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by Tim McAllister contributing reporter

Summer officially hit Lowell on Thursday, June 12 when the Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series kicked off.

The first concert in the summer-long series of 13 free shows was by award-winning blues rocker Vincent Hayes. It took place in front of the Showboat to a diverse crowd of a couple hundred folks. Menacing storm clouds threatened to pour water on the show, but not a single drop of rain fell. The sun started shining during the second song.

Hayes and his band played a crowd-pleasing mix of classic blues, rock and soul songs, covering artists such as B.B. King, Albert Collins, Marvin Gaye and many others. In addition to great live music, First summer concert,

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Blues rocker Vincent Hayes played on as the skies cleared last Thursday.

Local businessman goes to D.C. to discuss Internet sales tax with our representatives

by Tim McAllister contributing reporter

A local business owner traveled to Washington D.C. last week and met with several members of the senate and congress.

Cliff Yankovich, owner of Chimera Design,

a jewelry store at 208 E. Main St., was sent on the trip by the Alliance for Main Street Fairness, a lobbying group funded by Wal-Mart whose goal is to get the "Marketplace Fairness Act" passed.

"It's national а movement to persuade the federal government or congress to level out the playing field in terms of sales tax," Yankovich said.

Yankovich said that online retailers who don't

Michigan artists display F.A.R.M. art at the King Gallery

charge sales tax have an I send that in to the State unfair advantage in the market.

"Right now if you buy a diamond ring from Chimera Design for \$4,000 I collect six percent, \$240, and at the end of the month

of Michigan," Yankovich said. "If you buy a diamond ring for \$4,000 online you

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by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter LowellArts! recently opened a summer long exhibition called F.A.R.M.



Coinciding the F.A.R.M. walk this August led by exhibiting artist Dianne Carroll Burdick.

Photos from the walk

with will be displayed during the exhibit exhibit's closing reception LowellArts! will also be on August 17 where the offering a photography public will have the chance to meet the artists. The show is available for viewing free of charge during the gallery's regularly scheduled hours.

inside the King Gallery. The exhibit focuses on the contributing artists' perception of the ever changing role of farming and agriculture in our communities.

According to project director Janet Teunis, the focus of the exhibition was chosen by the gallery committee which is made up of volunteers.

Exceptional works from forty-one Michigan artists, including five from Lowell, were accepted into the juried show ..

"With the many farms in the area, it is hard to miss that the Lowell community has farming in its roots. And, with the LowellArts!

Artist Lane Cooper uses found objects to create whimsical sculptures. This tractor is made with an old sewing machine.

King Gallery surrounded by the King Milling facilities, it was a very fitting theme for us," said Teunis.

Teunis said that they are thrilled at the response from artists, as well as the viewing public, since the show's opening on June 4.

"It is very enjoyable to talk with people as they view the show; everyone has some kind of connection to farms, whether they grew up on a farm or had a relative who was a farmer. The show is definitely successful in getting people to think about farms in the past and present and how farms relate to them personally."



This farm scene by artist Lynne E. O'Rourke is 44" x 53" and is created completely out of torn paper.

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don't pay sales tax. How many people do you know that buy something from Amazon or eBay? All of those purchases are made without sales tax."

Amazon in particular were being stubborn about not charging sales tax.

"About two years ago Amazon did a big push where they literally told their customers, 'Hey, go into Sam's Shoe Store or Jim's TV World and learn all about the TV or learn about that pair of shoes and then come and buy it from us. We'll beat their best price by \$5 and you don't have to pay sales tax," Yankovich said. "I felt like they were really rubbing our noses in it."

Michigan is losing out on hundreds of millions of dollars every year by not collecting sales tax from online purchases.

"You live in Michigan; you're aware that our schools are hard up for funds," Yankovich said. "You drive on our roads; we have holes on our roads. The Michigan Retailers Association estimates that Michigan is losing out on somewhere between \$400 and \$500 million a year in lost sales tax. They're letting half a billion in sales tax go out the door and we're not the only state."

"There is no clear partisan support for the bill. President Barack Obama supports the bill, along with high-profile republicans such as Rick Snyder, Chris Christie and Paul Ryan. Opponents include republicans Ted Cruz, Rand Paul and the

Foundation.

"This really should not be a partisan issue," Yankovich said. "The senate actually passed a bill last year, 69 - 27. Obviously if they had 69 votes in favor they weren't all from one party or the other. There seems to be bipartisan support for this."

Yankovich is hopeful that the bill could be passed before the end of the year.

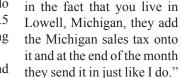
Tom Scott, of Michigan Retailers Association says, says, "I've divided that by .06 to come up with the figure of \$8.5 billion in lost retail sales - dollars that fly out of Michigan to Amazon. com, Overstock.com and other "vapor retailers" - It's probably a lot more than that, since some out-ofstate businesses, with no

ultra-conservative Heritage presence in Michigan, do collect voluntarily, but \$8.5 billion is still a staggering number.

> "The senate is behind this," Yankovich said. "After the elections it would come out of committee and the house would tie it in with some other type of taxrelated thing because they usually do those toward the end of the year. They would bundle it together and it could pass through there."

> Wal-Mart is the biggest backer of the bill. Other retailers in favor include Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Dick's Sporting Goods, Foot Locker, and Staples.

"Target has a huge online presence and they been collecting have and paying sales tax," Yankovich said. "If you go to Target.com and you put



Yankovich was accompanied on the trip by several other Michigan business owners.

"I wasn't the only person from Michigan," Yankovich said. "There were two other store owners and then a lady from the Michigan Retailers Association. Our main purpose for being there was to lobby our representatives and senators."

The delegation met with several of our lawmakers.

"We went to both senators, Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin. With one exception, we didn't get to meet with the congresspeople themselves. All of the representatives were busy voting on stuff, but we met with staff people. We met with Bill Huizenga, Dan Benishek, and Tim Walberg, and we went to Fred Upton's office. For reasons I do not know they were not able to set up an appointment with Justin Amash's office, so we talked to four representatives and two senators. Of the six of them, four were very receptive and one... you could tell the guy was not paying much attention to us. I'd really rather not say which one. A couple of them were very attentive, especially when we brought

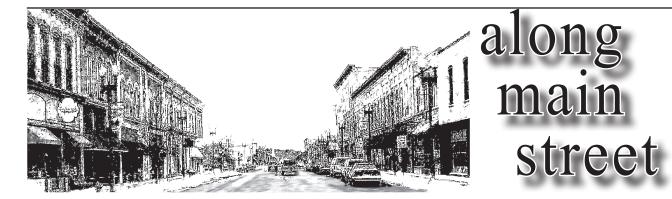
up the TaxCloud thing. None of them had heard of that before. I believe that Amash is hesitant on this because he thinks of it as a 'new tax.' Unfortunately, I don't think he's thinking properly."

