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Sizzlin' Summer presents first concert of the season

The first concert of the Sizzlin' Summer series featured the Crane Wives indie-folk band on the Riverwalk stage last Thursday.

The vibrant music attracted the young and old and everything in between, from the Lowell area and the surrounding communities. People relaxed in their chairs on the lawn in front of the Englehardt Library or on the Showboat.

The band formed in late August of 2010 and they just finished recording their

debut album entitled "Safe Ship, Harbored." Using three-part vocal harmonies, eclectic instrumentation and a knack for dynamics, the band creates organic music that is both accessible and innovative. Each live show features contagious energy, as well as original music that ranges from ballads to danceable songs.

The members of the band are Kate Pillsbury, vocals, acoustic guitar; Emilee Petersmark, vocals, acoustic guitar; Dan Rickabus, vo-

cal, drum, percussion; Tom Gunnels, banjaneeer; and Ben Zito, bass guitar.

The next concert will be blues music by the Vincent

Hayes Project.

Concessions are available, admission and parking is free.



First junior regional competition showcases diverse art from three counties

by Emma Palova

The first junior regional competition features the work of artists from Kent, Ionia and Montcalm Counties at the Lowell Arts gallery. The show will culminate with a closing reception and awards ceremony open to the public on July 19 from 5 pm to 6:30 pm.

The junior show was modeled after the popular West Michigan Regional Art Competition now in its 26th year. However, unlike the adult show, the junior competition offers no prizes or entry fees.

Instead, a panel of judges will present recognition awards and prizes, such as theatre tickets, gift certificates for art supplies and framing, vouchers for art classes and more.

"The judges used gentle jurying methods," said project director Kacey Cornwell.

The competition was designed to encourage entries from young people serious about fine art and those

who have already shown a strong interest in developing their skills.

"It is a great opportunity for students building their portfolios as well," said Cornwell.

Out of 60 entries, 14 kids won a prize and 14 received an honorable mention.

Following are the top six winners: Brigitte Casalina, of Lowell, received the technical excellence award for her "Steampunk Fairy." The narrative piece award went to Connor Bergin, of Lowell, for his "Fear Not." Anna Peterson, of Alto, received the 2-D design award for the



Raeann Zachow's clay sculpture of "Survivor."

"Shirley Temple Portrait." Raeann Zachow, of Belding, received the sculpture figurative award for "Survivor." The sculpture non-figurative award went to Rachel Wittenbach, of Lowell,

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City approves budget amendment to the equipment fund

by Emma Palova

The Lowell City Council approved a budget amendment reflecting a \$70,000 contribution to the equipment fund.

"This puts the equipment fund on solid footing toward future sustainability," said city manager Mark Howe.

The light winter resulted in savings to the major and local streets' funds, leaving the general fund balanced.

In other business, the council approved a two-year agreement for tax assessors Jeffrey and Debra Rashid, as well as a lease agreement with the Lowell Rotary.

"They are very supportive of the local programs," said councilmember Jim Valentine.

In related business, the council approved a resolution for hazard mitigation plan that will allow agencies to apply for Federal Emergency Man-

agement Agency (FEMA) grants in case of hazards.

Councilmember Andrew Schrauben informed the council about the Lowell Area Recreational Authority (LARA) second phase project. Currently, the authority is in the planning stages for phase II that will connect phase I with other trail systems.

Mayor pro tem Sharon Ellison, who sits on the arbor board, gave an update on tree planting activities.

The board is dropping the plan for tree planting on Chatham Street due to the construction of the bio-digester in late summer. Instead, the board will focus on Bowes Road.

The Lowell Light and Power is in the process of strategic planning for the utility, according to mayor Jim Hodges. The bio-digester is expected to generate electricity at the beginning of next year.

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Relay for Life of Lowell this Friday and Saturday

The eighth annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Lowell will be held this weekend at Lowell High School Red Arrow Stadium. Help support your friends and neighbors and find out what the relay is all about! Both fun

track during the 24 hours of the relay.

The teams also host a variety of family friendly fundraisers around the track, including games for kids, unique crafts and a variety of food, beverages and tasty treats. In addition, this family oriented event includes a bounce house and a dunk tank Friday afternoon and again Saturday morning.



and inspiring, this around the clock, 24-hour event kicks off at noon this Friday, June 22.

This year's relay has 27 teams participating with a goal of raising \$69,000 for the American Cancer Society. Teams include families and friends, church and school groups and co-workers from area businesses. All teams take turns walking laps around the stadium

Relay For Life celebrates cancer survivors, remembers loved ones lost and offers the community a way to fight back by coming together to raise funds to help support The American Cancer Society's on-going battle against this disease.

More details available on the Lowell Relay For Life website: www.RelayForLife.org/lowellMI or by calling their American Cancer Society staff partner, Jaime Counterman (616-364-6121).



At Your Local Library

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Art Attack -

Create sculptures, prints, drawings, paintings and collages to take home with you. For families. Fri., June 22, 11:00 am.

City budget, continued

The council, in a closed session, evaluated the performance of city manager Mark Howe after one year on the job.

"I've met most of my goals and benchmarks," said Howe.

Howe was especially pleased in meeting his goals in the area of strategic and financial planning and collaboration.

Among the highlights of a successful 2011-2012 year for Howe and the city were development of strategic objectives toward an overall city strategic plan, development of a 2012-2013 fiscal

year budget, implementation of a new city website, and collaboration with Lowell and Vergennes townships, Lowell Area Schools and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce toward a community vision.

Some of the benchmarks that have not been met are implementing a sustainable equipment fund, developing a written procedure for handling constituent inquiries, developing a long-term street improvement plan, review and updating of city policies and ordinances, and developing a councilmember handbook.



along main street

RELAY FOR LIFE THIS WEEKEND

The annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Lowell, 24-hour event kicks off at noon this Friday, June 22.

Activities Friday include: Opening lap - Noon; Silent Auction - 2 to 8 pm; Pink Arrow Power Hour - 5 to 6 pm; Opening ceremony & survivor celebration - 6 PM; Cancer survivor dinner - 6:30 pm; Miss Relay Contest - 7:30 pm.

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS

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Family Storytime -
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Lowell author publishes story in Chicken Soup series, offers tips on how to get published

by Emma Palova

Amelia Rhodes started writing and blogging when she was at home with children, Ilana and Titus, to stay in touch with family in Ohio. At the time, she was living in Florida.

"I enjoyed capturing the stories of everyday life," she said. "It has become what I am really passionate about."

Her dream of becoming a published author came true on May 15, when her story "Dad's Handout" was published in the 'Chicken Soup for the Soul: Here Comes the Bride.'

"It was something I had blogged about and turned it into a piece for Chicken Soup," she said.

And although the entire process took over a year, the long wait paid off. Rhodes was notified about making the final round after six months. She tried not to think about it and kept busy with the children.

When she got the final phone call about the story being published, Rhodes was in a state of shock.

