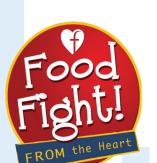
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itertainment Sponsol A good turnout for first Sizzlin Summer Concert

As part of the first installment of the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts, the Steve Hilger Band played music on the program's stage to a huge crowd Thursday, June 13. Hundreds of spectators brought their lawn chairs to the grassy portion at the edge of the Riverwalk Plaza in downtown Lowell. It marked the first of 10 shows to be presented this summer, running from June 13 through August 22 every Thursday. The sun was out, with not a mosquito in sight, leaving most with a good show and the view of a sunset over the river.

Photo by Tony Wittkowski

City council accepts bid for Riverwalk extension

By Tony Wittkowski contributing reporter

Lowell's City Council picked Katerberg VerHage to head the construction of the Riverwalk extension during a meeting Monday night at city hall.

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The city received three bids for the Riverwalk project, accepting lowest bid of \$346,300 from Katerberg VerHage, Inc. The two other bids came from RCL Construction (\$364,300) and CL Trucking & Excavating (\$482,710).

Williams and Cornelisse Design Associates are said to be familiar with the qualifications of Katerberg Verhage and can recommend them for the assignment.

With the combination the proposed bid of \$346,300, the total construction budget is 389,550 due to the kayak/ canoe launch and the five percent construction contingency.

Because the city received a grant for \$300,000, they must also pay for a \$250 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust

sign and the additional engineering budget \$64,265.

This pushes the total cost of the 2013 Riverwalk Extension Project \$454,065.

The city currently has \$450,000 in funds from the city share and the grant from MDNRTF, said city manager Mark Howe...

"We will be \$4,000 over budget, but there are a few items that are in the

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Dave Thompson spoke before city council to gain support for the restoration of the Civil War Cannon.

Alto Elementary and DDA want new parking lot by August



by Tony Wittkowski

The Alto Elementary School will see a change in its parking lot this summer, which has been a pain to many parents and drivers in the community.

The Alto Downtown Develop Authority is expected to pay for the costs of the new parking lot instead of the school district, because of the problem the old one gives the school's community.

"The problem occurs when parents come to drop off and pick up their kids," said Sandy Graham, the

Chairwoman of Bowne Township and the Alto DDA. "They are sharing the driveway with school buses, so it's a problem on the school property and a problem to anyone who is driving up and down Bancroft."

The same thing occurs during school events, making it a nightmare for those who try to navigate down the street.

"There is not enough parking, people are parking on the edge of the road and in

> Alto Elementary parking, continued, page 7

Food Fighters focus on what it means to be a neighbor

by Justin Tiemeyer contributing reporter

Greg Canfield started Canfield Plumbing and Heating out of his basement 20 years ago.

For the last 10 years Canfield has been located at 411 E. Main and it currently represents the North Side for the Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) Food Fight.

"Food Fight was a great idea," Canfield said. Canfield's incentive for donating to Food Fight is 10 percent off a service call for the donation of any item, but he's found that many of his customers simply drop off items at the office without needing any poking or prodding.

While Canfield is a strong supporter of FROM through Food Fight, he is much better known locally for his participation with the FROM Neighbor to Neighbor program.

"Greg has yeoman's work, an unbelievable amount of Roger LaWarre said. LaWarre coordinates the Neighbor to Neighbor program with the support of FROM and the Lowell community.

LaWarre describes Neighbor to Neighbor as a vision of what the community could be. In late summer, the Lowell Ledger runs an article asking for



Greg and Deb Canfield of Canfield Plumbing and Heating support the North Side in the FROM Food Fight.

neighbors to submit requests for work that needs to be done that they could not said afford to do on their own.

repair or winterization. LaWarre then connects these people in need with volunteers who have the time, money and resources to carry out the tasks.

Projects usually involve

During the past few weeks Neighbor to Neighbor has been used as a blueprint for the Lowell response effort. Volunteers reviewed the homes that saw the most destruction in the flood and the community set out to remove debris and clean out mold.

Although community looks like it is back to normal, LaWarre said there is still much work to be done.

"We are in the middle of the process," LaWarre

During each that LaWarre described, Canfield was present to provide workers, supplies and an invaluable amount of consultation.

cited the Canfield recent flood as a great example of the people of Lowell coming together to help their neighbors in need.

"The marquis at Larkins said it best. 'We are Lowell, we are strong," Canfield said. As for the competition, Canfield is fully aware that Food Fight is currently tied for victories claimed by the North and the South.

"I predict a close win for the North team," Canfield said. "But only time will tell."



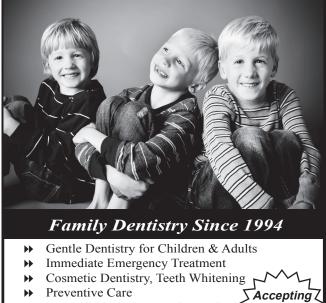
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drawing that are included as alternates that will not be completed," Howe said.

City documents revealed the plans and bid documents included four enhancements that could be added on in later years when the money is available, but will be excluded this time around due to the budget.

The four enhancements included a sign wall worth \$12,500, a \$25,100 faux stream and two seating areas coming to \$42,100.

"The rest of it is handicap accessible and will connect to the Riverwalk and the sidewalks," Howe said in connection to the design. "This really is going to be an impressive project and I want to thank Williams and Works for seeing us through it."

Four of the city council members approved the required action, with one abstaining.

In other business, in regards to the sidewalk

renewal project, a public meeting was scheduled with 130 letters sent out to those it may affect.

"We did schedule a town hall meeting for June 25 at 7 pm, and it will be held at city hall for general public as well as those who received letters," said Howe.

The 2012-13 fiscal year budget was given an amendment during the meeting, adding money to the nine different funds.

Funds that were proposed to be increased included the Major Streets, Local Streets, DDA, Wastewater, Water, Data Processing, Equipment and General Funds.

A Designated Contributions Fund was added to hold any additional grant money from projects that run under budget.

"What we are doing is taking grant projects or those items in the general fund that have designated sources of revenue that tend to roll over every year," Howe said during the meeting. "We are taking them and putting them into an existing fund."

