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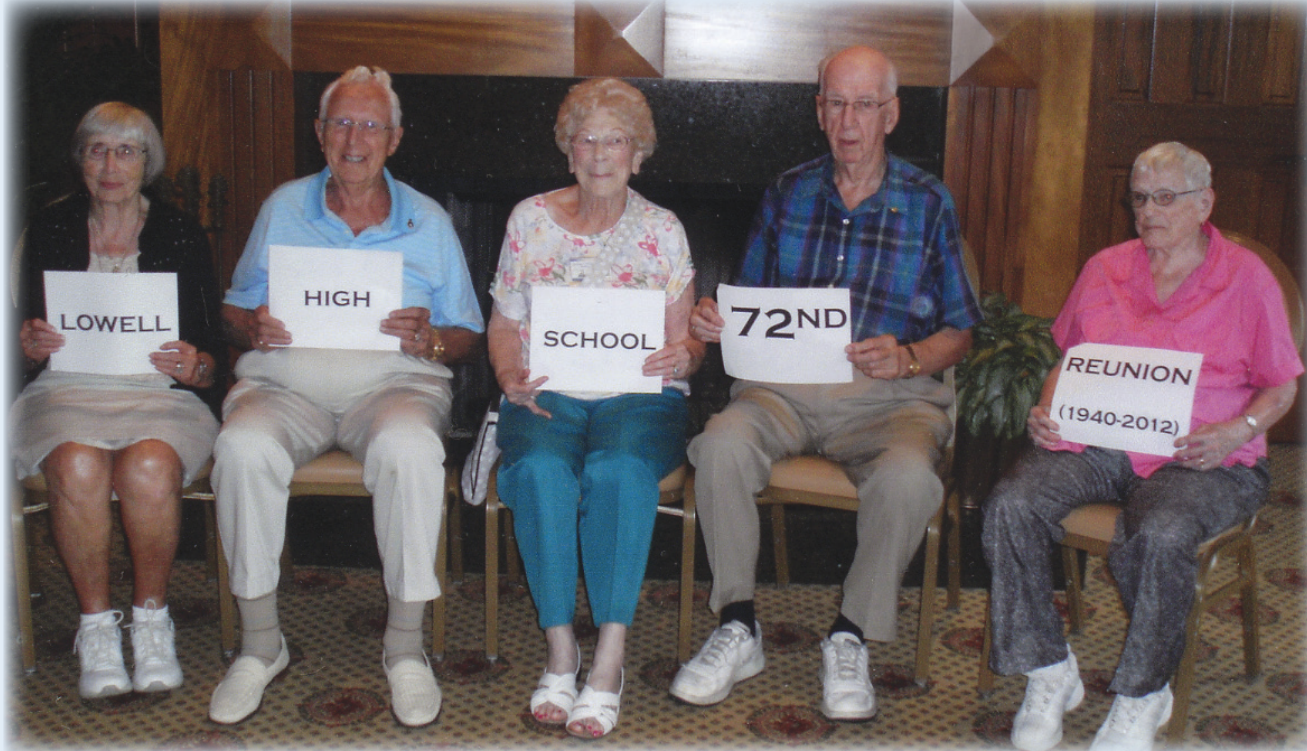


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Lowell Class of 1940 celebrates 72nd class reunion



Pictured, left to right: Marjean Fonger Brillhart of Grand Rapids, Jack Tornga of Plymouth, Barbara Dawson Shaffer of Alto, John Jasperse of Grand Rapids, and Helen Clark Blow of Saranac.

The Lowell class of 1940 celebrated its 72nd reunion on Aug. 9, 2012, at Cascade Country Club in Grand Rapids. Luncheon was served to five classmates and three guests.

The class had 77 graduates and 13 are still living. The class had more casualties in WWII than any other class. This past year they had some classmates too ill to attend.

Since graduation, the group has held 15 reunions and have met yearly since their 65th in 2005. It was voted to have the reunion as long as someone could make the arrangements.

Community vision sessions set for October

by Emma Palova

Several entities have joined together to formulate a vision for the greater Lowell area, these include Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Vergennes and Lowell townships, Lowell Area Schools and the city of Lowell.

“We are taking a proactive and collaborative approach to the challenges that face the community,” said chamber director Liz Baker. “This is a great opportunity for residents and business owners to define the future of the Lowell community.”

The Greater Lowell Community Vision is a planning project that will also reflect a genuine desire to recognize the numerous common interests of the local units of government, while retaining and protect-

ing the unique character of the area.

“The steering committee strongly feels that hearing everyone’s ideas and opinions as the community continues to grow is an important first step,” Baker said.

The project will include a number of opportunities for public engagement, including a World Café method of hosting group dialogue.

“We are encouraging adults, high school and middle school students to participate in the dialogues,” she said.

A light dinner and free childcare for attendees with children in fifth grade or younger will be included.

The World Café event will be held at Lowell High School on the following dates:

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Concert sizzles in spite of rain delay

by Karen Jack

Despite drizzling rain, Lowell Showboat’s Thursday night concert was only delayed and concertgoers stayed to hear the music of the Terry Lower Trio with vocalist Edye Evans Hyde. Their jazz music was perfect for a rainy evening, as they wooed the crowd with their music, as well as the voice of Evans Hyde.

Lower has performed all over, including Italy, as well as performing at the famed Detroit/Montreux Jazz Festival and many symphonic orchestras along the way.

Evans Hyde has been performing jazz, blues and pop music for years. She has performed with the likes of Michael Bolton and Connie Stevens, as well as the great Ray Charles. Her voice was very much appreciated by the crowd, receiving quite an ovation each time she finished singing.

The Showboat will be celebrating its birthday next week, August 23, with a local favorite, Alive & Well, a classic rock band that has toured in the Midwest, South and Canada.



Jazz singer Edye Evans Hyde.



While dancing, Sara Kwekle gets spun by her daughter, Hannah.

Crops stolen before youthful gardeners can harvest

by Karen Jack

Meggan Johnson, the director of the Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience Envi-

ronmental Education Center, was pretty disappointed when she went out to the garden last week to check on

some of the plants. She noticed that some of the potato plants were dug up, then started looking more closely at other plants. Her inventory showed that squash – both butternut and acorn – were missing, as well as turnips.

While she's sure oth-

er things were stolen, she couldn't be specific because whole plants weren't taken.

The gardens are there for multiple reasons, including a service learning project for fourth and fifth grade students. In fourth grade, each class plants a garden pot to teach them

about Michigan agriculture and what grows well here to help our economy. During the summer, junior master gardeners take care of their gardens; the garden also teaches the master gardeners how to grow food organically. As fifth graders, the students come back and with a master chef, are taught how to cook the food they grew into healthy meals. Also, each week through the summer, fresh produce is sent

home with the junior master gardeners.

Another reason for the garden is to help out families through FROM (Flat River Outreach Ministries). Johnson takes one or two bushels of organic produce per week to FROM for distribution to needy families. "We're proud of the work we do here, as it serves so many people in the community in so many ways," said Johnson.



Meggan Johnson in the middle of the Wittenbach/Wege gardens.

Community vision, continued

Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 6 pm; Tuesday, Oct. 23; Thursday, Oct. 25 at 6 pm.

Representatives from the Greater Lowell Community Vision will also be asking the community for input using a "Penny Priority Activity" at the Sizzlin' Summer Concert on Aug. 23 and at one of the home Lowell High School football games

and other events throughout the community.

The Greater Lowell Community Vision Steering Committee hired West Michigan planning firms Williams & Works and Main Street Planning, along with Congruency and Conversation Matters to facilitate the process and gather input from the community.

Collage, assemblage and construction art exhibition in September

September 11 - October 19 / closing reception October 21, 2-4 pm

Fifty-eight artists from around the state entered nearly 100 artworks in LowellArts! Michigan Collage, Assemblage and Construction (Art) Exhibition, all hoping to garner top awards in the juried competition.

Guest juror Patti Sevensma selected the fifty-two best two- and three-dimensional art showcasing the wide variety of mixed-media. The works illustrate the expanse of the art form. From textiles to found objects to ceramic and photography, combining materials in order to create a mixed-media artwork is only limited by one's imagination. Selected artists included Whitney Lassini of Lowell.

"I was honored to jury the exhibition for LowellArts! Each of the artists participating should be proud of their accomplishments. It was an adventure of anticipation

to view each piece," commented Sevensma. "The entered pieces were colorful, diverse and inspiring to me. The development was well crafted. Some of the works were hauntingly sensitive and others left me with a sense of mystery. Color, line, shape and space were used in imaginative ways."

