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## Interact Club students donate \$500 to Early Act Club

During May's Lowell Rotary meeting, the high school's "Interact Club" donated \$500 to Cherry

Creek Elementary's "Early Act Club" to support their endeavor with microfinancing. Both

groups are aligned with the Lowell Rotary Club's goals of helping the community and world.

Microfinancing through Kiva.org offers financial loans to the poor of our world. The borrower uses the funds to purchase goods or supplies to support their business; such as a street-side vendor.

those in need around the world.

The Early Act Club is new this year to Cherry Creek Elementary and is only their third of its kind in the state. Lead by fourth grade teacher, Joseph Audia, this group has similar goals to the Interact Club and Rotary International of helping the community and world.

Over the period of six to eight months, the borrower repays the loan and the funds are returned to the lender to cash out or relend to another borrower in need.

Early Act plans to lend about 40 loans of \$25 each this year. If you would like to support this, funds can be made to Early Act Club and sent to: Attn: Cindy Jones, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331. Please note a memo for Kiva.org

The Interact Club, lead by high school counselor R.J. Boudro, recently spearheaded the "Food Fight for FROM" in the community and has also raised funds to support getting polio vaccines to



Early Act students pictured, in no particular order, are: Hannah Diamond, Kaylee Diamond, Jacob Chrisman, Abigail Smith, Jacquelyn Bileth, Jayleigh Bileth, Sebastian Szymanski, Sierra Hieshetter and Paige Frazier. Interact High School Students pictured are: Jake Stephens, Leah Schlosser, Hannah Burt, Colleen Lally, McKensie Barnes and Victoria Russell.

## Number of traffic citations down compared to last year

by Tony Wittkowski  
contributing reporter

The number of traffic stops from January through April this year have decreased significantly from last year's totals of the first four months.

Lowell Police Chief Barry Getzen said the main cause for the sudden decline can be attributed to the increased activity in other areas that is taking up time of officers.

"The figures show a reduction in traffic stops with an increase in total arrests," Getzen pointed out. "Each of those arrests requires more time to take care of than a traffic stop."

There were 37 additional arrests in 2013, rising to 147 from the 110 in 2012. In contrast, the amount of traffic citations handed out dropped drastically from 242 to 172. With 70 less tickets handed out to Lowell drivers, traffic warnings also decreased.

Getzen said the misappropriated time for officers reflects in large part to the time it takes to make an arrest against how long it would be to write a traffic ticket.

"If you talk about traffic stops, those are brief encounters. When you

get a traffic ticket it takes around 15 minutes, if you get warned it's five to 10 minutes maybe," Getzen said. "When you have an increase in arrests, those eat up a lot of time. Each arrest takes an hour or more."

The ordinance violations have also increased by 19 at this point from last year. This has forced police to focus on specific areas instead of the overall city.

"We've tried to determine where some of our problems occur and focus on those areas," Getzen said. "We will also respond to citizen calls and see where some people most likely run stop signs."

"That may take us away from people who exceed speed limits who come down West Main Street at 35 and 45. But in our evaluation its more serious when you have somebody run a stop sign. It's far more likely there will be injury."

The Lowell PD have been trying to cut back on assisting other agencies as well, with most of the calls being sent out to Meijer and the airport, Getzen said.

When it comes to an officer's intention to give the driver who was pulled

over a citation or a warning, it really depends on the factors an on-duty officer has to consider.

"Whether they are going to give someone a warning or a ticket depends on the severity," Getzen explained.

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by Justin Tiemeyer  
contributing reporter

Chimera Design, a full-service independent jewelry store, has been providing expert repair and custom service to the Lowell area for over 10 years.

With the Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) Food Fight in full swing, it is important to note that owners Cliff Yankovich and Julie Devoe have been donating money to FROM's Food Pantry for most of that time.

"I support the Food Pantry every month," Yankovich said. All year, Yankovich keeps a jar for FROM donations at his service counter. If asked to perform a simple and cheap operation such as watch-sizing, Yankovich asks that the two or three dollar charge be placed in the jar. Some happy customers will instead donate \$10 or \$20,

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## Time to order your Main Street Pink Arrow banner

It's that time of year again when the streetlights along both sides of Lowell's Main Street turn pink with support for cancer survivors.

Businesses and families are encouraged to purchase one of the 126 available banners for the 63 streetlights. The Quiver 5K run will start in downtown on the Tuesday before the big game. Organizers would like to see "Main Street filled with pink" for the race. Spots are open for new and returning Pink Arrow supporters.

To get a new banner, one can be made for \$199, while reusing last year's banner will cost \$100 to be displayed.

These are not just for businesses, and can be made for families to show their support or remembrance of a loved one. For more information on purchasing a banner, supporters can contact Perry Beachum at 616-460-3943.



# Body discovered in Grand River near Ada

By Tony Wittkowski  
contributing reporter

A body was found in the Grand River on June 8, and is believed to be the Kent County man who has been missing for over two weeks.

The Kent County Sheriff Department (KCSO) received a call from friends of Robert Nylen, who had

been conducting a search of their own along the banks of the Grand River.

According to a media release sent from KCSO, they had found what they believed to be a body caught in a log jam on the Grand River less than a mile downriver from the Ada boat launch.

Personnel from the Road and Marine Patrol units responded, along with assistance from the detective assigned to the case.

Evidence personnel and Marine Units recovered the body, which was then turned over to the Kent County Medical Examiner for an autopsy.

The media release stated, "the identification of the victim has not been verified, but it is believed that the subject recovered is missing person Robert Nylen."

KCSO Captain Chuck DeWitt confirmed the autopsy's completion,

but noted there was too much damage to the body to properly identify the individual.

"The autopsy has been completed, however due to the state of the body we were not able to get a positive identification of the fingerprints. So we are working on getting dental records and trying to identify that way."

The body was said to have been down there for an extended period of time, but cannot be determined for how long.

"We will never be able to accurately say one week versus 10 days versus two weeks," DeWitt said. "It's just been there for an extended period of time."

As soon as Kent County officials get the results back from the dental records, the information on what the autopsy found will be released.

"We'll say that there wasn't anything suspicious

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## along main street

## Traffic tickets, continued

"If they have dealt with the offending driver in the past or any other factor."

In the monthly comparison totals provided by Lowell PD, the 2012 rate of ticketing came to 53.5 percent. So if a driver was pulled over in town last year through the first four months, they had over a 1 out of 2 chance of getting a ticket.

Even with the increase in arrests and criminal activity, the 2013 rate of ticketing dropped to 41.5 percent. Drivers this time of

year now have an extra 12 percent chance off being let of with a warning instead, where Getzen has explained there is no certain amount of tickets an officer must write up.