"I yelled, guess what," she said. "It opened up a whole new world for me. It makes you feel like a real writer."

That was about half way through the negotiations for publishing a coffee table book.

"The Chicken Soup story gave credibility to my writing and encouraged me to take on a whole book," she said.

Two years ago, Rhodes attended a writer's conference, Festival of Faith and Writing, where she made some new friends. She joined writer's groups that encouraged Rhodes to submit her work.

Then, she started blogging for Circle of Friends



Amelia Rhodes's piece "Dad's Handout" was recently published in Chicken Soup for the Soul: Here Comes the Bride.

and working on, "Isn't it time for a coffee break" about women doing life together for a coffee book series by Barbour Publisher in Ohio.

Her friends, husband Kedron, and the writing communities, both in Florida and Michigan, kept Rhodes writing.

"I was living what I was writing," she said.

Currently in the editorial process, the coffee book is scheduled to come out in January.

"I am incredibly excited and humbled," she said. "I never thought that in two years I would be doing this."

Rhodes finds inspiration in everyday life, in the little moments that most of the time pass by unnoticed.

One of the precious little moments she captured in her blog was based on an experience while planting potatoes with her son.

"He was so excited about planting smashed potatoes," she said laughing. "As we dug the holes he had a vision of smashed pota-

toes. I wanted to remember that, so I wrote it up."

Capturing little life's moments in words rather than with a camera has become a passion for Rhodes.

"I want to remember what I am thinking, feeling at that moment," she said. "I like to capture an entire story behind the photo that becomes a family lesson."

Like in the gardening example, Rhodes feels that the story shows the discipline of planting and that it reminds us that sometimes the best things in life are worth waiting for.

For all these reasons, Rhodes likes to keep a journal and then blog about those precious moments.

Now, Rhodes is planning to enjoy the summer while looking forward to the editing process in the fall. She will also keep an eye on the list of story topics wanted by the Chicken Soup series.

She already has in mind a story about a family vacation in Florida at grandma's house.

Rhodes is hoping that women will pick up her coffee book to share with friends, maybe in a book club.

"Experience how great it can be to live life together," she said.

Following are Amelia's writing tips:

- 1-Write every day even if it's only an entry in your journal. Everybody should keep a journal.
- 2-Be brave. Admit to being a writer, it gives you confidence.
- 3- Look for places to submit. Books like Chicken Soup list topics of stories they're looking for.
- 4-Join or start a writer's club; seek fellow writers' advice.
- 5-Be aware of your surroundings and pay attention to life's little moments.
- 6-Put your technology down and participate in life and be present in its moments.
- 7-Have a routine and a place for writing, even if it's a kitchen table. Set a timer.

8-Attend conferences in your area.

9-Participate in webinars or take classes online.

10-Use Writer's Digest prompts.

As an outsider, Rhodes has always felt welcomed in Lowell.

"I feel like I belong here," she said. "Coming from Florida, we were looking for a small town and our friends from Lowell recommended it."

Rhodes said she also appreciates the arts' community.

She's looking forward to creative non-fiction writing based on real life stories with emphasis on the little moments that could get overlooked.

"Freelance writing allows me to be in kids' classrooms," she said. "It gives me that flexibility."

Her blog is www.ameliarhodes.com



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Christopher C. Godbold

Consider these financial moves when you relocate

Almost everyone would agree: Moving is a hassle. In addition to selling your current home and finding a new one, you may need to deal with a new school for your kids, a new doctor, a new dentist — the list goes on and on. But you'll also need to consider the financial aspects of your move — specifically, your investments, insurance, taxes and even your estate plans.

How can you help make sure that your move doesn't slow your progress toward your financial goals? Consider the following relocation "checklist":

Open new bank accounts, and set up automatic transfers. If your move requires you to change banks, open your new accounts as soon as possible. And if you had your previous bank automatically move money each month from a checking or savings account into an investment, set up a similar arrangement at your new bank.

Decide what to do with your employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you are leaving your job, you'll

need to make some decisions about your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. For example, you might have the option of leaving your money in your former employer's plan, or you may be able to roll the money over to a new employer's plan. Alternatively, you could decide to transfer the assets into an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Your financial advisor can help you make the choice that's right for your situation.

Discuss your situation with a tax professional. You may want to meet with your tax professional to consider the benefits or liabilities of any differences in tax laws between your new location and your old one. You may also need to address any implications resulting from moving and changing jobs.

Review your financial goals. Some of your goals, such as those related to housing and where you want to retire, may have changed as a result of your move. So it's a good idea to meet with your financial advisor to review your objectives.

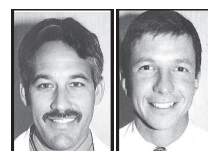
Evaluate your monthly budget. If you followed a budget detailing your expenses and cash flow before your move, you may need to update it after you've settled in to your new home. If you haven't set up a budget in the past, you've now got a good reason to establish one — because a well-planned budget can help you avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs.

Update your insurance coverage. Make sure your vehicles, stored possessions and new residence are covered during your move. And if your health insurance is changing, be aware of what's covered under your new policy.

Review your estate plans. If your move coincides with other important life events, such as marriage, divorce or remarriage, you may need to make some moves related to your estate plans, such as ensuring you have the correct beneficiary designations on any life insurance policies and your 401(k), IRA and other investment accounts. Check with your legal advisor to determine which steps make sense for your situation.

Moving may require you to adjust many aspects of your life. Reviewing the items on this checklist can help you get your financial house in order when you move into your new home.

health



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

ingrown toenails

An ingrown nail typically occurs on the big toe. It is a condition where the nail grows into the soft tissue of

the digit. Redness, pain and swelling are typical signs and sometimes larger infections will produce pus from the site. Infections can be especially serious in those with diabetes. If this infection is left untreated, a serious bone infection can occur.

This condition is usually caused by wearing shoes that are too tight or cutting your toenails too short or not straight across. Sometimes

a local injury or extremely curved nails will cause this as well.

Minor infections can be treated at home by soaking in warm water three times per day and placing a small amount of cotton under the ingrown portion of the nail. Replaced regularly, this will lift the edge of the nail away from the skin until it eventually grows past the skin. More serious infections require antibiotics and removal of the nail. A local anesthetic is used to block the toe and either a portion or the entire nail is removed. Sometimes a portion of the nail bed is destroyed to prevent the nail from regrowing.

The nail will slowly regrow and should not become ingrown again.



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Dave Stegehuis

After crossing the Mackinaw Bridge, a cool breeze blowing off Lakes Huron and Michigan greets the visitor to the Upper Peninsula. Somehow there is something different about this place. It could be the rocky landscape, seemingly endless forests and swamps, pristine lakes and streams, or the history which con-

tinues to influence the culture of the people who live here. Whatever it is, visitors will find a unique travel experience relatively close to home. The U.P. is only a five hour drive from Detroit.