Sevensma, ISEANF, NCS, has artworks in both public and private collections across the U.S.

In honor of this competition, \$2,100 in prize money will be awarded, with \$1,000 going to the first place winner; \$500 for second place; \$300 for third; \$200 for fourth; and \$100 for fifth.

Artists will receive their awards at the closing reception on Sunday, Oct. 21, from 2-4 pm. The public is invited to attend. LowellArts! King Gallery is located at 149 South Hudson in downtown Lowell. Exhibit hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 am to 6 pm and Saturday, 1 to 4 pm.



along main street

SHOWBOAT PICTURES REQUESTED

The Lowell Area Historical Museum is requesting pictures of the Showboat from the 50s, 60s and 70s. The Showboat's 80th birthday celebration will be August 23 at the Sizzlin' Summer Concert. A special exhibit with the history of the Showboat with pictures will be available for viewing. We can make a copy of your original photo to complete this exhibit. Call the museum at 897-7688 if you have any questions.

FREE COMMODITIES

Free commodities food order for low income families on Thurs., Sept. 6, 9 am - 4 pm has been moved to Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM), 11535 E. Fulton. Bring proof of income and Social Security numbers for each member of household. Please bring bags. Call Virginia, 897-8754, with questions.

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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Meet the teacher, an important night for parents and students

Statistics show the impact parents have on their child's education. A child spends five times as much time outside the classroom than they do in school. Chil-

dren whose parents are involved with them in family literacy activities score 10 points higher on standardized reading tests.

That's great informa-

tion. But what does it mean for your child and their education?

Cherry Creek Elementary is holding an open house on Tuesday, Aug. 28,

to help parents answer questions and get ready for the school year.

Helping children learn is enhanced when teachers

and parents work as partners by establishing expected routines and communication. How often should you expect to hear from the teacher about what is happening with the classroom? How much homework can you expect your child to have on a weekly basis? Each teacher will have a parent information presentation to answer questions about class expectations, communication and homework.

"Learning is enhanced when parents, teachers and students all work together and follow the same plan," said Shelli Otten, Cherry Creek principal. "In one evening, we provide the opportunity to begin that partnership with open communication and understanding. The staff is excited for the new year and the new adventures ahead."

Additional time is planned for students to meet their new teacher and begin the relationship that will help them be successful during the school year. This personal meeting can help a child be more comfortable in the classroom and ready

to learn from the first day of school.

"This event is a great opportunity to start the learning year off right. Getting to know the parents and students is just the first step on the path of learning together," said Martha Hayden, second grade teacher. "This event will help set up all of us for another terrific school year."

Doors open at 5 pm for tours, information booths and a hot dog dinner. Half hour sessions are scheduled that alternate meet the teacher time with parent information presentations. Second and third grade will have parent information presentations from 5:30-6 pm and meet the teacher time from 6-6:30 pm. Fourth and fifth grade will have parent information presentations from 5:30-6 pm with meet the teacher time from 6-6:30 pm. During parent presentations, children are invited to enjoy the playground, which will be supervised by school staff. Dinner, tours and activity information booths will be available from 5-7:30 pm.

First case of influenza A variant detected in Michigan

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) announced today that the first case of variant H3N2 influenza infection in Michigan has been reported in a Washtenaw County child. State laboratory results indicate the child has tested positive for influenza A (H3N2) variant, or H3N2v. The child, who had recent exposure to swine at the Ingham County Fair, experienced mild illness and was not hospitalized. The

state laboratory results will be sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for confirmatory testing. MDCH is working with local health departments to identify any other potential cases.

"While this strain of flu is new to Michigan, it's important that people remember the common-sense, simple steps that can be taken to protect their health as we would with any flu season," said Dr. Dean Sienko, Inter-

im Chief Medical Executive of the MDCH. "Washing your hands, covering your nose and mouth when you sneeze or cough, and staying home when you feel sick are some of the best ways to protect yourself and others from becoming ill."

"This is not a food safety issue as influenza viruses are not transmitted by food. You cannot get influenza from eating pork or pork products," said Dr. Nancy Frank, Assistant State Veterinarian,

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD).

Michigan joins the national investigation of recent H3N2v cases. On Aug. 10, the CDC announced 153 cases of H3N2v infection had been reported in the United States since July 12. Cases have been reported in Hawaii, Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois. Most cases have occurred in chil-

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Secretary of State offices closed for Labor Day

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds customers that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will close on Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of Labor Day. Secretary of State SUPER!Centers normally offer Saturday hours but will be closed on Saturday, Sept. 1.

The Department of State mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

Most people renewing license plates, driver's licenses and ID cards can do business online at www.ExpressSOS.com or by mail. Easy to follow instructions

can be found with the renewal notice. Additional services can be done online as well.

License plate tabs can also be renewed at Self-Service Stations, many of which are available around the clock. Visit the Branch Office Locator at www.michigan.gov/sos to find a Self-Service Station near you.

With the exception of holidays, offices are open

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. Smaller offices may close for the lunch hour. On Wednesdays, most offices are open from 11 am to 7 pm, with those in city centers open 9 am to 5 pm. PLUS offices and SUPER!Centers are open from 9 am to 7 pm on Wednesdays. SUPER!Centers also provide Saturday hours from 9 am to noon.

For more information

about Secretary of State office locations and additional services, visit www.michigan.gov/sos. Sign up for the official Secretary of State Twitter feed at www.twitter.com/michsos and Facebook updates at www.facebook.com/michigansos.

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Alto Elementary
 Meet the Teacher & Curriculum Night.....August 28 • 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Bushnell Elementary
Curiosity Corner Preschool Open House August 29
 All M-W 3's and M-W-F 4's AM6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
 All T-TH 3's and T-TH 4'sAM.....6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
 All T-TH 4'sPM and M-W-F 4'sPM.....7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

TOTS Open House & Class Registration September 11
A Program for Families with Children Birth - 5 years
 Bushnell Elementary - 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Meet Your Teacher Night.....August 27, 5:30-7:45 p.m.
 Schedule of Events
 Pictures & Bus.....5:30-6:00
 Classroom #1 (red group A-M & ECSE am & GSRP am).....6-6:30
 Classroom #2 (white group N-Z) ECSE pm & GSRP pm).....6:45-7:15
 Pictures & Bus.....7:15 - 7:45

Cherry Creek
Meet Your Teacher Night -Tuesday, August 28, 5:00-7:30 p.m.
 2nd/3rd grade Parent Info Presentation and
 4th/5th grade students Meet with Teachers.....5:30-6:00
 4th/5th grade Parent Information Presentation
 and 2nd/3rd grade students Meet with Teachers..... 6:00-6:30
 School-Wide picnic.....6:30-7:30

Murray Lake
Meet Your Teacher Open House & Parent Info Night ..August 28
 Kindergarten, Grades 1st - 2nd Parent Info Presentation.....5:00 - 5:45 p.m.
 Grades 3, 4, 5 Meet Your Teacher Open House.....5:00 - 5:45 p.m.
 All Grades Meet Your Teacher Open House.....5:50 - 6:35 p.m.
 Kindergarten, Grades 1st - 2nd Meet Your Teacher Open House.....6:40 - 7:25 p.m.
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Christopher C. Godbold

Roth IRA: for your retirement and beyond

If you're somewhat familiar with investing, you may know that the Roth IRA is a great retirement-savings vehicle. But are you aware that some of its benefits can also pay off for the next generation of your family?

To understand why this is so, it's necessary to be familiar with a Roth IRA's features. For starters, when you contribute to a Roth IRA, your earnings have the potential to grow tax free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59 1/2 and you've had your account at least five years. The amounts you contributed aren't taxed when withdrawn because you've already paid taxes on the money you put in. And the potential for tax-free earnings can continue even when your beneficiaries inherit your Roth IRA, though you'll need to consult with your tax advisor on this issue.

A Roth IRA also offers other features that can help you build resources for retirement while possibly helping your surviving

family members. For one thing, you can contribute to your Roth IRA for as long as you have some earned income, up to the contribution limits, and as long as you meet certain income limitations. Even if you've officially "retired," you might do some consulting or part-time work. So you could put some of your earnings into your Roth IRA. This ability to keep funding your Roth IRA virtually indefinitely can give you more flexibility in managing your retirement income — and, depending on how you do manage that income and what your other objectives may be, you may also end up with more money that could be left to your beneficiaries.

