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lead reporter The Lowell Area Radio Club will participate in the American Radio Relay League's annual field day event. They will set up their equipment in Stoney Lakeside Park and start broadcasting at noon on Saturday, June 23. They'll keep broadcasting until noon on Sunday, June 24.

"This is an event where the ARRL tries to get clubs or individuals to go out into the field and work with whatever equipment you've got to try and make contacts," said LARC member Del Rockwell. "It's trying to simulate an emergency when you have to get in contact with people. We try and do it out in the public so people who don't know much about amateur radio have a chance to check it out. Our main goal is really to try and get people who don't know anything about amateur radio involved in it."

During field day, amateur radio operators and clubs all over the country take their equipment into the public and set it up as they would if there was a real emergency situation. But instead of frantic chats with rescue workers during a disaster, they will be using the equipment to see how many radio contacts they can make during a 24 hour period. Last year the Lowell club made over 1,700 contacts, including all 50 states and in nearly every Canadian province. They will also have an opportunity for



members of the public to try their hand at broadcasting.

"We will have a GOTA station set up, that means 'get on the air," Rockwell said. "It is for people that don't have an amateur license or just got one recently. It is our intention to get them in front of a radio, in front of a microphone and get them talking to somebody out there. That's for everybody."

As of 2016 there were 801,424 amateur radio operators in the United States. Amateur radio was used extensively in Puerto Rico when Hurricane Maria struck last September and knocked out most of the island's communications.

"It's possible. Everybody says it'll never happen, but it happened in Puerto Rico. There were no phones," Rockwell said. "We sent around 50 amateur radio operators down there and during the first week or two they sent a lot of health and welfare information back to family members outside of Puerto Rico. We had several different places with radios set up around the island. They would write out what they wanted to say, to whom and how to contact them. This message was broadcast to an operator in the United States and those messages would get relayed to their loved ones."

Boy Scouts can actually earn a merit badge by attending this event.

"The Boy Scouts have a radio merit badge; a couple of us are merit badge counselors," Rockwell said. "We can teach them about radio, get them on the air and go through the whole merit badge process in that day. They walk away with another merit badge."

For more information about the Lowell Amateur Radio Club, visit w8lrc. org or attend one of their meetings, held every Thursday from 7 pm until 9 pm at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton, Suite 112. To check out pictures from last year's ARRL field day in Lowell, visit /2017-larc-field-day.

"If you're a geek or a nerd, it's a good place to be," Rockwell said. "This event is a really fun time."

Food service updates, retirement & book donation topics at school board meeting

by Tim McAllister lead reporter

The Lowell Area Schools board of education had their latest regular meeting in the Runciman Building on Monday, June 11. The meeting lasted 33 minutes and was attended by nine local residents.

Lowell Area Schools' service director Mindy Grant gave a special presentation informing the board on updates and changes in her department, including the retirement of beloved lunch lady Darlene

Waldron, more recycling, the hiring of a "district chef' and the increased use of local ingredients in school lunches.

"We completely redid the serving area [at the high school]," Grant said. "It's got a more 'college campus' kind of feel instead of the high school, K-12, institutional... I think of Adam Sandler's 'Lunch Lady Land.' I really hate that. I love [the song], I think it's funny, but when we think of food service, think it's going to take a lot of years to break that mold."

Author Hope Jahren donated 20 hardcover copies of her book "Lab Girl," valued at \$46.95, to the Lowell High School library. The 2016 book received the National Book Critics Circle award for Autobiography, won the American Associate for the Advancement of Science prize for Excellence in Science Books, was a finalist for the PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science

that's what we think of. I Writing award and was named one of the best books of 2016 by the Washington Post, the New York Times, Time Magazine, NPR, Slate, Entertainment Weekly, Newsday, the Minneapolis Star Tribune and Kirkus Reviews. The book will be reviewed by high school staff before copies are placed on library shelves or used in curriculum.

The next school board meeting will be in the Runciman Building, 300 High St., on Monday, July 9 at 7 pm.



Lowell Area Schools food service director Mindy Grant they're using more local produce in school lunches.

Newsprint tariffs threaten printing & publishing industry

by Tim McAlliste

The "Trump tariffs" of 25 percent on steel and 10 percent on aluminum imported from the European Union, Canada and Mexico, have been widely reported on in the media. However, in addition to those on steel and aluminum, since the beginning of the year there have also been hefty "Trump tariffs" on newsprint.

Earlier this year, the North Pacific Paper Company in Washington filed a petition with the US Department of Commerce alleging that certain Canadian mills were dumping paper in the US at an artificially low price. As a result, the government placed tariffs as high as 32 percent on newsprint imported from Canada.

On June 7, a bill [HR 6031] was introduced by Rep. Kristi Noem of South Dakota that would put the tariffs on hold until the commerce department can "study the negative impact the tariffs have on our hometown newspapers." The bill was co-sponsored by 12 members of Congress, including one Democrat, Rep. Charlie Crist of Florida.

"In recent years, new tariffs on Canadian newsprint have increased paper prices by 20 to 30 percent," Noem said in a press release. "That's significant. A paper that services around 20,000 customers, for instance, could see paper costs rise by about a quarter-million dollars annually, threatening the newspaper's survival."

The House bill was similar to a bill introduced in the

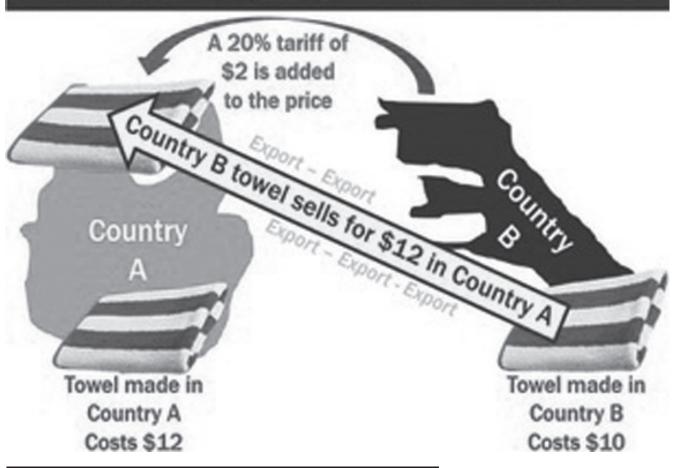
Senate [S.2835] on May 14 by Sen. Susan Collins of Maine.

"The US printing and publishing industry is facing an unprecedented threat from crippling new import tariffs imposed on Canadian groundwood uncoated paper, better known as newsprint, which is used by newspapers, book publishers and commercial printers," Collins said in a press release. "As a senator representing one of our nation's leading papermaking states, I have consistently fought for actions to ensure a level playing field for the domestic papermaking industry. In this case, however, one domestic mill owned by a venture capital firm appears to be taking advantage of trade remedies to add to its own bottom line, putting thousands of American jobs at risk. I encourage my colleagues to support this bipartisan bill to fully evaluate the economic impact of these tariffs before they harm our local newspapers and printing industries."

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau recently announced \$16.6 billion in retaliatory tariffs against the US.

"The numbers are clear, the United States has a \$2 billion surplus in steel trade with Canada," Trudeau said during a May 31 press conference. "That Canada could be considered a national security risk to the United States is inconceivable. [...] Let me be clear, these tariffs are totally unacceptable."

