game for our team," Beurer said. "However, it is also for a great cause. The idea for this game was brought forth by two members of my team, Justin Pinto and Andrew Light. I am hoping for a huge success on Friday night, not only in our game but for raising money and awareness with Van Andel Institute."



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Basketball, continued

points, most notably dropping four three-pointers; they scored five in that half. Shots from three point land accounted for 15 points, nearly half, of Northview's first half offense.

Carhart said, "We allowed their better players to get open looks and, to their credit, they made shots."

Lowell's offense stagnated as even open shots wouldn't fall. They put up only 10 more points before the half. Northview led 35-21.

An uneventful third quarter still found Northview with a commanding lead. Their eight points to

Lowell's five extended their lead to 17. Though Lowell's defense was able to shut down the Wildcats again in the fourth and even outscore the Wildcats by two, they came up well short.

The final score was Lowell's 39 to Northview's 54.

"I was proud of our guys' effort. Our interior players continue to work really hard every game," Carhart said, mentioning Alec Roerig's performance.

"Alec has been great for us and Friday was no exception," he said. "He had 13 rebounds, and, while I know he's a little disap-

pointed on how he finished around the rim, any time a player is in the teens in rebounds, you know that he is working hard."

Roerig had six points in the game.

Carhart said the seniors on the team continue to be strong leaders.

"Seniors, Kyle Rogers, Blake Lyman and Justin Castro were also working hard to try to get us back on track again," he said. "I was certainly pleased with their effort."

Lyman led Lowell with 11 points, including a three pointer in the second quarter.

Gymnastics falls just short against Forest Hills

Scoring yet again in the 130s, the Lowell Red Arrow gymnastics' team was outmatched by Forest Hills, losing 131.075 to 131.50 on Feb. 8.

Head coach Michele DeHaan said, "I'm very pleased to have a team score again of over 130. We had a great beam night – four out of the seven girls competing stuck their routines with no falls. I'm thrilled to have three scores over an 8.0."

DeHaan said Danielle Krajewski did her floor routine for the first time this year after healing her injured arm.

"We had to water down her tumbling so she could get through it," DeHaan said. "The team has been waiting all season for her to compete floor because it has a little Michael Jackson flair. When teammates get

fired up about a gymnast's routine, it only helps them perform better sharing that adrenaline."

It was senior night and the team celebrated its only senior, Erin Groom. This is Groom's first year on the team, the last three years she has done competitive cheer. She competed beam and floor this year.

"She has worked so hard to keep up with her teammates that have done gymnastics all their lives," DeHaan said. "I think she may have surprised herself at how well she has done this year. Erin has been a pleasant addition to our team and easily fit right in with our 'gymnastics family.'"

Lowell 131.075
Forest Hills 131.50

SCORES

VAULT
Meghan Plutschouw 8.65
Abby Rogalke 8.625
Bethany Kaczanowski 8.525
Kaezi Bladey 8.525

BARS
Kaezi Bladey 8.05
Abby Rogalke 7.7
Lauren DeHaan 7.65
Meghan Plutschouw 7.15

BEAM
Bethany Kaczanowski 8.45
Lauren DeHaan 8.3
Kaylee Wold 8.0
Abby Rogalke 7.95

FLOOR
Kaezi Bladey 8.45
Meghan Plutschouw 8.45
Abby Rogalke 8.3
Lauren DeHaan 8.3

TOP ALL AROUND
Lauren DeHaan 32.75

THEME:
The Grammys

ACROSS

- 1. Desert survivors
- 6. Orlando Bloom in "Lord of the Rings"
- 9. Type of ski lift
- 13. German destroyer
- 14. "To Kill a Mockingbird" recluse
- 15. Bob and _____
- 16. Civil rights marches started here
- 17. Clingy plant
- 18. Galactic path
- 19. *Grammy Awards venue sponsor
- 21. *Bruno Mars' hit
- 23. Between "ready" and "fire"?
- 24. Marie Antoinette's hairstyle
- 25. "Time," e.g.
- 28. Surrender
- 30. Total bore, Yiddish
- 35. One on a list
- 37. Less than average tide
- 39. "Queen of Mean"
- 40. Head of hair
- 41. Old European coin
- 43. Panache
- 44. Homer's classic
- 46. Causes a pucker
- 47. Pluribus
- 48. Treating place
- 50. Fan reaction
- 52. Indicates maiden name
- 53. Don't do it when someone's down
- 55. *AC/DC won their first Grammy for "____ Machine"
- 57. *Nominated co-median

