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Laughfest welcomes comedienne Costaki Economopoulos to Lowell

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Seriously funny comedian Costaki Economopoulos took to the stage at the Grand Volute

Ballrooms last Saturday as part of the fifth annual Laughfest comedy festival. Laughfest is the first and only community-wide

festival of its type. It lasts ten days and boasts nearly 300 comedic performances each year with both improv and stand-up comedy.

Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids created Laughfest to support their cancer programming and share life's best medicine - laughter. The event has quickly earned a reputation for being one of the nation's marquee events for both artists and attendees.

Georgia native Economopoulos had nothing but praise for the festival which he also participated in during its premier year.

"The festival is great. They were great last time I was here. They do such a good job with all the details and have so many amazing volunteers. It is a really well run event. I have done festivals everywhere and they are not all so nicely put together."

The comedian also praised the venue and the audience jokingly calling them "about 600 of the nicest white people I have

ever met." He added that audiences for a cause, such as the one at Laughfest, have a different feeling than his typical gigs, "You get a little more of a nicer, more charitable vibe in the crowd than with the edgier club crowd."

Economopoulos has been working as a full-time stand-up comedian for 21 years beginning his career while attending graduate school at the University of Georgia. He has been a regular on the Bob & Tom Radio Show where his comedy focuses on sports and has written jokes for comedy legends such as Jay Leno and Bette Midler.

Often billed as "the biggest name in comedy" due to his lengthy and hard to pronounce name, Economopoulos reported that the virtual tongue twister is indeed his legal name.

"That is my real name. I grew up in Georgia with that name. Can you believe that," he asked.

He opened the evening

by sharing some of the failed attempts at pronunciation, like Kawasaki and EconoLodge, before diving into his routine.

The act, which included some interaction with audience members, covered a variety of topics from the deceptive use of the word cake in the diet staple rice cakes, his new bride's obsessive compulsive need to unplug the toaster, to this year's crazy Superbowl ending.

"Of course Tom Brady has a 'butler' to clean up his mess," he said while on stage for the hour-long show.

Economopoulos credits his late father for his sense of humor, "My dad taught me that you have to laugh at everything."

Laughfest continues through March 15 in a variety of venues throughout the greater Grand Rapids area. For a full lineup of the performances and events or to purchase tickets visit laughfestgr.org



Costaki Economopoulos

Extreme winter weather damages Litehouse silo

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

There is a partially-collapsed silo outside the Litehouse Foods plant, 1400 Foreman St. SE. The damage was caused by extreme winter weather which weakened the structure.

The Litehouse company hasn't decided what to do about the damaged silo yet.

"We're either looking to get it replaced, repaired or not have it any longer," said Susan Serne, Litehouse Foods director of operations. "It's obsolete and empty at this point. We're reevaluating whether we're going to repair or replace it, or what the options are."

The tank was empty when it was damaged. It is

no longer in use because Litehouse's liquid waste is being pumped to the new biodigester at 625 Chatham St. They used to haul the waste to area landfills. Now they use it to make electricity.

"It's an obsolete tank at this point," Serne said. "It used to hold wastewater but now we've got the new wastewater treatment plant in Lowell. It's obsolete now that we have a contract

with the new wastewater treatment plant."

Litehouse Foods, a salad dressing manufacturer,

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Save your pot of gold with a designated driver

Motorists are reminded to designate a sober driver before heading out to root for their favorite basketball team or celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Those who choose to drive drunk after celebrating at the local sports bar or tavern could

face serious penalties and find themselves in need of a pot of gold.

Law enforcement officers from police departments, sheriff's offices and the Michigan

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The damaged silo outside at Litehouse Foods.



along main street

Damaged silo, continued

is headquartered in Sandpoint, Idaho. Their Lowell plant was owned and operated by Chadalee Farms for over 50 years until the two companies merged in 1997. In addition to their factories in Lowell and Idaho, they also have a plant in Hurricane, Utah.

Even though the Litehouse plant is near Cherry Creek Elementary School, Serne said the damaged structure is not unsafe and does not pose an environmental threat. "It's not a safety issue," Serne said.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

General Local Scholarship Applications are available in the counseling office. To be fair to all students, applications will not be accepted after 3:30 pm on Friday, March 13. Don't forget to include two letters of recommendation, transcript and personal statement. For more information please call Lisa Nauta at 987-2913.

FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Thursday, March 19 at 1 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

LAHM PRESENTS A VICTORIAN LADY

Special guest Wendy Batchelder will present "A Victorian Lady... From the Inside Out," a historical program about women's clothing from the Victorian Era, on Tues., March 17, at 2 pm at the Lowell Township Hall (2910 Alden Nash Rd.). Tea and refreshments will be served. Event sponsored by the Lowell Area Historical Museum and the Friends of the Englehardt Library. For adults.

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

Designated driver, continued

State Police in 26 counties, including Allegan, Berrien, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, Kent, Muskegon, Ottawa and Van Buren, are conducting extra patrols to arrest drunk drivers March 17-April 7. This time period includes the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) men's and women's basketball tournaments, many high school and college spring break periods and St. Patrick's Day.

In 2014, 2,279 people in Michigan were arrested for drunk driving during the NCAA tournament time period. Of those, 691 were charged under the state's high blood-alcohol content (BAC) law with BACs of .17 or higher. More than 450 of those arrests were made by grant-funded law enforcement agencies during last year's stepped up drunk driving patrols.

The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) is coordinating the effort which is supported by federal traffic safety funds.

In Michigan, it is illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher, although motorists can be arrested at any BAC level if an officer believes they are impaired. Motorists face enhanced penalties if arrested for a first-time drunk driving offense with a .17 BAC or higher.

"Motorists who choose to drive drunk endanger everyone on the roadway," said Michael L. Prince, OHSP director. "Enforcement efforts like this save lives by putting extra officers on the road to stop and arrest impaired drivers as well as curtail other dangerous driving behaviors."

Grant-funded drunk driving enforcement is part of Michigan's Strategic Highway Safety Plan signed by Gov. Rick Snyder in 2013.

college news

Central Michigan University's fall semester honors list includes students who earned 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher grade point averages. The fall semester ended in December.

Local students are, Ada: John Houran, Jacob E. Aronoff, Marie Carrington, Eva Helene Cooper, Shannon Lynn Dahlquist, Brianne M. Elzinga, Tessa Rose Heeringa, Peter Joseph Konyndyk, Austin Churchill

Linkfield, Kyle Alexander Mulligan, Jessica D. Rowland, and Allysa Whalen; Alto: Alicia Ann Batchelor, Benjamin James Ertl, Kalli Ann Fifarek, Zoe Lynne Hilbert, Danielle Kay Parent, Leigha Sydney Shoaf, and Kevin Daniel Wilder; Lowell: Kristin Darlene Bouwhuis, Jone Wesley Destine, Katie Mae DeVries, Kennedy Ann Dodde, Emily Kristine Jelsma, Tracey D. Johnson, Kelsey M. Mankel, and Chelsea Rae Vanderpols.

Central Michigan University has announced the December 2014 graduates, which include local students from Ada: Kyle Mulligan, Bachelor of Applied Arts; Troy Prill, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; and Miles Vincent, Bachelor of Applied Arts; Alto: Kayleigh Cook, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Kalli Fifarek, Bachelor of Applied Arts; and Andrew Prins, Bachelor of Applied Arts.

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Cub Scouts awarded The Arrow of Light

Recently, nine boys from Murray Lake Elementary Cub Scout Pack 3189 satisfied the requirements for cub scouting's highest rank, The Arrow of Light. This rank in Cub Scouts is earned by Webelos that have been

active participants in their den and are ready to join a Boy Scout troop. Many of the requirements for The Arrow of Light are intended to lead each boy into their next step in scouting – the Boy Scout trail.



