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Thursday concert sizzles in record temperatures

by Emma Palova

Concertgoers braved record hot temperatures last Thursday as they listened to the music of the Rhythm Section Jazz Band on the Riverwalk.

The Rhythm Section Jazz Band was formed in June of 2002 for the purpose of reading through the Paul Sherwood chart library. This is a collection of over 4,000 arrangements for jazz band,

big band, dance orchestras and theater orchestras.

The "Little Big Band" has 10 musicians: two alto saxophonists, tenor saxophonist, trombonist, trumpeter, pianist, guitarist, bass

guitarist, drummer and singer. The band has held over 55 recording sessions and then evolved into live entertainment, playing engagements in Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin.

The band plays in many styles, such as latin, foxtrot, samba, tango, cha-cha, mambo, begiune, classic jazz, waltz, bebop, pop rock and even some country.

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The next concert is a Woodstock tribute by the Magic Bus on July 5.

The chamber and the arts council expect a big attendance.





Lowell grad drafted to play for the Baltimore Orioles

bv Karen Jack

Lowell's own Torsten Boss, a 2009 Lowell High School graduate, was drafted this past month in major league baseball.

Boss was selected in the eighth round of the 2012 Major League Baseball first-year player draft

by the Baltimore Orioles, being the 252nd person selected. He's been playing as Michigan State University's (MSU) third baseman for the past three years and now can boast that he's the highest drafted Spartan in the past ten years. He's also

the highest ranked third baseman to be drafted since Steve Garvey in 1968.

Boss is also the first Spartan third baseman ever to earn the honor of All-Big Ten three times. He was All-Big Ten his freshman, sophomore and junior years at MSU.

In 2010, he was chosen All-Big Ten second team as a true freshman. He boasted a .341 batting average and was ranked third on the team with six home runs, had 10 doubles, 56 hits and 41 RBIs. In his game against West Virginia, he went 4-for-6 with three RBIs.

As a sophomore at MSU, Boss was selected All-Big Ten first team and was a starter in all 57 of the Spartans' games. He is also ranked among the top 10 leaders of the Big Ten in several different categories: first in sacrifice flies (eight)



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Lowell woman leaves legacy of caring by Emma Palova

Janet Bailey will be reach Ministries (FROM)

As part of the education committee, Bailey organized events for children and families.

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remembered for her love of helping others. Bailey



passed away last Tuesday. "She had a passion for arts, museum and public service," said Rev. Roger La-Warre.

Bailey was an avid volunteer at the Flat River Out-

working on financial assistance. She helped there also with emergency services.

She started day care at United Methodist and she was involved with the hunger walk.

"She was a woman of high energy and a caring person," said LaWarre. "She was a tremendous caring person and worked hard to fill a need."

And most of all, Bailey was a great friend of the arts.

"We're going to miss her; she's touched so many lives," said Barb Pierce of the arts council.

Bailey was a community minded volunteer and she always had time to plan an

event.

"She helped with planning," said Pierce. "She made time for everything and she didn't want any recognition. She just loved what she did."

Bailey was a mentor to many and a role model.

"She will leave a great legacy of helping others," Pierce said.

Rev. Ethel Steers had known Bailey for more than 30 years.

"She had more energy than anyone I've ever known," said Stears. "She cared about those who were hurting.'

and second at OPS (1.029), slugging (.589) and RBIs (59). Boss is tied for second

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Five charged with armed robbery in Lowell Township

Five men were charged with home invasion/armed robbery last week. The incident happened in May as the suspects entered a Lowell Township home, and stole jewelry, money and electronics.

Undersheriff Jon Hess said they may have had connections with the family, as they knew the dogs' names.

"They knew the home pretty well," said Hess. Following are the subjects that were charged:

Nicholas Green 20; Darryl Warren, 29; Warren. Christopher 30; Darell Boyd, 29 and Termayne Lagrone, 24.

The detectives were assisted by the Grand Rapids Special Response Team.

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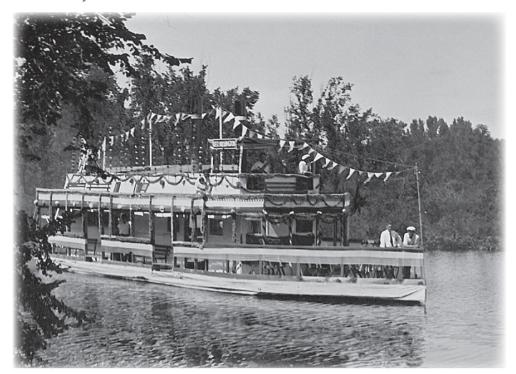
Here comes the showboat!

Submitted by Carol Briggs

There is much history surrounding the Lowell Showboat. It has been a community icon for 80 headliners who had agreed to perform. Endmen, amateur entertainers from the community and a volunteer

changed from a village to a city.

Although the cost of insurance, headliner entertain-



The first Lowell Showboat, circa 1932, at left and at right how it appeared in the 1940s.

years and a labor of love since it began. In 1932, the community decided to build a showboat and invite entertainers to perform as a way to help people smile again, as they struggled and lost hope during the depression years.

With the establishment of the Lowell Showboat, the community once again had something to look forward to as news traveled about the erecting of a floating structure on the Flat River in Lowell. After the showboat's completion, the excitement grew as the reports began coming in about Showboat chorus rounded out the program to be offered.

The anticipation rose as the days drew nearer for that first performance on the newly-built showboat. The townspeople and surrounding community would often use the upcoming minstrel show as the topic of their daily conversations as they gathered to meet. The very first Lowell Showboat performance was such a success. The Village of Lowell repeated its efforts every summer for many, many years, well after it officially

ment and boat upkeep have prevented this outdoor tradition from continuing, the community keeps the Robert E. Lee as a fond memory of summer activities of years past. There have been celebrations on the boat, weddings and graduations on the boat, as well as summer concerts, with the boat as the iconic backdrop it continues to be for the city.

This summer, the Showboat tradition will celebrate its 80th year with a "Birthday Bash" on August 23 during the Sizzlin' Summer concert event, held at the showboat site.

Along with Alive and Well, one of the area's favorite groups, Tess Reagan will return to the stage as our amateur talent. There will be endmen fun and a Showboat sing-a-long of favorite chorus tunes used at the annual summer performances. This the Birthday Bash. If you were part of the boat crew, set-up crew, clean-up crew, usher, Showboat committee member, a past chorus member, endman, Showboat queen or member of the queen's court, you are invited to put this date on your calendar and be pub-

will be recognized during

gift basket worth over \$250 for one lucky person. It will be filled with items and coupons from our local businesses. The only way to win this raffle prize is to come on Aug. 23 and get a ticket.

An event this large will need volunteers helping pass out programs, distributing raffle tickets, and clean-

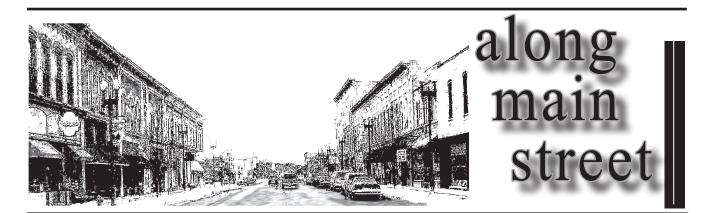


special evening will begin at 7:00 pm and conclude around 9:15 pm with a dazzling ending. In case of rain, this event will take place Friday, Aug. 24.

Many of those who made Showboat a success

licly thanked for your part in continuing this community folklore tradition.

Come view a nostalgic Lowell Showboat slide show and a Showboat memorabilia display, which will be provided during this celebration party. A special feature will be a community ing up the area following the event. Please consider "coming aboard" to lend a hand in order to make this Birthday Bash a wonderful and exciting evening for all. To offer your help, please e-mail either info@lowellchamber.org or cbriggsmail@gmail.com





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ANNUAL COVERED BRIDGE BIKE TOUR

The Fallasburg Historical Society's 18th annual Covered Bridge Bike Tour will be held Sun., July 8. Pedal through the beautiful countryside at your own pace on wellmarked routes from 12 to 100 miles that begin and end in the historic village of Fallasburg, north of Lowell. All proceeds benefit the continued preservation of historic Fallasburg Village. For more information or to volunteer call 616-682-0785 or e-mail fallasburg@yahoo.com

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS

Grant funded exercise class for seniors. 12 weeks beginning July 9. Mondays and Fridays, 11-noon. Call 855-9570 for details.

LHS ALL ALUMNI GATHERING

All Lowell High School graduates are invited to the annual Lowell High School All Alumni Gathering to be held on Sat., July 14, from 9 am to 11:30 am for brunch at Keiser's Kitchen. For information, e-mail: lowellalumni@gmail.com

CIVIL WAR ERA YOUTH WORKSHOP

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will present another hands-on children's workshop, Thurs., July 19, from 9 am - 2 pm. Join us at Fallasburg Park Village (old schoolhouse) with Civil War re-enactor Bruce Butgereit. This youth workshop is designed for children ages 8 to 14. Call 897-7688 to register.

