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LHS alumnus helps to develop national competition winning music app

by Ellen Mork
contributing reporter

People who run with music know the annoyance of running at a pace different to the song they're listening to. Maybe you're sprinting and a Celine Dion song comes on, or you're cooling down and "I'm Sexy and I Know It" starts up.

With TempoRun, that won't happen. The application, or app, will scan music on the user's

smartphone or iPod and categorize it 1-10 based on the tempo. The user picks the tempo they want to run at and the music flows nicely. It allows for a happier, smoother and more efficient run.

The idea for the app began last summer when Michigan State senior, Josh Leider was running and a song with the wrong

tempo played and ruined his pace. He realized if he could categorize his songs by tempo, his run would be improved immensely. He pitched the idea to fellow senior Benny Ebert-Zavos and then had to find engineers to help build the technology.

improve their speed and endurance.

The four entered the Student Startup Madness (SSM) competition, put on by South by Southwest (SXSW), an "annual music, film, and interactive conference and festival," in November and in December

businesses and technology companies awarded them first place.

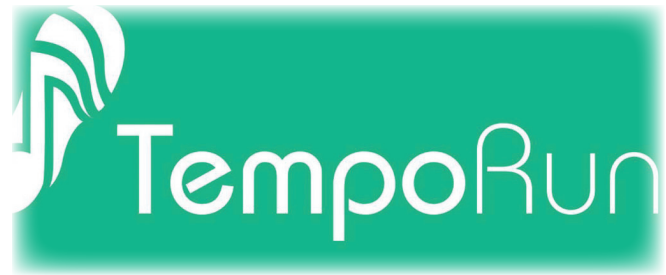
They won \$5,000 from Google Cloud Platform, "which allows you to build applications and websites, store and analyze data on Google's infrastructure."

TempoRun previously garnered support in East Lansing from Spartan Innovations in December. They earned \$5,000 from Gerstacker and Forest Akers, two endowments from MSU.

They also worked out of The Hatch, a "student business incubator" on campus. This allowed them to have an area to collaborate with each other, use computers and have whiteboards to brainstorm on.

TempoRun also won the 2012 Broad Business Pitch Competition put on by the MSU Broad School of Business.

They are currently in beta testing and will be selling the app on the app stores for \$1.99. TempoRun will be launched in mid-April. More information can be found at www.temporunapp.com



Party designed to restock food pantry



Peggy Covert enjoyed the party in her honor that helped out the food pantry.

The groundhog may not have seen his shadow on Saturday, Feb. 2, but he did see a crowd of people gathering for a fun time at a birthday party for Peggy Covert. All attending came with donations for Flat River Outreach Ministries' Food Pantry. The gathering, dubbed a "Let's Restock the Food Pantry" party, collected over 300 items for 272 pounds of nonperishable foods and other items as well as over \$400 for the food pantry. Guests enjoyed live music performed by Sylvia Taylor and Jim Price, both of whom are retired from the United States Postal Service (USPS). Taylor was Post Master here in Lowell and Price was Post Master in Muskegon. They now enjoy performing together and their music was greatly

enjoyed at the party and even had some dancing to it.

"Being able to help others while celebrating my own birthday was the best gift ever!" said Covert.

Sylvia Taylor, director of the food pantry, expressed appreciation for all the donations. She shared ideas for ongoing support. The most used and needed items: macaroni and cheese, canned ravioli and spaghetti and Ramen noodles, as well as canned mandarin oranges and pineapple. She suggests watching for sales so you never have to spend more than \$1 on an item and of course use Meijer's "Simply Give" program for donating. Financial donations are always appreciated because of the pantry's ability to buy in bulk.

The two founders approached a computer science teacher for help and Phil Getzen, a 2010 Lowell High School graduate, heard about the app and soon they were in collaboration. Along with Adam Proscheck, another computer science major, they already had a foundation of the technology needed and worked to research and further develop the app.

Current apps on the market adjust to a runner's pace as it changes, but TempoRun helps a runner stay at the same pace and

the field was narrowed from 64 to 32. Then in January, the group made it to the "Entrepreneurial Eight." The guys then traveled to Austin, Texas in early March for the SXSW Festival to pitch their app.

Getzen was excited to even be able to attend the festival, saying he'd wanted to for some time. "There's a lot of great people to meet there and a lot of connections to make."

After a grueling competition full of pitches and Q&A sessions, six judges from the nations top

Beanie Babies to the rescue

Parents attending a Cherry Creek reading night learned that stuffed animals can help students learning to read. Stretch the Snake reminded kids to say words "sssss-slow" if they're hard to read. Chunky Monkey showed how to chunk word parts to read long words.

Nearly 60 parents and students were taught how five other stuffed animals can assist young readers. Families also learned that sleep, reading skills and weight are impacted by having a television in your bedroom. Everyone enjoyed a pizza dinner and left with new books to read this spring.

Jacklyn Krygier, Cherry Creek literacy consultant, was pleased with the strong turn-out. "When parents and children take time at home to read, it makes a huge difference in student's reading skills," she commented.



Jacklyn Krygier, reading consultant, with reading night participants.



Barb Smith and daughter Abbi picked up some new books.

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Steel Magnolias to be presented in April

Lowell actors Laurie Kuna and Charlotte Hayden will soon appear on stage in a dinner theatre production of the comedy/drama Steel Magnolias. LowellArts! and Thebes Players will present the play at Larkin's Other Place the weekends April 26- May 11.

Directed by Peter Huschilt, the play takes place in Truvy's beauty shop in Chinquapin, LA, where "all the ladies who are anybody" come to have their hair done. Each

weekend, Larkin's will offer a "southern style" menu in keeping with the play's setting. Kuna will portray Clairee while Hayden will play Shelby. Rounding out the cast are Randi Richardson of Belmont as Truvy; Jill Block of Rockford as Annelle; Sandy Kirchinger of Middleville as M'Lynn; and Susan Veenema of Grand Rapids as Ouiser.

Presiding over the busy salon is wise-cracking Truvy, who dispenses free

advice to staff and customers alike. Rounding out the cast are eager new assistant, Annelle; the town's rich curmudgeon, Ouiser; an eccentric millionaire, Miss Clairee; local social leader, M'Lynn; and M'Lynn's pretty, young daughter, Shelby, who is engaged to marry one of Chinquapin's "good ole boys".

The play is filled with witty repartee and sharp, funny dialogue as these women deal with the ups and downs of love, family,

illness, morality and the bonds of friendship. Harling creates a humorous but touching glimpse into the lives of the eccentric, outspoken and extraordinary characters in a small southern town.

Larkin's Other Place is located at 301 W. Main Street in Lowell.

Tickets range from \$12 for the play only to \$25 for play/dinner. For more information call 616-897-8545 or visit their website www.lowellartsmi.org



At Your Local Library

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

Kent District Library named to OverDrives' list of eBook leaders for 2012

OverDrive recently released data highlighting the libraries and schools within its worldwide network achieving the greatest growth and exposure for their eBook and audiobook catalogs. Kent District Library (KDL) won the Best Outside the Library Campaign and was recognized for raising awareness for its eBook and audiobook collection through an effective and creative community outreach campaign.

KDL has the largest eBook and eAudiobook collection of any single library system in Michigan. In 2012, KDL had over 450,000 visits to its OverDrive site and a total of over 275,000 eBooks and eAudiobooks checked out.

"We're thrilled our efforts paid off with this award, but this is about KDL and all libraries being on the cutting edge of technology to serve our customers," said Heidi Nagel, KDL communications manager. "What librarians have and are known for is being ahead of the curve in their industry, for recognizing changes and adapting to them to meet patron demand. Libraries are about so much more than print books and we want everyone to know that."

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~ Francis Bacon



along main street

FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries will be Wed., April 3 at 6 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

TOTS SPRING PRESCHOOL ALMOST NEW SALE

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1 pm, setup 8-9 am at Cherry Creek Elementary. Free to participate. Call Lori at 616-987-2532 or email lbuys@lowellschools.com to reserve a space. TOTS is an early childhood project of Lowell Area Schools and the Lowell Area Community Fund.

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college news

Austin T. Graham of Lowell has been named to the dean's list for fall semester at Northwood University.

To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Alexis Foster of Lowell has been named to the president's list for fall semester at Northwood University.

To achieve president's list recognition, students must earn a 3.85 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi announced that Michael Kittlaus, of Alto, was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi - the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Kittlaus is pursuing a degree in business administration at Western Michigan University.

