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## An outing for area businesses, the 12<sup>th</sup> annual golf scramble also raises funds for Blough scholarship

by Will Greenberg  
contributing reporter

Last Friday, over 100 golfers convened for the 12th annual Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble.

The charity outing was held at Tyler Creek Golf Course to support the Ivan K Blough Scholarship Fund as well as the Lowell chamber.

Chamber executive director Liz Baker said the tournament started as a way for the chamber to treat local businesses, but has since evolved into a two-sided event. Along with the tournament were sponsorships of various holes, event hole sponsorships and a silent

auction. Prizes for the various competitions and the auction were donated by local businesses. All the money not generated directly from the scramble went to the Blough scholarship, Baker said.

This is the Blough scholarship's third year, which began in 2010 in

memory of Ivan K Blough and his contributions to the town of Lowell. The money goes to high school students and local businesses to promote local growth, Baker said.

Michael Blough, Ivan's son, said his father was very passionate about working in the community and having a "hands-on," experienced-focused education. Michael said it was fitting that the chamber golf outing be the fund's primary revenue source since his father was so involved in Lowell when he was alive.

"It is a great combination of the objectives that were set forth in the fund as well as promoting the

community- which is part of the chamber business," said Blough.

His sister Melinda Blough-D'Agostino said most of the Blough family was in attendance Friday, making the day more personal for the Bloughs, as both a monetary and commemorative way to pay tribute to their father. At the same time, D'Agostino said she wanted the focus to remain on Lowell and helping its citizens and not Ivan himself.

"He was more about the community and giving and so that's what we want to jump off of," she said. "It wasn't that he was this huge wonderful guy, he was just part of the community and that's what we want to sell."

Baker said this year she expects to bring in a good deal of money from the various events, saying last year the outing generated around 3,000 dollars for the Blough scholarship.



Golfers tee-off at the first hole at Tyler Creek Golf Course.

Golfers came out in force last Friday to support both the Ivan K Blough Scholarship and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.



## Sunshine brings out the crowds for the 2013 Kent County Youth Fair

by Will Greenberg  
contributing reporter

Beautiful weather, free entertainment, deliciously decadent food, friendly competition and all right in town: could you really ask for more?

Last week's Kent County Youth Fair (KCYF) roared through Lowell and the fairgrounds much the same way the flood waters had months before. However, last week the weather stayed sunny, dry and comfortable throughout and the fair flourished because of it.

Fair vice president Bruce Doll said attendance was noticeably higher this year thanks to the sunshine. Twice, the parking fees had



The Ron Wenger Memorial play structure.

record-high days and the clicker-counted estimation put the total attendance for the week around 50,000.

Fair attendees ranged in age, hometown and family size. Many large groups of high schoolers explored the rides and games while families toured the barns and petting zoo.

Jim Fales attended the fair continuing his streak of attending every single Kent County Youth Fair ever held. Fales was nine years old when he started showing pigs and chickens in 1934. Fales said he has served in nearly every fair position except for president and has watched the fair change and grow over the years.

Fales and his son Mike discussed some of the events they missed from older fairs, like clothing making and other crafting, but as economic times changed, the fair also had to adapt by adding rides and concerts.

"You've got to grow or die," Fales said.

The fair's evening entertainment was "packed" this year, Doll said, noting the Dueling Pianos in particular were incredibly popular among fairgoers. Doll said that even the annual events generated notable crowds, with excellent attendance at the Youth Talent contest, an overflowing crowd for

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# along main street

## Lowell PD receives teen driver safety education grant

The Lowell Police Department is announcing it has received a teen driver safety education and enforcement grant from the State Farm Insurance Companies, Good Neighbor Citizenship program. Local State Farm agent Deborah Wilks was instrumental in securing this award for Lowell area activities.

The \$2,500.00 grant will help the Lowell Police Department fund safe teen driver events and activities, such as drunk driving simulators and speakers.

Some grant funds will also be used to enhance traffic enforcement activities during high teen driver activity periods like Homecoming Weekend and large sporting events.

The award will help the Lowell Police Department have a greater impact in teen driver education and safety with the goal of completing the school year with no serious injury or fatal accidents involving teen drivers.

## college news

Makenzie Frederickson of Alto took part in a weeklong exploration of computer science recently on the campus of Michigan Technological University.

Women in Computer Science (WICS) is a competitive scholarship program for young women interested in computing. Participants experienced hands-on demonstrations in many different areas of computing, including programming, artificial

intelligence, robotics, virtual reality, visualization, networks, and security.

Participants got to hear firsthand accounts of diverse careers in computing from current computer science students, alumni, and industry role models.

The young women also got a chance to experience college life by staying in a residence hall, exploring campus, and meeting others with similar backgrounds and interests.

### HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS

Try-outs and practices for the fall high school sports' teams begin on Wed., Aug. 14 (Aug. 12 for football and fall cheerleading). Athletic physicals must be turned in to the high school athletic office before the first day of practice in order to be eligible to participate. They must be dated after April 15, 2013, to be good for the 2013-14 school year. Contact the athletic office at 987-2907 with questions.

### FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

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# Viva Lowell Ledger subscriber near Las Vegas

by Justin Tiemeyer  
contributing reporter

Kathy Matson and husband Paul live in Henderson, Nevada, minutes outside of the gambling and entertainment Mecca of Las Vegas.

As residents of the number one rock climbing state in the union and just a short jaunt from the Grand Canyon and the beautiful parks of Utah, it would seem that Matson is plenty busy with the local attractions. However, she's not too busy that she doesn't have time for a weekly read of the Lowell Ledger.

Matson was born Kathy Doyle in the fine city of Lowell. Lowell is where she grew up and attended school, where she lived her life until the age of 23. The Ledger has become something of a lifeline to the community of her youth.

"I still know a lot of people," Matson said. She has siblings in Saranac and Grand Rapids and plenty of her friends and relatives still live in Lowell. She has devoted herself to traveling back to see her Michigan neighbors once every year.

While some join the army or the peace corps to see a variety of different surroundings, Matson found a similar vista through her employment with the IRS. The agency took her from Michigan to Florida to Colorado and finally, to Nevada.

Matson has been living in the west for over 25 years now.

"I like the weather," Matson said. The climate in Nevada and Colorado works better for Matson because she gets more time to enjoy the outdoors.

Matson has a lot of fond memories of Lowell, citing it as a great place to grow up.

"I always liked the small town feel of it," she said.

When Matson returned to visit Lowell most recently, she was fortunate to be welcomed by gorgeous weather.

"It doesn't stay gorgeous long," Matson said.

Matson's love for the community she grew up in is evident, due to the fact that every time she returns, she rolls the dice in terms of what weather to expect. Certainly, the climate in Nevada is much more to her liking, but something keeps her coming back. From the sound of it, it's friends, family and fond memories.



Kathy Matson holds a copy of The Ledger at her home in Nevada.

## "Interpretive boards project"

### A unique way to provide history to our community

The Lowell Area Historical Museum has found another way to bring Lowell's unique history

to the community and downtown. The museum is planning to install a total of seventeen interpretive

boards in the next four years along the Riverwalk Plaza and the historic downtown district. Each board will examine a different topic or period in Lowell's history. This year there will be five interpretive boards installed along the Riverwalk Plaza. Two of these boards, at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, introduce the project with an Introductory board and Early Settlers board. The other three will be installed along the Riverwalk plaza with history

on Native Americans, the fur trade and lumbering. Plans are to release four new panels each summer until all seventeen panels have been installed.