FELTING CLASS AT LOWELLARTS!

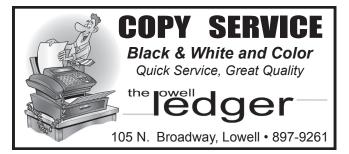
Artist Cindy Allen will teach a felting class at LowellArts!, 149 S. Hudson, Tues., July 24, from 6 to 8 pm. You will learn to wet felt fabric from fiber. After brief instruction, the class will be primarily hands-on. For more information, call 897-8545 or visit www.lowellartsmi.org

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

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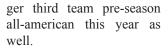
The recent heat wave sends hundreds of visitors to lakes and rivers seeking reprieve from the 90 plus temperatures. Others, like Scott Kooistra and Jon Jacobs, at right, used water to power wash the surroundings of the Lowell Ledger office.



Torsten Boss, continued

in triples (five), is third for batting (.370) and is tied for fourth in total bases (129). He holds fifth place for onbase percentage (.436), is tied for fifth for doubles (17) and is tied for seventh in home runs (seven) and walks (28). He led the Spartan team with 19 multi-RBI games, hit .355 for the season, with five homers and 26 RBIs. He was also named to the Big Ten all-tournament team, with an added note that he hit a grand slam against Ohio State.

As a junior, Boss batted .302, had five homers and 43 RBIs (team high and tied for 10th in the Big Ten). He held the Big Ten second place for walks with 43 of them and was ranked 10th in on-base percentage at .419. He was chosen third team All-Big Ten. Boss also had a 15-game hitting streak and reached base during 24 straight games. Boss was named the Louisville Slug-



Boss finished his career tied for sixth in MSU history in RBIs (143) and doubles with 40 of them.

In high school, Boss earned all-state honors as a sophomore, junior and senior. He owns the Michigan high school record for most career triples with 28 and in his junior year, was named to the Dream Team after hitting .567 with five homers and 32 RBIs in 60 at-bats. Boss holds school records in home runs, hits, extra base hits and runs scored.

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True to Boss fashion, in his major league debut playing for the Aberdeen IronBirds, a short-season A team in the New York-Penn League, Boss went one-forthree with a walk and had two homers in only his second game as a major leaguer.

Esther Newell is turning 80!
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Work toward your own financial **Independence Day**

Once again, Independence Day is here, bringing fireworks and barbeques. Of course, the 4th of July is more than hoopla — it's a time to reflect on the many freedoms we enjoy in this country. Yet, for many people, one important type of freedom — financial freedom — is still elusive. So you may want to use this holiday as an occasion to think of those steps you can take to eventually declare your own Financial Independence Day.

Here are some moves that can help:

• Create a strategy. Financial freedom doesn't just happen — it takes planning, patience and perseverance. To work toward your financial independence, you'll need to create a financial strategy, in conjunction with your financial advisor, and stick to that strategy. Over time, you'll need to make adjustments, but if your overall strategy is appropriate for your goals, time horizon and risk tolerance, it should help you get you to where you want to go.

• Contribute as much as possible to your retirement plans. Each



Christopher C. Godbold

year, put in as much as you

can afford to your 401(k)

or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 457(b) if you work for a state or local government or a 403(b) if you work for a school or other tax-exempt organization. These plans offer the potential for tax-deferred earnings, so your retirement funds can grow faster than if they were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. Also, if you're eligible, try to "max out" on your IRA every year. • Maintain adequate life insurance. If you have a family, you aren't just thinking of your own financial independence ---you have to think of theirs,

too. And that's why you need to maintain adequate life insurance, particularly during the years when your children are growing up. But even after they've left the home, you may find that life insurance can be valuable in providing retirement funds for your spouse, should anything happen to you. And if you have permanent life

insurance, which contains an investment component, you can generally access the cash value, through policy loans or withdrawals, to help pay for your own retirement.

• Protect yourself from long-term care costs. You may never need any type of long-term care, such as a stay in a nursing home or assistance from a home health aide, but if you do, the enormous costs can threaten your financial independence and possibly even put an economic strain on your spouse or grown children. After all, the national average rate for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$87,000 per year, according to the 2011 MetLife Market Survey of Nursing Home, Assisted Living, Adult Day Services, and Home Care Costs. And the national hourly rate for home health aides is \$21, according to the same survey. Medicare typically pays very little of these costs, which puts the burden on you. Fortunately, some investment vehicles can help you deal with long-term care expenses. Consult with your financial advisor to determine which of these vehicles may be appropriate for your needs.

A national holiday won't be declared when you achieve your financial independence — but, for you, it will be a time well worth celebrating. So do what it takes to work toward the arrival of that happy day.

health

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



because it causes painful stiffening and spasms of the neck and jaw. This can ultimately result in difficulty with swallowing and breathing leading to death.

Tetanus is caused by bacteria clostridium tetani which is found in soil and dust. Spores of the bacteria can produce a potent toxin which impairs motor neurons in the body. This is what causes the above symptoms. Penetrating injuries increase the risk of this, as they deposit bacteria deep into a wound. Once the illness develops, there is no cure. This is why we receive tetanus immunizations. This should be received every 10 years or be re-administered if a penetrating injury occurs five years after your last immunization.



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to the editor

enjoyed the father's day film

Dear Editor,

I noticed the article on WaterWalk in the Lowell Ledger. A Michigan area movie about Michigan people doing great things sounded promising.

So on Father's Day, we went to the exclusive showing. We left the true heat and humidity of a true Michigan afternoon and entered the theater. What a wonderful movie! Beautiful scenery, genuine people and their stories. A true local treat. So glad Lowell had the privilege to host it and we had the opportunity to see it here in the town that is home to movie in the fall if it comes the Flat and Grand River. It is a canoeist's haven. I encourage you to try to see the

on again.

Heather Dilly Lowell

reader looks for continuity

Dear Editor,

An article in the Lowell Ledger stated that Vergennes Township will be holding a public hearing on their updated master plan on July 9. Part of the hearing will be a

proposal to place a gas station, convenience store and restaurant with drive-thru on the southeast corner of Vergennes St. and Lincoln Lake Ave. It had been questioned if there has been a dialogue

hand" is not a circumstance to the fate of Chicago's "missing girls."

"The presence of the Flimdings lends considerable tone to our neighborhood." "Stylish, eh?" "Well, not exactly. One of the daughters is taking singing lessons, the oldest boy practices several hours every day on the trombone and the Flimding twins are always crying."

Many of our citizens are helping toward a more beautiful Lowell by beautifying their own premises. A little paint judiciously applied works wonders and converts many a dingy looking house into an attractive home.

We hope that Fourth celebrators among LEDGER readers will not have the sort of "good time" that wakes up with a head ache next morning.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo July 8, 1937

There are some stunts of which people never grow tired and one of them is the balloon ascension and parachute drop. Perhaps this is because dare-devils like to risk their lives in return for the plaudits of the throng and the throng naturally wants to be on hand to see the spectacle and in case the worst should happen. Last Saturday evening the usual big crowd gathered at the Recreation Park to see the weekly balloon ascension and parachute drop and it proved to be another case of the parachute jumper escaping death by the matter of a few seconds of time. The big balloon was heavy with water from the rain which fell about supper time and as a consequence ascended slowly and then seemed to hang in the air just a few hundred feet above the earth. The jumper leaped with his parachute which did not open until within approximately 100 feet from the earth, but just in time to enable him to land without being crushed to death. Balloon ascensions are scheduled for every Saturday evening this month, so plan to be on hand at 7:30. Winsome quadruplets: Edna A., Wilma B., Sarah C. and Helen D. Morlok to star again in Lowell Showboat. They have joyfully promised Captain C. H. Runciman that they are coming again this year and will have bright, new songs, laughable jokes and gay dancing steps. These winsome ladies are now seven, "going on eight" and all will want to see the change which a year's time has wrought in their development. Ward and Eldridge, the young men arrested for robbing and burning the Fallas house at Fallasburg, were each sentenced to four years' imprisonment at Jackson prison.

between the city, the township and the airport board pertaining to the proposal. Dialogue or no dialogue, I for one, consider that intersection an ideal spot for that type of endeavor and developing that intersection will benefit Vergennes Township immensely.

I wish Vergennes Township the best whatever their decision is. But the decision should be theirs and theirs alone.

Recently signs have materialized saying, "We support the workers of the Lowell Light and Power and the City of Lowell." The city already supports a unionized police department and I believe the workers of the Lowell Light and Power and the Department of Public Works (DPW) deserve the same. Benefits and job security should be the same for all departments and that includes the police department.

> Sincerely, Jim Howard Lowell

outdoors

bows and arrows

Archery has played a variety of significant rolls in the annals of human history since ancient times. Bows were used as a major weapon of war until not that long ago. Hunters and gatherers found the bow an effective tool for harvesting wild game. Archery has often been included in folklore — think of William Tell and Robin Hood.

