

Rainy weather fails to dampen the spirits of Lowell's 2014 Relay For Life participants

weekend in the country



Enthusiastic survivors cheer for their efforts and accomplishments at the 2014 Relay For Life.

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Despite challenging weather, the ninth annual Lowell Relay for Life carried on last weekend on the track at Lowell High School.

A total of 23 new and returning teams and more than 200 local participants took to the track Friday and Saturday from noon to noon for the 24-hour fundraising event.

In total the hardworking group of cancer crusaders earned nearly \$50,000 for The American Cancer Society through their efforts.

Guest vocalist Jaylene Milton sang The National

Anthem at the start of the event. Co-chairs Lori Ingraham and Shelby Sakowski greeted and welcomed participants during the opening ceremonies. A team banner

competition, won by first time team Lowell PTO and an air guitar contest were both held before rain clouds moved in.

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Knights of Columbus donate stuffed bears for children in trauma



The Knights of Columbus of St. Mary Church in Lowell, Msgr. Hugh Michael Beahan Council #7719 donated teddy bears to the Bowne Township Fire Department on June 18. These bears will be given to children involved in trauma incidents. The bears were given to chief Phil Dougherty from Mary and Lilly Hess of Alto (pictured). The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization with 1.8 million members, serving over 70 million hours and donating over \$170 million to various charities.

After months of planning Riverwalk stage and Showboat final plan is released

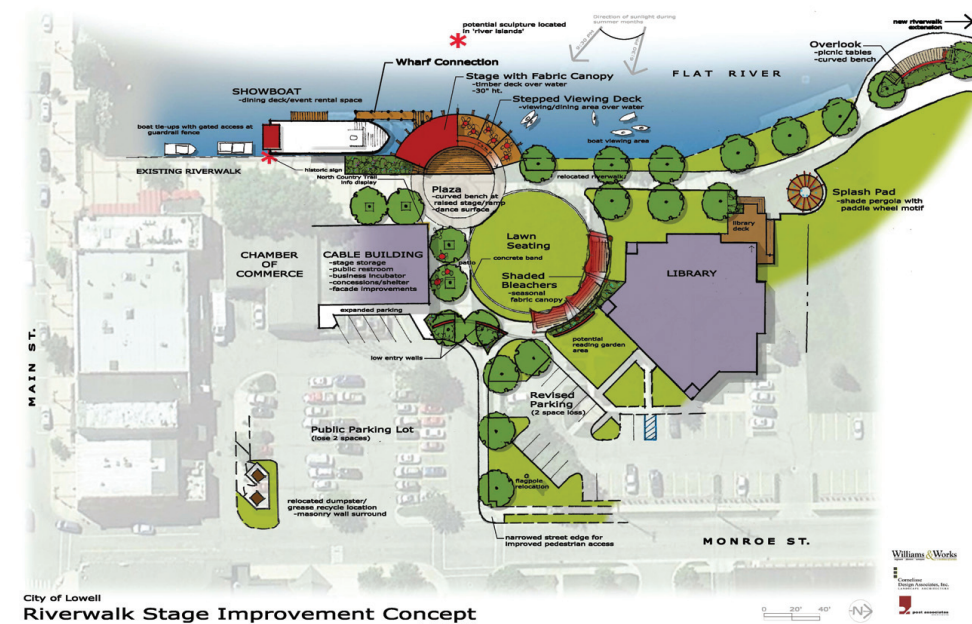
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Consultants presented the final plan and outcome of the City of Lowell Riverwalk Stage and Showboat Master Plan that began last October 2013. Over the last nine months the steering committee met with

two groups of stakeholders, held two public forums and used social media and eblasts to gather information and feedback to complete this project. The purpose of this project was to develop a master plan and conceptual design for the Lowell Riverwalk area with

specific attention to creating a new multi-functional stage structure and identifying the community's long-term vision for the Lowell Showboat.

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Riverwalk plan, continued

On Monday, June 16, a plan that will keep the stage relatively in the same place the community has come accustomed to with the Summer Concert Series, with the stage extending out over the river, mimicking the recent design in the new extension of the Riverwalk plaza. The stage would be designed to allow for eventual connection to a new Showboat facility. The plan calls for bleacher seating close to the library that will incorporate awnings for shade. Also planned is a new deck to the library where patrons can enjoy reading a book or magazine outside or where parents can sit and watch their children enjoy a new splash pad. The Showboat and Riverwalk area/stage projects will be pursued separately, but will eventually be connected. The next step for the Showboat effort is to seek input from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) about making improvements in the waterway. Once the parameters are set, the community can develop a formal design, establish a cost estimate and seek funding for making the desired improvements. Williams & Works and Cornelisse Design Associates presented Riverwalk Area/Stage plan so that the work can be completed in phases making the 1.7 to 2 million price tag easier to obtain. We envision groups to start working towards each of the goals presented. If you would like to be part of either the Lowell Showboat or the Riverwalk stage and area, please call the city.

On Monday, June 16, Dave Austin of Williams & Works and Pat Cornelisse from Cornelisse Design Associates presented a conceptual design of the Riverwalk area and stage, along with a vision for the Lowell Showboat to the city council. The current version of the Showboat built in 1979 is in need of major upgrades or replacement to continue to be viable for public use. Through the various work sessions the consultants sought public input on the desire for having a Showboat, the form that it would take, the features and location. The majority of comments indicated that the community feels the Showboat is an important part of our identity and needs to continue to have a physical presence on the Riverwalk. Rather than an exact replica of the current boat which floats on pontoons, the study considered making a more permanent structure that would look like a Showboat, but would be a permanent building, rather than a floating structure. The participants envision a multiuse facility, upgraded to allow perhaps use for weddings, parties, historic displays, concert seating and of course, Santa Claus! In looking at concepts for upgrades to the Riverwalk area and stage, several alternatives were considered, each with a slightly different stage location and layout. After review of the various ideas and keeping in mind that our goal was to create a multi-functional stage and area, the steering committee and the stakeholders chose

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Want to know what rowing is all about? Find out with Learn to Row! Incoming eighth graders to 80-year-old adults are welcome to attend. Meet in the parking lot next to the library, 200 N. Monroe on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7:30 pm starting June 23 and running until August. The cost is free, asking for donation if you can. For any questions or concerns you may contact coach David Cadwallader, 616-381-9152 or coach Sara Cadwallader, 616-980-6254 or email: lowellcrewteam@gmail.com

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GILDA'S CLUB CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES

Movie Matinee - Tuesday, July 1, 3-5 pm. Join your friends for an afternoon movie. This month we will be watching "Saving Mr. Banks." **Family Night Workshop** - Tuesday, July 1, 6-7:30 pm. Kids, grab your adults and join your friends from Gilda's Club Lowell for our monthly Family Night! Each month, Jacqueline Scherer will lead a fun activity specifically designed for the whole family. All supplies will be provided. **Breast Cancer Support Group** *at LowellArts - Tuesday, July 1, 6:15-7:30 pm. A monthly support group for those impacted by breast cancer to learn and share together. We will meet the first Tuesday of every month at Lowell Arts. Join us for supper at Gilda's Club Lowell at 5:30 pm prior to the group meeting. **Lifestyle Changes: Eating to Decrease Stress and Increase Energy** - Tuesday, July 1, 6:15-7:30 pm. Fall in love with your life with these easy and natural tricks that reduce stress and increase energy. Recipes, samples and a list of health foods

that actually fight cancer cells will be provided. Please register in advance. **Yoga** *at LowellArts - Tuesdays, July 8 & 22, 6:30-7:30 pm. Join yoga instructor, Lori McLane, for this beginner yoga class at LowellArts. This class will focus on basic balance and stability poses, breath work and relaxation. All ages and levels are welcome! Yoga mats are available if needed. **Woodcarving** - Tuesday, July 15, 3:15-4:15 pm. Learn how to make easy and beautiful woodcarvings with Doug Shassberger. Beginners are welcome and supplies are provided. **Book Club** - Tuesday, July 15, 4:15-5:15 pm. Join Kathy Mieras for a relaxing and cozy book club. This month's reading will be "Then Home I'll Be" by P.L. Klein. Pick up your book to borrow at the parlor desk. Klein will be joining us for a special "Meet the Author" book club meeting.

FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Wed., July 2 at 6 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

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

LHS CLASS OF 1973 REUNION

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.

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Noel Dean brings first 7 on 7 passing tourney to Lowell area

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell hosted the first football 7 on 7 Passing Tournament as part of the West Michigan Sports Commission's fifth annual Meijer State Summer Games this past weekend at Grand River Riverfront Park.

More than 7,000 athletes of all ages competed in the Olympic style games over a three-day period throughout West Michigan. Athletes competed in a total

of 40 different events that varied from basketball to bocce ball and from field hockey to figure skating.

This year's growing list of events, the games began with just 15, included the introduction of the brand new 7 on 7 Passing Tournament and its director, Red Arrow varsity coach Noel Dean.

According to event director Eric Engelbarts, Dean got to work quickly

after they met with him to propose his involvement in the new sporting event.

"We met with Noel Dean for breakfast and by the end of the day Noel had secured a venue and we had the rules set," Engelbarts said.

"We usually go through an application process and we vet out the sport, the person running it and the venue, so this is not normal

for us," he added citing his confidence in Dean who he called "one of the best in the business."

Dean, who has led the Red Arrows to three state championships, says that the tournament was a great opportunity for the young athletes.

"There is no time like the present for young kids to work on these things in a competitive atmosphere," said Dean.

Thirty-one football squads, mostly from the West Michigan area, took part in the tournament in age groups of 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th grades and under. The younger of Red Arrow teams competed on Saturday and the Varsity on Sunday.

All four of the participating Red Arrow teams played well against their competition with three of the squads earning medals in their respective tournaments. The most novice team, sixth grade and under, placed second after Grand Ledge, earning them a silver medal. The eighth grade team fell short of podium status against competitors Goodrich, Dewitt and Wayland who claimed the top three spots.

Lowell earned a second round of silver medals on Saturday when the eighth grade and under group of athletes earned second place falling between gold medal team Dewitt and bronze finisher Grand Rapids South Christian.

The fields at the park



The defense worked hard pushing back a tough Sexton team in the final round of competition.



The defensive line takes off towards the competition and their gold medal victory.



Quarterbacks were allowed only four seconds to pass the ball during the one hand touch tournament.

saw even more action on Sunday when 12th grade and under squads took to the field in pursuit of their own medals. The red and black led the tournament earning the opportunity to play in the gold medal championship game after a slim win in the

last seconds of the game over strong competitors Dewitt. The Arrows faced and defeated Lansing's Sexton High School in that final round securing the team's top finish and gold medal status in the inaugural football tournament.



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Christopher C. Godbold

Could you afford to live to 100?

Here's an interesting statistic: Over the past three decades, the centenarian population in the United States has grown about 66 percent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Of course, this doesn't necessarily mean that you have a good chance of living to 100 — but the possibility may not be as remote as it once was. In any case, if you do plan to retire in your mid-60s, and you are in good health, you may well have two, or even three, decades ahead of you. To enjoy this time to the fullest — and to help prevent the possibility of outliving your financial resources — you will need to invest for *income* and *growth* throughout your retirement years.

As a retiree, how much income do you need from your investments? There's no one "right" percentage for everyone. Furthermore, you shouldn't have to rely

solely on your investment portfolio, because you may have other sources — such as Social Security and potentially your employer-sponsored retirement plan — from which to draw income. Nonetheless, your investments can play a big role in providing you with the income you'll need during retirement.

Many retirees depend on fixed-rate investments for a good portion of their retirement income — so it's a real challenge when interest rates are low, as they have been for the past several years. Consequently, when you retire, you'll certainly need to be aware of the interest-rate environment and the income you can expect from these investments. Longer-term fixed-rate vehicles may be tempting, as they typically offer higher rates than shorter-term ones, but these longer-term investments

may have more price fluctuation and inflation risk than shorter-term investments. Ultimately, you'll likely need a balance between short-, intermediate- and long-term fixed-income investments to provide for a portion of your income in retirement.

While it's important to invest for income, you can't ignore the need for growth — because you won't want to lose purchasing power to inflation. As you know, we've experienced quite mild inflation recently. But over time, even a low rate of inflation can seriously erode your purchasing power. To illustrate: If your current monthly costs are \$3,000, they will be about \$4,000 in 10 years with only a three percent annual inflation rate. And in 25 years at that same rate, your monthly costs will have more than doubled, to about \$6,200. To help protect yourself against inflation risk, you should consider having at least some investments that offer growth potential, rather than only owning fixed-income vehicles. And some investment vehicles, such as dividend-paying stocks, can offer both growth potential and current income. In fact, some stocks have paid, and even increased, their dividends for many years in a row, giving you not just income, but *rising* income. (Keep in mind, though, that companies are not obligated to pay dividends, and can reduce or discontinue them at any time.)