Kittlaus is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into

Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

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LHS March Students of the Month

Jon Luna, 12th grade and Bethany Kaczanowski, 10th grade, are the Lowell High School March 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 1,200 students eligible for nomination, so this is quite an accomplishment for Luna and Kaczanowski. The students receive a \$20 movie gift card and a certificate.

Luna was nominated by Sue Bean and she writes, "Jon has turned himself around in the classroom since last year. He is focused, alert and on task. He did very well in government, after struggling



Jon Luna



Bethany Kaczanowski

last year in world history. It is a student like Jon who deserves recognition. He is quiet and well-behaved. He does what is asked of him. I am very impressed with Jon and his accomplishments this school year."

Mike Lincolnhol nominated Kaczanowski and he writes, "Bethany has been great in my classes. She works extremely hard and has been very successful. She also has gone above and

beyond on labs and projects. She is also very polite and warm to teachers and fellow classmates. She has been great to have in class."

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 contact the office at 987-2900.

Local agent Mark Johnson earns statewide service award

Mark Johnson, of Alto, longtime agent for Farm Bureau Insurance, has earned the company's top service award for his outstanding contributions as an agent, business leader, and community leader.

Johnson serves the Kent County area from his office in Grand Rapids.

Johnson received the Elton R. Smith Award for his overall excellence as an insurance professional, only the 27th agent in

company history to earn this prestigious honor. The annual award, named after a past president of Michigan Farm Bureau, recognizes Johnson for his many contributions to his

profession, his community and Farm Bureau.

A Farm Bureau Insurance agent since 1988, Johnson has earned many of the company's top sales honors during his career, including All American and Executive Club Awards for his outstanding record of sales and service. He has been named among the top agents in Michigan several times and is a top qualifier for the Multi-Line Sales Council, an elite group of agents who excel in both life and property-casualty insurance.

Active in his community, Johnson served on several church and civic

committees, taught Sunday school, and coached Little League baseball and girls' basketball. A longtime 4-H leader, Johnson also volunteers with local charities to help raise money for the fight against cancer. He is a strong supporter of the Kent County Farm Bureau, helping with membership drives and local Farm Bureau activities.

"Mark Johnson is one of the most outstanding and caring insurance agents in Michigan," said Jim Robinson, executive vice president of Farm Bureau Insurance. "His concern for people and his commitment

to his community have guided his business for 25 years. He has made a big difference in the lives of thousands of people in Kent County."

Johnson is the second person in his family to receive the prestigious Elton R. Smith Award. His father, Dale Johnson, now retired after 35 years as a local Farm Bureau Insurance agent, earned the same award in 1994.

Farm Bureau Insurance, one of Michigan's major insurers, has a statewide force of 440 agents serving nearly 500,000 Michigan policyholders.

Kent County still in Top 20 in annual health rankings

Kent County ranks 16th out of 82 counties measured in Michigan in the national County Health Rankings according to a report from the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Kent County is the most populous county to achieve a top 20 ranking in Michigan. The ranking is an improvement over 2010, the first year of the report, when we ranked 22nd. Kent county attained 16th in Health Outcomes, which measures how long people live, how healthy people feel, and mental well-being. Our over-all Health Factors score improved from 19th in 2012 to 15th in 2013.

"The data indicate a slight decrease in the percentage of smokers, an increase in people receiving diabetes screenings and mammograms, fewer violent crimes, and lower unemployment," noted Adam London, acting health

officer for the Kent County Health Department.

Overall, the scores are very positive for Kent County. There are, however, several areas where there is a need for improvement.

"Kent County did see Morbidity and Mortality scores drop this year, because Kent County residents reported more days where they felt physically or mentally unhealthy," London said. He also recommended KCHD and other health care providers continue efforts to make sure women are receiving good prenatal education, nutrition, and care, to ensure more full-term, healthy babies are being born here.

The study also found the following issues of concern:

- 20 percent of children in Kent County live in poverty, compared to 14 percent nationally

- 51 percent of Kent County restaurants are

'fast food establishments' compared to a national benchmark of 27 percent

- 18 percent of Kent County adults admit to heavy or excessive drinking, compared to seven percent nationally

- 10 recreational activity centers exist per 100,000 residents, compared to 16 facilities per 100,000 residents nationally

- Five percent of residents with low income do not live close to a grocery store, compared to the national figure of one percent

- Kent County had a daily average of 10.6 parts per million (ppm) of fine particulate matter in the air, higher than the national average of 8.8 ppm.

The annual rankings help health care providers better understand the health problems in our communities. For more information, go to www.countyhealthrankings.org



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Dave Stegehuis

Whenever life starts to overwhelm us, when the future looks complicated and unpredictable, take a deep breath and look to nature for stability and order. This concept really hit home while watching the T.V. coverage of the recent selection of the new pope. While the entire world anxiously awaited the historical news, a seagull casually alighted on the very smokestack that millions of people around the world were focused on at that moment. The appearance of white smoke would, of course, signal the election of the next pope.

The bird had no idea of the huge drama occurring under its feet. Nor did it care. That day was just another

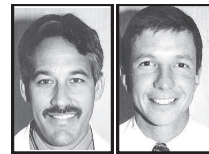
day in the life of a seagull. Get up, find food, and stay out of trouble. Sounds like a plan to me.

The scene on the rooftop reminded me of the fox squirrel digging around on the White House lawn while President Bush was addressing the nation and world about serious issues that, come to find out, would significantly affect our nation for years to come. The camera caught the busy little creature over the President's shoulder through a window in the Oval Office. The world was watching with great concern, but the squirrel could care less. Like the seagull — get up, find food, stay out of trouble.

The point is that wild things are not affected by worldly concerns and worries. By observing wild creatures in a natural setting, we can recognize the essential simplicity of life. The tranquil atmosphere out there can have a calming effect on us. Spending time in nature allows us to review our perspective on where we fit into the big picture. Humans are different than wild things, of course, but we still have more in common than we realize.

So when the world starts closing in, seek out something that swims, flies, or scurries and observe how it handles the day. If the sun comes up in the morning, rivers flow downhill, and the wind blows through the trees, everything will probably be O.K and we still all have a chance. Relax.

health



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

Varicose veins

Varicose veins are swollen, bulgy, twisted veins that are visible just below the skin's surface. They may cause leg pain and swelling and can be cosmetically unappealing. They develop when the veins in the legs do not work properly. Healthy veins carry blood from the legs to the heart and use the small valves inside of them to help move the blood in the right direction, back to the

heart. Varicose veins arise when these valves become damaged or the vein walls weaken, causing blood to pool in the legs.

There are several reasons why varicose veins occur, including family history, female sex, being tall, multiple pregnancies, being overweight, previous blood clots or traumatic damage to the valves of the veins, and prolonged sitting or standing. Symptoms

of varicose veins include swollen, heavy, tired, aching legs; dry, itchy skin; changes in skin color; and swollen legs and ankles, sometimes with open sores called venous ulcers.

To reduce swelling and discomfort of the varicose veins, walk around and try not to sit or stand in one place for an extended period. Raise and rest your legs three to four times a day for a period of 30 minutes. Point and flex your feet several times. Your doctor may recommend specialized treatment such as compression stockings, special socks that fit over the legs and ankle and are available both over the counter and with a prescription. For severe varicose veins, there are some surgical options.

understanding insurance



Dave Emmette

What is Directors and Officers Insurance?

Directors and Officers Liability Insurance provides financial protection for the directors and officers of your company or organization in the event they are sued in conjunction with the performance of their duties as they relate to the company/organization.

Directors and officers liability insurance protects past, present and future directors and officers of for-profit or nonprofit companies from damages resulting from alleged or actual wrongful acts they may have committed in their positions.

Directors and Officers Liability Insurance can usually include Employment Practices Liability and sometimes Fiduciary Liability. The former involves harassment and discrimination suits and is a growing exposure in today's companies/organizations.

Talk to your agent to learn more.

What is covered?

The core purpose of a Directors and Officers policy is to provide protection for managers, officers and board members of a business or organization, against the consequences of actual or alleged wrongful

acts when acting in the scopes of their duties. Wrongful Acts are defined as an error, misstatement or breach of duty by an officer or director of the company/organization.

The policy provides protection in the event of:

- any actual or alleged error
- misstatement
- omission
- misleading statement, or breach of duty.
- policy will pay for defense costs and financial losses.

What is not covered?

Common exclusions:

This goes for any policy and what I tell clients. Know the exclusion form, as in my opinion; it is equally important to know what is not covered as to know what is covered.