"There is no expectation for an officer to go out and write so many tickets in a shift or so many tickets in a quarter," he said. "That's not something that is in evaluation and doesn't appear in performance management. It's not an expectation in the agency."

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.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Come help the fairgrounds recover from the flood damage on Wednesdays from 4 pm to dark. Bring brooms, rakes, shovels and work gloves. Please, no open shoes or flip-flops. For more information call 616-897-6050.

### FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries will be Thurs., June 20 at 1 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

### 10TH ANNUAL LHS

#### ALL ALUMNI GATHERING

The 10th annual Lowell High School All Alumni Gathering will be held on Sat., July 13 at Keiser's Kitchen from 9-11:30 am for brunch. For information, e-mail: tcadfish@gmail.com

### FLEA MARKET

Lowell Women's Club will be holding a flea market Thurs., June 13, 11 am - 3 pm at the Farmers' Market held in the Tractor Supply parking lot. To benefit the Lowell High School girls scholarship fund.

### ADOPT A TREE TO YARN BOMB

Trees are still available for LowellArts! fun summer project along Main Street. Volunteer knitters or crocheters are invited to Adopt a Tree to decorate in time for Lowell Riverwalk Festival in mid-July. For more information, call 897-8545 or see www.lowellartsmi.org.

### PONTOON BOATERS NEEDED

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking pontoon boat owners to assist the Chamber with their 2013 Riverwalk Festival pontoon rides. Call Terry Conley for more information at 460-7556.

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# St. Patrick Parish Festival slated for June 28

by Tony Wittkowski  
contributing reporter

The St. Patrick Parish will kick-off its annual festival and end the wait for its locally-famous chicken barbecue dinner.

The festival is expected to run for three days, going from June 28-30 on the grounds of the church at 7 pm.

For festival co-chair Stacey George, the festival

has been an integral part of Ada and its surrounding communities.

"The festival overall is a church fundraiser, but it is geared to be a community event and it does draw a lot of people," she said. "It's an emphasize on fun rather than fundrasing."

Live music will take place during the festival on each day with the Conklin

Ceili Band on Friday, Signal Trip on Saturday and The Diddle Styx Polka band on Sunday.

On Friday the festival will feature a Euchre tournament, 5-K run and the opening of the beer tent, all beginning at 7 pm on the corner of Parnell Road and 5 Mile NE.

On Saturday, Mass will be held at 4 pm, followed by

a silent auction at 5 pm, a Las Vegas tent from 7 pm to midnight and a continuation of the beer tent from 6 pm to midnight.

"We will have various Vegas games like Blackjack, Beat the Dealer and Roulette," George said.

The last day, Sunday, will hold children's games, bingo and 50/50 raffles with the grand prize amounting

to \$15,000. Tickets will be sold for five dollars with a second prize of \$2,500.

Sunday is also the day of the chicken dinner that many ask about this time of year, George said.

Reverend Mark Peacock, of St. Patrick Church, has been waiting for this festival ever since last year's ended.

"The family of St. Patrick's Parish has been blessed with so many things," Peacock said. "We have a long tradition of our parish festival to rejoice in these blessings, and we invite not only our community, but the surrounding country side to join with us in this celebration."

## Meijer and Briggs named Staff Members of the Month

Murray Lake Reading Interventionists Paula Briggs and Dianna Meijer were named Staff Members of the Month for May. Both work with students who need a little boost in their reading.

"These two ladies are remarkable. They have gone above and beyond this year. All of their students made gains this year and many of them made significant gains. I am very happy to have them on our Murray Lake staff," said reading teacher Sue Gordon.

Briggs began working at Murray Lake six years ago. She had volunteered for a couple years when her two daughters, Hannah and Maria, attended Murray Lake Elementary (MLE). Briggs and husband Chris live in Lowell and their daughters attend Lowell Middle and High School.

"I care about the students at Murray Lake and want them to succeed. Being able to help them improve their reading is awesome. Seeing the smiles on their faces and hearing

the funny stories that they share is an added bonus. Working with a variety of reading programs and many different ages of students keeps my job interesting and fun. The staff at Murray Lake is friendly and easy to work with especially my teammates Sue Gordon and Dianna Boston-Meijer," Briggs said.

When not at work, Briggs enjoys traveling, being with family and

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## Body found, continued

in the terms or in regards to any trauma associated," DeWitt confirmed. "So we are still looking at something other than a homicide at this point."

The 62-year-old was last seen walking near Timpson Ave. on Grand River Rd. in Lowell, wearing blue jeans

and a short-sleeved polo shirt with no shoes.

The first day Nylen was found missing in Ada, he was spotted at the corner of Bolt and Buttrick.

Nylen was said to have been known to take walks everyday, and has been missing since Saturday, May 25.

Lowell Police Chief Barry Getzen said the Robert Nylen case is being

investigated by the Kent County Sheriff Department. The sheriff department has asked local authorities to assist them from time to time to check on any tips within the city of Lowell.

Last week, KCSD Under Sheriff Jon Hess said dogs on the search team had found evidence by Grand River that indicated Nylen may have been there.

## Brief planning commission meeting

By Tony Wittkowski  
contributing reporter

The Planning Commission met for a brief meeting, Monday evening at City Hall and opened it up for public comment.

All but one commissioner was in attendance along with City Manager Mark Howe, who gave a small report.

The meeting started at 7:02 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance, and was adjourned after eight minutes, at 7:10 pm.

With no citizens at the meeting or new business to address, commissioners approved last meeting's minutes and had no new remarks.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF PRIVATE FOUNDATION

# NOTICE

The annual report of the Lowell Area Housing, Inc. Foundation for the year ended December 31, 2012 is available for inspection at its principal office, 725 Bowes Road, Lowell, Michigan during regular business hours by any citizen who requests within 180 days after date of this notice.

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## financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

### What can all-stars teach investors?

This week, Major League Baseball's All-Star game will be played at Citi Field in New York. If you're a baseball fan, you'll enjoy the annual gathering of the sport's best players. And if you're an investor, you may be able to take away some valuable lessons from the All-Stars — lessons that can prove valuable to you long after the game's final out is recorded.

So, what can you learn from the All-Stars? Here are a few of their traits:

- **Consistency** — All-Star teams rarely include ballplayers who are having one great year amidst a mediocre career; typically, All-Star players perform well every season. As an investor, you also want to seek consistent performers — those investments that, year in and year out, are likely to meet their objectives, whether those are growth, income or a combination of both. Of course, in the financial world, there are no sure things, so just like the best ballplayers, any investment can have an "off year." Still, by sticking with quality investment vehicles, you should be able to improve the overall

performance consistency of your portfolio.