To determine the right mix of growth and income vehicles for your individual needs, consult with a financial advisor who is familiar with your retirement plans, your risk tolerance and your family situation. And it may well be a good idea to plan for a very long retirement. You may not live to be 100 — but it would be a good feeling to know that you could afford to do so.

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On Tuesday, August 5, 2014, Kent District Library (KDL) residents will vote on a 1.28 mills ballot proposal to provide funding for KDL for 10 years. The 1.28 millage rate consists of a renewal of the 0.88 mills levy, which has been in place since 2000 and expires at the end of

2014 and an additional 0.4 mills. The Kent District Library property tax millage provides 90 percent of the funding for services offered at 18 branch locations and online, including all library materials, technology, staff and programs.

Citing the need for additional revenue, KDL

board chair Charles Myers noted that customers, as well as the municipal partners who own and operate KDL branches, are requesting additional services of the library. Specific demands include more convenient hours, additional support for KDL's Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, expanded early literacy and reading programs for children, workshops for job seekers and improved technology and wireless infrastructure. Nearly one in four KDL residents relies on the library as their only source for Internet access.

The Library Board of Trustees unanimously

voted to request the additional millage rate because declining taxable property values have resulted in revenue losses of over \$1.6 million in the last three years. KDL has made significant budget cuts, including reducing personnel costs by over \$1 million without laying off staff. Additionally, the library has reduced materials purchasing by over \$670,000 since 2010. KDL's 2014 revenue is at the same level as it was in 2006.

Quoting a public opinion survey commissioned by the library in 2013, library director Lance Werner noted "93 percent of KDL

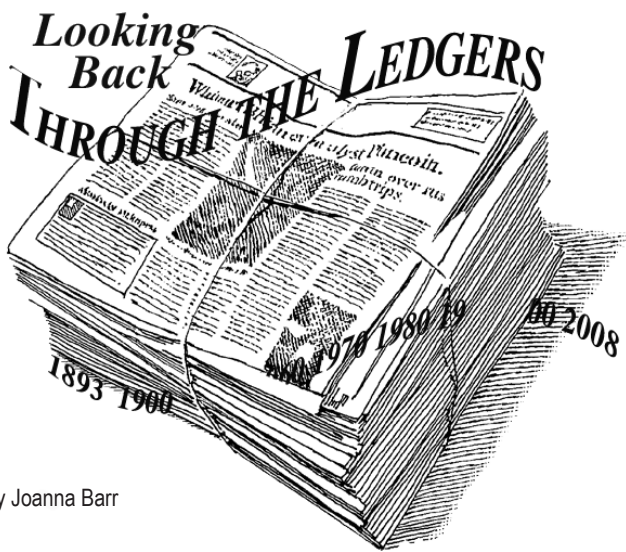
residents believe the library is an important part of their community. A higher millage rate is required in order to continue to offer the exceptional children's programs, job skills training and technology assistance that we provide for residents." He continues, "To ask voters to support a renewal of the same rate is to ask them to reduce services. That's not what they've told us they want."

Nearly 240,000 people or 60 percent of the KDL's service population are active library cardholders. KDL is one of the busiest libraries in Michigan, circulating more than six million physical and digital items in

2013. Nearly three million people visited a KDL branch in 2013, while 2.5 million remotely accessed KDL's website. The library specializes in early literacy, with annual attendance of over 66,000 at programs for young children. KDL also administers the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped for eligible residents of Kent, Ionia and Montcalm counties.

Because funding from the previous 0.88 mills expires at the end of 2014, KDL must pass a millage levy in order to continue operations in 2015.

For more information, visit www.kdl.org/millage



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal June 26, 1889

The corner stone of the new court house will be laid July 4th.

New planking has been placed on the west bridge on Main Street.

Forepaugh's circus is at Grand Rapids today. A good many Lowellites are there to see it.

Friday is the last day of school and then the long vacation begins – much to the joy to the average boy.

If you want to see a bigger piece of barley than you ever saw before, just go and look in Train's Driving Park.

Don't let rye ripen in your wheat fields, for it will greatly lower the standard of your wheat. Cut the rye out now.

A little bug on the wheat is causing much uneasiness among the farmers. No one seems to know just what the insect is.

Belding's new silk factory will employ 500 hands, which means an increase in the population of the town of from 1,000 to 1,500.

Lovett & Johnson's dog and pony show at Train's Opera House, Monday and Tuesday evenings was a first class exhibition and pleasing to old as well as young folks.

The late attractions at Train's Opera House have been far above the average and we note with pleasure the evident desire of manager Eddy to secure good companies.

Commencement exercises at Train's Opera House, Friday evening. Class of '89 – Thos. A. Murphy, Will H. Mitchell, Myrtle Ransford, Pink Coles, Kate S. Perry. A pleasing programme has been arranged.

June 28th, the W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. M. C. Barber, at 2:30, fast time. All members are invited to be present and prepared to take part in the discussion. Programme – The relation of rum to crime.

That ramshackle excuse for a railing on the lower Grand river bridge is loose or off entirely in many places.

A Mr. McGinnis, of Ada Township, sold his wool to J. C. Train, yesterday, and received 34 cents per pound for it. The amount he received averaged \$2.55 per head for his flock of sheep.

John McGuire, a conductor on a work train on the Chicago, Kalamazoo & Saginaw railroad was run over by the cars and fatally injured Saturday afternoon. This is the first fatal accident on the road.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 25, 1914

With last week's issue the Lowell Ledger closed the 21st year of its publication and Editor Johnson says he wants to make his Lowell newspaper career reach 25 years at least. Here's hoping he may – and many more years added. The Ledger is a good paper and always has been. The publisher deserves all of the success his hard and continuous labor of 21 years has brought him. –[Middleville Sun.

Little Edward and Muri Patterson, ages 7 and 8, made a trip of 5 miles to Alaska and back with their little pony and cart last Sunday, their cousin, Mattie Macom, from Kansas made up the trio. The little folks visited their grandparents, Hubert Moffitt.

A. R. Stiles received a slight flesh wound on one arm at the Specialty factory Tuesday.

R. T. Ford has built an underground concrete gasoline container and will run a filling station for automobile patrons.

Renewed activity and interest in Building & Loan business indicate that Lowell people are awakening to the advantages offered by this good Lowell institution, both for investors and would-be home owners. It is a good thing. Push it along.

The Bent Rim Co. unloaded a load of lumber containing 32,000 feet and weighing better than six tons. The team hauling the load was driven by John Andrews.