Also, unlike a traditional IRA or a 401(k), a Roth IRA does not require you to start taking minimum distributions at age 70 1/2. In fact, you are never required to withdraw money from your Roth IRA. And by leaving your account intact for as long as possible, you'll potentially have more

money available for a variety of options — one of which may involve leaving sums to your beneficiaries. Your non-spouse beneficiaries must take annual required minimum distributions, but they have the option to take the distributions over their lifetime.

Keep in mind, though, that your Roth IRA is part of your estate for purposes of federal estate taxes. In 2012, your estate would be subject to these taxes if it were worth more than \$5.12 million (or less, if you made certain gifts). In 2013, however, this amount is scheduled to drop to \$1 million unless Congress acts on this issue. (Some states also have estate taxes that apply at amounts less than the federal amount.) In any case, if you have a sizable estate, you should consult with your tax and legal advisors.

When you invest in a Roth IRA, your goal, first and foremost, is to help fund your retirement. In fact, basically all your decisions regarding your Roth IRA — how much to contribute, where to invest the money and when to begin taking withdrawals — should be based on your own retirement goals. However, as a side benefit to investing in a Roth IRA, you may find that you could help out the next generation, or two, of your family.

Never forget what a man says to you when he is angry.

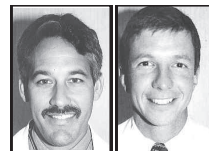
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how to treat an asthma attack

An asthma attack, or flare-up, is when your asthma symptoms suddenly worsen. When that occurs, you may have any of the following:

- shortness of breath, trouble breathing or rapid breathing.
- trouble doing normal activities, such as playing sports, exercising or doing chores that involve lifting.
- trouble talking.
- tightness in your chest.

An asthma attack can be caused by many things, such as stress, not taking your medicine, or breathing irritants, like tobacco smoke,

perfumes, animal hair or dust.

If you think you are having an asthma attack, stay calm and use your rescue inhaler. If you have a nebulizer, use this instead of your inhaler. If your breathing gets easier after using your medicine, you may still want to call your doctor to discuss follow-up or other treatments. Make sure your family knows what to do if you suffer an asthma attack. Call 911 or go to ER if:

- your inhaler is not working.
- your breathing gets worse.
- you begin to feel drowsy.

viewpoint

Michigan Olympians are winners at more than just sports



Sen. Carl Levin

There's a little something for everybody in the Olympics: drama, competition, pageantry and spectacle, stories of victory and of triumph over adversity. For Michigan in the 2012 Games in London, there was all that and more.

Our state was exceptionally well-represented at the just-completed games. Eleven athletes with Michigan ties won medals in London, including 10 Americans and one Canadian. But the Olympic Games

are about more than victory and gold. Michigan athletes gave us valuable lessons, not just about hard work and dedication on the field or in the pool, but about how to overcome tough circumstances and handle adversity with poise.

Michigan cheered remarkable triumphs. Swimmer Michael Phelps, who perfected his legendary training routine in Ann Ar-

bor, cemented his place as one of the all-time greats in Olympic history with four gold and two silver medals, bringing his all-time medal count to 22.

Another swimmer, Allison Schmitt of Canton, also ranks among the most successful Olympic athletes ever. She won five medals, three gold, in London, giving her six in her career.

Only six American women have won more.

Swimmers and University of Michigan graduates Davis Tarwater and Charlie Houchin helped the United States win gold in the men's 800 meter relay, and former U-M competitor Tyler Clary won gold in the men's 200 meter backstroke. Betsey Armstrong, another U-M graduate, helped the U.S. women win gold in water polo. Rochester native Peter Vanderkaay won bronze in the 400 meter freestyle.

Our state was well represented in track and field as well: Lauryn Williams, a Detroit native and former silver medalist sprinter, helped the U.S. women win the gold medal in the 400 meter relay.

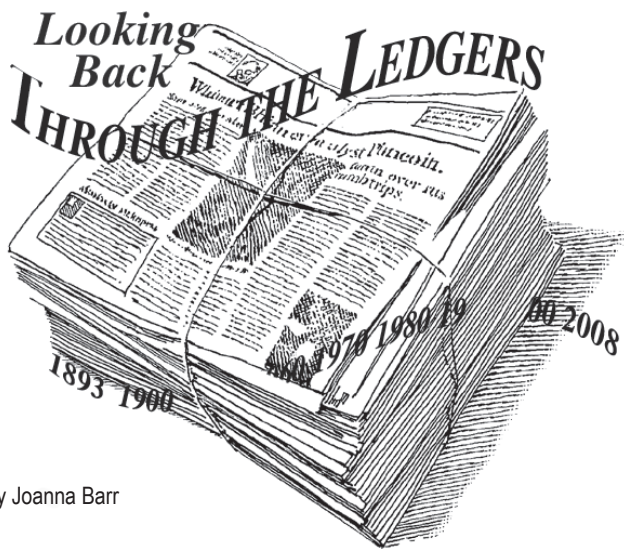
Michigan athletes stood out not just for their success in competition, but for their compelling stories.

Boxer Claressa Shields is a student at Flint Northwestern High School. Just 17 and barely old enough to qualify for the games, she defeated a boxer nearly twice her age, and far more experienced, for the middle-weight gold medal. It was the first gold medal for the United States in women's boxing, and Shields im-

pressed observers in London with her enthusiasm and poise as well as her skill in the ring.

Gymnast Jordyn Wieber, a student at DeWitt High School, came to London with high hopes. But she left London with prizes more precious even than a gold medal: admiration and respect. Hampered by a leg fracture that required her to wear a protective boot after competition ended, she suffered disappointment in the individual events, but bounced back to help the U.S. women win their first team gold medal in gymnastics in 16 years. Wieber handled the scrutiny of the Olympic spotlight with dignity and maturity far beyond her years.

We're justifiably proud of all Michigan's Olympic athletes – no matter where they finished, the moment they set foot in London they achieved the rare honor of competing at the highest level. We thrilled to their victories, and we felt the pain of their disappointments. But most of all, we are proud of the way they represented Michigan and America: with dignity, determination and grit.



By Joanna Barr

Saturday noon, the staging having given way beneath him and his left arm was so badly torn as to require several stitches.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo August 26, 1937

Headline: Continue Closing Thursday Afternoons – According to a canvass of Main-st. made the first of this week, it is quite apparent that a majority of the business places favor closing their stores on Thursday afternoons the year around. Thursday afternoon closings have been in vogue during the summer months. Therefore, according to the wishes of the majority, Thursday afternoon closings will be continued the year around. There are one or more exceptions as follows: Stores will not be closed on Thursday afternoons of any week where-in there is a double holiday or where a single legal holiday falls on Friday, or any Thursday falling on or between Dec. 15th and 25th. The Ledger has been required to make the above announcement.

Main-st. was visited Wednesday by a pair of bicycle tourists who upon inquiry, informed us that they were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Benedict of Benton Harbor. They have been traveling by bicycle for five weeks through Michigan going more than 1,000 miles. They carry all their sleeping and cooking equipment with them.

Garbage Collection – Frank Major, Keene-tp. farmer, announces that he will make garbage collections in Lowell regularly, collecting from residences once a week and twice a week from stores. A good garbage collection service is one of the town's crying needs and it is hoped that Mr. Major will meet with success.

Lew Morse, well-known Lowell boy and assistant at Bruce McMahon's Standard Oil Station, who left here last Saturday on a vacation tour through New York state and Canada, was taken suddenly ill Sunday afternoon and upon reaching Hamilton Ont., was taken to General Hospital in that city where it was found he suffered an attack of appendicitis. An operation was performed about midnight Sunday. A telegram and letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Morse, state that Lew is recovering nicely and that he probably will be able to leave the hospital within a week or ten days. All will be glad to hear this favorable news.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger Aug. 23, 1962

Headline: Swim Carnival Slated at 'Y' – This Saturday morning, August 25, at 10 a.m. the "Y" will hold a swim carnival for the youngsters of Lowell. Swimming at the King Memorial Pool ends officially on Friday night, August 31 and the carnival will begin the wind-up of swimming fun for this summer. The carnival will include races of one length of the pool for kids in the eight years

135 years ago Lowell Journal Aug. 22, 1877

The post-office at Grattan was burglarized last Wednesday night. Burglars took \$10 in money and \$5 worth of brandy. The brandy was not one of the appurtenances belonging thereto but was a part of the invoice in Spencer's drug store wherein is located the post-office. No clue to the rascals.