- **Ability to avoid "errors"** — All-Star players (apart from pitchers) are typically superior hitters, but many of them also have superior defensive skills — which means they make few errors in the field. And as an investor, you will definitely want to avoid as many errors as possible, because these mistakes can be costly. Some of the most common "errors" are chasing after "hot" stocks (they may have already cooled off by the time you hear about them), investing too aggressively and investing too conservatively.

- **Durability** — The Major League Baseball season is 162 games long, which means that, over the course of six months, ballplayers play almost every day. And since baseball is a physically demanding game, injuries are common — yet, many All-Stars seem to make it through the entire season without missing more than a few games. When you invest, you will need plenty of durability as well. Over the course of decades, you will see some bumps in the road — periods in which

the financial markets are struggling. During these times, you may be tempted to take a "time out" from investing. But if you do, you could miss out on the beginning of a market rally. The best investors stay invested, through "up" and "down" markets, following a long-term strategy and keeping their focus on their goals.

- **Flexibility** — Not surprisingly, most Major League Baseball players are big, strong men. However, in recent years, many ballplayers — like other professional athletes — have discovered that various types of training, including yoga, can greatly increase their flexibility, allowing them to reduce injuries and play more effectively. As an investor, you, too, need flexibility in the sense of being able to adjust your portfolio, as needed, in response to changes in your life or in your goals. As part of this flexibility, you need, among other things, enough liquidity in your accounts to take advantage of new investment opportunities as they arise.

In all likelihood, you won't be swinging a bat or throwing a ball in front of a national audience — but by following the above suggestions, you may be able to become an "all-star investor."

## college news

Jonathan Clark Ferris of Ada has been recognized on the Dean's List at Norwich University for the spring 2013 semester. He also received a degree in Mechanical Engineering at a May 11 commencement ceremony.

A total of 366 students received their degrees (237 Cadets, 129 civilian students), and 126 students were commissioned as officers into the U.S. Armed Forces.

Robert Lawston Everett of Lowell graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, and an Associate of Science in Pre-Allied Health, during the Union College Commencement ceremonies on May 5. Union College awarded 166 degrees to 155 students.

To me a lush carpet of pine needles or spongy grass is more welcome than the most luxurious Persian rug.

~ Helen Keller (1880 - 1968)

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# viewpoint

to the editor,

## learning from looking back

To The Editor,

Why do I love reading your Looking Back Through The Ledgers column? It's because you find out so many interesting little things from the past that you would never otherwise hear about. For example, from your June 11, 1863 paper (140 years ago), there was an article on forging, and a young man named Charles forged the name of F.C.

Mapes on a store order. It happens that the victim was Fernando Charles Mapes, my great-great grandfather who died in 1873 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell. I know very little about him, so any little piece of information about him is a welcome surprise. Thank you!

Joe Mapes  
Vicksburg, MI

## ask kathryn



Kathryn Denhouster Ph.D.

This article is entitled, "How Can Parents Help the Child have a Successful Academic Life?" School involves so much of the child's life that it becomes their "career" of sorts.

Because one's academic life affects one's self-esteem, it is particularly important to know how to help the bipolar child in this area.

With bipolar disorder,

there are both mania and depression. When the child is in mania, their body and mind tend to be in overdrive and they have a hard time focusing and sitting still in class. When they are in the state of depression, they are so exhausted that they struggle with getting up and going.

They get tired just putting on clothes. Also,

children with bipolar disorder have sensory processing deficits, which means they are challenged by deciding what sensorial information is important, what might be threatening and what information should be ignored. This "flood" of sensory information may crowd out the child's ability to focus on the instructions from the teacher.

The first step in helping your child is to have him/her received a thorough assessment required by Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA). Bipolar disorder is not a learning disability, but it is a disability and your child may have enough symptoms that interrupt their learning. In that case, he/she would qualify for help.

According to "The Childhood Bipolar Disorder Answer Book," by Tracy Anglada and Sheryl M. Hakala, it is important that the parents take the imitative to request testing. According to the authors, a written request is best, because a letter will document the request.

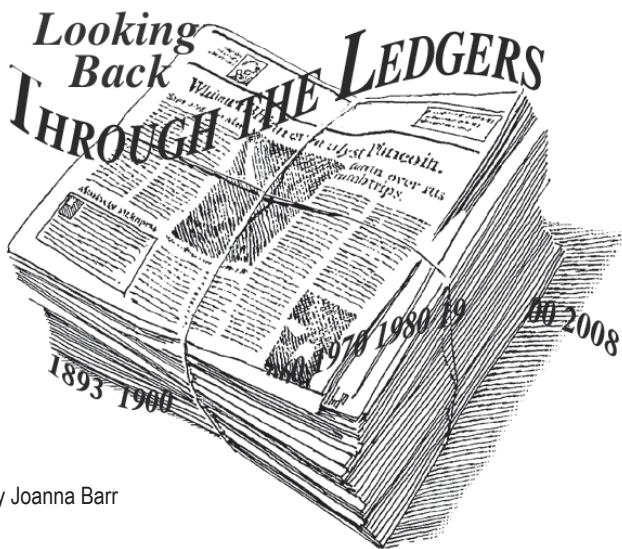
Under current federal law, this evaluation is to be completed within 60 days of your request. Children with bipolar disorder are often put into the ED (Emotional Disturbance) or OHI (Otherwise Health Impaired) classifications.

If your child is found to be eligible for assistance under IDEA, an IEP (individual education plan) is written. This plan is written by teaching personnel who are trained to help the child with special needs.

As a parent, it is so important to develop a positive relationship with the school because that will help your child.

The following are recommendations to help facilitate a positive relationship: 1.) Always express appreciation. 2.) Recognize the other person's opinion. 3.) Avoid polarizing situations. If a mistake is made, avoid blaming or fault finding and instead, help by problem solving. 4.) Be willing to consider options. When you are more open minded, the school might also be more willing to try new things. 5.) Be ready to help because a child with bipolar disorder can be difficult to educate. The child is helped the most when parents and the school personnel work as a team.

The next article will be on, "How Can Parents Help Their Children Find Their Way." If you have any question about this article or have any general questions, please feel free to contact me at [kathryndenhouster@gmail.com](mailto:kathryndenhouster@gmail.com)



By Joanna Barr

### 140 years ago Lowell Journal June 18, 1873

Charley Annis has gone up for fifteen days, for willfully abstracting from Lee's butcher shop sundry articles belonging to the proprietor. Which fact we are sorry to record, but trust that when Charley returns from his scanty diet his future conduct will insure him better fare.

