

New LHS principal introduced at Monday night's school board meeting



Steven Gough is the new principal of Lowell High School.

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The Lowell Area Schools board of education had their regular monthly meeting on Monday, Aug. 13. The meeting lasted 24 minutes and was attended by six citizens.

The board introduced Stephen Gough, the newly-hired high school principal.

"I started at Comstock Park 18 years ago as a middle school social studies [and] English teacher," Gough said in an interview after the meeting. "I then moved into the office as assistant principal at the middle school. I did that for five or six years and then moved over to the high school as athletic

director while maintaining some assistant principal duties, then for the last seven years I was the high school principal."

"We feel very fortunate to have Steve aboard," said superintendent Greg Pratt. "[There were] more than 30 applicants [so it was] a very rigorous interview process and we appreciate the extra time he gave us."

The board voted to approve a property purchase agreement for 320 Amity, once used as St. Mary's Elementary School. If they end up buying the building, it will most likely be used as a preschool.

"We became aware that the property was held

not by the church but an outside group," Pratt said. "They are looking to sell that property. We'd like the opportunity to tie into a purchase agreement and give ourselves time to do the due diligence to look at the facility and have inspections. This is about the only way to tie it up."

The school board's next meeting will be in the Runciman Building, 300 High St., at 7 pm on Monday, Sept. 10. They will also have a work session meeting in the same location at 6 pm on Monday, Sept. 24.

2018 boasts another great Kent County Youth Fair with many highlights

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Another Kent County Youth Fair has come and gone. The fair opened on Monday, Aug. 6 and closed on Sunday, Aug 11.

"Fair is going incredibly, we have so much fun," said KCYF sponsorship and entertainment coordinator Bruce Doll. "It's just been another great fair. We had a little bit of rain, but you know what, we're Michiganders. Rain doesn't bother us, we just walk through it and get wet. We've had a blast, though. Every night was free entertainment. Pickin' Roots were a great band; the Kari Lynch Band knocked it out of the house. Reading for Rides was a great time. They

were finally rewarded for all the reading they've done."

Even the after-hours cleanup came off ahead of schedule.

"After all the people leave, we work hours afterward to get ready for the next day," Doll said. "We have to be organized with 70,000 people coming through here. Everything is going really well. Usually we're here until like two o'clock in the morning. We're getting stuff done by 11 or 12."

This year was the first time still exhibits were auctioned. "The still exhibit auction went great, we had like 40 projects that got sold," Doll said. "They made really good money; \$50 for a plate of cookies is pretty darn good!"

The animal auctions also generated plenty of funds for local kids, including Dalton Fuss who raised the grand champion market steer.

"I bought him as a feeder steer when he weighed about 725 pounds, now he weighs 1,650 pounds," Fuss said. "[I accomplished this by] raising him, feeding him right, walking him and keeping him on a healthy



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Kent County sheriff announces retirement

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Kent County sheriff Lawrence Stelma announced his upcoming retirement last week. The sheriff said his last day will be Nov. 1, 2018.

“For 46 years I have had the privilege of serving this community and I consider this privilege a gift from God,” Stelma said. “[I am] confident that the next generation of leadership will serve this community well and bring this organization to new heights.”

Stelma’s law enforcement career began in January 1972 when he was hired as a deputy at the Kent County jail. Since then he has worked in almost every division of the sheriff’s department. He was first elected Kent County sheriff

in 2001 and has been re-elected five times. In 2017, Stelma was named “Sheriff of the Year” by the Michigan Sheriff’s Association.

“It’s been a tremendous honor and privilege to work for a leader whose fundamental goal is to guide and develop his staff through mentorship,” said Undersheriff LaJoye Young. “His approach to mentorship and his unwavering leadership are directly tied to the culture we are so proud of at the Kent County sheriff’s office. We will miss him dearly and we wish him all the best on his next adventure.”

According to a Kent County press release, Stelma plans to do “a whole lot more hunting and fishing” during his retirement.



Sheriff Lawrence Stelma was at Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell last May for the dedication of a memorial to fallen officer Charles A. Knapp.



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Aug. 7 primary election results are in

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The results are in for the Aug. 7 primary election. The race to be Michigan’s next governor will pit Republican candidate Bill Schuette against Democratic candidate Gretchen Whitmer.

Michigan voters set a new record for voter turnout in an August primary. There were over 2.1 million votes this time; the old record was 1.7 million in the 2002 gubernatorial primary. In Kent County, 30.1 percent of registered voters participated in the election. Locally, 27 percent of voters in Lowell, 30.7 percent of Lowell Twp voters, 31.1 percent of Bowne Twp and 32.6 percent of Vergennes Twp voters voted. Out of the 2,937 registered voters in the city of Lowell, 793 cast a ballot.

In the city of Lowell for the Republican governor primary, Schuette had 184 votes, Brian Calley had 116 votes, Patrick Colbeck had 63 votes and Jim Hines had 41. On the Democratic side, 183 Lowellians voted for Whitmer, 118 for El-Sayed and 63 for Shri Thanedar. Additionally, six people in Lowell voted for Libertarian candidate Bill Gelineau.

In other races, John James won the Republican nomination and will run against Sen. Debbie Stabenow for US Senator this fall. Democrat Cathy Albro won her primary and will run against Rep. Justin Amash for a seat in the US Congress in the fall. Republican Chris Afendoulis beat Republican Daniel J. Oesch 19,179 votes to 4,368 and will run against Sen. Winnie Brinks for state senator this fall.



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Cathy Woern, Lowell
“Me personally, I would probably say five hours would do it. I have to use my phone for work. And kids, they’re high maintenance, that’s every minute of every hour. So probably five hours for me.”



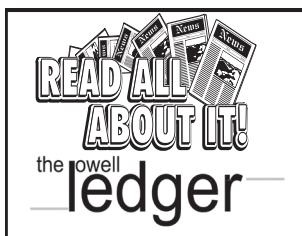
Chris Hawkins, Rockford
“I could last a very long time. I grew up in the country, I’m pretty self-sufficient and I don’t need it for work.”



Isaac VanSolkema, Byron Center
“Probably a long time because I’m used to not having my phone on me. I grew up with no Internet. I recently just got it.”



Jessica Reiffer, Rochester, New York
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Summerfest garden party at museum this Friday



by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

Friday, Aug. 17 from 6 until 9 pm, is the Lowell Area Historical Museum's big annual "Summerfest" garden party fundraiser. The emphasis is on West Michigan food, drink and entertainment.

"Being a local history museum, we like to emphasize the local nature of the food and drinks," said museum executive director Lisa Plank. "It'll be nice to have some returning favorites and some new offerings to keep it fresh. Live music is going to be from the Easy Idle String Band. They'll be performing out in the garden. They give it a nice ambiance out there, it's a really nice fit for our event. It makes it more festive."

They will have nibbles from the cream of the crop of Lowell restaurants.