Levi Demitt is in the Kent County jail for perjury. He would like a Demitt from that lodge. – Lowell Journal. Well, Demitt, who wouldn't? – Evening News. We wouldn't Demitt a good taste to make jokes on a poor fellow in such a tight place. – Mich. Farmer. NuncDemitt. – G. R. Democrat. The last paragraph is fined five dollars.

The Saranac band excursion to Grand Haven and Muskegon was a gratifying success. There were 775 passengers and the managers cleared \$400. Many persons went from Lowell. The Lowell Cornet Band made a good record.

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The Lyceum BioScenograph Co. will show at the Idle Hour theatre one week commencing Monday, Aug. 26. Entire change of program each night of moving pictures, a program of merit, the show of quality, the greatest world's events from pole to pole, from hemisphere to hemisphere. Endorsed by pulpit and press, with good comedies for each and every show.

At Mayville we met Lloyd M. Coppens, a former Lowell boy, who is playing the summer season with Kelly & Brennon Dramatic company. Lloyd is driving a 40 h. p. motor car and enjoying life. Says when he gets ready, he is coming back to Lowell and [will] build a house close by the old swimming hole.

George Blakeslee's new basement barn, on the farm at Lowell Center, was struck by lightning during the storm Sunday night and quite badly damaged.

John Carson fell while loading a car of lumber

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weddings

Kramo/Wittenbach



Kourtney and Ange Kramo

Kourtney Wittenbach and Ange Kramo became husband and wife on June 15, 2012. The couple got married in Las Vegas and later celebrated with family and friends at Ada Christian School in Ada.

The bride is the daughter of Ken and Kim Wittenbach of Lowell. She graduated from Lowell High School and Davenport University in medical assisting.

The groom is the son of Faustin and Suzanne Kramo of Abidjan, Ivory Coast, West Africa. He is currently finishing his accounting degree at Davenport University and is planning to work on his master's. He also has an engineering degree from the Polytechnic Institute on Ivory Coast.

The couple is residing in Caledonia.

college news

University officials have announced that more than 4,000 students received academic honors for the semester that ended in May 2012 at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design.

To be eligible for academic honors, undergraduate students must have accumulated at least a 3.5 GPA in no fewer than 12 credit hours of coursework at the 100 level or higher during the given semester, while part-time students must have accumulated at least 12 credit hours of graded coursework at the 100 level or higher with a 3.5 semester GPA and a 3.3 cumulative GPA.

The following are local students who have earned academic honors:

Ada: Pearce Liversedge, Claire Vredevoogd, Benjamin Biondo, Cameron Raterink, Stephanie Facer, Chelsea Seekell, Charles Alm, Daniel Mooney, Brett Lesiewicz, Anthony Amato, Anna Geurink, Emily Ciosek, Brian Clark, Nicholas Szymanski, Kasey Stowell, Jessica Covert, Dave Reeves, Jonathan Lodden, Brooke Hanson, Chelsea Broekema, Daniel Van Otteren, Nicole Finch, Natalie Hughes, Emily Canda, Julie Mooney, and Justin Holmes.

Alto: Jackson Botsford, Janay Senneker, John Wild-

er, Kristine Huberts, and April Beresford.

Lowell: Courtney Wierzbicki, Renae Reed, Kyle Wittenbach, Megan Willemstein, Logan DeClercq, Kathryn Fisher, Austin Blough, Maranda Ruegsegger, Amanda Ezinga, Erica Patrick, Parker Liu, Maxwell Stormzand, Jessica Gonzalez, Tammy Garcia, Andrew Pfaller, Mitchell Mcrae, Devon Chopp, Caleb Schultz, Rex Jernigan, Melissa Zuiderveen, Karol Burnham, Chelsey Treglia, Jessica Hook, and Jordan Whitman.

Some 1,980 students completed the requirements for certificates, associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design during the semester that ended in May 2012. The following are local graduates, their degrees, majors and honors:

Ada: Charles Alm, Bachelor of Science, construction management and Associate in Applied Science, building construction tech; Benjamin Biondo, Bachelor of Fine Arts, graphic design; Brett Lesiewicz, Associate in Applied Science, building construction tech, summa cum laude and Bachelor of Science,

construction management, summa cum laude; Pearce Liversedge, Bachelor of Science, nuclear medicine technology, summa cum laude; Kevin Piechowiak, Associate in Applied Arts, building construction tech and civil engineering technology; and Benjamin Scudder, Bachelor of Science, computer networks and systems.

Alto: Sara Fifarek, Bachelor of Fine Arts, photography; Kristine Huberts, Associate in Applied Science, health information technology, summa cum laude; Conrad Ruffilo, Bachelor of Science, welding engineering technology; Andrew Silverman, Associate in Applied Science, welding technology; and John Wilder, Bachelor of Science, nuclear medicine technology, cum laude.

Lowell: Karol Burnham, Associate in Applied Science, health information technology, summa cum

laude; Cunningham, Associate in Applied Science, heavy equipment technology; Trevor Hoard, Associate in Arts, pre-criminal justice and Bachelor of Science, criminal justice law enforcement; Andrew Kelly, Bachelor of Fine Arts, industrial design; Erica Patrick, Bachelor of Social Work, social work; Andrew Pfaller, Bachelor of Science, welding engineering technology, summa cum laude; Maranda Ruegsegger, Bachelor of Science, nuclear medicine technology, magna cum laude; Spencer Sellner, Bachelor of Science, criminal justice law enforcement; Blake Spoelman, Bachelor of Applied Science, digital animation/game design; Maxwell Stormzand, Associate in Applied Science, building construction tech; and Kaleb Yonkers, Certificates, culinary management and restaurant and food ind. mgmt., magna cum laudes.



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Treecycler helps forest fans 'plant' trees in Michigan

If there were a way to plant a tree in Michigan's state forests from the comfort of home and without ever having to lift a shovel or spend a single dollar, chances are most residents would do it. Now, thanks to a Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) partnership with Treecycler, they can.

The DNR is working with Treecycler (www.treecycler.com), a new

platform where consumers team up with their favorite consumer brands to plant trees as part of reforestation projects around the world. Treecycler has also built a strong social media presence on Facebook through which people can find and redeem tree-planting codes.

In Michigan, Treecycler dollars will go toward restoration, expansion and maintenance of red and jack pine communities and to

maintain habitat for the endangered Kirtland's warbler.

"We are actively working to change the notion of what it means to 'donate to a cause,'" said Aaron Kinsman, with Treecycler. "Donations are usually only considered when we have extra money, and in today's tough times not too many folks have a lot of extra money."

"We wanted to connect the opportunity to 'do good' with actual commerce, so

that the opportunity would be free to the consumer," he explained. "We determined the best model would be to partner with the most reputable folks around the world who plant trees, and then attract both users and brands to the program."

Right now, there are two ways to find valid tree-planting codes:

- Visit the Treecycler "code" page at <http://tiny.cc/iqn0ew> and "like" the Treecycler page; or
- Visit www.facebook.com/treecycler and play Forest Find - an easy game in which the viewer has to spot three differences between two similar photos.

Once a code is uncovered, the finder takes it to the Treecycler website to learn about partner projects and choose where the tree will be planted. From that point, it's easy to share the news

on Facebook and encourage other friends to plant trees, too.

"Treecycler's forestry partners benefit through added exposure of their tree planting projects and from the funds they receive from Treecycler," said Bill O'Neill, chief of the DNR's Forest Resources Division. "Every time a user redeems a code and plants a tree for

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Influenza, continued

been mild and not required treatment, and have resolved on their own. MDCH and MDARD recommend anyone experiencing flu symptoms who had recent exposure to swine visit their health care provider and tell them about this exposure.

Nationally, all identified H3N2v illnesses have been similar to that of seasonal influenza. Certain people are at greater risk of serious flu-related complications (including young children, elderly persons, pregnant women, and people with certain long-term medical conditions) which is true of both seasonal influenza and variant influenza infections.

Most human infections with H3N2v have occurred following direct contact with pigs. As a precaution, MDARD has been notifying swine exhibitors, fairs, and veterinarians of proper safety measures to prevent spreading illnesses.

"Throughout this fair season, MDARD has continued to stress the importance of implementing stringent bio-security practices to reduce exposure to animal diseases, especially those that might impact people," said Dr. Frank. "Swine owners, fairs showing livestock or exhibits

featuring animals need to be diligent about their livestock and contact their veterinarian if animals become ill or exhibit signs of illness."