No business of importance was transacted by the council on Monday evening. The new council rooms have been fitted up in good style. A new carpet, a new and very handsome writing desk, chandelier, table etc., have recently been added to the workshop of the C.C.

J. H. Spicer of Grand Rapids, formerly of this village, is out with a card in the city dailies, in which he says he will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law, any and all persons who give or sell him intoxicating drink. We hope Spicer means business this time.

If somebody will pay us five cents every time a certain individual who owes us, duns himself, we will credit that somebody with a year's subscription for the JOURNAL. Satisfactory reference given that said individual who owes us lies every time he speaks to us about it and that he is in every respect worthy the distrust of all who may have anything to do with him.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 12, 1913

Headline: Poison contained in meat preservative used in Lowell Meat Market. State food inspector Wm. J. Mickle was in town this week and yesterday summoned Fashbaugh & Jones before Justice Andrews on account of the poisonous nature of

a preservative used in hamburg steak. Although innocent in purpose, the dealers plead guilty and paid the minimum fine of \$25 imposed by the state law in such cases. The compound used was bought by Fashbaugh & Jones with the stock when they took possession last fall. It is put out by a Chicago firm and by its label should have been all right; but, according to the state officer, chemical analysis shows it to contain a poisonous or deleterious ingredient. It had been used by their predecessors and Fashbaugh & Jones relied on the label and thought the preservative harmless. It would seem that state and national officials were culpable for permitting the stuff to be compounded and shipped into the state. As it is, Lowell dealers and people are now "put wise" and will be on guard in the future.

Headline: Fatal accident - Melburn Byrne's skull crushed by engine belt. Melburn, young son of Mr. and Mrs. John Byrne of Moseley vicinity, was fatally injured in the revolving belt of a gasoline engine Saturday, death resulting at three o'clock Sunday morning. The accident occurred about a half-mile from the Byrne home, at the home of Henry Slayton. The gasoline engine was being used to run a cream separator, in a shed, and a grindstone in the yard outside, connected by a belt with the same engine, was revolving, though not at the time in use. The lad, probably watching the flying stone, was caught and whirled around until his skull was crushed, his spine fractured and internal injuries inflicted. His cries were unheard by the people in the shed, above the noise of the machinery, but heard at some distance away, too late for rescue. Three doctors were summoned, Dr. Pinkham of Belding; Dr. Browsers, of Greenville; and a specialist from Lansing; and every effort was made to save his life, but in vain.

### 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 16, 1938

It is reported that some members of the common council favor purchase by the village of the Pullen lots on Monroe Ave., until recently occupied by one of the town's early livery and feed barns, the site to be used as a parking space for people coming here to transact business. Looks like a good idea. If the village can afford it, it should also acquire the Macham property adjoining on the north, tear down the old house, which would give a whole half block for parking space.

Frank M. Newell and George A. Arehart of the Universal Metal Products Co. attended the convention of the National Insecticide and Disinfectant manufacturers held at Lake Wawasee, Ind. We have been advised that Mr. Newell and Mr. Arehart, who

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# Beverly Hall named the 2012-2013 Lowell Women Club's "Woman of the Year"

The Lowell Women's Club (LWC) is proud to announce that Beverly Hall is their 2012-2013 Woman of the Year.

Hall has been the club's "Volunteer Extraordinaire," participating in literally every club activity. Christmas Through Lowell, Lowell EXPO, the Kid's Food Baskets Program, the Fallasburg Fall Festival, the Lowell Farmer's Market and the Parade of Homes just to name a few.

She has been a member of the LWC board of directors, the secretary and has chaired the scholarship committee for several years. She has also been a mentor for a junior member several times.

Hall has been completely involved in Lowell activities for a lifetime, even being a key part of the Lowell Showboat in its heyday, running the ticket office in the summer and helping to organize and coordinate regional bus promotions during the winter.

She's done all of this while raising a son, Troy, and three daughters, Andrea, Tonya and Kristin. She and her husband, Jim, have four granddaughters and six grandsons. The club considers Hall to be one of the reasons why "Lowell is the next and best place to be."



Beverly Hall, 2012-2013 LWC Woman of the Year.

## health



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### alzheimer's disease

Alzheimer's disease is a condition that affects the brain. It is the most common cause of dementia, which is a loss of brain function that can affect memory, attention, language, and problem solving. It is not completely clear what causes Alzheimer's disease. Some people who get it have lower amounts of certain brain chemical. They also may have proteins that build up in brain cells. These changes may cause brain cells to stop working normally. Alzheimer's disease gets worse over time.

The diagnosis of Alzheimer's is often made by your doctor after family

members express concern over the mental capacity of the patient. When a diagnosis is made, it is important to think about things such as lifestyle, care giving, and end-of-life issues. Talk to your doctor about these things if you or a loved one is diagnosed.

While there is no cure for this condition, some medicines may help slow the rate of the disease. None of the medicines will reverse the disease or stop it from getting worse. While family history may be influential in getting the disease, there is little evidence that any medicines or supplements can reduce the risk of getting Alzheimer's disease.

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<b>JUNE 14</b> Kyle Manszewski.	<b>JUNE 18</b> Jessica Vezino, Lindsay Anderson, Whitney Patnode, Nancy Jane Kunard, Elizabeth Mol.
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# Looking Back, continued

entered into a horseshoe pitching contest at the convention, walked away with the honors. They won in both the doubles and singles. There were about fifty contestants. Both winners were awarded with beautiful prizes. It is gratifying to know that Lowell produces some real champs once in a while in the great game known as barnyard golf.

**Noxious Weed Notice - Bowne Township.** To owners, possessors or occupiers of land, or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any lands in this state. Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the township of Bowne, county of Kent, must be cut down and destroyed on or before the 15th of July, A. D. nineteen hundred and thirty-eight (1938). Failure to comply with this notice on or before the date mentioned or within ten days thereafter shall make the parties so failing liable for the cost of cutting same to be levied and collected against the property in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected. Dated June 13, 1938.

## 50 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 13, 1963

Headline: Trees fall as high winds rip thru Lowell. High velocity winds, torrential rains and thunder and lightning bombarded Lowell and other parts of Kent County Sunday evening and caused an unaccountable amount of damage. The Murray Lake-Parnell area north of Lowell received the heaviest amount of damage when trees, huge limbs and other debris filled the roads and brought traffic to a halt. When the storm was over, Lowell Light & Power crews, street department workers and the local police were busy repairing hot power lines, cleaning fallen debris out of the streets and tending to minor accidents.

Two new additions have been made to Fluger's Lowell Bakery on East Main Street. The outside of the building is sporting a new paint job and a "coffee shop" has been erected on the inside of the establishment.