The Scouts with their parents, left to right: Zach Bannan, Sam Cooper, Mitchell Anderson, Cole Opperman, Marcus McDonald, Tyler Kelley, Hayden Burt, Cole Lillie and Brody Swift.

State police receives approval to fly unmanned aircraft

The Michigan State Police (MSP) has received authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), making the department one of the first police agencies in the nation to obtain

statewide authorization to fly an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) to support public safety efforts.

The MSP will host a media demonstration at 1 pm on Wednesday, March 11 at

the MSP Training Academy (near the Precision Driving Unit drive track) located at 7426 North Canal Road in Lansing. This will be an opportunity for media to conduct interviews with the pilots and to shoot photos and video of the UAS in operation.

In Sept. 2013, the MSP purchased an Aeryon SkyRanger with an eye on the future potential of this technology to support law enforcement missions. This device was selected because of its high rating in the federal Robotic

Aircraft for Public Safety (RAPS) survey. This survey evaluated different systems for safety, capability and reliability. Since that time, the MSP has worked closely with the FAA to meet all safety and training requirements, as well as to develop policies and procedures for the safe and effective implementation of this equipment.

In Feb. 2014, the MSP received a Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the FAA to conduct training flights with the UAS near the MSP Training Academy.

On Feb. 25, 2015, after meeting all federal

regulations, the FAA granted the MSP's request for authorization to fly the Aeryon SkyRanger for law enforcement support missions statewide. Potential missions include search and rescue, crime scene and crash investigations.

On March 4, the UAS was flown over a fire investigation near Jenison. The device collected both video and photographs of the structure to help investigators determine the origin and cause of the fire. This authorization will allow the MSP Aviation Unit to support requests for service from any law

enforcement agency within the state.

The MSP has strict policy regarding the operation of the UAS. The policy dictates the UAS is always flown by a two-person crew, with one acting as the pilot and the other as a safety observer. The FAA certified pilot has received specific training from the manufacturer in the safe operation of the Aeryon SkyRanger. The device must remain below 400 feet and always be within line of sight of the crew. Many additional safety factors are included with the design of the device.



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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Outlook for today's investors: less certainty — but potential opportunities

The world of today is vastly different from the one that existed in, say, 1974. Innovations such as the Internet, smartphones, tablets, Facebook, Twitter and so on have made our lives more enjoyable, efficient and productive in many ways, and have vastly improved our access to the world's knowledge. Yet when it comes to one important area of our lives — investing for the future — many of us may actually face more challenges today than we might have in the past.

At least two main factors are responsible for this apparent regression. First, following a quarter century during which U.S. workers' income rose fairly steadily, "real" wages — that is, wages after inflation is considered — have been flat or declining since about 1974, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Secondly, during this same time period, we've seen a large drop in the percentage of private-sector workers covered under a "defined benefit" plan —

the traditional pension plan in which retired employees receive a specified monthly benefit, with the amount determined by years of service, earnings history and age.

So unlike your counterparts in the 1950s and 1960s, you may not be able to count on a rise in real wages, and you may not have the promise of a regular pension. What, then, can you do to improve your prospects for eventually achieving a comfortable retirement?

First of all, in the absence of a formal pension, you will need to create your own retirement plan. That means you will need to consider all the opportunities available to you. If your employer offers a 401(k) or

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kidsView



by Sierra Hieshetter

These days it worries me how many ways there are to bully someone. You can bully online by posting negative messages on Facebook, Twitter or other social media. Or, you can bully in person right to their face. It also worries me how many cases of bullying are going unnoticed each year. Bullying is not just

hurting someone physically (like punching or kicking them), it could also be hurting them mentally. You can hurt someone by saying nothing at all or you can hurt someone by making them feel small and worthless. I speak from personal experience.

In fourth grade, a couple of girls tried to make

my friends and me feel bad by telling us that they were the teacher's favorites and that the teacher did not like us. Now some people may not think of this as bullying, but it made my friends and me feel very bad.

Bullying is a horrendous way to make yourself feel better at the expense of others. Bullies probably do it because they are jealous of you and the friends that you have. If you are being bullied it's not your fault and you did nothing to deserve it. I encourage you to speak out to friends, family, teachers, etc. to stop this awful event before it goes too far.



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viewpoint

outdoors

who cares?

Dave Stegehuis

Winter came early and cold this year. People and the media gave lots of attention to staying warm, frozen pipes, icy roads, and snow removal. These are all things we must deal with as we carry on life in the north country. But who is paying attention to the effect a severe winter has on wildlife. There is not much that we can do but hope the wild things survive as they

rely on their own resources. Quality habitat is the most important factor in insuring long term prosperity for wildlife. By the beginning of the last century, some species of wildlife were hunted to almost extinction. The passenger pigeon was. Little concern was given to the destructive effect of certain industrial and agricultural practices as

well as market hunting on wildlife populations. In response, congress passed the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act in 1937. This legislation places an excise tax on the sale of all firearms and ammunition as well as bows, arrows, and accessories. In 1950 the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act placed a similar tax on fishing related equipment including boats and marine fuel. The funds generated can only be used for fish and wildlife conservation projects like

habitat acquisition and improvement, introduction of fish and wildlife, research, surveys, creating public access, and hunter education.

Funding is distributed to state wildlife agencies on a match basis by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Along with license fees, this money provides almost all of the support for fish and wildlife conservation. Over the years, 2 billion dollars in federal funds have been matched by 500 million in state funds and have been

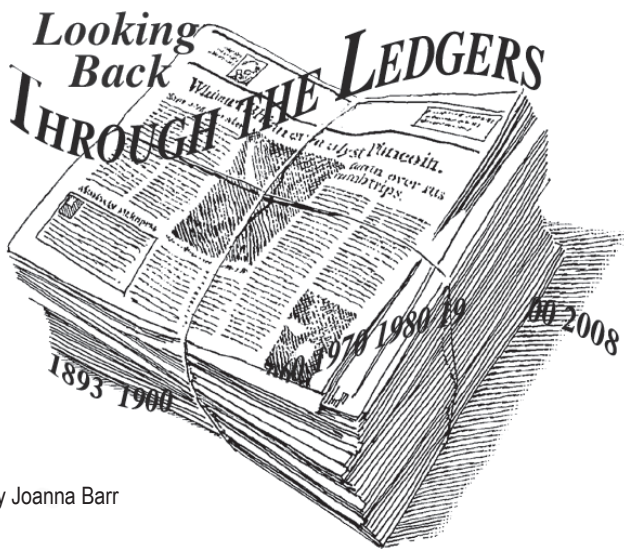
vital for successful wildlife conservation.

There are also hundreds of private conservation organizations focused on a specific species such as deer, turkeys, elk, pheasants, and grouse. Others champion land and water projects which benefit wildlife in general. These groups provide time, talent, and labor, as well as funding in cooperation with public agencies to insure the future of wildlife.

Not only does wildlife

benefit, but hunters and fishermen have more opportunities, state and local economies are enhanced, and the public in general benefits through non-hunting and fishing recreational opportunities provided by access to quality land and water.

In September of 1914, a passenger pigeon named Martha died at the Cincinnati Zoo. She was 29 years old and the last of her kind on earth. Someone has to care.



By Joanna Barr

Fowler, by his pupils of the Lowell Dancing Academy, at Music Hall, Wednesday evening, March 12th. A fine programme of 20 numbers will be danced, including a lesson on "The Countess." A vote will be taken by the gentlemen, as to the handsomes: lady present, also one by the ladies, as to the best looking, and homeliest man. The pupils and their friends invited. Bill, 50 cents.