Archery and the skills required to shoot bows accurately have been passed down through generations, and today many people enjoy archery as a shooting sport. Archery has taken its place as an Olympic sport.

off the cuff

So, another Fourth of July looms ahead. A summer holiday that has always promised a summer beach day filled with family gettogethers, picnics and a spe**Dave Stegehuis**

The popularity of archery comes and goes but never disappears. In the middle of the last century, Michigan's Fred Bear popularized hunting with a bow and arrow. The number of hunters who took up archery was small at first and then increased quickly to eventually include a substantial part of the hunting community.

As grade school kids, my friends and I made bows from tree limbs. Later, I was able to purchase store bought equipment. Bows evolved from wooden straight limb

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Jeanne Boss

It was unique. Down on the ground, kids would try to spell out their names with the lighted end of a sparkler and usually only accomplish sweeping circles of light.

Looking 800 By Joanna Barr

135 years ago Lowell Journal July 4, 1877

The JOURNAL is twelve years old. It enjoys pretty good health now-a-days. And sincerely "hopes that these few lines will find you enjoying the same blessing.'

Wool thieves - Sunday night some thieves stole over 100 pounds of wool from the barn of H. G. Holt of Cascade. H. G. went to Grand Rapids Monday morning, got the sheriff on track, found the wool at Noble's and the sheriff soon discovered and arrested the men who stole it. Look out for wool thieves.

Hundreds of people, pinched and groaning under "hard times," managed to see the pressure of Barnum's circus and all the side shows. They are home again now asking credit at the stores and how soon another show is coming. The Post says 15,000 people attended Barnum's show at Grand Rapids. That show took heaps of money out of this state.



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Gambee's steamboat is completed and a beauty it is. It first traversed the waters of Grand river last Saturday. On Sunday, it made a trip to Saranac with over 175 persons on board. It is well built and can carry all that can crowd on. The excursion to Grand Rapids this morning will be a highly enjoyable one.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 4, 1912

Chicago is gaining the title of "Port of Missing Girls," on account of the wholesale disappearance of young girls in that city. Unescorted girls have been picked up on the streets of that Bedlam, whisked away in an automobile and never heard from again, presumably victims of the white slave traffic. Country and village girls, seeking employment in the great cities, should be informed of the great risk they run. "Taking life in the

Farmers in this vicinity had better be on the watch for their poultry as a red fox was seen taking a chicken from W. V. Burras' poultry yard Sunday morning. A den of foxes is located in Arthur Green's woods.

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cial evening of celebratory fireworks.

Deep down we were proudly aware that the booming and crashing light displays were mere representations of war. They were to remind us of the day the Declaration of Independence was signed and that brave men and women had endured real bombs to deliver our hard-fought freedom.

The anticipation of a special night filled with spectacular shows of aerial pyrotechnics was the true fun of the evening. Something special. Something different. A night when the cacophony of shells bursting and crackling combined with the cheers from the crowd.

Every child remembers being cautioned not to run with those sparklers, to drop them in the bucket and "watch where you step."

Well, have no fear. We never have to wait for that special day again. We can have it every gall-darn night. Nonstop. Yes, gun powdered, off-the-ground, popping, exploding devices are now legal in Michigan. Rip Van Winkle could wake up any day of the week and be convinced it was Independence Day.

Oh, you've always had kids (and overgrown adolescents) buying them illegally and setting them off

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JULY 4

Anne Armstrong, Barb Phil VanLaan, Elizabeth Austin, Zachary Rhodes, Tara Sherman, Dan DeHaan.

JULY 5

Dave Burdette, Jacob Hiskey, Randi Ellis, Phyllis Condon, Brennan Page, Devinne Ossewaarde, Bob Canfield, Dee Doyle, Junie Hoag, Kylei Mae Nearing.

Tony Stencel, Ryan Vashaw, Jessica Tulppo, Marilyn Venneman. JULY 9

JULY 7

Gerard, Tim Tulppo, Zach

Meiste, Wayne Racine,

JULY 8

White.

Brice Wingerter.

Jason

Elaine Haines, Leo Pfaller.

JULY 6

Marty DeYoung, Jason Barber, Amy Stencel, Darrel Hesche, Chris Page, Ed Walling, Jan Bieri.

JULY 10 Pete VanLaan, Austin Bieri, Carter Peel, Kelly Landman.

Rudeness is the weak man's imitation of strength.

~ Eric Hoffer (1902 - 1983)



Garden club members honored

At a recent District IV Michigan Garden Club meeting, three members of the Lowell Showboat Garden Club were honored with life memberships to the Michigan Garden Club. Delores Garbrion, Mary Richard and Donna Jean Ford have been active members holding a variety of positions within the Lowell Showboat Garden Club for many years, helping to beautify the Lowell Area.

The Lowell Showboat Garden Club maintains the garden at the entrance to the Lowell Airport, the vegetable garden at Lowell Senior Neighbors/Gilda's Club and are also responsible for the baskets decorating the along the Riverwalk.

The District IV spring

Pictured, left to right: Donna Jean Ford, Mary Richard, Delores Gabrion Showboat and the planters and the president of the Lowell Showboat Garden Club, Betty Deans.

meeting of the Michigan Garden Club was held in Greenville on May 14 and hosted by the Belding Gardeners, Greenville Garden Club and the Lowell Showboat Garden Club.

Youth fair to showcase nonprofits on community day at the 2012 fair

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Progress for students. transportation and homeowners

Before the July 4th holiday, the Senate took several important steps in three important policy areas to move our nation forward. Our last action before the holiday was to pass a single bill that prevented a pending student-loan interest rate hike that would have made college less affordable for American students and their families; made important investments in our roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure; and reauthorizes the flood insurance program that provides security to millions of Americans.



Sen. Carl Levin

The first item, the student loan provisions, met a critical deadline. We averted a looming increase in student loan interest rates that would have taken effect July 1. That interest rate was scheduled to double, an increase that Americans already struggling to pay for higher education simply could not afford. Extending the current 3.4 percent interest rate for another year lifts a significant burden, financial and emotional, from students and their families who were looking to us for action.

^{the}leedger We also approved a

long-term reauthorization of our nation's transportation programs that was long overdue.

Investing in transportation infrastructure creates jobs and improves our international competitiveness. We create more than 35,000 jobs for every \$1 billion in federal funds we spend on transportation infrastructure. The bill will create or preserve an estimated three million jobs nationwide. In Michigan, the bill will provide more than \$2 billion over the next two years for road projects, and another \$261 million over the next two years for Michigan transit projects. Funding transportation infrastructure improvements at robust levels is one of the most obvi-

ous things we can do to help boost the U.S. economy.

Of special importance to the Great Lakes region, the bill included a provision directing the Corps of Engineers to accelerate its feasibility study of preventing the transfer of invasive of aquatic invasive species, such as the destructive Asian carp, between the basins of the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes. While the Corps is planning to produce an interim report at the end of 2013, this provision would require a full feasibility report that would also include a recommendation for implementing preventative measures. Accelerating this study will put us on a better track to protect our \$7 billion Great Lakes fishery that supports thousands of jobs.

Off The Cuff, continued

around the fourth. They occasionally blow their fingers or hands off and that fact has always served as a notso-gentle reminder of what 'not' to do.

But now, every day and night we are assaulted by what sounds like small neighborhood wars breaking out.

Several cities are hurrying to adopt ordinances to try and save what little peace is left. But, seriously? Some of the solutions ban certain hours, for instance, between 11:30 pm and 7 am. Really? What happened to that freedom we were fighting for? It's almost impossible to relax outdoors on a warm evening.

Once the emergency room visits start to accumulate, maybe it won't seem as fun. I heard a ridiculous response to this point on a local TV news' segment a few nights ago.

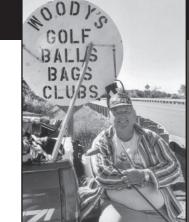
Apparently, according to their findings, there were many, many more incidences of reported E.R. visits by victims of sparkler accidents than aerial pyrotechnics. Duh? Number one, they have only recently been legal, so the comparison is flawed, and number two, 100 sparkler burns don't even come close to a blown off digit in comparison.

We have an incredibly beautiful and unique state. It makes no sense to ugly it up with this noise pollution. We have mufflers on our cars, barking dog ordinances and people can't stand on your property and scream at you. Matter of fact, you can't even play music, of all things, too loudly.

Why? Why are we all rolling over on this? I find it hard to believe that the few pennies procured are going to assist our great state in pulling out of its financial doldrums. What tourist wants to come here to relax in our beautiful water wonderland to be blasted out of their lawn chair midsnooze?

Having said that, have a happy Fourth of July, try to keep your appendages attached to your person and I hope eventually, the newness will wear off and you find some peace and quiet.

> Woody's Family & Friends Invite you to Golf with "WOODY" for the day!



We were not going to do a

The conference agreement includes a provision regarding harbor maintenance that is based on an amendment to the Senate transportation bill. This is the first time we have addressed harbor maintenance in a transportation bill, and including this language will help elevate this important issue and strengthen momentum to use trust fund receipts for harbor maintenance.