This project will offer another vehicle for citizens and visitors to learn about the culture and key points of history in the downtown area. Each panel will contain several images about the subject of the site with creative graphics and text to provide the history. Each

panel will be free-standing, made of an all-weather material and mounted on a powder-coated aluminum post. The boards will feature QR (quick response) codes, offering new technology to learn history. This small black and white square can be scanned with a smart phone and will bring the museum's website up on the phone linking the user to more information

on that particular topic. These interpretive boards will provide an enjoyable experience for both first-time visitors, as well as longtime residents while encouraging more foot traffic to the downtown area. This year's interpretive boards are scheduled to be unveiled Thursday evening, Aug. 22, at the last Sizzlin' Summer concert.

## college news

Sean O'Grady, of Ada, was one of more than 2,600 students named to the dean's list at the University of Dayton for the spring semester of the 2012-2013 academic year. To be named to the dean's list at UD, a student must achieve a superior academic record, which is a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Competition for AYOP (America's Youth on Parade).

Coffey was EMU's head feature twirler this past year and received an award from the band. She has had the opportunity to twirl at EMU football and basketball home games and the band has performed at away games at University of Michigan and Michigan State during her time at EMU. She is finishing her internship in exercise science in August and plans to go on to pursue a degree in physical therapy.

Andrea Coffey will represent Eastern Michigan University (EMU) at Notre Dame this week in the Collegiate Miss Majorette



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## outdoors

anticipation

Dave Stegehuis



Bow season is still over a month and a half away, but there is plenty for bow hunters to do before the opener. It is difficult, however, to get fired-up about hunting while at the beach.

It is never too early to inspect equipment so there will be time to repair or replace an item if it is found defective. New products are on the market now, and it may be time to consider an upgrade.

Shooting a bow requires hand-eye coordination and muscle memory similar to golf and tennis. Regular practice sessions build the skills necessary for consistent accuracy. As the season draws near, practice should be as realistic as possible. For example, if

wearing heavy hunting clothing and shooting from a tree stand is how one hunts then that's the way to practice. On top of all of that—it's fun.

Locating new hunting land can take time and effort. Permission to hunt private land should be secured early. Approaching a landowner a few days before season may be too late and suggests disrespect. Leasing a property takes time and extensive research to find productive areas and then make a deal. Hunting public land opens up a lot of possibilities, but finding good habitat with an absence of hunter competition will require considerable searching.

No matter where you plan hunt, it pays to scout

well before season. The object is to locate deer and determine when and where they travel. Deer behavior changes as the seasons progress, so the trick is to monitor activity without spooking the deer with your presence. Trail cameras work great if you don't mind mixing technology with the hunting experience. When the scouting is completed, it is time to determine hunting strategy and set up stands or natural blinds.

Bow hunting can be a lifestyle—not just an activity. Like most hunting, bagging a game animal is only a very small part of the total hunting experience. The weeks of preparation and anticipation of the hunt is as interesting and engaging as the hunt itself. You don't have to wait for opening day because you can start appreciating the hunt today.

## "MSU research facility hits major milestones"



Sen. Carl Levin

times over. From radio and television to the Internet and Google, technological innovations that have changed the world got their start thanks, at least in part, to federal research funding.

It's always good news when Congress takes big steps to help boost scientific research. And it's even better when those steps lean on Michigan's world-class research universities.

That's why two recent developments involving a major science investment at Michigan State University are so important: the Department of Energy's approval in early August of cost and construction timelines for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams, and committee approval in both the Senate and House of appropriations bills that included full funding for FRIB in 2014. The \$55 million in funding for FRIB, if it receives final approval, would clear the way for

construction of the facility to begin next year.

Most importantly, these developments are good news for our quest to understand our natural world. FRIB is a \$730 million project that will allow researchers to create and study rare elements that are not normally found on Earth. That holds enormous promise for helping physicists better understand the universe, and to harness the power of nuclear science for practical applications that can improve our standard of living, solve our energy challenges and grow the economy.

Research funding is a relatively small portion of the federal budget, but it pays for itself many

What makes this project doubly exciting is what it says about Michigan and our role in promoting that kind of innovation. The Department of Energy selected MSU in 2008 to host FRIB, cementing the university's status as one of the world's most important centers of nuclear research. For more than 60 years, MSU has been pushing the frontiers of nuclear knowledge. And since 1980, MSU's National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory has conducted pioneering nuclear research through partnerships with the Department of Energy and other research institutions around the world.

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### emotions not facts

Dear Editor and Fellow Citizens, In recent weeks there have been a number of letters concerning the union negotiations with the City, as well as personal attacks directed at our City Manager. Perhaps it is time for me to make some limited comments.

First, we can all agree that Lowell is a great community. We know each other, we support our local causes (Pink Arrow, Gilda's Club, FROM and food fights, our great schools, as well as scouts, the fair, music concerts, charities and the YMCA). We shop together supporting local business. We worship and participate in many local activities together. There is no better place to live, raise our kids or grow old. We are positive people who love and support this community. This is Lowell.

As citizens of the City, you elect City Councilmembers every two years. The five City Councilmembers hire and direct a City Manager. The City Manager and his employees do the work. The City Council sets policy, reviews and approves recommended contracts and governs as directed by the City Charter. That Charter also directs the Mayor to appoint five citizens to the Lowell Light & Power Board, who in turn, hire and direct a General Manager. The General Manager and his employees do the work.

The letters and comments recently published have been emotional and not based on fact. The negative aspects, personal attacks and implied wrongdoings should not take root in this community. We are better than that!

Two years ago, seven of our 45 public workers chose to join the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, which is their right. Those employees, through the IBEW, have a bargaining team, including an attorney. The City has a bargaining team, including an attorney. (And anyone entering into a contract – especially of this kind – should have an attorney.)

Let me reassure everyone that everything this City Council does is legal; there are no "secret meetings every week," as one writer alleges and there is no "wasteful spending, mismanagement and political corruption" as implied. The City Council can conduct a closed session, usually at the end of a Council meeting, for a specific topic and only that topic may be discussed, with no decisions nor votes taken in a closed session. Recently the Council has had closed sessions to get updates on the negotiation process and give direction to the City Manager.

Negotiations are never easy. First contracts are even more difficult. It is a long process and none of us are happy about that, but it is a process we must follow legally and we intend always to do what is right and what is legal. However, the City Council will not negotiate this contract, that is for our bargaining team. And legally these negotiations cannot be done in public. Not my opinion, not the City Manager's opinion, not the attorney's opinion... it is the law. Simple as that, it is what is legal.

We can disagree on facts and work our way to solutions to make our community even better. However, this is not a community that should stoop to personal attacks, implied slander nor convenient misrepresentation of the truth. We are better than that. We are a positive people who love and support this community. This is Lowell.

Sincerely,  
Jim Hodges, Mayor

### personal attacks should stop

Dear Editor:

I would like to speak to the good citizens of Lowell. All of us know that character assassination is not conducive to resolving differences of opinion and certainly not helpful to building and maintaining a vibrant community that truly cares about its leaders and its citizens, administrators and workers, voters and those elected.