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viewpoint

Whale tale shows Wall Street hasn't ended its excesses



Sen. Carl Levin

In April 2012, Americans were confronted with a story of Wall Street excess and derivatives disaster now known as the JPMorgan Chase whale trades. Those trades were essentially a series of bets by traders in the London office of U.S. banking giant, JPMorgan Chase. Their bets grew so large that they roiled the \$27 trillion market in complex financial instruments known as credit derivatives. JPMorgan's CEO Jamie Dimon claimed media reports about the whale trades were "a tempest in a teapot." But a month later, the bank admitted the truth: that their bets not only had lost more than \$6 billion, but also exposed a litany of problems at what had been considered one of

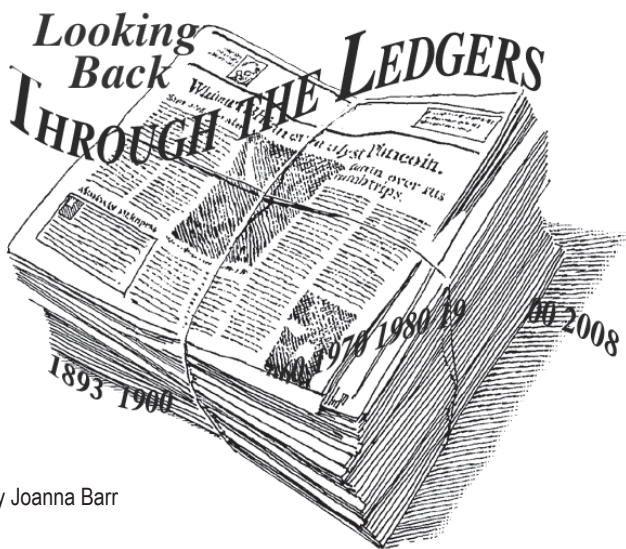
America's safest banks. The whale trades were the focus of a recent hearing before the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which I chair. Our hearing was the culmination of a nearly one-year, bipartisan investigation that produced a 300-page report. Our report opens a window into the hidden world of high stakes derivatives trading by big banks. And it reveals one overarching fact: the U.S. financial system may have significant vulnerabilities to high-risk derivatives trading. Our hearing sparked an outpouring of support for action to combat the problems we uncovered. Among the most troubling aspects of the whale trades case history

is that JPMorgan trades essentially hid the losses from their massive portfolio by misreporting the value of their derivatives. It was only after the media threw a spotlight on the trades that JPMorgan restated its financial results for the first quarter of 2012, admitting extra losses of \$660 million. But to this day, JPMorgan maintains that the mismarked values did not, on their face, violate bank policy or accounting rules. If derivative books can be cooked as blatantly as they were in this case without breaking the rules, then the rules need to be revamped. The whale trades also demonstrate how easily a Wall Street bank can manipulate and avoid risk controls. The financial industry assures us that it can prudently manage high-risk activities, because they are measured, monitored and limited. But as our report demonstrates in detail, JPMorgan executives ignored a series of alarms

that went off as traders breached one risk limit after another. Rather than ratchet back the risk, JPMorgan personnel changed their risk measures to silence the alarms. The whale trades also exposed another example of a major Wall Street bank's misstatements and concealment. Our investigation found that the bank failed to fully disclose its bets to regulators for years, even when they tripled in size in the first three months of 2012. In fact, in January 2012, the bank told regulators, inaccurately, that the portfolio was decreasing in size. After the whale trades went public, JPMorgan misinformed both regulators and the public about them. Top executives described the whale trades as long-term, risk reducing investments that were fully transparent to risk managers and regulators. None of that was true. Together, the facts are a

reminder of what occurred in the recent financial crisis: We can't rely on a major bank to resist risky bets, honestly report losses, or disclose bad news, without a strong regulator looking over its shoulder. Our report recommends a number of policy changes to stop the derivative abuses. They include requiring major banks to disclose to regulators all derivatives trading portfolios like the ones in the whale case, prove claims that their derivative bets reduce risks rather than increase them; stop using derivative pricing practices to hide losses; enforce risk limit breaches by ending risky trades rather than silencing the alarms; and accept tougher capital requirements so that when risky trades go south, taxpayers won't be on the hook for a bank bailout. We also called on regulators to speed up implementation of what's known as the Volcker Rule. I worked with Senator

Jeff Merkley of Oregon to include the Volcker Rule in the Wall Street reform law enacted in 2010. It prohibits federally insured banks from making high-risk bets with their customers' deposits – just the kind of trades that got JPMorgan in trouble. But regulators have delayed putting the Volcker Rule's prohibition into effect. Those delays should end. JPMorgan's whale trades damaged a single bank. But they expose problems that reach far beyond one London trading desk or one Wall Street office tower. The American people have already suffered one devastating economic assault rooted largely in Wall Street excess and they cannot afford another. When Wall Street plays with fire, American families get burned. The task of federal regulators, and of this Congress, is to take away the matches. The whale trades demonstrate that task is far from complete.



By Joanna Barr

140 years ago Lowell Journal April 2, 1873

An enormous wolf was killed in this county last week.

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100 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 3, 1913

Headline: Saloon claims another victim. Benjamin Taylor of Easton dies in Lowell jail. Suffocated by smoke after arrest for being drunk and fast driving on Main street. Leaves family. Another victim has been added to the list of those whose lives have been

sacrificed as a direct result of the liquor traffic in Lowell. Benjamin Taylor of Easton township, Ionia County. Benjamin, who is a son of Thomas and Mary Taylor, came to Lowell Tuesday at the request of another, was arrested by deputy sheriff Raimer at about 5 o'clock pm, for fast driving on Main street, while intoxicated and lodged in the village jail. About 8 o'clock in the evening Raimer went to the jail to take the prisoner's supper. When he unlocked the door, a dense cloud of smoke poured out. Closing his eyes and holding his breath, Raimer rushed in and managed to unlock the cell door and get back to open air, where he rang the fire alarm. The first men to respond to the bell, dragged the inanimate body of Taylor out doors, where doctors McDannell and Anderson attempted to resuscitate him, but in vain. The mattress in the cell was partially burned and Taylor's overcoat was scorched. The body was blackened by smoke, not burned, as early reports had it.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger March 31, 1938

The Ledger business office has been repainted and repapered. Now if our landlord would loosen up a bit and make some much needed repairs to the building, the same would be duly appreciated by the Ledger staff and our patrons in general.

Headline: Lad saves man's life. Suicide is frustrated by timely arrival. The timely arrival of a school boy at his home on Tuesday noon is responsible for the saving of the life of Jesse Davies, a man of about 45 years of age who attempted to end his life in the garage at the Ed. Adrianse home on Smith Ave. Mr. Davies had been boarding at the Adrianse home and during their absence drove his car into the garage, closed the doors, started the motor, then attached a hose to the exhaust pipe, placed the other end through a small opening in a car window to await results. Wesley Adrianse, the school boy, discovering the man's serious plight stopped the motor, opened the car and garage doors and then hurried to tell his teacher. Officers were notified and a physician summoned in time to save the man's life. Mr. Davies has been in poor health and it is

thought that he became discouraged and somewhat despondent because of his physical condition.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger April 4, 1963

Headline: Grass fires keep firemen busy! The first alarm was sounded at 11:30 am when a call was received, reporting a grass fire out of control at the West City limits on Nash Avenue, which was started from burning rubbish. Burning rubbish erupting from a trash can set fire to an area behind the residence of Mrs. J. B. Hawk on Grand River Drive at 12:15. When the trucks were returning to their headquarters, the whistle filled the air again and sent the fire fighters to Parker's Service Station on West Main Street. Firemen, however, had little rest as another grass fire call was received and the force returned to the scene of the first fire, where smoldering particles began to strip the land of its beauty again. Out of 46 fire calls made during 1962, 32 grass fires were answered, according to fire chief Frank Baker; more than 3/4 of these were contributed to carelessness. Last season the first fire was recorded on March 29, just one year