W. A. Watts is planning upon shipping his 1914 apple crop to England. Last year, with the help of the Western Michigan Development Bureau, one carload of spy and Baldwin apples were sent to Manchester and these brought such good prices that Mr. Watts is determined to follow up and take advantage of the discovery. Of course the apples that were shipped were

number one quality and every barrel was inspected and was guaranteed by the Development Bureau.

Andy Condon has his house destroyed by fire Sunday morning at 5 o'clock. Particulars not learned. Only a small portion of household goods were saved.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 29, 1939

Honorable Carl E. Mapes of this congressional district is among those making the inaugural mail flight of the Yankee Clipper over the northern route to England. Happy Landing!

Mrs. John Fahrni was this week officially appointed manager of the Lowell branch of the Secretary of State's office and is now ready to serve the public with auto license plates. Office at the Fahrni store next to the State Savings Bank.

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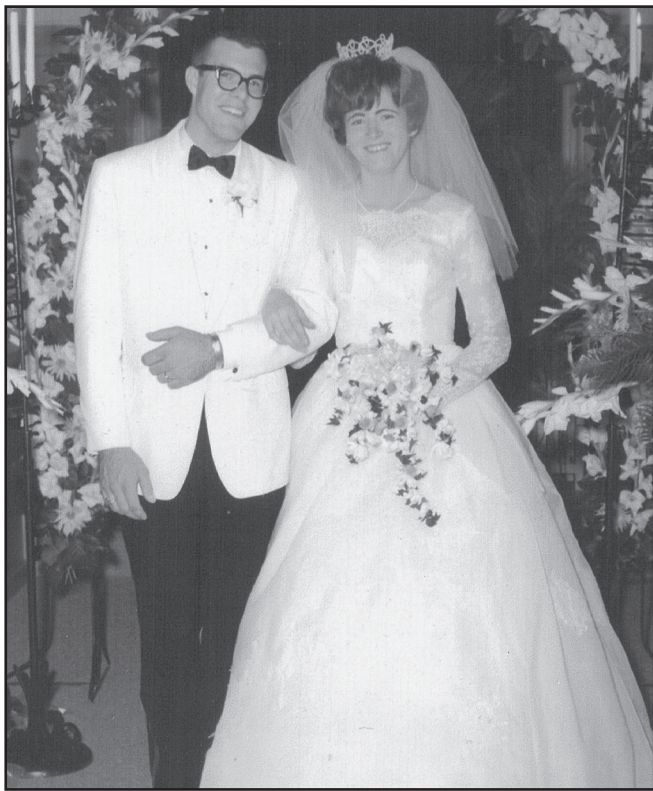
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anniversaries

Vanoosten



Jim and Sue Vanoosten of Lowell were married June 20, 1964. Their children are Jim and Heather Vanoosten, Bill Vanoosten and Sue Everitt. They have seven grandchildren.



health



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

mononucleosis

Mononucleosis "mono" is caused by the Epstein-Barr virus (EBV). Fewer than 10 percent of people who become infected with EBV will go on to develop mono. Mono is often referred to as the "kissing disease" as it can be transmitted thru saliva. This mostly affects adolescents.

Symptoms of mono include severe fatigue, sore and swollen throat, fevers, very enlarged lymph nodes in your neck, headaches, and swollen liver and spleen. Symptoms may last four to six weeks.

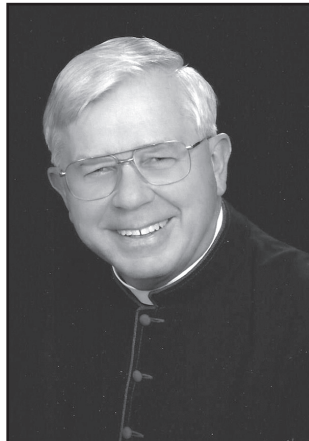
Some complications include hepatitis, jaundice, anemia, decreased platelet counts and airway obstruction due to tonsillar swelling. Contact sports should be avoided for at least one month after infections due to potential bleeding associated with a ruptured spleen. Since this is a viral illness, antibiotics are not effective. Treatment includes rest, fluids and anti-inflammatory medications such as Motrin or Tylenol for symptomatic care. At times, steroids may be prescribed to reduce airway swelling.

Hankiewicz celebrates jubilee anniversary

Monsignor Edward Hankiewicz celebrates his 35th Jubilee Anniversary of Ordination, June 24, 2014. Hankiewicz was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan and attended school at St. Isidore's parish, St. Joseph's Minor Seminary and Catholic Central High School. He served in the United States Navy for four years and

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Monsignor Edward Hankiewicz

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~ Charles Wadsworth

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college news

Jessica J. Graves, of Lowell, was among the twenty-four freshmen who won the coveted Medallion Scholarships to begin their studies at Western Michigan University (WMU) this fall.

Medallion Scholarships are the highest merit-based award WMU can bestow on an incoming freshman. Valued at \$50,000 each over four years, they constitute one of the largest merit-based awards in American higher education.

Some of this year's incoming scholars received a WMU Presidential Medallion Scholarship, a WMU Foundation Medallion Scholarship or a Dean's Medallion Scholarship, while others received awards that bear the names of their scholarships' donors or the individuals for whom the scholarships were established.

The 2014 recipients were announced in April. The students were selected after competing for the awards in the 31st annual Medallion Scholarship program competition held during January and February sessions at WMU. Invitations to compete were based on a

combination of high grade point averages and ACT scores and were extended to students who had applied to WMU by Dec. 6, 2013.

Graves received a Presidential Medallion Scholarship and plans to major in biomedical sciences. The Lowell Senior High School graduate is the daughter of Paul and Harriet Graves. A member of the National Honor Society, she is also a Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar Athlete Finalist. Graves was a member of the cross country, track and equestrian teams all four years of high school and participated in basketball for three years. She has been captain for all three teams, won an individual equestrian state champion award this year and earned several school awards in all three sports. Graves also has been involved for four years in band, serving the marching band this year as drum major and previously serving the symphonic band as secretary and a section leader. She was a four-year member of the FFA, which she served this year as treasurer. She has participated in school

theatrical productions and received a State Proficiency award along with an Outstanding Junior award and Public Speaking Gold award. In addition, Graves has been a member of the Lady Arrows Varsity Club-Leaders of Lowell. She has volunteered with the Lowell Women's Club and her church youth group and 4-H club, which she has served twice as president and once as treasurer.

A total of 738 seniors from across Michigan and the United States participated in this year's competition. The daylong event included essay writing and a group problem-solving activity for the students, as well as activities for the participants' parents.

The 40 top-performing competitors returned to campus and were interviewed as finalists for the medallion scholarship, with 22 ultimately being selected to receive the honor.