"We have some returning food and we have some new choices," Plank said. "Sweet Seasons is bringing chocolate truffles. Big Boiler is going to be bringing food. Larkin's Catering is coming and they're doing hand-held tacos. Sneaker's is going to be here. We have Miss P's

Catering returning. B.C. Pizza is going to bring pizza bites and Heidi's Farm Stand is going to be here with fresh fruit and pastries."

West Michigan is known nationally as having the best microbreweries in the US. Several local breweries will have beverages to sample at the museum's garden party.

"We're trying to give a nice sampling of all the different options in West Michigan. We're a lucky region," Plank said. "Gravel Bottom is not going to do Lady LaFramboise this year. They've done it three years in a row and they were ready to try something new. They will be here, as will New Union and Big Boiler, so we'll have all of our local breweries on hand. We've also got some local, West Michigan beers, like Brewery Vivant, Saugatuck Brewing and some other different local beers. We'll also have red and white Michigan wines available and we're working on cider."

The money generated at the fundraiser will be used for the many fun, interesting and educational programs museum staff come up with.

"We use the proceeds for this to support the educational programs we do here at the museum," Plank said. "We see students from preschool to fourth grade regularly; we do internships with older students and then all of our public programming that we put on. We have our speaker series that we do every year for the general public and then all of our exhibits and preserving all of this history. The money goes into all that programming that we do, so it's a good way to support the museum, have a nice night, see people from town, eat nice food and drink nice drinks, hear good music and support the museum while you're doing it."

A few tickets are still available, but you'd better act fast.

"If people are interested in tickets, give us a call here at the museum," Plank said. "They're also available on our website and Facebook page or at the museum during business hours. They can also call ahead and reserve tickets and we can do will-call."

Contact the museum at 616-897-7688, stop by 325 W. Main or find them online at lowellmuseum.org.



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viewpoint

to the editor

Are you aware?

Dear editor:
Do you wonder why the left is always going against President Trump's policies? Go to the dictionary and find the definition of leftist words. (Webster's New World Dictionary.)

SOCIALISM: 1) Any of various theories of the ownership and operation of the means of production and distribution by society or the community rather

than by private individuals, with all members of society or the community sharing in the work and the products. 3) The stage of society in Marxist doctrine coming between the capitalist stage and the communist stage in which private ownership of the means of production and distribution has been eliminated: see communism.

S O C I A L D E M O C R A T I C P A R T Y: 1)

A German Marxist Political Party formed in 1875. 2) any of the various similar political parties in other countries, advocating a gradual transition from capitalism to socialism.

PROGRESSIVE: 1) moving forward or onward as through political or social reform.

Nikita Khrushchev of the USSR stated "Americans won't accept communism over capitalism, but given small doses of socialism by their leaders they will eventually wake up and find they have communism." Notice, in 1989, the USSR fell. Notice, Venezuela, South America, was a

wealthy country. Under Chavez' socialism it is now a poor country.

When Barack Obama was president he talked about and promoted Marxist ideas: 1. Change and transform America 2. Continually apologize for America to the world. 3. Need to redistribute the wealth. 4. Block individual accomplishment. "You did not do that by yourself." 5. We are a service economy, not a manufacturing economy. This is the new NORM. 6. Rewrite our history. ? 7. Demolish our Constitution and defame its framers. 8. Promote racism. 9. Need to create a socialist

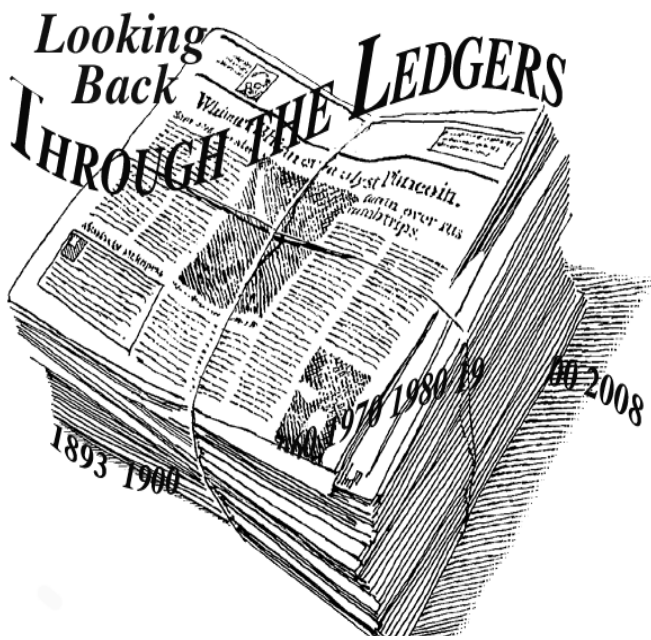
society. 10. Now there is no respect for established governmental rules. Chaos and violence is the norm.

President Trump is putting back the capitalist ideas that President Obama was transforming. Charles Krauthammer, news columnist; and Paul Sperry, N.Y. Post; were concerned for the resistance and the abolishing of the constitutional republic we know as America. What is this group called "Organizing for Action" (OAF)? Our former president and his wife are bunkered down in their expensive house less than two miles from the White

House with a network of non-profit organizations, protesters, ACLU lawsuits, activist judges obstructing the laws, social media, community organizing strategies and tactical implementation with inspired movement and shadow government for Trump resistance.

Obama's future plans are to destroy the foundation upon which our country has operated for the last 241 years. "If this does not scare you, then we are in worse trouble than you know." Charles Krauthammer.

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125 years ago Lowell Journal August 16, 1893

Two years ago there were rumors of a monster snake having been seen on the L. & H. R. R. track between the round house and Farlin's crossing. It was seen by the late Lothrop Farlin and Robert Graham at different times but they were rather diffident about talking of it, as they were well aware of the incredulity with which snake and fish stories are received. However, in view of the present appearance of his snakeship, Mr Graham's story will not come amiss: He was walking out on the railroad track to his place and was busy thinking, when he stepped over the snake, which lay coiled, sunning itself on the track. He disturbed the snake, which, moving, attracted his attention. As he was unarmed and without any means of defence he walked on rather fast, and looking over his shoulder, he saw the snake following him, he ran up the track across a trestle over the creek and turned off towards the road. As he went down the grade he lost sight of the snake it either going down the trestle or off the track on the other side into the swamp. Mr Graham tried the story on two or three persons, but their ill concealed skepticism caused him to keep this experience to himself so there were few who knew of it. BRAKEMAN M'LANE'S STORY OF FRIDAY. "We had been doing some switching in the yard and run over to the roundhouse to take water and turn the engine around for our out trip at noon, we had turned the engine around and backed in and taken water, we run the engine on the table and as the table has to be