The case of Almira Chatterdon was before Judge Burch, yesterday, and she was remanded for the time being, to give the prosecuting attorney time to decide what he had better do. In the course of the remarks the Judge stated that "there was no doubt in his mind that she was insane and irrespressable at the time of the commission of the crime." In accordance with the above and the facts that were developed, there is no doubt but what she will be released in a short time.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger March 14, 1940

A few nights ago a huge plane was heard flying overhead, zooming 'round and 'round close to the housetops of the town, causing most everybody to look up in startled wonderment. The plane was from Selfridge field and was piloted by a lieutenant out on a testing flight—and romance, too—as the pilot's lady friend happens to be, at the present time, a resident of Lowell and his flight overhead was no doubt a salute to his lady fair. "O, Young Lochinvar is come out of the West, through all the wide border his steed was the best," wrote the poet in describing a romantic era of long ago—but who can now say that this mechanical age is without its romance!

Lusty lungs lead local leader to limelight. Sam Yeiter of Lowell, varsity cheerleader at Michigan State College, has been selected as one of eleven on the All American cheerleaders' team for 1939, thus gaining membership to Gamma Sigma, the national cheerleaders' honorary fraternity. Announcement was made by Andrew Ritter, University of Michigan, president of Gamma Sigma.

A Lowell citizen stated to the Ledger a few days ago that he knew of at least five new homes that would be constructed here this summer. Good news!

Ducks are flying north. The spring migration is gathering momentum. All of Michigan lies within one of the "flyways" which migratory waterfowl traverse in spring and late autumn. The flights northward continue well into May.

Ben Hardy of Everett, Wash., is visiting at the home of Chancey Hardy on Riverside Dr. and will hold open house there this (Thursday) evening to meet all his old schoolmates and friends. Mr. Hardy was a one-time resident here and attended Lowell high school.

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125 years ago Lowell Journal March 12, 1890

March came in like a lion and is hanging like a dog to a root.

We have got a short supply of ice for next summer, enough to keep us cool at least.

The ice harvest is harvesting. J. B. Lee has filled his houses from Spring Brook Pond, Beehler has got his up. King, Quick & King are hard at it, they run until midnight Friday and Saturday nights. The ice is fine, having been made without snow, and is clear as glass.

During the recent cold spell the water pipes in F. D. Tarleton's house froze up and broke, and from the warm weather of Monday and Tuesday the ice melted so as to allow the water to flood the house. Dan Wood discovered the break yesterday morning and forcing an entrance turned off the water. The floors were flooded to a depth of nearly four inches, the carpets and draperies receiving full benefit. Mr. Tarleton is at work in Grand Rapids and Mrs. Tarleton was telephoned to and Frank came up to look after the things. The damage will be quite considerable as the furniture and draperies are very fine.

We would like to see our railroad extended, either north or south, this spring, but we want it built of some thing more substantial than "wind."

The Maple Sugar business, to-day (Monday), is at a standstill.

John Reuter's team ran away Saturday morning, but were stopped before any damage was done.

How's this? L. J. Robinson has a 20-mos. old heifer which is giving milk. If any one can beat this, let us hear from you.

Several drunken men were seen on our streets Saturday. This is something very unusual here.

Everybody is invited to a warm sugar social on Friday evening, March 14th, to be given at Mrs. Bancroft's, under the auspices of the Baptist Society.

A Complimentary Farewell Hop will be given Prof.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger March 11, 1915

Headline: Post plans posies – This means yard the hens and chain the dogs. President Post of the Board of Trade is inaugurating a flower campaign for a more beautiful Lowell; but finds the public demands as a first step that people be compelled to confine their chickens to their own premises. Others report that dogs are a worse nuisance than chickens. They not only commit depredations themselves but they break and burrow into poultry yards and let the fowls out. This has happened repeatedly for years. Now, it is a bad law that fines a man because another man's dog turns his chickens loose. The poor widow's dozen hens are a help to her; but of what use to a villager is a dog, except to make a poor man poorer? By all means, let us have flowers; and if people want to keep hens, compel them to yard the birds; but in the name of all that's fair and sensible, don't shut up the fowls and turn the dogs loose.

Headline: Just a ratification – Fifty-four votes cast at village "election." Only fifty-four voters troubled themselves to go to the polls in the Lowell village "election" Monday, and those as a mere formality in ratification of the action of the Citizens' caucus, or else out of pity for the lonesomeness of the election board. With but one ticket in the field, and that satisfactory, there was no opposition to the gentlemen named at the citizens' ticket.

Now that the Jitney bus idea is spreading like wildfire over the country and automobile factories are building 10, 12 and 20-passenger motor busses, the practicability of a morning service to Grand Rapids should be considered by some enterprising chap. No use waiting for an electric line or expecting the steam roads to better their service. Given a good morning and evening service at a rate the public can afford to par, it should be a winner.



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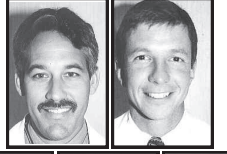
On February 7, a group from Lowell High School's Senior Capstone class put on a Hunger Banquet. The Hunger Banquet was a way to bring awareness to the issue of world hunger. The project was successful with

approximately twenty-five guests and the students were excited that it went smoothly. The event was held at Vergennes United Methodist Church. Donations can be made to the Flat River Outreach Ministries.



Students from left to right, in back: Katie Bush, Tara McQueen and Amy Carpenter; in front, left to right: Aaron Ward and Louis Hart.

health



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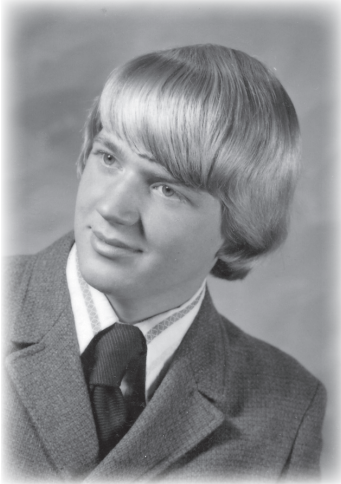
caused by other diseases, your doctor may suggest other tests to figure out the cause of your symptoms. Tests used to diagnose pancreatic cancer include CT scan, ultrasound, MRI, and biopsies.

Treatment options of pancreatic cancer include surgery, radiation therapy and chemotherapy. Treatment depends on your age, health, treatment preferences, and the stage and location of the cancer. If surgery cannot fully remove the cancer, then treatment may focus on stopping the cancer from growing or spreading. If the cancer is advanced and treatments are not likely to help, then the doctor can make a plan to keep you as comfortable as possible. There is no way to prevent pancreatic cancer. Things you can do that may decrease your risk include quitting smoking, staying at a healthy weight, not drinking too much alcohol, and eating a healthy diet.

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Briggs named Staff Member of the Month

Lifelong Lowell resident Paula Briggs has been named Murray Lake Elementary School's Staff Member of the Month for February.

"Paula goes above and beyond the call of duty in all areas of her job. She has a great rapport with her students while maintaining high expectations for each and every one of them. Paula is always willing to handle assessments, reports and reading the MAP test to students. Paula is a very dependable person who

can always be counted on," commented reading teacher, Sue Gordon.

Briggs and husband Chris have two daughters who formerly attended Murray Lake and are now attending Lowell High School, Hannah (senior) and Maria (sophomore).

"I am honored to receive 'Staff Member of the Month' at Murray Lake Elementary," said Briggs.