Let's wake up to the reality that Lowell is "the next place to be" not because we have no problems or issues to resolve. Let's be real and recognize that Lowell is uniquely the "next place to be" because we as a community have always been willing to care about people and address problems - even difficult, complex and long-running problems and issues.

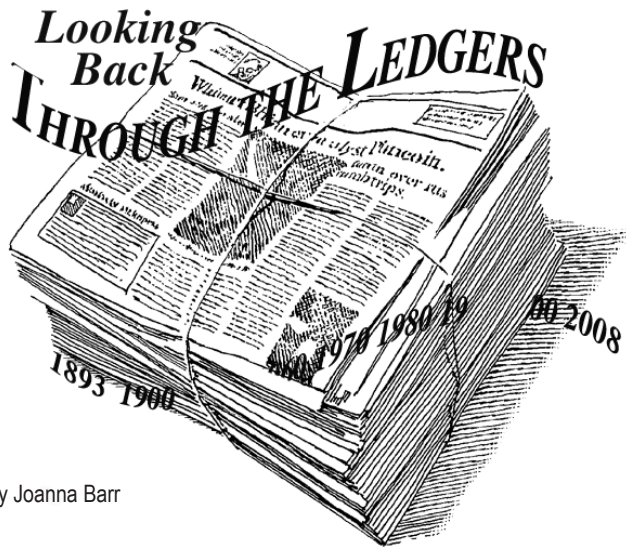
We have the experience and the community will to work together until difficult and complex problems are resolved, even when the struggle to resolve becomes hard and contentious.

Lowell - let's recover our senses and be the community we know we can be. If you have an issue with the city manager or anyone else in city leadership, go to them openly and forthrightly and discuss your concerns. These are good people of integrity and passion for Lowell. Speak to them and let due process do its work without launching a witch hunt.

I have worked closely with our public leaders. To a person, their integrity, their ability to lead with fairness and foresight are without question.

The only question for all of us is, "When will we stop the personal attacks so we can together focus our support to Department of Public Works (DPW), Mark Howe, city council and all who seek honesty and cooperative resolution. Lowell - we are better than witch hunts and self-serving attacks.

Sincerely,  
Roger LaWarre  
Lowell



By Joanna Barr

### 140 years ago Lowell Journal August 20, 1873

One of our merchants says he'll be hornswoggled if he don't charge more goods every day than he can pay for out of a whole week's collections. Which implies that it is necessary to charge more goods and make no collections in order to save being hornswoggled. Our heart goes out toward that merchant. He shan't be hornswoggled.

One of our best friends bumped his head against our office sign the other day very hard. We hadn't the heart to wait for him to come and ask our forgiveness, for if we had, he might have told us to stop his darn paper. So we locked our office door and told our tall printer to go around the other way and tell that man that "he needn't mind that sign, it was an old one and if he had bumped it twice as hard, it shouldn't have cost him a cent." We ain't going back on a friend if we know it.

A company of young men, armed with revolvers and fortitude went out the other night to lurk in the shade and find out what reckless villain was stealing "those watermelons." While watching and waiting for

their victim, one of the company, who is passionately fond of cats, approached a dark spot in the grass and confidingly said, "Come kitty — pussy?—that's a nice kitty." Four shots were fired that night and then a grave was dug and several outer garments which had been made to order, were deposited in the cold, cold ground. The next day one of the company bought a new suit of clothes and a bottle of "West End," but the others were more economical and only wore a few cast of garments which they donated to their younger brothers last year.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 14, 1913

Headline: Dynamite explosion killed three Cascade farmers Aug. 6. Three men met death about 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon August 6, when a box of dynamite two were carrying exploded. The accident was not discovered until three hours later when the family dog led Mrs. John Herman into the field where the mangled bodies lay. The dead men were residents of Cascade township and during the day had been blasting stumps on the [Peter] Schultz farm. [Raymond] Lillie is said to have been an expert in the use of dynamite as during last winter he had been employed on the county roads to engineer the blasting. That the men had completed their work for the day and were returning to the house carrying their tools and the explosive is believed to be certain, as in the vicinity where the mutilated remains of the trio lay were the tools, some bent and twisted, all of them broken. The theory advanced by Coroner Hilliker as to the probable cause of the accident is that the dynamite was slightly jarred as Herman and Lillie were carrying it. This caused the explosion with the result that Lillie's legs and one hand was torn to shreds and his face mashed into an unrecognizable mass. Herman's fate was similar. It is because of the similarity of the conditions of the remains of these two that leads to the

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### information not gossip

To The Editor,

"Every man has his dignity. I am willing to forget mine, but at my own discretion and not when someone else tells me to." Denis Diderot, French philosopher (1710-1784)

As you are most likely aware, I have been invited to attend a public meeting, which has been organized by members of your community for Tuesday evening, August 20. I have accepted this invitation with

the idea of my role being to offer factual information regarding Mark Howe's tenure as Ionia County's administrator. Personal observations may also creep in to the conversation, but I will try to preface each as being such. I trust that those choosing to attend will, in fact, be seeking factual information versus gossip.

Barbara A. Trierweiler  
Saranac

### a caring business

To The Editor,

I would like to share with you a short and amazingly touching story. My brother died Sunday, 7/28/13. The funeral was planned by me and I was reeling with emotions.

NASCAR was my brother's favorite sport. He had a few small NASCAR items, but I really wanted some things for the funeral. On my limited time, I had gone to several stores and couldn't find much.

The day of the funeral I stopped to pick up the flowers from Daisy Floral in Lowell. (The funeral was in Lansing.) I shared my story with the girls working there. I was very tearful as my brother loved his cars and I felt I was letting him down

by not being able to have some #24 items to decorate his casket.

Vicki, at Daisy Floral said she had #24 NASCAR flags, hats and other items sitting in a closet. She offered to run home and get them for me and she did.

It may sound strange to some of you, but the flags decorated the sides of the casket and other things sat on top.

My brother Steve would have loved to know we celebrated his last days on his terms. This is what compassion, caring for your neighbor and living in Lowell is all about. Please let them know we want people like them in our community.

Karen Chittenden



# health

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



## head lice

Head lice are tiny insects that infest the hair on your head, as well as the eyebrows and eyelashes. Tiny louse eggs, called nits, are tightly attached to individual hairs and live close to the scalp where they may be difficult to see. Lice are easily spread, especially among school-aged children. Lice cannot jump or fly but are spread by direct head-to-head physical contact, sharing clothes such as hats or bedding and sharing combs or brushes with someone who has head lice. Having head lice does not mean you have poor cleanliness. Head lice do not carry disease.

Signs and symptoms of head lice include extremely itchy scalp, small red bumps on the scalp or neck, tiny white nits on the hair close to the scalp that are difficult to remove and a crawling sensation on the head. Lice are easier to see in bright light and by parting the hair to see close to the scalp. They are also easier to see near the ears and the nape of the neck.