The delegation showed legislators software called "TaxCloud" that internet retailers can add to their websites for free. The program calculates sales tax for all locations.

"You can have TaxCloud's software for free and it will automatically keep track of all the sales from the different states," Yankovich said. "A lot of peoples' perception is, 'Wow, how would you ever keep track of that? How would you possibly do it? That would be crazy.' And the other thing about TaxCloud is they're not the only people doing it. There are five other companies that have been certified to do that."

Yankovich isn't against e-commerce, he simply wants all companies to pay their fair share.

"We're not trying to badmouth the Internet," Yankovich said. "We're not trying to get rid of the Internet or say it's a bad thing or do away with Internet sales. All we want to do is make it so it's fair. It's not a new tax, it's a due tax."

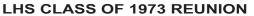


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Outdoor Bluegrass music concerts Fri.-Sat., June 27-28 at Lowell fairgrounds. Campground jamming, instrument workshops, slow jams, vendors, bake sale, kids' activities. Camping available. For details call 891-8825 or see www. wmbma.org

LHS ALL ALUMNI GATHERING

The Lowell High School (LHS) All Alumni Gathering will be held on Sat., July 12, from 9-11:30 am at Keiser's Kitchen for brunch. For information e-mail: tcadfish@ gmail.com



Big Honkin' Party at Fallasburg Park Pavilion on Sat., July 12, 5 to 10 pm. Potluck, but always plenty of food, so come with or without. All Lowell High School (LHS) graduates welcome.

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





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Lowell's water awarded and Riverwalk concept revealed

by Tim McAllister contributing reporter

At a sparsely-attended citv council meeting Monday, June 16, Lowell's

water won an award and a final Showboat plan was unveiled.

David Stinson of the American Water Works Association presented three



Below, City of Lowell employees Todd Phillips, Brian VanVeelen and Ralph Brecken with the "best tasting water" award they earned.

water system employees with a regional "best tasting water" award. Todd Phillips, Brian VanVeelen and Ralph Brecken were on hand to accept the award. Bob Robinson, the water distribution supervisor, was unable to attend.

"This is the second one in three years, which is a great achievement," Brecken said in an interview after the meeting. "I'm pleased to work with the fine staff that we have. A lot of good guys, a lot of quality operators and workers in the water department and the department of public works."

Lowell's water system delivers its award-winning water to over 5,000 people.

"We serve 5.517 customers, not only in the city of Lowell, but in Lowell Township," Brecken said. "That service population puts the treatment plant in the F-2 certification category."

go to the state finals in September. The national championships will be in Anaheim, Calif., in early 2015

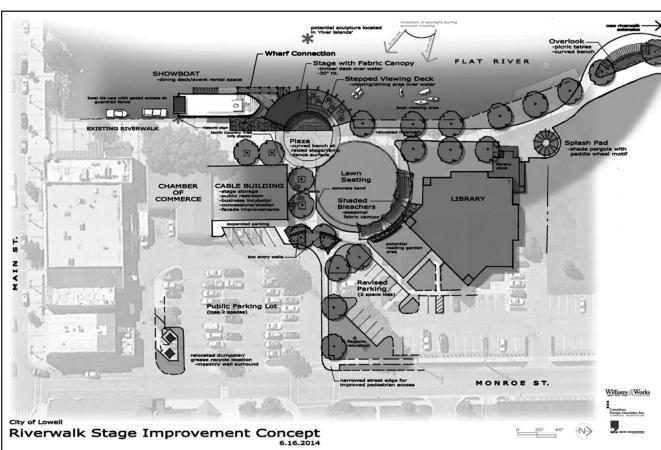
engineering firm Williams & Works and Pat Cornelisse from Cornelisse Design Associates gave a lengthy presentation in which they recommended a plan for the Showboat remodel.

all those projects in there," Cornelisse said. recent resignations, a few associations and committees Lowell's water will have vacancies.

as] the Historic District Commission, as well as the Dave Austin from the Planning Commission, so if you'd like to serve our community, here are some

opportunities," said mayor Jim Hodges.

The next city council meeting will be at city hall on Monday, July 1 at 7 p.m.







The recommended Showboat plan.

I stand by all the misstatements that I've made. ~ Dan Quayle (1947



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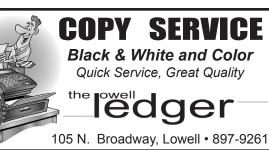
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to Sam Donaldson, 8/17/89





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What can vacations teach you about investing?

Summer is almost here — which means it's officially vacation season. You may be looking forward to "getting away from it all," but, as you know, vacations actually require a fair amount of planning. And it might surprise you to learn that some of the efforts required for successful vacations can impart some valuable lessons in other areas of your life — such as investing.

Here are some vacation-related moves that you may want to transfer to the investment and financial arenas:

Secure your home. If you're going on vacation for a week or so, you may need to take some steps to safeguard your home: stopping your mail and newspaper, putting on a timer to turn on lights, alerting your neighbors that you'll be out of town, and so on. But while it's important to secure your home today, you will also want to help ensure it will be there for your family in the future, should anything happen to

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you. That's why you'll want to maintain adequate life

• Know your route. If you are driving to your vacation destination, you will want to plan your route beforehand, so that you can avoid time-consuming delays and detours. And to reach your financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you will also by creating an investment strategy that is designed to help you work towards those goals based on your specific risk tolerance. investment preferences and time horizon.