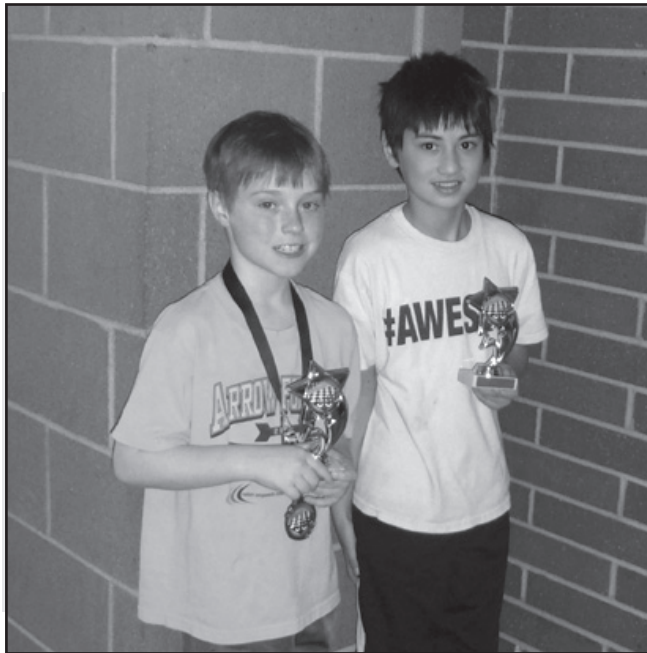
I have been a reading interventionist at the school for the past nine years. Helping students achieve

their reading goals is very rewarding and the daily smiles, hugs and funny stories from the kids are an added bonus. I enjoy working with the different grade levels of students and like the challenges. Murray Lake has a friendly and supportive staff who is easy to work with," said Briggs.

When Briggs is not working, she enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, making photo books, and watching sporting events.



Paula Briggs with several of her fourth-grade reading students.



Miller and Baker place at TK Open Chess tournament

Murray Lake fourth-grade students, pictured at left, Avery Miller and Ryan Baker, both placed in the Thornapple Kellogg Open Invitational Chess tournament this past Saturday. Miller placed second and Baker placed third.

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As for your next main challenge — the need to compensate for stagnant real wages and the subsequent difficulty of boosting your savings — what can you do? For one thing, you will need a reasonable percentage of your portfolio — both inside and outside your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement plans — devoted to growth-oriented investments. It's true that the value of growth vehicles, such as stocks and stock-based instruments, will always fluctuate. But you can help control this risk by owning a mix of investments, including

stocks, bonds, Treasury bills, certificates of deposit (CDs) and other securities. Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the impact of volatility on your holdings,

it can't guarantee profit or always protect against loss.

As far as attaining rising wages and enjoying guaranteed retirement payments, we don't have the "certainties" that many

people had in the 1950s and 1960s. But you can still help brighten your future — through diligence, discipline and the determination to explore the opportunities available to you.

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~ H. L. Mencken (1880 - 1956)

PUBLIC NOTICE STREET LIGHT TEST MARCH 2015

Lights along Main Street (M-21) will be reduced as a test and to allow input from businesses and residents.

The Placemaking Plan commissioned by the Downtown Development Authority recommends fewer light fixtures per block. This has some asking if this will maintain visibility and security. So the City of Lowell is going to test this idea.

Beginning this week, The City will be unscrewing light bulbs in every other fixture to actually see the impact of this change. The City and the DDA ask residents and businesses for feedback on the results.

The Placemaking Plan, which will be on display at the Community Expo on March 28th and is available on the DDA page of the City website, recommends fewer light fixtures per block. However, it also recommends period style streetlights on more blocks. Any fixtures removed, as part of the upgrade, would be repurposed on other blocks.

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Experience: Customer service, accounting
Family: Korin (artist), Zachary (accountant)
Hobbies: Dancing, gardening, long-distance bicycling, volunteering
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Helping to take care of others

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Rose Hollinshead is the administrator of Fountain View of Lowell, a senior living facility at 11537 Fulton St. SE.

"I am responsible for every bit of the facility," Hollinshead said. "The care of the residents, staff, buildings, making sure we're following all the state rules and regulations, everything. I'm in charge of marketing to see that we have enough exposure, to make sure everybody knows where we are and the kind of care that we give our residents. It's my job to make sure the facility is following its budget, to make sure the people are moved in, make sure that their rooms are clean, that they're happy. We have 17

in assisted living, but we have a 20-bed capacity. Part of my job is to interact with the residents, with the families, to know that they're all happy and taken care of."

Seniors with various levels of need live at Fountain View.

"We take care of those that are 'complete care,'" Hollinshead said. "That means we have to feed them, change them, all the way to those that might still be able to volunteer at FROM. They can have a car here. They have their own apartments, so you know it's really, really hard for people to have to leave their home, but it gets to be too much, especially when you're alone. It's

really hard to make sure you fix something to eat that's good for you, that you're not eating fast food or just not eating at all because you're by yourself, so we take care of all the food. We take care of the medication management. We make sure that they see the doctor. That if they have any concerns they're addressed. When you get to be 85 or 90 years old there are a lot of things that need addressing, but we try to go with as little medication as possible. They can remember things they've done many, many years ago, but not necessarily what they did yesterday or what they had for breakfast this morning."

The residents have lots

of different activities and field trips.

"Bingo is big at all facilities and nursing homes," Hollinshead said. "We go to see the butterflies at Meijer Gardens, the zoo in Alto, to the summer concerts out on the Riverwalk on Thursdays, Murray Lake Elementary first graders come and visit, we have Bible study, church, crosswords, exercise, and music is really big. We do music therapy a couple times a month."

She said it's up to the residents if they want to participate in all that fun stuff.

"They have an apartment here, so if they don't feel like hanging out with the rest, they don't have to," Hollinshead said. "If they want to come out and have some company and somebody to play cards with or do a puzzle with or watch a movie with, they can. If they don't feel like it, they don't. They pretty much do their own thing. It's not really a horrible 'stick me in a home' type thing."

Residents at Fountain View become part of the community and have all their needs met.

"Some people [they]

don't live that long with us, but we've had those that have spent 11, 15 years here," Hollinshead said. "People are living longer. Modern medicine has made that possible. You don't want people [to] just go somewhere and sit and not be able to do anything, like they're not part of anything anymore. They don't have to worry about anything. They don't have to worry about making a meal if they're not feeling well."

Fountain View is a non-profit organization. Hollinshead said they could use various items, such as a keyboard, a couple new TVs and CD players, a bulletin board and some large print books.

"There is a huge need for more senior housing, affordable senior housing," Hollinshead said. "There are a lot of people that fall through the cracks. We're a nonprofit. We do fundraisers [and] so that we can take care of the folks. That's what it's all about. Just trying to make their life comfortable and happy and make them feel like this is their home, not that they're living somewhere

that they don't want to be. It should be nice."

The hardest part of her job is when a resident dies.

"It's what happens but it's kind of tough sometimes," Hollinshead said. "You get really attached to all of them. It's part of the job, but it can be tough."

Hollinshead's mother had dementia and she lived at Fountain View toward the end of her life.

"She stayed here for the last eight months of her life," Hollinshead said. "She passed away last November. It was good and bad. Because I was here every day I could see her, but she expected me to take her home every night."

Hollinshead's favorite part of her job is interacting with the residents.

"It's a place they can live and hopefully be comfortable and happy in our community," Hollinshead said. "They are so fun. It makes you feel really, really good. Everything I've done in my whole life has prepared me to be here taking care of the folks, because that's really a cool thing to do."





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Red Arrow SPORTS

Lowell girls wrap up the season fourth in the OK White

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell varsity girls basketball team trumped Cedar Springs High School 61-32 and just edged out Grand Rapids Northview 44-42 to earn a spot in the district finals against Forest Hills Central. The ladies then fell by ten, 52-42, vs FHC to round out their season of competition.

Lowell senior Katie Holzhueter led her team offensively with 19 points, including five three-point baskets, in the team's home victory over Cedar Springs in the Class A district opener on Monday.

Lowell led by ten after the first period which ended 15-5 and by just eight at the half which ended 26-18, Lowell advantage.