Council members also voted to increase compensation for the Planning Commission and the Board of Light and Power. Both were awarded \$35 per meeting starting as soon as July 1, 2013.

The Civil War Cannon restoration was also brought to the council's attention by Dave Thompson, commander of the American Legion. Thompson said their concern was the deadline for completion in March of 2014, causing the work to begin this fall.

"We decided we would put some money on the table in anticipation of some reimbursement coming back from the grant, so the actual work could be started this fall," Thompson said.

With the estimated costs of \$25,000-30,000, the council endorsed the collaboration with the American Legion to restore and place the cannon in the Oakwood Cemetery by a vote of 4 to 1.

The meeting concluded with council comments and the manager's report, which mentioned that the modifications to the showboat were completed and was open for the summer season.

Lowell will host Chicago's Hubbard Greyhounds in the 2013 Pink Arrow Game

by Will Greenburg contributing reporter

G.S. Hubbard High School's football team, which also conducts a similar pink-jersey program for breast cancer awareness, will play the Lowell Red Arrows in a game Hubbard's players are calling the "Pink Bowl".

Hubbard, located in Chicago's South Side, has

around 1,600 students with a largely Hispanic population. Assistant athletic director Joyce- Jones described Hubbard as not a typical Chicago public school, considered a "family" high school with a diverse, caring community that is "striving for academic excellence."

The Hubbard football

team, the Greyhounds, have had great success under the coaching of athletic director Elton Harris, having qualified for state playoffs every year since 1995 with the exception of last year.

With soccer and baseball being the most popular sports at Hubbard, Harris said he had trouble getting players last year after losing 27 seniors who graduated. Harris said the team also lost their defensive coordinator and defensive line coach, all contributing to the Greyhounds' 2-8 record last year.

This season, however, Harris encouraged his players to join the track and basketball teams in the offseason to keep the players fit and enhance the other teams. Harris said the team will host their first tryouts, contrary to most years where the team was generally "no-cut."

"The plan is working," Harris said.

Similar to Lowell's Pink Arrow program, the Chicago Public Schools dedicate the month of October to breast cancer awareness, said Harris. Hubbard alumni and former Chicago Bear Kelvin Hayden donated the special pink uniforms the team wears throughout the month.

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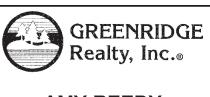
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Fitness and health issues are common topics discussed in all forms of media. There seems to be a lot of talk, but not many of us follow through on a long term basis to do what is necessary to stay healthy.

Almost every discussion for avoiding a long list of potential health problems includes comments about the importance of diet and exercise. There are hundreds of books on diet, but none of the plans will be successful unless healthy eating becomes a permanent lifestyle. The feeling of deprivation and sacrifice must be eliminated.

The same holds true for staying fit over the long haul. Appropriate exercise for ones medical condition and age must become an integral part of an individual's lifestyle. Diets may be more complicated, but exercise can be simple. For those who are able, walking is a very practical way to stay fit. There are probably as many exercise regimes and work

out apparatus as there are diet plans, but proper fitting comfortable shoes and time are all that are required to take a walk.

Walking in your own neighborhood is a good way to meet the neighbors. Some of you are fortunate to have paved walkways close by. Parks and recreation areas will have well marked nature trails. Public lands often have designated trails through the woods and fields or through a swamp or on a mountain.

When away from home these same walking opportunities are usually available and can be found by looking around or asking locals. Chamber of commerce offices have folks ready to help out. The great thing about locating walking venues when traveling is being on the ground in unique places and having the chance to meet interesting people. It is a way to get a real feel for the local culture.

One must use common sense when out and about if old age is an objective. There was a volcano field in the Caribbean where we had walked and learned later people had died doing the same thing. Then there was the mountain in Alaska where I became fully aware of my age related physical limitations—I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to get off that mountain on my own. Vehicle traffic is a real hazard and best avoided if possible or at least get off the road and wear highly visible clothing. Leave the ear phones behind and listen to the birds instead.

I write this from a campsite on Little Bay De Noc in the U.P. where a walkway from town runs along the shoreline. Young and old go by at all times of the day walking, jogging, on bikes and roller blades. Everyday, a very elderly lady goes by using a walker-it isn't over till it's over. Get out in the fresh air, burn some calories, build some muscle, and enjoy the outdoors while investing in your future health.

Federal aid can speed Michigan's flood recovery

For nearly a month this spring, much of Michigan experienced torrential rains and unprecedented flooding, resulting in millions of dollars in damages to homes, businesses, and public buildings and infrastructure. Recently I joined with other members of Michigan's congressional delegation on two important efforts to get Michigan communities, families and businesses the help they need to recover from these floods.

The flooding in western and central Michigan was unlike anything experienced in decades. A prolonged period of heavy rains caused the Grand River to swell to historic levels in mid-April, prompting mass evacuations. waters punched sinkholes in important highways, washed out roads, and weakened culverts. Public buildings, including the Grand Rapids City Hall, were damaged. The Saginaw River and Bay suffered increased sedimentation as a result of the flooding, which has severely restricted commercial shipping.

Local communities have responded energetically to the task of repairing this damage. But they need help. That's why I got involved in two efforts to ensure that Michigan gets the federal assistance it needs to recover quickly.



Sen. Carl Levin

The first step was writing a letter to President Obama, in which I was joined by Sen. Debbie Stabenow, encouraging him to approve Gov. Rick Snyder's request for a federal disaster declaration in 16 Michigan counties: Allegan, Barry, Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Ionia, Kent, Keweenaw, Marquette, Midland, Muskegon, Newaygo, Ontonagon, Osceola, Ottawa and Saginaw.

Gov. Snyder's declaration of a state of emergency on May 7 cleared the way for use of state resources to help with recovery. But the scope of the damage requires federal involvement.

State officials and the Federal Emergency Management Agency estimate that repairs damaged public infrastructure roads, bridges, utilities and the like could cost approximately \$18.5 million. Damage to private property - homes and businesses - also requires assistance, which will be provided by the Small Business Administration. A federal disaster declaration will clear the way for additional federal aid to repair public infrastructure damaged by these historic floods.