turned slightly to join the other track, I walked around to the other end to turn it. I walked the same path I had been over some five minutes before in turning the table, and stepped over what I supposed was a piece of old fire hose laying across the path and down into the table pit. I wondered why it didn't clog the table when I turned it before, when I noticed the thing moved. I looked again and saw the biggest snake I ever saw, larger than any in the show—what did I do? I jumped and run, you bet. I wouldn't meet that snake again for a thousand dollars." AS ENGINEER MOFFIT SAW IT. "I had just stopped the engine on the turntable waiting to be turned a little ways to run off when I saw McLane jump about 4 ft into the air and he let out a yell like an Indian. I looked to see what had frightened him and saw the largest snake in the world. 'Twas the largest snake I ever saw. I don't want to stretch it at all, but it was all of 15 ft. long and as thick through as my arm, at least 5½ inches, he crawled out of the pit and over the bank into the swamp and I had plenty of chance to see him as he ran away, and as I was out of danger I looked good and long and afterwards measured the place I first saw it. Its tail was on a tie and its head behind some bushes and it is, in a straight line, 15 ft., 10 inches from the tie to the bushes." Charley Marsh also saw the snake, he had just came out of the roundhouse and saw it plainly and all agree that it is the largest snake they ever saw. There is a beautiful spring just over the bank where his snakeship was seen, noted for its pure cool water but at present it is deserted, no one goes there for a drink. There is some talk of organizing a party and hunting the snake down, if such party is formed they can count on Mr McLane and Moffit not being with them, they have had all the snake they want.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 15, 1918

Hiram Van Dam of Lowell has brought suit against John W. Mathews and his son Harry, also of Lowell, for \$3,000 damages for injuries received in an automobile accident on July 6. VanDam alleges in his complaint that the Mathews machine crashed into his wagon from the rear while traveling at an excessive rate of speed at 11:30 at night without having given warning of its approach or turning aside and that it was lightless. Van Dam was thrown to the ground and seriously injured and his wagon demolished.—News

A reception was held at Bowne Center hall Monday evening in honor of Mr. Webb. There were about one hundred and fifty present, including some from the West Lowell and West Bowne charges. A fine patriotic

program and several short talks were given. Mr. Wright of Alto gave a fine address and Mr. Norton of Belding gave a stirring talk that was enjoyed by all. A purse of \$17 was made up and presented to Mr. Webb as a token of respect Rev. Webb of the Bowne Center charge will leave for Ann Arbor Wednesday as he has enlisted to go to the front to do his bit toward exterminating German culture.

The Ledger has been requested to issue a warning against unpatriotic talk. Complaints have been made and offenders are given to understand that investigations are in order. A word to the wise is sufficient.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 19, 1943

Eight Lowell boys covered quite bit of territory during a 24-hour period. They were Clyde Davenport, Charles Doyle, Philip Schneider, Willard Denick, Bruce Weeks, Marcel Kropf, Don Keiser and Vergil Purchase, who left Lowell Sunday morning on an interesting excursion which took them to Muskegon, then by boat to Milwaukee. After a few hours in that city they left again by boat for Chicago, where they had a short layover, and then came by bus to Grand Rapids, hence to Lowell, arriving on Monday morning.

Razing operations were started last week on the old hotel located on the public fishing site on Morrison Lake bought recently by the department of conservation's fish division. As part of its program for improving these sites for the use of fisherman, the department is now tearing down the building, which it acquired with the land.

Holders of gasoline ration books must indorse all their coupons immediately on receipt of the new books, and also sign all coupons they now have. Purpose of the requirement, OPA stated, is to prevent anyone other than the rightful owner from using the coupons if they should be lost or stolen. This will help prevent black market operations in gasoline, it is said.

50 years ago Lowell Ledger August 15, 1968

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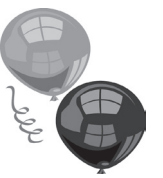
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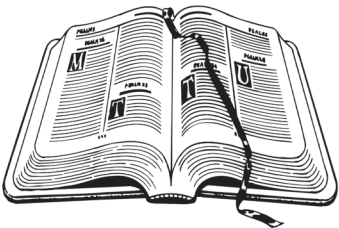
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LL&P agrees to decorate town for Pink Arrow Pride

by Tim McAllister
lead reporter

The board of Lowell Light & Power had their latest regular board meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 8. The meeting lasted two hours and 18 minutes and was not attended by any members of the public.

There was only one “action item” on the meeting’s agenda. The board entertained a request from Pink Arrow Pride for assistance decorating the town for the big event.

“For the last ten years, Lowell Light & Power has assisted with Pink Arrow,” said LL&P general manager Steve Donkersloot.

“The Lowell Pink Arrow Pride committee is requesting your assistance with the installation and removal of the Pink Arrow Pride banners along Main St.,” said LL&P board chairman and Pink Arrow Pride volunteer Perry Beachum.

This request was approved unanimously.

The board also listened to data updates from Donkersloot on a variety of topics and projects. A complete recording of this and past LL&P meetings is available on Lowell Light & Power’s YouTube channel.

The Lowell Light & Power board will have their next meeting at their 127 N. Broadway headquarters at 6 pm on Thursday, Sept. 20.



Lowell Light & Power crews decorated the town for Pink Arrow Pride last week.



Flip to page 8 for even more fair pictures!

Fair, continued

diet. Just keeping a good, lean diet and feeding him right, that’s pretty much it.”

The special needs luncheon on Thursday was definitely the highlight of fair for many. Organizers estimate attendance at between 350 and 450.

“The barbecue is top notch,” said Lori Quiggle, rabbit barn superintendent and luncheon volunteer. “Pinkney Hill Meat Co. provides all of our meats and Kathy Hesche with Pinkney Hill also prepares the food. There is no better cook in the world than Kathy. She prepares the food every year and every year people rave about it. The volunteers have to stand here and smell it until the luncheon is over, but we might get leftovers if there are leftovers. But every year this event seems to get bigger and bigger and bigger and the leftovers get a little harder to come by.”

“This is my eighth year,” said Kathy Hesche. “We did 150 pounds of roast beef for the barbecue, 100 pounds of baked beans and probably 100 pounds of macaroni salad. Everything is homemade. I prep for probably a day or two. My adult son Ryan Hesche helps

me. Then it just all comes together at the last minute.”