Although there are many places in the U.P. where one could spend an entire vacation, the first time visitor could take a

few days and make a loop around the peninsula to get the total picture. Except for major spring and summer holidays, traffic is generally light and driving is pleasurable. Be on the lookout for a place to have a pasty — a traditional dish favored by Finnish miners.

Starting at the Straits and driving west on US-2 will reveal panoramic views of Lake Michigan. A side trip on M-77 will take one to the Seney Wildlife Refuge.

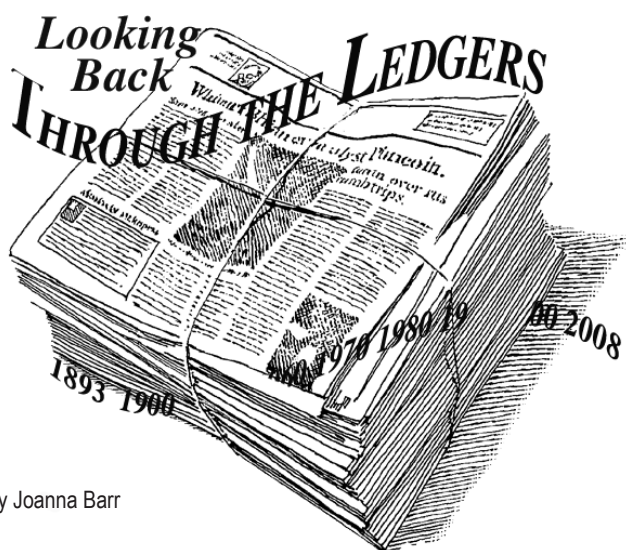
Continuing on US-2 brings one to Palms Book and the Big Springs, and down the road on the Garden Peninsula find historic Fayette. On the way to the Porcupine Mountains traveling on M-45 north, the visitor can swing by Agate and Bond Falls. Heading northeast from the Porkies leads to the Keweenaw Peninsula and Copper Harbor.

On the way back to the Straits, M-28 passes through Marquette on the southern

edge of the Huron Mountains. Further east is Pictured Rocks. Making a loop on M-123 will take one to Tahquamenon Falls and then on to Sault Saint Marie and the Soo Locks. Driving south on I-75 quickly returns the traveler to historical Saint Ignace unless you detour to Detour on M-134 and catch the ferry to Drummond Island.

There are, of course, all kinds of recreational opportunities and points of interest

to be discovered along the way by exploring the back roads. Whether it is hiking, biking, camping, fishing, or just finding a quiet place to enjoy nature, exploring the Upper Peninsula is a great way to take advantage of the Michigan summer. A round trip tour would reveal many of the possibilities. There is something intriguing about the area, and you may well find that special experience which will draw you back up north year after year.



By Joanna Barr

129 years ago Lowell Journal June 20, 1883

Gov. Begole on Friday pardoned out of the state prison one life convict, one committed for fourteen years and one for five years. If he keeps on at this rate, the next legislature will probably consider a proposition to abolish the prison entirely or convert it into "The Criminal's Refuge from Justice."

A mob of citizens at Cheboygan took Till Warner (arrested for brutally outraging and stabbing a little girl) from jail Friday morning and hanged him to a railroad crossing sign. Mob violence under any circumstances is a disgrace to the State, granting at the same time that this was one of the most fiendish crimes ever committed within our borders.

One of the most deplorable acts committed in our law abiding state was the hanging of the fiend Warner at Cheboygan by a mob of citizens there. Aggravating as was the case, the offender was sure of his punishment by the due and regular process of law. It is asserted that the intention of the mob was known in Lansing many hours before the hanging took place. If so, and the Governor took no steps to prevent the lynching, as it seems he did not, his excellency is guilty of criminal neglect of duty. No case, however aggravating or damnable, justifies the suspension of the law.

Directors, Cook and Burton of Hastings, were in Lowell yesterday, in conference with the Lowell directors of the Lowell and Hastings railroad. Matters of importance in connection with the project were discussed. The determination to go on and complete the road seems to be fixed.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 20, 1912

Dr. Koon of Grand Rapids, an official of the State Board of Health, was in town last Thursday on business pertaining to his office, particularly to investigate

conditions of the slaughter house and premises within the eastern limits of the village, complaints against which had been made. Dr. Koon was emphatic in his censure of conditions found. Partially devoured carcasses of long dead animals were strewn along the ravine and a drove of hogs was feasting on the putrid flesh. The owner of the property, who only recently came into possession and being a traveling man making only an occasional flying visit here, was unaware of the state of affairs and was notified to have the premises cleaned up at once and the dead animals buried in lime. The renters of the property were notified that further offense would be followed by criminal prosecution. The Grand Rapids papers published lengthy interviews with Dr. Koon regarding his Lowell investigations, but THE LEDGER has no desire to enlarge upon the matter and hopes there will be no further cause for complaint.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo June 24, 1937

Playground opens with enthusiasm - The playground opened Monday and attendance for the day was as follows: 51 in the morning and 47 in the afternoon. A safety squad has been organized... as soon as more girls attend the playground a safety squad of girls will be organized. Schedule of coming events is: July 6, kite flying contest with prizes for funniest kite, highest flyer, largest kite, smallest kite, etc.; July 27, pet parade [with] prizes for smallest, largest, funniest, prettiest, etc.; August 6, circus; August 15, airplane flying contest. Schedule of events for each week is as follows: Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, baseball for boys, games for girls; tennis instruction for boys and girls Wednesday a.m.; indoor and outdoor volleyball for boys and girls every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday a.m.; handicraft, bird house building and airplane modeling every day from 1:00 to 2:00. Bring your models. All the playground activities are under the direction of Wendell H. Emery, L.H.S. athletic coach and is sponsored by the Lowell Board of Trade.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 21, 1962

Eight Lowell juveniles have been named as the vandals who broke into the school concession stand at the park and damaged bottles of soft drink concentrate. They are also accused of pulling out the stakes that had been set by the engineers to mark the start and finish of the various races. The damage was estimated by school authorities at \$58.00. The parents are being called in to settle the claim.

First rehearsal of the 1962 Lowell Showboat Chorus was held last Thursday evening in the high school gymnasium with 65 members present, Bruce Walter, director of the chorus, reports. Walter added

that, as in the past, the chorus needs more male voices in both the tenor and bass sections in order that the correct vocal balance may be achieved. All men in the community and the surrounding areas who are interested in singing are urged to attend the next rehearsals.

25 years ago The Grand Valley Ledger June 24, 1987

After a four month search, the Lowell City Council has hired a new city manager. Mayor James Maatman announced Thursday that David M. Pasquale will assume the city manager's position in early August. Pasquale, 40, is currently the assistant city manager in Mt. Pleasant, a position he has held for six years. Maatman says the search for a new manager yielded more than 60 resumes. Maatman and councilman William Thompson reviewed the resumes and narrowed them down to a list of ten to be presented to the entire city council. From that list, the council found four that they wanted to interview. Pasquale was among those four, but Maatman said, "He (Pasquale) stood head and shoulders above the rest in terms of experience, education and references. We were delighted when he told us he'd accept the job."