One major impact of

the flooding has been on a key part of Michigan's economic infrastructure: our waterways. So, joined by Sen. Debbie Stabenow and Rep. Dale Kildee, I wrote the Army Corps of Engineers urging them to approve emergency funding to restore the damaged Saginaw River and Saginaw Bay.

The same storms that flooded homes and businesses sent a torrent of water into the Saginaw River, and that torrent carried massive amounts of soil. All that soil has reduced water depths in locations ships must navigate from 20 feet to as little as 12 feet. That means some vessels cannot get up to businesses in Saginaw, and larger vessels can't even turn around, but have to move in reverse down the river, making for dangerous navigation.

The Army Corps of Engineers needs \$1.2 million to address the emergency dredging requirements. Our letter to the head of the Army Corps strongly supported this funding and urged the agency to act quickly, and it looks like that's going to happen: agency officials tell my office they have secured the necessary funding and expect to award a contract for the dredging by the last week of June.

Michigan will bounce back from these floods – Michiganians are gritty, resilient people. But the costs of recovery in time and money are substantial, and federal assistance is one important tool that will speed our recovery.

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to the editor,

Dear Editor,

Yes, the food fight war is on! Northsiders: Cliff Yankovich does a great job, but he has crossed the line: he is calling the northerners cheaters.

Let's show him that we can honestly cheat. Shop at both north and south merchants, but drop food items only in the north buckets.

We cannot fail our north community. Fill those north buckets!

This is the year to break the tie with a north win. Go

Diane LaWarre Lowell Dear Editor:

The Michigan Fitness Foundation and Governor's Council Physical Fitness, Health and Sports would like to express our sincerest gratitude for Farm Bureau Insurance Agent Mike Curtis for his support to physical activity at Murray Lake Elementary in Lowell. Farm Bureau Insurance Agent Mike Curtis donated \$250 for health and wellness purchases at Murray Lake Elementary and we appreciate their contributions to improving the health of the children in their community.

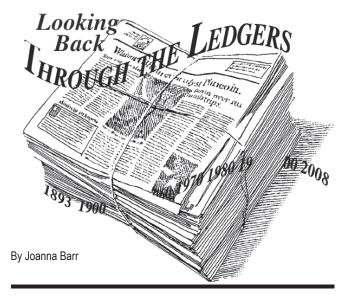
On May 1, thousands of students across the state participated in ACES (All Children Exercising Simultaneously) Day, a celebration of physical activity. ACES is a worldwide celebration of health and fitness. This one-day youth exercise program intends to highlight the importance of and need for youth fitness. ACES has student participants in all

50 states in 50 countries. In Michigan, more than 1,000 schools participated. This event was made possible by Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan, who have supported this event for 15

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in communities designed to support physical activity. Farm Bureau Insurance and Agent Mike Curtis' commitment to the physical health and education of their community is not only appreciated, but commendable as their support aims to improve the health and lives of youth in Michigan.

Sincerely, Marilyn Lieber President and CEO



140 years ago Lowell Journal June 25, 1873

Ten little naked boys took a swim last Thursday afternoon. They cast off their raiment and plunged into the turbid waters just west of Boyce & Nash's axe factory. We understand they all put their clothes on before going on the streets again. Just as well; most of the people saw them undress and jump in, but we guess the marshall wasn't one of the witnesses.

A printing office is an unhealthy place for inquisitive little boys. We seldom speak to them, however when we catch them picking up type, etc., for we don't want to frighten the little fellows. We simply engage them to hang on to the crooked end of our stove poker with their coat collar, until we can walk with them to the head of the stairs. This ends the transaction and not a hard word passes between us.

Will Edie returned last Friday from bleeding Kansas, after over a month's ride in an emigrant wagon. Will, in company with Mr. John Tate and family, started from Kansas, 150 miles west of the Missouri River, on the 20th of May and came across the in the good old way "they used to travel." He was highly pleased with the trip, as it gave him a fine opportunity to see the country.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 19, 1913

Village council doings - assessed valuation of village nearly \$75,000. The assessed value of Lowell village, as reported by the assessor to the council, is \$733,575, of which \$510,375 is on real estate and \$224,200 is on personal property. The rate of taxation has been fixed at \$1.25, distributed as follows: \$1 for general fund, 15 cents for street fund and 10 cents for sinking fund. The treasurer's rate for the collection of taxes was fixed at 1 percent from July 1 to August 1. The customary rebate of 25 cents per square yard will be allowed on cement sidewalks constructed according to ordinance during the year. A communication from the state board

of health asking for plans and specifications of Lowell's water works and sewage system was received and referred.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 23, 1938

Both girls and boys are invited to meet at Recreation Park for supervised play each morning and afternoon except Monday morning, when the smaller children have their play period. Carrol Burch and George Pappin, playground directors, wish to welcome each and every child to the park at any time. Much interest has been aroused in the ballgames which take place every Thursday afternoon between groups from the East and West sides of town. Some of the things scheduled for the summer are swimming, bicycle races, tennis tournament, track meet and a pet parade. All games are supervised by adults, and parents should feel free to send their children to Recreation Park. The playground activities are sponsored by the Lowell Board of Trade.

Lloyd Stauffer, local high school high jumper, claims the doubtful honor of capturing a live skunk with his bare hands. Lloyd saw the skunk near his home east of town early one evening this week and sneaking up, grabbed it by head and tail. He first thought of keeping the skunk as a pet, but it had other ideas so the whole thing was dropped. Anyhow, Lloyd must be a brave

Mrs. Frank Blazo has received a settlement for \$2,500 in the suit which she began following the death of her husband on January 24. Mr. Blazo, proprietor of the Lowell Bowling Alley, received fatal injuries the night of January 23 in an accident at the corner of Washington and Main streets, when he slipped on the icy pavement as he was crossing the street and fell in the path of a passing car.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 20, 1963

Headlines: Runciman Elevator burns Saturday & Runciman Co. to rebuild. In plans revealed this week the Runciman Company, whose main elevator burned early Saturday morning, are going to rebuild and maintain their operation. Clean-up of the fire debris, which includes tons of beans that were soaked with water and cooked by the fire has been proceeding rapidly. The beans and burned timbers and twisted metal equipment is being hauled away to be buried in an old gravel pit. The new building will take the place of the original Jakeway Elevator that Runciman started with when he came to Lowell in 1917. The fire discovered at 6 am on Saturday, June 15, by women cleaning in the office, raged out of control for two hours until enough equipment was brought in to flood out the flames. It is believed that the fire started in

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city update

Mark Howe, Lowell City Manager

Summer is that time of vear when we engage more in outdoor activities. Whether its walking, hiking or biking our several community trails, kayaking or boating our two great rivers, reading on a public park bench, attending the youth fair, or watching the kids play softball or baseball or any number of organization sports, this community uses a variety of public spaces.