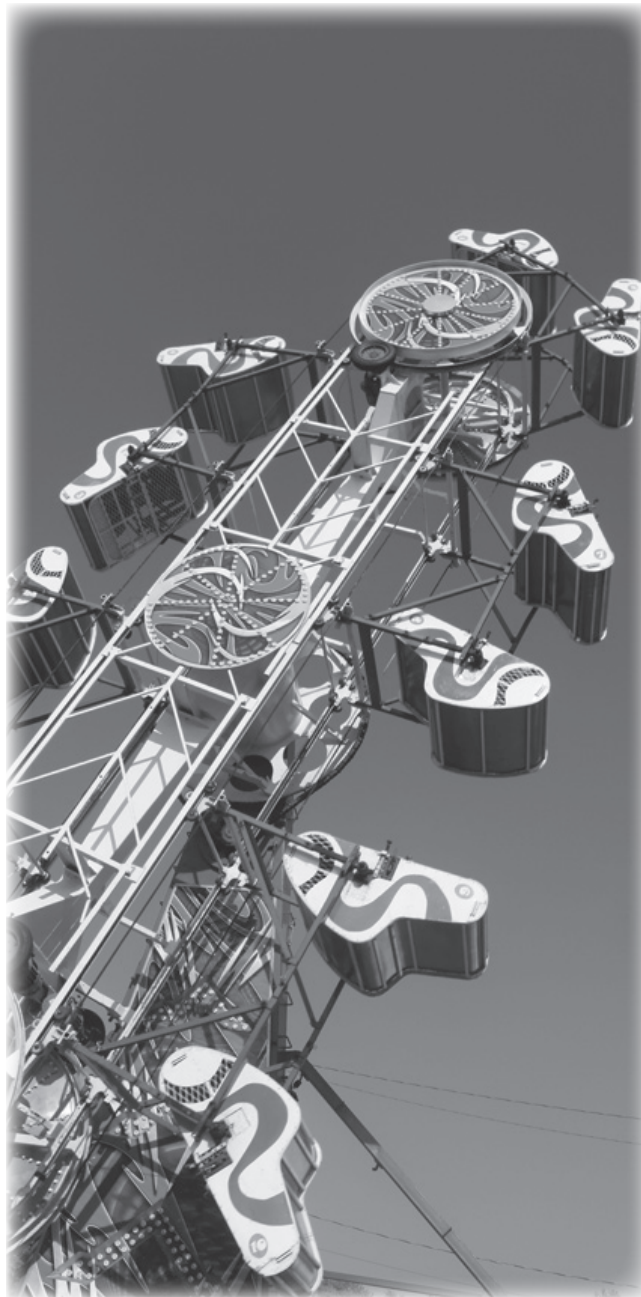
“Everything is homemade, the barbecue, all the salads, everything,” Doll said. “She makes it all from scratch.”

“Every year I’m so excited to be able to come here and help out,” Quiggle said. “I’ve never seen so many people so excited to be here at fair. It’s really awesome to see. It’s all free, all paid for by our sponsors, Pinkney Hill Meat Co. and Cannonsburg Village.”

“We’ve been blessed, so we return the favor,” Hesche said. “We support the fair in many ways and many other organizations.”

The fair will return to the Lowell fairgrounds next year, but by 2020 it is scheduled to take place at the former site of Deer Run Golf Course. Wherever it’s held, the fair is one of the most positive, rewarding annual events that takes place in the Lowell community.

“You look around and there are just hordes of people having a blast, having fun,” Doll said. “That’s what it’s all about. Beautiful days, beautiful weather. It’s great, we love it.”



CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND TO DESIGNATE THE BOUNDARIES OF A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT ZONE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Lowell will hold a public hearing to consider the establishment of a brownfield redevelopment authority and to designate the boundaries of a brownfield redevelopment zone pursuant to the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Act 381 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1996, as amended (“Act 381”).

The proposed boundaries of the brownfield redevelopment zone would include all of the property within the jurisdictional limits of the City.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m., local time, on Monday, August 20th 2018, in the City Hall, 310 E. Main Street in the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, at which time any resident, taxpayer, official from a taxing jurisdiction whose millage plan may be subject to capture under a brownfield plan as defined in Act 381, or property owner within the City will be given the opportunity to be heard regarding the establishment of the brownfield redevelopment authority and the designation of the boundaries of the proposed brownfield redevelopment zone.



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City Clerk

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Livestock auction sets new record of \$760,000

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

A trio of fast-talking auctioneers gathered at the Kent County Youth Fair Reath Barn for the annual livestock auction. Both small and large animals, raised by the youth of Kent County, ran through ten hours on the block.

Auctioneers, Jason Lamoreaux, Ryan Hanson and Tim Zandbergen, shared calling duties beginning with the small animal auction, featuring poultry, rabbits and goats. That portion was followed by the large animal auction, which featured swine, sheep, dairy steer and feeder calves, beef steer and feeder calves, and gallons of milk. Each portion concluded with the Sale of Champions, the best of each breed as judged by the fair prior to the sale.

Youth sellers receive 95 percent of the sale of their animal with the remaining

five percent reserved by the fair to support the event. According to KCYF president Jon Bieneman, the auction has consistently set new fundraising records for the past several years with 2018 garnering their highest total yet, "The 2018 KCYF auction was a record sale of over \$760,000. This was up over \$100,000 from our previous record," he said after wrapping up the auction's financials.

Besides reaping the financial benefits for their animal raising efforts, the kids learn much more, says Bieneman. "Youth that participate in the livestock auction learn many important lessons. They learn the hard work, dedication and responsibility required to raise an animal from a young age until it is brought to market," he said adding that not all earned money and

that was yet another learning opportunity derived through participation. "The financial component of figuring costs and breakeven points on this year's projects and budgeting for next year's projects. It really provided youth many areas to learn and prepare for the rest of their life."

During the auction, buyers were treated to a dinner hosted by the fair. "The buyers dinner was provided by Donna Oesch and sponsored by Pinkney Hill Meats," said Bieneman. "The Oesch family has a long history of involvement with the KCYF. They have been showing for several generations. Pinkney Hill Meats is also a great sponsor." Going off without a hitch with many to thank for that effort Bieneman said none could be more thanked than those who come out and make purchases



Buyers packed the Reath Barn for the livestock auction that raised more than \$760,000.

in support of the fair's mission of helping to create responsible citizens armed with the knowledge, work ethic and experience to lead

and live productive lives. "I cannot thank the individuals and businesses enough for their support of the fair and youth by sponsoring

and buying at our auction," concluded Bieneman.

First-ever KCYF still exhibit auction raises \$1,710

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Each year at the Kent County Youth Fair more than half of the judged entries submitted by area youth have nothing to do with the plethora of farm animals. The long, unsung still exhibit draws a larger amount of entrants, but garners little fanfare from the crowds that make their way through the grounds. This year the still exhibit committee set out to change that by introducing the first-ever still exhibit auction.

Still exhibits allow participants to showcase and be rewarded for their

talent and effort in a particular area. Still exhibit participants enter their works the Saturday prior to fair to be judged by local volunteers who have expertise in the given field. Entrants receive comment, critique and placement on site from their assigned judge. The broad list of categories range from photography, writing and painting to woodworking, Lego building, sewing and baking. The impressive list is meant to be all inclusive, giving the opportunity for all to shine, whether they raise animals or not.