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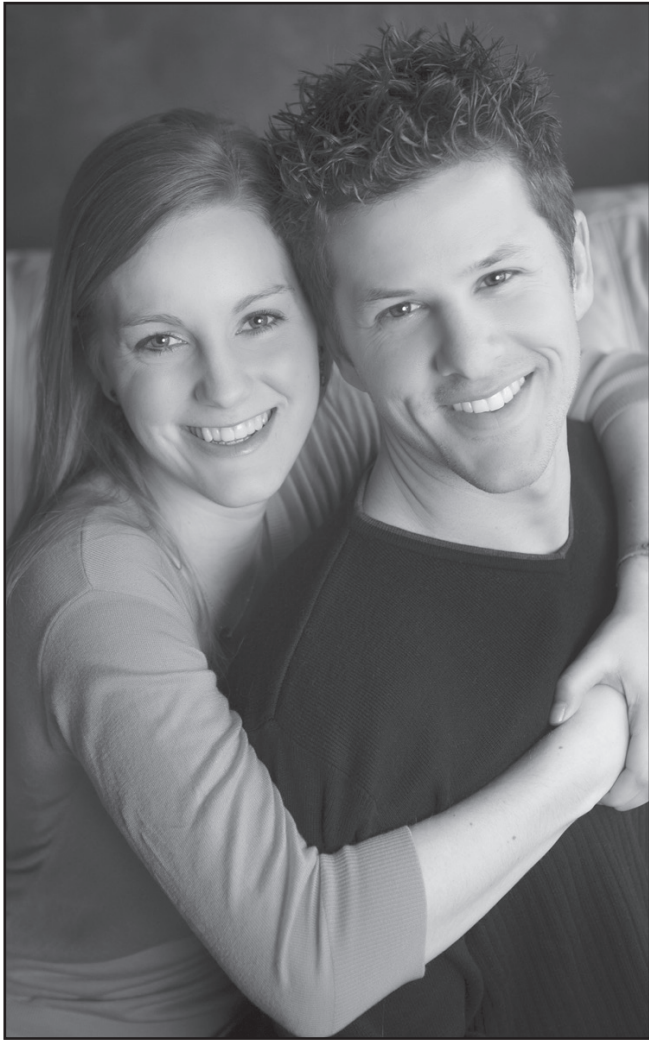
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engagements

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Taryn Schumacher and Addison DeMott

Terry and Pam Schumacher of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Taryn, to Addison DeMott, son of Kale and Michelle DeMott of Fulton Township. Schumacher is a graduate of Lowell High School and Central Michigan University and is a teacher at Cedar Springs High School. DeMott is a graduate of Fulton High School and Michigan State University and works with his father on the family farm. A June 8, 2013 wedding is planned.

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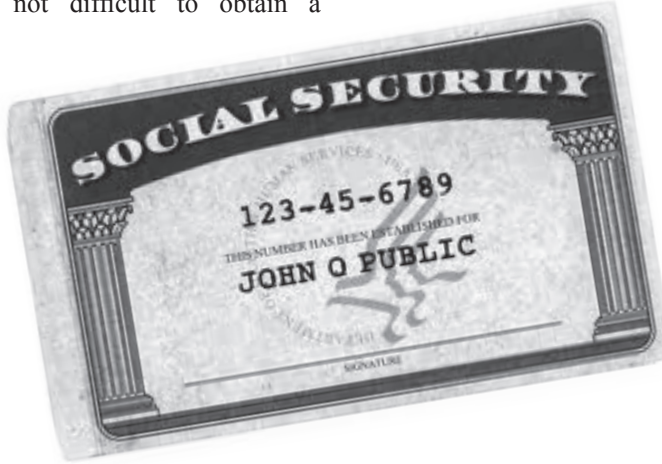
In almost all cases, though, an application for

your newborn's Social Security card and number is taken in the hospital at the same time that you apply for your baby's birth certificate.

Whether you need a Social Security card for yourself or your child, it's easy to apply for one. But remember: if you already have one and just can't find it, in most cases all you really need is to know your number. Memorize your Social Security number, and you'll never leave home without it.

Learn more about your Social Security card and number at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber.

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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Retirement, succession plans: "must haves" for business owners

If you own a business, you may well follow a "do it now" philosophy — which is, of course, necessary to keep things running smoothly. Still, you also need to think about tomorrow — which means you'll want to take action on your own retirement and business succession plans.

Fortunately, you've got some attractive options in these areas. For example, you could choose a retirement plan that offers at least two key advantages: potential tax-deferred earnings and a wide array of investment options. Plus, some retirement plans allow you to make tax-deductible contributions.

In selecting a retirement plan, you'll need

to consider several factors, including the size of your business and the number of employees. If your business has no full-time employees other than yourself and your spouse, you may consider a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) plan or an owner-only 401(k), sometimes known as an individual or solo 401(k). Or, if your goal is to contribute as much as possible, you may want to consider an owner-only defined benefit plan.

If you have employees, you might want to investigate a SIMPLE IRA or even a 401(k) plan. Your financial advisor, working with plan design professionals and your tax advisor, can help you analyze the options and

choose the plan that fits with your combined personal and business goals.

Now, let's turn to business succession plans. Ultimately, your choice of a succession plan strategy will depend on many factors, such as the value of your business, your need for the proceeds from the sale of the business for your retirement, your successor, and how well your business can continue without you. If your goal is to keep the business within the family, you'll need to consider how much control you wish to retain (and for how long), whether you wish to gift or sell, how you balance your estate among your heirs, and who can reasonably succeed you in running the business.

Many succession planning techniques are available, including an outright sale to a third party, a sale to your employees or management (at once or over time), or the transfer of your business within your family through sales or gifts during your life, at your death or any combination thereof.

Many succession plans include a buy-sell agreement. Upon your death, such an agreement could allow a business partner or a key employee to buy the business from your surviving spouse or whoever inherits your business interests. To provide the funds needed for the partner or employee (or even one of your children) to purchase the business, an insurance policy could be purchased.

Your estate plan — including your will and any living trust — should address what happens with the business, in case you still own part or all of it at your death. The best-laid succession plans may go awry if the unexpected occurs.

All these business succession options can be complex, so before choosing any of them, you will need

to consult with your legal and financial advisors.

Whether it's selecting a retirement plan or a succession strategy, you'll want to take your time and make the choices that are appropriate for your individual situation.

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- Insured option to select their own attorney

- Extending reporting period endorsement.

If you are a non-profit or a for-profit organization, talk to your agent about the need and specifics of Directors and Officers coverage.

Do you have an insurance question you would like to see discussed in the future? Send me an e-mail with your topic and I will address it at dave@theaicgroup.com.

Information provided is general in nature and not intended for your individual situation. Refer to your policy or agent for specific coverage, limitations or exclusions.

Looking Back, continued

ago to the day. April ushers in another dangerous wild fire season in Michigan as thousands of landowners take to their yards and fields to burn leaves and other debris. It's during this month and May that the costs of carelessness runs particularly high; posing a serious threat to private property as well as public land values. Last year, wild fire damage to real and personal property (houses, barns, livestock, orchards, etc.) totaled tens of thousands of dollars with much of the toll caused by spring debris burning. Of some 6,265 acres damaged state-side by fires in 1962, nearly 5,000 burned during April and May. Residents are reminded, by chief Baker, that they must obtain a free permit at conservation department field offices or at the local fire department before starting open fires. A good "before burning" rule calls for making sure debris is well out of the danger zone of buildings. Where and whenever possible, use a safe incinerator to burn rubbish, etc. It doesn't pay to take chances.

Deli, a prepared food franchise. "Over the last couple of years the trend has changed from fresh meats to prepared food," Heritage tri-owner and operator Chris Collins said. "We'd like to think that we have some foresight. Westside Deli will be a fast-food alternative to burgers." As a carry-over from Heritage, Collins says that Westside will also sell the popular ribs and broasted chicken. "Westside brings with it a reputation for its deep pan pizza and submarine sandwiches," he says. "Along with free delivery, Westside Deli will also sell slices of pizza." The May 4 opening will mark the 20th Westside Deli franchise to open up in Michigan. "Most of them are on the east side of the state. There are two in Grand Rapids with a third expected to open up about the same time we will," Collins said. Westside Deli originated in 1973, with its first store opening in Mesa. "They're hoping to have 50 delis opened by the end of the year," Collins said. Westside's commissary, where all the baking is done, is located in Williamston.

The Lowell Ledger April 6, 1988 25 years ago

Headline: Heritage Meat Market will become a "West Side Deli." Heritage Meat Market will undergo a face change beginning April 17 and will re-open on May 4 as Westside Deli. The meat market which has been servicing the community with fresh cut meats for five years, will change over to Westside

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Youth wrestlers bring home four state championships

by Karen Jack

Lowell youth wrestlers represented this past weekend at Kellogg Arena for the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association state championships. Lowell sent 27 qualifiers, with 12 placing, including four state champions. In order to qualify, the wrestlers must have placed in the top four at the regional competition held a couple weeks ago. Of over 200 teams that sent wrestlers to the state

championship, Lowell sent the most kids and placed the most kids. Only one team there had more than four state champions.