The City of Lowell has a number of public parks and spaces, perhaps more acres per person than most communities our size. Public parks and spaces enhance a community by providing areas for outdoor recreation and relaxation. They also require maintenance and long-term planning in order to ensure they are a viable future resource for children and grandchildren.

Citizens provide input and direction into the park system through an appointed Parks & Recreation Commission. The commission meets on a monthly basis and is currently engaged in developing a long-term capital improvement plan. They will meet every third Tuesday at 6 pm this summer at the four major city parks:

Stoney Lakeside (June), Creekside (July), Richards (August), and Recreation (September). The public is invited to attend these meetings.

During their meetings, commission consider the primary use of each park, assess the current facilities and talk about what the long-term goals should be for the park and what future facilities may be needed to achieve those goals. There will also be discussion about current and future maintenance and how each park fits into an overall plan for city parks as well as how that plan fits within the Strategic Plan developed by the Lowell City Council.

Please feel free to engage with the Parks & Recreation Commission as they volunteer their time to pursue this long-term plan. You can attend any or all of their monthly meetings, or drop them a note at city hall (301 East Main Street), or send an email to me at mhowe@ci.lowell.mi.us and I can pass it along.

Your input is helpful and appreciated. In the meantime, enjoy the summer and take time to visit any of the unique and enjoyable public parks in the City of Lowell.

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Officials registration open; high school graduates program begins second year

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is accepting registrations by mail and online for game officials for the 2013-14 school year and hopes to build on a program started last year and aimed at recruiting new officials from high schools' current graduating classes.

The MHSAA again has provided each member high school with two complimentary officials registrations to be awarded seniors graduating designated by their athletic directors as having the skills and interest in continuing involvement MHSAA athletics through officiating. For 2012-13, 27 graduates took advantage of this opportunity to register free of charge.

High school seniors selected do not have to pay registration fees for the next school year, and will

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receive assistance from MHSAA staff in connecting with local officials' associations and receiving training opportunities. Graduates who registered during the first year of the program came from following schools: Adrian Lenawee Christian. Carleton Airport, Dearborn, Detroit International Academy, Detroit Aisha Shule-W.E.B. DuBois Prep Academy, Detroit Engadine, Southwestern, Grand Haven, Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett, Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse, Imlay City,

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For other new and returning officials, those who register online again will receive a \$5 discount off their processing fees. A \$12 fee is charged for each sport in which an official wishes to register, and the

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Hip impingement typically causes pain in the front and outside of the hip area. You might have pain when you sit for a long time,

lean forward to put on socks or shoes, get in or out of a car, or pivot when playing sports.

Talk to your doctor if you are having hip problems. He or she will examine your hip while moving it in different directions. You might need to have x-rays to see if there are signs of hip impingement.

Hip impingement is usually treated with physical therapy. It helps make your muscles stronger and more flexible, which should help the pain. If you still have pain after physical therapy, your doctor may recommend that you see an orthopedic surgeon to discuss whether surgery is the best choice for vou.

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Alto parking lot, continued

the fire department's parking lot," Graham explained. "It just doesn't work out for the community."

Graham said the DDA is paying for the new lot because it is a problem that has affected the whole community along with the school. The representative for Alto's DDA mentioned the pesky parking lot is used for other functions as well.

What has troublesome to both the school and Alto's community for years will be reconstructed this summer thanks in large part to funding provided by the DDA.

"It's a collaboration," said Superintendent Greg Pratt who has to deal with the complaints caused by the school's parking lot. "They are working to construct this in a time when school funding is really inefficient and not enough to do a project of this scope."

Pratt said the school and the DDA have been working together for the last year in preparation for the new parking lot, taking into account the benefits for both parties.

will

constructing the overflow parking lot and rerouting some traffic for end of the day activities," he said. "So we were looking at a way to utilize this space in the community, it really seemed to benefit both parties. We

are so fortunate to have such

a close working relationship with the DDA.'

Some of the changes will be to add 74 parking spaces for cars and creating a new entrance for those cars, so the parents will have a completely separate entrance from the school

"We are moving the school bus drive a little bit to make room for the other driveway," Graham said. "And then we are also hoping to create some handicap parking spaces, because there are none near the school now."

The school and the DDA have not gotten their bids back, but are estimating them to be in the range of \$120,000.

"We are hoping to begin construction by end of June or earlier July, because it has to be done before school starts." Graham said.

The DDA also paid for the 1/4 mile track for the school a couple years back worth \$75,000, and will likely go the same route when finding a contractor

for reconstructing the new parking lot.

"We're really trying to encourage anybody local to submit a bid, last time when we did the track I think we had about four bids for that," Graham said. "We're expecting that many this time around."

MHSAA, continued

online processing fee is \$30. Officials submitting registration forms by mail or on a walk-up basis will incur a \$35 processing fee. Officials registered in 2012-13 will be assessed a late fee of \$30 for registration after

July 31. The processing fee includes liability insurance coverage up to \$1 million for officials while working contests involving MHSAA schools.

Online registration can be accessed by clicking "Officials" on the Home Page of the MHSAA Website (www.mhsaa.com). Forms also are available online that can be printed and submitted by traditional mail or hand delivery to the MHSAA Office. More information about officials registration may be obtained by contacting the MHSAA at 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, MI, 48823, by phone at (517) 332-5046 or by e-mail at register@ mhsaa.com.

There is an officials' registration test for first-time officials and officials who were not registered during the past school year. The test consists of 45 questions derived from the MHSAA Officials which also is available on the Officials page of MHSAA Additional exams must be taken by those registering for football or basketball for the first time or those who were not registered for those sports during the previous school year. Manuals for both sports also are available on the Officials page.