In addition to the \$50,000 monetary award, medallion scholars become members of WMU's Lee Honors College. The college, one of the oldest honors programs in the nation, enhances the undergraduate learning experience by providing such benefits as smaller class sizes, individualized

academic advising and a freshman mentoring program.

This year's medallion scholars have an average

ACT score of 31 and a grade point average of 4.23. Eight of them come from underrepresented or minority groups. They will

begin their studies at WMU in the fall and are scheduled to graduate during the 2017-18 academic year.

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on June 16, 2014, the Board adopted the following Ordinances:

Ordinance 02-2014, an Ordinance to allow for barrier free ramps to project into required yards.

The Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance is amended to add Section 4.43 which reads as follows:

4.43 BARRIER FREE ACCESS RAMPS

The minimum setback requirements for structures and permitted encroachments for the zone in which they are located shall apply to barrier free access ramps ('access ramps') to be used by individuals with physical disabilities whenever possible. If, in the opinion of the zoning administrator, the required setbacks prevent the access ramp from being constructed so that it can be reasonably used, the zoning administrator shall have the discretion to allow reductions in the setback requirements so that the access ramp can be constructed in a manner to allow it to be usable.

In no case shall the access ramp be closer than five feet from the front yard lot lines and three feet from the side and rear lot lines. The zoning administrator shall allow only the minimum deviations from the minimum setback requirements necessary to reasonably permit construction of the access ramp and to ensure the safety of the public, and shall issue a permit documenting his/her findings related to the need for and extent of any reduction(s) in the required setback(s). Access ramps shall comply with all building code requirements as well as all applicable state and federal regulations applying to such access ramps.

Ordinance 03-2014, an Ordinance to allow certain architectural features to extend into required yards. The Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance is amended to add Section 4.42 which reads as follows:

4.42 PROJECTIONS INTO REQUIRED YARDS

a) Certain architectural features of a principal building, such as cornices, bay windows (or windows without foundations), gutters, chimneys, pilasters, and similar features may project no further than three into a required front, rear, or side yard.

b) An open, unenclosed, and uncovered porch, terrace, deck, balcony, awnings made of non-rigid materials or steps may project from a principal building no further than six feet into a required front yard, 10 feet into a required rear yard but shall not project into a required side yard.

c) In no case shall an open, unenclosed, and uncovered porch, paved terrace, deck, balcony or awning be placed closer than five feet to any front or rear lot line.

Ordinance 04-2014, an Ordinance to clarify accessory building setback requirements. The Lowell Charter Zoning Ordinance is amended to add a new sub-section (1) under Section 4.14(b) as follows and to re-number the remaining subsections accordingly.

Set Back Regulations

(1) For accessory buildings in the R1, R2, and R3 zoning districts the minimum front setback shall not be less than the required setback for principal buildings except as set forth in Section 4.15 (b) (4) herein.

Re-number remaining sub-sections accordingly.

The Ordinances shall become effective July 2, 2014. A copy of the complete text of the Ordinances can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, during regular office hours or by calling 897-7600. The Ordinances are also available on our website at www.twp.lowell.mi.us.

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First Weekend In The Country enjoys good turnout

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Kent County Fairgrounds played host to the traveling shopping festival "Weekend in the Country" on June 21 and 22.

More than 50 vendors took part in the festival whose tag line is "Where Creativity Comes to Life." The show featured items ranging from brand new, shabby chic, decor to vintage and repurposed objects. Delicious food options, including freshly popped kettle corn and hot cinnamon rolls were also available for shoppers to enjoy.

The festival, which travels throughout Michigan, celebrated its debut in the area with the local show.

According to show director Stephanie Jones, "Not only are we excited to have grown the Weekend in the Country brand of shows to West Michigan, but are thrilled to bring it to the suburbs of Grand Rapids in the quaint town of Lowell."

Besides the eclectic shopping opportunities provided, the event also touted professional appraiser Doug Dalton who was on hand Sunday. Dalton assessed the value of a variety of objects brought in by shoppers for just \$5 in a session called "What It's Worth?"



Groups of shoppers made their way through the outdoor shopping festival held this past weekend at the fairgrounds.

Another feature of the event was the presence of the all-woman outdoor adventure group Sisters on the Fly. They gave tours of their creatively decorated camping trailers and hosted several fun open fire cooking demonstrations. The camp cooking demos included easy options, like waffles, fried apples, bean soup and cheesy potatoes

and were provided at no additional cost to attendees.

The next scheduled Weekend in the Country event will be held on the east side of the state in Davisburg in late September. More information for both shoppers and potential vendors can be found on their website www.weekendinthecountry.com



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Looking Back, continued

At a special meeting of the common council held June 21 the assessed valuation of the village of Lowell for the current fiscal year was fixed at \$1,120,021.00. The total amount of tax to be raised is \$18,440.25, to be distributed as follows: General fund, \$11,200.21; sinking fund, \$1,680.03; bond fund, \$580.01.

The recent announcement by Dr. John W. Trumble of his intention to engage in the practice of Veterinary Medicine has been received by farmers and dairymen of this vicinity with considerable satisfaction. Dr. Trumble has had extensive experience with the Bureau of Animal Industry for several years and is generally recognized as a veterinarian of ability combined with a deep liking for his profession.

"Air ye goin' my way?" The young fellow who has been planning to take to the road this summer and hoping to go places and see things by "bumming" has been given a word of advice from Jeff Davis, the King of Hoboes. He warns that already there are about 20,000 youngsters on the road and an expected 50,000 by July. The odd jobs to be found are scarce and the risk of hunger, jail and association with criminals is common. Folks in Lowell will do their best to keep their young off the road, for such travelling is apt to produce trouble and sorrow. It is too often that the paths aren't straight.

Perhaps all of our readers have read of the mound builders of western and northern Michigan – a people who lived in an age forgotten long ago. Now we learn that Lowell has a mound builder, although a different type. The mounds we refer to were made by Albert Burri, who resides at the corner of Ottawa and South Hudson. From a lot measuring about four by eight rods, Mr. Burri has gathered enough cobble stone to construct five mounds, three of which are six feet, one eight feet and one 12 feet in diameter at the bottom of the mound tapering to a height of about five feet. Mr. Burri says he's going to keep on building mounds until he gets every pesky stone out of that plot of ground.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 25, 1964

Three (count 'em) elephants paraded up and down Main Street at high noon last Friday. There were no wild animals in gilded cages, no horse-drawn, steam powered calliopes, no gaggles of clowns – just elephants, heralding the one-night stand of Clark and Walters' Big 3-Ring Circus at the 4-H fair grounds. One (1) female mahout – whose black mesh stockings were sadly in need of darning – and two (count 'em) Lowell police cars rounded out the procession, which attracted more attention as a traffic-stopper than as a show-stopper.