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LowellArts players present "Our Time" beginning June 15

lead reporter Over the next two weekends, the LowellArts Players will present the West Michigan premiere of "Our Time," an autobiographical comedy/drama about young people breaking into the world of Los Angeles comedy in 1975. The play was written by Ken Levine, an Emmy winner who has written, produced or directed dozens of episodes of TV shows like Frasier, the Simpsons, M*A*S*H, Cheers, Everybody Loves Raymond, Dharma and Greg and Wings.

This has been an unusually anxious production for LowellArts. The first problem was when they had to change which play to perform after they were unable to find a cast for their first choice.

"Originally we were going to do 'Going Going Gone,' another play by Ken Levine," said co-director "However, Brent Alles. we couldn't quite find the correct casting for that one. When I informed Ken about that, he let me know that he had this other play available about four young people in the 70s trying to make their way in comedy: 'Our Time.' Since I'm a big comedy nerd and a huge 70s fan in general, this was right up my alley. Exploring the world of the beginning of Saturday Night Live, the heyday of the sitcom, the Comedy Store in Los Angeles, etc. While it hurt to leave 'Going Going Gone' behind, we're still hoping to do it in the future. It's been awesome bringing this other hilarious work of Ken's to life. It's not a farce, but it's a comedic look at four young people and their struggles to break into the world of comedy in LA. While there are some serious

elements, there are a lot of laughs to be had as well. There is adult language and adult situations are portrayed in this play [but] I don't think it's gratuitous. I think it's how the characters would speak in real life."

Even after switching plays, they still had trouble with casting. They were so desperate to cast the "Bobby" role that, at one point, director Alles was considering taking it on himself.

"Our biggest struggle was finding a Bobby," Alles said. "Originally, I was going to play it, since I could probably do it acting wise, but I wasn't really the right age. I'm 43. So, we struggled and struggled to find someone, with me as the last resort back-up choice. One day, Zack's mom passed an email around saying that we were still looking for a young actor and Sam thankfully came forward. He's a recent high school graduate from East Grand Rapids, so he's actually playing older rather than playing younger, but he does it beautifully. He's a fantastic young actor and it's great to work with him as well. I was very glad that we found Sam to play Bobby, as it meant that I could totally focus on directing, rather than having to be a reluctant 'double threat' actor and director."

One of the stars of 'Our Time' is a former child actor who has been working with director Alles since he was a little boy.

"We had to get twentysomethings for this," Alles said. "I didn't want to 'Wet Hot American Summer' the play; that is, have 40-yearolds pretend to be in their 20s. Allison Kavanaugh is Sarah, Zack Conrad is Alan, Sam VanderVeen is Bobby and Rob Freund is Doug. Allison was a carryover from 'Going Going Gone.' We had cast her for a role in that play. We think she's brilliant, so we were very glad that she wanted to join us on this new adventure, and she's perfect as Sarah. [The casting of] Zack Conrad is kind of a funny story. I once cast him as a puppy in a children's play I was doing, and after he did other children's productions with me during his formative

Alles' co-director, Rob Freund, is acting in the production.

"Rob was originally slated to direct 'Going Going Gone,' as I was going to play one of the parts in that show, Big Jim," Alles said. "When we switched to 'Our Time,' Rob was closer in age to what we needed for the character Doug. I definitely knew he could pull off the role, which is sort of an amalgam of Robin Williams and popular

DJs of the 1970s. Although Rob primarily switched to acting for 'Our Time,' I still consider him a co-director in this production, as we've planned everything out together from day one. I may have a bit more experience in directing than Rob does, but Rob is always my righthand man when it comes to putting on shows, and it's been a team effort all the way with this one."

You can see Ken Levine's 'Our Time' at LowellArts on June 15, 16, 22 and 23. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. To purchase your tickets call 616-897-8545 or visit lowellartsmi.



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Second Lowell Business Brew set for June 27

Bright and early on May 23, nearly two dozen Lowell-area business owners gathered for the inaugural Business Brew. Held at Big Boiler Brewing, participants learned more about the best tips for marketing and communications from three area women who are experts in their field.

Laura Huth-Rhoades of Do Good Consulting, Brianna Furlong of Management Support Services and Jeanne Noorman of Jeannenoorman. com have banded together as volunteers to provide the area business community with free marketing and communications advice on a monthly basis. Those interested can learn more and see the group's schedule, tips and topics at www. lowellbusinessbrew.com

The trio is excited for their second Business Brew event to be held Wednesday, June 27 at Big Boiler. They are encouraging businesses or nonprofits in the greater Lowell area, that could use new energy, fresh ideas and free input from communication or marketing experts, to attend.

Melissa Andreychuk attended the first Business Brew and one of the 1-on-1 sessions with Huth-Rhoades. "I am excited to utilize what I learned," she said. "I definitely took some great tidbits of information with me and will definitely be back next month." Andreychuk operates Zzzen Yoga, which offers yoga parties, private and community events and employee wellness yoga.

June 27's session will begin with a free, no registration required session from 8-8:30 am when Huth-Rhoades, Furlong and Noorman will share their hottest ideas of free ways to advertise and spread the word. There will be free morning libations and nibbles for attendees.

Then from 8:30-9 am and again at 9-9:30 am,

7AM and Friday

Huth-Rhoades, Furlong and Noorman will each be offering free 1-on-1 30-minute clinics to those wanting private consulting help. Those interested need to pre-register with the volunteer consultant of their choice. Issues the experts can help with include updated web copy, brochure or handout copy, press releases, social media advice, special event planning and a lot more

"Between the three of us, our expertise in marketing and communications is pretty vast," says Noorman. "Regardless of what someone might need, I'm sure one of us experts can help!"

The trio have dubbed themselves the "Brew Crew" and say they are passionate about marketing and communications.

"We're donating our time to area businesses to help them grow and generate new ideas," says Furlong.

There are six private consulting slots available with the Brew Crew beginning at 8:30 or 9 am on June 27. Those interested can go to www.lowellbusinessbrew.com/register to sign up.

"Business Brew clinics are like having a free marketing expert on your team," says Huth-Rhoades. "Think of us as your temporary – and free – marketing staffers!"

Business Brew is always free and is held on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 8-9:30 am at Big Boiler Brewing. Partners of this event include Big Boiler Brewing, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Sweet Seasons, and Kim Feenstra Photography.



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There are many reasons different why people fish and hunt. Usually an individual can give multiple explanations for their interest in pursuing fish and game.

At one time, hunting wildlife and gathering natural foods was necessary for subsistence. Survival depended on our ancestor's ability to be knowledgeable about food sources and to develop skills to enable them to successfully harvest plants and animals. This is still true for some people.

In our modern culture and economy most of us can rely on others to provide our food. Even today though,

we can still obtain healthy nutrition directly nature's bounty. Naturally obtained food is a bonus for those who fish, gather and hunt. There are reports indicating that about half of new young hunters list seeking a natural source of food as the number one reason they hunt.

Getting outside nature for exercise and relaxation has become more difficult to do as the world around us changes. Fishing and hunting can provide the incentive to get out and about in nature. Learning and practicing the skills passed down from our ancestors present a challenge which creates interest and excitement and draws us out to interact with the natural world. Spending time with family is also not as easy as when the family or group worked together with a common purpose in a subsistence or agrarian society. Hunting and fishing provides that opportunity, as well as a way to pass down the culture and skills to the next generation.