The MHSAA is a not-for-profit private, corporation of voluntary membership by more than 1,500 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract approximately 1.6 million spectators each

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the head house near the electric eve picking section of the building from a spark from a belt. There was no one working in the building during the early morning hours, so the fire started unnoticed until spotted at 6 am. When firemen arrived the smoke was rolling out of the top of the building and flames were roaring through the roof of the three-story structure. Fire chief Frank Baker sent out a call for help and equipment was rushed to Lowell from Saranac, Ionia, Cascade, Ada and Grattan. When all these men and their equipment arrived the fire was soon wet down and brought under control. Fire is still smoldering in the ruins of the building, but men with fire hoses have been standing by since Saturday to douse the flames when they are spotted. On Monday, the Lowell fire department was called to the electric sorting machine building where a fire broke out, but was quickly extinguished. Repairs were started on the building before the fire was completely extinguished. The roof over one section was replaced and on Tuesday a government order of pinto beans were being packaged and shipped from the connecting building.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 22, 1988

Headline: Showboat City H.O.O.P.S. tourney players have fun. The first annual Showboat City H.O.O.P.S. Tournament moved into Lowell Friday, June 17, with many questions waiting to be asked and answered from its first performance. Is it a viable tournament where size won't outgrow managability? Were players, merchants, neighbors and city leadership happy with what they saw? Is the commercial and carnival atmosphere that came with the Macker a priority for

future Showboat City H.O.O.P.S. Tournaments? "I think justifiably so, in this the tournament's first year, it was up to the tournament to prove to the people that this is a viable event that will be well-managed and quality oriented," tournament president Dave Baerwalde said. He continues, "The city can support an event that brings basketball, fun and family together, without it turning into a huge commercial operation." The tourney attracted 76 teams, barely covering two square blocks that the three-on-three tournament encompassed. No, it was not a huge carnival, commercial atmosphere, nor was it intended to be. Baerwalde said that over 500 people, over the two days of the tournament, viewed the games. Although some may view the attendance as small, Baerwalde refuses to label the tournament a success or failure based on numbers. However, comments from players, viewers, neighbors and city leadership were positive. "We wanted to capture the flavor of a small town event and we did," Baerwalde said. "I'm not disappointed with the attendance. Yes, it could have been better, but bigger does not always mean better." The downside of a big crowd the first year, according to Baerwalde, is the tournament's managability could

have been jeopardized neighbors and mav not have enjoyed it as much. How big does tournament get? Baerwalde believes it could double in size and still remain manageable, but any bigger than that and the control could suffer and the city would not support it.

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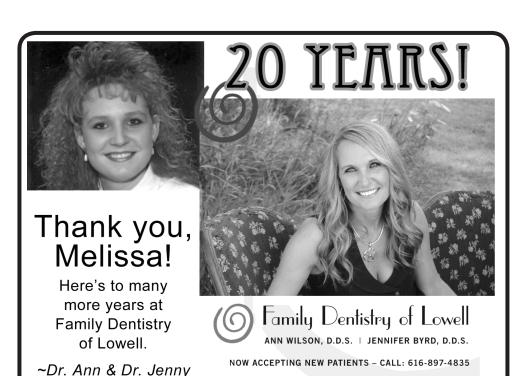


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Pink Arrow game, continued

year the Greyhounds wear the uniforms, donating half their ticket sales to breast cancer research.

Harris said he got in contact with Lowell's principal and football coaches through the two teams' mutual cancerawareness efforts.

"We're playing a game of football and people are dealing with cancer, brain

"You can use football to get someone to take notice for different causes in life."

Joyce and Harris said they plan to try to expand the pink program to other sports, possibly having each team dedicate a game to cancerawareness and wear the pink uniforms

In addition to cancerawareness, the Hubbard grandmother who survived breast cancer.

"It's a huge honor for me and my teammates to go play this type of game for this special occasion," Clay said.

Coach Harris said the team plans to arrive the day before the game so the team can meet the Lowell players and learn about the town. Harris said he already hopes the "Pink Bowl" can become an annual event in years to



"The kids get a chance to actually understand what they're doing. Okay, yeah we're going to Michigan to play a football game, but what is it for? It's very important and it's an important cause." ~ Hubbard coach Robert Gotardo

cancer and breast cancer," Harris said. "It's more than just playing football."

Assistant football coach Robert Gotardo said he likes that the pink shirt program gives players the opportunity to become involved in charity and their community.

"A lot of people think that an athlete or athletic programs aren't concerned or aren't doing that type of thing," Gottardo said. "The kids get a chance to actually understand what they're doing. Okay, yeah we're going to Michigan to play a football game, but what is it for? It's very important and it's an important cause."

The Greyhound community has several members, both players and staff, who have personal experience in dealing with cancer. One player will participate in Chicago's cancer-awareness walk this year, said Harris and Jones herself has suffered loss at the hands of the disease.

Jones noted the importance of athletics as an avenue to raise awareness since teams already generate so much attention on their own.

think it's wonderful," Joyce said,

coaches said this game will give their players the unique opportunity to travel out of state.

Harris and Gottardo have taken on teams out of state before, having recently visited St. Louis along with schools in Wisconsin and Southern Illinois, but for the current roster it will be their first time playing an out-ofstate game.

"It's nice that the kids can go away," Jones said. "A lot of kids don't get a chance to even leave Chicago."

The trip has generated a lot of excitement among the team and the school, Harris said. Parents are hoping to get involved in the "pink" effort and the band and cheerleading team are coordinating with Lowell as well.

Willie Clay, a rising senior at Hubbard and defensive tackle on the team, said he is "totally excited" to travel for a game, saying it makes him feel like an NFL player. Clay said they're referring to the game as the "Pink Bowl" among his teammates.

Clay has a personal connection to cancerawareness having

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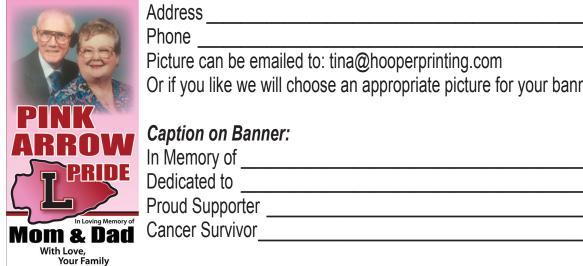
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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbol

Don't let investments take a vacation

At long last, summer is almost here — which may mean it's time to put together your traveling plans. Still, while you and your family may enjoy going a summertime trip, there's one part of your life that should not go on vacation — and that's your investment portfolio.