The most attractive item up for bids at the Rotary Auction staged Tuesday at the annual "Ernie Foreman Picnic Day" at Fallasburg Park, was an offer of two weeks of housing in the sunny climes of Florida. The offer was made by Tom Lyons, a Grattan Township farmer, who maintains a trailer in that state. Bidding for the "free" housing was fast and furious and reached the \$200 level before the auctioneer's gavel came down with a bang for the last time. High bidder was Richard M. Peckham. Proceeds from the auction will be used for Rotary projects.

Lowell police officer Chester Haight won a foot race on West Main Street Tuesday afternoon at 4:50 when he apprehended Teddy Booth, an escapee from the Ionia State Hospital. Booth was identified by Howard Gibbs, a hospital employee who called the police.

The flow of Main Street traffic was disrupted Monday evening as Lee Christiansen, of the Christiansen Construction Co. of Grand Rapids, tried to make off with the safe from the former Avery's Jewelry Store. Christiansen had purchased the safe for use in a new bowling alley he is opening on Alpine Street in Grand Rapids. But taking possession of it provided more difficult than he had anticipated. A wrecker from the West Side Garage had to be called to help pull the safe through the doorway onto the sidewalk. And when the safe – after a two-hour struggle – had finally been loaded on Christiansen's truck, the front wheels of the truck reared up and the safe threatened to tumble off. Now there's a safe that will discourage thieves.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger June 28, 1989

Headline: Showboat floats again! Mosquitoes can't take the bite out of gala event. The Lowell Showboat came chugging down the Flat River this past weekend (June 22-24) for the first time since prior to the '79 windstorm. "This is a great sight," said an emotion-filled Ivan Blough, as he turned his sights on the Ol' Robert E. Lee Showboat prior to its first of three 1/4-mile trips down the Flat River. The crowds on Thursday, Friday and Saturday stood and clapped and sang "Here Comes the Showboat" to the music of the Bruce Early Band as the boat docked up next to the amphitheatre which was cloaked in red, white and blue. The boat carried the Lowell Showboat Choir, the Endmen, the Interlocutor and the traditional amateur acts.

Park on Bowes Road given an identity. Lowell's City Council approved the recommendation from Lowell's Parks and Recreation Commission to name the Bowes Road gravel pit park area Stoney Lakeside Park. The decision follows a one-month contest (May 1 through June 1) where residents were urged to send in entry forms with name suggestions for the "Name the Park Contest." Suggestions submitted were based on various criteria, but were not limited to the following suggestions: historical, commemorative, community character and natural character. The winning name for the park was a combination of two entries. They were submitted by Bev Homolka and the George Watson family. Homolka suggested Lowell Lakeside Park and the Watson family suggested Stoney Lakeside Park.

The Park and Recreation Committee decided on Stoney Lakeside Park.

Family Fare donates \$1,000 to boosters. Family Fare Supermarket store manager Larry Coleman presented Lowell Athletic Boosters' club president Fred Lenger with a check for \$1,000 to be used toward Lowell High School athletics. The gift is in conjunction with the "Athlete of the Week" program started by Family Fare in October 1988. Family Fare started the "Athlete of the Week" during the winter sports season so that the store could become more involved in the community. "It was our plan to show Lowell that Family Fare Supermarket will be an active and supporting member of the community," Coleman said.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance:

1. An amendment to revise the existing requirements for wireless communication towers and antennas to comply with the regulations required by the State of Michigan and the federal government for wireless communication towers and antennas. The amendment would delete the existing regulations contained in Section 22.03(q) and replace it with new Section 4.41.

The amendment would also allow wireless communication towers and antennas which are operated by amateur radio operators licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to be approved by the Zoning Administrator if the height did not exceed 65 feet. A Special Land Use Permit would be required for those towers and antennas over 65 feet. All such towers and antennas would be required to comply with the proposed requirements of Section 4.41.

2. Amendments to the agricultural, residential, commercial and industrial chapters of the Zoning Ordinance to reflect the reference to the proposed Section 4.41

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, July 14, 2014
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
 2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
 LOWELL, MI 49331

Any person is welcome to attend this meeting and to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday. Phone 616-897-7600.

The amendments may also be viewed on the Township web site at www.twp.lowell.mi.us

Tim Clements, Secretary
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Michigan farmers are known for the tremendous diversity of crops our state grows – cherries, apples, blueberries, soybeans, corn, and dairy, to name just a few. But here's a crop you might not think about: Michigan farmers are growing manufacturing jobs every single day.

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Biobased manufacturing, using home-grown agriculture crops instead of petroleum-based chemicals to make products, is an industry poised to grow and create jobs right here in America.

At the same time our biobased manufacturers are creating jobs, they are helping the environment and reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

This is truly a win-win-win for Michigan.

That's why we strengthened support for biobased manufacturing in the bipartisan Farm Bill that passed earlier this year.

In fact, Biobased manufacturing has a long history in Michigan and helped in our first manufacturing revolution in the early 20th century. Henry Ford was one of

the first to recognize the potential of using plant materials in manufacturing. Having grown up on a farm, Ford experimented with ways that soy-based products could be used in automobiles.

By the 1940s, there were two bushels of soybeans in every single Ford car that came off the line. Soybeans were used for everything from the paint on the outside of the car to the plastic buttons inside.

Today, Ford is continuing the legacy of its founder and in every single new Ford car and truck built in North America, you're sitting on seats made of soybeans.

But Ford is not alone. Chrysler is using coconut fibers to produce seat back cushions and seat bottoms and GM is using wood fiber to make flooring and flax to make door panel inserts.

Other Michigan companies are helping to lead the way in this 21st century manufacturing revolution and some of them were highlighted at my Grow It Here, Make It Here showcase at the United States Senate this week.

KTM Industries of Lansing is creating foam packaging made of cornstarch. Instead of taking up space in your trash can like regular Styrofoam, you can compost it in your backyard or run it under water in the sink and it melts away down the drain. It's safe for the environment,



Senator Stabenow and representatives from several Michigan companies that attended this week's Make It Here, Grow It Here showcase.

it protects your packages during transport and it doesn't take up space in the landfill. Even better, it creates jobs here in Michigan – in fact, KTM has doubled their number of employees in the last 12 months!

Lear Corporation, in Southfield, is using a foam material made of soy to create cushioning for car seats. They use renewable soy oil as an environmentally friendly

replacement for petroleum, reducing the carbon footprint and improving product price stability while still meeting strict automotive performance standards.