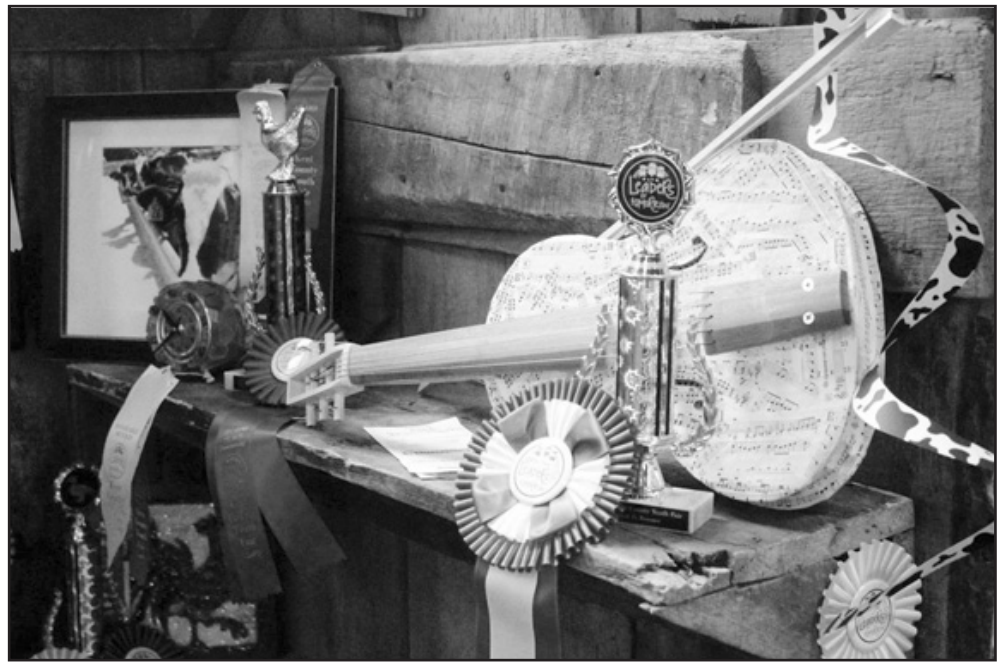
Still exhibits are open to those aged five-19. Judged works are on display inside the Foreman Building during fair week to be viewed by all. The projects are prepared over the course of the year for exhibition, as with animals, with exhibitors working as individuals or collectively as part of their participating clubs. Youth are able to hone their talents and learn new ones through this process guiding the overall mission of the fair itself: enriching youth.

KCYF manager Jessica Marks said the idea to give an opportunity to still exhibitors to be rewarded for their efforts, in the same way the livestock auction has the opportunity, is one that has been long brewing. "We have wanted

to do a still exhibit auction for several years, but have always been limited in time and space. A group of us attended the workshop on still exhibit auctions at the Michigan Association

of Fairs and Exhibitions convention in January and were inspired to just dive in and do it," explained Marks. "We had been putting it off until we were on our new grounds with plenty

40 separate buyers. In its premier year, the auction raised \$1,710 with 95 percent of that total being awarded directly to the participants. "It was a little lower than our expectations,



Creative projects like these were up for bid at the first-ever KCYF still exhibit auction.

of space. We have over half of our exhibit entries that are still exhibits and wanted our still exhibitors to have the opportunity to showcase their talents in an auction. There are some really amazing projects that get entered!"

Hosted by the KCYF board of directors in its Sunday, August 5th debut, the auction drew a modest 36 entries overall and drew

but ended up being the perfect number for our first year doing it," said Marks. "The Kent County 4-H Council helped us with the sale. The intention is to use the funds raised from the commission we keep to begin a scholarship program for our exhibitors, as well as help the Kent County 4-H Council raise funds to continue their educational support for the exhibitors."

LEGAL NOTICE

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County of Kent

File No. 16-199638-CA

In the matter of Pedro Mateo, a Protected Individual, Deceased

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TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on September 13, 2018, at 8:30 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 Allow Final Account/ Amended Petition to Allow Final Account.

Dated: August 13, 2018

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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

Special Meeting 7:00 p.m. Synopsis of Minutes July 30, 2018

Discussion:

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SPORTS

Boys varsity soccer begin the new season hosting alumni game

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell boys varsity soccer began their season hosting their second annual alumni game, last Saturday, played to benefit the scholarship given in honor of a former player.

In 2004, Lowell student athlete and avid soccer player Austin Lancaster passed due to accidental injuries when he was just 16 years old. Since 2010, the scholarship in memory of Lancaster has been awarded to many of Lowell's most impressive athletes, including Connor and David Kruse, Ryan Stevens, Bailey Jack and Lucas Hall.

This year's event featured the newly slated 2018 Red Arrow varsity roster versus a lineup of former kickers with graduation dates as far back as 1992. Returning seniors, Nick Struckmeyer and Connor Cater and junior Ezra Stadt were among the team of younger Red Arrows. The team, led by newly appointed head coach Dan Lipon, graduated ten seniors last season after a winning season that ended with a 14-7 record overall and 6-3 tally in the OK White. Lipon, who led the girls varsity soccer team

for the past seven years, replaces former coach Rich O'Keefe. He will be assisted by fellow coaches, Jacob Sweet, Joe Woodruff and Logan McLoed, in his new role.

The full lineup of alumni players included recent 2018 graduates, Jay Stadt and Sam Hofman; 2017 alumni, Logan Landman, Riley Coxon, Trevor Sherman, Jonah Epema and Robbie Dubisky; 2015 graduate, Isaac Henderson; class of 2014 members, Ian Grohman, Raul Damian, Josh Theisen and Liam Kelley; as well as Will Athmann (2012), Nick Abdoo (2008), Chris Barlow (2007), Ben Hanson (2006), Matthew Foster and Patrick Vogel (2003), Denny Briggs (1997) and the most seasoned member, Aaron Snell (1992).

The varsity team will hit the road this week for a scrimmage against West Ottawa and then participate in the Portage Northern JBM Shoot Out, before hosting their first regular season game against non-conference competitor the Rockford Rams at home on Tuesday, August 21 at 6:45 pm.



Twenty Red Arrow alumni soccer players returned to the field last Saturday.

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Red Arrow Fall SPORTS SCHEDULES

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL
** Denotes a home game*

8/18 at 8:30 am Grand Haven Lakeshore Classic

L BOYS VARSITY SOCCER
Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium

8/18 at 10 am Portage Northern JBM Shoot Out
8/21 at 6:45 pm Rockford*
8/23 at 6:45 pm at Forest Hills Eastern

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL
** Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium*

8/24 at 7 pm at South Bend John Adams
8/30 at 7 pm Pink Arrow Game - Rockford*

L GIRLS VARSITY GOLF
** Denotes a game at Arrowhead Golf Course*

8/21 at 3:30 pm Kenowa Hills*
8/23 at 3:30 pm Lakewood at Centennial Acres

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS
** Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium*

8/20 at 4:15 pm Coopersville*
8/23 at 4:15 pm Union Scrimmage*

L BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
** Denotes a meet at LHS*