There are steps that can be taken to prevent the spread of influenza between people and pigs:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and running water before and after exposure to animals.
- Never eat, drink, or put things in your mouth while in animal areas, and don't take food or drink into animal areas.
- Children young-

er than five, people 65 and older, pregnant women, and people with certain chronic medical conditions (such as, asthma, diabetes, heart disease, weakened immune systems, and neurological or neurodevelopmental conditions) are at high risk for serious complications if they get influenza. People with these risk factors should consider avoiding exposure to pigs and swine barns this summer, especially if sick pigs have been identified.

- If you have animals - including swine - watch them for signs of illness,

and call a veterinarian if you suspect they might be sick.

For more information about the investigation and H3N2v, please visit the CDC's website at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/swineflu/influenza-variant-viruses-h3n2v.htm>

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RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO BIG CROOKED LAKE

At a special meeting of the Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board held at the Grattan Township Hall on the 14th day of August, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Bajema, Freeman, Rolls and VanderPloeg
ABSENT: Byl

The following resolution was offered by member VanderPloeg and seconded by member Rolls.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the improvement program for Big Crooked Lake; and
WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board to proceed with implementation of improvements to the lake including nuisance aquatic plant control, aquatic plant control administration and inspections, project administration, and contingency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Lake Board hereby determines that the proposed improvements are practical and it confirms its intent to proceed with the improvements.
2. The Lake Board hereby approves the lake improvement program and the estimate of costs for the improvements in the amount of \$25,500 per year for five years (2013 – 2017).
3. This resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Kent County. The project shall not, thereafter, be subject to attack except in an action brought in a court of competent jurisdiction within 30 days after publication.

ADOPTED: AYES: All
NAYS: None
RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
COUNTY OF KENT)

I, Sabrina Freeman, Secretary of said Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the lake board at a meeting held on the 14th day of August, 2012. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan 1976, as amended.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, this 14th day of August, 2012.

Sabrina Freeman, Secretary
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Art Attack 2012 well attended

by Emma Palova

The annual Art Attack fundraiser for the Lowell Arts was well attended, with music by Roger McNaughton and food by Ella's.

Approximately 105 people attended the event under the tent on Hudson Street.

"It was a great evening of fun and entertainment," said marketing director

Kacey Cornwell of Lowell Arts.

The big draw was the online silent auction and prizes, like Kissing Rock Kitchens' three course meal for eight.

Ella's dished out small bite plates with artichokes, aioli, hummus and goat cheese.

The music was provided by the Wengers as well.



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Notice of Confirmation Of Special Assessment Roll For Improvements to Big Crooked Lake

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This notice is being published pursuant to Part 309 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board
Kent County, Michigan

Sister Mary Margaret Delaski

Behind The Scenes

Organization: Franciscan Life Process Center
Position: Director of Music Therapy
Residence: Saranac
Education: Master of Arts in Education, University of Minnesota, Duluth
Experience: Working with children and adults with cognitive delay behavioral needs
Hobbies: Gardening, outdoor activities, cross stitching and crocheting



Franciscan Life Process Center music director pioneered music therapy

by Emma Palova

Sister Mary Margaret Delaski, a harpist and music director at the Franciscan Life Process Center, is a true pioneer of music therapy.

Delaski is the founder and director of music

including music instruction, adaptive music lessons and music therapy for adults and children with behavioral or emotional needs.

Currently, the center contracts with hospitals, nursing homes and schools

validate it. It was hard to convince people of the value of it."

Delaski's thesis work was "The Phenomenal Music Behavior of Children with Autism."

After receiving an equivalency degree from Michigan State University, Delaski worked for a year at the university as a graduate assistant.

She has been a member of the order of the Franciscans since graduating from high school in Wisconsin.

The center is certified by the American Music Therapy Association as a training site for new therapists, that come from all over the country.

Delaski overcame the early challenges of the profession with the support of the religious community.

She provided music therapy to children with autism at the Grand Rapids public schools.

Once the center was built in 1990, children could come and have first-hand experience on the land by integrating music therapy, art and outdoors.

But that was seasonal and difficult to support, so the Franciscans started contracting again, working with nursing homes and schools.

The most rewarding part of doing music therapy, for Delaski, is the recognition

that music has the power to affect people's lives.

"People's lives can be affected and changed through music therapy," she said.

It is the beauty of seeing the child connecting back with the outside world.

"We use visual things and ribbons; it's all interaction and we engage them in the music," she said. "Anybody can benefit from music."

Delaski has had many powerful experiences with music therapy.

She has seen attitudes change of family members surrounding a dying woman in a hospital. She brought her harp and played "Nearer my God to Thee."

"There was a certain harmony that entered the room instead of tension,"

she said. "And they told me, 'Sister, keep playing; my mother just died.' That was one of the most powerful moments in my life. It was like a transition from one point to another."

Her objective is to continue her life of service to others.

"There's a bigger need but the financial challenge is great," she said. "The need has always been there."

On the theme of handling big projects, Delaski said, "When an idea comes, feed it by talking about it with someone you trust."

And most of all, never underestimate where it can lead you to.

"It's very organic; you grow your idea," she said. "Take the first step and then go step by step."

A good day for Delaski is when she can look back at the end of the day and see that people had a happy time.

On the other hand, a bad day can be an outside crisis and not getting enough rest.

"When I am tired and not rested enough, everything is just more challenging," she said.

Delaski also started a music therapy program in Czech Republic.

Delaski is an acknowledged speaker at various conferences, such as the Great Lakes Regional Conference, American Music Therapy National Conference and many more.

She has received the Michigan Piano Teacher of the Year award in 1996 and the Barbara Lipinski Professional award in 2006.



Sister Mary Margaret Delaski is the founder of the music programs at the Franciscan Life Process Center in Vergennes Township.

programs at the center located in Vergennes Township.

"I was trained as a music educator and I began to see how powerful music was to help people with special needs," she said.

Today, Delaski is in charge of a three tiered program at the center,

to provide music therapy services.

However, in the 1970s the field of music therapy was so new that literally nobody knew that it existed.

"The biggest challenge was that nobody knew what it was," she said. "It was a new profession and there was not a lot of research to

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Groom participates in USSSA world series

by Karen Jack

Morgan Groom, the Lowell all-star softball pitcher, was fortunate enough to play travel ball again this summer, keeping herself sharp for her position on the Harvard University team this fall.

As a member of the Ann Arbor Gold team, they went to Maryland at the end of July to play in the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) World Series and finished fifth. Groom was also part of the

District 9 team in the Big League World Series in Kalamazoo for the third year.

She pitched 10 innings of a doubleheader to win the Big League Regionals for District 9, to advance to the Big League World Series, but then District 9 unexpectedly lost to the West team opening night, so tied for second in pool play. Since they tied for wins with the West team, but lost in the head-to-head, the West team earned the right to play in

the championship game. The Asia-Pacific team won the championship.

Groom was voted top pitcher of Division 1 in high school and was Miss Michigan runner-up for her high school efforts. She was also Detroit Free Press Scholar Athlete, All-State Academic, All-State, and named to the Michigan All-State All-Star Team.

Groom leaves Thursday for Harvard University.



Aaron Reiser receives \$2,000 scholarship from Heritage Group

by Bonnie Mattson
Staff Writer

Sometimes people just know it was more than luck that factored into a situation. At least that's the perspec-

tive of the Reiser family of Woodland.

Aaron Reiser, son of Tom and Michele Reiser, has received a \$2,000 Brothers Scholarship, renewable

for three years, from the Heritage Group Scholarship Fund.

Students may apply to the Brothers Scholarship program if a parent is

employed by The Heritage Group. Tom Reiser works in Lowell at Crystal Flash, a Heritage Group company.

"We're so proud of him and so very glad we can watch him continue to grow and mature," said Michele. "For a time there, we weren't so sure about the future."

In the fall of 2010, Aaron began experiencing nosebleeds that would not quit.

What could have been a life-altering, even deadly, diagnosis turned into a miracle brought on by an outpouring of prayers from the entire community and beyond, according to Michele.

An unstoppable nose-

bleed sent Aaron to the emergency room at Pennekamp Hospital. When staff there couldn't stop the bleeding, they knew further investigation into the cause was necessary.