And Fabri-Kal, from Kalamazoo, uses a 100 percent plant-based material to make renewable cups, lids, portion containers and

on-the-go boxes. Fabri-Kal is a family-owned business and makes their renewable serving products right here in Michigan.

This is a win-win-win for Michigan, farmers sell more of their crops, businesses create job, and it is good for the environment.

Biobased manufacturing is the next jobs'

revolution in our country and one that Michigan is ready to lead. It brings together Michigan's top two industries – manufacturing and agriculture – and it creates new opportunities for companies and farmers to partner to continue growing an essential crop right here at home, manufacturing jobs.

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FOR THE

PRIMARY ELECTION

TO BE HELD ON

AUGUST 5, 2014

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT ANY QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP, LOWELL TOWNSHIP, VERGENNES TOWNSHIP AND THE CITY OF LOWELL, WHO IS NOT ALREADY REGISTERED, MAY REGISTER TO VOTE AT THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP OFFICES, AT ANY SECRETARY OF STATE BRANCH OFFICE, OR OTHER DESIGNATED PLACES FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014.

THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS WILL BE MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014

QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:
CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 5, 2014

Sandra Kowalczyk Bowne Township Clerk (616) 868-6846 9am to 12pm	Betty Morlock Lowell City Clerk (616) 897-8457 8am to 5pm
Mari Stone Vergennes Township (616) 897-5671 9am to 3pm	Linda S. Regan Lowell Township Clerk (616) 897-7600 9am to 5pm

obituaries

DOYLE

Eunice Jane Doyle, 99, passed away Monday, June 16, 2014, at Martha Jefferson House in Charlottesville, Virginia. She was born July 27, 1914, in Chelsea and graduated from Hillsdale College before becoming an elementary school teacher in Saranac and Lowell. She married William S. Doyle, who predeceased her in 1987. They raised three children, William (of Millbrook, Pennsylvania), Christine Thomson (of Charlottesville, Virginia) and Nancy (of London, England). In addition to her children, she is survived by six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Memorial services and burial will take place in Lowell later in the summer. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hillandwood.com



GRIM

Barbara (Barb) Ann Grim, 79, of Lowell, passed away Sunday, June 22, 2014. She was preceded in death by her parents Ward and Dorothy White and her sister Susan Mayo. She is survived by her sister Margaret Stebbins and brother Ward White Jr., along with her children, Elizabeth and Michael Hines, Kellie Warners, Tom Grim and Wilda Terrill, Scott and Nanette Grim, and Rudy and Lori Smith. Her 15 plus grandchildren, their spouses and six great-grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews. Barb enjoyed spending time with family and friends, hosting many gatherings at the family home. She was a diehard MSU fan, attending football games for numerous years. She also liked attending shows at the Civic Theatre and looked forward to participating in various events for her grandchildren. Barb retired from Magna in the late 90s and continued an exciting social life for the last twenty years volunteering at Blodgett hospital, being a member of the Guild and playing bridge. Barb instilled lasting family traditions and values. She will be greatly missed and will remain the strong matriarchal influence in all of our hearts. Memorial services will be held at the First Congregational Church of Lowell on Saturday, June 28 at 11 am.

college news

Two local students have been named to the dean's list for the spring 2014 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. John Casey, of Ada, with a Bachelor of Science in business economics; and Alexandra Heffron, of Lowell, with a Bachelor of Science in biomedical sciences.

Northern Michigan University announces its graduates for the semester ending May 2014. The following are Lowell area graduates, their degrees, majors and honors: Andrew Brim, Bachelor of Science, physical education/coaching; Justin Ford, Bachelor of Science, loss prevention management; and Kristen Priest, Bachelor of Science, theatre and entertainment arts.

Northern Michigan University announces the dean's list for the winter 2014 semester. Amelia Richards, of Ada, qualified with a grade point average of 4.00. The following local students qualified with a grade point average of 3.25-3.99 of Ada: Matthew Bloch, Marisa Bowie, Elizabeth Finkelstein, Mary Mrozinski, Johnathon Stasiak, and Maddison TenCate; of Lowell: Audrey Blodger and Kristen Priest.

Angela Catherine Borgman, of Ada, has been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the 2014 spring semester dean's list at Iowa State University. Students named to the dean's list must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 14-01 BOWNE TOWNSHIP

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board held on June 16, 2014 Ordinance No. 14-01 was adopted. The ordinance amended the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary of this Ordinance is as follows:

1. Amend Section 12.04 to allow Trucking terminals, Distribution facilities, and Contractors yards as special land uses in the C-2 Commercial zoning district.
2. Amend Section 13.02 to allow Trucking terminals, Distribution facilities, and Contractors yards as uses by right in the IND Industrial zoning district.
3. Amend Section 12.02 to delete Adult uses from uses allowed by right in the C-2 Commercial zoning district, and amend section 12.04 to allow Adult uses as a special land use in the C-2 Commercial zoning district.
4. Amend Section 16.02 B. Table of Parking Requirements to add requirements for parking for Trucking terminals, Distribution facilities, and Contractors yards.

This Ordinance shall become effective seven days after publication.

Ordinances No. 14-01 is available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 616-868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk
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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.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 102 - every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Ages 11 and up or completing

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QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMANS CLUB - meets second and third Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at 8731 West Riverside Dr. Go to www.qua-ke-zik.org for information. New members welcome.

LOWELL LIONS CLUB - meets third Tuesday at noon at Lowell City Hall.

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

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

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Dear EarthTalk: How does the Rocky Mountain Institute think we can get off of oil and coal by 2050 and save money in the process? - James Greenville, Redding, CT

Colorado-based sustainability think-tank Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) was founded in 1982 by American physicist and environmentalist Amory Lovins to research and promote market-based solutions to our energy crisis without breaking the bank. The group is focusing efforts on transforming domestic and eventually global energy use to create a clean, prosperous and secure energy future by mid-century.