Over-the-counter

lotions and shampoos that contain pyrethrin or one percent permethrin are often the first choice. The package directions should be followed exactly. These products may continue to kill lice for two weeks after treatment; many clinicians recommend a second treatment after seven to nine days after the first. Prescription strength five percent permethrin, malathion lotion or benzyl alcohol lotion may be needed. Lice are becoming resistant to permethrin, so the other medications may need to be used. It is very important that the nits are removed. This can be difficult because they cling tightly to the hair. Special nit combs are available at drugstores. You should do a second combing after seven to 10 days after the first. Nits may live for two weeks. Hats, coats, scarves and bedding should be washed and dried in a hot dryer for at least 20 minutes. Combs and brushes should be washed and the room of the infected person should be vacuumed.



# fire safety 411

by Captain Roger Reed

Bicycles are on our roadways. Because of this, we encourage cyclists and motorists to adopt a policy of mutual respect and enhance safety for all road users.

Bicycles on the roadway are, by law,

vehicles with the same rights and responsibilities as motorized vehicles. According to the National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA) in 2009, 630 pedal-cyclists were killed and an additional 51,000 were injured as

a result of a crash with a motor vehicle.

Bicyclist deaths accounted for two percent of all motor vehicle traffic fatalities, and made up two percent of all the people injured in traffic crashes during that year.

Urban areas accounted for the majority of bicyclist fatalities in 2009, with most of those fatalities occurring in non-intersection locations. Almost three-fourths of the bicyclist fatalities happened from 4 am and 8 pm, a six percent increase from the previous year.

### Safety Reminders

Bicyclists should wear properly fitted bicycle helmets every time they ride. The NCSA lists a helmet is the single most effective way to prevent head injury resulting from a bicycle crashes. Bicyclists are considered vehicle operators; they are required to obey the same rules of the road as other vehicle operators, including obeying traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.

When cycling in the street, cyclists must ride in the same direction as traffic. Drivers of motor vehicles need to share the road with bicyclists by being courteous, allow at least three feet clearance when passing a bicyclist on the road, look for cyclists before opening a car door or pulling out from a parking space, and yield to cyclists at intersections and as directed by signs and signals. Be especially watchful for cyclists when making turns, either left or right.

Bicyclists should increase their visibility

to drivers by wearing fluorescent or brightly colored clothing during the day, dawn, and dusk. To be noticed when riding at night, use a front light and a red reflector or flashing rear light, and use retro-reflective tape or markings on equipment or clothing. Bicyclists under the age of 16 accounted for 13 percent of all deaths and 20 percent of all those injured in traffic crashes in 2009. Bicyclists ages 25 to 64 have made up an increasing proportion of all cyclist deaths since 2000.

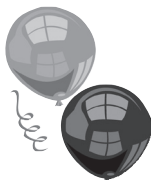
The proportion of bicyclist fatalities among those ages 25 to 64 was 1.2 times higher in 2009 as in 2000 (64 percent and 52 percent, respectively).

### Alcohol Involvement

Over one-fourth (28 percent) of the bicyclists killed in 2009 had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .01 or higher, and nearly one-fourth (24 percent) had a BAC of .08 or higher.

Alcohol-involvement - either for the driver or the bicyclists - was reported in more than 40 percent of the traffic crashes that resulted in bicyclist fatalities in 2009. In 33 percent of the crashes, either the driver or the bicyclist was reported to have a BAC of .08 or higher. Lower alcohol levels BAC .01 to .07 were reported in an additional six percent of crashes.

For more information on traffic fatalities is available from the National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA), NVS-424, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.



# happy birthday!

## AUGUST 14

Adam Billingsley, Aaron Christenson, Betsey Brenk, Bob Wilzcewski.

## AUGUST 15

Ben Raymor, Dick VanOverbeek, Bill Barber, Dena Baylis, Vivian Johnson, Donnie Shaffer, Barb Callihan, Kim Tubergen, Deb Wright, Pam Kline.

## AUGUST 16

Helen Vezino, Don Gasper, Trent Raab, Mike Mooney, Nolan Foster.

## AUGUST 17

Brittany Essich, Jordan Harding.

## AUGUST 18

Matthew D'Agostino, Sandy Dykhuizen, Sean Pawloski, Paul Reggie Owen, Paul R. Owen II, Matthew Milstead.

## AUGUST 19

Peggy Idema, Joseph Thaler, Lois Boonstra, Braydon Brown, Brian DeBold, Daryl Chamberlain, Charley Vankeulen, Betty Wierenga.

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# Levin, continued

That kind of research leadership was vital to winning the competition for FRIB. When complete, the facility will use incredibly powerful equipment to create atoms that don't naturally exist on Earth, and often remain intact for just fractions of a second. These atoms are of course far smaller than the eye can see,

but by creating and studying them, scientists can answer questions about everything from the center of the universe's most powerful stars to treatments that can cure the most vexing human diseases.

FRIB will bring benefits to Michigan beyond this groundbreaking research. The project will create

hundreds of permanent jobs in our state, as well as hundreds of jobs during construction, and contribute an estimated \$1 billion to the Michigan economy in its first decade.

The benefits, for Michigan and the country, should be obvious. But the work of ensuring that FRIB meets these goals isn't

over yet. The Department of Energy approval and actions by appropriations committees in both chambers of Congress are a good start, but I'll be working in the Senate with Sen. Debbie Stabenow and with members of Michigan's delegation in the House to make

sure funding passes both chambers. And, because FRIB will take several years to complete, we will need to keep working to ensure that Congress provides the funding necessary to build and operate the facility.

Still, we've achieved another major milestone for FRIB, which is vital to

America's preeminence in nuclear research and an important investment in Michigan. I'm grateful for this recognition of FRIB's value to the nation, and I will continue to work to ensure that this funding receives final approval and FRIB continues moving forward.

# Looking Back, continued

the men were carrying the dynamite. Schultz evidently brought up the rear of the party. His right leg was blown off and his face was badly lacerated... Where the explosion occurred a large hole has been torn from the ground. When Mrs. Herman reached home about 7 o'clock last night she was met by a fox terrier dog which barked continuously and acted in a strange manner when Mrs. Herman entered the house. Finding no one at home and unable to satisfactorily understand the dog's actions, she followed the animal as it led her toward the open field. About 300 feet from the house she came upon the scattered remains of the three. She ran to the house and called to William Venneman, who was passing. He notified Sheriff O' Donnell and Coroner Hilliker. The shock of the explosion was felt in the neighborhood about 4 o'clock. Windows in the Schultz home, where the Hermans lived with Mr. Schultz, were broken. Venneman, working in a nearby field, heard the explosion and it was so terrific that his team of horses started to run away. He attributed the severe explosion to an unusually high charge which he thought Lillie had placed under a large stump. The fact that frequent blasts during the day had taken place allayed all fears on the part of the neighbor of what had actually taken place. Schultz was a pioneer of Kent County and for forty-two years had resided on the farm where he met his death. Mrs. Schultz died four years ago. Mrs. Herman, a daughter and her husband, had lived on the farm for thirteen years, Herman executing the farm duties.—Grand Rapids Press.