On the third important issue, the bill will provide some much needed equity to Michigan and other states through a five-year reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program.

Michigan residents have paid over six times more in premiums than they have received in payouts from the National Flood Insurance Program.

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Outdoors, continued

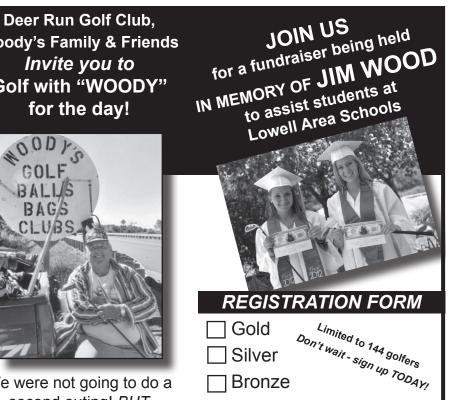
bows to laminated re-curve limbs, to compound technology. Apparently technology and attitudes have come full circle because the traditional straight bow is regaining popularity with hunters and shooters.

There has been a spike in the popularity of archery in the last several months. By plan or coincidence, the heroes and heroines of several recent very popular movies have used the bow as their weapon of choice in the story line. Archery ranges have now become popular destinations. My 11-year-old granddaughter began shooting her bow several years ago before it was cool. Now the sport has never been more popular and many new archers are young girls. Hopefully she and her

peers will be encouraged to continue enjoying archery as a physically and mentally challenging sport.

People who are concerned about wildlife and habitat hope that some of the new archers will transfer the skills they developed to the hunting lifestyle. Hunters are needed to provide funding and awareness in order to protect our wildlife populations.

If you never considered archery as recreational pastime or hunting style, now may be the time to take advantage of the enthusiasm and broaden your experience by finding a new interest to boost your quality of life. Age is not a factor, and there are some excellent handicapped archers. Everyone can make a bulls-eye.



REMINDER NOTICE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 7, 2012

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT ANY QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP, LOWELL TOWNSHIP, VERGENNES TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF LOWELL, WHO IS NOT ALREADY REGISTERED, MAY REGISTER TO VOTE AT THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP OFFICES, AT ANY SECRETARY OF STATE BRANCH OFFICE, OR OTHER DESIGNATED PLACES FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012

THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS WILL BE **MONDAY, JULY 9, 2012**

QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:

- CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES
- AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 7, 2012

Sandra Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk (616) 868-6846 9am to 12pm

Linda S. Regan Lowell Township Clerk (616) 897-7600 9am to 5pm

Betty Morlock Lowell City Clerk (616) 897-8457 8am to 5pm

Mari Stone Vergennes Township (616) 897-5671 9am to 3pm

to hear this amazing story! August 11, 2012 8:00 am Registration 9:00 am Shotgun At DEER RUN GOLF COURSE 13955 Cascade Rd., Lowell 4 PERSON SCRAMBLE \$60 Player/\$240 Team	Dinner Only NAME Address PHONE E-MAIL PLAYER 2 PLAYER 3 PLAYER 4
Included will be 18 holes of golf w/ cart, hot dog lunch at the turn, contest holes, raffle prizes & buffet dinner and A FANTASTIC TIME FOR ALL! Even if you don't golf, you can purchase a dinner for \$15 and/or be a sponsor!	Checks Payable to Deer Run Golf Club Send Registration/Sponsorship Form to: Deer Run Golf Club 13955 Cascade Rd. SE Lowell, MI 49331



hours I decided I was ready to take this head on.

That same week we were back to U of M to meet my oncologist, learn about my cancer and to plan out my chemotherapy regimen. My oncologist mentioned that it was a pretty grueling regimen consisting of 14 chemo cycles, surgery and possibly radiation. At this appointment we learned how rare this type of cancer was. Only 400 people get it in the United States a year and 99 percent of the time, it happens in children under the age of 18. We also found out there were only nine hospitals in the United States that are specialists with Sarcoma and fortunately U of M was one of them. I was to do six chemo cycles, then surgery and then finish the last eight cycles. I had two separate chemo types of cycles. The first type is when I would go to Ann Arbor for one day and I am hooked up to a portable pump that I take back home with me and am slowly and continuously infused over 72 hours. The other type of cycle was quite grueling. I had to be in Ann Arbor for five days straight, getting infused for eight hours a day. I had no idea what to expect, but I

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Jordan's story, for a few days. We spent time with some very close friends: he, a physician; and she, a survivor. A lot of time was spent talking amongst the four of us regarding statistics

66 I was 37 years old and healthy with no real medical concerns ... **??**

> and how it was nearly impossible that I would have breast cancer, due to my age, medical history and health. Each and every one of them tried to ease my mind and reassure me but in all reality I knew. I knew that I had breast cancer and that I was going to be in for the biggest fight of my life. Needless to say, it came as a shock when I announced this to all of them, except to her. She knew at that time that I had it as well, because she felt the same way before being diagnosed with breast cancer ten years earlier. A woman knows her body. August 23rd I received the results that did not come as a surprise to me, but obviously not what my family and I wanted to hear. My biopsy showed that I had DCIS stage zero breast cancer.

A Community Fighting Cancer During the next four weeks in The Lowell Lad During the next four weeks, in The Lowell Ledger and Buyers Guide, Pink Arrow Pride will highlight the stories of area cancer survivors. Each writer will convey, in their own words, their personal journey as they walk through the many phases of this disease toward health.

Photos by Modern Photography

Jordan Schaefer

I was just a normal healthy 26-year-old living in Grand Rapids. I lived in Lowell my whole life and moved to Grand Rapids when I was 19 after spending my freshman year of college at Ferris State University. I transferred to Grand Rapids Community College so I could work full-time as well as being a full-time student. After attending GRCC, I finished up my bachelor's degree at Davenport University. currently work for Ι

one morning with a small lump on my left arm near my shoulder. I didn't really think too much of it. I was playing hockey at the time and it was very typical to get bumps and bruises that eventually went away. I was not too concerned about this lump until after about three weeks when the lump seemed to grow and also started to ache. I decided to go to a med station and get it checked out. The doctor thought it was lymphoma - a harmless fatty tumor -

I was just a normal healthy 26-year-old living in Grand Rapids. **?**

Crystal Flash Energy in logistics. I have been with the company 11 years and started working out of the Lowell office when I was 16. I was transferred to the Grand Rapids corporate office during college, thus the move to GR.

I literally woke up

Lori Fox _____

When my husband

and I moved into our

house two and a half years

ago, in Lowell, we never

anticipated nor realized

how much the community

married on August 15,

2009, on the shore of Lake

Michigan. The weather

cooperated and our family

and closest friends were

there to celebrate with us.

It was a perfect day and by

far the happiest day of my

weeks later that we found

the house we both wanted.

It was about three

entire life.

Jake and I were

would mean to us.

primary doctor just in case. My primary doctor was booked for two months, but I begged and was able to get in with their nurse practitioner the same week. The nurse practitioner did not show much concern, but wanted me to do a

That first year we

missed the Pink Arrow

game that we had heard

was great. Our house became ours and we had no doubts that we had chosen the right one. Sadly in that first year we lost our



To be there and witness the entire community coming together to fight for this great cause was an unbelievable feeling. No words could ever express or explain how it feels. Both Jake and I have family or friends that have or did have cancer, so the game held a lot of meaning for us. We had no idea just how much the game the following year would relate to us personally.

again. She recommended

coming back and doing

a biopsy while doing an

ultrasound at the same time

for a better sampling of

the tumor. The following

week, I was back and again

left to wait another week

August 10, 2011, I saw my doctor for my annual physical. I went there with no worries or concerns. I just wanted to have it done with so I could get something to eat after fasting for over twelve hours. I never imagined that something could possibly be wrong with me. I was 37 years old and healthy with no real medical concerns or issues besides previous sport injuries. I left that appointment with mixed emotions. My doctor had felt a fullness/ difference from my exam the previous year. She went with her gut instinct and decided to schedule me for

be over with because I could not wait to go out to dinner that night. I went to the appointment by myself because we never anticipated that I would

need someone there with

me for support. I remember

that entire afternoon, the

hours spent at the hospital,

being taken, an ultrasound,

speaking to different

the

numerous pictures

repeated phone calls to get

answers, the surgeon called

me and said "Jordan, I am

sorry to call you with bad

news, but you have Ewing's

was to call within a week to

calls to University of

Michigan looking for the

results she called back, the

After repeated phone

tell us the results.



to come back this week and start chemotherapy." I was floored. At this point I was prepared for the worst but still hoping for the best, but nothing could ever prepare you for 'THE CALL.' I was upset but after a couple

MRI, ultrasound, and

meet with a surgeon to

discuss getting it removed.