Ivan Blough announces that things are "shaping up" for the Sesquicentennial Moustache contest to be judged at Recreation Park on Saturday afternoon.



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weddings

Daniels/Beimers



Shannon Beimers and Dennis Daniels

Shannon Beimers and Dennis Daniels, of Alto, are proud to announce their marriage on June 4, 2012 in Ada. The bride's parents are Ken Beimers of Rockford and Sharon Beimers of Stendale. The groom's mother is Kathy Daniels of Twining. Between them, they have four boys, Bradley, Austin, Alec and Eric.

engagements

Fiore/Speerstra



James Speerstra and Amanda Fiore

The families of Amanda Lynna Fiore and James Jeffrey Speerstra of Geneva, IL, are happy to announce their engagement. Parents of the couple are John and Diane Fiore of Wheaton, IL, and James and Candice Speerstra of Venice, FL, formerly from Lowell. Jeff recently received his MBA from the University of Illinois at Chicago and works as a market manager for Kelloggs. Amanda went to college at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and works as a senior project manager for a management consulting firm. Wedding plans are being made for November 3, 2012 nuptials in Lemont, IL, with a reception to follow in Geneva, IL.

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business matters



Lowell has a new doctor in the community. Dr. Jennifer Schad is an experienced

optometrist who is certified by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Dr. Schad has joined with Advanced Eyecare Professionals and is accepting new patients in all three office locations: Lowell, Ionia and Hastings. The Ionia office will soon be moving from West Main Street to

the brand new Blue Water Medical Center on Hwy. 21 that will be opening in July 2012.

Dr. Jennifer Schad grew up locally in Stanton and attended Central Montcalm public schools, gradu-

ating fifth in her class. She completed her undergraduate courses at Ferris State University and received her Doctor of Optometry degree from Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State, graduating with highest distinction in 2001. She has practiced in West Michigan for the past 11 years prior to joining Advanced Eyecare Professionals in 2012. Dr. Schad enjoys the variety of patients that primary care optometry provides and has extensive experience in contact lenses, including multifocals and contacts to correct astigmatism. She also particularly enjoys provid-

ing eye care to children of all ages and has participated in vision clinics providing free eye care and glasses to children in need.

Dr. Schad is married with three children and resides in Greenville.

Dr. Schad is excited to join the Advanced Eyecare Professionals' team and because of her addition to the practice, the Lowell, Ionia and Hastings offices will now have more availability for optometrist appointments. Dr. Schad looks forward to helping members of each community with their eye care needs.

How to pass the deficit reduction test



Sen. Carl Levin

Over the next few months, Congress faces a vitally important test. The question is whether we can balance the need to reduce the deficit with the need to protect important priorities at home and abroad. There is a narrow path to passing that test, but we must try.

Last summer, during the crisis over raising the debt limit, Congress passed the Budget Control Act. That legislation established a special committee – the so-called “supercommittee” – to try to agree on \$1.2 trillion in deficit reduction over 10 years. Because the supercommittee could not reach agreement, at the beginning of next year, automatic spending cuts to reduce the deficit will kick in, divided equally between defense and domestic spending, cutting programs and activities across the board through a process called sequestration.

These automatic cuts are large, across-the-board cuts that set no priorities. They will do tremendous harm if we don't avoid them.

As chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I'm concerned about the impact sequestration could have on our national security, on our troops and their families. The armed services would have to reduce personnel strength – that means men and women in uniform lose their jobs. Training would be curtailed. Acquisition programs would be disrupted.

Many are concerned that sequestration threatens to leave us with a hollowed-out military. I share those concerns. We included in our defense bill a requirement that DoD explain to us what the impact of sequestration would be.

But when I look beyond defense, I'm also concerned. These cuts could leave us not just with a hollowed-out military, but a hollowed-out economy.

Sequestration threatens our ability to continue the economic recovery, to educate our children, to care for the sick, to rebuild crumbling roads and bridges, to protect the environment, to invest in new technologies. We should ask not just the

Pentagon, but every department, what the impact of sequestration would be. The answers will surely give us a great incentive to avoid sequestration.

Our only option to avoid the economic train wreck triggered by sequestration is to produce a balanced bipartisan deficit reduction package. There are not 60 votes in the Senate to change the sequestration formula and avoid sequestration unless those changes meet that test.

Balance requires three things. First, we need additional spending cuts – but prudent, prioritized cuts. Second, we have to consider reforms of our entitlement programs. And third, we must include additional revenue.

Historically, federal tax revenue has been about 19-20 percent of our economic output. Today it's closer to 15 percent. Presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton all reached deficit deals that

got at least one-third of their deficit reduction from revenue.

Our tax code is full of loopholes, including allowing offshore tax havens to help wealthy Americans avoid paying their taxes. Closing them down would restore billions of dollars in revenue. One example: Facebook will get an estimated \$16 billion tax break from the recent sale of their stock, including a half-billion dollar refund check and no federal taxes for up to 20 years because of a loophole that subsidizes stock options for executives.

We also must consider reversing Bush-era tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans, who have prospered in recent years even as middle-class incomes have stagnated.

Most Republicans have signed a pledge they will oppose any attempt to add new revenue to reduce the deficit and protect vital programs. So far, that opposition has blocked attempts at comprehensive deficit reduction.

Those opponents have to choose: Will they continue to defend tax breaks and loopholes that benefit the wealthiest among us, who

are the only group that has done well in the recession? Or will they choose to protect national security, students, seniors and workers?

Ultimately, I think we will reach a balanced deficit reduction agreement. The question is, will it come in time?

The Pentagon and military services have to be able to make plans at least a few months in advance. Already, businesses are warning employees of potential layoffs if sequestration takes effect. Families need to know if they can send their kids to college. Local governments need to know whether they can hire the contractor to rebuild that aging bridge.

We can find agreement. But if it comes too late – during the lame duck session in December, for example – much of the economic damage will already be done.

We know the way out. The way out is compromise. And if we know the path, we shouldn't wait to take it.

Hope Network is a non-profit Christian based organization founded in 1963 to empower people with disabilities or disadvantages to achieve their highest level of independence.

With corporate offices in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Hope Network provides services in 240 locations, by 2,800 staff, to people in more than 75 counties with traumatic brain injuries, developmental disabilities, and mental illness.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

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

An amendment to add language to Section 18.05, Signs Permitted in All Zoning Districts, which would permit any sign allowed by Article 18 to contain a non-commercial message.

An amendment to delete Section 18.11(g) which contains the standards for granting variances for signs.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, July 9, 2012
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI 49331

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

The amendments may also be viewed on the Township web site at www.twp.lowell.mi.us

Tim Clements, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

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Art competition, continued

for “Amber.” Michelle denHollander, of Grand Rapids, received the drawing award for “Innocent Wonder.”