8/22 at 4:30 Baker Woods at Hesperia

obituaries

Morgan

Robert C. Morgan, Jr., 44 of Lowell, Michigan, cherished husband and father, passed away unexpectedly on August 12th, 2018. Bob was a funny, kind-hearted man who was loved by everyone who knew him. He brought so much love and joy to not only his wife and son, but so many others who loved him dearly. He was the kind of friend who took you in instantly and made you feel like you had been lifelong friends. He married the love of his life, Jaimie, just after high school. Together they built a very successful construction company, which he was very proud of. He was working with his son Bryce to expand the family business when Bryce graduates from high school next year. Bob is survived by his wife of 24 years, Jaimie (Gauw) Morgan, and son Bryce Morgan. His mother and father, Robert Sr. and Mary Morgan, grandmother, Florine Morgan, siblings Jeff (Christine) Morgan, Teresa Morgan, Christine (Steve) Frenthway, Ricky Burhans, and Teresa (Steve) Wall, Father-in-law, James Gauw, Sr., and brother-in-law James (Jennifer) Gauw, Jr., several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, along with many special cousins and an abundance of close friends. Bob was preceded in death by, his grandparents Ceil Morgan, Joseph and Geraldine Burhans, his mother-in-law, Sandra (Kinsley) Gauw, and grandmother, Marilyn Kinsley. His celebration of life will be held Friday August 17, 2018 at 11 am with visitation an hour prior at Ada Bible Church, 8899 Cascade Rd SE, Ada MI 49301



Quinlan

Donna J. Quinlan (nee Huizing) of Cedar Springs, Michigan, age 71, passed away into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, August 11, 2018, after a struggle with cancer. She was born to Herbert and Sylvia (Helder) Huizing on July 12, 1947, in Grand Rapids, MI. Donna is survived by her loving children, Timothy (Kate) Quinlan II, Todd (Maria Benavides) Quinlan, Tracy (James Phillips) Quinlan, Nancy (Chad) Armstrong, and daughter-in-law, Teresa Quinlan; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; the father of her children, Timothy Quinlan Sr; and very special friend, Glenda Middleton. Also surviving are her sisters, Kathy (Fred) Rozema, Barbara (Steven) Roth, Aletha (Clare) Stoutjesdyk, and Cristie (Timothy) Snyder; uncles, cousins, friends, and nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by both parents and grandson Timothy "T.J." M. Quinlan, III. A memorial service of praise will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 17, 2018, at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W Main St, Lowell, MI 49331. There will be a one hour memorial visitation prior to the service. The family would like to thank Faith Hospice for their care and compassion. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to offer expressions of sympathy may make a memorial contribution to Algoma Christian School, 14471 Sparta Ave, Kent City, MI 49330.



Looking Back, continued

pleased to visit with anyone about national issues or discuss personal problems involving an agency of the federal government. Everyone is welcome and no appointment is necessary. In addition to his afternoon stop Congressman Ford plans to attend Monday evening's Showboat performance.

Arrowhead Golf Course will hold its Fourth Annual Tournament for Kids next Tuesday (August 20). The competition, which begins at 9 a.m., will be broken down into two flights; first flight—8-12 years, and second flight—13-17 years. The play will be for nine holes, and the \$1.00 fee includes greens fees and prizes. Winners from the three previous years include Andy Fonger, John Curtis and Gary Winters.

Richard E. Posthumus of Alto, was selected as one of many farm youths and young farmers to take a prominent part in the unique 1968 Youth Program of the 40th annual national farm business conference of the America Institute of Cooperation at Virginia Tech. He was to serve as a participant of one of the 30 youth talk-it-up and decision-making sessions. Posthumus participated in one of the discussions that covered ways to be successful in farming and other careers in agri-business.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 18, 1993

Citizens near I-96 may soon get some help in their problem with broken down motorist. The Lowell Township board will look into installing either a public phone or emergency phone at the park and ride at Alden Nash and I-96 to deter motorist from bothering citizens along Alden Nash. Many citizens in the area are tired of being woken up in the early morning to let strangers come in and use their phone or to give them gas. Mrs. Donald Yeiter is one citizen tired of being stuck with long distance phone bills from people using her phone and the need to keep a gallon of gas on hand to help motorist. "I have at least six or seven people a week stop and ask me to help them, it's not that I don't want to help, it just gets to be too much after a while," said Yeiter. The need for a phone was brought up at a current planning commission meeting when the commission was approached about putting a gas station in at Alden Nash. Citizens for the gas station pointed out that they were tired of dealing with motorist either lost [or] broken down along the highway. A representative from Michigan Bell will talk to Township Supervisor John Timpson this week and he will also look into the possibility of a emergency phone.

Through the work of Lowell's Friends of the Library and Kristin Bliss, a Discovery Toys home based representative, the Lowell Library now has a new encyclopedia set. The Lowell Friends of the Library began the project in January and raised roughly \$500 through contributions from large corporations and small businesses. The "New Book of Knowledge" encyclopedia set is printed exclusively through Grolier. It is geared toward elementary age children. Bliss said the 22 volume set is written at various reading levels depending on when the subject is introduced to students in school. "Updates will be available to the library each year," Bliss said.

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Community Calendar August

AND ONGOING EVENTS

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MOVIE MATINEE - Aug. 16 & 23, 10 am - noon. Free popcorn & water. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

FOODMOBILE - Sat., Aug. 18 at 10 am. at the fairgrounds.

FOOD COMMODITIES - Sept. 5-7 at FROM during regular Food Pantry hours.

SENIOR FOOD COMMODITIES - Sept. 12-14 at FROM during regular Food Pantry hours.

DON'T LET THE PIGEON ATTEND THIS PROGRAM! - Sept. 13 at 10 am. Celebrate the works of author Mo Willems. Featuring crafts, books & activities. Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell, 784-2007, www.kdl.org

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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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY - meets the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Historical Museum at 84th/Alden Nash.

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

ALTO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Alto American Legion Post.

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

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.

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

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.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

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

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 - 2 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.

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

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM - open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Families: \$10; individual \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

LEGOS AT THE LIBRARY - Second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. Kids ages 5-11 are invited to join. Bring your imagination & be ready to build! (The library will provide the LEGOs) No registration required. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding, 616-794-1450.

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ministration Building, 300 High St., Lowell.

FLAT RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL - Meets 3rd Monday of each month at the Main Street Inn in Lowell at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit our web page at flatriverwatershed.org

BABY PANTRY OF LOWELL - (formerly St. Mary's Pregnancy Center) is now located inside Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) at 11535 Fulton St. E. We are open Monday 5:30-7:30 p.m. & Thursday 2-4:30 p.m. to serve pregnant woman & families of small children in need of diapers, wipes & other baby supplies. We are non-denominational & serve families in the Lowell area. For more information, call Michele at 616-322-5957.

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FREE ALL VETS COFFEE HOUR - Third Thurs. of each month. Bring a friend. Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash, Lowell. Call 868-7426 or 897-8303 for more information.

STORYTIME - Thursdays, 10 a.m. with Ms. Sheila at Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville, 616-693-1001.

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ALT LIONS CLUB - Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Keiser's Kitchen.