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 18, 1938

Headline: Heaps of fun on program for community picnic. Town and rural folks invited. Empty stores, empty streets, empty homes—all the appearances of a Western "ghost" town. That is what Lowell will look like to the strangers who pass through next Tuesday, August 23, for everyone for miles around will be enjoying themselves at the annual Lowell community picnic sponsored by the Board of Trade. Fallasburg Park will be teeming with folks from Lowell community and surrounding villages, having a great time in the numerous sports' events and all kinds of contests. It is expected nearly everyone will be there by 1:00 o'clock. With the aid of his committee men, Theron Richmond will serve a delicious picnic lunch consisting of baked ham sandwiches, potato salad, beans and beverages. The Lowell Board of Trade requests that all merchants close their place of business for the afternoon and join in the fun of the annual picnic. Those not having cars or means of transportation will meet at the city hall at 1:00 from which point transportation will be provided by trucks furnished by C. H. Runciman. There will also be a big dance in the evening in the shelter house with Royden Warner's orchestra furnishing the music. Remember, we want to see everyone and that means you, at Fallasburg Park, 1 o'clock, next Tuesday, for the annual Lowell community picnic.

It sometimes happens that news of national importance has either a direct or an indirect connection with our own Main St. A case in point is that of Richard T. Frankenstein, expelled vice president of the United Automobile Workers and alleged to have been active in promoting Communism in this country, is the same person whom Governor Murphy appointed a few months ago to the Michigan Emergency Welfare Commission, in place of C. H. Runciman, of Lowell.

One Showboat patron from Grand Rapids is said to have carried away quite an impression of this year's performance. He occupied seat number 13 in the

new stadium and when he arose at the conclusion of the performance an impression of the 13 had been transferred to the seat of his white flannel trousers. The patron was the butt of a lot of kidding, but took it good naturedly, saying, "The show was worth it."

## 50 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 15, 1963

Lowell police were startled to see a two-year-old boy coming down Monroe Street last Friday morning at 8:30 in pouring rain clad in a pair of plastic pants and a night shirt. He was given a police escort back to his home, after a period of futile questioning.

Car stolen, driven over 200 miles in five hours. The car belonging to Fred Belmers of Lowell View Avenue was stolen at 12:08 am on Thursday, August 8, near the upper bridge over the Grand River on Division Street, while Belmers was fishing. The car was recovered in Monroe, Michigan, over 200 miles away at 5:32 am that same morning. Mr. Belmers had a long trip to get his car back.

Motorcyclist injured as fire destroys bike Monday. Lowell firemen were called to the North M-91 city limits at 2:30 am on Monday when a motorcycle driven by Robert Sikorski, 21, of Comstock Park missed the curve and hit a speed limit sign. Sikorski suffered a amputated finger and a broken ankle. He was taken to St. Mary's Hospital by ambulance. The bike caught fire and was completely destroyed.

Lowell Pekingese produces large litter, sets record. An 18-month-old Pekingese owned by Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey, gave birth recently to a litter of seven pups, believed to be a record in this area. There were four females and three males in the dog's first litter. Pekingese litters usually consist of no more than two or three. One of Taffy's off-springs is "particolored," which is also considered a rarity. The new pups are registered with the American Kennel Club.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 17, 1988

Headline: Korkey "clowns" around at the fair. As a youngster, Stephen White used a small, short-legged hound - a happy, big baby beagle named Korkey - to talk to during tough times and to curl up with at night. Life as a tot wasn't easy. White lost his dad at the age of 10 in a car accident. That's traumatic for any child, but for a young boy who was deep into his own little shell and very much introverted, the trauma possibly settled a little deeper. However, Korkey was that release, that someone to talk to; something that could

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crease a smile on that boyish face, turn a look of pain into a boyish grin. You know that story about a man (boy) and his dog. It's funny how things work. Today, White, under the assumed name of Korkey the Clown, entertains, amuses and makes children laugh from the east coast all the way to the Mississippi. Whether it be through magic, music or just simply clowning around. Korkey the Clown has put a charge of laughter into many boys and girls. "Children coming up to you and giving you a hug is a feeling matched by none," White said. "It really charges your battery." Korkey the Clown performed at the Kent County 4-H Youth Fair from Aug. 8 through the 13th, performing each day at 3, 6:30 and 7:30 pm. While his magic of laughter has rubbed off onto many youngsters, White has managed to grasp some of Korkey for himself. Korkey has allowed White to come full circle and break free of his shell. "I guess Korkey has allowed me to do funny things and make a fool of myself and feel good about it," he says. Meanwhile, White has given Korkey a background, a childhood life, something that children and adults can relate to. White's initiation into clownhood came at the age of 18. He worked as a fireman for the fire department in Morris, Ill., and when the fire department entered a horse-drawn fire engine in the parade, the department decided it needed someone following behind them to clean up. Enter White - knowing of the harassment friends might bestow on him, he decided a costume was needed to save face. "Along with the clown outfit came the name BoBo. All clowns back then were named BoBo," White says. From this 1973 local parade stint White's vocation-to-be was born.

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# Fair wrap-up, continued

the swing dancing, along with a successful Mandy Alexander concert.

“The weather brought out so many people. A lot of people I spoke to said they had come during the day for years and never realized we had nightly entertainment,” Doll said. “So many people now realize that. We’ve done a real good job marketing this year.”

Popular new features this year were the Ron Wenger Memorial play structure and Linda Wierenga’s sand sculpting and castle building lessons. Mike Lesky, creator of the Ron Wenger Memorial, said he was happy to see that his wooden tractor design was well-received by the children playing. Lesky said the tractor took him about a month of building and hopes it will continue to be a part of the fair for years to come.

Linda Wierenga and her KCYF logo sculpture was a huge hit, Doll said. Wierenga worked all week long creating a sand replica of the KCYF logo with a variety of animals and traditional barn in the background. Fairgoers enjoyed returning to Wierenga’s station each

day to watch her progress.

As usual, the Reading For Rides’ program was well-attended, but this year the turnout was explosive. Doll estimated about an 80 percent increase in participation this year which he attributed to the heightened marketing, the extra two free hours for the readers and the complementary KCYF original book, “K.C. Lost Her Bell.”

The livestock auction also flourished this year. Total sales topped \$505,000 despite actually having fewer animals, Doll said. He attributed the high bids to particularly high quality animals.

Hardey and Ann Schut also raved about this year’s animal quality. The two have been coming to KCYF livestock auctions partly in support of their participating grandchildren and also to buy premier animals for their family farm. Ann said in recent years as fair has become less of a money-making operation and more of a passion for the exhibitors, the KCYF turns out some of the best animals and bidders

are happy to support the younger participants.

“There are really nice animals. I mean, very nice animals,” Schut said. “Kids learn to try harder and they should; they’ve got some beautiful livestock.”

The exhibitors got to see their months of hard

work pay off in the form of ribbons and revenue. Those showing ranged from newbies, like nine-year-old Grant Goble, who took second- and fifth-place with two sheep; to veteran elites, like Breanna Oesch whose cow “April” received high production cow for the year.

John Mark, 18, is the proud owner of the grand champion cow, “The Duke.” Mark, a Lowell native, said tending to a champion contender required plenty of early mornings and copious care but that in the end it paid off.

“I’d say it’s definitely pretty humbling,” Mark said. “It’s one of those things you work so hard to try to get there and you finally get there and it’s like, ‘I did it!’ That’s all you really can say.”

Fair, continued, next page



The youth exhibitors participated in a variety of competitions depending on their animal. The horse category was one of the largest by far.

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# Fair, continued

For many exhibitors, like Erin Veltman, what makes KCYF a premier week on their calendar is not just the competition and chance to make money.