The state champions include Ramsy Mutschler in the 2002-03 age group at 51 lbs. In the 2000-01 age group, champions include Austin Boone at 80 lbs., Avry Mutschler at 105 lbs., and Austin Engle at 126 lbs. Ramsy Mutschler won by decision over Thomas

Zielinski of West Michigan Defenders, 8-2; Boone won by decision over Kyle Kantola of Hartland, 4-0; Avry Mutschler won by decision over Ethan Weatherspoon of Napoleon, 9-6; and Engle won by pin over Jack Kane of Hartland in 4:09.

Taking second place was Zeth Strejc in the 2000-01 age group at 70 lbs.

Fourth place finishers include Doak Dean in the 2002-03 age group at 90 lbs. and David Kruse in the 1998-99 age group at 122 lbs.

Eli Boulton and Logan Wilcox both were fifth place finishers. Boulton wrestled in the 1998-99 age group at 145 lbs. and Wilcox

competed in the 1996-97 age group at 288 lbs.

In sixth place were Brenden Hill in the 2006-08 age group at 41 lbs. and AJ Chertos in the 2002-03 age group at 95 lbs. Jacob Lee took eighth place in the 2002-03 age group at 80 lbs.

Each age and weight class had the top four finishers in eight different regional competitions throughout the state, so each bracket had at least 24 wrestlers competing. Some had more, depending on how many wrestlers were in their brackets at regionals. If they had more than 20 kids competing, the top five advanced to the championships.



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Many enjoyed 17th annual Lowell Expo

by Ellen Mork
contributing reporter

Over 5,000 people came to see what businesses in Lowell and the surrounding areas had to offer last Saturday at the 17th annual Expo held at Lowell High School.

A steady flow of people began when it opened at 9 am and started petering off around 2 pm, although the event ended at 3 pm.

Many booths began to run out of free tote bags, food and other goodies around noon.

Liz Baker, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, said there were over 160 booths at the Expo. Over twenty new businesses were in attendance this year as well.

Baker credits the good attendance to poor weather. The weather cooperated this

year and temperatures were cold so more people went to the Expo instead of staying outdoors in nice weather.

Although some people come for the free samples, others come to get deals on services.

New, young and veteran businesses alike offered deals to sweeten signing up for their products and services. Vergennes Broadband, an Internet provider, offered fifty dollars off their sign up fee. While owner Ryan Peel doesn't gain as many new clients as he'd like, he uses the Expo as a marketing research tool. People often ask for service near their homes so he is able to predict where new towers would be most effective.



The Easy Idle String Band plays during the Expo.



Boulder Ridge Wildlife Park promotes their new giraffe exhibit coming in May.



Ryan and Stephanie Peel, owners of Vergennes Broadband, stand at their booth.



Young ones get their faces painted by youth at First Baptist Church.

Other companies, like Litehouse, offered coupons for their salad dressings and other food products.

Longtime Lowell movie theatre, the Ada-Lowell 5, allowed people to play "plinko" and win candy or food coupons to use at the movies.

Theresa and Perry Beachum, owners of Beachum Flooring said they've seen more people interested in new flooring. They attribute this to more people moving into the area, a good sign for the Lowell area.

Starbard Farms Feed participated in their first Expo. They used this opportunity to showcase their farm and animal feed to the thousands that

wandered around the gyms and hallways.

The Expo is a luxury that many communities do not have. Businesses can meet and disseminate their information to thousands of people in a few short hours.

It also stresses the importance of buying local and allows community members to find products produced locally or services available they didn't know were here.

A fine example is the Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park. This is their second year at the Expo. The 80-acre park, located on Pratt Lake in Alto, has been open since 2011. They started with white-tailed deer and now have wallabies, zebras and soon, giraffes. Open

from May to October, they are a local version of a zoo. Many of the same animals can be found at Boulder Ridge, they employ community members and it's much closer than a drive into Grand Rapids. This is a great way for families to spend a day and it's an asset to the Lowell community that numerous people were able to discover at the Expo.

Outside of the school, the Lowell Fire Department showcased their truck and Lowell Light & Power gave bucket rides. Comprenew, a nonprofit electronics recycler, also collected old appliances and electronics. They collected five thousand pounds of old equipment that will be recycled, reused, or refurbished.



Sarah Misak and John Mark man the FFA booth.



Lowell Light and Power offer bucket rides and free hats.

Lowell Middle School second trimester Honor Roll

The honor roll for the second trimester of the 2012-13 school year for Lowell Middle School

6TH GRADE

Allison, Mark
Anderson, Chase
Anderson, Seth
Andrus, Trevor
Angiano, Alicia
Anheuser, Nichole
Arnett, Brekin
Baerwalde, Timothy
Baldwin, Kaitlyn
Baldwin, Rachel
Barnes, Danielle
Barnhart, Hailey
Battle, Joslynn
Bennett, Zoe
Bessey, Emily
Bibbler, Kyle
Bitterman, Bryan
Bladey, Halaina
Blum, Ashton
Bodemann, Anna
Boersma, Breanda
Boersma, Mikayla
Boersma, Renee
Boersma, Savanna
Brinks, Lennox
Brown, Tyler
Browning, Hunter
Bush, Nathan
Cadwallader, Alyssa
Cater, Connor
Clay, Bridgett
Clouse, Amber
Conlan, Brenan
Cooper, Eleanor
Coxon, Gavin
Coxon, Regan
Cremer, Morgan
Cross, Tyler
Cudney, Dylan
Davidson, Andrew
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DeForest, Zachary
DeGrote, Justin
DeHaan, Blake
DeKam, Sarah
DeKok, Conner
Dent, Jordan
DeRaad, Mackenzie
DeWitt, Easton
Doty, Katarina
Dougherty, Ella
Duursma, Michaela
Dykman, Deven
Egan, Cameron
Ellsworth, Sarah
Eubanks, Ian
Everhart, Logan
Fabis, Zachary
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Saunders, Steven
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Brown, Amber
Brown, Emily

Buckius, Addison
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Chapman, Dawson
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Conlan, Riley
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Dixon, Elijah
Doty, Selena
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Duhr, Quinne
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Evink, Mitchell
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French, Autumn
French, Casey
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Fryers, Brooklyn
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Gerulis, Jarius
Greenhoe, Tierney
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Hackstedt, Joshua
Haff, Mitchell
Halfmann, Hannah
Hanson, Jacob
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Johnson, Jade
Johnson, Roman
Johnson, Shelly
Kaminski, Ethan
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Knight, Vanessa
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McDowell, Abigail
McGee, Cody
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McWayne, Justin
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Schwartz, Max
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Senneker, Kaitlyn
Smithee, Erin
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Sparks, Kya
Spencer, Noah
Stadt, Justin
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Stump, Kenneth
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Svoboda, Nathaniel
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Battle, Brennan
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Beachler, Matthew
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Bergin, Jeremy
Bierlein, Delaney
Bileth, Dakota
Bishop, Maxwell
Blakely, Faith
Bodemann, Katherine
Boulton, Elijah
Bowers, Collin
Bramble, Casey
Branagan, Austin
Briggs, Maria
Brooks, Mikayla
Brown, Clayton
Brown, Mitchell
Burt, Madeline
Cater, Kyle
Celori, Samantha
Chapin, Emma
Chapman, Brodrick
Chrisman, Autumn
Churches, Colton
Clarke, Ryne
Clemenshaw, Katie
Clouse, Paige
Conard, Sydney
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Coyne, Troy
Curtis, Amber
Dalessandro, Nicholas
DeCator, Maria
DeHaan, Paige
DeVito, Samuel
deVost, Andrew
DeYoung, Kyle
Dixon, Kyla
Dodde, Sydney
Dollar, Megan
Dommer, Alexander
Doyle, Michael
Dubisky, Robert
Dull, Preston
Endres, Shane
Epema, Jonah
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Fisher, Edward
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Ford-Weber, Callie
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Fosburg, Paige
Fox, Brady
Franklin, Cassandra
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Garter, Bridget
Geldersma, Bethany
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Grasman, Sonja
Green, Abigail
Grile, Elizabeth
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Heikkila, Edward
Hieftje, Kollin
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Hock, Emily
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Hoekstra, Shannon
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Hubert, Thomas
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Johnson, Savanna
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Mears, Alyssa
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Moore, Daniel
Myers, Braden
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Nietling, Nova
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Nurmikko, Olivia
Owens, Hunter
Paiz, Grace
Patrick, Lawrence
Peavey, Tiana-Marie
Perry, Nicolas
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Pratt, Jacob
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Radashaw, George
Reagan, Jacob
Reed, Mansel
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Remar, Aiden
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Ricards, Gina
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Roth, Emily
Rozell, Alexander
Russell, Samuel
Schneider, Hayden
Sheldon, Autumn
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Simpson, Courtney
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Smithee, Connor
Sobie, Caleb
Solomonson, Sage
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Stephens, Nathan
Stewart, Benjamin
Stewart, Jonathan
Stoffers, Bradley
Striplin, Kayleigh
Sturgeon, Mason
Taylor, Garret
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Thomson, Fiona
Travis, Patrick
Trierweiler, Donald
Tripp, Steven
Truba, Nickolas
VandenHout, Sydney
VanDyke, Trevor
VanTil, Nicholas
Vulpetti, Annina
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Whittum, Nathan
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Winn, Sophia
Wosinski, Jacob
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Amanda Brenner
Dean Briggs
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Maxwell Dean
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Sarah Dec
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Morgan VanEnk
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Calvin Warning
Kyle Washburn
Courtney Watson
Amanda Webster
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Blake Bochert
Alexander Bohr
Michael Bonney
Santana Boulton
Mikayla Bozman
Josh Branagan
Hannah Briggs
Laurel Bronkella
Paige Brown
Joshua Buechler
Adele Burnier
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Katelyn Bush
Amy Carpenter
Nicholas Castagno
Colleen Cater
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Mitchell Clay
Emma Clouser
Brandon Cole
Amber Cook