Cedar put up just 14 points total in the second half while the Arrows produced 35, earning them the 61-32 win and the right to move on to the next round of district competition.

The game could have easily gone the other way though as the aggressive Lowell team sent Cedar to the free throw line 41 times throughout the game.

Hitting only 12 of the 41 attempts from the line, for a 29 percent average, Cedar was not able to capitalize on the huge advantage.

Ten Lowell players contributed to the game winning total, including Bridget Garter who earned ten, Kennedy Coxon with seven, Ally Frederickson, six and Tara McQueen, five. Teammates Cassie Dean, Christy Lyon, Kate Montgomery, Jordan Nixon and Bailey Reitsma also scored during the game.

The win propelled them to the district semi-finals on Wednesday where they faced Grand Rapids Northview at Forest Hills Central.

Lowell started out strong out-shooting Northview 13-5 in the first period. In the second the Wildcats grabbed the advantage 13-9 to put the score at 22-18 with the Arrows out front at the half-time buzzer.

Northview topped Lowell again in the third and held a 31-29 lead moving into the fourth.

Separated by only two

points as the clock wound down, Northview held possession but a failed hail Mary at the buzzer ended their season and handed Lowell the 44-42 win.

Garter came up big for the Arrows scoring 20 points to lead the team's offensive effort. Frederickson added ten to the board and Holzhueter was kept to only seven as the Northview defense concentrated on keeping the scorer contained. Coxon, McQueen and Reitsma also combined for six.

With two district wins under their belt, Lowell headed into the district finals where they faced Forest Hills Central (FHC) on the road on Friday.

FHC led from the tip doubling the Arrows' point total in the first, 14-7. Both teams earned 12 in the second leaving FHC ahead

with a seven-point lead at the half 26-19.

Lowell out-shot FHC by three points in the third and brought the game within one point in the fourth, after a huge layup from Garter ended a seven-point run from the Arrows.

FHC returned that aggression in the last seven minutes of the game and ultimately outdid the Arrows for the 52-42 victory and the district title.

Senior Montgomery led scoring with 11 followed by Garter who put up ten and Reitsma who earned nine. Frederickson, Holzhueter, McQueen and Coxon also scored in the year's final contest for the Lady Arrows.

Lowell ended the season in fourth place in the OK White with a record of 4-6 and a winning 14-9 record overall.



Starter Bridget Garter scored ten points against Cedar Springs.



Senior Kennedy Coxon added tough defense and seven points to the team's at-home win over Cedar Springs.



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Red Arrow SPORTS

Red Arrows move on to semifinals

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

A 78-51 victory over non-conference competitor Ionia and a 51-30 loss to OK White rival East Grand Rapids (EGR) wrapped up the Lowell varsity basketball team's regular season schedule last week.

Tuesday on the road the Arrows faced the EGR Pioneers in a make-up game cancelled due to weather earlier in the year. Lowell struggled throughout the

match up producing the team's lowest offensive totals of the season.

Both squads seemed evenly matched after tying in the first at eight but EGR's defense pounced in the second and held on until the final buzzer keeping Lowell's top scorers at bay.

Lowell trailed at the half 18-11 after putting up three points in the entire second period.

EGR went on to outscore Lowell 35-19 in the second half handing them a 51-30 conference win. The Arrows' top offensive players Matt Beachler and Ryan Stevens combined for fourteen points in the game. Junior Gabe Steed chipped in six and Josh Branagan and Alex Anschutz each earned four.

Stevens went on to lead his team with 18 points in a commanding 78-51 win

over Ionia Thursday, on the road. After tying at 14 in the first the Arrows outscored Ionia 23-11 in the second giving them a 37-25 lead at halftime.

Lowell continued to dominate in the third putting up 26 points to their opponent's 14 to extend their lead to 24 moving into the fourth.

The Bulldogs rallied in the fourth largely narrowing

the scoring gap, but their effort was not enough to squelch the Arrows' big lead.

"We were really proud of our team's ability to compete tonight," said Lowell head coach Kyle Carhart, "Ionia is a well-coached team that plays very hard. It is always tough to get wins in March."

Leading Lowell's offense besides Stevens

were Beachler and Carter Noskey who chipped in 17 and 13 points respectively.

The second-place Arrows (13-7 overall, 6-4 OK White) will begin their run toward a title this week when they face Cedar Springs on the road in the district opener. With wins, the team will move on to Greenville High School later in the week for semifinals and finals action.

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- WRESTLING

State competition yields three state individual titles and all-state honors for seven placers

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Ten Lowell wrestlers headed to the Palace of Auburn Hills last week to compete in the MHSAA Individual Wrestling State Finals where the Arrows saw seven placers, including three of their best wrestlers, atop the champions' podium.

Eight of ten competing Arrow grapplers advanced to quarterfinal action with Logan Blough and David Kruse both falling out of the competition after recording losses in the first round.

After the quarterfinal three Lowell wrestlers, senior Josh Colegrove and juniors Zeth Dean and Lucas Hall, still had the opportunity to walk away with a state title.

Dean earned his first state title at 130 pounds against Luke Raczowski of Parma, adding his name to the lineage of Lowell's most successful wrestlers, including cousins Gabe

and Max Dean. After tying 3-3 in the first period of his championship match Dean pulled away in the final minutes to earn an 8-3 decision.

Junior Lucas Hall earned his second consecutive state title when he earned a huge 14-0 win by major decision over Noah Schoenherr of Bay City Western. Hall earned his first title as a sophomore competing in the 112 pound division. This win brought his season record to an astounding 39-1.

Senior Josh Colegrove successfully defended his own 215 pound state title and his undefeated 39-0 season by pinning opponent Clayton Higel mire in 1:34 in his final match.

According to head coach RJ Boudro, Colegrove's perfect season is no accident, "Josh has had an amazing season and it is

a direct result of his hard work. He has stepped up as a leader on and off the mat. We are going to miss him a lot."

Other Lowell wrestlers placing at the state tournament were Jordan Hall (135) and Sam Russell (103) who both claimed fifth, Aaron Ward (125) placed sixth and Dan Kruse (152) took seventh. Their finishes entitled them to all-state honors.

Looking toward next season, the squad will lose eight seniors, including four from their starting line up, but Boudro is confident that the deep well of talent in Lowell has not run dry. "We have a lot of talent coming back next season and are looking forward to competing for another title."



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Red Arrow - GYMNASTICS SPORTS

Seven gymnasts qualify for State Individuals

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The Lowell varsity gymnastics program produced some record breaking results last Saturday when they participated in regional competition at Kenowa Hills High School.

Lowell finished fifth overall in the tight race tallying a score of 140.775. The combined Rockford Sparta team took first place coming in just over four points ahead of the Arrows with a 144.925. Forest Hills United and host Kenowa Hills/Grandville placed second and third respectively, to round out the three state qualifying teams from the region.

Lowell head coach Michele DeHaan said that it was one particular event that cost the team their second consecutive trip to the state championship.

“We had some uncharacteristic mistakes on floor that cost us. You

can’t make the mistakes we did and expect to move on,” said the coach.

The Red Arrows had much more success in the individual competition with seven athletes qualifying for state, the highest number Lowell has ever qualified in a single year.

Moving on in the floor exercise is freshman Maura Fitzpatrick who earned a 9.0 to lead Lowell and claim seventh place at the competition overall. Lauren Browning (8.85) and Dani Krajewski (8.75) finished second and third best for Lowell, but missed qualification.

Three Lowell gymnasts earned the right to move forward on the vault. Alise Forward (8.95) and Browning (9.0) earned sixth- and seventh-place overall and second and third for Lowell. Senior Lauren DeHaan claimed the top spot for Lowell and third overall with a score of 9.1



The seven state qualifiers: Maura Fitzpatrick, Alise Forward, Sarena Wilterdink, Lauren DeHaan, Lauren Browning, Karmen Anderson, and Corah Kaufman.