Dr. Michael Nosanov, an ear, nose and throat specialist in Hastings, diagnosed Aaron as having juvenile nasopharyngeal angiofibroma (JMA). It involves a tumor that grows in the pharynx and crowds out everything in its way, including the sinuses and bones of the cheek. Aaron's tumor was the size of a golf ball and without treatment would have continued to grow.

It occurs only in adolescent males and according to Michele, only three or four cases have been diagnosed in the tri-state area in recent years. No cause is known.

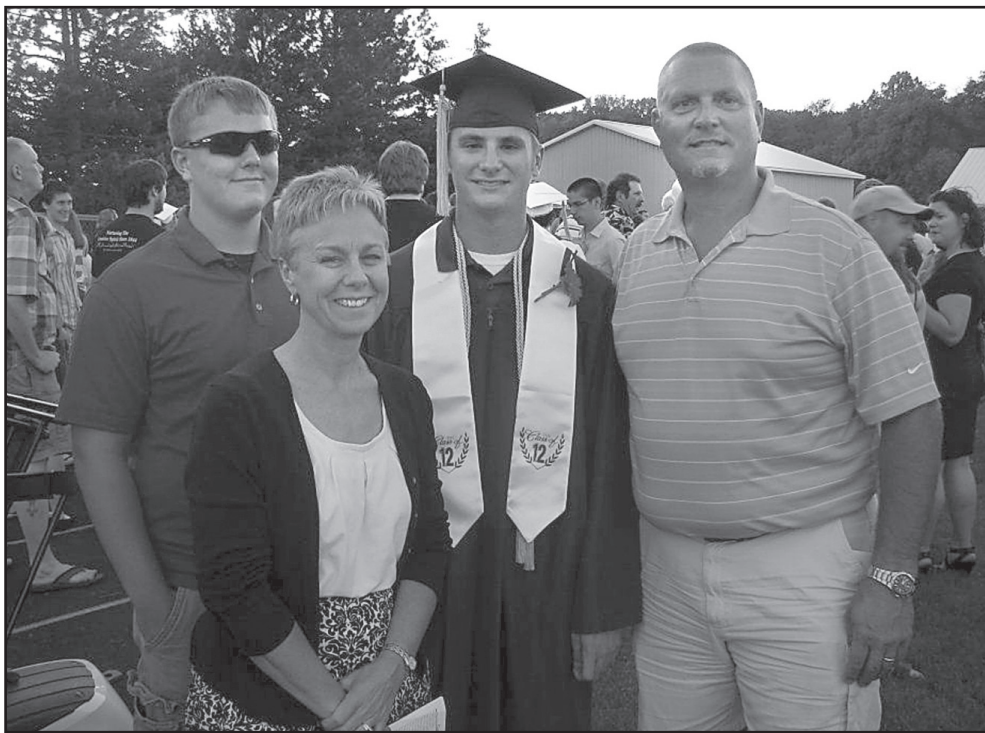
Dr. Nosanov sent the family to fellow otolaryngologist Dr. Lawrence Martentette at the University of Michigan Hospital. Dr. Martentette is one of the leading experts in JMA.

Surgery was scheduled soon after and the family was prepared for the worst-case scenario, which would mean invasive surgery from ear to ear and long recovery.

Through social media and church prayer chains, people in the Lakewood area and beyond began a prayer vigil for the family.

The day before the surgery, a radiologist went in and tried to get to the tumor

Scholarship,
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Lakewood graduate Aaron Reiser receives a scholarship from the Heritage Group. He will use the scholarship when he attends Michigan State University in the fall to study packaging engineering. He is pictured here with his brother, Charlie; mother, Michele; and father, Tom Reiser.

Treecycler, continued

Michigan's reforestation projects on the Treecycler website, Treecycler allocates funds for that seedling to Michigan's account. We get a check once a quarter and then send receipts for the cost of planting the seedlings back to them."

So far, Kinsman said response to the program (which launched in April 2012) has been positive, swift and, at times, emotional.

"Since opening the site, we have been thrilled by the deeply personal response we've had from all of our Treecyclers," he said. "Many folks go through the process quickly and simply say 'thanks,' but others choose to dedicate their trees to loved ones or victims of natural disasters."

"The appeal of trees is universal and the environmental impact is profound," he added.

Treecycler is a fun and simple way to partner with your favorite brands to plant trees in reforestation projects around the globe. Look for Treecycler codes on mail, products and select locations online. These codes can then be redeemed to plant trees around the world. Learn more at www.treecycler.com

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Looking Back, continued

and under, ten and under, and twelve and under age groups. Races of two lengths of the pool will be for the fourteen year old and under and anyone over fifteen. These races will be limited to swimming on stomach and on back (crawl and backstroke). Besides races there will be several novelty contests, such as two and three legged running races (in the water of course), corkscrew swimming, pajama relays, a treasure hunt (looking for pennies on bottom of pool) and a cannon ball contest from the high and low boards to be judged by the highest splash. All youngsters who wish to enter should choose their event and sign up at the pool office on or before this Friday. Everyone who enters will get free popcorn regardless of who wins or loses. We are just out to have some Saturday fun.

25 years ago The Grand Valley Ledger August 26, 1987

Headline: Car Dealers donate car to Boosters Club. The Lowell Auto Dealer's Association and the Lowell Athletic Boosters Club announced this week they are joining together in what is hoped will be a major fundraiser for the Boosters Club. Thomet Chevrolet Buick, Vennen Chrysler-Dodge, Wittenbach Oldsmobile-Pontiac and Harold Zeigler Ford are

donating a 1988 model car to be raffled, with all the proceeds going to the Boosters Club to support its program. Tickets will be sold at each "home" Lowell athletic event during the fall and winter seasons. Twenty-four finalists will be drawn at football and basketball games. These finalists will then be entered for the grand prize drawing scheduled to be held on February 19. The grand prize winner will then have his or her choice of one of the new cars offered by the dealers. The first two finalists will be drawn at next week's opening football game against Ionia. Tickets will be available up until halftime of the game and also at the girls' basketball game Tuesday against Middleville and at the freshman and JV games on Thursday. Watch the Ledger for announcement of the finalists after each drawing and for the next drawing date.

Bill Rogers of Lowell, has been an avid gardener for over thirty years, but he says he's never grown a watermelon this big. Last week, Roger's wife Verna called us to come and take a picture of Bill's monstrous melon. The couple's children are visiting from the U.P. and Bill went to the garden to find a special melon for his granddaughter. When he finally got the monster wrestled up to the house, he decided to weigh it. It tipped the scales at a healthy 46 1/2 pounds!

EARTH TALK™

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: What exactly is the federal government's Recreational Trails Program and is it true that it's on the chopping block? - Randy Caldwell, Lyme, NH

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a federal assistance program that helps states pay for the development and maintenance of recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. The Congressionally mandated program was in jeopardy due to budget cuts, but its backers in Congress announced this past July that RTP would be retained to the tune of \$85 million per year as part of the new surface transportation agreement law called MAP-21. Minnesota Democratic Senator Amy Klobuchar was instrumental in the retention of RTP by introducing it as an amendment to MAP-21 as a stand-alone program with its own dedicated funding.

Overall, MAP-21 allocates \$105 billion for fiscal



years 2013 and 2014 to improve safety, reduce traffic congestion, maintain infrastructure and improve the overall efficiency of highway transportation. RTP is one of several provisions of MAP-21 that bolster transit, bike and pedestrian programs across the country.

Funding for the RTP portion of MAP-21 comes from a portion of the motor fuel excise tax collected across the country from non-highway recreational fuel use in snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles and off-highway light trucks, and comes out of the Federal Highway Trust Fund. Half of the RTP funds are distributed equally among all 50 states, and half are distributed in proportion to the estimated amount of non-highway recreational fuel use in each state. Individual states are responsible for administering their own RTP monies and soliciting and selecting qualifying projects.

That said, the use of RTP funding is restricted to maintenance and restoration of existing trails, development and rehabilitation of trailside and trailhead facilities and trail linkages, purchase and lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment, construction of new trails, acquisition of easements or property for trails, and assessment of trail conditions for accessibility and maintenance. RTP funding may not go toward property condemnation (eminent domain), construction of new trails for motorized use on federally managed public lands or for facilitating motorized access on otherwise non-motorized trails.

States must allocate 30 percent of their RTP funding for motorized trail use, 30 percent for non-motorized use, and the remaining 40 percent for so-called "diverse" (motorized and non-motorized) trail use. Projects may satisfy two categories at the same time, giving states some flexibility in how to allocate their share of the RTP pie. States can use up to five percent of their funds to disseminate related publications and operate educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection related to trails.