So, what can you do to help your investments keep on working all year long, year in and year out? Here are a few suggestions:

- Don't chase after "hot" investments. Many times, you will hear about a "hot" investment, usually a stock. However, by the time you hear about such an investment, it may already be cooling off. Even more importantly, it might not have been appropriate for your needs — and any investment that has either "flamed out" or wasn't right for you in the first place will not be a "hard worker" in your portfolio.
- Monitor "lazy" investments. Under the right circumstances, just about any investment could be of value to you. However, under different scenarios, those same investments may not be doing as much for you. To

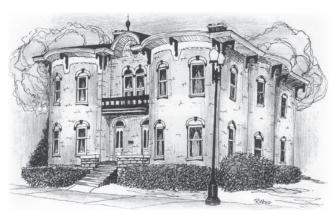
cite one example, when interest rates are at historic lows, as has been the case recently, and your portfolio contains a relatively large amount of short-term fixed-rate vehicles whose interest payments don't even keep up with inflation, they could be considered "lazy" investments.

• Look for the "multi-taskers." In most aspects of life, "multitaskers" are valuable and it's the same in the investment world. Can you find a particular type of investment that may be able to achieve multiple goals at the same time? Consider dividend-paying stocks. If you need the income to supplement your cash flow, you can cash the dividend checks. And since some companies tend to increase dividends, investment in these stocks can serve as a source of potential for rising income, helping keep you ahead of inflation. Furthermore, if you don't actually need the dividends to support your income stream, you can reinvest them to increase your ownership stake — a method of building your overall wealth. Finally,

many dividend-paying stocks also offer significant growth potential. Keep in mind, though, that there are no guarantees, because companies can lower or discontinue their dividends at any time. And, as you know, stocks are subject to market risk, including the potential loss of principal invested.

• Don't take a "time out" from investing. The financial markets regularly move up and down. During the down times, it's important not to get so discouraged that you decide to take a "time out" from investing until "things get better." No one can really predict when a downturn will end, but you don't want to be on the investment sidelines when the market turns around — because the biggest gains can occur in the early stages of a rally. And in any case, if you're not constantly investing, or at least exploring new investment opportunities, your portfolio could begin to stagnate — or even "unbalanced," become in which case it may no longer fit your objectives or your risk tolerance.

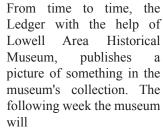
By following the above suggestions, you can help keep your investments working for you this summer — as well as fall, winter and spring. The road toward achieving your financial goals is a long one — so try to keep moving.



history mystery

Do you know what this is?

At right is an item brought to the Lowell Area Historical Museum with no idea what was its purpose. It has a metal base, one end is 6 1/2 inches high, and the other is 7 3/4 inches. The bottom is 6 1/2 inches across, with two screw holes to anchor it to a bench or table. Setting on the metal base are two wooden blocks three inches wide by 6 1/2 long. The blocks are 1 1/8 inches high each and hinged to the longer end of the metal base. In the bottom block is a bowl 2 1/4 inches in diameter with five holes (1/16 in ea.) drilled in it. On one end is a curved 3 1/2 inch metal blade. The top block has a handle six inches long and on the opposite is a second curved metal blade. The object can be seen at the museum. Any ideas as to the use of this object will be appreciated. You may visit the museum Tues, Sat. or Sun. 1-4 pm or Thurs 1-8 pm. You also may call the museum at 616-897-7688 or email history@ lowellmuseum.org.



supply a brief explanation and history of the artifact. Below is this week's mystery. Feel free to email the Ledger at ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com with your thoughts on this week's picture, then read the Ledger to see if you were correct.



LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider a request from David Dean to rezone the following described property from AG-2, Rural Agriculture to C, General Commercial.

LOCATION & ADDRESS: The property is located at 14043 Fulton Street SE (PP# 41-20-01-200-003) which is the site of the former TJ's Bar and Grill. The property consists of 9.75 acres.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, JULY 8, 2013

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL

2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE

LOWELL, MI. 49331

As you own property within 300 feet of this site, you are being notified as required by the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.

Information on the proposed request is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Tim Clements, Secretary Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

People always call it luck when you've acted more sensibly than they have.

~Anne Tyler (1941 -)





Man of Steel cements legacy

By Tony Wittkowski contributing reporter

The latest installment to the ever disappointing Superman series has finally hit its exhausting mark.

Flying out of its opening weekend in the box office, Man of Steel brought with it the hype of its director Zach Snyder (300, Watchmen), and producer Christopher Nolan (Inception, The Dark Knight).

Loaded with overbearing CGI and product placement (I'm talking to you IHOP and 7-Eleven), the movie remained quick paced as soon as the action began.

Along with production came David S. Gover, who was brought in by Nolan to help overcast Superman as the lone outcast who must learn to trust the human race (Reminds you of Bruce Wayne, doesn't it?).

Instead of the usual Lex Luther adversary, Superman found himself

standing against one of his own, General Zod (Michael Shannon) one of the few remaining Kryptonians.

Starting a project like this is large enough to overcome anyone, but much like Iron Man 3's new director, Snyder found a way to keep some of the similarities of the previous movies, while cutting out some of the irregularities.

Any decent film begins with its cast, which yielded anything disappointment.

Equipped with the jaw line and correct hair color, Henry Cavill played Kal-El, or as many know him, Clark Kent.

However, two other children were cast as a younger Clark Kent when the film chose to dive into constant flashbacks, showing the audience how Clark had progressed to certain points in the film.

For instance, when

Clark was asked to reveal his identity, viewers were taken to the death of his stepfather, Jonathan Kent, played by the terribly-aging Kevin Costner, who gave up his life in order to keep his son's identity a secret.

Amy Adams was one of the weak points in the film, who portrayed Lois Lane, otherwise known as the nose-to-the-dirt-investigative journalist-love interest of Kent. At times she seemed off putting and unbelievable when she called herself a "Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist." Although in fairness that can be attributed to the writing.