Veltman, 18, has been showing for nearly ten years now and said the fair is the most important, competitive, family and social event of her year. Veltman described

the camaraderie with her fellow exhibitors and the friendships she has accrued through her time showing at KCYF.

“I was homeschooled all my life, so this was one way for me to get out and meet people,” Veltman

said. “Fair helps with your people skills- learning how to convey information in a

way that people are going to understand. It’s just been a fantastic experience.”



Pictured, from left to right: Mike Fales, Ken Bennett and Jim Fales share stories about past fairs. Here, Jim Fales makes it official that he has attended every Kent County Youth Fair ever held.



Breanna Oesch shows off her high production cow, “April” who she didn’t sell but hopes to keep for years to come.



Abigail Magnus, of Lowell, is pictured with her grand champion market hog, Nate. Nate weighed in at 290 lbs. and beat out close to 300 pigs for the title. At auction Todd Noskey, the director of the Lowell Meijer, purchased him for \$5.50 a lb. Magnus also received second place for intermediate showmanship.



This shot of the record crowd at the livestock auction this year was captured by Bruce Doll.



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# Young gymnasts compete in Detroit at amateur games

Fourteen Red Arrow youth gymnastics' (RAYG) members competed last week at the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Junior Olympic Games at Cobo Center in Detroit. Gymnasts from all over the country competed, including Florida, Georgia, Ohio and Wisconsin.

This was the first time the RAYG has competed at these games. "It truly is like a mini Olympics," said coach Michele DeHaan.

The University of Michigan hosted all the swimming events, Eastern Michigan University hosted all the track and field events and Cobo Center hosted the indoor events.

"We saw wrestling, table tennis, powerlifting, baton twirling, karate and cheer. I know there were more events; those were just the ones in our area of the building. It was quite an experience," said DeHaan.

She added, "It was a great week and I am so proud of all my girls that competed. It was such a large venue and they carried themselves and competed with such confidence and good sportsmanship. I was so proud to be their coach." DeHaan said that even the little ones showed very few nerves and acted like pros.

The girls were grouped by skill level, then by age.



From front: Hailie Jammer, Ivy McDonald, and Marlie McDonald

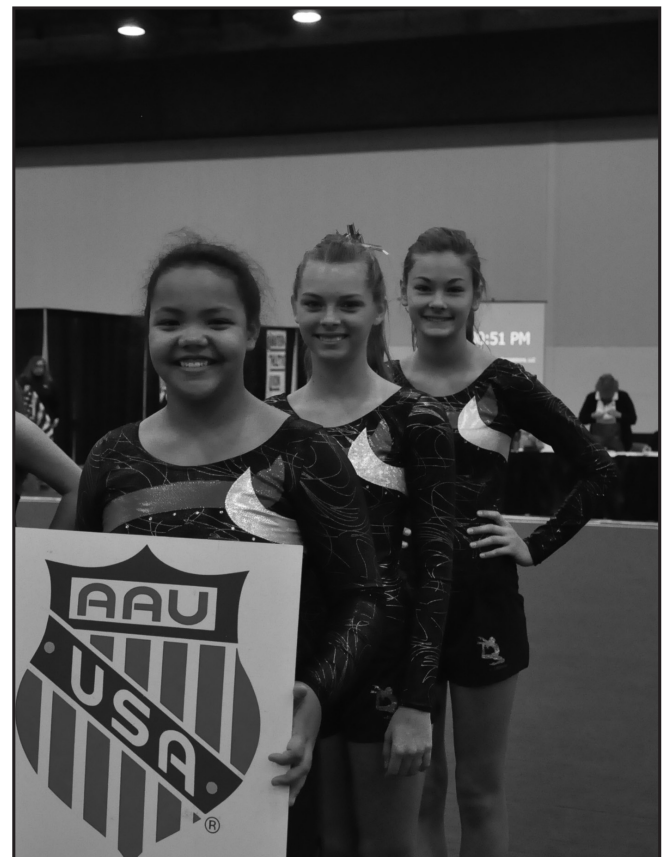


Middle, from front: Ocean Angelo, Kaitlyn Knapp, and Madison DeYoung



From front: Maura Fitzpatrick, Sarena Wilterdink, Jordan Lytle, Meghan Plutschow, and Lauren DeHaan

level	age	name	vault	place	bars	place	beam	place	floor	place	all	place
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3	8	Ivy McDonald	9.050	1	8.850	1	9.250	3	9.150	1	36.300	1
3	10	Marlie McDonald	8.850	4	8.450	3	8.000		8.750		34.050	4
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From front: Emma Padilla, Lilly Quiggle, and Paige DeHaan

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# An artist's revival: local art gallery hosts artist Darleene Nelson

by Tony Wittkowski  
contributing reporter

Darleene Nelson hasn't shown her work in a gallery setting for a decade now.

But the chance to reveal what she has done over the years since moving to Arizona was too good to pass up.

Nelson said she has painted water for 20 years now and sees them as a metaphor, leaving them open to interpretation.

"I always lived around the Atlantic and Pacific ocean, so water has always been a part of my life," Nelson said. "I look at it as the most important thing on the planet."

Most of the pieces on display last week at the Flat River gallery were made in Arizona, with a few that were started in Lowell and finished out West.

One of the main reasons Nelson hasn't contributed to an art gallery for so long was because of the lack of inspiration.

"I haven't shown any work in the last 10 years because I moved from

Michigan and retired to Arizona," Nelson explained. "I was like a duck out of water. I moved to the desert."

Deidre Wingelaar has been an artist and framer for 25 years now and has known Nelson for a long time.

"I was very taken with her work and we started talking and became friends," Wingelaar said. "She and I keep in touch and she was here for our opening reception."

Back when the gallery first opened, Wingelaar had asked Nelson to be one of the visiting artists. Both thought it would be a good fit, but Nelson was hesitant at first.

"I think her husband was the one who convinced her to do it," Wingelaar said. "Part of it was getting her back in the studio and having work done. Sometimes we need a little push."

Nelson's husband, who goes by the name of Skip, said they moved to Arizona after retiring to escape the

harsh winters of Michigan.

"It was a big change and I think it was a big change on Darleene," Skip said. "She lost her painter base. I don't think she knew how difficult it would be on her."

When asked about her process of painting and getting to the point when she knows she is finished, Nelson laughed.

"I don't always know what the painting is going to look like," Nelson said. "I do not have a preconceived notion and I do not paint from photographs."

Some of Nelson's paintings have sat in a drawer from six months to two years. One of them has been in the making for 10 years and has been through various changes.

It was in the early '70s when she sold her first painting. Nelson couldn't remember what she was paid, but to her it didn't matter because she was thrilled that somebody wanted it.



**Darleene Nelson was invited to be a featured artist at the Flat River gallery and was on scene to talk with prospective buyers. Nelson was also in town visiting her grandchildren for the month before returning to Arizona.**

"At the time I thought this is wonderful, because somebody has bought a piece of me and they are taking it to their home to live with it."

Nelson said she was honored to be a featured artist for the Flat River gallery, but now she already has her sights set on the next round of painting.

"I left two projects on the boards when I left the studio," Nelson said. "They were kind of vexing at the time."

# Lowell high school and middle school runners hit the trails

submitted by Paul Judd

A record 33 Lowell high school and middle school cross country runners spent a week logging miles on the trails and dunes of Ludington State Park as part of the Sandy Foot Running Camp. "It is all part of the commitment" was the theme for this year's five-day camp which provides the runners with a daily regimen of two running workouts, as well as "ab" workouts, "core" strengthening workouts, stretching and water workouts.