Trail lovers across the country are thrilled that Congress extended RTP, which began in 2005 with a \$60 million allocation and was increased each of the following years until it plateaued at \$85 million in 2009. The continuation of the \$85 million allocation was also good news to those who feared that if it wasn't cut entirely it would be scaled back significantly. With new funding for the next two years, Americans can look forward to the creation of many new trails and continued maintenance of existing ones.

CONTACTS: RTP info, www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/index.cfm; American Trails overview of RTP funding, www.americantrails.org/rtp.

Dear EarthTalk: What is the Domestic Fuels Protection Act of 2012 and why are environmental groups opposing it? - William Bledsoe, Methuen, MA

The Domestic Fuels Protection Act of 2012 (H.R. 4345) is a bill that was introduced in the House of Representatives in April 2012 by a bi-partisan group of Congress members to protect domestic producers of ethanol, biodiesel and other green-friendly fuels from liability to end-users who put the wrong kind of fuel or fuel mix into their tanks and damage their engines and/or emit exaggerated amounts of pollution accordingly. The idea behind the bill is to ensure that domestic "green" fuel and related equipment producers aren't forced into dire financial straits or put out of business due to crippling liability claims.

But some feel that the fuel industry, whether its products are environmentally friendly or not, should be held accountable for damage its products may cause. Most recently, E15, a fuel blend containing 85 percent gasoline and 15 percent ethanol (a renewable crop-based fuel) came under fire for causing engine damage in some older cars and trucks. The EPA approved the use of E15 in 2010 after lobbying from the ethanol industry, which seeks to up the ethanol content of gasoline from what had been the standard of 10 percent, which is much easier for gasoline engines to tolerate.

The Auto Alliance, an industry group, recently released a study claiming that upwards of five million cars on U.S. roads today could be damaged if owners pump in E15 instead of straight gasoline or even the milder E10 (10 percent ethanol, 90 percent gasoline). "Problems included damaged valves and valve seats, which can lead to loss of compression and pow-

er, diminished vehicle performance, misfires, engine damage, as well as poor fuel economy and increased emissions," reports the group, adding that the potential costs to consumers are significant. "The most likely repair would be cylinder head replacement, which costs from \$2,000-4,000 for single cylinder head engines and twice as much for V-type engines."

Environmental and consumer advocates say that H.R. 4345 is a bad deal for consumers who will be left footing the bill for these repairs. The non-profit Environmental Working Group (EWG) bemoans the bill because it would exempt hugely profitable and already "favored interests" including fuel producers, engine makers and retailers of fuels and fuel additives from liability for damage caused by their products.

H.R. 4345 is currently under committee review in the House, but analysts doubt it will ever make it to a floor vote given the contentious debate surrounding the fact that it puts the burden of repair costs on end consumers. Users on the govtrack.us website (which provides free and comprehensive legislative tracking for everyday citizens) give H.R. 4345 only a three percent chance of passing. Meanwhile, the Senate is considering a companion bill, the so-called Domestic Fuels Act (S. 2264). But unless the House passes its version first, the Senate bill is unlikely to gain much traction.

CONTACTS: EWG, www.ewg.org; Auto Alliance, www.autoalliance.org; GovTrack.us, www.govtrack.us.

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FREDERICK

Mrs. Marian C. Frederick, age 85, of Fremont, formerly of Lowell, went to be with her Lord and Savior early Sunday morning, August 19, 2012. She was born on January 29, 1927, in Omer, Michigan, to Fred and Clarabelle (Shimmons) Scott. She had been the Dean of Women at Jordan College in Cedar Springs during the 1970s and she loved to do volunteer work. On August 21, 1948, she married Duaine Frederick and he survives her along with two daughters, Loraine (Don) Wilber of Cedar Springs and Lou Ann (Doug) Johnson of Fremont. She is also survived by her daughter-in-law, Vicki Frederick of Fort Wayne, Indiana; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sons, Mark and Charles Frederick; and sisters, June Koerner and Florence Dodds. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, August 22, 2012, at First Reformed Church in Fremont with Pastor Kevin Schutt officiating. Interment will be at Burnips Cemetery in Burnips, Michigan. Visitation took place at the church on Tuesday, August 21, 2012. You may sign the online guest book at www.kroeze-wolffis.com. Arrangements are by Kroeze-Wolffis Funeral Home, Inc., 637 E. Main Street, Fremont, MI 49412, (231) 924-2130 or (888) 544-5388.

HEEMSTRA

Gary Jack Heemstra, age 64 of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, August 14, 2012. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert and wife, Kathy. He is survived by his mother, Margaret Heemstra; children, Nicki Heemstra, Jamie Heemstra, Kip (Christina Saenz) Heemstra; brother, Roger (Jan) Heemstra; sisters, Linda Brifnek, Nancy (Jack) Kits; grandchildren, Lydia Boorsma and Jack Gonyon. A special thanks to his good friends Ken, Jeff and Tina for all their love and support. Gary liked to work cattle with his horses and dogs, Scoobie & Wylie and loved to ride his Harley. The family would like to thank the staff at Laurels of Kent and Great Lakes Hospice for the compassion and care given to Gary. A visitation with the family has taken place. Memorial contributions may be made to Great Lakes Hospice, 900 Cooper Street, Jackson, MI 49202



RITTERSDORF

Robert Ralph Rittersdorf, age 85 of Ionia, passed away Wednesday, August 15, 2012. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ruby (McFarland) Rittersdorf; children, Dan Rittersdorf, Kate Rittersdorf, Don (Norma) Rittersdorf, Charlie (Mary) Rittersdorf, David (Debra) Rittersdorf, Robert Jr. (Molly) Rittersdorf, Cheryl (Don) Berends; grandchildren, Frank (Liz) Rittersdorf, Don Jr. (Rita) Rittersdorf, Sarah Rittersdorf, Ian Rittersdorf, Cullen, Bracara and Daelan Rittersdorf, Ed (Laurie Hattis) Rittersdorf, Chris Rittersdorf, Ben (Crystal Evans) Rittersdorf, Amber (Chris) Masters, Rachel (Mark) VanDrie, Jeremiah (Elana) Berends, Joshua (Angela) Berends; great grandchildren, Drayden and Gryffin Rittersdorf, Dani and Jayson Rittersdorf, Aaron and Ashleigh Rittersdorf, Logan Rittersdorf, Cody Reeves, Leevi Hansen, Clara VanDrie, Jordann and Alexander Berends, Taeli and Tristan Masters; brother, James (Betty) Rittersdorf; and several nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial was held. Interment Alton Cemetery. Visitation Friday 5-7 p.m. with Rosary recited at 5:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Pink Arrow Pride, PO 246, Lowell, MI 49331.



JONES

Robert Edward Jones, age 54 of Caledonia, passed away Wednesday, August 15, 2012. He is survived by his children, Bobbie W. Jones, Courtney Rutkowski; parents, Lourie (Al) Heintzleman, Bob (Sue) Jones; brothers, James, John and Mike Jones; sisters, Kim (Jim) Merklinger, Tammy (John) Colvin, Dawn and Jessie Jones; grandson, Sawyer; also many nieces and nephews. Robert was employed with Knoll Inc. for 25 years. Funeral service were held Saturday August 18, 2012. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Pink Arrow Project, PO Box 214, Lowell, MI 49331



LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 12-192454-DE

Estate of DON LEO
BOGERD. Date of birth:
10/15/1924.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Don Leo Bogerd died 05/21/2012.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Thomas

Bogerd, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Ste. 2500, Grand Rapids and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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California Chicken Wrap

Serves: 4
Prep Time: 10 minutes

- 3 tablespoons Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil
- 4 6-inch fajita size whole wheat flour tortillas
- 12 ounces boneless, skinless chicken breasts, grilled and sliced
- 1 medium avocado, peeled and sliced
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced
- 1/4 cup sliced red onion
- 2 cups mixed salad greens

Spread Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil on tortillas. Layer chicken, avocado, red pepper, red onion and salad greens down center of each tortilla. Roll and fold the filled tortillas.

The Original Potato Salad

Serves: 8
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes

- 2 pounds potatoes (5 to 6 medium), peeled and cut into 3/4-inch chunks
- 1 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup thinly sliced celery
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped (optional)

Cover potatoes with water in 4-quart saucepot; bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Drain and cool slightly.

Combine Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil, vinegar, salt, sugar and pepper in large bowl. Add potatoes, celery, onion and eggs and toss gently. Serve chilled or at room temperature.