Fishermen and hunters through federal taxes on equipment and license fees provide the majority of funding for fish and management, wildlife and the acquisition and improvement of habitat. All citizens benefit from these programs, so buy a license whether or not you hunt or fish if you want to help.

If someone finds themselves uneasy in the artificial environment of concrete, glass, noise, and virtual reality, turn off the phone before you leave the driveway and head for the woods and water. Hunting game, catching fish, and gathering food can bring one back to a time when we were an integral part of nature. Doing so will take one to new places, new people, and unique experiences not always listed in the travel brochures.

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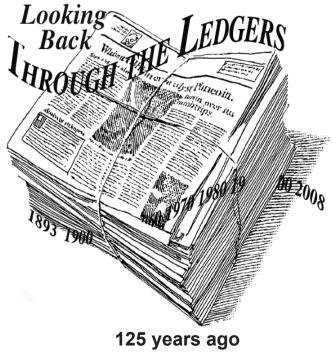
Among the graduates this year is Claradell Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Hill of Lowell, who is the eighth member of her family to graduate from Lowell high school, the others being Mary Janet who graduated in 1930, James in 1931, Betty and Robert Orton in 1936, Joe in 1937, Charles in 1940 and Gordon in 1941. This record may be approached by the Stormzand family. Lillian Stormzand, also a member of this year's graduating class, is the fifth in her family to reach this goal, with two more to follow, which would make their family record seven graduates from Lowell high.

It is reported that a number of fires throughout the state, with three of them being in this locality within the past few months, are being investigated by authorities. While nothing definite is known relative to how any of the three fires, which are of local interest, started, there is a suspicion that with a world war on the fires may have been the work of some person interested in furthering the aims of the Axis powers. Two of the fires were connected with supplying war supplies in food and materials. The first one was the burning of the large flour mill of the King Milling Company at Lowell, in the production of flour, much of which went to supply this nation and its allies. The other fire which destroyed a plant producing war material, was that of the Universal Metal Products Company. The other fire was the one which destroyed the flour mill at Smyrna, and which while not engaged in milling at the time it was destroyed, would be a target for any Axis firebug, just because it was a mill and a potential source of more flour for the Allies. The District O. P. A. Office at Grand Rapids has received increasing reports of violations among consumers, who may not realize that they are in violation when they transfer unused red and blue ration stamps to friends or to storekeepers. Shoe and gasoline dealers are warned against the practice of accepting loose ration coupons. The O. P. A. advises that it will put its enforcement program into effect.

50 years ago **Lowell Ledger** June 13, 1968

Grass fires along the C&O railroad tracks continue to plague Lowell fire volunteers. The city firemen again were called out Monday to put out blazing fields along a stretch of tracks extending north and south of Lowell. According to Fire Chief Baker, the cause of these fires are due to hot sparks spouting out of the railroad company engines. On Monday afternoon the volunteers and two fire trucks responded to alarms coming from Pratt Lake Rd. crossing; a railway stretch at McPherson Rd; and again further north to 4-Mile Rd. The Vergennes Township volunteers were called in to assist, Baker said.

A lifetime honorary membership in the West Central Michigan Historical Society was presented to Norton Louis Avery by the officers and board members of the organization recently. Mr. Avery, one of the founders and a charter member of the society, was so honored in recognition of the invaluable contribution he has



Lowell Journal June 14, 1893

Our efficient nightwatch, C. D. Blakeslee, has been appointed officer of the Humane Society and appointed deputy sheriff for the purposes of that office.

Nightwatch Blakeslee is boarding out, his home being quarintined on account of diphtheria. His youngest child, Harrison, is the sufferer.

On account of the extremely dull wheat market the quality of the wheat will be looked to closer than ever and it would be good business sense for the farmer to cut out, while he can, all growing rye in his wheat. It is a small job now and will pay you well.

Rev. James Provan has just received a box of books from Europe containing some of the latest literature published among the number is a work now complete in 7 vols. It is a new and original work of reference to all the words in the English language and is entitled, "The Encyclopoedic Dictionary." Specialists from all parts of the world have been employed under the editorial care

Last Wednesday Justice Perry fined Orlo Williams and Will Murphy \$8 and \$10 respectively for fighting. They fought on the same side, but justice decided that their cause was wrong.

The W. R. C. will serve strawberries and ice cream, in the vacant store one door east of Winegar's shoe store, Saturday afternoon and evening.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 13, 1918

With this number The Ledger begins its twentysixth year, under the management of its founder and present editor. We are too busy to celebrate this silver anniversary as we often planned; and prefer to donate the money to war work, thus making a virtue of necessity. We are not going to throw any bouquets at ourselves nor to solicit any from others. Our record of twenty-five years speaks for itself. We hope there has been more of good than evil, more of truth than of error, more of success than of failure and more of help than of detriment. Mistakes there have been, of course, for we are human; but always our aim has been to make the paper such that the community would be better because The Ledger was published in it. The future who can tell? The present has its all sufficient duty. Let us do it; and trust the Eternal for what lies beyond.

We are saving "Good bye" this week to our good townsman, friend and brother, Eustace A. Anderson. He is Lowell's Fourth Liberty Loan to Uncle Sam. We are not giving him for keeps; but just making a loan; and shall claim our own after the war. Mr. Anderson is a wide awake, public spirited man, who has seen his duty in the war and is going to it loyally and unselfishly. The Ledger people are indebted to him for much valuable and kindly aid and we have come to appreciate his worth just as we are to lose him for a time. However, The Ledger and its readers will not be forgotten by him. We shall expect such details of life "over there" as the censor will permit. In return our weekly letter from home. The Lowell Ledger, will be forwarded to him regularly until he comes home. Brother, good bye; and a speedy and safe return.

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affected. Fluid from blisters does not spread the rash. Untreated, the rash will last two to three weeks.

Smaller localized rashes are typically just with over-thetreated medications, counter including antihistamines and topical steroids. Cool compresses and bathing in cool water containing oatmeal based bath products also help. More severe or involved rashes may require oral steroids (prednisone).

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Northern Michigan University announces the dean's list for the winter 2018 semester. Collin McGee, of Lowell, qualified with a grade point average of 4.00. Hunter Bronkema, Megan Khodl, Erin Overholt, Claire Siebert and Mary Simmons, all of Ada, qualified with a grade point average of 3.50-3.99.

Northern Michigan announces University its May 2018 graduates. Satisfing their degree requirements were Ada students: Sarah Gage, certificate, welding; Sarah Gage, Associates of Applied Science, building technology; Claire Siebert, Associates of Applied Science, radiography; Hunter Bronkema, Bachelor of Science, psychology/ graduate prep, cum laude; Christina Fragel, Bachelor of Science, biology; and Kamila Hazel, Bachelor of Fine Arts, art and design.

Ian James Kastner, of Ada, was among the more than 4,000 Baylor University students named to the dean's academic honor list for the 2018 spring semester. Students honored on the dean's list are Baylor undergraduates with a minimum gradepoint average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Carly Greenhoe, a 2010 Lowell graduate, earned her Doctorate of Pharmacology from Concordia University in Mequon, WI. She will practice in South Haven at Moore Family Pharmacy. She is the daughter of Thomas and Deborah Greenhoe.

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students as part of its annual Leaders and Achievers® Scholarship Program. Among these students is Emily Kropf, a senior at Lowell High School, of Lowell. The program, funded by the Comcast Foundation, is a one-time, \$1,000 scholarship awarded to the best and brightest high school seniors for their community service, academic performance and leadership skills. Since 2001, more than \$28 million has been awarded to nearly 27,000 high school seniors across the country.