“We wanted to give the kids a taste of what an adult show is like,” said Cornwell, “as well as attract youngsters serious about art.”

Next year, the junior re-

gional will replace the regular Lowell High School show and it will most likely run from mid May to the end of the school year using the same format. It will again be open to artists ages 13 to 18 living in the tri-county area.

Sponsors for the event

were Kendall College of Art & Design of Ferris State University, Forest Hills Fine Arts Center, Frames Unlimited, Service Reproductions, T-Square Art Supply Inc., Dick Blick Art Materials and Cheap Joe’s Art Supplies.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 am to 6 pm and on Saturdays from 1 pm to 4 pm.

For more information go to www.lowellarts.mi.org



Michelle denHollander's “Innocent Wonder” mixed media work.



Rachel Wittenbach's clay “Amber” sculpture.



Anna Peterson's portrait of Shirley Temple.



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History Mystery

The coin pictured was made in 1863 during the Civil War and was referred to as a store card or token. These tokens came into existence due to the withdrawal of government issued coins. People hoarded the coins that were left in circulation, but merchants still had a difficult time making change for their customers. To solve this problem, tokens were created by businesses and stamped with their own name or trade. These



tokens were financially supported by each of the businesses that they were created for. This resulted in over eleven thousand different one cent tokens in use, in twenty-three states. Michigan had seventy-two towns with their own advertising pennies (tokens). Included in this list was the town of Lowell, where there were two local businesses with their own token. The federal government outlawed the use of these tokens just after one year due to misuse and lack of control.

William Hatch and Edwin R. Crow, owners of the Hatch & Crow Mill, Lowell, Michigan (1859-1880), issued their own token. This business was located on the eastside of the Flat River originally known as the Forrest Mill. The museum recently purchased this token to complete their connection to this unique history. A tin shop owned by W.R. Blaisdell, Lowell, Michigan (1860-1894), also issued a token for his business. His shop was located where the Flat River Grill is today. The Lowell Area Historical Museum is lucky to have a W.R. Blaisdell token. This legendary token was discovered by Sally Rose who was eighty-one years old and living in Niles, Michigan, while she was rolling a collection of old pennies. After some research, she decided that this unique token should return to Lowell and their museum. She made this unexpected donation to the museum in 1992 and it became part of the museum's permanent display in 2001.

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Connor Bergin's “Fear Not” pencil/charcoal.



Brigitte Casalina's “Steampunk Fairy.”



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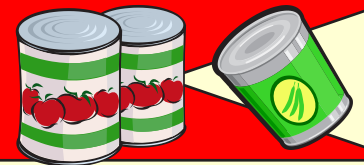
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Social Security Q & A

Question: I'm getting married later this month and plan to change my name. What documents do I need to apply for a new Social Security card with my new name?

Answer: To change your name for any reason in Social Security's records, and on your Social Security card, you'll need to provide proof of your U.S. citizenship (if you have not previously established it with us) or immigration status. You'll need to show us evidence of your legal name change by showing us documentation of your old and new names. Such documents could include a court order for a name change, marriage certificate, divorce decree, or Certificate of Naturalization. Finally, you'll need to show us proof of identity. All documents submitted must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies of documents. Visit our website about your Social Security card and number at www.socialsecurity.gov/ss-number where you can get more information and fill out your application or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Question: Recently, I was told I shouldn't be carrying my Social Security card around. Is that true?

Answer: We encourage you to keep your Social Security card at home in a safe place. Do not carry it with you unless you are taking it to a job interview or to someone who requires it. Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America, and the best way to avoid becoming a victim is to safeguard your card and number. To learn more, visit our Social Security number and card page at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber>.

Question: I just started my first job and my paycheck is less than I expected. Why am I paying for retirement benefits when I have a lifetime to live before retirement?

Answer: Besides being required by law, you are securing your own fi-

ancial future through the payment of Social Security and Medicare taxes. The taxes you pay now translate to a lifetime of protection, whether you retire or become disabled. When you die, your family (or future family) may be able to receive survivors benefits based on your work as well. Aside from all the benefits in your own future, your Social Security and Medicare payments also help today's retirees. To learn more, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question: My father receives Social Security retirement benefits, and I will be in charge of his estate when he dies. Should that occur, do I need to report his death to Social Security or will benefits automatically stop?

Answer: When your father dies, please notify Social Security as soon as possible by calling us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). Another person, such as a spouse, may be eligible for survivors benefits based on his record. Also, we might be able to pay a one-time payment of \$255 to help with funeral expenses. We suggest reading a copy of our online publication, How So-

cial Security Can Help You When A Family Member Dies, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10008.html.

Question: I have been getting Social Security disability benefits for many years. I'm about to hit my full retirement age. What will happen to my disability benefits?

Answer: When you reach "full retirement age", we will switch you from disability to retirement benefits. You won't even notice the change because your benefit amount will stay the same. It's just that when you reach retirement age, we consider you to be a "retiree" and not a disability beneficiary. To learn more, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question: My 15-year-old sister has been blind since birth. I think she should apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), but my parents think because she is a minor, they are responsible for her and she will not qualify. Who is right?

Answer: To qualify for SSI, an individual must meet certain income and resource limits. Since your

sister is a minor, some of your parents' income and resources will determine whether your sister is eligible for SSI. Once your sister turns 18, their income and resources will not be considered when deciding her eligibility and payment amount. Tell your parents they can check at any Social Security office to see if your sister qualifies. To learn more, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Question: I'm on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and live with my two brothers in an apartment. My SSI payment is cut by one-third because the Social Security office says I don't pay enough of the

household expenses. How much of the expenses must I pay in order to get the full SSI rate?

Answer: Under the rules of the program, you must be paying an equal share of the expenses. Because there are three of you in the household, you must pay one-third of the expenses. If you are not paying an equal share of the rent, utilities, groceries, and other household expenses, your SSI payment must be reduced. To learn more, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question: I can't find my Medicare card and I need a replacement. Do I need to come into the office?

Answer: You can get your Medicare card replaced without leaving your home. Just go online to www.socialsecurity.gov/medicarecard and get your new Medicare card sent to your home. Simply fill out the requested information and you'll get your new Medicare card within 30 days; it will be mailed to your address on record. If you need temporary proof of Medicare coverage, call our toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 to request a letter and you will receive it in the mail within 7 to 10 days. If you need immediate proof of your Medicare coverage, please visit your local Social Security office.



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obituaries

HEYN

Richard Heyn, age 71, passed away Sunday, June 10, 2012, at his home at Schneider Manor. He worked as a custodian for Lowell schools for many years. He will be missed by his friends.