Near perfect running weather allowed some record performances in both the 30 minute Dune Challenge, as well as the 10 mile Mojave Trail race. In the Dune Challenge junior harrier Zach Diamond knocked out 54 circuits up and down the dunes, which ranked a 10th all-time on the boys side. Not to be outdone was senior Rachel Walters who completed 47 round trips in the sand, which placed her 5th all-time in the event.

Fall-like temperatures in the 50s greeted the runners Thursday morning at the start of the Mojave 10 Mile Trail race. Rachel Walters used the near perfect weather to complete the race in 1 hour, 29 minutes, 4 seconds (1:29:04) which places her third on the all-

time performance list. The boys also had record-setting performances as juniors, Marc Vandenberg and Diamond, not only tied for first but also moved to seventh on the all-time list with a 1:13:33. Eric Judd

broke the freshman record by over seven minutes finishing third in 1:15:20, just 16 seconds ahead of junior Nick MacDonald.

In all, fourteen kids improved on their 2012 Mojave times. The weather

provided an opportunity for the fast times, but the kids still needed to lace up the shoes and take advantage of it. The coaches provided the campers with a challenging week and if the number of campers is any indication

they enjoyed the challenge. Major awards were as follows, boys: MVP Zach Diamond, most improved Eric Judd, and rookie camper Alex Bohr; girls: MVP Rachel Walters, most improved Colleen Cater,

and rookie camper Sara Majestic.

The camp is the kids' final preparation for the upcoming season, as both cross country teams prepare for practices to start on August 14.



**Members of the Sandy Foot Running Camp on the dunes at Ludington State Park.**



# obituaries

## BERRY

Steven Berry, 52, died unexpectedly on Sunday, July 28, 2013. Steve was known to his friends and family as a loving, unselfish man. He is the father of four daughters, Christin, Breanne, Amanda and Abigail; and one son, Caleb. Steve loved his kids and was a faithful father, taking them fishing, camping and loved to watch MSU games, Detroit Lions and the Tigers with them. The girls have great stories about their dad, protecting them from the boys calling the house. He loved his NASCAR, playing pool, going up north, classic rock (air bands) and most of all being with his kids. He worked at Ingham Medical in the 80s and more recently, enjoyed working painting jobs and helped with lawn work. He made many friends in the neighborhood and cherished his friends from Everett, class of 1979. He dedicated the last several years to taking care of his grandma Esther, who recently passed. We will miss him and our sorrow is for the things Steve grieved, mainly, that he wanted to see his son Caleb and daughter Abigail. A funeral service was held at on Thursday, August 1, 2013, at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, 900 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing Michigan. There was a graveside service at on Friday, August 2, 2013 at Wildwood Cemetery, in Chesaning, Michigan. Prayers and any contributions can be made to his mother. She will accept contributions for Steve's children at the following address: Carole Berry, 825 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI 49331. The family is being served by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, Lansing Chapel. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.grlansing.com](http://www.grlansing.com)



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FILE NO. 13-194194-DE

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## misc.

**HUNTERS SAFETY COURSE** - Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club will offer a free Hunters Safety Course beginning August 19, continuing on August 21 & 22. The class will run from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There is no age requirement and you must attend all three sessions to earn a certificate. The class size is limited to 50 and will be first come first served. No pre-registration. The class will be held at 8731 West Riverside Dr., Saranac. Our website is www.Qua-Ke-Zik.org if you need any additional information.

## Coming Events

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

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

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

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

**LOWELL SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB** - meets the 3rd Monday in the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington St. at 6:30 p.m.

**CANCER - KIDS TALK** - Each Tuesday, 6-7:15 p.m. - A group for children in first - fourth grade on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities, discussion & fun.

Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

**KNITTING** - Tuesdays, 6-7:15 p.m. Instructional knitting class by Cathie Richter. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

**SUPPER TOGETHER** - Each Tuesday, 5:30-6 p.m. Join in a meal together before group begins. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

**GRIEF - ADULT GROUP** - Each Tuesday, 6-7:15 p.m. A committed group for adults who have experienced the death of a family member or friend. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

**FREE ZUMBA ON THE RIVER** - Starting Mondays until Aug. 26. Classes are held outside by the Lowell Showboat at 7 p.m. Sponsored by Lowell Community Wellness.

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

**GRIEF - NEW MEMBER MEETING** - Call the clubhouse to schedule your introductory meeting for grief support groups. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.



# EARTH TALK™

## Questions & Answers About Our Environment

**Dear EarthTalk:** Some green groups are promoting the simple notion of sharing as a way to green communities and combat waste. Can you explain?  
- Becky Lipscomb, Centereach, NY

The convergence of environmental awareness and consumer culture has created a whole new movement today whereby sharing is cool. Indeed, some environmentalists view sharing as key to maintaining our quality of life and our sanity in an increasingly cluttered world.

"Sharing is a relatively simple concept and a basic part of human life," reports Janelle Orsi on *Shareable*, an online magazine that tells the story of sharing. "What's new is that people are applying sharing in innovative and far-reaching ways, many of which require complex planning, new ways of thinking and organizing, and new technologies. In short, people are taking sharing to new levels, ranging from relatively simple applications of sharing to community-wide sharing initiatives—and beyond."

"In a shareable world, things like car sharing, clothing swaps, childcare coops, potlucks, and cohousing make life more fun, green, and affordable," reports *Shareable*. "When we share, not only is a better life possible, but so is a better world."

The non-profit Freecycle Network, which runs a Craigslist-style website where people can list items they want to give away, pioneered using the Internet to facilitate diverting reusable goods from landfills when it launched

back in 2003. To date, more than nine million individuals across 5,000 different regions have used the group's freecycle.org website to find new homes for old items.

According to *Shareable*, other examples such as Zipcar, Wikipedia, Kiva and Creative Commons show how successful sharing can be. "They show what's possible when we share. They show that we don't act merely for our own good, but go out of our way to contribute to the common good. They show that we can solve the crises we face, and thrive as never before. They show that a new world is emerging where the more you share the more respect you get, and where life works because everyone helps each other."

Shareable and the Center for a New American Dream, a non-profit that highlights the connections between consumption, quality of life and the environment, have collaborated on the production of the new "Guide to Sharing," a free downloadable booklet loaded with practical ideas about exchanging stuff, time, skills and space. Some of the ideas in the guide include: organizing a community swap; starting a local toy, seed or tool library; launching a skills exchange where community members can swap

professional skills like carpentry or grant-writing; or setting up a food, transportation or gardening co-op. Some other sharing tips include car-sharing, gift circles, sharing backyard chickens with neighbors and launching a "free market" where people meet to trade skills and stuff.

For her part, Janelle Orsi

envisions a future where public land is dedicated to community gardening, public libraries also lend tools, equipment and other goods, and citywide bike sharing, carpooling and wifi programs are all the rage. Orsi and others warn we had better get used to sharing, as it is here to stay.