Two 15-year-old Pentwater juveniles were apprehended by officer Kline early Friday morning as they were suspiciously loitering in the Eberhard parking lot on East Main Street. Enroute to Lowell, they had stolen a car and arrived here in a stolen truck. They were looking for another means of transportation out of Lowell.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 15, 1988

It was a warm, May-like, spring afternoon, weather similar to what Lowell has been experiencing in the first couple weeks of June, a mother of five, Rosie, had spent the previous 12 years working in a floral shop (an interesting twist of fate), that neighbored her homestead to the east, set out on a soft serve ice cream venture. That was 18 years ago (1970). With three Dixie cups to hold her change, Rosie Ball's soft serve ice cream parlor attracted \$73 worth of business the first day. At the time, I told my husband, Harold, that I'd be happy if I took in \$50 a day," Ball said. "I didn't know anything about making ice cream cones," she muses, "I only had small cones, so if a customer ordered a medium or large cone, I stacked more ice cream on top." Ball is able to look back on that first day and laugh, for now there are many days that she does \$73 worth of business in an hour. Ball's Softee Cream is now patronized by more than the hometown folks in Lowell.

When the basketball is put to the hardwood this fall and winter, the same familiar coaching faces will be there, just in different roles. Kathy Talus will no longer coach the girls' varsity basketball team, Ken Akers will. Akers will no longer coach the boys' varsity basketball team, Mark Thomas will. Thomas will no longer coach the boys' junior varsity team and the decision on who will hasn't been made. After seven years at the helm of the Lowell varsity boys' basketball program, Ken Akers will step aside in order that he can take over the girls' varsity basketball head coaching position.

# Social Security Q & A

**Question:** How many Social Security numbers have been issued since the program started?

**Answer:** Since numbers were first issued in November 1936, we have assigned about 460 million numbers. There are about one billion possible combinations of the 9-digit Social Security number. Visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/history/ssn/ssncards.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/history/ssn/ssncards.html) for a complete history of the Social Security number.

**Question:** How do I change my citizenship status on Social Security's records?

**Answer:** To change your citizenship status shown in Social Security records:

- Complete an application for a Social Security card (Form SS-5), which you can find online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ss-5.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ss-5.html); and
- Provide documents proving your:
  - New or revised citizenship status (We can only accept certain documents as proof of citizenship. These include your U.S. passport, a Certificate of Naturalization, or a Certificate of Citizenship. If you are not a U.S. citizen, Social Security

will ask to see your current immigration documents);

- Age; and
- Identity.
- Next, Take (or mail) your completed application and documents to your local Social Security office.

All documents must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies of documents. For more information, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber).

**Question:** My spouse and I are both entitled to our own Social Security benefits. Will Social Security reduce our combined benefits because we are married?

**Answer:** No. When each member of a married couple works in employment covered under Social Security and both meet all other eligibility requirements to receive retirement benefits, we calculate their lifetime earnings independently to determine their benefit amounts. Therefore, each spouse receives a monthly benefit amount based on his or her own earnings. If one spouse earned low wages or did not earn enough Social Security

credits (40) to be insured for retirement benefits, he or she may be eligible to receive benefits as a spouse. To learn more about retirement, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/retirement](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retirement).

**Question:** I have never worked but my spouse has. What will my benefits be?

**Answer:** You can be entitled to as much as one-half of your spouse's benefit amount when you reach full retirement age. If you want to get Social Security spouse's benefits before you reach full retirement age, the benefit amount is reduced. The amount of reduction depends on when you will reach full retirement age. For example, if your full retirement age is 66, you can get 35 percent of your spouse's unreduced benefit at age 62 (a permanent reduction); if your full retirement age is 67, you can get 32.5 percent of your spouse's unreduced benefit at age 62 (a permanent reduction).

The amount of your benefit increases if your entitlement begins at a later age, up to the maximum of 50 percent at full retirement age. However, if you are taking care of a child who is under

age 16 or who gets Social Security disability benefits on your spouse's record, you get the full spouse's benefits, regardless of your age. Learn more about spouse's benefits at [www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/applying6.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/applying6.htm).

**Question:** Can I receive Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits at the same time?

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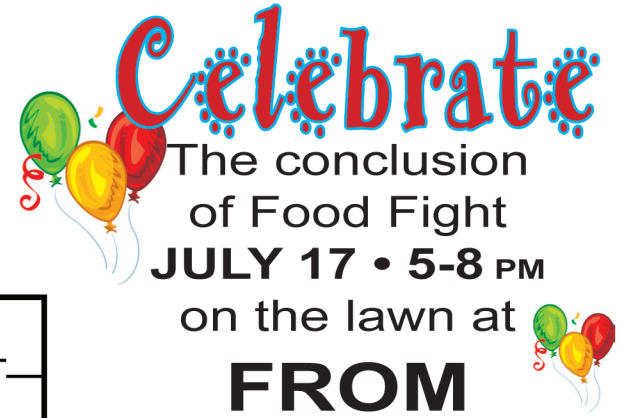
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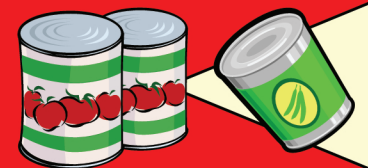
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# A hole in one - the beginnings of Bedrock Driving Range

by Tony Wittkowski  
contributing reporter

Peering out over a dozen acres of the Bedrock Driving Range, Ken Clausen can remember when it held a diverse collection of trees and vegetation.

Going back to last March until its opening day, Clausen had been tirelessly working on perfecting the land and lending it all of his available time/energy.

The field was all briars and brush, which he managed to cut by himself with a couple John Deere mowers.

"I broke them each at least five times," Clausen admitted with a smile. "My wife came down here and about pulled her hair out. I had to sneak them down after that."

Hundreds of rocks that he pulled from the knee-high grass now line the outer edge of the driving range and its fertilized green.

After half a year of waiting, Clausen finally opened the driving range only to be forced to close it three days later because of the flood.

Before this, Clausen was focused on his free windshield chip-repair business, always standing with a sign out by the road waiting to fix windshields.

"Half the time I was so bored I would bring the golf clubs with me and start hitting balls out into the weeds," Clausen said pointing to where the range is now.

As a retired autoworker, Clausen enjoys being outside and meeting people. Now he is going into a

profession he prefers, having played golf since he was 12-years-old.

PGA member Ken Kapcia, who currently works at Golf Galaxy and helps the boys and girls golf team in Lowell, has offered to give lessons to customers at Bedrock.

Now Subway and Bigby coffee is looking to move close to the driving range, which he feels would benefit his business as well as the man who helped him start.

"When I was setting up my windshield business, I wanted to sit up close to the highway where Woody used to sell golf clubs," Clausen said.