Fishburne Laurence showed myriad amounts of time in the film as Lane's boss and editor at the Daily Planet. Diane Lane was cast as Martha Kent, Superman's adoptive mother, who was neither recognizable or terrible.

Russel Crowe was also thrown into the mix as Superman's true father, Jor-

One thing that proved successful in the beginning was how the writers managed to bypass directly explaining some of the rules on the planet of Krypton, but still revealing enough for most to understand.

A strange portion that has to be addressed was the eerie similarities between Man of Steel and The Matrix. The babies on Krypton were not born naturally, but rather "harvested" in egg-like cocoons, much like that of The Matrix trilogy.

The plot is quite enthralling, but the length left many checking their watches, clocking in at a 143 minutes.

The special effects were jacked up to well over the maximum, and became overbearing to the point that half way through a fight in a small rural Kansas town, I began to wonder how many buildings can three people destroy? How many tax dollars will it take for this town to get back on its feet?

Despite the many Michael Bay-esqe explosions, the special effects proved to be

exhilarating, even more catastrophic in 3D. (Author's note, bypass 3D viewing if you suffer from migraines and/or are distracted by shiny objects).

Overall what movie lacked in character development made up for in explosions and aliens seeking to take over Earth.

Any minor issues this film had can easily be fixed in the already anticipated sequel.

I hand out four out of five stars for the film, keeping in mind how hard it can be to hold an audience's attention for 2 and 1/2 hours.

> **Running Time:** 143 minutes Movie Rated: PG-13 Rating: 4/5 Stars



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance:

1. An amendment to Section 18.07(d), Signs Permitted in the Commercial Zoning District, which would allow each commercial establishment to have 1.5 sq. ft. of wall sign area for every one foot of lineal width as measured parallel to and at the main entrance of the commercial establishment between the side walls of the commercial establishment with a maximum size of 500 sq. ft. for any single wall sign or the cumulative square footage of all wall signs.

2. An amendment to Section 18.03, Sign Definitions, to add the definition of Commercial Establishment.

The hearing will be held as follows:

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2013 WHEN:

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL

2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE

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Any person is welcome to attend this meeting and to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday. Phone 616-897-7600.

> Tim Clements, Secretary Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

obituaries

AFTON

Daniel T. Afton passed away unexpectedly June 12, 2013. He was preceded in death by his parents,

Walter C. Afton, Jr. & K. Elizabeth Surviving Afton. are his wife, Susan L. Kohn-Afton; two daughters, Heather Schulte of Lowell and Jennifer (Scott) Afton-Noppen of Kalamazoo: three step-children, Mike Emmons (Teresa) of Wyoming, Ryan (Carri) **Emmons** of Morley and Jill



(Rick) Bond of Howard City; three grandchildren and ten step-grandchildren; sisters Katie (David) Fairchild of Comstock Park, Mary (John) Waringa of Fenwick. Dan was an active member of West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters & Service Trades Local Union #174. A visitation has already taken place. There will be a private funeral service at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 129 Jefferson Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



DOLL

Theresa 'Terri' Marie Doll, age 54 of Lowell, went to be with Jesus on Monday, June 10, 2013. She was preceded in death by her mother, Virginia. She is survived by her

husband of 33 years, Bruce; sons Tom (Nicole) and Justin Doll; father, Albert Lanphear, brothers John (Marrianne) Lanphear, Chuck (Dawn) Lanphear, Gregg (Dianne) Lanphear; sisters Judy Shove, Peggy Grodin. (Fred) funeral service has been held. Memorial contributions may be made to Encounter



Community Church, 1213 W. State St., Belding MI 48809.



DOYLE

Beulah K. Doyle, age 64 of Grand Rapids, passed away peacefully with her children at her side. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles, parents,

Jules and Sarah, and sister, Julie Lyon. She is survived by her children, Brion (Jen) Doyle, Bridget (Ron Coe) Doyle, Kevin Doyle; sister, Shirley (Kerry) Tap; grandchildren, Jack and Liam Doyle. Beulah was Associate Dominican of the Dominican Center at Marywood, 2025 E. Fulton St., Grand Rapids where



funeral services will be held Thursday 12:00 p.m. Msgr. Ernest P. Schneider presiding. Visitation Wednesday 5-9:00 p.m. with a Remembrance Service 7-7:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the family to assist with funeral expenses.

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HALE

December 20, 1917 - May 8, 2013

Chester Gordon Hale, Lt. Col., USAF (Ret.), 95, formerly of Lansing, passed away at home in Polk City, Florida on Wednesday, May 8, 2013. He was born at home in Saranac December 20, 1917 to the late Gordon and Leotis (Cave) Hale. His family moved to Lansing where Chester attended public school. He graduated from Lansing Eastern High School. As a child, Chet loved airplanes. His love of flying led to a 26 year career in the U.S. Air Force. After enlisting in the Army in 1942, he was accepted into the Aviation Cadet Program for two years of pre-flight training. In 1944, after completing flight training, Chester received his commission as an officer in the Army Air Force. During World War Two, Chester served in the Western Pacific in the 2nd Combat Cargo Group flying twin-engine cargo planes. He also served in the Korean conflict and Vietnam as a pilot in the USAF Strategic Air Command (SAC), he was stationed at a number of U.S. airbases and many overseas temporary duty assignments. Chester retired from the Air Force in May 1968. At that time, he was 51-years-old and Commander of the 912th Air Refueling Squadron, Robins AFB, Warner Robins, Georgia. Chet was a life member of the VFW, American Legion and AOPA, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. After retiring, Chet and Ruth, his wife of 70 years, moved north to Indian River and began their second career as "professional RVers" converting several commercial busses into Class A motor homes. As members of the Family Motor Coach Association, they spent 30 plus years "on the road" exploring the USA with their FMCA friends. When they "really retired" Chet and Ruth built a home in Mount Olive Shores in Polk City, Florida. Chester was preceded in death by his wife. Ruth C. (Norman) Hale; sister, Rowena E. Burkett, Lansing; brother, Donald C. Hale, Lansing and Perry, GA; grandson, Brennan C. Hale, Marietta, GA; and first wife, Virginia Hagerty, Lansing. He is survived by two sons from his marriage to Virginia, Robert G. (Marsha) Hale, Rockford and Douglas E. (Bette Jeanne) Hale, Bath; three children from his marriage to Ruth, Norman L. (Laurel Lynch), Palmetto, FL, Laurie L. (Paul Lee) Jones, Seffner, FL, and John A. (Kelly-Ann Morgan), Jupiter, FL; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren. A graveside service is scheduled at the Saranac Cemetery at 12 pm Sunday, June 30, 2013 followed at 1 pm by a remembrance get together at Keiser's Restaurant in Lowell. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256 or online at www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate