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Get dirty for a cause at mud bog Sat., June 23

by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

Big muddy tires plus big generous hearts tally up to Aron's Shagbark Mud Bog, a popular, semiannual event that invites the community to get dirty for a cause.

The all-day event, scheduled for June 23 this summer, started out as a private affair hosted on the property of Aron Bravata. "I began the event in 1999 with a handful of friends and a few small trucks," explained Bravata, who heads up the bog alongside Blistered Off Road, AB Sports and a dedicated group of volunteers. "Due to the huge growth, we moved to Shagbark Farm to make improvements with safety and size capacity."

Since 2015 it's been located at 7525 Alaska Ave. SE. The event's growth also spurred on a charitable spirit after dollars started pouring in for the popular mud bog t-shirts. "There is always someone in need. Someone who can be positively affected by a unsolicited gift from within their local community," said Bravata.

The group, along with vendors, have given monetary gifts derived from sales to local veterans' causes and families facing difficult situations, such as cancer, accidental injury

or even unexpected death. Last year's recipient, the Gonzales Family, lost their 11 year old daughter in an automobile accident. "A longtime volunteer, Angie Adgate, came forward with the Gonzalez family story. Such a tragic accident. It made a lot of sense for us to do what we could to help," said Bravata, who reported a \$5,000 donation to the family in the wake of their loss.

The donations gave the mud bog a whole new meaning, transforming from just fun to fundraiser. According to Bravata, "Helping people in need is always great. It makes everyone proud to be a part of it. From those of us volunteering to make it happen, to all those who purchase the apparel. You can only hope it sparks other random acts of kindness in and around our communities."

The family-friendly event will open its gates at 9 am and run all day with mud scheduled to fly at noon.

Entry fee is \$10 per spectator and free to those 10 and under. Attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy Shagbark farmraised burgers hot off the grill along with other food and fare. "It's a



Crowds gather around the mud pit to catch a glimpse of the action. (Photo supplied by Adgate)



crazy fun day with tons of action. We have an open pit format. Which means you drive wherever you like, however you like, so you never know what you will see happen. The sole purpose is fun in the mud with family and friends. We focus on the safety of everyone and having good times. We receive many thanks for having the bogs. It's great when kids young and old thank you and say it's their favorite thing all year," said Bravata.

Industrial strength assistance at the popular fundraiser. (Photo supplied by Adgate)

Kids explore pioneer life at Fallasburg Village summer camp

by Tim McAllister

Every year, the Lowell Area Historical Museum offers a summer camp that explores different historical topics. This year they're doing an English pioneer life summer camp at Fallasburg Historical Village Tuesday, June 26 from 9 am until 2:30 pm. The camp is designed for ages seven through 14 and will include crafts, special tours and a chance to try some activities from that era.

"Kids love the pioneer Fallasburg camps at Village," said Lowell Area Historical Museum executive director Lisa Plank. "The village enables them to picture themselves in a different time. They get to choose from some fun activities that are designed to be hands on and fun while exploring parts of the past. They also love

eating lunch at the one room schoolhouse and exploring the village. We will be serving the kids tea with tasty baked goods to give them the experience of having an English tea. Fallasburg Village is the perfect place for a pioneer summer camp. Many of the early buildings built by settlers to the area still stand today. The campers will be able to take a step back in time and get a sense of what early villages in our area felt like. Campers will get a chance to participate in activities in the one room schoolhouse, the Fallas house and the Misner house. In addition, Fallasburg Historical Society president Ken Tamke will lead the campers on a history hike exploring the village and covered bridge."

Campers can choose

one of four pioneer actvities: making a folk toy, making a candle, making a model wooden bridge or "literature to life," which involves wearing costumes and putting on a play.

"One of the options [this year] for an activity at the camp is making a folk craft," Plank said. "Folk crafts are handmade decorative objects or toys. Other activities to choose from this year include candle making, model bridge building and putting on a play using our costumes."

For even more authenticity beyond the pioneer setting at Fallasburg Village, campers are encouraged to dress like pioneers and bring a 'pioneer lunch.'

"Campers are welcome to wear a pioneer outfit but it is not required," Plank said. "There are many patterns available for clothes. They can also be purchased online through historic clothing merchants or pieced together from clothes they already have Pioneer children would have brought lunches that included things like apples, bread, baked goods. baked potatoes, anything seasonally available at home. There would not have been refrigeration or prepackaged food available and food would be wrapped up in cloth or paper."

The cost for the English pioneer life summer camp at Fallasburg Village is \$10 per person. Bottled water will be provided, but campers should bring their own lunches. For more information, call 616-897-7688 or visit lowellmuseum.

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Nazarene receives Extreme Church Makeover

by Tim McAlliste

Lowell Church The of the Nazarene, 201 N. Washington, underwent an 'Extreme Church Makeover' last week. A group of about 75 volunteers from the Michigan District Church of the Nazarene spent Thursday, June 7 through Saturday, June 9 gutting and repairing the historic church. The church, which has been painted bright white since the 1930s, is now gray with white trim.

"Our church needed attention, so we have about 75 volunteers here from churches all over the Michigan district," said Mark Hardy, the church's brand new pastor. "By Saturday, this will be a totally different church, a totally different corner. Since 1934, there has always been a white church on this corner, nothing else. The church is no longer

going to be a white church. it's going to be gray with white trim. They started by painting the steeple and they're working their way down. All new landscaping is getting done; the parking lot in a couple weeks will be redone; we're upgrading all our lighting to LED lights so we'll be as green as we possibly can be; we're repainting the sanctuary; taking care of the children's church area; doing new sound panels and paint in the fellowship hall where our youth ministry meets; and so much more. We couldn't hire this out, it would be too expensive. You can get a lot of work done with over 70 volunteers, you just have to be organized."

Most of the work will be done in this three day spurt, but Hardy said they have plans for more construction to come. "We received a grant from the Oldham Little Church Foundation in Houston, TX who gave us a \$9,500 grant to replace all of our sanctuary windows," Hardy said. "That will be done in about three or four weeks. In a few years we'll be replacing all the heating and air conditioning units with more efficient ones."

Hardy, a native of Boston, has been the Lowell church's pastor since Dec. 28, 2017.

"I just got done pastoring in Cape May, NJ for two years," Hardy said. "I was a pastor for 13 years before that in Pitman, NJ. Now I'm just fresh and new to this community. I came here to get this church going back in the right direction. They some needed good leadership. When I got here they had 21 people who were discouraged because of poor leadership. In December, our



Workers demolishing the church's front steps.



Mark Hardy, the church's brand new pastor, previously worked at parishes in Massachusetts and New Jersey.



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Workers started painting at the steeple and worked their way down.

congregation had 21 people. We're now averaging about 45 to 50. The church has new life, new excitement. They just needed someone to care for them, that's all they needed."

Because it's a historic church, the structure has not had many updates or upgrades during its existence.

"This church has been on this corner since about 1934," Hardy said. "The original church was a Methodist church from somewhere up north that they took apart, put on a horse and buggy, brought down here and put back together. There were some additions in the 60s and 70s. Also, we were the first church in this town to have air conditioning in our sanctuary. That original air conditioning is still here, but it's probably going to be upgraded."

For more information about the Lowell Church of the Nazarene, call 616-897-8800, visit lowellnaz.org or find them on Facebook.