After the township denied him the spot near the highway, Sam Noon, owner of Noon Equipment, offered Clausen a chance to build the driving range.

"For not knowing him, he is one of the nicest people I have ever met," Clausen said. "He's done right by me, and I want to make this



Before purchasing a ball picker, Clausen was forced to use two canisters which could hold up to 120 golf balls at one time.



One of the main things Clausen picked up to help collect golf balls along the driving range was the ball picker, which he attaches to a four-wheeler and runs down each lane.

successful so that he can have a happy retirement."

Bedrock has received a lot of people who come out close to dark after dinner, with Clausen now planning to reseed the entire range in the fall and level it out.

"First thing in the morning we get a few guys on the way to the golf course and they will stop and hit a bucket," Clausen said. "We also get people getting out of work around 2:30 pm."

From May 15 to August

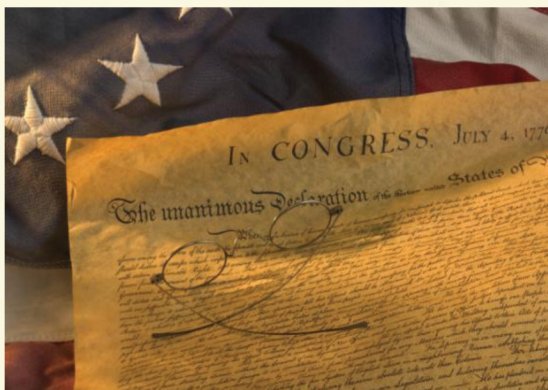
15, Bedrock is holding a contest, which will include a grand prize of a vehicle of your choice.

Those who participate in the hole-in-one contest must first qualify by hitting a few golf balls into one of the several boxes located on the driving range's fairway. The first 100 to qualify can shoot for the hole-in-one.

Clausen offers small, medium and large baskets of golf balls, equaling 55, 85 and 125 respectively.

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The pictures for these grads were inadvertently lost in the shuffle when putting together the Ledger last week. Please accept our apologies and congratulations.



## At Your Local Library

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### Jest Having Fun! –

Join award-winning comic juggler Ben Christensen in a show that also includes illusions, music, and lots of audience participation. For all ages. Thurs., June 20, 10:30 am.

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and biological artifacts. Participants will also receive a zoo bookmark. For all ages. Tues., June 25, 6:30 pm.

### Teen Summer Video Game Tournament –

Get your gaming skills ready and join us for some intense Super Smash Bros. action! Many will enter, but only the best will be crowned champions. The

tournament features great prizes and snacks. Pre-registration is required and participant spots are limited. Tues., June 18, 1 pm.

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**The deepest definition of youth is life as yet untouched by tragedy.**

~ Alfred North Whitehead (1861 - 1947)

## college news

Andrew Johnson, son of Bill and Dolly Johnson of Lowell, was named to the Cedarville University dean's honor list for the 2013 spring semester.

Johnson is a junior majoring in biology (pre-med).

Alma College has named over 400 students to the dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the 2013 winter semester. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average (out of 4.0) during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, are named to the dean's list.

The following are local students:

Samantha Perrin, a senior, is the daughter of Pamela Platz of Ada and a 2009 graduate of Lowell High School.

Joshua Spratt, a junior, is the son of Stuart and Susan Spratt of Ada and 2010 graduate of Lowell High School.

Alexandra Woodburne, a sophomore, is the daughter of Tim Woodburne and Deb Woodburne, both of Ada, and a 2011 graduate of Forest Hills Central High School.

Samuel Young, a sophomore, is the son of Randy and Pamela Young of Lowell and 2011 graduate of Lowell High School.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Robert E. Cooper and Marilyn J. Cooper Trust, dated July 2, 1997.

Date of Birth: Marilyn Cooper, December 14, 1945

### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the Trust may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, Marilyn J. Cooper, whose last known address was 13515 Oakcrest, Gowen, Michigan 49326, died on December 26, 2012.

The decedent was the Co-Grantor of the Robert E. Cooper and Marilyn J. Cooper Trust. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee of the Trust, Lynn

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# Red Arrow - GOLF SPORTS

## Poll qualifies for state at regional tournament

by Karen Jack

The golf team struggled at the regional tournament on Friday, landing in eleventh place with a total team score of 332. They scored an extra 15 strokes

more than their previous regional qualifying score.

With a tough field of 12 teams, their regional score would have placed them in fifth.

Brandon Poll led the charge with a score of 75, followed by Aaron Anderson with 78, Luke Kloosterman with 89, Joe Gauck with 90 and Isaac

Brenner with 92. For the team score, they took the top four scores.

With Poll's 75, though, he qualified individually for the state tournament. He

had to go to a playoff hole to qualify and birdied the hole to capture the slot.

The state tournament will be held at Michigan

State's Forest Akers West course on June 14 and 15. Poll broke the school record earlier this year with a score of 70.

## Lowell High School's All-Conference honorees named

by Karen Jack

The spring season All-Conference honorees were named, and Lowell celebrates 18 athletes across six sports.

For softball, the honorees are Bethany Dean, Kortney Beachler and Grace Quiggle. Zach Huver and Kyler Shurlow were All-Conference for baseball.

Girls track had four athletes named, including Daniel Ordway, Mattie Newman, Alon Watson and Rachel Walters. Jacob Khodl was named for boys track.

For boys lacrosse, Sawyer Buck and Perry Bencker won the honor, and Monica Bussell was awarded the honor for girls lacrosse.

Lauren Blanchard and Abigail Ellis were both honored for soccer.

Tennis had three honorees, including Abby Rogalke, Raechel Stougaard and Amanda Susnak.



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# obituaries

## ALEXANDER

Surrounded by his family, James "Jim" Richard Alexander, 83, passed away peacefully in his home on Saturday, June 8, 2013. Jim was born on September 20, 1929 in Arcola, Illinois and served in the U.S. Army and Navy before retiring from Ryder Truck Rental in 1989. Jim was famous for his large hat collection and enjoyed RVing and spending winters in the South. He was preceded in death by his son and daughter-



in-law, Don and Cheryl Alexander, and seven brothers and sisters. He is survived by his wife MaeDean of 61 years, and two daughters and their spouses; Robert and Mary Ford, and Joseph and Carrie Kiczanski. He also leaves behind his sister, Helen Bird, three sister-in-laws, seven grand children, six great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and his longtime friend Paul Noffke. A funeral service will be Saturday 11 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Hwy, Lowell, MI. Visitation will be at the church from 10-11 a.m. Reverend Joe Fremer officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Flat River Outreach Ministries of Lowell, 11535 Fulton St E Lowell, MI 49331.