FREE WILL astrology

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Aries

(March 21-April 19)



“The prettier the garden, the dirtier the hands of the gardener,” writes aphorist B. E. Barnes. That’ll be especially applicable to you in the coming weeks. You’ll have extra potential to create and foster beauty and any beauty you produce will generate practical benefits for you and those you care about. But for best results, you’ll have to expend more effort than maybe you thought you should. It might feel more like work than play -- even though it will ultimately enhance your ability to play.

Taurus

(April 20-May 20)



Author and theologian Thomas Merton thought that the most debilitating human temptation is to settle for too little; to live a comfortable life rather than an interesting one. I wouldn’t say that’s always true about you, Taurus. But I do suspect that in the coming weeks, a tendency to settle for less could be the single most

devitalizing temptation you’ll be susceptible to. That’s why I encourage you to resist the appeal to accept a smaller blessing or punier adventure than you deserve. Hold out for the best and brightest.

Gemini

(May 21-June 20)



“I’ve learned quite a lot over the years, by avoiding what I was supposed to be learning.” So says the wise and well-educated novelist Margaret Atwood. Judging by your current astrological omens, I think this is an excellent clue for you to contemplate right now. What do you think? Have you been half-avoiding any teaching that you or someone else thinks you’re “supposed” to be learning? If so, I suggest you avoid it even stronger. Avoid it with cheerful rebelliousness. Doing so may lead you to what you *really* need to learn about next.

Cancer

(June 21-July 22)



Sometimes you make it difficult for me to reach you. You act like you’re

listening but you’re not really listening. You semi-consciously decide that you don’t want to be influenced by anyone except yourself. When you lock me out like that, I become a bit dumb. My advice isn’t as good or helpful. The magic between us languishes. Please don’t do that to me now. And don’t do it to anyone who cares about you. I realize that you may need to protect yourself from people who aren’t sufficiently careful with you. But your true allies have important influences to offer and I think you’ll be wise to open yourself to them.

Leo

(July 23-August 22)



“Whoever does not visit Paris regularly will never really be elegant,” wrote French author Honoré de Balzac. I think that’s an exaggeration, but it does trigger a worthwhile meditation. According to my analysis of the astrological omens, you’re in a phase of your cycle when you have maximum power to raise your appreciation of elegance, understand how it could beautify your soul and add more of it to your repertoire. So here are your homework meditations: What does

elegance mean to you? Why might it be valuable to cultivate elegance, not just to enhance your self-presentation, but also to upgrade your relationship with your deep self? (P.S.: Fashion designer Christian Dior said, “Elegance must be the right combination of distinction, naturalness, care and simplicity.”)

Virgo

(August 23-September 22)



Many of us imagine medieval Europe to have been drab and dreary. But historian Jacques Le Goff tells us that the people of that age adored luminous hues: “big jewels inserted into book-bindings, glowing gold objects, brightly painted sculpture, paintings covering the walls of churches and the colored magic of stained glass.” Maybe you’ll be inspired by this revelation, Virgo. I hope so. According to my reading of the astrological omens, you can activate sleeping wisdom and awaken dormant energy by treating your eyes to lots of vivid reds, greens, yellows, blues, browns, oranges, purples, golds, blacks, coppers and pinks.

Libra

(September 23-October 22)



An astrologer on Tumblr named Sebastian says this about your sign: “Libras can be boring people when they don’t trust you enough to

fully reveal themselves. But they can be just as exciting as any fire sign and just as weird as any Aquarius and just as talkative as a Gemini and just as empathetic as a Pisces. Really, Librans are some of the most eccentric people you’ll ever meet, but you might not know it unless they trust you enough to take their masks off around you.” Spurred by Sebastian’s analysis, here’s my advice to you: I hope you’ll spend a lot of time with people you trust in the coming weeks, because for the sake of your mental and physical and spiritual health, you’ll need to express your full eccentricity.

Scorpio

(October 23-November 21)



A blogger who calls herself *Wistful Giselle* has named the phenomena that make her “believe in magic.” They include the following: “illuminated dust in the air; the moments when a seedling sprouts; the intelligence gazing back at me from a crow’s eyes; being awakened by the early morning sun; the energy of storms; old buildings overgrown with plants; the ever-changing grey green blue moods of the sea; the shimmering moon on a cool, clear night.” I invite you to compile your own list, Scorpio. You’re entering a time when you will be the beneficiary of magic in direct proportion to how much you believe in and are alert for magic. Why not go for the maximum?

Sagittarius

(November 22-December 21)



Since 1969, eight-foot-two-inch-tall Big Bird has been the star of the kids’ TV show *Sesame Street*. He’s a yellow bird puppet who can talk, write poetry, dance and roller skate. In the early years of the show, our hero had a good friend who no one else saw or believed in: Mr. Snuffleupagus. After 17 years, there came a happy day when everyone else in the *Sesame Street* neighborhood realized that Snuffy was indeed real, not just a figment of Big Bird’s imagination. I’m foreseeing a comparable event in your life sometime soon, Sagittarius. You’ll finally be able to share a secret truth or private pleasure or unappreciated asset.

Capricorn

(December 22-January 19)



Activist and author Simone de Beauvoir was one of those Capricorns whose lust for life was both lush and intricate. “I am awfully greedy,” she wrote. “I want to be a woman and to be a man, to have many friends and to have loneliness, to work much and write good books, to travel and enjoy myself, to be selfish and to be unselfish.” Even if your longings are not always as lavish and ravenous as hers, Capricorn, you now have license to explore the mysterious state she described. I dare you to find out how voracious you can be if you grant yourself permission.

Aquarius

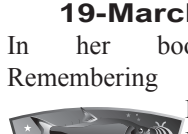
(January 20-February 18)



According to my reading of the astrological omens, the coming weeks will be prime time to vividly express your appreciation for and understanding of the people you care about most. I urge you to show them why you love them. Reveal the depths of your insights about their true beauty. Make it clear how their presence in your life has had a beneficent or healing influence on you. And if you really want to get dramatic, you could take them to an inspiring outdoor spot and sing them a tender song or two.

Pisces

(February 19-March 18)



In her book *Yarn: Remembering the Way Home*, Piscean knitter *Kyoko Mori* writes, “The folklore among knitters is that everything handmade should have at least one mistake so an evil spirit will not become trapped in the maze of perfect stitches.” The idea is that the mistake “is a crack left open to let in the light.” Mori goes on to testify about the evil spirit she wants to be free of. “It’s that little voice in my head that says, ‘I won’t even try this because it doesn’t come naturally to me and I won’t be very good at it.’” I’ve quoted Mori at length, Pisces, because I think her insights are the exact tonic you need right now.

NEWS OF THE

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Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow

Armed thieves in New Delhi, India, left a craftsman deep in debt after they made off with 500 pounds of wigs and raw hair worth more than \$20,000 on July 27, according to the Associated Press. “People think wigs are cheap, but they cost a fortune to make,” wig-maker Jahangir Hussain said. In fact, he had borrowed more than \$17,000 to buy hair last month from South Indian wholesalers. India exports wigs and hair extensions to the tune of \$300 million a year; much of the raw materials are collected at Hindu temples where people shave their heads as a religious sacrifice, a practice called tonsuring.