Lauren DeHaan with her long awaited score.

On the beam DeHaan tied the school record, set by Kelsey Teft in 2010, with a 9.45 earning her a second place overall finish.

“I got more and more nervous as she approached the end of her routine with no mistakes. Her two most difficult jumps are right before her dismount,” said coach DeHaan, “When she finished, I knew it would be a good score. As soon as they flashed it Lauren’s face lit right up. That 9.45 has been her goal for awhile now; it was great to see her finally hit it.”

Also qualifying for state on the beam was Karmen Anderson who earned an 8.95 placing her sixth overall and second behind DeHaan for Lowell. Sarena Wilterdink (8.65) and Bethany Kaczanowski (8.625) scored third and fourth best for Lowell.

“Bethany landed her round-off with only one

foot on the beam and just couldn’t save it,” explained coach DeHaan, “I was really bummed for her since she has pretty much hit 9.0s lately. Staying on would have been over a 9 and she would have placed. That was a tough break.”

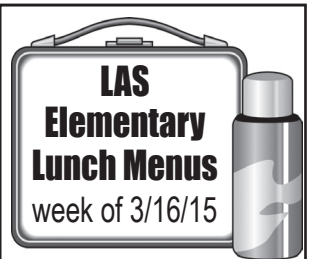
Three girls also qualified on the bars with Corah Kaufman leading the way for Lowell with an 8.625 earning her fourth overall.

Wilterdink (8.525) and DeHaan (8.375) finished second and third for Lowell and fifth and eighth at the competition.

Nine Lowell gymnasts also vied for a spot at state in the category of all-around gymnast. DeHaan was the only Arrow to qualify earning 35.575 for fourth place and will therefore compete in all four events at the state competition for a chance at an all-around medal.

The team will end their season at the individual state competition which will take place at Rockford High School this Saturday beginning at noon.

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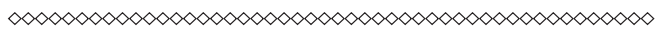
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obituaries

JOHNSON

Donna (Thorne) Johnson, age 90, of Cascade, passed away Sunday, March 1, at home surrounded by her family. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Fay; children, Michael (Lisa) Johnson, James (Barbara) Johnson, and Robert Johnson; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. She graduated from Lowell High School in the class of 1943. She went on to earn her nursing degree from Blodgett in 1946 and worked at Queens Hospital in Hawaii upon graduating. Taking care of her children and grandchildren was her greatest joy. A memorial service will be held at Cascade Christian Church on Friday, March 13 at 11 am. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cascade Christian Church general fund.



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Social Security helps people with kidney disease

Social Security wants to help spread the word about the importance of kidney health and what to do if you think you or a loved one has a kidney-related disability.

Kidney disease prevents your kidneys from cleansing your blood to their full potential. Did you know that one out of three Americans is currently at high risk for developing kidney disease? According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 20 million Americans have chronic kidney disease, and most of them don't even know it.

Ebie is a prime example. Ebie was an emergency

room worker with an active life at work, home, and in his community. He had no idea he had developed a kidney condition until one day he felt ill while driving to work and had to call a coworker for help.

Our *Faces and Facts of Disability* website features Ebie's story. He says people who receive Social Security disability benefits "can provide for themselves better and have a high quality of life." As Ebie explains, many people with kidney diseases can greatly increase their quality of life with Social Security benefits. You can learn more about Ebie's story at

www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityfacts.

If a kidney disease such as end-stage renal disease (known as ESRD) requires chronic dialysis and prevents you from working, Social Security may be able to help you. If you're undergoing dialysis, have had a kidney transplant, have persistent low creatinine clearance levels, or have persistent high serum creatinine levels, you may qualify for disability and/or Medicare benefits. You can find more information about eligibility based on kidney disease and the benefits available to you by reading our publications,

Disability Benefits and Medicare, both available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs.

If you think you may be eligible for Social Security disability benefits based on a kidney disease, please do not wait. Go to www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityssi, where you can apply for benefits online.

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

Looking Back, continued

50 years ago Lowell Ledger March 11, 1965

The river in Lowell crested Monday night at 13 6 feet. Flood stage is 15 feet in Lowell. The river started receding on Tuesday and all flood dangers appear to have passed.

Headline: Go Arrows! Basketball fever really hit Lowell on Wednesday after a magnificent effort by a terrific Red Arrow team defeated a favored Holland Christian team, 73-64, Tuesday evening in the East Grand Rapids gym. All the fans could say as they left the game was WOW! Those boys really came through when the chips were down. It was a cool, confident team that took the floor and in spite of early troubles, came from behind to win. Signs started going up in the store windows along Main St. on Wednesday, as the home town folks began to realize that the team was in this tournament to win. For the opening game on Tuesday night Lowell had only 300 adult tickets and 200 student tickets and they were gone by noon on Monday. On Wednesday morning Athletic Director Don Kelly managed to get 450 adult tickets for the Thursday night game, and at 9:30 there were less than 50 of these tickets left...

Spring time is also the season for dogs running loose, so warn your children against petting strange dogs. The first report of a dog bite case this season was made Monday afternoon to the police by Mrs. C. E. Doyle. Her son, John, was nipped by a stray dog in the neighborhood. The boy was treated by a local physician.

Lowell police nabbed an escaped patient from the Ionia State Hospital, just 10 minutes after the report was put on the radio, Monday afternoon. The radio report stated that Burk Palmer, 22, a homosexual patient at the hospital and a trustee had walked away from the hospital in the morning; this was at 12:45. Minutes later a motorist told police that he had picked up a hitch-hiker at the Saranac comers and thought he might be the escapee. Police found the run-a-way on West Main Street at 12:55 and returned him to the hospital.

Wendell Berman, developer of Valley-Vista subdivision revealed to City Manager Bernard Olson this week that he has a multi-unit apartment building on the drawing boards for construction this year in the plat on West Main Street. The building would be for newly married couples or older couples without children.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger March 14, 1990

Headline: Contestants are named for Showboat's Queen Pageant. Contestants vying for the title of the 1990 Miss Lowell Showboat Queen were introduced at a meeting last Thursday night at the First Congregational Church of Lowell by the pageants co-

chairmen, Jean Patton and Judy Straub. There will be 10 young ladies between the ages of 17 and 21 vying for the crown. They are Michele Christine Chamberlain, Patsy Kay Deans, Lori Esch, Laura Adams, Jennifer Cook, Jenny Horian, Tonya Stepek, Danielle Bundy, Jody Smith and Christine Kenney...

Headline: High, turbulent waters slow search for missing Lowell youth's body. A three-day search through the rapid, cold, turbulent waters of Plaster Creek for the body of 10-year-old Lowell boy, Keith Lyons, who apparently drowned Saturday around 6 pm after slipping from a concrete culvert (pipe) while trying to cross the creek with his friend, David Larsson, was put on hold Tuesday morning until conditions become better. Kent County Sheriff Department Sergeant Bob Berg said the turbulent waters which are 2-4 feet higher than a week ago, along with tree limbs and other debris in the base of the creek, has made searching difficult. Commander of Community Affairs, Vic Gillis, said Lyons fell and then was apparently swept away into the swollen creek near the 2900 block of Marshall Avenue. Lyons' pal, Larsson ran for help, but a Grand Rapids officer near the scene at the time, rushed to the creek bed, but found no signs of Lyons. The search which had to be called off because of darkness Saturday after about 90 minutes, continued on Sunday for 7 1/2 hours and then into Monday. Because of the heavy snow over the last couple of weeks the creek's depth was said to be two or three times higher than normal...