Kennedy Coxon
Paul Crosby
Bailey Cummings
Coty Curtis
Kailee Dawson
Margaret Doane
Taylor Doorn
Caitlin Doyle
Hannah Draigh
Tyler Feeney
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Danielle Fron
Alexia Garcia
Caitlyn Gauck
Nathan Gibas
Zachary Gordon
Shannon Gorman
Frederik Gulbrandsen
William Halling
Louis Hart
Isaac Henderson
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Nickolas Higgins
Rachel Hindley
Tayler Hoevenaar
Megan Hofman
Katie Holzhueter
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Kelliann Jacobs
Jocelyn Johnson
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Emily Judd
Bethany Kaczanowski
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Nathen Kyburz
Hannah Lambert
Montana Launer
Jared Laux
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Cole LeBarre
Nicole Lehman
Nicholas Longway
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Nicholas MacDonald
Kaitlin Makuski
Dylan Mankel
Selena Mata
Emma McLane
Tara McQueen
Jillian Meade
Matthew Milstead
Esme Misiak
HeavenLeigh Mokma
Kathryn Montgomery
Landon Nethercott
Brooke Newhouse
Nicholas Newman
Kristen Nolan
Anna Norder
Breanna Oesch
Daniel Onan
Anna Organek
Kittiphong Phoemsap
Victoria Pickens
Jacob Polsgrove
Jason Price
Grace Quiggle
Colin Read
Parker Reed
Anna Reynolds
Breanna Rich
Austin Rife
Adrienne Rife
Zachary Ritchie
Francesca Robinson
Emelie Rohden
Morgan Rood
Victoria Russell
Jesse Schmidt
Rebecca Schreur
Krystal Sheldon
Hannah Skibbe
Kaleb Smith
Logan Smith
Ashlin Stedman
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Desiree Striplin
Catherine Stump
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Benjamin Bigham
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Lauren Blanchard
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Brittany Branagan
Tristen Bray
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Randal Brinks
Dylan Brower
Travis Brubaker
Monica Bussell
Casey Cahoon
Katherine Canfield
Blythe Carvajal
Jesus Chaires
Joshua Chamberlain
Alex Chavez
Levi Churches
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Jason Cupp
Alyssa Darby
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Justin Davis
Bethany Dean
Kanon Dean
Luke DeBoer
Kaelobb Decker
Jarek DeGlopper
Samantha Deiss
Ryan DenBraven
Nicholas DeVito
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Spencer Drudy
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Isaac Duma
Erin Duma
Hunter Engels
Haley Epema
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Hannah Fitzpatrick
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Sydney Fox
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Morgan Fuller
Jacob Garcia
Tyler Garter
Nicholas Geisen
Austin Goebel
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Morgan Groendyke
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Parker Groom
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Kathryn Hagadus
Paige Hale
Taylare Harris
Charlotte Hayden

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Grace Inda
Bailey Jack
Zachary Jahnke
Walker Jaskolski
Moises Kabandana
Alex Kaminski
Zachary Kaywood
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Liam Kelley
Luke Kloosterman
Alexander Kornoelje
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Matthew Lazar
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Spencer Lyon
Jordan Lytle
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Heaven McQueen
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Tonya Phillips
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Jacob Plunkett
Meghan Plutschouw
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Justin Rinks
Sean Ritsema
Paige Rozell
Joseph Ryder
Samantha Sage
Jenna Saunders
Casey Sellner
Brett Senneker
Austin Sherrill
Kyler Shurlow
Jackson Simmons
Austin Sirowatka
Mark Slaktoski
McKenzie Slupe
Julia Smelt
Brook Smith
Michelle Smith
Nicholas Smith
Karah Smith
Tyler Smoes
Cassandra Speck
Madison Stadt
Danielle Starkey
Hailey Stasiak
Aubreigh Steed
Garrett Stehley
Jacob Stephens
Brandon Strzyzewski
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Amanda Susnak
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Trevor Taylor
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William Baughn
Perry Bencker
Jorie Bennett-Walsweer
Rebekah Betts
Corryn Bieri
Cody Bieri
Derek Bitterman
Kendra Black
Kevin Blanchard
Kyle Bowers
Skylar Bowne
Kaeleb Brown
Nicholas Brzezniak
Haley Buck
Quinton Bunn
Ashley Burks
Hannah Burt
Holly Canfield
Bradley Cardis
Brigitte Casalina
Bradlee Chesebro
Molly Clarke
Jordan Cloud
Paige Coble
Jacob Collins
Scott Collins
Daniel Cowden
Zachary Crawford
Sarah Crosby
Jacey Culross
Nicole Cummings
Alexandria Daniel
Jacob Davenport
Zachary Dawson
Emilyn Dec
Molly Denison
Jordan Dennie
Heather Dimmick
Kennedy Dodde
Jack Dues
Daniel Dyer
Joshua Elliott
Abigail Ellis
Delainey Ferguson
Licia Feuerstein
Andrew Finch
Collin Finkhouse
Kristin Fisher
Abigail Flentje
Carissa Flier
Christina Folkersma
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Joseph Gauck
Joshua Gee
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Austin Gildea
Gabriel Gorman
Zachary Graves
Hannah Green
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Maxin Ligman
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Jacob Mitchell
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Seth Munroe
Mattie Newman
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Douglas Nordman
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Jacob Pelkey
Megan Perkins
Emily Peterson
Nicole Platz
Andrew Potter
Hunter Race
Audrey Rasch
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Austin Rix
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obituaries

GORMAN

Janice Eleanor Gorman, age 74, passed peacefully Wednesday, March 20, 2013, in Cascade after a short battle with cancer. Janice was born to Joanne Pearson on October 31, 1938. She attended Union High School and eventually graduated from Forest Hills Central, Grand Rapids, in 1962. Jan's passions were: Number one, her grandkids; playing cards, scrabble, gardening, scrapbooking, reading, music and especially cooking. Jan is preceded in death by her mother, Joann Bittle; and sister, Virginia Munn. Jan is survived by her sisters, Carole Wheeler, Dorothy Blain, Fran Rowell; two children, Sean Gorman, Heidi (Thomas) Babbo; five grandchildren, Nicole Gorman, Mary Grace Babbo, Joseph Babbo, John Babbo, Charlie Babbo; and many nieces and nephews; and was very close to her grandnieces, Chloe and Maya Aalsburg. Gifts in Jan's memory can be shared with the American Cancer Society. A special thank you to Lowell Family Medical and Dr. Meier.