The church, white since the 30s (above), was recently painted gray (below).







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Learning skills for a lifetime in Lowell Bass Club

by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

Acting on behalf of his avid fisherman offspring, Lowell High School parent Cortland Skoog launched a new club three years ago that is a real catch.

"I am the head coach for the Lowell Bass Club (LBC)," said Skoog in a recent interview about the little known group of anglers. "We started the club three years ago at the request of my son and a couple of his friends who knew how to fish for anything. When we started I had anglers who knew very little about fishing from a boat, let alone knew about how to target large mouth bass. The boys had some idea about fishing the local ponds around town and fishing the Flat River but that is only a small piece of what they know now."

Currently consisting of nine male LHS students (females are welcome), the weekly club meets to discuss topics such as

seasonal patterns, bait and appropriate equipment options and care. Skoog uses 23 years of bass tournament fishing experience answer questions and offer guidance. "The boys come to the meetings with an open mind and listen to what I've taught them and are now having a lot of success in the high school events. I'm very proud of that. I have a great group from around here and the community has helped us tremendously."

Fishing in two-person teams along with a boat captain, LBC members have traveled throughout Michigan competing in local and state tournaments collecting some notable wins and placements along the way. Some first-place victories include the 2017 Wabasis Lake Tournament and their own 2018 Lowell Bass Classic at Mecosta Lake. The team placed second in total weight at the 2017 and third in 2018 at the Sportsman's Ministry Tournament; third and

fourth at the Croton Pond Tournament this season; and second at the Gull Lake event. While education, experience and community are the true focuses of the club Skoog said they also appreciate the accolades of a win. "We like the hardware as it reaffirms our teaching and their execution on tournament days."

Another reward of the fun and competitive activity is the inherent problem solving skills learned from the act of trying to nab the big one. "I think the anglers are gaining knowledge on how to fish in a very competitive environment and how to solve the puzzles on the water as to where the fish are and how to catch them," explained Skoog. "Bass eat a wide variety of baits and live in all places in the water column so they get to problem solve every time we go out on the water."

Dedicated team mom Kim Doyle worked along during the startup process and the team has since

Members of the Lowell Bass Club sporting recently earned tournament hardware. (Photo provided by Skoog)

added a second team mom with the addition of Tessa Misner and the knowledge and water craft of assistant coaches Jack Proctor Sr. and Steve Misner. "Tessa and Kim keep us organized and on budget; Steve is a great assistant coach and father; and Jack provides his time, boat and knowledge to our anglers,"

said Skoog adding, "He was my hero as a young angler back 20 years ago."

Well-embraced by the community, sponsorships provide funds for team uniforms, fuel, equipment expenses and tournament entry fees.

Looking ahead, the team hopes to compete on a national level in the near

future as they continue to improve their skill set and fill their trophy case. But what is most important to Skoog personally, is teaching skills that can last a lifetime. "My goal for the future of this club, ultimately, is to teach something that the anglers will remember for a lifetime and pass on to the next generation," said Skoog.



Search begins for 2018 State Christmas Tree

Michigan's Department of Technology, Management and Budget officially began the search for the tree that will adorn the Capitol for the 2018 holiday season.

"We rely on the general public's help to find a great

tree," explained DTMB director Dave DeVries. "When traveling around the state this summer, our hope is that Michiganders will keep their eyes peeled for just the right tree and let us know when they find it."

To be considered for the official state Christmas tree, it needs to meet the following criteria:

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- available at no cost.

DTMB works with the Michigan Association of Timbermen and Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association to bring the tree to Lansing. In the last 31 years, trees have come from locations across the state – from backyards to public land near highways and forests. Last year's tree was harvested in Stephenson,

making it the 23rd tree to be selected from the Upper Peninsula.

The deadline for tree nominations is Wednesday, August 15, 2018. Individuals who wish to nominate a tree are asked to send their name, telephone number, a photograph of the tree and information about its size and location to ChristmasTree@michigan. gov or by mail to:

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Close game ends in 4-1 loss for girls

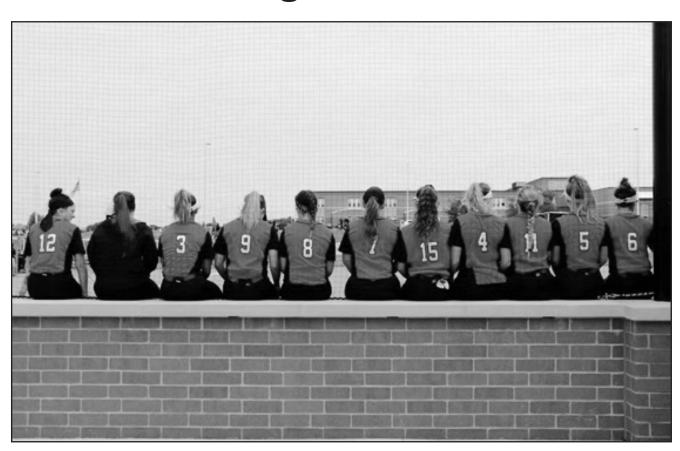
by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

After putting a stop to Rockford and tearing through Northview last week in the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division I district championships, the Lowell High School varsity softball team headed to the regional semi-finals on Saturday to take on the Caledonia Scots.

The well-matched contestants met one another at Grand Haven High School last Saturday after several hours of rain delay. Fired up and swinging, both the Arrows and the Scots stranded batters throughout the first four innings, each remaining scoreless. Lowell's closest scoring effort came from junior double threat Emily Depew who put one to the wall but was unable to make it across home plate.

With three innings left and a pair of zeros on the board, the Lady Arrows grabbed the first lead of the game in the top of the fifth. Senior Kenzie North shot a rocket over the center field fence for a solo home run. The celebration was short lived as Caledonia answered in the bottom of the inning by plating two runs to earn a 2-1 lead.

Adding two more by the close of the seventh inning, the Scots eventually claimed a 4-1 victory over the Arrows. The Lady Arrows finished the 2018 season with a flawless 12-0 OK White record, netting them their second consecutive conference title as well as a district championship. The Arrows lost just three seniors with the graduation of North, Megan Summerfield and Miah Ransom.



Lowell softball says farewell to another winning season on the diamond. (Photo by Tonia North)

LMS Students of the third trimester

Lowell Middle School has announced the Students of the third trimester. Teachers chose the following students who have been outstanding in the categories of academics, citizenships and attitudes.

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Veldman, Ethan Krieger,
Kaden Gruizenga, Jason
Korzen, Dannion Simmet,
Olivia Barber, Emma
Bruwer, Taryn Jackson,
Sara Bogoski, Cadence
Bonter, and Hanna
Bogoski.

Row 2: Keegan Cisler, Zachary Stevens, Maris Guppy, Ashley Powell, Katie Rogers, Hannah Liebig, Kailee Morgan, Elysse Bosscher, Hope Kanouse, Lillianna Williams, Sydney Zandstra, and Carlee Rogers.

Row 3: Ainslie Shelley, Abby German, Leah Davidson, Maeve Dougherty, Krista Jungblut, Ella Curtis, Alexis Clark, Leah Halstead, Haleigh Strouse, Lexi Royer, and Hannah Johnson.

Row 4: Lauren Pearson, Kaidance Martino, Grace Richmond, Vivi Bledsoe, Ryleigh



Wilder, Avery Szymanski, Julia Wilterink, Carol Burbrink, and Raven Cilley.