• Keep enough gas in the tank. As you set out on a road trip, you need a full tank of gas in your car, and you'll have to keep refueling along the way. And to "go the distance" in pursuing your financial goals, you will need to have sufficient "fuel" in the form of investments with reasonable growth potential. Without a reasonable amount of growth-oriented vehicles in

and disability insurance.

vou invest, vou can also get "burned" if you are not careful — especially if you are inclined to chase after "hot" investments. By the time you hear about these so-called sizzlers, they may already be cooling off, and,

your portfolio, you could

even more importantly, they just might not be appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance. Instead of becoming a "heatseeking" investor, focus your efforts on building a diversified array of quality investments appropriate for your needs. If you only own one type of financial asset, and a downturn hits that asset class, your portfolio could take a big hit. But by diversifying your holdings, you can help reduce the effects of volatility. Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee profits or protect against loss. As we've seen, some

of the same principles that apply to creating a vacation may also be applicable to your investing habits. So, put these principles to work to and a potentially rewarding investment experience.

We live in an age when unnecessary things are our only necessities. ~ Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900)

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to the editor

Dear Editor,

to the Editor that the city didn't need a proposed two percent property tax increase and the constituents believe the constituents don't deserve a tax increase but the city will need a tax increase if the city continues its excessive spending. The city council's wrongful denial of a just contract to the employees of the Department of Public Works has cost the city tens and tens of thousands of tax payers' dollars. Then there's the poorly timed and unwarranted spending of \$185,000 of unbudgeted money on a replacement rescue pumper when the

I said in a May 7 Letter general fund was already scraping the bottom of the barrel. Then the council accepted a bid to build a kayak launch system. didn't deserve one. I still They want to build another parking lot downtown, but no way should the funding come from the general fund. If there's land to be bought and a parking lot to be built, it should be done strictly with Downtown Development Authority (DDA) funding. Nothing should come from the general fund to renovate the Riverwalk or the Showboat unless it's voted on by the constituents of Lowell. Continuing this excessive spending would only bring

about more taxation and I believe that's the plan. It was stated in the Feb. State of the City address (that Lowell's economy has been doing so well there is now extra money laying around). Two months later it was stated (that there isn't a lot of extra money but we're meeting our needs. We're able to sustain service). Don't be hoodwinked. It's time to put a stop to excessive spending. Property tax revenue will replenish the general fund when the economy recovers and until then there shouldn't be any new projects other than maintenance. The city doesn't need a property tax raise, what the city needs is better management.

> Sincerely, Jim Howard Lowell



consequences

Routine human activity, which may seem harmless to us, can sometimes have a negative effect on wild creatures. Imagine the amount of wildlife and plants displaced by a subdivision built in a rural area.

Even the most innocent activity can be detrimental to nature. During the week, a pair of robins were busy building a nest in a pine tree near our campsite in the U.P. For two days, the birds flew back and forth through camp making good progress. Last weekend the campers next to us setup a fiberglass pole and attached a fabric osprey which flew like a kite when the wind blew. That was the last we saw of the robins.

Dave Stegehuis

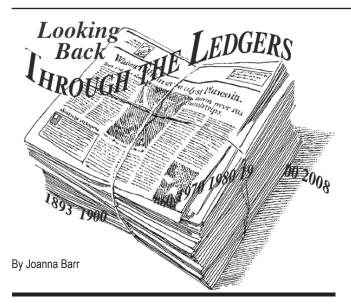
Apparently, the fake osprey, being a predator in real life, spooked the nesting birds. I hesitated to say anything to the neighbor, but after a day and a half with no sign of the robins, I explained the situation with the birds. The guy shared my concern and took down the osprey. By the afternoon the birds were back in the area, but were tentative and did not approach the incomplete nest. But, by the end of the next day the robins were working on the nest, and two days later the female was sitting on what I expect is a clutch of bluegreen eggs. If the fish keep biting, we may be here long enough to see them hatch.

On a daily walk a few weeks ago, we noticed a sparrow fly up then crash back down repeatedly near the side of the road. It had become entangled in landscape netting used to

hold grass seed until rooted. The little bird was very lucky to have Gwen remove the string from around its neck and then it flew away.

Several years ago we set out for our annual observation of an osprey nest near Little Bay De Noc. To our horror we found the female weakly flapping her wings as she hung upside down from what we assumed to be a length of discarded fishing line. We rushed to the nearby U.S. Forest Service headquarters to get help as the nest is on top of a forty foot pole. The bird was rescued before it expired. We visited the nest yesterday to see if the pair had returned this year, and to our delight the female was sitting on the nest.

We must always be aware of unintended consequences for wild creatures when we do things in the outdoors. People have a lot of choices while wildlife does not.



125 years ago Lowell Journal June 19, 1889

The Alto school has closed until the first of August on account of diphtheria. The Aldrich School has closed for two weeks also.

Washington Carr has taken the job of cutting and skidding the logs on 160 acres of land and is just more than falling the timber.

of the week, but the parties who had claims on them were prepared to hold them until some kind of a settlement was made for money and time which they have invested in the road and have attached them for pay.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 18, 1914

Headline: Gets big contract - Lowell Cutter Company will operate to full capacity. The Lowell Cutter Company is about to resume operations in both factories, which will be run to full capacity from now on. The company has fortunately closed a contract for carriage and wagon woodwork with the largest buggy concern in the state. A large number of machine hands and bench men will be required and the company is adding new men as fast as possible. The new factory has been practically closed for several months and the old one "marking time" and the resumption of active operations to full capacity in both plants will be good news to the workmen and people of Lowell.

Stick in cider may be sticker to court. Who put the stick in the apple juice? This is one of the salient questions which is to be decided in connection with the case against F. A. Gould of Lowell, charged with violating the local option law by shipping cider containing too much alcohol into Mecosta County. During the examination before Justice Loucks a chemist who made a test of the liquid testified that it contained 13 per cent alcohol. The examination was adjourned to June 17 for the reading and signing of the testimony. The respondent insists that he was not at home at the time of the alleged shipment and that the liquid was prepared by his bartender. - Grand Rapids Press, June 11.

Gala celebrates marine sanctuaries, including Michigan's Thunder Bay

In early June, Ι proudly participated National Marine in the Sanctuary Foundation's annual Ocean Awards Gala. I'm very grateful to the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation for presenting me with its Leadership Award. but



Sen. Carl Levin

a treasure, and Jeff has been its keeper for more than a decade.