Plans for a Lowell Showboat Museum were put into motion last summer. In not quite a year those same plans have been enlarged to a Lowell Area Museum. Shortly after a board was formed we began to hear from the people that we should not limit the museum to the Lowell Showboat, instead we should enlarge it to include the entire Lowell area, Norm Borgerson said. The idea stuck with the board. As Borgerson reports, some of the items that are a part of the City's history - should remain and belong in Lowell. "For example, pictures that belonged to photographer Norton L. Avery have been put in the state archives. The board also heard that items that belonged to Forrest 'Bucky' Buck were being considered for the Grand Rapids Museum," Borgerson said. "Historical items like that should remain in Lowell, and that's why a museum is necessary and why the board has decided to expand its scope."

Michigan Bell has introduced a new calling plan which offers customers substantial discounts on certain toll and 800-service calling. The Ameritech Value Calling Plan is based on usage, allowing customers to call anytime or anywhere within their area code at reduced rates. "The more you use it, the more valuable it is," said Marv VanVoorst, local Bell public relations director. "Customers can now have the confidence of the Michigan Bell network and save money." Customers can opt for the plan on month-to-month basis, or sign up for one - or three-year term payment plans. The plan costs \$25 per account each month.

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LOWELL LIONS CLUB - meets third Tuesday at noon at Lowell City Hall.

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - meets the 2nd Saturday at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS - (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs.: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues. & Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 p.m. & 8-9 p.m.; Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m. The first step is always the hardest. If your life has become unmanageable due to alcohol, please join us at 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

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

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Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: How do environmentalists feel about the concept of ocean fertilization as a form of carbon sequestration? - Jeffrey Edwards, Pomfret, CT

Ocean fertilization is a technique whereby swaths of ocean are "seeded" with iron to promote the growth of phytoplankton (microscopic plants that form the base of the marine food chain), and is one of several promising geo-engineering techniques that could help mitigate global warming. Also known as carbon sinking or ocean seeding, the idea was first suggested in the 1980s by Moss Landing Marine Labs' John Martin, who subsequently conducted experiments off the California coast confirming that phytoplankton growth could be encouraged by dumping ferrous sulfate (iron) into nutrient-depleted areas of the ocean.

More recently, California entrepreneur Russ George has developed ways through his firm, Planktos to use ocean fertilization to help governments and companies meet emissions reduction goals. In 2012 Planktos helped the Haida Gwaii tribe of western Canada spread 100 tons of iron sulphate into the Pacific 180 miles off the coast of British Columbia, which triggered a phytoplankton bloom across 10,000 square miles of ocean. Juvenile salmon feed on phytoplankton, and salmon runs came back fourfold across the region. The tribe is keen to use ocean fertilization to restore the severely depleted salmon fishery they have

depended on for centuries and to generate income from the sale of carbon credits to the Canadian government (a carbon credit—or carbon offset—is a credit for greenhouse gas reductions achieved by one entity that can be purchased and used to compensate (offset) the emissions of other entity).

But some environmental leaders warn that ocean fertilization might be too good to be true as a tool for mitigating climate change. "Many scientists have suggested that the complex interplay between the iron and carbon cycles prevents any direct extrapolation of how much carbon dioxide will actually be removed from the atmosphere following fertilization," says Jackie Savitz, Vice-President for U.S. Oceans at the non-profit Oceana. "This means we will never be able to estimate the benefits, much less verify them well enough to sell carbon offsets based on fertilization."

Savitz adds that "much of the carbon taken up by phytoplankton may simply be re-released when those plants are consumed by bacteria or zooplankton at rates that are impossible to accurately predict." She also worries that large-scale, long-term fertilization could drastically alter marine ecosystems: "Unanticipated downsides, like changing the phytoplankton community structure, could cause repercussions throughout the food web, and may disturb key feeding relationships."

Another issue with ocean fertilization is that phytoplankton blooms could release large amounts of other greenhouse gases, like methane or dimethyl sulfide, that are even more potent than the carbon dioxide they are sequestering. Also, the bacterial decay resulting from the die-off of massive iron-induced phytoplankton blooms could create oxygen-free dead zones in the water column that could leave marine ecosystems in worse shape than before.

"Rather than engaging in expensive and uncertain experiments on our oceans," Savitz concludes, "we should move away from fossil fuels, by stopping subsidies, and stopping expansion of offshore drilling and at the same time, invest in technologies like solar and wind power that are certain to reduce carbon emissions without threatening complex ocean ecosystems."

CONTACTS: Moss Landing Marine Labs, www.mlml.calstate.edu; Planktos, www.planktos.com; Oceana, www.oceana.org.

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Dear EarthTalk: What's going to happen to the U.S. solar industry when the federal solar investment tax credit expires next year? - Victoria Chase, Washington, DC

In the U.S., a new solar project was installed every three minutes in 2014, and jobs in the solar industry rose from 15,000 employees in 2005 to nearly 174,000 today. This substantial growth is in large part thanks to the Energy Policy Act of 2005's 30 percent Investment Tax Credit (ITC) for commercial and residential solar energy systems. In 2007, after only one year of implementation, the ITC led to the doubling of installed solar electric capacity. In 2008, Congress passed an eight-year extension of the ITC, allowing solar to become the fastest growing energy source in the U.S. Solar has also become much more affordable: The average installed cost per watt has dropped from around \$7.50 in 2009 to \$2.89 in 2013.

After December 2016, the ITC solar credit will drop from 30 percent to 10 percent and the residential credit will drop to zero—unless Congress extends this deadline. Large companies are currently making significant solar investments before the solar tax credit deadline arrives. In February 2015, Apple announced that it would spend \$848 million over 25 years to buy 130 megawatts of electricity from First Solar's California Flats Solar Project in Monterey County. The project, which will occupy 2,900 acres of land in Cholame, California, is the solar industry's largest-ever corporate power purchase agreement.

"Apple's commitment was instrumental in making this project possible and will significantly increase the supply of solar power in California," said Joe Kishkill, First Solar's chief commercial officer. "Over time, the renewable energy from California Flats will provide cost savings over alternative sources of energy as well as substantially lower environmental impact."

Two weeks after Apple's announcement, Google announced that they would be making a \$300 million investment with SolarCity, America's largest solar provider, for residential solar projects across 14 states and the District of Columbia. The SolarCity fund, which totals \$750 million, is the largest of its kind ever created for residential solar power. "We're happy to support SolarCity's mission to help families reduce their carbon footprint and energy costs," said Sidd Mundra, Renewable Energy Principal at Google. "It's good for the environment, good for families and also makes good business sense."

Duke Energy has also played a major role in catapulting solar energy in North Carolina, which ranked third among states during the third quarter of 2014 in installed capacity, according to the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA). Duke Energy's \$500 million solar expansion plan includes their recent approval to build three solar farms in eastern North Carolina that will total 128 megawatts of capacity.

"These projects will help provide significant amounts of cost-effective renewable energy to benefit our customers," said Rob Caldwell, Duke Energy's senior vice president for distributed energy resources.

To allow solar to continue to soar, the 2016 U.S. Budget includes proposals "to reform and renew tax credits that incentivize the deployment of wind, solar, and carbon capture sequestration technologies." Ken Johnson, chief spokesman for SEIA, says that his group plans to lobby Congress to extend the credit. "That's our top priority for this session of Congress," he said, adding that developers across the solar industry are "trying to do as much as possible before it drops to 10 percent in 2017."