Row 5: Ramsey Mutscher, Nate Yon-Ryan, Cole Vandervest, Jeremy James, Aidan Glass, Mason Wade, Brayden Holst, Dethan Hawk, and Caleb Hasapis.

Not pictured: Alex



obituaries

BIERI

Janet Kay "Jan" Bieri, aged 79 of Lowell, passed away, Sunday, June 10, 2018.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arden Harris Mildred Fleser and son, Steven Martis. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Ron; sons, Tim (Doynette) Martis and Mark (Kathy Chandler) Martis; brother, Jack (Nancy) Harris; many nieces and nephews. Jan was a very dedicated Lowell School bus driver for 35 years. The family will



meet with friends and relatives on Friday from 11:30-12:30 AM at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson. Graveside services will be Friday 1:00 PM at Bailey Cemetery, Rev. Brad Brillhart, officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Lowell, 621 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331.



My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me.

- Henry Ford

PETERSON

Sharon Mae Peterson, age 77 of Ada, formerly of Lapeer, passed away Thursday, June 7, 2018. Born

March 17, 1941 in Detroit, she grew up in Warren. Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Ruth Bareis; and daughter-inlaw, Brenda Peterson. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Wayne Peterson; sons David (Susan) Peterson, Bruce (Lara Merkhofer Lambrecht) Peterson; grandchildren Ben, Liam, Hannah; step-granddaughters Vanessa and Kira: sisters Betty Mittlesteadt, Carrie (Mike) Maguire; brother-in-law Doug



(Toni) Peterson; sister-in-law Marge (Bob) Endriss; and eight nieces and nephews. Sharon and Wayne met at Central Michigan University; and they wed August 23. 1962 in Warren. Sharon taught English for many years at Lapeer West High School. She was involved in high school theatre and loved Shakespeare. After retiring, Sharon and Wayne moved to Ada to be closer to their children and grandchildren, and enjoyed many years of traveling. A funeral service will be held Thursday, June 14, at 12:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331. The family will greet friends and relatives one hour prior to the service at the funeral home chapel. Rev. Galen Knutson and Rev. Donna Erickson officiating. Interment Findlay Cemetery, Ada Township. Memorial contributions may be made to Spectrum Health Hospice, 100 Michigan St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



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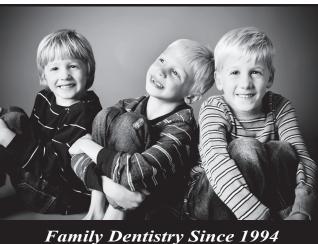
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Community Calendar

ONGOING EVENTS

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SUMMER READING - at the Saranac Public Library, up to 18 years of age can participate in Summer Reading. Register at Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-

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STORMY THE MAGICAL MUSIC CONDUCTOR - June 14 at 1 pm. Sponsored by the Friends of the Clarksville Area Library. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

STORMY THE MAGICAL MU-SIC CONDUCTOR - performs. June 14, 10 am. Everyone is invited to attend. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

MAGIC SHOW WITH TOM PLUNKARD - Includes animals, audience involvement & amazing magic. June 19, 1:30 pm. Alto Library, 6071 Linfield Ave SE, Alto, 784-2007, www. kdl.org

BUBBLE WONDERS - June 20, 1 pm. Experience amazing tricks with a visit to the world of bubbleology. For children & familes. Englehardt Branch

Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

NATURE DISCOVERY'S "FIELD GUIDE COMES ALIVE" - performs June 21, 1 pm. Everyone is invited. Sponsored by the Friends of the Clarksville Area Library. Clarksville Area Library, 165 N. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

INTRODUCTION TO METAL EMBOSSING - June 21, 6:30 pm. Participants will be introduced to the art of metal embossing. Each participant will work to design, emboss & patina a piece of aluminum. Pre-registration required. For adults. Alto Library, 6071 Linfield Ave SE, Alto, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

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KOOOMBAH RAIN STICKS! -Koo-oom-bah means creativity in Swahili! Get creative using your imagination & a few craft supplies to create you own rain stick! For ages 6 & older. June 26, 1:30 pm. Alto Library, 6071 Linfield Ave SE, Alto, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

MAGIC SHOW WITH TOM PLUNKARD - Includes animals, audience involvement & amazing magic. June 27, 1 pm. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

AUDACIOUS HOOPS - June 28, at 10 am. Evervone is invited. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

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LOWELL SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB - will be holding their meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Englehardt Library, 200 N Monroe St Lowell at 6:30 pm.

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY - meets every Monday, 7-8 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, fellowship hall, 12051 84th St.,

corner of Alden Nash. Call Sue at 868-6219 or www.womenforsobriety.org BOWNE TOWNSHIP HISTORI-

CALSOCIETY-meets the second

Monday of the month at 10 a.m.

in the Historical Museum at 84th/ Alden Nash. NEEDLERS - Meet the second & fourth Wednesday of the month

from, 5 to 8 pm at Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell. WOMEN OF THE MOOSE - third

meeting. ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at

Monday at 7:30 p.m. for business

V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.

the Alto American Legion Post.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing 5th grade. Call Scoutmaster Clay VanderWarf, 616-485-3429 or Del Rockwell at 897-6814.

VERGENNES CLUB MEETS - at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month March thru Nov. Meeting at Schneider Manor Community Room. Program & refreshments. Guests welcome.

TECH HELP - Thursdays by appointment from 1-3 p.m. Help with internet searching, computer basics. Facebook, ereaders, library downloadable books etc. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY TOPS MI #372 - every Tuesday, weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m. in the activity room at Schneider Manor,

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

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS **CLUB** - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.quake-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

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

KNITTING GROUP - Tuesdays 10 a.m. - noon. Meets at the Village Hall. Beginning to advanced knitters welcome. Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-

LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - Open Radio Room Thursdays, 7 pm at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton St. E. General meeting 3rd Thursday. www.w8lrc.org 145.27 MHz.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES TREASURE'S THRIFT SHOP HOURS - Tues - Fri. 10 - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 - 4 p.m. at 11535 Fulton St. E. Thrift Shop, 897-8260; Resource Center, 897-8260.

TECH HELP - Wednesdays by appointment from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Help with internet searching computer basics, Facebook, ereaders, library downloadable books, etc. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

ALPHA FAMILY CENTER OF LOWELL-517 E. Main. Hours: Mon. & Wed. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Diapers, formula, clothing & free ultrasounds & pregnancy testing available, www.afclowell.org

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. & Sat., 9:30-1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs., 1-6 p.m.; Fri. 9:30-6 p.m. Info., call . 784-2007.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS - Mon.-Wed., noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 784-2007.

LOWELLARTS GALLERY HOURS-Tues.-Fri., 10-6p.m.; Sat., 10-5 p.m. 225 W. Main St., Lowell. Visit www.lowellartsmi. org or call 897-8545.

FREE WILL astrology

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):



Whether love vou what you love or live in divided

ceaseless revolt against it, what you love is your fate." Gemini poet Frank Bidart wrote that in his poem "Guilty of Dust" and now I offer it to you. Why? Because it's an excellent time to be honest with yourself as you identify whom and what you love. It's also a favorable phrase to assess whether you are in any sense at odds with whom and what you love; and if you find you are, to figure out how to be in more harmonic alignment with whom and what you love. Finally, dear Gemini, now is a key moment to vividly register the fact that the story of your life in the coming years will pivot around your relationship with whom and what you love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

Congratulations on the work you've done



your soul, Cancerian. I love how brave you've been as you've jettisoned outworn shticks, inadequate theories and irrelevant worries. It makes my heart sing to have seen you summon the selfrespect necessary to stick up for your dreams in the face of so many confusing signals.