McCLURE

Lorna June (Lott) McClure, age 93 of Lowell, passed away Saturday, June 16, 2012 with her family by her side. Born June 2, 1919 in Elmdale, Michigan to William and Edna (Heaven) Lott and lived most of her life there. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Roger; husband, Daniel; sons, William and Reginald; granddaughter, Regina; special cousin, Phillip Lott; and best friend, Phyllis Craig. Surviving is her son, Gregory (Marilyn) of Lowell; daughter-in-laws, Sharlene McClure (Larry) Thuston of Kentucky, Virginia McClure of Indiana; sister-in-law, Joann McClure of Indiana; grandchildren, Leila McClure, John (Lynne) McClure, Deanna (Paul) Vent, David (Brandi) McClure, Misty (Mark) Anderson, April McClure; great grandchildren, Destinee, Talon, Mea, Devin, Braydon, Allyssa, Cadan, Brailyn, Chase, Ruth; as well as many nieces and nephews. Lorna was a long time standing member of the Order of Eastern Star, for over 70 years. She was an avid fan of dirt track racing with her family, and enjoyed gardening, golfing, bowling, sewing and helped with the Adult Literacy Program. She was best known for her molasses cookies. A special thank you to Eloise Courter for her friendship. Per Lorna's wishes cremation has taken place and a celebration of her life will be offered in Saturday, June 23, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. with visitation one hour prior at Elmdale Church of the Nazarene, 9430 Elmdale Rd, Clarksville. Pastor Nathaniel Gray officiating. Please consider memorial contributions to Elmdale Church of the Nazarene, Order of the Eastern Star c/o Claudia Zimmerman 12445 Stout Ave., Cedar Springs, MI 49319 or American Cancer Society, 129 Jefferson S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.



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NOTICE TO
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Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 12-192236-DE

Estate of ROBERT
STEPHEN BOREK. Date
of birth: 12/26/1943.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS: The
decedent, Robert
Stephen Borek, who
lived at 1075 - 36th St.,
SW, Apt. 37, Wyoming,
MI 49509, died
04/29/2012.

Creditors of the
decedent are notified
that all claims against

the estate will be
forever barred unless
presented to Catherine
M. Van Sprange, named
personal representative
or proposed personal
representative, or to
both the probate court
at 180 Ottawa Avenue
NW, Ste. 2500, Grand
Rapids, MI 49503 and
the named/proposed
personal representative
within 4 months after
the date of publication
of this notice.

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616-774-4001

Catherine M. Van
Sprange
6158 - 60th Ave.
Hudsonville, MI 49426

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If you would like to get a Social Security Statement, which provides estimates of your future benefits, it is now available online at www.socialsecurity.gov.

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According to the American Customer Satisfaction Index, users are giving the online Statement a score of 89, making it competitive

with our other top-rated, best-in-government online services, such as the Retirement Estimator and online retirement application.

To get a personalized online Statement, you must be age 18 or older and must be able to provide information about yourself that matches information already on file with Social Security. In addition, Social Security uses Experian, an external authentication service provider, for further verification. You must provide identifying information and

answer security questions in order to pass this verification. Social Security will not share your Social Security number with Experian, but the identity check is an important part of this new, thorough verification process.

When your identity is verified, you can create a "My Social Security" account with a unique user name and password to access your online Statement. In addition, your online Statement includes links to information about other on-

line Social Security services, such as applications for retirement, disability, and Medicare.

For more information about the new online Statement, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement.

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

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His memory is our treasure with which we'll never part, God has him in His keeping we have him in our hearts.

Remembering you with our deepest love forever and always,

Wife Ruth

*Troy and Angie Sloan & family
Jeff & Candi Bowne & family*

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PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 12-192235-DE

Estate of RUTH
VREDEVELD. Date of
birth: 10/21/1928.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS: The
decedent, Ruth
Vredevel, who lived
at 2129 Clyde Park,
SW, Apt. 57, Wyoming,
Michigan, died
04/29/2012.

Creditors of the
decedent are notified
that all claims against

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Johnson, named
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or proposed personal
representative, or to
both the probate court
at 180 Ottawa Avenue
NW, Ste. 2500, Grand
Rapids, MI 49503 and
the named/proposed
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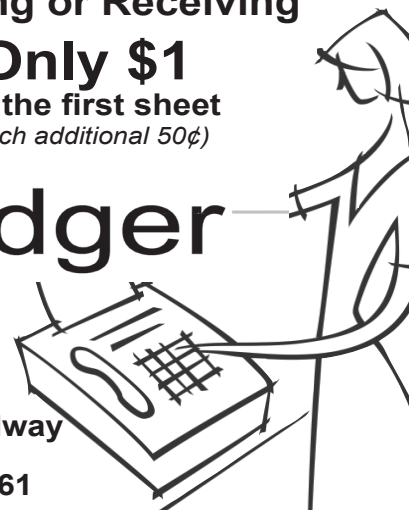
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classifieds

for sale

QUEEN PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET - (new), \$248/set. Thick & plush. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.^{TFN}

FREE HEAT & HOT WATER - Eliminate monthly heating bills with Classic Outdoor Wood Furnace from Central Boiler. Call SOS your "Stocking Dealer" Dutton, MI 616-554-8669 or 616-915-5061.

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1998 HARLEY DAVIDSON SPORTSTER - 1200 classic custom 95th anniversary edition, 7100 + miles, screaming eagle mufflers, detachable windshield, detachable sissy bar, new Harley battery less than a year old, after-market forward controls. Perfect condition. \$5,000. 616-560-0894.

BED & MATTRESS SET - queen, Sealy, \$95 includes frame. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. Delivery available.^{TFN}

AUCTION - every Friday night, 6:30 p.m. 420 N. Lafayette, Greenville, MI. Antiques, furniture, railroad, fishing items, dolls & much more. Always taking consignment. Visit auctionzip.com or call Rick at 616-302-8963.

PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET - Queen. Never used, \$199. Call 616-682-4767 or 293-6160.

KENMORE REFRIGERATOR & STOVE SET - (2006), cost \$900, sell \$199 for pair. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.^{TFN}

LAND FOR SALE - Lowell schools, Vergennes Township, Alden Nash West subdivision, Alden Nash Rd., just south of Lowell High School entrance, before Vergennes Rd., .63 acre, surveyed, staked all corners, underground utilities, sandy soil, walk to high school, FOR SALE BY OWNER sign on property, \$49,900. Contact Chuck at 1-517-282-2460 after 10 a.m.

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SOUND OFF PHONE LINE 897-0787

for sale

PLANT SALE - Looking for that special plant? Come visit Loretta's Gardens in Lowell where you will find a great selection of named varieties for both sun & shade areas; hosta, daylilies, ground covers & specialty plants. Call for a time to walk the gardens & choose your plants. 987-6294. Also come visit my booth at the weekly Lowell Farmers' Market every Thursday from 12:30 - 6.

200 APPLIANCES - Washers, dryers, refrigerators & stoves. Guaranteed. From \$69. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. Delivery available.^{TFN}

PROTECTION DOGS FOR SALE - professionally trained, excellent quality. www.k9ai.com, 616-293-5653.