I was able to get in with a

surgeon a week after my

doctor's appointment and

after his initial diagnosis,

he was pretty confident it

was lymphoma until we

showed him the images

from my MRI. The tone

of the appointment took a

drastic turn. He mentioned

that he thought it might

be sarcoma, a word I had

never even heard in my life.

I still wasn't too concerned

until about an hour after the

appointment. The surgeon

called me directly and

said that there weren't any

doctors in Grand Rapids

that could treat me and

that I will have to go to

the University of Michigan

hospital for further testing.

He also gave me his

personal cell phone number

if I had any more questions.

The fact that a surgeon

gave me his number was

the point when I began to

I was able to get into of

U of M cancer center and

meet with their Sarcoma

Surgeon. She said the

results of my MRI were

still inconclusive and she

wanted to do a biopsy. She

wanted to do the biopsy

that day to speed things

along and we agreed. She

After two long weeks

worry.



but thought I should see my

We chose the Lowell area because of the country appeal, yet it was still close enough to the city for our daily commute to work. The school district was also a deciding factor for the future kids that we want to have.

We moved in that October and felt right at home. We loved everything about Lowell. We were welcomed by the neighbors who all became friends very quickly. We went into any of the businesses in town and walked out having made more friends. Driving through town, people are always waving whether they know you or not. This is something that Jake and I are both used to having grown up in small towns ourselves.

so much about due to the fact that we moved into our house in October. We were disappointed to have missed it, but could not wait for the following year to participate with our community for such a great cause.

Life in the Fox household and in Lowell

chocolate lab, Morgan, so we got our German shepherd, Kloey. She quickly became our "kid" and is very aware that she has her Mom wrapped around her paw.

In September of 2010 we went to our first Pink Arrow game. a baseline mammogram as soon as possible. She reassured me that it was probably nothing but she needed to be sure.

My mammogram was scheduled for August 15, 2011, our two year wedding anniversary. I was slightly annoved and anxious for this appointment to

doctors, nurses and techs, but yet it seems like a blur. I was told by the radiologist that something suspicious had been found and due to the size and shape there was a very good chance that it was cancer. A biopsy was going to be scheduled as soon as possible. All I knew for sure was that it was the worst day of my life. I was in a state of shock and truly scared for my life.

Jake and I went back to the hospital on August 18th for my biopsy. The procedure did not take very long and really wasn't very painful. After that, it was going to be the dreaded waiting game, so we decided to head to his family's cottage at the lake to try to escape reality

Lori's story. continued, next page A Community Fighting Cancer Renee Grant _____ insurance was cancelled

My name is Renee Grant and I've been a Lowell resident since 1997. This is my saga:

It started in 2007. I was an independent person and successful realtor, living a "normal" life with no history of health issues. It all changed one day when I found a lump under my arm. I thought nothing of it – until I developed a fever. I ended up in the ER with an infection, for which I spent several days in the hospital. The lump wouldn't go in my chest. Another biopsy indicated that the Hodgkin's lymphoma had returned, but it was discovered I also had Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma -(having two at the same time is called a composite cancer). My oncologist said I needed a stem cell transplant. I started more chemo in the winter of 2008; the transplant was performed in May 2009. The transplant would

require I be hospitalized for three weeks and unable to



away. Three months of work for a year afterward tests and a couple biopsies later, I was eventually diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer of the immune system cells in your blood system (called lymphocytes). It was an easily resolvable cancer, I was told; 85 percent cure rate. I went through rounds of chemo and radiation and went on about my business.

A follow up visit six months later revealed the cancer was back

while my immune system recovered. Since I was an contractor independent and self-employed, I was not eligible for unemployment or any other kind of employer sponsored benefit. I was eligible for Social Security disability, but there was a six month waiting period for it to begin. The real estate market was tanking and so was my income and my health. My life

for lack of payment. finances crumbled. My My career went with it. Medical bills skyrocketed. The collection calls started. It was a catastrophic, humbling, chain of events and I was sick. Suddenly, my life had devastating financial complications. I lost many things, except my drive to get up every day and be productive. Losing my hair seemed inconsequential now. Yet, I had to worry about paying the bills.

Financially, I couldn't have made it through the ensuing six months without the support from my friends, my family and Pink Arrow, who came to my rescue with contributions to get me through. My community was behind me. Fast forward to 2011-

two years post-transplant. I think I'm getting back on my feet; still on disability, but working part time and doing odd jobs to pay off back debt. My two year check-up revealed the Non-Hodgkin's had returned in my neck. Radiation treatments were prescribed and completed.

The results were mixed. The radiation worked on my neck, but the cancer had spread elsewhere.

I was now classified as stage III. Further treatment carried more risk than benefit, I was told, but it was difficult information to accept. I wanted to face this as I had the rest - treat it and move on. I insisted on a low risk - non-chemo treatment that had few side effects. A post treatment scan revealed that it had not resolved the cancer, but something that looked like pneumonia turned up in my lungs and it was progressing. Two biopsies were required to determine that it was an inflammation which is currently being treated and improving.

That's five years, five cancer diagnoses, about 45 rounds of radiation, seven biopsies, four series of chemo treatments, four rounds of Rituxan, a stem cell transplant, enough CT and PET scans to make me glow in the dark, endless doctor appointments and medical claims somewhere in the ballpark of \$500,000 (I've lost count.) But I'm lucky. My form of cancer is asymptomatic – no pain; few outward signs I have it. You probably wouldn't know I have cancer if you saw me on the street. I wouldn't know myself unless tests hadn't revealed it. Yet, however obscure my



cancer may be, the reality is that it is ongoing and so are my expenses. I will face it all with the same determination as I have over the past five years. I feel fortunate that my friends, my family and my community are there for me when I need them. I don't quit; they don't quit on me. I couldn't have done it without them. So don't give up on Pink Arrow. Cancer isn't just a one-

person or one-time event. It does not discriminate, nor does it give advance warning. It changes your life forever.

Thank you for reading my story and vour continued support of the Pink Arrow Project, helping people like me and others in your hometown on this journey every time you buy a Pink Arrow Pride t-shirt or contribute to this event.

Jordan's story, continued

was anxious to get started and figure out what my life was going to be like for the next year. I wish I could say the chemo cycles were easy, but they weren't. My new life consisted of vomiting, diarrhea, chemo brain, anxiety, bits of depression, fatigue, heartburn, hiccups that last for hours, and worst of all, mouth sores. I couldn't eat, couldn't drink and it felt like I was swallowing broken glass. Since I started

chemotherapy I have lost almost 30 lbs.

Despite all of these awful side effects I was determined to not let cancer control my life. Cancer was most certainly not who I am, but just something I had that I was going to beat. I tried my best to maintain a normal mid-20's life. I still went out with friends, but ultimately learned my new life was pretty limiting. I also found it nearly impossible to stay at home

all of the time. I still needed to have a life. I was able to go to work most days and was so blessed to work for such a great company that they also allowed me to work remotely from home, as well as, in Ann Arbor while I was getting my treatments.

The first six chemo cycles went by fairly slowly; time goes by too slow on chemo. I made it to January and my surgery was scheduled for Jan. 24.

The surgery was to consist of extracting the tumor from my arm that was growing out of my humerus bone and to remove the section of bone affected by the tumor. A four-inch cadaver bone replaced the removed section. After six hours of surgery, my surgeon came out and told my family that it was a success. The tumor was 95 percent dead when they removed it, meaning the tumor was dying because

of the chemotherapy. The cadaver bone also worked out perfectly and was plated together with my existing humerus.

Where I am at today: I just finished my thirteenth cycle and I only have one more to go. I can't wait to be done and get back to a normal life. I just want to wake up in the morning and feel good enough to get out of bed. I can't wait to go for bike rides and hopefully

someday get back to playing hockey again. I would say I have about 60-70 percent of my movement back in my arm and will be starting physical therapy six months after my last chemo cycle, July 9 - July 13. To stay updated with the latest news and information about my journey,

Please feel free to check out my cancer log: www.jordanschaefer. wordpress.com

Lori's story, continued

call to Jake and my mom; The love and support that I It was also very comforting necessary. I just needed my diagnosis and life is inside I am a very strong it was one of the hardest received from everyone at when my doctor from time to heal, not only great again! I had my final woman; I fight like a girl. Lack's was announced and she accepted an award on the field. That just solidified the fact that we had found the right team to fight with us.

I hated making that been affected by cancer. by our entire community. chemo or radiation was the year anniversary of when they find out. On the

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things I have ever had to do. The anguish and devastation in their voices still brings tears to my eyes. But they were very strong, reassuring and had their gloves on ready to fight right along beside me. I asked my mom to please tell my dad, brother and sister, because at that point and time I just wasn't strong enough mentally to tell anyone else.

I called Gilda's Club later in the day searching for help in order to come to terms with the diagnosis and to speak with others that were going through something similar. I found what I was looking for. Even though no one's story is the same, we have all

Gilda's was truly amazing.

We found the right medical team for us at Lack's Cancer Center. My parents, Jake and I met with my entire medical team and came up with a plan. We chose to be very aggressive, proactive and preventive, so my bilateral mastectomy was scheduled for September 22.