Under his leadership, the sanctuary has become a tremendous educational and scientific resource. For example, in late June, more than 600 students from as far away as Hong Kong and Egypt will descend on Alpena for an international underwater robotics competition. The sanctuary partners with universities to promote careers in the marine economy and supports preservation and exploration efforts not just in the Great Lakes but in the oceans as well. And the sanctuary has provided a huge economic boost to Northeast Michigan. All our sanctuaries are precious, but I have a special appreciation for the foundation's support of Thunder Bay. Thunder Bay is the only freshwater

The saw mill is on the ground and a shanty for boarding the hands in has been erected and business is booming again.

We are sorry to announce that E. H. Sisson, who has been engaged in the grocery business here for several years past, has closed up his business here by giving a bill of sale to a Grand Rapids firm last Thursday. Mr. Sisson has had ill luck while here and this with too much credit business, is the principal cause of his being compelled to discontinue. Mr. S. is an honorable, upright citizen and has a host of friends in this vicinity who hope he may be able to resume business in this place again soon.

Hiram Oliver has recently made some extensive additions to his dwelling house, thereby improving its general appearance and conveniences, making it one of the most attractive places on the street. The work was done under the management of J. P. Osborn, our boss architect and builder.

It was rumored that M. L. Sweet was going to remove the iron and ties piled up at this place, first

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 22, 1939

25-Mile wind and rain delays milking time. A soaking rain accompanied by a 25-mile wind visited this vicinity last Monday afternoon about five o'clock. A number of electric lines were put out of commission by falling

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most of all I'm thankful for all the tremendous work the foundation has done in preserving America's marine treasures.

In Michigan and across the country, the foundation has helped show how preserving these treasures is not just our responsibility, but an important tool for scientific discovery, for exciting young minds, and for economic development.

One great thing about the gala was the chance to visit again with Jeff Gray, the superintendent of Thunder National Bay Marine Sanctuary, Michigan's only federal sanctuary, and in fact the only such freshwater sanctuary. Thunder Bay is

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page 6 ——— ≞leedger wednesday • june • 18 • 2014 LowellArts! and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce present an outdoor film decided by public vote

LowellArts! and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce celebrates 14 years of Sizzlin' Summer Concerts with an outdoor film, August 22, on the Riverwalk Plaza. The public is invited to vote on which film will be shown.

At the Sizzlin' Summer concerts, the public will be asked to vote for a familyfriendly film they would like to be showcased. From June 12 to 26 the public will be asked to nominate their choice of film. On July 10, the top 10 films will be announced.

From July 10 to 25 the public can vote for their



favorite film from the list. On July 31 the winning film will be announced.

film The outdoor screening will be held at dusk on Friday, Aug. 22. In the case of rain, an alternate date of Aug. 24 has been scheduled.

To nominate a film, you need to fill out a nomination form and you will be automatically entered into a weekly raffle sponsored by Ada Lowell 5 Theater. The winner will receive two movie tickets and a concessions' coupon. Only one vote per day is allowed. Nomination forms and

voting forms are available at LowellArts!, Lowell

Chamber of Commerce and the Lowell library. Nominations and votes will also be accepted via email at info@lowellartsmi.org or info@lowellchamber.org

For more information contact LowellArts! at 616-897-8545 the or Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at 616-897-9161.

"Everything I learned I learned from the movies."

~ Audrey Hepburn



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mosquito repellent and children

The combination of constant rain and warm weather has resulted in a large mosquito population this spring. The worry about West Nile Virus has many parents asking what is the best and safest mosquito repellent to use.



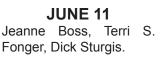
shown that the most effective repellent is DEET. This is the active ingredient in "Off" and other major brands. The repellents vary in DEET concentration.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has commented on DEET use on children. It is not recommended for use on infants under two months of age. It should be applied sparingly to exposed skin, not under clothing. Do not use on the hands, or on cuts, or around the eyes or mouth. DEET concentrations from 10 to 30 percent appear to be safe for children. The effectiveness of DEET appears to maximize at 30 percent. The main difference in concentrations is the duration of protection. DEET at 10 percent is effective for two hours, 24 percent DEET lasts about



five hours. There is no data regarding skin absorption of DEET in children as a function of age.

DEET should only be applied once per day. Do not use combination products such as sunscreen combined with DEET. This is because sunscreens need to be reapplied multiple times during the day.



JUNE 12 Benjamin Zoodsma, Jenny Engle, Noah Green.

Holly Fetterhoff, Vivian Hoskins.

JUNE 14 Kyle Manszewski.

Joey Hunt Jr., Courtney Baker, Caran Schalow,

Rachel Heinicki, Katlin Manszewski, Alice Monks, Sam Richmond.

JUNE 16

Roger Raymor, Michael Pretzel, Orin Comdure, Bishop, Jean Mike Kenney.

JUNE 17

David Ryder, Cody Kastanek, Tricia McGovern, Cyndi Dalga, Green, Doug Logan Wilcox.







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Lowell Relay For Life scheduled for this weekend

by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

Red Arrow Memorial Stadium at Lowell High School will go purple for twenty-four hours this coming weekend when the American Cancer Society (ACS) hosts the ninth annual Lowell Relay For Life.

Relay For Life celebrates survivors, remembers loved ones lost and offers the community a way to fight back by coming together to raise funds to help support ACS's ongoing battle against the disease.

Both fun and inspiring, this around-the-clock event will kick off at noon on Friday, June 21 Twenty teams

consisting of 171

participants from local businesses, organizations and family groups are currently signed up for the fundraising event.

Teams have already successfully raised more than \$27,000 of its \$65,000 goal through a variety of pre-event fundraisers, generous sponsorships and private donations.

The teams will hold additional fundraisers track side during the event, including children's games, craft sales and tasty food and beverage options. These sales and activities will often tie into this year's chosen Relay theme "Holiday of Hope," as each team was asked to choose and decorate their booth with a holiday theme.

In addition the events planners, made up of local volunteers, will host a DJ, numerous classes and activities and talented musical performers on the main stage free of charge to those in attendance.

The main stage will also be the site of several ceremonies that take place during the event featuring important messages and passionate local guest speakers. These include the official opening ceremonies and Survivor Celebration at 6 pm and the emotional luminaria ceremony at dusk. During this moving portion of the event the track is lined with candle lit luminaria bags adorned with the names of loved ones affected by cancer.