MILLER

Marian A. Miller, age 82 of Lowell, passed away Friday, March 22, 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband Lee (2000) and grandson Michael Pointer. She is survived by her children Don (Margot) Miller, Carol Miller and Barb (Lloyd) Callihan; sister Eileen (Lee) Marsh; grandchildren Shanda Book, Angela Miller, Amy Pointer, Emily Pointer, Joi Miller, Kate (David) Kropf, Kelsey Callihan and Jill Callihan; 4 great-grandchildren; also, nieces and nephews. She will be remembered for her much loved bear collection and her special hugs. Private funeral services were held at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Rev. Ronald Tuinstra officiating. Interment Clarksville Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider South Boston Bible Church, 6958 Kyser Rd., Lowell, MI 49331.



MILLER

Ray Miller, age 86, of Edmore, passed away at his home on March 25, 2013. Ray was born in Lowell on December 22, 1926, the son of Chancey and Mabel (Grody) Miller. He was raised in the Lowell area and attended Sayles School in Lowell. Ray served as a Medic in the US Navy from August 8, 1944 to November 11, 1947. On March 17, 1950, Ray married Mary Ann Boyer in Lake Odessa, Michigan. Ray was employed with Amway for two years and Wolverine Brass for 30 years, retiring in 1990. He was a member of the Dorr Baptist Church. Ray enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing cards with his friends and spending time with his children, grandchildren and his dog. Ray is survived by his wife, Mary; their children, Steven (Christina) Miller of Edmore and Sue (William) Yarrington of Mesa, Arizona; grandchildren, Charles (Gloraena) Yarrington of San Diego, California, Melissa (Zach) Bliss of Three Rivers, Michael, Justin, Joel, Emily and Kai Miller – all of Edmore; three great-grandchildren, Gabriella, Leah and Ethan; and a brother, Leon (Francis) Miller of Lowell. Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Chancey and Mabel; five brothers and three sister-in-laws, twin brother Roy, Henry (Margaret), Clarence (Vesta), William, Calvin (Betty); and a sister, Jean (Wren) Borrer. A funeral service honoring Ray will be held at 1:30 pm on Friday, March 29, 2013 at the Dorr Baptist Church, 1504 142nd Avenue, Dorr with Pastor Richard Helderop officiating. The family will receive the love and support from friends at a visitation scheduled from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, two hours prior to the service, also at the church. Interment will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in Six Lakes. Memorial contributions in Ray's name may be made payable to the American Lung Association. Condolences may be expressed to the family utilizing the guestbook on our website at: www.brighamfuneralchapel.com



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Public Hearing Notice

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Board will be held at a regular scheduled meeting on **Monday, April 15, 2013 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider a special exception use permit as follows:

Core Farms LLC have applied for a special exception use permit, which is regulated in section 201.304 (C) (14) of the R-A District, Neighborhood Local Business, and sections 201.439, 201.440 of the General and Special Regulations Chapter 4. They are planning to use the building at 3550 Alden Nash NE, Lowell, for a fresh fruit market with ice crème, cider and donuts and other similar items.

The complete application can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674]**. Written and oral comments will be received from any interested party until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Township Clerk at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to: clerk@vergennewtp.org

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STEVENS

Norma L. Stevens, age 80, passed away March 9, 2013, at her home in Albuquerque, NM. Born December 23, 1932. She was active in Ladies auxiliary in Roswell, NM, post 2575 of the VFW. She was president for six years. She was an Avon rep. for the last 20 plus years. She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Marjorie Daschner; sister, Noreen Baumgras; nephew, David; her husband of 31 years, Jack; daughter, Judith Ann Morris (Stevens); and grandson, David M. Morris. She is survived by her son, Michael; daughters, Julie (Doug) Snoeyink and Mary (Kevin) Vezino; two grandsons, Major K.J. (Maggie) Vezino, and George Braun; four great-grandchildren, Maryanne, Joe, Lilly and Jackson Vezino; and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the American Cancer Society. Burial in Roswell, NM.

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card of thanks

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Thank-you so much for your love and support during the passing of our beloved husband and father, Jim McFall. The cards, phone calls, acts of kindness, hugs, and sharing of memories have served to make a difficult period one that was also filled with smiles and laughter.

Thank-you so very much,
 The family of
 James McFall

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WOMEN OF THE MOOSE - third Monday at 7:30 p.m. for business meeting.

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

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Emmette, 644-0759 or Nancy Steckler, 897-6380.

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CANCER - KIDS TALK - Each Tuesday, 6-7:15 p.m. - A group for children in first - fourth grade on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion & fun. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

EARTH TALK™

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: What does the budget sequester that recently took hold mean for the environment? - Jane Burgos, Los Angeles, CA

The sequester that went into effect March 1 is a budget measure that cuts federal spending across the board to the tune of \$85 billion, meaning every federal agency is affected and must reduce discretionary spending. Indeed, the cuts are already having a negative impact on everything from air quality monitoring to extreme weather response capability to staffing at national parks.

Some of the harshest cuts are starting to kick in at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). On the chopping block there are some critical air monitoring sites that check for dangerous pollutants like ozone and particulate matter, as well as funding the agency has traditionally given states to monitor their own air quality. The agency is also reducing the number of staffers tasked with monitoring compliance with environmental laws, and will do around 1,000 fewer inspections accordingly in 2013.

Meanwhile, sequester-based cuts to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mean reduced response efforts following weather disasters, which are on

the rise due to climate change. Likewise, cuts at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration mean less funding for maintenance and operations of some weather-monitoring systems, including the national radar network



used for tornado warnings, and a delay in launching two new satellites designed to help track severe weather events like hurricanes. Also, sequester-based cuts to funding for the repair or replacement of decaying water and wastewater infrastructure are putting local drinking water at risk in communities from coast to coast.

One way we'll feel the pain this summer is via staff cuts and closures at national parks and historic sites. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar says the sequester is responsible for an indefinite delay in reopening the Statue of Liberty after Hurricane Sandy (though as of this writing Liberty Island will re-open July 4 while Ellis Island will remain closed) and for undermining his ability to fight fires and clean up after storms.

The sequester also means less natural resource management. Fewer funds for fishery stock assessments means Alaskan fisheries may remain closed for longer than needed given lack of data on fish runs. And sequester cuts reduce efforts to combat illegal overfishing. Meanwhile, the Department of Agriculture will treat 200,000 fewer acres this summer for "hazardous fuel," meaning a higher risk of wildfires.

On the energy front, outgoing Energy Secretary Steven Chu reports that the sequester jeopardizes ongoing research into increasing automobile fuel efficiency and reducing gasoline consumption, in turn slowing down the country's quest for energy independence. Also, less funding means less oversight of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) for natural gas and research into the environmental impacts of the practice.

Green group leaders are especially annoyed that under the sequester oil companies get to keep billions of dollars in

taxpayer subsidies while drastic budget cuts limit the EPA's ability to monitor, limit and clean up the pollution they cause. Perhaps the one silver lining is a slowdown in the issuance of new off-shore oil and gas development permits given cuts at the Department of Energy.

CONTACTS: NRDC Sequester Fact Sheet, http://docs.nrdc.org/globalwarming/files/glo_12110801a.pdf.

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Dear EarthTalk: I'm getting my roof redone and have heard about solar shingles. Are they available—and are they practical for the Northeast? - John Denson, Glastonbury, CT

Solar shingles are photovoltaic cells designed to look like and integrate with conventional asphalt roof shingles. First commercially available in 2005, solar shingles were much more costly than traditional "bolt-on" photovoltaic panels, and thus were used mainly by those wanting to go solar but maintain a traditional roofline. But more recently solar shingles have become price-competitive with bolt-on panels, and are getting much more popular accordingly. Eco-conscious home and building owners might find solar shingles especially attractive when they are re-shingling anyway since the solar shingles also double as functional, protective and weatherproof roof shingles in their own right.

The biggest name in solar shingles is Dow's Powerhouse line, which uses cutting edge Copper Indium Gallium Selenide solar cells (aka "thin-film" solar) to turn sunlight into electricity via a supplied inverter box. The Powerhouse shingles generate 12 watts per square foot and are "grid-tied," meaning they're designed for structures already connected to the power grid and can send excess power back to the grid. They are wireless, snap together and can be installed by regular roofing contractors just like (or alongside) conventional asphalt shingles (an electrician needs to set up the inverter box). Dow reports that a typical residential cluster of 350 solar shingles on a roof could slash one's household electric bill by 40-60 percent. Such an installation can cost a homeowner over \$20,000, but federal, state and local incentives can bring the cost to half that in some areas. Powerhouse shingles are currently available (from Dow-authorized contractors) in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Texas and Washington, D.C.