NEWS OF THE

I do feel a tinge of sadness that your heroism hasn't been better appreciated by those around you. Is there anything you can do to compensate? Like maybe, intensify the appreciation you give yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):



hope you're reaching the final stages

of your year-long project to make yourself as solid and steady as possible. I trust you have been building a stable foundation that will serve you well for at least the next five years. I pray you have been creating a rich sense of community and establishing vital new traditions and surrounding yourself with environments that bring out the best in you. If there's any more work to be done in these sacred tasks, intensify your efforts in the coming weeks. If you're behind schedule, please make up for lost time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

"Necessity is the mother of invention," says an old



proverb. In other words, when your

need for some correction or improvement becomes overwhelming, you may be driven to get creative. Engineer Allen Dale put a different spin on the issue. He said that "if necessity is the mother of invention, then laziness is the father." Sci-fi writer Robert Heinlein agreed, asserting that "progress is made by lazy men looking for easier ways to do things." I'm not sure if necessity or laziness will be your motivation, Virgo, but I suspect that the coming weeks could be a golden age of invention for you. What practical innovations might you launch? What useful improvements can you finagle? (P.S. Philosopher Alfred North Whitehead attributed the primary drive for innovative ideas and

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

gizmos to "pleasurable

intellectual curiosity.")



Would have turned out wiser and

wealthier if you had dropped out of school in third grade? Would it have been better apprentice yourself to a family of wolves or coyotes rather than trusting your educational fate to institutions whose job it was to acclimate you to society's madness? I'm happy to let you know that you're entering a phase when you'll find it easier than usual to unlearn any old conditioning that might be suppressing your ability to fulfill your rich potentials. I urge you to seek out opportunities to unleash your skills and enhance your intelligence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

The temptation overdramatize is strong.



Going through with splashy but messy

conclusion may have a perverse appeal. But why not wrap things up with an elegant whisper instead of a garish bang? Rather than impressing everyone with how amazingly complicated your crazy life is, why not quietly lay the foundations for a low-key resolution that will set the stage for a productive sequel? Taking the latter route will be much easier on your karma and in my opinion, will make for just as interesting a story.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):



Each of us harbors rough, vulnerable,

controversial or unhoned facets of our identity. And every one of us periodically reaches turning points when it becomes problematic to keep those qualities buried or immature. We need to make them more visible and develop their potential. I suspect you have arrived at such a turning point. So on behalf of the cosmos, I hereby invite you to enjoy a period of ripening and selfrevelation. And I do mean "enjoy." Find a way to have

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):



For next twoplus weeks, an unusual rule will be effect: in

The more you lose, the more you gain. That means you will have an aptitude eliminating hassles, banishing stress and shedding defense mechanisms. You'll be able to purge emotional preventing clarity. You'll have good intuitions about how to separate yourself from influences that have made you weak or angry. I'm excited for you, Capricorn. A load of old, moldy karma could dissolve and disperse in what seems like a twinkling. If all goes well, you'll be traveling much lighter by July 1.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):



I suggest you avoid starting a flirtatious

correspondence with convict who'll be in jail for another 28 years. OK? And don't snack on fugu, the Japanese delicacy that can poison you if the cook isn't careful about preparing Please? And don't participate in a séance where the medium summons the spirits of psychotic ancestors or diabolical celebrities with whom you imagine it might be interesting to converse. Got that? I understand you might be in the mood for high adventure and out-ofthe-ordinary escapades. And that will be fine and healthy as long as you also exert a modicum of caution and discernment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):



that you pat yourself on the with hands

you sing your own praises and admire your own willful beauty in three mirrors simultaneously. You have won stirring victories over not just your own personal version of the devil, but also over your own inertia and sadness. From what I can determine, you have corralled what remains of the forces of darkness into a comfy holding cell, sealing off those forces from your future. They won't bother you for a very long time, maybe never again. Right yield a useful magic.

now you would benefit from a sabbatical -- a vacation from all this high-powered character-building. May I suggest you pay a restorative visit to the Land of Sweet Nonsense?

ARIES (March 21-April 19):

Tatiana decided to eliminate sugar from

My Aries acquaintance



her diet. She drew plan up to avoid

it completely for 30 days, hoping to permanently break its hold over her. I was surprised to learn that she began the project by making a "Dessert Altar" in her bedroom, where she placed a chocolate cake and five kinds of candy. She testified that it compelled her willpower to work even harder and become even stronger than if she had excluded all sweet treats from her sight. Do you think this strenuous trick might work for you as you battle your own personal equivalent of a sugar addiction? If not, devise an equally potent strategy. You're on the verge of forever escaping a temptation that's no good for you. Or you're close to vanquishing an influence that has undermined you. Or both.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

I suggest You have caressed and back both



teased and tinkered with it. Now I suggest you let it alone for a while. Give it breathing room. Allow it to evolve under the influence of the tweaks you have instigated. Although you may need to return and do further work in a few weeks, my guess is that The Problem's knots are now destined to metamorphose into seeds. The awkwardness you massaged with your love and care will eventually

congestion that has been Pesky weeds around his garage caused a Springfield Township, Ohio, resident to resort to extreme measures: The to respond to a fire" on May 21, when he was arrested for unnamed homeowner tried to eliminate them with a torch, and instead set the garage on fire. Firefighters were called to the scene at 4 a.m. on May 24, where they found the detached garage "fully involved," according to the Springfield News-Sun. The structure was a total loss, including tools and

appliances inside, valued at \$10,000 to \$15,000. Crime Report

Three men were arrested on May 20 after stealing a 25-foot-long shed from a foreclosed property in Lebanon, Maine, and dragging it down the street behind their pickup truck, according to the Portland Press Herald. Matthew Thompson of Lebanon, Timothy James of Pembroke, New Hampshire, and Robert Breton of Milton, New Hampshire, were spotted in the act by a concerned citizen, who alerted Maine State Police. In addition, Thompson was found to have crystal meth and prescription pills that were not prescribed to him. All three were taken to the York County Jail and held on \$5,000 bail.

Patrick Gillis, 18, a senior at Highlands High School and a volunteer firefighter for the Pioneer Hose Fire Department in Brackenridge, Pennsylvania, told police he "just wanted starting a blaze in a vacant duplex where he used to live. The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported that witnesses told investigators Gillis was seen at the home before the fire started, then returned as a firefighter to help put it out. He admitted to setting a piece of paper on fire and putting it in the microwave, then leaving. The Allegheny County Fire Marshal's Office estimated damage at \$150,000, and Gillis was charged with arson.

Bright Ideas

Toronto police constables Vittorio Dominelli, 36, and Jamie Young, 35, had to call for backup in January during a raid on a marijuana dispensary after allegedly sampling some of the evidence. CTV News reported the officers called for help after they began hallucinating, one eventually climbing a tree. In a May 23 press release, Toronto police announced the two officers had been suspended and now face criminal charges in the incident.