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You may be able to get SSI if your resources are worth no more than \$2,000. A couple may be able to get SSI if they have resources worth no more than \$3,000. Keep in mind that we usually don't count the house you live in, personal items such as furniture and clothing, or the car you drive. If you own valuable property you are trying to sell, you may be able to get SSI while trying to sell it. You can find out more about SSI by going to [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) and selecting the "SSI" tab at the top of the page.

(TTY 1-800-325-0778), to make an appointment to file a disability claim at your local Social Security office or to set up an appointment for someone to take your claim over the telephone.

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decide if you are disabled. If more information is not available from your current medical sources, the state agency may ask you to go for a special examination. We prefer to ask your own doctor, but sometimes the exam may have to be done by someone else. Social Security will pay for the exam and for some of the related travel costs. Learn more about disability benefits at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability).

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**Question:** How do I apply for Social Security disability benefits?

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**SERVICES FOR ERIN L. OSBURN**  
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FILE NO. 13- -DE

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Date of birth: 06/29/1938.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Patricia A. Uzarski, died 02/08/2013.

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

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**LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** - meets the 2nd Saturday at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

**THE EAST KENT COUNTY REPUBLICANS (EKCR)** - meets the second Saturday of the month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce (113 Riverwalk Plaza) from 8:30 to 10 a.m. to discuss current events on the local, state & national levels. Bring your concerns & issues to our meeting for open discussion! Share information about what you can do to become involved! For more information, please call Dave Emmette, 644-0759 or Nancy Steckler, 897-6380.

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# EARTH TALK™

## Questions & Answers About Our Environment

**Dear EarthTalk: Why are wetlands so important to preserve?** - Patricia Mancuso, Erie, PA

Wetlands include swamps, marshes, bogs, riverbanks, mangroves, floodplains, rice fields—and anywhere else, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), that saturation with water is the dominant factor determining the nature of soil development and the types of plant and animal communities there. They are widespread in every country and on every continent except Antarctica. If all the world's wetlands were put together, they would take up an area one-third larger than the United States.

Environmentalists, biologists and others concerned



about the health of the planet and its inhabitants recognize the key role wetlands play in life on Earth. The EPA points out that, besides containing a disproportionately high number of plant and animal species compared to other land forms, wetlands serve a variety of ecological services including feeding downstream waters, trapping floodwaters, recharging groundwater supplies, removing pollution and providing fish and wildlife habitat. Wetlands can also be key drivers of local economies, given their importance to agriculture, recreation and fishing.

According to Wetlands International, a global non-

profit dedicated to the conservation and restoration of wetlands around the world, wetlands are on the “front-line” as development pressures increase everywhere. “Wetlands are vulnerable to over-exploitation due to their abundance of fish, fuel and water,” reports the group, which works on the ground in 18 countries to educate the public and policymakers about the health of local wetlands and to advocate for better policies. “When they are viewed as unproductive or marginal lands, wetlands are targeted for drainage and conversion.”

“The rate of loss and deterioration of wetlands is accelerating in all regions of the world,” the group adds. “The pressure on wetlands is likely to intensify in the coming decades due to increased global demand for land and water, as well as climate change.”

The widespread expansion of development in the U.S. in recent decades has brought the issue of wetlands loss to the forefront of debates on zoning and land use planning. One of the key and underlying issues is concern about endangered species: More than a third of species on the U.S. Endangered Species List live only in wetlands and almost half use them at some time during their lifecycles.

While the issue lingers on in municipal planning meetings around the country, the federal government does what it can to protect wetlands. It does so through regulations spelled out in the Clean Water Act, which include providing tax incentives for selling or giving wetlands to land trusts or other conservation groups, via cooperative efforts with state and local entities, and by acquiring wetlands outright to add acreage to public lands systems. And several states have passed laws to regulate activities in wetlands, and many municipalities include wetlands conservation in their development permitting and zoning processes.

Readers can do their part by staying current on local zoning laws, keeping an eye on local wetlands and speaking up if something looks amiss. Potential problems are much easier to resolve early on than after damage is done, so speaking up soon can often lead to more successful and less contentious outcomes.

**CONTACTS:** EPA Wetlands, [water.epa.gov/type/wetlands/](http://water.epa.gov/type/wetlands/); Wetlands International, [www.wetlands.org](http://www.wetlands.org).

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**Dear EarthTalk: What is the “All One Ocean” campaign?** - Bill O'Neill, Los Angeles, CA

All One Ocean is a non-profit campaign launched in 2010 by long-time author, activist and organizer Hallie Austen Iglehart with the goal of reducing the amount of plastic and other trash that ends up in the ocean where it compromises the health of marine wildlife and ecosystems. Iglehart was incensed to learn that a million seabirds and

100,000 marine mammals and turtles die each year from ingesting plastic in the water column—and created All One Ocean to do something about it.

Contrary to popular myth that most ocean pollution is oil spilled from ships, most of it is land-based litter. “The most dangerous litter is our throw-away plastic because of its longevity and capacity to increase in toxicity, eventually returning to the human food chain in a more lethal form,” reports Iglehart.

“Much of our plastic ends up in the ocean in giant collections of trash called gyres, created by circular ocean currents,” she adds. “They trap debris for decades where it continues to break into ever smaller, more toxic pieces, never fully biodegrading.” Of particular concern to Iglehart is the fact that much of this carelessly discarded plastic winds up in the bellies of marine life, contaminating not just ocean ecosystems but in some cases the very seafood on our dinner plates.

The main project of All One Ocean is the creation and maintenance of permanent, community supported Beach Clean Up Stations, which are essentially boxes containing reusable bags for beach visitors to use in picking up trash during their time on the sand and in the surf. The idea is to empty any garbage into a trash can somewhere (so it can find its way to a landfill instead of out into the ocean) and then ideally return the bag empty to the box. Each clean-up station also provides a sign with information on the extent of the problem and other ways individuals can help. The idea, according to Iglehart, is to provide “a simple, doable way for people to have fun cleaning up trash as they enjoy their beach activities.”

“The Beach Clean Up Station is a practical way to insure that clean up is happening everyday on all our beaches,” says Iglehart. “Like ‘adopt a highway’ campaigns, Beach Clean Up Stations create community around care for and education about these clean up hubs.”

She would like to see Beach Clean Up Stations in place at coastal and even freshwater beaches all around the world, but for now the group is starting out in Northern California. The first one was put in place at Limantour Beach at the Point Reyes National Seashore in Marin County there, with several following at other San Francisco Bay area beaches. Iglehart hopes the campaign will encourage people to reconsider their consumption of single use plastics, since the production and distribution of such items contributes not just to the demise of the oceans but also to increased global warming.