Another leader in solar shingles is building products manufacturer CertainTeed. The company's Apollo line of grid-tied monocrystalline solar shingles and roofing tiles offers efficiency similar to larger "bolt-on" photovoltaic arrays at around the same price (and incentives similar to those for Dow may also apply) but with less bulk: Each Apollo tile is less than an inch thick and will integrate with, replace, or lay on top of existing asphalt roof shingles or tiles and generate 12 watts of power per square foot. CertainTeed says a typical installation will save homeowners 40-70 percent on their electric bills. Their Apollo products are available across the U.S. but the company recommends using one of their authorized roofing contractors to make sure they are installed properly.

Now is an especially good time to go solar—shingles or otherwise—because costs have started to come down and the federal government is still offering 30 percent tax credits with no cap on the purchase of solar electricity equipment. Twenty-seven states and several cities offer additional incentives that can get pricing on solar gear and installations down even lower. For more information check out the Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency (DSIRE), a free online resource provided by the North Carolina Solar Center and IREC with funding from the U.S. Department of Energy.

CONTACTS: Dow Powerhouse, www.dowpowerhouse.com; CertainTeed Solar, www.certainteed.com/products/roofing/solar; DSIRE, www.dsireusa.org.

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Estate of JAMES
FREDERICK
SCHWEITZER,
deceased. Date of
birth: 10/04/1921.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS: The
decedent, James
Frederick Schweitzer,
who lived at 1721
Seven Mile Road
NW, Comstock
Park, Michigan died
02/11/2013.

Creditors of the
decedent are notified
that all claims against

the estate will be
forever barred unless
presented to James
D. Schweitzer, named
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or proposed personal
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both the probate court
at 180 Ottawa Avenue
NW, Grand Rapids, MI
49503 and the named/
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March 18, 2013

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 - Young newt
 - Perching place
 - Fungal skin infection
 - Tap order
 - Less than right angle
 - On pins and needles
 - Bottom line
 - Isabel Allende's "Portrait in _____"
 - *Say _____ to winter and hello to spring
 - *Celebrated saint
 - One of peeps
 - Cobbler's concern
 - Mudbath site
 - Cellist great
 - *The _____ Spring, led by Alexander Dubcek
 - Snaky swimmers
 - *Daffodil or tulip, originally
 - Yuletides
 - Competitive advantage
 - Skedaddle
 - Profit
 - REM picture
 - Fuzzy fruit
 - Second-most traded currency in world
 - Kinda
 - One who speaks a Slavic language
 - OB-GYN test
 - Boor
 - *These sox train in spring
 - *Precedes May flowers
 - Okinawa martial arts
 - Great reviews
 - Lawyer group
 - She turned to stone
 - Amber _____
 - "Family _____"
 - Ar, atomic number 18
 - Homework to a student
 - a.k.a. Tokyo
 - City on Rhone River
- DOWN**
- "Harper Valley _____"
 - Sign of engagement
 - A fan of
 - Famous for his fables
 - *Dance-around-the-pole holiday
 - _____ button from Staples
 - 1918 pandemic, e.g.
 - Dancer's beat
 - Maple, to a botanist
 - Brazilian indigenous people
 - Relating to the ear
 - Reach a high
 - Rearward
 - Splotches
 - European peak
 - Lonely musician?
 - *Garden's beginnings
 - Peter in Spain
 - Tattered Tom's creator
 - Exclamation of disgust
 - First rate
 - "Faster!" to a horse
 - U in UV
 - To impede
 - The Vatican to Catholics, e.g.
 - B in BCS
 - Miss America's topper
 - Harass
 - Either _____ or against
 - *Occurring now
 - Utilization or employment
 - Farm type
 - 32-card game
 - Maui dance
 - Lyric poem, pl.
 - W in W=Fd
 - Boxer's last blow
 - Not for here
 - Jet black
 - *Spring Growth
 - European Nuclear Society

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- The grounds of the courtroom were packed as the Supreme Court's nine justices began hearing two days of arguments in gay marriage cases.
- New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie appears to be on his way to winning re-election, but voters in his state aren't so sure he should run for president. A Quinnipiac University poll found that 70 percent of New Jersey voters approve of the job Christie is doing and say he deserves to win a second term this fall. But voters are split on whether Christie should run for the White House with 46 percent of voters wanting to see him run for president in 2016, compared with 47 percent who don't.
- Italy's top court on Tuesday ordered a retrial of American Amanda Knox and former boyfriend Raffaele Sollecito for the murder of British student Meredith Kercher, re-opening a case that prompted harsh criticism of the Italian justice system. Unlike law in the United States the Italian system does not contain "double jeopardy" provisions that prevent a defendant being tried twice for the same offense.
- A Dominican immigrant has won the \$338 million Powerball jackpot. His son said he knows his father will "do something good with the money."
- An Ohio prosecutor filed a tongue-in-cheek criminal indictment against the famous Pennsylvania groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, over his "prediction" of an early spring. He dropped the charge since the animal's handler is taking the blame by saying he failed to correctly interpret Phil's "groundhog-ese."

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Attitude is everything for Lowell wrestling coach

by Karen Jack

His smile hides his history. Lowell wrestling coach, John Kargbo, has had an interesting life filled with struggles starting from birth. Born in Sierra Leone, Africa and escaping death during a civil war, he sees no reason not to be positive.

The civil war in Sierra Leone drove his mother to escape from a country where children and families were being killed. Kargbo says the movie "Blood Diamond" is an accurate portrayal of the life and times in Sierra Leone during the war. His mother had attended college in Vancouver, British Columbia when she was 16 years old. It was there that she met Kargbo's older brother's father.

Pregnant she went back to Sierra Leone to have the baby and ended up staying there. The father never followed staying to finish up his degree at Vancouver and eventually, he moved to East Lansing to attend Michigan State University (MSU) for his graduate degree. Kargbo's mother kept in touch with him over the years.

When the war forced her to leave Sierra Leone

she settled in Michigan knowing he would be there. By then Kargbo was three and his older brother was nine.

Kargbo's mother became ill when he was seven years old and was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia. And while he says she was there physically and would manage to hold it together for maybe a month at a time, they were constantly on the go, moving almost every month. He said he got to the point where he just left everything in a garbage bag, because he knew they wouldn't be able to stay where they were renting for very long.

Kargbo never met his own father. He tried to contact him when he was 17 or 18, but found that it was presumed he had died in the war.

"Nobody knew where he was, and nobody ever heard from him again," said Kargbo.

When his older brother was a senior in high school he had finally had enough. He got a job as the manager of a local Arby's, rented an

apartment for John, their mother and himself.

Kargbo then also got a job at the local Shop Rite when he was 14 to help out with the bills.

When asked how he got into wrestling, he said he had played football as much as he could in high school, and really didn't get into wrestling until he was a senior. His high school

that he hung that long with Dean, and they were trying to get him into MSU, but he couldn't get financial aid. After enlisting the help of the MSU coaches, they found out that his

where the next meal was coming from, but you have to be thankful for what you have. In the United States, people look around at what everybody else has,



John Kargbo has a winning attitude when it comes to coaching Lowell wrestlers.

wrestling coach, Jeffrey Howard, told him he should try to walk on the Michigan State wrestling team. His coach called the coach at MSU and they told him to come in and work out.

That's when he met Lowell's coach, Dave Dean. As he tells it, he walked into the room, with his baby blue shorts, white t-shirt, and shoes on, took one look at Dean, and thought, "Oh, I can take this old man." Kargbo thought he'd wear him out in 30 minutes or less. He didn't know Dean or his reputation, and laughingly said, "Instead he drug me all over the room for about 45 minutes."

They were impressed

mother had never filed his naturalization papers. That meant there would never be any financial aid for him.

With no money, and already working in the middle of the night at 7-11 to pay for college at Lansing Community College, Kargbo had to forego his dream of an NCAA wrestling career.

Always smiling, and always having a great attitude, he explains why he stays positive. "Yeah, I've had some setbacks and there were some struggles, but look at where I could be. A lot of kids didn't make it out of Sierra Leone with their lives. There were times where we didn't know

and don't count their own blessings."

He's committed to Lowell wrestling. He drives from Lansing, where he works, to help the wrestlers from youth all the way through high school level. "Lowell has an amazing support system in the high school wrestling coaches, the kids, and the families. It really is a family here, and I wouldn't be anywhere else."

Kargbo insists on being optimistic and leads by example. He works with some of the wrestlers individually. "I don't see how I could not have a good attitude. I have a great job, and someone always has it worse. I'm truly blessed."

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