Other annual highlights



of the event include the Ms. Relay competition where a male team member representing participating teams enters into a hilarious fundraising "beauty pageant," a pancake breakfast, a dinner held in honor of survivors and Pink Power Hour where those in attendance wear their Pink Arrow shirts with pride as they round the track against cancer.

All events are open to the public.

college news

Grand Valley State University announces the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the Winter 2014 semester concluding in April. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

Ada: Avery K. Andrus, Amy N. Bartkus, David A. Beerens, Kegan E. Buth, Ethan M. Carigon, Clare G. Carlson, Edward Carlton,

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Taylor A. DeHaan, Devon T. Fata, Jennifer J. Hedberg, Chelsea E. McNees, Ashley M. Metternick, Paige E. Redner, Brandee D. Taylor, Reuben P. Wattenhofer, and Matthew A. Williamson; Lowell: Kyle L. Barrett, А. Crawford, Lindsey Timothy P. Creighton, Brooke A. Curtis, Jordan M. Drake, Natasha N. Eggleston, Alissa M. Ford, Stephen R. Gillhespy, Groendyke, Bailey E. Rebecca E. Happie, Zachary M. Hawkins, Lauren M. Heemstra, Kallie S. Holzhueter, Claire E.

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Ethan Sutton was named to the Albion College dean's list for the spring 2014 semester. Students named to the dean's list must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed.

Sutton is majoring in economics and management with a minor in business and organizations. He is a graduate of Lowell High School and the son of James Sutton and Darla Sutton of Lowell.



page 8 ^{the}ledger First summer concert, continued

the audience also had access to treats, such as ice cream, balloon animals and grilled hamburgers and hot dogs.

"It's a local, free, kick-off relaxing to summer," said Lowell resident Karen Forester. "We always look forward to the first music on the Showboat."

The next concert will be at the Showboat on

Thursday, June 19 when the Jukejoint Handmedowns will play some "American roots" music. Other shows on the way include acts such as the Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra, Kris Hitchcock and Small Town Son and the Greg Nagy Band. The concerts will take place Thursday every night through August 21.

From grilling hamburgers and hot dogs, eating ice cream and listening to good music the first concert of the season was a hit.



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Below, Karen Forester and her pup look forward to the summer concerts.

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Food Fight and FROM help families in the community

The client choice Food Pantry at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) serves an average of 260 families every month. "I've had several people tell me that we don't have anyone in our community that is 'starving,'" said Tamela Spicer, executive director at FROM. "The reality is that they may be right, but what people don't understand is that there are hundreds of

families that deal with food insecurity every day."

World The Food Program defines food insecurity as limited access to affordable, safe and quality food on a consistent basis.

According to Spicer, there are families in the greater Lowell community that can't afford food on a regular basis. "There are families that don't

to afford groceries on a regular basis for a variety of reasons. We need to get beyond this idea that only 'poor' people can use the services at FROM."

Services at FROM are available to anyone living in the school district that has need and as Spicer pointed out, need comes in many forms. "We all have need at some point in our lives.

have enough in the budget It might be due to job loss, excessive medical bills or a major change in life. There are hundreds of stories of life events that create food insecurity for our neighbors and Food Fight helps meet those needs."

> Food collected during the six weeks of Food Fight helps stock the Food Pantry for nearly three months, as well as providing food for FROM's Summer Lunch

program. In addition the dollars donated provide food and other assistance throughout the year. FROM serves nearly 1,000 unique households every year with food programs, financial assistance, financial literacy coaching and a variety of seasonal programs.

There is still time to get in the game. The final Food Fight count will be taken on Saturday, July 12,

following the FROM the Heart Riverwalk Parade. Every dollar and each food item donated counts as one point for the team of your choice. To keep up with all the latest Food Fight news and learn more about the programs at FROM visit www.fromlowell.org or find FROM on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ fromlowell.

Urge students to continue reading this summer

As the school bell soon rings in the start of summer recess for thousands of Michigan schoolchildren, books still will be available to them at libraries across the state as part of the Summer Reading program.

Summer Reading is a free, voluntary program designed to encourage youths and teens to keep reading through engaging activities that tap into their personalities and interests, while preventing any loss in their reading skills over the summer months.

"I and the Michigan Department of Education long have stressed the importance of reading," said state superintendent Mike Flanagan. "Reading remains



vitally important to learning and education throughout the year. I strongly encourage students and their parents to get into some good reads this summer as part of the Summer Reading program."

The Summer Reading program is included in the department's overall Culture of Reading initiative.

The annual Summer Reading program ramps up in June and runs all summer with activities, events and celebrations related to the 2014 theme of science.

The Library of Michigan (LM)is leveraging its participation in the national collaborative summer library program to infuse the Summer Reading program with materials, artwork and programming ideas.

Program participants include Michigan's 391 public libraries and hundreds of thousands of youths, teens and their families.

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"Through these activities, Michigan's public libraries encourage children and their families to read," said state librarian Randy Riley. "This effort helps children maintain reading skills over the summer break and return to school ready to succeed in the fall."

To find out more about local Summer Reading programs, contact your local public library. To find the public library in your area, use the LM's Interactive Library Directory at www.michigan.gov/ librarydirectory

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RISNER

Ollie Edward Risner, age 82 of Lowell, passed away

Thursday, June 12, 2014. He is survived by his children Debra Kay (Dave) DeYoung, Steve Risner. (Cora) Terry Risner, Kimberly (Tom) Yonker and their mother, Dorothy Risner; brothers Frank (Ruth), David, Ray, Rick (Faye) and Larry Risner; sisters RuthAnn Patrick,



Josephine Bailey and Barbara (Don) Patrick; 11 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. Ollie was a contractor for years in the Lowell area. A funeral service was held. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Pink Arrow Pride, c/o Lowell Community Wellness, P.O. Box 246, Lowell, MI 49331.



VAN PUTTEN

Wyatt Thomas van Putten was born into his loving family on April 6, 2014, and went peacefully into the

arms of Jesus Christ on Thursday, June 5, 2014. While we do not understand why at this time, we can be comforted by the fact that he is with his Lord and was greeted by his family that had passed on already. Wyatt was preceded in death by his Grandparents, Thomas and Evelee Schug van Putten. He is survived by his loving parents, Thomas and Dennise (Beshada) van Putten. Sisters: Madelyn Van Putten, Elizabeth Taylor and Brooke Taylor.