Jake and I went to the Pink Arrow game the following Friday which was a week before my surgery. Sitting in the stands and looking around seeing all the people in pink was incredible. Every single person there was supporting and fighting a cause that I was now a part of. It made me feel loved

My surgery went very well with no complications and I was home the following day. The results of the pathology report from the surgery did show

an unexpected surprise. An additional tumor was found outside of the duct, making it stage one cancer. However, due to the small size, the aggressive action and clean margins, no physically, but mentally as well.

The next eight weeks were not easy but much easier physically than I had anticipated. I am very proud and relieved to say that I was able to fly to Florida two weeks to the day after my surgery in order to be the maid of honor in my sister's wedding. Cancer was not going to stop me from being there for the most important day of my

best friend's life. Fast forwarding to where we are now, a little less than two months from

reconstruction surgery in April. I also had my first six month checkup and I passed with flying colors! I am taking the advice of one of my specialists and I am living life like it never happened. I will never forget it, but I am not going to let cancer dictate how I live my life.

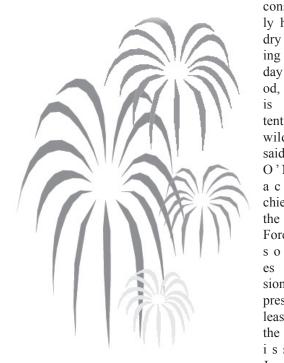
I am a wife, daughter, sister, bonus daughter, granddaughter, niece, cousin, friend and a mother of a German shepherd. You would never know that I once had breast cancer; people are often amazed

I want to thank my husband, Jake; my parents, Brian and Gayle; sister, Kelli; brothers, Jeff and Ron; bonus parents, Ken and Helen; the rest of my family, my friends, Gilda's Club, my teams at Lack's and Partners in Plastic Surgery, all of the people that have been praying for me and the community of Lowell. Without all of your love and support, I would not be where I am today. It is because of all of you that I am a survivor and I am not afraid to tell my story.



DNR urges extra caution with campfires, fireworks

As residents and outof-state visitors prepare to camp, bike and hike throughout Michigan over the Fourth of July holiday, Michigan Department of Natural Resources officials warn that wildfire danger



will vary greatly in different areas of the state and urge caution and common sense, accordingly, with fireworks and campfires.

Summer heat and inconsistent rainfall in the past month have pushed parts of Michigan into emerging drought conditions in the south, while portions of the northern regions have received some beneficial moisture, temporarily moderating what has already been a severe fire season.

So far this year, the DNR has responded to 339 fires that have burned a total of 23,122 acres, including the recent 21,069-acre Duck Lake Fire in the eastern Upper Peninsula.

"Anytime the weather is

consistently hot and during a holiperithere is a potential for wildfires," said Bill O'Neill, acting chief of the DNR's Forest Resourc-Division, in a press release from the DNR issued 27.

June "With so many visitors in the woodlands and campgrounds, the chances of a wildfire igniting greatly in-

crease." Forecasts from the National Weather Service back up the DNR's concerns.

Although a slight cold front is expected to move through Thursday night into Friday morning, with a chance of storms, the coverage and amounts will be limited. As of Wednesday, National Weather Service

staff does not see a significant chance of beneficial rains through the next 10 days in Michigan.

O'Neill urged Michigan citizens and visitors to be extremely careful when handling fireworks and outdoor fires. He offered the following reminders:

• Remember that consumer fireworks that explode or fly into the air, when improperly used, are the cause of many wildfires each year. These types of fireworks can now be purchased in Michigan.

Be aware that fireworks will easily ignite grass or wooded areas and should only be lit in arfree eas of vegeta-

tion. Understand that setting off fireworks on public

property is prohibited without proper authorization.

Keep campfires • small and do not leave them unattended at any time, for any reason.

• Be certain all fires and grills are completely extinguished. Use plenty of water, stir and add more water until everything is wet and no steam is produced.

• Turn over unburned pieces of wood left in a fire pit and wet the underside.

• Soak unburned pieces of charcoal in a bucket of water before disposing of them.

Do not simply cov-

er a campfire with soil. This is an inadequate way to put a fire out, disguises the heat smoldering beneath and often becomes a hazard if someone accidentally step in the coals.

"We are heading into our toughest season, with prolonged periods of very warm to hot temperatures and minimal rainfall," said O'Neill. "I am asking everyone who plans to be outdoors enjoying our beautiful state this summer to be vigilant about protecting it, too. Be smart, be safe and,

please, be caretakers of Michigan's outdoor spaces."

Those interested in following the status of dry conditions in Michigan and other parts of the country may check the National Drought Mitigation Center's drought monitor website at http:// droughtmonitor.unl.edu/.

For more tips, guidelines and home-preparation suggestions for wildfire prevention, visit the DNR's www.michigan. website gov/preventwildfires.



<u>business</u> **Matters**

Dr. Michael Flohr of Advanced Eyecare Professionals is pleased to announce the grand opening of the Blue Water Medical Center. Conveniently located off Bluewater Highway, this newly remodeled facility offers over 6,000 square feet of state-of-the-art pa-

"I've always believed in staying at the forefront of diagnosis and treatment. This new facility exemplifies our commitment to patient care excellence," says owner and ophthalmologist Michael Flohr. Opening on July 9, the new office will feature the latest diagnostic

and treatment equipment for cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration and more. The office will also feature a total of five exam rooms: a private room for patient surgery consultations, a specialized contact lens center offering private insertion/ removal training, and an expanded optical center offering over 600 frames and sunglasses.

"Our entire staff is

Report your name change to Social Security

This time of year, we see many weddings, which often will mean name changes. If you need to change your name due to marriage, divorce, or any other reason, you will want to report the change to Social Security.

IRS and Social Security match computer records. If the name and Social Security number you report on your tax return does not match the name and Social Security number in our records, it could delay the processing of your return as well as any tax refund you might be due. Keeping Social Security records up-to-date is important because your potential Social Security benefits are based almost entirely on the earnings record we maintain for you. If your employer reports earnings to the government under your new name, and your Social Security record still shows your old name, those earnings may not get credited to your Social Security earnings record. Missing earnings can lead to lower future Social Security benefits.

To change your name in Social Security's records, you must apply for a new Social Security card. To make the application process faster and easier, just go to www.socialsecurity. gov/ssnumber/ and print out the form for a Social Security card, "Application Form SS-5." That is also the form you need if you simply want to apply for a replacement

you will need to submit.

Complete the one-page form and bring or mail it to your local Social Security office with proper documentation. All documents must be originals or certified copies and must have information that clearly identifies you, like your date and place of birth.

Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Secu

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tient care.



Dr. Michael Flohr

thankful to the Ionia residents for supporting us and making this possible. We look forward to giving back to the community at our upcoming grand opening/ back-to-school event," says practice administrator Steve Flohr.

To commemorate the grand opening of their new location, the public is invited to attend the back-to-school celebration at the Blue Water Medical Center on August 15 from 4 to 7 pm. The community can tour the new medical facility, receive prize giveaways and enjov refreshments. Kids are also invited to come play in the bouncy castle and receive a free school supply grab bag.

card. The website and the application form both contain a list of what evidence

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Looking Back, continued

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 5, 1962

Tickets for the 1962 Lowell Showboat went on sale this week and 36,000 of them were printed on a Heidelberg press by Don MacNaughton, shop supervisor at the Lowell Ledger. MacNaughton, 48, who has been in the printing business since 1930, has served as printer to the Lowell Showboat ever since it started in the Depression days of 1932 and has printed all of the Showboat tickets for 30 of the Showboat's 31 years. In the first year, MacNaughton remembers, roll tickets were used to admit paying customers and only 25c was charged for the show. But things have changed now. Not only do the best seats in the house now cost as much as \$2.20, but the ticket-printing process has grown much more difficult... And besides running off every one of the Showboat's tickets, MacNaughton also does most of the job-work for the Lowell minstrel show, printing everything from ushers' caps to the ribbons worn by the Showboat welcoming committees.

25 years ago The Grand Valley Ledger July 8, 1987

The 1987 wheat harvest in underway in Michigan and that means busy, busy times for the King Milling

college news

Jane McNaughton has graduated from Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, IN. McNaughton, daughter of Elizabeth and Otto Mc-Naughton, of Lowell, received a Bachelor of Arts in social work.

Co. Over the next two to three weeks, about 2.5 million bushels of wheat will be unloaded at King's three unloading facilities. Bryan Doyle, a spokesman for the company says, "We hope to fill up, but last fall's wet weather prohibited many farmers from getting their crop in." Doyle says this year's crop is very high in protein because of this season's unusually wet weather. Most Lowellites can remember days when semis loaded with wheat clogged the city streets as they lined up waiting to unload. Due to increased capability, those days have gone by the wayside. Doyle says a 1,000 bushel semi load can be unloaded every seven minutes at each of the mill's three unloading facilities. "Even when the harvest is at its peak, the longest wait truckers have to endure is about one hour, compared to twelve hours in the old days," Doyle said.