A senior prank went unexpectedly wrong for high school student Kylan Scheele, 18, of Independence, Missouri, when he was slapped with a three-day suspension on May 23 and

barred from participating in graduation after putting his high school up for sale on Craigslist. Scheele said it was meant to be a joke. "Other people were going to release live mice ... I thought, let's do something more laid back," he told Fox 4. The ad for Truman High School listed attractive amenities such as newly built athletic fields, lots of parking and a "bigger than normal dining room." A lawsuit filed against the school district by the ACLU of Missouri failed to reduce the punishment.

Still Creepy

Before Chuck E. Cheese was a thing, it was ShowBiz Pizza, complete with the Rock-afire Explosion Band, an animatronic combo that is still the stuff of nightmares. On May 24, the Rock-afire Explosion Band was reunited at a new arcade bar in Kansas City, Missouri, also called Rock-afire. The band's inventor, Aaron Fechter of Creative Engineering in Orlando, Florida, refurbished the band members with new masks, skin and costumes, and the playlist is set to include old standards as well as more contemporary hits. Bar owner James Bond was a huge fan of the band as a child: "You didn't know whether they were fake or real," he told The Kansas City Star.

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- tense
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- 16. Short version
- 17. Geisha's sash
- 18. City-like
- 19. *"Father's Day" (1997) star
- 21. *Actual day for dad
- 23. Center of activity
- 24. Dried-up
- 25. Joe Louis' punch
- 28. Spiritless
- 30. Eggnog spice
- 35. Tangerine/grapefruit hybrid
- 37. Home to China
- 39. *Mercer Ellington's dad played it
- 40. Old paint hazard 41. Canada's favorite
- 43. Japanese restaurant staple
- 44. Garment insert
- 46. 2nd word in fairytale
- 47. Outback birds
- 48. Capital of Canada 50. Largest volcano in
- Europe 52. "I can ____ clearly
- now..." 53. Affirm with
- confidence
- 55. Last month 57. Rainy season
- streambeds, in Africa
- 60. *Kirk Douglas' son
- 64. Wrinkle-prone fabric
- 65. Declare 67. Blood line
- 68. Medicinal house plants
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- 70. Hipbone-related
- 71. Chowder protein
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- 1. *Dad to J. Lo's twins
- 2. Pitcher
- 3. Like a doily
- 4. Spam destination?
- 5. Anatomical partition
- Military no-show
- 7. *Ziggy Marley's father
- 8. Liquorice flavor
- 9. Charlie "____" Parker 10. Jessica of
- "Dark Angel"
- 11. June 6, 1944
- 12. Literary "even"
- 15. Adjust, as in piano 20. Perpendicular to the keel
- 22. Coffin alternative
- 24. His buddy was
- Gilligan 25. *Enrique Iglesias' father
- 26. ____ provocateur 27. "___ from the past"
- 29. *Isaac's firstborn
- 31. *Most precious gift? 32. Disfigures
- 33. Follow as a consequence

- 34. One in a gaggle
- 36. It comes to mind
- 38. Loads
- 42. Tedium
- 45. Mark and Shania
- 49. Reverential salutation
- 51. Greek poetry meter
- 54. Bacon piece 56. Oar holder
- 57. *Jaden Smith's father
- 58. Dwarf buffalo
- 59. Hold as a conviction 60. Bigfoot, e.g.
- 61. "Si, mi chiamo Mimi," La BohËme
- 62. Greek Hs
- 63. Add booze
- 64. Lake in Provence
- 66. Nurses' org.

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Looking Back, continued

made to the group. By his leadership, talents and hard work, he encouraged the formation and continuation of the society and its greatest project, the restoration of Fallasburg Society.

Soft music, the refreshing coolness of air conditioning; the comfort of carpeting underfoot, and an up-to-date modern decor; Everything to make shopping the most pleasant possible experience. This is the keynote of the new Fonger's Super Save grocery mart to be opened soon on Lowell's east side. Mac Fonger, a native of Lowell, will preside as store manager. Fonger, connected with Kroger stores for 20 years, brings many years of experience and know-how to this new venture. Target date for the opening of the store is roughly three or four weeks away. The market will feature a service meal counter, complete with a full-time butcher, rather than the self service counters found in the other local stores. Staffed by about twenty people, the store will, among others, stock products distributed by the Spartan stores.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 16, 1993

The First Congregational Church of Lowell Chancel Choir has released its first cassette album entitled "Songs of Joy and Praise." Under the auspices of music director Roger MacNaughton, the project was recorded at River City Studios in Grand Rapids. "It took many months to complete Songs of Joy and Praise," said MacNaughton, "but the effort was worth it, and the tapes are finally available to the public." The idea for the project came about a year ago when MacNaughton and other members of the choir were discussing how they could reach out further into the community with their music. It was decided that a cassette album would be a good way to document the sound of the choir and to provide an outreach beyond singing for weekly services. The twenty-voice group met for approximately six sessions at River City to record their vocal parts over instrumental tracks which were previously put on tape by MacNaughton. The more instruments and sounds were added before mixdown shown all parts were combined to form the final master. This was then sent out of state for duplication. The tape features a medley of hymns which the choir picked as their favorites, as well as anthems and songs of Christian praise which the choir enjoy singing. One particular song which is receiving quite a lot of attention is an original by the choir's own Ron Wood called "Seek the Lord." The church's Junior Choir is also featured on one of the tracks. The album also includes an introit composed by MacNaughton. Copies of "Songs of Joy and Praise." sell for \$10 apiece and are available at many Lowell merchants as well as the First Congregational Church, 404 North Hudson.

Vergennes Township passed a resolution requesting a hearing and investigation by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources regarding watercraft control. The township recommends the DNR establish restrictions reducing the maximum speed on the river to a slow no wake speed, prohibit boats from having any water skis, water sleds, surfboards or any other device in tow and prohibiting the use of jet skis and jet boats. According to Township Supervisor Jim Cook the resolution is designed to help residents along the river. "The residents should be allowed to enjoy their river front property and this ordinance will allow that," said Cook. River preservation, increased use of the river and hazards in the water are some of the reasons the Township has requested watercraft control. The resolution states that in order to protect the natural beauty, water quality and recreational value some control is needed. That control includes slowing the speed of boats because such hazards as submerged logs, stumps, boulders, and unmarked shallows are extremely dangerous to high-speed boating and skiing. However, the resolution presented to the DNR is not set in stone and could face some changes. If the DNR deems it necessary they could change the wording of the resolution by dropping the restriction of high-speed boats. The DNR has 60 days to schedule a public hearing then the Township has another 60 days to accept or reject the DNR language of the proposed ordinance.

In an effort to control boating habits on the Flat River

FRIDAY JUNE 22

Euchre Sign-Up 6:00 p.m.

Euchre Tournament begins 6:30 p.m.

No partner needed!
Cost: \$10/person

5K Run 7:00 p.m.

Live MUSIC: Alive and Well 8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Food & Beer Tent 5:30 p.m. to Midnight





SATURDAY JUNE 23

Mass 4:00 p.m.

Festival Auction 5:00 p.m.

Live Music: Kari Lynch 9:00 p.m. to Midnight

Food & Beer Tent 5:00 p.m. to Midnight

Vegas Tent 7:00 p.m. to Midnight



SUNDAY JUNE 24

Famous BBQ Chicken Dinner 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Kids Games 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Annual Antique Car, Truck and Tractor Show 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Quilt Exhibit

12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bingo 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Stan Mroz Polka Band 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Beer Tent 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cash Raffle Draw 5:00 p.m. (tickets must be purchased by 4:30 PM)



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