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- 61. *2012 Grammy Awards host
- 65. Binary digits code
- 66. Ryder Cup team
- 68. Icy hut
- 69. Heard by Horton
- 70. Cow chew
- 71. Dissociative state
- 72. Evil side of Dr. Jekyll
- 73. Author of "The Star-Spangled Banner"
- 74. "The Second Coming" poet

DOWN

- 1. Spew profanities
- 2. Aid and _____
- 3. Jolt, e.g.

- 4. Home to Bucca-neers
- 5. Right-leaning characters
- 6. Goes with flows
- 7. *____ Rawls, Grammy-winning soul singer
- 8. Forfeit
- 9. Type of seabird
- 10. Bottle to a baby?
- 11. Like a devoted fan
- 12. Network of nerves
- 15. Full of grief
- 20. Make corrections
- 22. ____-D.M.C.
- 24. NBC's logo
- 25. Will Ferrell as G. W. Bush, e.g.
- 26. "____ costs"
- 27. Mozart and Einstein, e.g.
- 29. ____ ex machina
- 31. Often precedes "necessary"
- 32. Baseball Hall of Famer Ryan
- 33. Foolish
- 34. *Recipient of most 2012 Grammy nominations
- 36. *Taylor Swift's hit
- 38. *MusiCares Person of the Year
- 42. Type of fishing net
- 45. Tiny antelope
- 49. Formerly OSS
- 51. Assuage or conciliate
- 54. Hen's call
- 56. Scallywag
- 57. Done in loads
- 58. *Grammy of sports
- 59. Froze, as in kicker
- 60. Basmati, e.g.
- 61. *Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta's title
- 62. Soviet gymnast Korbut
- 63. Oaf
- 64. They're average?
- 67. Famous T-Rex

Puzzle solutions on page 10



FEBRUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 14

- Singer, Whitney Houston, 48, was found dead in her Beverly Hilton hotel room the day before the Grammy Awards. Her body was flown to New Jersey where services were being planned.
- Scoring big at the Grammys - Adele. She won six of the awards and sang for the first time since having vocal-cord surgery.
- Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, 73, was robbed by a machete-wielding intruder at his vacation home in the West Indies. No one was hurt and the intruder got away with \$1,000 in cash.
- A five-year-old girl, rescued after being buried for over 10 hours after an avalanche in Kosovo, was released from the hospital. The avalanche killed her parents, her brother, her paternal grandparents and an aunt and uncle.
- At the Westminster dog show at Madison Square Garden a group called "Dogs Against Romney" protested "to ensure pet lovers are aware that Mitt Romney is mean to dogs." This stems from a story that Romney told about traveling with his caged dog tied to the roof of his car during a family trip.
- While trying to send a nude picture of himself to his girlfriend, a longtime high school football coach in Maine accidentally posted the picture on Facebook. He resigned.
- President Obama sent Congress his federal budget for fiscal year 2013, calling for government spending cuts, raising taxes on the wealthy and job training programs that should decrease the federal deficit by \$4 trillion within the decade. Members of the GOP immediately pounced on it saying it doesn't cut the federal deficit enough.
- Rick Santorum is expected to do well in the Michigan Primary on February 28.
- A 43-year-old Pennsylvania judge is facing criminal charges for allegedly dismissing her own traffic tickets by accessing the online court system records.

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THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Greenville high school is allowing smart phones and tablets in school.

Do you feel this is a good idea?

- YES - anything to help the students **43%**
- NO - they are a distraction **43%**
- WHATEVER **14%**



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