Brothers; Jake Wright, Austin Taylor and Timothy Taylor. Grandparents Dennis and Thelma Beshada. Aunts and Uncles: Dallas and Kathy Beshada, Duane and Ellen Beshada, Terri and Dave Manthey, Tammy and Charles Wall, Regina Van Putten and Linda and Andrew Milley. A memorial service was held. Memorial contributions may be made at any Chase Bank to the "Thomas van Putten Donation Account". ""ledger

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uniqueness goes beyond that distinction. Unlike most federal sanctuaries protect that natural Thunder Bay features, was established primarily to preserve historical and cultural artifacts - the scores of shipwrecks on the bottom of Lake Huron. The lake's cold freshwater is perfect for preserving these shipwrecks.

The history of the Great Lakes is written on the bottom of Thunder Bay. The shipwrecks in this sanctuary are eloquent beyond measure. They tell story after story – stories of loss,

federal sanctuary. But its stories of heroism and folly, uniqueness goes beyond stories of the irreplaceable that distinction. Unlike role the lakes have played, most federal sanctuaries culturally and economically.

> Last year, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration proposed a major expansion of the sanctuary's boundaries by regulation, a proposal similar to legislation I introduced previously. Under this plan, the sanctuary would go from 448 square miles to more than 4,000. It would add 47 known shipwrecks to the 45 already preserved, and experts believe 100 or more additional shipwrecks wait to be discovered in the expanded sanctuary. We're

hopeful the expansion will be finalized this fall, adding to the stories Thunder Bay tells us.

We have to ensure that the Great Lakes can continue to tell us their stories. Based on Thunder Bay's great success, I will soon introduce the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Assessment Act. This bill would direct the NOAA administrator to work with local communities all around the Great Lakes to identify other underwater possess areas that significant historical and archaeological resources and recommend which

should be designated as national marine sanctuaries. The goal is to reflect a wider and deeper vision for preserving our Great Lakes heritage.

It has been a privilege for me, over more than 35 years in the Senate, to work for the preservation of our Great Lakes. They are precious to all of us who know them. Working to protect them, to restore them, to meet the responsibility we all have as stewards, has been a big part of my own story. And before I leave the Senate, I will work hard to add one more chapter.

Attorney General warns of malicious software on personal devices

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette today warned the public against scam artists and criminals targeting consumers' personal electronic devices through malicious software. Schuette issued a consumer alert through his Consumer Protection Division offering helpful tips to protect phones, tablets, computers, and other mobile technology from malware.

"With a single click, cybercriminals could take control of your personal device at any minute," said Schuette. "I urge Michigan citizens to protect their electronic devices from vicious software that wreaks havoc, opening the door for criminals to access your personal information."

Malware is malicious software that causes personal electronic devices repeatedly crash. to Malware also includes spyware designed to monitor computers, has the potential to steal consumers'

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personal information, or commit other types of fraud. Scammers often create official-looking emails to trick people to download malware that appear to be from governmental offices and businesses. Other personal devices at risk include smart phones, tablets, and other mobile devices.

Schuette offered the following tips on how to avoid the risk of Malware:

• Be cautious about opening any attachment or downloading any file from emails.

• If you get an email or pop-up message that asks for personal or financial information, do not reply and do not click on the link.

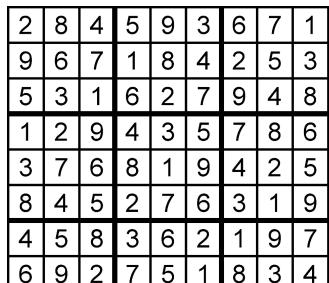
• If you receive an email from a familiar online merchant, before opening, compare the order number to the receipt printed.

• If you are concerned with the legitimacy of an email, contact the organization mentioned in the email to gain further information.

• Install anti-virus, anti-spyware, and firewall software on your personal devices and keep them upto-date.

To access the full Attorney General Consumer Alert, "Malware: What is it and How to Avoid It," visit: http://1.usa.gov/1pNbiWS For general consumer protection questions or complaints, you may reach the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at: Consumer Protection Division, P.O. Box 30213, Lansing, MI 48909; 517-373-1140, fax: 517-241-3771; toll free: 877-765-8388.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS







Regular Meeting 7:00p.m. **Synopsis of Minutes** June 9, 2014 Motions Approved: Approved cleaning the Bookey and Davis County Drain Order end guns for Grattan/Vergennes when permit is approved Fire and Emergency Service Charge Ordinance (Ord. # 10-008) Charges & Fees-Amended Resolution #2014-015 for ordinance 10-008 Gave MDOT Consent to Grade M44 Budget Amendment: Road Maintenance for 16,500.00 Sewer Projects for 30,000.00 Our next Township Meeting will be July 14, 2014 At 7:00 p.m.

The approved minutes may be reviewed on our website at www.grattantownship.org

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

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TWIN BED - Mattress, box spring & frame, (Sealy), \$85 complete. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. ™

FOR SALE - gas dryer, Kenmore, already setup for LP gas, runs good, \$50; kitchen table w/4 chairs with scrolling on top of chairs, includes 2 leaves, \$100; solid wood rocking chair, \$75. Call 581-1391.

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PART-TIME DRIVER NEEDED - for Fuller Septic Service. Must have CDL-B with tanker endorsement and driving experience. Call 897-3050.

JOURNEYMAN ELECTRI-CIAN - with residential & commercial experience. Service department opening. 616-676-9675. Resume: mikeward36@aol. com

FACTORY WORKERS -Assembly & plastic injection at factory in Saranac. Will All 3 shifts. \$9. train. Apply 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mon. -Thurs. at Peoplemark, Inc., 3060 Madison SE, Suite C, Grand Rapids, MI 49548. OR come to our 1 DAY SPECIAL RECRUITING at the Ionia MI Works, 307 W. Adams, Ionia 48846 on THURS., JUNE 19 FROM 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Be sure to bring proper employment ID such as a license & social security card. 616-245-6161. EÓE

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FORKLIFT OPERATORS, MACHINISTS, INVEN-TORY CLERK - Litehouse Foods, Inc. is growing! We are currently recruiting for 2nd shift line feed operators, 2nd & 3rd shift forklift operators, 2nd shift machinists, 2nd shift inventory clerk, & maintenance mechanics. Please apply at www.litehousefoods. com/careers We are an ESOP Co. EOE/AA

<u>wanted</u>

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PRICELESS STOR-AGE - Indoor/outdoor. New Units on Alden Nash, 1 mile South of I96. Call for specials 558-2900.TEN

<u>free</u>

FREE KITTENS - Adorable 10 week old kittens need loving homes. 2 calico females, 1 grey tiger female, 2 males, black and tan & cream & grey. If interested call 897-7994 after 11 a.m.