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We must correct this disparity, and the bill we passed takes some steps to do so in requiring premiums that reflect the true risk of flooding.

The conference report will end subsidies for "repetitive loss properties" that continue to be rebuilt in high risk areas. It will also end subsidized rates for vacation homes and businesses locat-

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ed in high risk areas, many of which have received subsidized rates for more than 30 years.

Congress doesn't always work as quickly or effectively as we'd like, but on this legislation, we have acted to protect college students and their families from rising costs, made important investments in our transportation system, and continued protection from natural disasters in a way that is more fair to Michigan.



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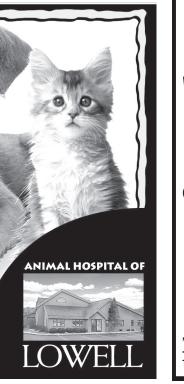


"Truth has no special time of its own. Its hour is now always.'

> ~Albert Schweitzer









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obituaries

BAILEY

Janet Joyce Bailey, age 75 of Lowell, MI, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes Tuesday, June 26, 2012. She was preceded in death by her parents, Glenn and Edith Launstein, and her brother, Lloyd Launstein. She survived is bv husband of her 56 years, Rev. Dean Bailey; children, Glenn Bailey (Catherine

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Cookson) of Salt Lake City, Utah, Tod Bailey of Rockford, Jill Bailey (Erich Nus) of Bow, Washington; brother, Lawrence (Barbara) Launstein; sister-in-law, Susan Launstein; seven grandchildren; one great grandson; also several nieces and nephews. Her life revolved around serving people, especially children: Sunday School teacher, Cub Scout Den Mother, Youth Group leader, Elementary School teacher, Preschool teacher, Christian Education Director; volunteer at Flat River Outreach Ministries, Lowell Arts Council, Love Inc., and Meijer Gardens, among other organizations. A memorial service will be held Saturday July 21, 2012 11:00 a.m. at Alto United Methodist Church, 11365 64th Street, Alto. Visitation will be from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. prior to the service at the church. Contributions in memory of Jan may be made to Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 Fulton Street E, Lowell, MI 49331, Alto United Methodist Church or Bowne Center United Methodist Church, PO Box 122, Alto, MI 49302.



DAWSON

Frances E (Burtle) Dawson, born January 6, 1941, passed away Sunday, June 24, 2012, in El Paso, Texas, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Pauline Burtle. Surviving are her husband of 46 years, Donald

Dawson; four children, Michelle (Mark) Freeman, Donald (Inga) Dawson, Jr.. Derrick (Nichole) Dawson and Dirk (Claudia) Dawson; four grandchildren, Diedric Dawson, Tristan Freeman. Samantha Dawson Kindred and Hernandez; an aunt. Jean



^{the}lieedger DeHAAN

Gertrude DeHaan, age 92 of Lowell, passed away Friday, June 29, 2012. She was preceded in death by her husband, John; son, Gordon; and grandson, Sidney

Jr. She is survived her children, by VanDyke, Joyce Harold DeHaan, (Elaine) Sidney DeHaan, Donald brother, DeHaan; Pluger, Merle sisters-in-law, Willie Pluger and Grace Pluger; 19 grandchildren; 39 great grandchildren; numerous and great great-



grandchildren. Funeral service was held Monday, July 2, 2012 11:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main Street, Lowell. Rev. Rick Blunt officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson Street, Lowell, MI 49331



HALBOTH

Charles Clark Halboth, age 55 of Alto, passed away quietly at home Monday, June 25, 2012. He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Halboth and son, Robert Halboth. He is survived by his wife, Christine; sons,

Halboth, Joseph Tim and Christopher Hansen; father, Robert Halboth; brother, Freemont (MaryAnn) Halboth; MaryBeth sister, Schwartz. (Reid) Victoria Terre, Cindy (John) grandson. Seinar; Tyler Hansen; mother-in-law, Evelyn Whiteash; many nieces and nephews; also aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral



service was held Saturday June 30, 2012 at Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell, 1151 W. Main. Pastor Rod Galindo officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Set Free Ministries, 700 36th Street, Grand Rapids, MI 49548.



Frederick Joseph Hosley, born May 27, 1923 passed away May 3, 2012, a few weeks before his 89th birthday. He was born in Lowell, MI. He is survived by his wife, Anita June Hosley of Lowell; his children, daughter Mary J Hosley and her husband Jay Campbell of Scarsdale,

NY, son John D. Hosley and his wife Wendy Popkes of Kalamazoo, son Mark A. Hosley and his wife Bonnie L. Bower of Westport, MA and their daughter Sarah B. Hosley, also of Westport. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the army in the European theater and the D-Day Invasion. He worked as a general



WOSINSKI

Kenneth George Wosinski, age 60 of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Friday, June 29, 2012. He was

preceded in by death his parents, Earl Sr. and Florence: brother-in-law David Myers, nephew, and Steve Myers. survived He is Barbara by Wosinski: his children, Doug (Angie) Wosinski, Allison Wosinski, Jacob Wosinski; brothers, Joseph (Joyce) Wosinski, Earl (Delores)



Wosinski Jr., Phillip (Kathy) Wosinski, Don (Janet) Wosinski; sisters, Margaret (Robert) Robach, Janet (Forrest) Breimayer; grandchildren, Hanna, Ben, Nate and Olivia Wosinski. Ken loved his family, served in the Army and retired from GM Diesel Equipment facility on Burlingame. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, mushrooming and hated casinos. A memorial service will be held Friday 11:00 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Visitation Thursday 6-9:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the family to help with funeral expenses.



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If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere.

~ Frank A. Clark

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Bishop; three

sisters, Barbara (Howard) Briggs, Eleanor VanTol, and Evelyn DeVries (Ford) Benbow; sisters-in-law, Barbara Shaffer, Shirley Everson; brother-in-law, Clayton (Phyllis) Dawson; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. Fran graduated from Lowell High School, Grand Rapids Community College and Western Michigan University. She received her Master's Degree from Ball State University in Indiana. She initially taught home economics in Marine City, MI. She married Don on August 7, 1965. He was in the military and they spent time in Korea and Germany, having had many unique experiences. They moved to Fort Bliss in El Paso, TX, where she taught first and third grades. She retired from teaching in 2007. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of her life will be held in Lowell at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Center for Compassionate Care West, In-house hospice care, 1440 Miracle Way, El Paso, Texas 79925 or a charity of your choice. Share a memory by visiting our memorial at: www.Martinfuneralhomewest.com. Through this site, we invite you to share your thoughts and fond memories with our family.

contractor for many years in Lowell. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. He always enjoyed a good argument. A memorial luncheon will be held on Sunday, July 15 at 1:00 pm at the Moose Recreation Hall located at 1320 E Main St. in Lowell, MI.



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in memoriam

HAROLD CARIGON JR. July 7, 1937 -January 28, 2012 Happy 1st Birthday in

Heaven Dad Those we love don't go

away, they walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard, but al-

ways near, still missed and very dear. Always Loved and

Never Forgotten, Connie, Bonnie, Carol, Robert and families and your Sister Ella

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June 28, 1978 For someone who meant so much & loved by all he knew, who left behind a trail of tears & precious memories too.

We loved the sunshine in his smile and kindness in his heart, but heaven saw he was tired which meant we had to part. And now that it's his special day, dear angels hear our prayer, please guard him with great care. For he was someone wonderful and words just can't convey how much we wished that he was here, once more with us today. Sadly missed & loved by your kids, Vicki Soyka, Jodi Schaefer, Kurt Weeks, Kathy Kingma & families.

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Dear EarthTalk: I've seen a lot of warm and fuzzy TV ads, some sponsored by BP Oil, urging me to vacation in the Gulf of Mexico. But are things really "back to normal?" -- Paul Shea, Dublin, OH

The Gulf of Mexico may be open for business and eager to attract tourists, but it's still unclear whether or not marine and coastal ecosystems there are healthy two years after BP's offshore drilling rig exploded 40 miles off the Louisiana coast, eventually releasing 205.8 million gallons of oil into the water column.

Five months after the April 2010 disaster the Obama administration released a detailed recovery plan, calling for spending up to \$21 billion — most which would come from BP's civil penalties — on clean-up and long-term ecosystem restoration. With much of this work — designed to complement the restorative powers of Mother Nature — well underway, some observers are pleased with the results so far.

"The natural recovery is far greater than what anybody hoped when it happened," says James Morris, a University of South Carolina biologist and a member of the National Research Council committee tasked by Congress to assess the effects of the spill on the Gulf's ecosystem. "The fears of most people — that there would be a catastrophic collapse of the ecosystem in the Gulf — never materialized."

"The fisheries have come back like gangbusters," Morris reports. "One of the interesting findings was that after the oil spill, bait fish populations collapsed, and predator populations boomed. The reason was that there was no fishing pressure on the top predators because people stopped fishing after the spill. So the predator fish populations rebounded, and they grazed down their prey."