The (Im)perfect Seatmate

Chicago cellist Jingjing Hu, a student at the DePaul University School of Music, found herself being escorted off an American Airlines flight on Aug. 2 after trying to return to Chicago from Miami with her instrument. Hu paid in advance for an extra seat for her cello, worth almost \$30,000 and housed in a hard case, and had no trouble on her flight from Chicago to Miami, where she participated in a music festival. But on her return trip, after boarding the Boeing 737 and settling herself and her cello into their seats, a flight attendant approached her and told her she would have to leave the plane because the aircraft was too small for her instrument. Hu was booked on a flight the next day on a 767. American blamed the incident on a “miscommunication,” according to WBBM TV, but Hu’s husband, Jay Tang, said, “I don’t think we did anything wrong here, and I think the way they handled it was humiliating.”

Problem-Solver

The list of offenses was long when Franklyn Williams, 32, appeared in Cuyahoga County (Ohio) Common Pleas Court on July 31 to be sentenced for aggravated robbery, kidnapping, theft, misuse of credit cards and more -- including cutting off his ankle bracelet late last year and fleeing to Nebraska, where he claimed he was hit over the head and lost his memory. But it was his courtroom behavior that spurred Judge John Russo to call for an extreme measure: During the hearing, Williams would not stop talking, even interrupting his own lawyers repeatedly over about 30 minutes. Finally, Russo ordered deputies to tape the defendant’s mouth shut, reported FOX 8 in Cleveland. Williams continued to talk until deputies applied more tape, and finally Russo sentenced him to 24 years in prison.

So Many Questions

When an employee of Sarabeth’s restaurant in New York City opened the walk-in freezer door on Aug. 5, a man jumped out, yelling, “Away from me, Satan!” and grabbed a knife from the kitchen, which he used to threaten restaurant staff. Carlton Henderson, 54, of Cave Creek, Arizona, struggled with workers but eventually fell unconscious and was transported to Mount Sinai St. Luke’s Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, the *New York Post* reported. Authorities don’t know (1) why and how he entered the freezer and (2) why he died, but they did determine he was charged last year with two 1988 cold-case murders in Boston. He had been released on bail the week before the freezer incident and was scheduled to appear in court on Aug. 14.

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- 6. Lending letters
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- 13. Round openings in architecture
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- 15. Short tale
- 16. Deprived of a limb, e.g.
- 17. Popular pickup
- 18. Revolving mechanism
- 19. *L in LMC
- 21. Peninsula with Portugal
- 23. Not a win nor a loss
- 24. Lou of The Velvet Underground
- 25. The _____ Four
- 28. Unpleasant road display
- 30. Authoritative declaration
- 35. The 15th of March
- 37. Rubik's puzzle
- 39. *Sorority letter
- 40. Pinocchio's lie detector
- 41. Do-re-do-re-do-re-do-re, e.g.
- 43. Same as alighted
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- 48. *Varsity award
- 50. *Multiple choice challenge
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- 66. Shakespearean "fuss"
- 68. Heating outlet cover
- 69. Muse of love poetry
- 70. Confession subject
- 71. All the words in a language
- 72. Withered
- 73. Id's partner
- 74. Same as #30 Across

DOWN

- 1. Gangster's gal
- 2. Berry high in antioxidants
- 3. Avoid these mistakes
- 4. Red or orange announcement
- 5. Somewhere above ground
- 6. Bald eagle's nest
- 7. *Parents+teachers, acr.
- 8. China Grass
- 9. Uncouth one
- 10. Not in favor
- 11. Roofed colonnade
- 12. Seaside bird
- 15. *Extra of it can help students
- 20. Act against
- 22. Made in the morning?
- 24. Spring event
- 25. *Type of assessment
- 26. Acrobat maker
- 27. Continually annoy
- 29. Buddhist teacher
- 31. Burn to a crisp
- 32. Denoting the final end or purpose
- 33. Carthage's ancient rival
- 34. *Alma _____
- 36. *Assigned spot
- 38. More
- 42. Rodeo rope
- 45. Breed of sheep prized for wool
- 49. Free
- 51. Hair knot
- 54. This and desist
- 56. ClichÉd
- 57. Things to lament
- 58. Homesteader's measure
- 59. *180 days, in most states
- 60. Fill to satisfaction
- 61. Kissing disease?
- 62. De Niro's ride, 1976
- 63. Like an ear infection
- 64. None of this for the weary
- 67. Like a lot

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2018 Kent County Youth Fair queen, Makenna Church

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Makenna Church was selected queen of the 2018 Kent County Youth Fair on August 5th during the opening ceremonies. The daughter of Richard and Jodi and a junior at Belding High School, Church has been involved in nearly all aspects of fair for six years. Serving as a member of the royal court in 2014 and as a junior queen in 2016, she is well-prepared for the role and grateful for the opportunity.

Ledger: "What feelings did you experience during your crowning?"

Church: "I was very shaky and nervous and my heart was going about 100mph!"

Ledger: "Why did you desire to be the Queen?"

Church: "I wanted to be queen because the fair has given me so much and I just want to give my own time back by promoting our fair by doing the parades and community service events."

Ledger: "What do you most look forward to over the next year?"

Church: "I look forward to participating in the Best Prom Ever, for teens and adults with disabilities, where we will get to dance the night away and affect the people in such a positive way."

Ledger: "What do you show/participate in at the fair?"

Church: "I show pigs and sheep and participate in the still exhibits, which are like crafts, that I enter to be judged."

Ledger: "What is your favorite part of fair?"

Church: "My favorite part of fair is just getting in the show ring and showing my animals and of course eating the fair food."

Ledger: "What do you enjoy doing outside of fair?"

Church: "I enjoy performing in my drama program where I participate in both the play and musical. I also enjoy playing soccer and hanging out with my friends. I love volunteering my time at local events."



2018 Kent County Youth Fair queen, Makenna Church.

Ledger: "Why do you feel you are a good fair role model?"

Church: "I feel like I'm a good fair role model because I know a lot about the fair and history of it and I love telling people stuff they never knew. I love getting to know the little kids that come and run up to me and I get the chance to show them my animals and tell them facts they don't know."

Ledger: "What advice have you received from outgoing queen Brittany Perry?"

Church: "I was told to have fun because a year isn't a whole lot and it flies by."

Ledger: "What are your future goals?"

Church: "My future goals are to either go to Northern Michigan University and become a pediatric nurse or go to medical school and become an EMT."

Ledger: "Who is your personal inspiration?"

Church: "My personal inspiration is my Papa. He was such a hardworking man and he was a giving man and I want to follow in his footsteps, because I know that's what he would want me to do and he would be so proud of me."

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