**CONTACTS:** Freecycle Network, [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org); *Shareable*, [www.shareable.net](http://www.shareable.net); Center for a New American Dream, [www.newdream.org](http://www.newdream.org). **EarthTalk®** is written and edited by Roddy Scheer and Doug Moss and is a registered trademark of **E - The Environmental Magazine** ([www.emagazine.com](http://www.emagazine.com)). **Send questions to:** [earthtalk@emagazine.com](mailto:earthtalk@emagazine.com). **Subscribe:** [www.emagazine.com/subscribe](http://www.emagazine.com/subscribe). **Free Trial Issue:** [www.emagazine.com/trial](http://www.emagazine.com/trial).



**Dear EarthTalk:** I'm planning a major home renovation and want to include as many green-friendly features as possible. Where do I begin to look? - Matthew Glaser, Queens, NY

There has never been a better time to renovate green, given the abundance of Earth-friendly building material choices as well as contractors well-versed in energy- and resource-efficiency. Many homeowners don't realize that they can save money in the long run, despite the up front costs, by choosing materials and strategies that will lower utility bills and reduce maintenance and replacement costs moving forward.

For starters, look for building materials that contain post-consumer or post-industrial recycled content that can be easily recycled later. Also, make sure the materials are sustainably sourced—such as wood certified as sustainably harvested by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). And try to minimize the distance any building materials need to travel to help reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions.

In areas of the renovation that are not a complete tear-down and re-build, tighten things up by plugging holes,



patching or replacing roofing or siding as needed and adding weather-stripping around doors and windows. Also, switch out older single-pane windows with more efficient modern double or triple pane styles. This can pay for itself in energy savings within just a few years while improving comfort. Also replace or add insulation to walls, attics and other spaces to keep heat inside and cold out (and vice-versa). And you can save lots of energy by swapping out old appliances with newer models that qualify for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's EnergyStar label. Such appliances must be 20-30 percent more energy efficient than standard models, and will reduce not only your carbon footprint but also utility bills.

For guidance on how to renovate as sustainably as possible, check out the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC's) Green Home Guide, a free online resource which bases its recommendations on its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) guidelines for certifying "green" buildings. This site allows users to ask an experienced contractor questions on sustainable materials and techniques or find green home professionals nearby qualified for larger green renovation jobs.

Another valuable resource is the REGREEN website, a joint project of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and the USGBC, which offers case studies for green remodeling projects, interactive tools and basic guidelines written so even do-it-yourselfer can understand. A REGREEN Strategy Generator widget can provide tailored tactics for specific green remodeling projects. "For example, if you enter the parameters 'bathroom' and 'water efficiency', the widget might suggest the installation of faucet aerators and low-water-use showerheads," reports USGBC.

Talking over projects and options with a design professional at a retail green building supply store like Green Depot, with locations in 10 states, can also help homeowners source cutting edge materials that will save energy and money in the long run. Green Building Supply, which offers an extensive free "online learning center," will ship a wide range of green building materials anywhere in the U.S. **CONTACTS:** FSC, [www.fsc.org](http://www.fsc.org); EnergyStar, [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov); LEED Green Home Guide, [greenhomeguide.com/program/leed-for-homes](http://greenhomeguide.com/program/leed-for-homes); REGREEN, Green Depot, [www.greendepot.com](http://www.greendepot.com); Green Building Supply, [www.greenbuildingsupply.com](http://www.greenbuildingsupply.com).

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  - Japanese bed
  - Decompose
  - \*Found in art class
  - \*Pedagogue
  - \*Energy outlet
  - Magic's infection
  - It often holds 24
  - Tax pro
  - First female Attorney General
  - Breath freshener
  - Two quarters
  - Grannies
  - Top of Lady Liberty
  - Seed covering
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  - "Laughing on the inside" in text message
  - Officially allowed
  - Way, way off
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AUGUST 7 - AUGUST 13

- A lifelong Atlanta Braves' fan, Ronald Lee Homer Jr., 30, fell 65 feet to his death at the stadium. At least four witnesses told police that no one else was standing near him when he fell over a fourth-level railing into a parking lot for players. Foul play is not suspected.
- James "Whitey" Bulger, once the most feared criminal in Boston, was found guilty of 31 of 32 counts in a sweeping racketeering case that proved him a murderer, drug dealer and extortionist.
- Another sinkhole in Florida. This time it's a 60-foot-wide one, formed under a resort in central Florida that forced guests out of the Summer Bay Resort in Clermont, about 10 minutes from Walt Disney World.

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- "The Sun Also \_\_\_\_"

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  - Flu symptom
  - Pro \_\_\_\_
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  - Young salmon
  - \*Pencil type
  - Bone hollow
  - Highlands hillside
  - It's often denoted in red
  - Half of binary code
  - Used for styling
  - Trickery
  - 0 and 2, e.g.
  - "C' \_\_\_\_ la vie!"
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  - \*Calcium sulfate's common name
  - Humorous slang for "Paris"
  - Set straight

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- This king was a merry old soul
- Treasure collection
- Perform in
- \*Not to be left behind
- Custard dessert
- Capone's mark
- Enophile's sensory concern
- Funny business
- Actor DiCaprio
- Goal-oriented activity
- Inspiration for poets and musicians
- Eyes
- All there
- Units of work
- Infamous Roman Emperor
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*With no resolution yet between the city of Lowell and the union - after 20 months - who do you think is most responsible for prolonging the process?*

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# Class of '63 celebrates on the Showboat

submitted by, Frances King Walling

The Lowell High School class of 1963 met August 3, 2013, to celebrate their 50th class reunion. There were 29 classmates present and 13 spouses for a total of 42 attendees. The event was held in the Lowell chamber of commerce building across from the Showboat.

Tribute was paid to classmates who lost their lives in Vietnam: Tom (Tex) Ford and Lloyd Slack. The class added Lloyd's name to the war memorial in the center of town.

Class members came from as far away as Arizona and Florida. They toured the Runciman building and all-purpose room where they graduated, performed plays and band concerts, had lunch and took tests.

Pictured, third row, left to right: Vic Weeks, Bill Barber, Sally Golds, Joel Thurtell, Larry Hartley, Pam Klahn Mack, Cy Floyd, Tim VanderVeen, Roger Odell, Bob Meyers and Garry Schmidt; second row: Mary McPherson Gaffield, Doug Olin, Darlene Blough Goodwin, Donna Shaffer Harrall, Pauline Chaffee Barton, Carl Marker, Margaret Byrne Smith, Ron Raymor, Steve Rutherford, Carol Sue Potter Baer, Susan Averill Brown and Suzanne Starkweather Beute; first row: Frances King Walling, Mary Munroe Holcomb, Pat Brannan Schneider, Lesley Foss Verlin and Doug LaDue II. Missing from photo Sharon Walker Adgate.

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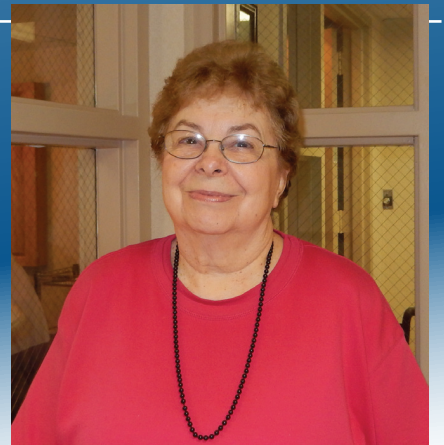
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