HUGE PLANT SALE - June 23, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. & June 24, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. State inspected. 1,000s of varieties of hostas, daylilies & other perennials. Cash only please. Bring your own containers. 9060 - 60th St. SE, Alto. See our website at sites.google.com/site/daylilyandhostasale/

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ACTIVITY ASSISTANT - part time, must have high school diploma. Apply at the Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center, Lowell.

wanted

I WANT TO BUY - refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer & furniture in good shape. Have cash. 989-584-6818.^{TFN}

misc.

SUPPORT THE LOWELL AREA FARMERS' MARKET - Thursdays 12:30-6 p.m. at the Tractor Supply parking lot. Call Dave & Betty Deans for more info, 897-9186.

sales

ANTIQUA SALE - Fieldstone Farm Antiques 1st ever clean out the barns inventory reduction sale. Furniture, primitive & lots of wonderful old things. Thurs., Fri. & Sat., June 21, 22, & 23, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 9449 Wingeier Ave. SE, Alto (1/2 mile south of M50). No prior sales please.

sales

GARAGE SALE - 374 Sagamore Trail, Thurs., June 21 & Fri., June 22, 9-3 p.m. Sporting goods, tools, books, computer chair, boys clothing, toys, 0-4T girls, bikes, scooters, brand name clothes.

SALE - Sat., June 23, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Household items, 2 push mowers, 2 sets of Corelle dishes, navy blue scrubs (L/XL), men's 3X shirts, dog cage. 11494 Barnsley, Lowell.

MULTI FAMILY, MULTI HOUSE GARAGE SALE - kids' clothes & toys, toddler bed, microwave, weight bench. Lowell on Forstrom, Thurs., Fri. & Sat., June 21, 22 & 23 at 8 a.m.

MULTI-FAMILY & MOVING GARAGE SALE - June 22 & 23, Fri. 9-5 & Sat. 9-3. 11310 Bluewater Hwy., Lowell. Lots of home decor, kitchenware, many picture frames, toys, child's Superyard, V-Smile Baby w/2 games (barely used), free stuff, light colored, corner computer desk, Bowflex home gym, word processor w/monitor, women's clothing, washer, gas stove, dressers, queen size bed frame & much more!

MOVING SALE - 884 Parnell Ave SE, Sat., June 23, 8-5 p.m. Oak furniture, sleep number mattress, couch, recliner, freezer, lamp, household items, kitchen items & much more.

SALE - Sat., June 23, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 417 High St, Lowell. Drop leaf table, couches, crib, women's golf clubs, wicker chairs & table, household items, home decor & much more.

ESTATE SALE - Wed., June 27, 9-4 (#s at 8:30), Thurs. 9-1. 6901 Gould. Take Cascade Rd. to Gould. North to sale. Just west of Saranac exit. Collectible cars, models, N Gauge trains, good selection of tools, kerosene heaters, shop vac, health aids, wheelchairs, electric cart, cedar chest, small furniture, collectible and household goods. See pictures at www.estatesales.net. Sale by Old Friends & New.

ESTATE/BARN SALE - Hand tools, power tools, antiques, poultry equip., 2 golf carts, lawn tractors, yard tools, 2 & 3 bottom plows, fishing boat, trailers, lumber & household items. June 22 & 23, 9 a.m. 10421 Cascade Rd. SE, Lowell.

ESTATE/YARD SALE - Fri., June 22, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. & Sat., June 23, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. 9074 Bennett SE, Ada. Antique furniture, oak dresser, brass bed & frame, round oak dining table, Hoiyonta metal file cabinet, old books, oil lamps, vintage glassware.

GARAGE SALE - lots of antiques & household items only. Great deals. Thurs., June 21, 9 - 2 p.m. 329 N. Washington St., Lowell.

sales

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MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Thurs. & Fri., June 21 & 22, 9-5 p.m. Cherrywood Lane, Saranac. Office furniture/supplies, Avon, toys, baby, girl, & adult clothing, household & more more.

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for rent

HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! www.VFW8303.org. FREE All Vets Coffee Hour at the center the 3rd Thursday of each month. Bring a friend. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.^{TFN}

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YOGA CLASSES - Tues. & Fri. 7:30 a.m. & Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 p.m. at 901 W. Main. \$8 walk-in. Specials at www.thehammockllc.com Questions, 893-5661.

WALNUT HILL LAWN SERVICE - lawn mowing, rototilling & general lawn maintenance. Reasonable rates & free estimate. Call Aaron at 616-328-9558.

COUNSELING SERVICES - by a local therapist. Pain management, mental health, MCM, Voc. Rehab., career, etc. 238-2116. Life Transitions Therapy.

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ASSISTED LIVING - BELDING AREA - We have one opening for individual w/dementia. Country setting, private room, medication administration, home cooked meals & as much assistance as needed. Please call Brandon at 616-862-6712.

GEE'S ROLLING DUMPSTERS - 15 yard. \$170 for household trash or \$250 for shingles/drywall. 616-205-6871.

HANDY REPAIR SERVICE - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed, screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198.^{TFN}

IF YOUR PET - (dog or cat) would be more comfortable at home while you're away for a weekend or a week-long vacation, call Barbara at 897-5180. I'll make up to three visits per day to your home in the immediate Lowell area.

NEED A DUMPSTER? - 14 to 20 yards available. Garage, attic, household cleanup, roofing, trash, junk etc. Dependable service & affordable prices. Call for free estimates. Contact Doug 616-295-6640.^{TFN}

Coming Events

PLEASE NOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are run on a space available basis & ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO RUN. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. We will not run ANY Garage or Rummage Sales as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

FREE SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES - offered at Lowell Family Medical Center. Call 616-446-7058 to register. The class runs for 8 weeks. Evening & weekend sessions are available. Time & dates will be determined by those registered.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. A Christ centered program to help overcome life's hurts, habits, hangups. Impact Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake, www.impact-church.org or www.celebrater-recovery.com

FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAYS - Fun at Calvary for boys & girls preschool - 8th grade. Cadets for boys 1st - 8th; GEMS for girls 3rd

- 8th; Kingdom Kids for boys & girls preschool - 2nd grade. 1125 W. Main, Lowell. Ph. 897-7060, email: lowellcalvarycrc@yahoo.com

LOWELL - Varsity sporting events, concerts, school board meetings, city council meetings, etc., can be downloaded for viewing from the www.wlhistv.org website. Many athletic contests & concerts can also be heard 'live' from the www.wlhradio.org website.

KNITTING 101 - Every Tues., 10 a.m. - noon, Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main St., Clarksville. 616-693-1001.

KNITTING 101 - Every Wed., 10 a.m. - noon, Saranac Public Library, 61 N. Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

FIT CLUB - Every Tues. at 9 a.m., Clarksville Area Library, 130 S. Main, Clarksville. 616-693-1001.

FREE SENIOR PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Every third Wed. from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. at Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center St. RSVP 897-8473.