<u>sales</u>

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GARAGE SALE! SPOILED **ROTTEN CHILDREN &** TEENS TOO BIG FOR THEIR BRITCHES & EV-ERYTHING ELSE! - Thurs., Fri. & Sat., June 19-21, 9 a.m. - dark. 12011 72nd, Alto. RAIN OR SHINE! Name brand clothing, shoes & accessories. Boys 4 to 14; girls 12 to college age; women's & men's too! Hockey skates, fur coats, Under Armour, Abercrombie, AE, Silver, Hollister, Pink, Gap, Buckle, Nike. Tovs, books, hamster cages, bedding, photo studio lights, rocking horses, table & chairs, antique Duncan Phyfe table & chairs, drafting/art table, dinnerware, home decor, large & small dog crates, 3 piece microsuede couch, love seat, recliner, weed whips, vintage 1978 1250 International Harvester Cub Cadet lawnmower. MORE!

GARAGE SALE - June 19-20, 8-5 p.m. & June 21, 8-1 p.m. Christmas, home, clothing, exercise, pool, etc. Most items 50 cents, with exception of washer, dryer, refrigerator, microwave & some other choice items. 264 Broad St., Clarksville.

HUGE NEIGHBORHOOD SALE - 750 Hillside Ct., Lowell. June 19 & 20, 9-5 p.m. & June 21, 9-1 p.m. From E. Main, N. on Jackson, right on Grindle, left on Hillside Ct. For pictures & info see craigslist.org

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I WOULD LIKE TO THANK

Ron & Josh VanOverbeek, EMTs with the Lowell Fire Department, on their own time they took care of two medical issues at Lowell's graduation ceremony. We are lucky they were there and gave their time to our community.

Mike Kooistra

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK

everyone from Faith Hospice, especially Jane and Steve, for the kind and compassionate care they gave Bill. Also Calvary Grace Brethren Church for the wonderful lunch the ladies provided. Pastor Bryon Maley for all his help. The celebration of Bill's life was perfect. Our family for all the help and support. Bill's brothers, Jerry, Pete and Butch; sister, Joan, they were amazing. Peg and Lynn are special sisters-inlaw. Our kids for their love and being with us.

Carol Van Stee & family

services

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JIM'S POWER WASHING - Dirt, spores, mildew washed away. Call today, 616-915-1745.

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

<u>services</u>

BUSINESS CARDS - Before you order your cards from somewhere else checkourrates! Call Lowell Litho, 897-9261.

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

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

DAYCARE OPENINGS - for ages 2 & up. Activities & meals provided. For summer reservations call 366-2047.

BASEMENT WATER-PROOFING - Professional Basement Services waterproofing, crack repair, mold remediation. Local/ licensed. Free estimates. 517-290-5556.

Coming Events

Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursdays: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Non-denominational. Help for pregnant women/adolescents in need. Provides support, referrals, food, clothing/infant items. Lowell area. 897-9393.

GREATER LOWELL FARM-ERS' MARKET Thursdays, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fresh produce, flowers, arts & crafts, flea market items, antiques & estate items. Call Market Masters Dave & Betty Deans for more information, 897-9186 or 616-340-3233 or discoverlowell.org

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FREEAD! - Place & pay for a classified ad in the Buyers Guide & Lowell Ledger for 3 weeks & receive the 4th week FREE! You must mention the special in order to receive this offer. Valid only with new classified ads, and must be paid for when ad is placed. Call 897-9555.

A BED - A brand new queen pillowtop mattress set in plastic, w/warranty, sacrifice, \$135. Call 989-584-6818.TEN

LEDGER OFFICE 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. Accepts Federal Express & UPS packages. Daily pickup at 3 p.m. 897-9261 ANIMAL CAREGIVER -Looking for an ambitious, physically fit person to care for many small dogs in a large, impeccably clean facility. 1st or 2nd shift, would require 1 weekend shift per week. Alto area. E-mail resume/inquiries to: animal caregivers@ outlook.com or 616-868-7382. HOME FOR RENT - 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home on Jane Ellen in Lowell. \$750 plus utilities a month. Please call 616-824-1062.

<u>misc.</u>

T-BALL FOR TOTS - ages 3 to 5. Four week sessions starting Mon., June 23, Mon. & Fri., 10-11 a.m. or 11:15 - 12:15 p.m. Call to register today 299-5589.

PLASTIC BAG DONA-TIONS ARE BEING AC-CEPTED-atL4Alterations, 216 E. Main St., Lowell. Bag will be used for making mats for Haiti. Please call Judy at 897-0052 with questions.

run ANY Garage or Rummage Sales as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide. com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - We will meet the first Tuesday of every month at LowellArts! at LowellArts! 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Amonthly support group for those impacted by breast cancer to learn & share together Please join us for supper at Gilda's Club, Lowell at 5:30 p.m. prior to the group meeting. Gilda's Club, Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell, 897-8600.

MUSEUM - open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday:1-4 p.m. Families: \$10; individual \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

ST. MARY'S PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER - 402 Amity. LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS - (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs.: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues. & Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 p.m. & 8-9 p.m.; Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m. The first step is always the hardest. If your life has become unmanagable due to alcohol, join us 101 W. Main.

PIPPIN PUPPETS - June 26 at 10 a.m. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

NEW CLASSES FOR EV-ERYONE - children - adults at Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. Every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. Biblecentered classes for children through 5th grade, youth group for 6th grade thru high school & adult prayer & Bible study. Everyone is invited to attend.

Looking Back, continued

trees, the damage extending as far north as Townsend Park. A number of farm homes were without electricity for several hours and many bossy cows had a long wait on some of the farms where electric milking machines are used. The local municipal plant force worked until midnight repairing damage, going without their supper.