HILL

Thomas B. Hill, MD died June 11, 2013. He was a general practitioner in Lowell from 1951 to 1963. He moved to East Lansing and served at Michigan State University till his retirement. Josephine, his wife, died in 2004; Peggy of Grand Rapids and Merry Jo and her husband Celestino Hernandez of DeWitt survive him. A memorial service will be held Thursday, June 27, 2 pm at Independence Village in East Lansing. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell Area Historical Association in Tom's memory. The family is being served by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, East Lansing. Online condolences may be made at: www. greastlansing.com

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Phyllis Hazel Lavender, age 89 of Grand Rapids/ Trufant, passed away Thursday, June 6, 2013 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was

preceded in death by her husband, Arlie; daughter-in-law, Rita Lavender; sister, Virginia Matthews and brother, Lyle G. Jackson. She is survived by her children, Arlie (Dian) Lavender; Pam Willman) (Diane Lavender and Ron Lavender; sister, Geraldine Nauta; grandchildren,



Wendy (David) Wood, Kimberly Lavender, Annalee Lavender, Aaron Lavender, Teresa and Kara Lavender, Angie (Matt) Keasey; great-grandchildren Terianna Wood, John Bruce Wingate II, Lealani Lavender, Anthony and Amber Archuleta, Nick and Nate Keasey. Visitation will be held 10-11 a.m. followed by the funeral service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 22nd at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 408 W. 2nd St., Trufant MI 49347. Reverend Dan Edwards presiding. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter, 25200 Telegraph Rd, Ste 100, Southfield, MI 48033.



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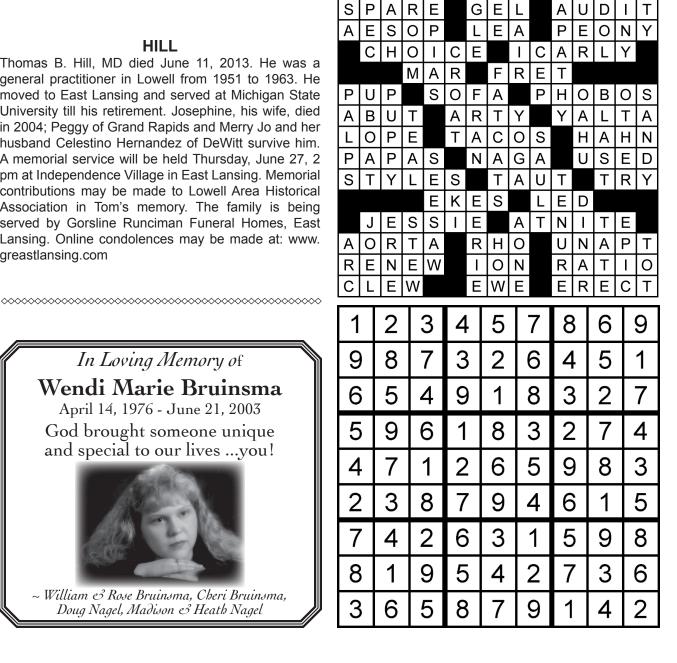
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THEME: KIDS' TV

ACROSS

1. Heavy, hanging instrument, pl.

6. Amiss

9. Lazy one who

around 13. Extra

14. Hair goo

15. IRS threat

16. Famous for his fables

17. Grassland

18. Spring bloom

19. *Kids'

Awards 21. *Carly Shay's web show

23. Ides mo.

24. Worry excessively

25. *Blue from Blues Clues

28. For sitting

30. Mars' satellite

35. Adjoin

37. Pretentiously artistic

Churchill/ 39. Roosevelt/Stalin

meeting site 40. Easy run

41. Fiesta fare

Chemistry 43.

Nobelist Otto 44. *Smurf leader and

Berenstain Bear dad 46. Hindu serpent deity

47. Like hand-me-

downs 48. Prairie and Cape

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60. *Nick

63. Blood carrier

66. Not fitting

68. Sign up again 69. Charged item

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70. 4:1, e.g.

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71. Ball of yarn

72. One of Bo Peep's flock 73. Not slouching

DOWN

1. Sets policy for Federal procurement

2. Crude group?

3. Funny poet Ogden 4. Subsequently a

husband

Reddish-brown colors and old photos made in this color

6. Eyeball

7. ATM extra

8. Pizazz

9. Litigant

10. *Singing choice

11. *Like a Smurf

*Porky Petunia's home

15. Lack

enthusiasm 20. Zagreb native

22. Large mushroom

24. VIPs

Lusitania's destroyer

27. *T.U.F.F. agent

29. *Kukla and Ollie's partner

31. Hawaiian island

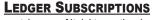
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33. Not the same one *Underwater 34.

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- Airborne laser technology has uncovered a network of roadways and canals, illustrating a bustling ancient city. The laser scanning revealed a previously undocumented formal urban planned landscape integrating the 1,200-year-old temples. It was the lost city of Mahendraparvata. The researchers theorize the civilization at Mahendraparvata eventually collapsed because of deforestation and broken canals and reservoirs.
- At the end of the two-day Group of Eight summit, World leaders including the U.S. and Russia declared they are united in wanting a negotiated and peaceful end to the Syrian civil war that will produce a government "under a top leadership that inspires public confidence."

ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Should Edward Snowden be prosecuted for leaking top-secret documents to the Guardian and Washington Post?

YES, he's a traitor......100% NO, he's a patriot.....0% YES, but not severly......0% NO, he's a whistleblower..0% NO OPINION......0%

THIS WEEK'S POLL

If you were Superman, which of his super powers would you like to have?



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