LOWELL ROTARY CLUB - meets each Wednesday at noon at Lowell City Hall. New members welcome.

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.

CARVING CLUB - Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. New members welcomed. Call for information, 616-752-0096.

NEW ALTO FARMERS MARKET - Saturdays starting May 5, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Veterans Memorial Park, downtown Alto. Sponsored by Alto DDA.

ART ATTACK - Fri., June 22, 11:00 a.m. Create sculptures, prints, drawings, paintings & collages. For families at Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell. 784-2007.

ANIMAL CRACKERS PETTING ZOO - Tues., June 26, 6:30 p.m. Animals from one of the largest exotic zoos in the area at Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell. 784-2007.

BEYOND MAGIC WITH TOM PLUNKARD - Thurs., July 12, 6:30 p.m. Amazing magic, new tricks & silly stories at Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell. 784-2007.

FAMILY GEOCACHING - Tues., July 24, 6:30 p.m. High tech blend of hide-and-seek, scavenger hunting, puzzle-solving & navigating at Englehardt Branch Library, 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell. 784-2007.

EARTH TALK™

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: The term “sustainable communities” gets bantered around quite a bit today. Could you define it for me? -- Holly Parker, Mechanicsburg, PA

Kaid Benfield, Sustainable Communities program director at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC),

uses the term “sustainable communities” to describe places “where use of resources and emissions of greenhouse gases and other pollutants are going down, not up; where the air and waterways are accessible and clean; where land is used efficiently and shared parks and public spaces are plentiful and easily visited; where people of different ages, income levels and cultural backgrounds share equally in environmental, social and cultural benefits; where many needs of daily life can be met within a 20-minute walk and all may be met within a 20-minute transit ride; where industry and economic opportunity emphasize healthy, environmentally sound practices.”

In his March 2011 NRDC ‘Switchboard’ blog post entitled “A Trip to Sustainaville,” Benfield lays out his vision for what a model of sustainable communities could look like, with neighborhoods sporting healthy amounts of green space and shared vegetable gardens; mass transit, biking and walking replacing the majority of automobile traffic; and mixed use communities where schools, residences and commercial spaces are near each other and are powered by solar panels, geothermal heat pumps or windmills.

According to the Vermont-based Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC), sustainable communities are “economically, environmentally and socially healthy and resilient” and meet “challenges through integrated solutions rather than through fragmented approaches.”

And perhaps more important: Sustainable communities take a long-term perspective, focusing on “both the present and future, well beyond the next budget or election cycle” so that the needs of the current as well as future generations are met with adequate resources. ISC adds that the success of a community’s efforts to be sustainable depends on its members’ commitment and involvement as well as leadership that is inspiring, effective and responsive.

Some of the ways ISC has worked to further its goals include helping teach leaders from low income U.S. communities along the Gulf of Mexico how energy efficiency and ecological restoration can revitalize their otherwise struggling economies; developing community sustainability initiatives throughout war-ravaged parts of Kosovo, Serbia and Macedonia; installing green roofs on residences in the Chinese city of Shenzhen as a pilot project to show how such “technologies” can yield significant carbon sequestration and other environmental benefits, and many more.

Key to any consideration of what makes a community sustainable is the acknowledgement that there is no such thing as perfection. “Sustainability is a process of continuous improvement so communities constantly evolve and make changes to accomplish their goals,” reports Sustainable Communities Online, a web-based information and networking clearinghouse started in the 1990s by a broad coalition of sustainability-oriented organizations and managed by the Washington, DC-based non-profit CONCERN Inc. Those looking to learn more about sustainable communities and what makes them tick should be sure to check out sustainable.org, Sustainable Communities Online’s information-packed website.

CONTACTS: NRDC Sustainable Communities, www.nrdc.org/sustainable-communities/; Institute for Sustainable Communities, www.iscvt.org; Sustainable Communities Online, www.sustainable.org.

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday, July 9 at 7:00 PM**, at the **Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to accept public comment on the following items:

J & H Family Stores have applied for special exception use permits to place a gas station, convenience store and restaurant with drive-thru at 432 Lincoln Lake Ave. which is on the south east corner of Vergennes St and Lincoln Lake Ave.

The Planning Commission has updated the Master Plan. The updates are primarily to the census data and analysis, adding the required “zoning plan”, and other minor wording. It can be reviewed in the Township Office or on the website home page at: www.vergennestwp.org

The complete application and master plan can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674]**. The office hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays and 9:00 am until 12:00 pm on Thursdays. Written and oral comments will be received from any interested party until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennestwp.org

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JUNE 13 - JUNE 19

- After eight weeks, Hall of Fame, major league pitcher Roger Clemens was found not guilty on three counts of making false statements, not guilty on two counts of perjury and not guilty on one count of obstruction. All the charges stemmed from his testimony that he never used steroids.
- The Miami Heat and the Oklahoma Thunder are 2 and 1 respectively in the NBA playoffs.
- Rodney King, 47, made famous for being beaten by the L.A. police which ultimately resulted in rioting when the perpetrators were found innocent, was found dead in his swimming pool.

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5. Even though
6. Wood file
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8. Dipping meal
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11. *_____ of Iran
12. Like Tim of "A Christmas Carol"
15. One who darts
20. Changes to a manuscript
22. Not new or borrowed or blue
24. Fruit _____
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26. Pleasant odor
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31. Bell sound
32. Early stages of illness
33. **"Superman" to Kidder's Lane
34. *a.k.a. Samuel Clemens
36. *General Robert E. and director Spike
38. Seabiscuit's father, e.g.
42. Single-cell protozoan
45. Hispanic American
49. Crematorium jar
51. *Known as the "Queen of Disco"
54. Finno-_____ family of languages
56. Upside down frown
57. Shoshonean people
58. Turns blue litmus red
59. Raised mark on skin
60. *His last word was "Rosebud"
61. Cannabis plant
62. Male version of Emily
63. Intersecting nerves or vessels
66. North American country
68. Many tennis games make one of these



616-897-0787

Thank you to my awesome friends and neighbors in this wonderful community. Your help, care and prayer has been a tremendous comfort to me and my family during my illness. We humbly thank you.
- Barry Getzen

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LAST WEEK'S ONLINE POLL RESULTS

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Have you ever tried to get out of jury duty?

YES	0%
NO - I would serve.....	77%
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St. Patrick Parish FESTIVAL

Friday, June 22nd - Sunday, June 24th

Parnell Road at 5 Mile NE



FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Euchre Tournament
7:00 PM

5K Run
7:00 PM

Beer Tent
7:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Ice Cream Social
7:30 PM

Live Music
EZ Idle
(Bluegrass Music)
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

Mass
4:00 PM

Live/Silent Auction
5:00 PM

Las Vegas
7:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Beer Tent
6:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Live Music - Signal Trip
8:00 PM - 12:00 AM



SUNDAY, JUNE 24

Family Fun

Children's Games

Bingo
12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Beer Tent

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