Unlike many environmental issues that seem beyond our control, cleaning up beaches is something anyone can do and indeed every little bit helps. “Every tiny piece of human trash picked up,” Iglehart reminds us, “is one less toxin in someone’s stomach.”

**CONTACT:** All One Ocean, [www.alloneocean.org](http://www.alloneocean.org).

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## Staff members, continued

friends, and watching her daughters in dance and cheer.

Meijer just finished her first year at MLE after working at Bushnell last year.

“My first year at Murray Lake has been awesome. I love the kids, we have a blast together and I try to make the reading program fun for all of them. I feel like not only do they learn from me, I have learned a lot from them as well. The support and mentoring I have received from Sue Gordon and Paula Briggs have made me a better reading interventionist this past year. Working at Murray Lake Elementary has been a wonderful experience, and I hope to continue my career here,” said Meijer.

Meijer has been married to husband Rob (a native of the Netherlands)

for 16 years. They met in the Netherlands when Meijer was an exchange student in college. They have a 10-year-old daughter who attends Cherry Creek.

After graduating from both Eastern Michigan University and Michigan State University, Meijer worked for Eastman Kodak for 10 years as a manager, photo trainer and account developer. Almost five years ago, her family moved to Lowell. Her volunteering at Bushnell Elementary lead to a para-educator position. At Bushnell, she started a grass root effort to revitalize the playground.

In her spare time Meijer loves to cook and garden. In the summer she enjoys kayaking and sailing. She also loves MSU football. She enjoys traveling with her family, art and photography.

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- 8. New Mexico art community
- 12. Find new tenant
- 14. Turkish military leader
- 15. Oscar-winner Jessica
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- 17. \*Peyton or Eli to Archie
- 18. Eight performers
- 19. \*\*"Married... with Children" dad
- 21. \*\*"All in the Family" dad
- 23. For every
- 24. \_\_\_\_\_ or swim
- 25. \*\*"Modern Family" dad
- 28. \*Aaron Spelling's daughter
- 30. Oxygen holder
- 35. 3rd and 5th in Manhattan, e.g.
- 37. Court of law opener
- 39. "\_\_\_\_\_ Circus"
- 40. Give a traffic ticket
- 41. Walkway
- 43. eBay offers
- 44. Twig of willow tree
- 46. Ticket leftover
- 47. Nose-in-the-air type
- 48. Home to Sarajevo
- 50. Seaward
- 52. Give it a go
- 53. Civil rights concern
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JUNE 5 - JUNE 11

- The mayor of Wildwood, New Jersey, Ernest Troiano Jr., is ready to ban overly saggy pants, no ifs, ands or butts. The city is set to pass a law Wednesday regulating how people dress on its boardwalk. It bans going shirtless, as well as walking on the boardwalk with bare feet.
- Jurors are being selected for the trial of George Zimmerman. He is being charged with second-degree murder for the killing of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin just over one year ago.
- It was 50 years ago, June 11, 1963, that George Wallace, who pledged: "segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever," stood in the doorway of the University of Alabama's Foster Auditorium to keep Vivian Malone Jones and James Hood from enrolling for classes. Wallace only stepped aside after President John F. Kennedy federalized the Alabama National Guard.

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  - 7. Hawaiian veranda
  - 8. It measures rpms
  - 9. Not in favor of
  - 10. Curved molding
  - 11. Workout segment
  - 13. Proclaimed true without proof
  - 15. Make so one can't get out
  - 20. Be limp
  - 22. DNA transmitter
  - 24. Tropical naps
  - 25. \*Father of the twelve tribes of Israel
  - 26. Dispatch boat
  - 27. Abominable snowmen
  - 29. Swedish shag rugs
  - 31. Barbecued anatomy
  - 32. Time on the job

- 33. Eagerness
- 34. \*He played Cliff Huxtable on TV
- 36. "As \_\_\_\_\_ on TV"
- 38. \*Greek father to all gods
- 42. African sorcery
- 45. Off-color
- 49. Afflict
- 51. \*Presidential and Founding father
- 54. Wing it
- 56. Comparative of dry
- 57. Buggy terrain
- 58. Three-layer cookie
- 59. Indian bread
- 60. Devil's \_\_\_\_\_
- 61. Better than never?
- 62. Give off
- 63. Cosine's buddy
- 64. \_\_\_\_\_ \*Jenna's presidential dad, \_\_\_\_\_ "W"
- 66. "But I heard him exclaim, \_\_\_\_\_ he drove out of sight, Merry Christmas to all..."

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# Food Fight, continued

and others randomly drop money off without being asked.

Yankovich has written FROM a monthly check since at least 2009, and sporadically before then, with business and personal donations included.

If anyone is ready for FROM's Food Fight, it is Yankovich and Devoe, especially now that monetary donations count toward team totals.

Unlike many other

competitors, Yankovich does not emphasize food donations. He said that they had in past years, but people rarely brought canned goods to their shop. Instead, in addition to their year-round fundraising strategy, Yankovich is donating one dollar for purchases up to \$50, two dollars for purchases from \$50 to \$150, three dollars for purchases from \$150 to \$250, and five dollars for purchases totaling over \$250.

"It adds up pretty fast," Yankovich said.

Yankovich's motivation to donate relentlessly to FROM is simple.

"There is nothing more fundamental than someone needing food," Yankovich said.

The Food Pantry has been central to FROM's service since the early days when Kraig and Jody Haybarker gathered and distributed food from the basement of First Methodist

Church. Now, the client's choice pantry offers up to a week's worth of food and personal hygiene products, benefitting well over 200 families each month.

"Food Fight is our largest food drive," Sylvia Taylor said. Taylor is the current director of the Food Pantry at FROM.

There has never been a war more civil than Food Fight, because fighting for the hungry in our neighborhood is possibly



For Cliff Yankovich at Chimera Design, a FROM Food Bank donation jar is a year-round staple of the shop.

the pinnacle of civility, but also because this battle has been known to put family member against family member. Southside supporters Yankovich and Devoe find themselves against their daughters and son-in-law at Ella's, a café on the North side of Main.

"Off the record, all the Northsiders are cheaters, and you can quote me on that," Yankovich said comically.

Yankovich originally noticed FROM because it was brought about by the cooperation of several

churches, something that is sometimes uncommon to see. Similarly, Yankovich noted the rarity of businesses agreeing on anything like Lowell businesses do when it comes to Food Fight.

"Who really cares who wins?" Yankovich asked.

Yankovich expressed his joy to find out that in the first week of this year's Food Fight more food had been collected for the hungry than in the entire first year.

"Unfortunately, they need it," Yankovich added.



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