Not everyone shares such a rosy view. The international environmental group Greenpeace reports: "Throughout the food chain, warning signs are accumulating. Dolphins are sick and dying. Important forage fish are plagued with gill and developmental damage. Deepwater species like snapper have been stricken with lesions and their reefs are losing biodiversity. Coastal communities are struggling with changes to the fisheries they rely upon. Hard-hit oyster reefs aren't coming back and sport fish like speckled trout have disappeared from some of their traditional haunts."

Still other observers argue that two years is not enough time to tell whether the region's ecosystems will be severely damaged long term. "We really don't know the effects the Deepwater Horizon spill had in the deep sea because we know little about the ecosystem processes there," reports Gary Cherr, director of UC Davis' Bodega Marine Laboratory and a lead author on a recently released paper published in the journal Bioscience. Cherr and his fellow researchers, including leading oceanographers, ecotoxicologists, and ecologists, conclude that scientists need more time to study how to contain damage from such accidents, especially given the trend to seek new sources of oil in off-shore regions around the U.S. and beyond. "The deep sea is not a dead zone. It's not a desert. There's a lot of life down there," adds Cherr. "Unfortunately it's not until a disaster happens that we try to piece together the impacts. That's difficult to do when you don't have a complete — or even partial — understanding of the ecosystem."

CONTACTS: James Morris, www2.biol.sc.edu/~morris; Greenpeace, www.greenpeace.org; Bioscience paper, www.aibs.org/biosciencepress-releases/resources/Peterson.pdf.

Dear EarthTalk: Lead was long ago phased out of automobile gasoline, but it is still in aviation fuel and is now the largest source of lead emissions in the U.S. What's being done? - L. Eber, Rye, NY

Yes, aviation fuel emerged as the largest source of lead emissions in the U.S. once lead was phased out of automotive gasoline beginning in the 1970s. While jets, which comprise the majority of commercial aircraft, don't use leaded fuel, smaller, piston-engine planes use enough leaded aviation fuel (nicknamed "avgas") to account for half of the lead pollution in American skies, making it a real air quality issue.

Some of the health effects of repeated exposure to lead include damage to the central nervous system, kidneys and red blood cells, and decreased function in the cardiovascular and immune systems. Lower IQ levels and learning disabilities can also result from lead exposure, especially in children, whose young bodies are more sensitive than those of adults. And scientists at the National Toxicology Program have concluded that lead and lead compounds are "reasonably anticipated to be human carcinogens."

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognizes lead as a neurotoxin and in 2008 set tough new standards for how much of it is safe in our air. In 2010 the agency identified 16 U.S. regions that fail to meet clean air standards for airborne lead; all either contained or were near airports where leaded avgas is the norm. But the EPA has not yet restricted lead in avgas, even though unleaded avgas is available.

A 2011 Duke University study found that kids living within 500 meters of an airport where leaded avgas is used have higher blood lead levels than other children, with elevated lead levels in blood found in kids as far as one kilometer away. The EPA estimates that 16 million Americans live close to one of 22,000 airports where leaded avgas is routinely used — and three million children go to schools near these airports.

Friends of the Earth (FoE), a leading green group, filed suit against the EPA in late 2011, demanding that it respond to a petition originally submitted in 2006 asking for regulation of lead emissions from general aviation aircraft under the Clean Air Act. That original petition requested that the EPA issue a finding that emissions from aircraft using leaded avgas endanger public health. "EPA has repeatedly concluded that lead is extremely toxic to humans, wildlife and the environment and causes health effects even at low doses," says Marcie Keever, FoE's legal director. "EPA's continuing failure to do what the law requires and address this pollution leaves us no choice but to take this critical public health issue to the courts."

According to FoE, 70 percent of small planes could already be using unleaded avgas with no retrofitting needed. The group says that a meaningful plan by the EPA to ban leaded avgas could spark investment in technologies to replace the engines in the rest of the small plane market that relies on leaded avgas.

Some members of the aviation community are taking matters into their own hands. The Aviation Fuel Club, which aims to make aviation fuel affordable for sport aviators, is working to ensure that unleaded avgas is available at many airports across the country. Green groups are pleased with this development, but want the U.S. government to institute binding restrictions on the use of lead in aviation fuel.



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I support the workers of this city. A lot of them have been here for years and served us well. They have helped me out many times and I want to see them here for years to come. Talk to your city council and Light and Power board members and tell them to support their workers.

When I was attending Lowell High in the early 50s, one of the teachers and coaches was Jack Kowe. I was wondering if Mark is related to him? ~ Bill Webster

I'm sick of people shooting off fireworks every night! I think they need some rules here too since it's so dry it's scary!

The power in Lowell went out for less than an hour last Sunday. Lowell Light and Power really fixed everything quickly. With the high temperatures it really could have been a major problem. Kudos to LL&P!

CONTACTS: 2011 Duke Study, ehp03.niehs.nih.gov/article/info%3 Adoi%2F10.1289%2Fehp.1003231; Friends of the Earth, www.foe.org; Aviation Fuel Club, www.aviationfuelclub.org.

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1. *#34 Down did this 6. Pre-1947 British rule over India 9. *George Washington chopped one down as a lad 13. *Popular feeling 14. Australian bird

- two shoes 15.
- 16. Without illumination
- 17. Greed or sloth, e.g. 18. "April showers bring
- May flowers," e.g.
- 19. *British soldier
- 21. *Pre-Independence
- Day "state"
- 23. Used for soaking
- 24. "Dirty Jobs" host
- 25. NHL's rival, 1972-
- 1979
- 28. Deceptive maneuver
- 30. Lay to rest
- 35. Abrupt stop
- 37. 18-wheeler
- 39. Eagle's nest
- 40. Not active
- 41. Deteriorate

43. Colloquial "aren't"

- 44. Ivan and Nicholas,
- e.g.
- 46. Pi times square of radius
- 47. Short spaces of time
- 48. Type of food
- 50. John Galsworthy's
- Forsyte story
- 52. Grazing land 53. Effected by the
- moon
- 55. Member of the Be-
- nevolent Order
- 57. *"Born on the Fourth
- of July" star 60. Three-tiered Roman
- galley
- 64. Gain knowledge
- 65. Follows soh
- 67. Death
 - in 2. European sea eagle
 - Puzzle solutions on page 12

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"Harry Potter"

69. H1N1, e.g.

71. Orange part

73. Tent anchor

1. Rider's prod

70. Two in eighteen

72. "____ the season"

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68. Tapestry



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34. * 3. Like old West 36. Type of seabird 4. *Declaration of Inde-38. Often symbolized pendence, e.g. by light bulb 5. Roundabout road 6. None of this for the 42. Like a beaver 45. Form of civil disobeweary 7. Friend from Provence dience, pl. 49. Post-Soviet Union 8. Snowbird 9. Type of list 51. 10. Multicolored horse 11. Jumpy 12. Cyclops had one 15. Major source of lead 20. Bullying, e.g. 22. Be obliged to pay 24. Deep regret 25. *Between red and Shakespeare: "Thou call'st me dog

union *"Independence Day" invaders 54. Blue and white pottery style 56. Brightly colored snake of southeastern Asia 57. Wrap up in cerecloth 58. One in a million 59. Russian mountain range а



JUNE 27 - JULY 3

- "Lolong" a saltwater crocodile, captured in the Philippines, has been declared the largest croc in captivity by the Guinness Book of World Records. The animal, suspected of killing two people, measures 10.24 feet and weighs 2,370 pounds.
- The Supreme Court has upheld President Obama's health care bill in a 5-4 ruling. The president called it a victory for all Americans saying, "I know there will be a lot of discussion today about the politics of all this - about who won and who lost," he said. "That is how these things tend to be viewed here in Washington. But that discussion completely misses the point. Whatever the politics, today's decision was a victory for people all over this country, whose lives will be more secure because of this law and the Supreme Court's decision to uphold it."
- The worst wildfires in Colorado history are now more than half, contained so, residents are being allowed to return home to see whether or not their homes survived. More than 300 homes have been destroyed and two lives were lost as over 28-square miles have been scorched.
- Looks like another Hollywood marriage has failed. Katie Holmes has reportedly filed for divorce from Tom Cruise.

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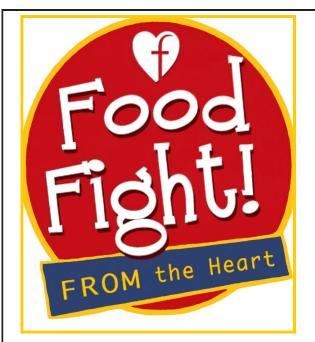
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cause..." 60. Therefore 27. Islam's Supreme Europe Being 29. "Will be," according to Day 63. Gaelic 31. *East India Company ware, pl. 32. Bay window 33. Kind of pie

61. Highest volcano in 62. Like those who will inherit earth 64. Once around 66. He stung like a bee?



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