A New Take on PICNIC FAVORITES

FAMILY FEATURES

Picnics are a perfect way to enjoy getting together with friends and family this summer. No matter what your destination — beach, park or just your backyard — there's no need to settle for standard fare.

Instead, make summertime favorites like pasta salad, potato salad, vegetable dip and California style wraps even more delicious by adding the new Hellmann's® or Best Foods® mayonnaise dressing with Olive Oil recipe. Made with high-quality ingredients, including olive oil, cage-free eggs, and vinegar, it combines the creamy, rich taste of Hellmann's® or Best Foods® with the delicious goodness of olive oil.

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Easy Vegetable Dip

Makes: 2 1/2 cups
Prep Time: 5 minutes
Chill Time: 2 hours

- 1 package Knorr® Vegetable recipe mix
- 1/2 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil
- 1 container (16 ounces) sour cream

Combine all ingredients in medium bowl. Cover and chill 2 hours to blend flavors. Stir before serving. Serve with your favorite dippers.

Pasta Salad with Vegetables

Serves: 8
Prep Time: 20 minutes
Cook Time: 25 minutes

- 3/4 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil, divided
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 6 cups assorted fresh vegetables (zucchini, red and yellow peppers and/or red onion), sliced
- 1 box (16 ounces) fusilli pasta, cooked, drained and cooled
- 1/3 cup sliced Kalamata or pitted ripe olives
- 1 cup loosely packed fresh basil leaves, chopped

Blend 1/4 cup Mayonnaise Dressing with Olive Oil, vinegar and ground black pepper in medium bowl. Stir in vegetables. Arrange vegetable mixture in grill pan or on foil on grill. Grill vegetables, stirring once, 20 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Cool.

Combine vegetables with remaining ingredients in large bowl. Serve immediately, or cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Tip: Vegetables may also be roasted in the oven.

Picnic Food Safety Tips

Make sure you properly store and serve your picnic treats so they stay fresh and delicious.

Cold Food

- Cold perishable food should be kept in a cooler at 40°F or below until it's time to serve.
- Foods like cold salads or desserts in individual serving dishes can be placed directly on ice. Drain off water as ice melts, and replace ice frequently.

Hot Food

- Hot food should be kept hot, at or above 140°F.
- Wrap hot foods well, and place in an insulated container until serving.

Once served, no food should sit out for longer than two hours — one hour if the outdoor temperature is above 90°F. To be safe, throw away any food that has been left out longer.



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15. Jimmy Carter farmed this
20. Valerie Harper's role, 1974-1978
22. Solar beam
24. Beat Generation pioneer
25. *Students must learn how to take these

26. Unfit
27. Earth in Latin
29. Loads
31. Elizabeth Gilbert's "Eat, ____, Love"
32. Sitcom trial
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36. *Famous dog in basal readers
38. Make like a cat
42. Pace of music
45. Breadcrumb, e.g.
49. Site of next summer Olympics
51. Popular North and Central American shrubs
54. Like a hurtful remark
56. Malodorous mammal
57. Mother ____
58. At any time
59. *Popular seasonal lure
60. Is it really more?
61. One of Great Lakes
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AUGUST 15 - AUGUST 21

- Comedian Phyllis Diller, 95, and actor William Windom, 88, died this week.
- Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and business executive Darla Moore are the first female members admitted to the formerly all-male Augusta National Golf Club which hosts the Masters Tournament. Augusta National chairman Billy Payne called the move "a joyous occasion" and a "significant and positive time in our club's history."
- Hollywood film producer/director Tony Scott, 68, brother of Ridley Scott, committed suicide by jumping to his death off the Vincent Thomas Bridge in San Pedro, CA.
- Republican Rep. Todd Akin, of Missouri, may or may not resign his candidacy after saying that victims of "legitimate rape" do not need access to legal abortions because they cannot biologically become pregnant. Many of his party came out against the statement and Akin was quoted as saying he is "in this race to win". Akin is now sorry he said it.
- Facebook stock fell to an all-time low and rebounded to \$20.01 by the end of the day on Monday.
- An Oklahoma high school valedictorian who used the word "hell" in her graduation speech is being denied her diploma by school officials. She had a 4.0 grade point average. The school wants a written apology before they will give her, her well-deserved diploma.
- John Lennon's murderer is up for parole. It will be his seventh attempt. He was sentenced in 1981 to 20 years to life.

LEGAL NOTICE

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 12-192557-DE**

Estate of DONALD A. JOHNSTON, JR., deceased. Date of birth: 01/22/1913.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Donald A. Johnston, Jr., who lived at 684 Abbey Mill Drive SE, Ada, Michigan died 07/27/2012.

presented to Donald A. Johnston, III, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

August 14, 2012

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Comstock Park, MI
49321
616-784-5080**

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless

**Donald A. Johnston, III
2701 Littlefield Drive NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
616-632-5032**

WE SHIP UPS!

Barefoot Gardener hopes to make its mark in Lowell

by Karen Jack

Steve Pierce, the new owner of Barefoot Gardener, knows he has a reputation to get out there. Located at 104 W. Main Street, in the

same building as the former Lucid Hydroponics, he's determined to make his mark in Lowell to serve the community of horticulturists.

Having only been open for six weeks, he's excited about the things he's changed and the new ideas he's bringing here. With 13 years of experience, he's not only selling hydroponic equipment, but he's also trying to bring in stock of quality and made here in West Michigan. For instance, he sells Potter's Gold soil, which is grown in Grand Haven. The vendor for Potter's Gold has a degree in soil science and Pierce believes this is the best out there.

He's also doubled the amount and types of soil he sells and has doubled the nutrients available as well. He also has CO2, which is important to a horticulturist. "I want to carry all the necessary items for both newly involved and experienced horticulturists, while making it affordable as well," said Pierce.

In one room of his store, he has high-end horticulturist equipment. In the other room, he shows off various plants, including quite a few cacti, as well as showing the difference of growing the same plant in a deep-water culture (type of

hydroponics) and growing it in soil.

Littered throughout the store are also bird baths and garden pieces, which are made by local artists and placed there on consignment. Pierce also makes his own pots for all the plants he sells. He plans on expanding to include a section of low-to medium-priced folk art, made by local artists.

Pierce also is not afraid to share his knowledge and

encourages any new horticulturists to come in with any questions they may have. "That's part of what I want to do. A lot of people have black thumbs and I'm here to change that black to green," added Pierce.

Pierce currently lives in Kentwood with his wife Andrea and brand new daughter, Emmarie. In fact, his firstborn came into the world the day after he opened his business.

"I'd like to buy this building someday and move my family here. This is a great community and I wouldn't mind raising my kids here," he said.

Barefoot Gardener is open Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 10-7; Thursdays from 11-8; and Saturdays, 11-5. His website is www.bfgardener.net



Steve Pierce in his growing room at the Barefoot Gardener.

Scholarship, continued

and shut down every blood vessel that went into the tumor. The doctor came out of the procedure very encouraged, said Michele and said he thought he had gotten nearly all of the blood supply shut down. If so, that could result in a less-invasive surgery to completely remove the tumor.

The day of the surgery, the family waited for word on how the surgery was progressing, being told they would receive updates. After two hours, word came that they may be able to just go through the upper palate,

which would be better than expected.

After seven hours with two positive updates, the family received the news everyone had been praying for; the best outcome imaginable had occurred. The tumor had been reduced enough to be removed totally through the nose and the doctor believed they had removed it all.

Aaron spent four days in the hospital, much less than the seven to 10 days expected.

At first, he was tired, said Michele, as expected

with any surgery. It took about two months for him to recover.

Aaron has had two MRIs that show no regrowth of the tumor. He will have two more in the next year and doctors fully expect him to be cleared after that.

Today, Aaron has made plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall to study packaging engineering.

"It's a broad area, so I'll have time to narrow down exactly what I want to do eventually," said Aaron.

August is National Water Quality Month

August is National Water Quality month, and a great time to become a better steward of the

environment and human health.

Here are some ways to get started:

- Throw all waste into recycling bins or garbage cans, as litter often ends up in waterways.

- Participate in a beach, stream or wetland cleanup.

- Avoid using pesticides and fertilizers containing hazardous chemicals that contaminate ground water.

- Plant trees and gardens to help absorb water and prevent runoff, which carries pollutants into our waterways.

- Fix leaky faucets and take shorter showers. Conserve water whenever possible.

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