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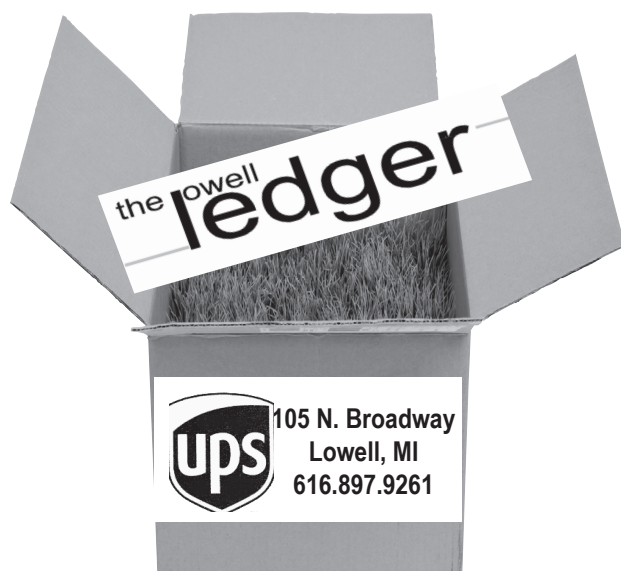
In the matter of
NANCEE LEE MATHIS,
an Incapacitated
Individual.

TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS including:
Donald Lang, son, and
any other unlocated
or unknown heirs,
whose address(es)
is/are unknown and
whose interest in the
matter may be barred
or affected by the
following:

TAKE NOTICE: A
hearing will be held
on April 29, 2015 at
10:00 am at 180 Ottawa
NW, Ste. 2500, Grand
Rapids, MI 49503
before Judge David M.
Murkowski (P35026) for
the following purpose:
on the Petition to Modify
Guardianship.

March 2, 2015

Deborah L. Koza
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Wyoming, MI 49519
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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP Notice of Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing

The residents of Vergennes Township will hold an Annual Meeting on Monday, March 16, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Regular March Board Meeting at 7. There will be opportunity for residents to comment on any issue regarding the state of the township. The proposed 2015-16 budget will be reviewed and considered for adoption during the Regular Meeting. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Township offices.

The Annual Meeting, Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting will all be held at the township offices located at the intersection of Bailey Drive and Parnell Road, address of 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331.

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1. Libra symbol
6. Weep convulsively
9. Under-dress garment
13. Knucklehead
14. *Some Watergate burglars had worked for it
15. On the rocks
16. **"Fear of Flying" author, given name
17. *"___ My Children"
18. Gossipmonger's information
19. *iPod predecessor, debuted in Japan in '79
21. *Its fall ushered the end of Vietnam War
23. Snakelike reef dweller
24. You can't have this and eat it too?
25. Business school reward
28. Tibetan teacher
30. #20 Down, to Shakespeare
35. Miner's bounty, pl.
37. Measles symptom
39. Dictation taker
40. Signal receiver
41. *Punk rock, e.g.
43. "I'm ___ you!"
44. Kindle content
46. ___ lamp
47. *Travolta and Newton-John, e.g.
48. Historically, they were sent to colonies
50. Sacred Hindu writings
52. *Martial artist
53. Ambience
55. Genetic initials
57. Like a bikini?
60. *Type of men's suit
64. The present
65. Calendar square
67. Forty-niner, e.g.
68. Arabian chieftain

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March 4 - March 10

- South Carolina wildlife officials made a rare rescue of an endangered 500-pound leatherback sea turtle, which was stranded on a remote beach on Monday. It is the first living leatherback turtle to be recovered in South Carolina and one of only a handful ever treated at rehabilitation facilities in the U.S.



- A large yacht washed up on the beach at North Island Naval base in California. Lifeguards say the ship hit the shore in the middle of a flash storm two weeks ago and was most likely worth more than \$200,000.
- Monday, the deaths of Olympic swimmer Camille Muffat, Olympic boxer Alexis Vastine and yachtswoman Florence Arthaud were among 10 people killed when two helicopters collided in a remote region of Argentina during the filming of a reality TV show.
- Two University of Oklahoma students were expelled Tuesday after being identified as leaders of a racist chant captured on video during a fraternity event. After the video surfaced late Sunday evening, the university president severed ties with the fraternity chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and ordered its house shuttered Monday.

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1. Old World duck
 2. Countess of Grantham, "Downton Abbey"
 3. Seed coat
 4. English philosopher John
 5. Canine's coat
 6. *First clinical CT- or Cat-___ in '71
 7. *Subject of 1970s crisis
 8. Model-building wood
 9. Like a bug in a rug
 10. Stretched ride
 11. Clickable picture
 12. For every
 15. Bay windows
 20. Eye opener
 22. *Arthur Herbert Fonzarelli, ___ "The Fonz"
 24. Source of tapioca and a staple in the tropics
 25. *Cheryl Tiegs or Beverly Johnson, e.g.
 26. Palm grease
 27. Famous fabulist
 29. Sledgehammer
 31. At the summit of
 32. Of the kidneys
 33. Undo laces
 34. *She had a hit TV sitcom
 36. Old Woman's home
 38. Bee home
 42. Military group
 45. *Kramer's opponent
 49. Small amount of liquid food
 51. *"___ House"
 54. Actress Winona
 56. Out of the way
 57. Not all
 58. Capped joint
 59. Like a decorated cake
 60. Cleaning cabinet supplies
 61. Backward arrow command
 62. Seabiscuit control
 63. European sea eagle
 64. A Bobbsey twin
 66. Present plural of "be"

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Odyssey of the Mind teams compete at regional tournament

Imagine listening to a meteorologist making a wacky weather forecast speaking in rhyme or putting a video game spin on the story of Pandora's Box. Have you ever felt forgetful and exclaimed, "I'm losing my marbles!"

These are all parts of solutions to problems used by Lowell Odyssey of the Mind teams at the Region 13 competition at Greenville Middle School. Lowell was represented by five teams made up of students from all four elementary schools, the middle and high school. The teams competed by presenting their solutions to a problem they have been solving since early in the school year, as well as solving a problem that was unknown to them until one minute before they had

to solve the problem. The teams are scored by how well their solutions solved the problem, how creative their solutions were and how well they worked together as a team.

Securing first-place finishes and qualifying for the State Finals tournament was the Division 1 "Lose Your Marbles" team from Murray Lake Elementary, the Division 2 "Lose Your Marbles" team from Lowell Middle School and the Division 3 "Lose Your Marbles" team from Lowell High School. For this problem, the teams designed and built a structure made of only balsa wood and glue weighing no more than 18 grams that balanced and supported as much weight as possible. The team also had to make a team-

created device that removed pieces of the structure and released five marbles one at a time. The testing of their structure was presented in a performance that integrated the theme "Losing Your Marbles."

Other teams that performed at the competition were the Division 1 "Pandora's Box" team and the primary division "Wacky Weather Warning" team.

The complete list of scores can be found online at www.miodyssey.com under the Region 13 competition page.

The State Finals competition will be held March 21 at Thornapple Kellogg schools in Middleville. Teams that do well at the State competition will be invited

to compete at the World Finals competition May 20-23 at Michigan State University. The Odyssey of the Mind program fosters creative thinking

and problem-solving skills among kindergarten through college-level students from around the world. New teams will be forming in

the fall if you have a student that may be interested in participating. Watch for information at your school building in the fall.



The division 2 "Lose Your Marbles" team, left to right: coach Mark Looman, Phoebe Looman, John Lothian, Jake Cleaver, Logan DeKok, Conner DeKok, Tyler Spinella, Jared Sweet and coach Ryan Lothian.



The Division 1 "Lose Your Marbles" team, left to right: coach Ryan Lothian, Luci Foreman, Elly Looman, Hayden Lowrie, Nicholas Lothian, Josh Momany, Hunter Stepanovich and coach Lori Lothian.



The division 3 "Lose Your Marbles" team, left to right: Abigail Kastanek, Leah Bredwell, Chloe Looman, Leanna Rose, coach Mark Looman and missing is Thomas Hubert.

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