A. H. Stormzand says that on several occasions he has observed a stray cat which makes a business of lying in wait close by the wild fowl sanctuary on Flat River, ready to pounce upon baby ducks when they come within reach. "Stormy" says that any number of ducklings have been killed recently by the cat.

In a laudible effort to protect the public against accidents in the Main St. business district, the Common Council on Monday evening ordered that warning signs be erected at the east and west village limits. The signs will bear the following words: "Warning – Speed limit 20 miles per hour. Road patrolled." Our comment is that 15 miles an hour should be the limit from the City Hall corner to the P. M. crossing.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 18, 1964

Headline: New water well nearly ready; postepone sprinkling ban. Within a week or ten days the city water supply is expected to be given a real boost when the new well, north of Foreman Street near the C&O railroad crossing is pumping 400 gallons per minute into the system. City manager Bernard Olson told the council Monday night that a sprinkling ban did not appear to be necessary at this time, but any cooperation of citizens to limit water to essential use until the new well was connected would be appreciated.

Spot monster near Lowell. Wayne Ritter, 19, of Clare, Mich., told Sheriff's officers Wednesday morning that he and his brother, 20, saw a 7 to 9 ft. tall monster cross the I-96 freeway near the Clarksville interchange. They were traveling west at 4:20 am. They described it as "tall" with long brown hair. It looked, they said, "like a gorilla." State police planned to use a dog Wednesday to try and track down the animal.

Eclipse attracts moon bugs here. A lunar eclipse on June 24 will draw members of the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomers Association to Lowell's "observatory"-the open area around the new high school building on Foreman Street. The GRAAA members will bring their own telescopes for the event. The public is also invited to attend. A lunar eclipse occurs when the moon crosses through the earth's shadow.

C. H. Runciman revealed plans this week to build new colored bean storage silos on Main St. just west of Hudson Street. The house now on the property will be sold or dismantled.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 21, 1989

Headline: Firefighters battle blaze for 3 hours. A small barn was destroyed Wednesday, June 14



Government has the power to force citizens from their homes and decide where to locate hazardous facilities. It has the power to confiscate your property or throw you in jail.

at the residence of 1177 Godfrey. The cause of the fire was undetermined and damages totaled roughly \$30,000. The barn sits behind an empty home owned by O.E. Bieri. According to Lowell assistant fire chief Frank Leasure, a few small lawnmowers and tools were being stored in the barn. Lowell fire, rescue, ambulance and Ada firefighters were called to the scene at 5:28 pm Wednesday evening. They were at the scene for roughly three hours. "No injuries were incurred by area residents located near the fire," Leasure said. "A couple of small buildings, along with the house, were saved."

Lowell's Showboat Garden Club, which has been in existence since 1949, did its part to help brighten up Lowell for Showboat week. As the 24-member club has done in the past, it placed pots of petunias in the Hulda Fineis memorial planter located between the YMCA and the old Strand Theatre. Fineis, who died in 1984, helped organize the club 50 years ago.

Saturday, June 10, saw 42 area youngsters at the Lowell Middle School pond as the guests of the Lowell Area Fishing Club at their 3rd annual Kids' Fishing Day. The event is supported by donations from area businesses and merchants. The kids enjoyed themselves fishing with their dads, grand-dads and some moms and grandmas were in attendance. "We enjoy doing this for the kids, as much as they enjoy being here," said Len Hamp, president L.A.F.C. "Even though we didn't have the nicest of days, the fish really cooperated. They registered a total of 273 fish and one of the perch was a "jumbo."" Everyone attending was treated to a hotdog, chips and soda pop lunch after the official end of the contest and after the awards were passed out, some kids went back to fishing.

- LEGAL NOTICE -

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 14-195635

Estate of MARTIN L. CHAMBERS Date of birth: January 10, 1942

TO ALL CREDITORS: BLA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MARTIN L. CHAMBERS died December 13, 2013.

Creditors of the decedent are notified

presented to ANNETTE M. PRATT, personal representative or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

June 12, 2014

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Annette M. Pratt 8750 Garbow Drive SE Alto, MI 49302

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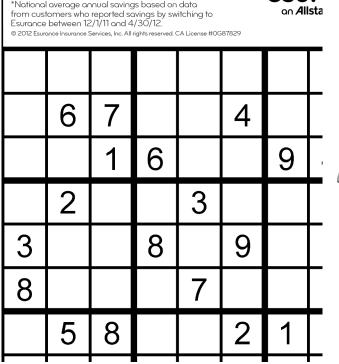
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JUNE 11 - JUNE 17

- The San Antonio Spurs are the NBA champs beating the Miami Heat in five games straight. Tim Duncan now becomes the second active player with five championship rings. The other is Kobe Bryant. Kawhi Leonard was awarded the series MVP.
- The World Cup is in it's second week. After losing their opening match of the 2014 World Cup to Brazil the Croatian players went skinny dipping and hidden Croatian photogs published their pictures online. The players were furious and have vowed to be unavailable to the press.
- Cancer claims the life of Hall of Famer Tony Gwynn at age 54.
- The Army has begun an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the disappearance and capture of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl.
- George H.W. Bush took one last sky dive to celebrate is 90th birthday.
- Radio personality Casey Kasem has died at the age of 82.





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- NO
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- I follow what's happening but don't watch the games

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FRIDAY, JUNE 27

Euchre Tournament • 6:30 PM 5K Run • 7:00 PM Beer Tent • 7:00 PM - Midnight Live Music • 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM Conklin Ceili Band

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Mass • 4:00 PM Auction Helicopter Raffle 5:00 PM

Festival Auction • 5:30 PM Las Vegas • 7:00 PM - Midnight Beer Tent • 5:00 PM - Midnight Live Music • 8:00 PM- Midnight Signal Trip

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Family Fun Children's Games

Bingo • 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM Annual Custom Classic Car, Truck & Antique Tractor Show

Live Music • 1:00 - 5:00 PM The Diddle Styx Polka Band

Chicken Bar-B-Q Dinner

Served Sunday from 12-5 p.m. Take Outs Available Adults \$9.00

St. Patrick Parish **Cash Raffle** Drawing June 29, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.



Beer Tent 50/50 Raffles Children (12 & Under) \$4.00

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