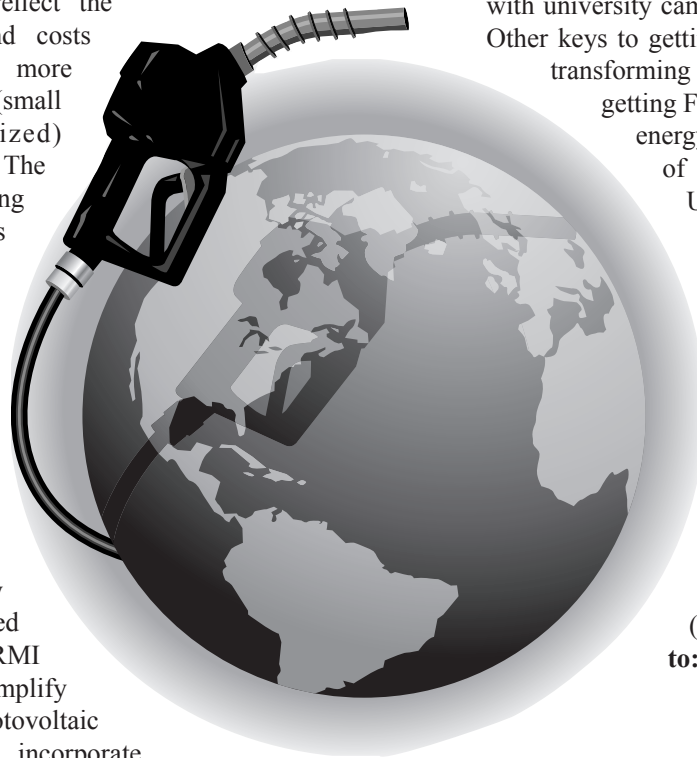
"We can eliminate our addiction to oil and coal by 2050 and use one-third less natural gas while switching to efficient use and renewable supply," says Lovins, adding that doing so could actually cost less and support a more robust economy than continuing with business-as-usual: "Moreover, this transition needs no new inventions and no acts of Congress and no new federal taxes, mandate subsidies or laws..."

To get there, Lovins acknowledges that we have to

start thinking differently now. RMI is advocating cutting U.S. electricity consumption by 18 percent over the next 10 years while almost doubling renewable energy's share of generation from 16 to 30 percent.

Few would argue with the cost savings and environmental benefits of such a plan—implementation is the challenge. According to Lovins, we already have the technologies to help foster a rapid evolution of our electricity system, but we still need the political and institutional will to make it happen. RMI has begun a dialogue with utilities and other entities to align incentives and create more opportunities for electricity users to contribute clean power to the grid themselves through technologies like rooftop solar power.

One key feature of RMI's plan is rate structures that reflect the true benefits and costs of moving to more distributed (small scale/decentralized) energy resources. The group is working with utilities to launch six "Electricity Innovation Labs" nationally as well as a "Solar Development Excellence Center" to highlight the feasibility of distributed renewables. RMI also wants to simplify commercial photovoltaic financing, incorporate renewables into real estate finance



and make solar financing affordable to underserved markets.

RMI also wants to make large buildings much more energy efficient, and aims to make a billion square feet of commercial space 35 percent more efficient by 2025 through so-called "deep energy" retrofits, including the adoption of more renewables. RMI is targeting four of the largest, most influential segments of the buildings market—major companies, the General Services Administration, the Department of Defense and "activist" cities (those already on the green cutting edge)—for major energy retrofits, and is working to persuade private investors to consider overall impact and long-term costs, not just short term gains.

Another major part of RMI's plan is to work with large metro regions with upwards of 10 million residents, and with university campuses, to make major efficiency gains. Other keys to getting us off oil and coal by 2050 include transforming how we design and use vehicles, and getting Fortune 500 corporations to rejigger their energy supply chains to facilitate procurement of more renewable energy. Beyond the U.S., RMI is working along similar lines with China and other large developing countries to help them avoid some of the energy development missteps undertaken here at home.

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Lightning Safety Awareness Week is June 22-28

The Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) reminds Michiganders to think about lightning safety during Lightning Safety Awareness Week from June 22 to 28.

Summer is the peak season for lightning strikes. On average, 53 people are killed and hundreds are severely injured each year due to lightning. To date in 2014, the National Weather Service reports seven people have died due to lightning-

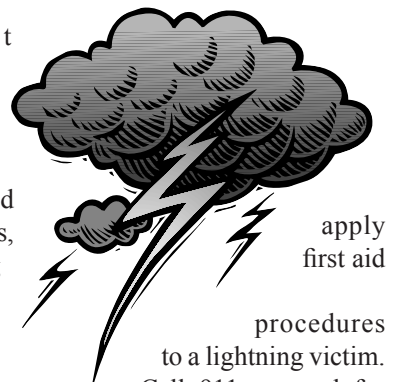
related injuries nationwide, including a 32-year-old man who died in Pittsfield Township on June 18.

"No place is safe outside when a thunderstorm occurs," said Capt. Chris A. Kelenske, Deputy State Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and commander of the MSP/EMHSD. "People often wait far too long to get to a safe place when a storm approaches. The best way to be safe from lightning is to avoid the threat and immediately find an indoor shelter."

To stay safe from lightning during a thunderstorm:

- Plan evacuation and safety measures. At the first sign of lightning or thunder, activate your emergency plan. Lightning often precedes rain, so do not wait for rain to begin before suspending activities. Although no place is absolutely safe from lightning, some places are much safer than others.
- Find suitable shelter immediately. The safest location during lightning activity is a large, enclosed building. The second-safest location is an enclosed metal topped vehicle, but NOT a convertible, bike or other topless or soft-top vehicle.

- Protect yourself indoors by avoiding water, doors, windows and using a corded device. Lightning could strike exterior wires, potentially causing shock or injury. Any item plugged into an electrical outlet may be a hazard.
- DO NOT resume outdoor activities until 30 minutes after the last observed lightning strike or thunder roar.
- Injured persons DO NOT carry an electrical charge and can be assisted safely. If qualified to do so,



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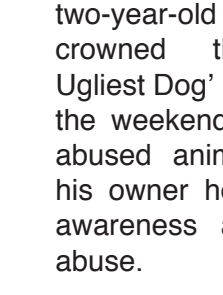
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JUNE 18 - JUNE 24



• Star goalkeeper Hope Solo was arrested for assaulting her sister and nephew a party. She faces domestic violence charges.



• A dog named Peanut, a two-year-old mutt, was crowned the 'World's Ugliest Dog' over the weekend. He was an abused animal and now his owner hopes to raise awareness about animal abuse.



• Television news personality, Katie Couric, married John Molner.



• Padres pitcher Alex Torres donned a new baseball cap designed to protect pitchers from dangerous line drives.

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Relay For Life, continued

Nine hours of torrential rain and dropping temperatures throughout the night were not enough to stop the dedicated walkers who rounded the track with umbrellas and ponchos during the downpour.

Cancer survivor, team captain and event committee member Melissa Carey was the guest speaker for this year's Survivor and Caregiver celebration. Carey shared the story of her own battle with cancer at one point breaking down into tears evoking an emotional response from those in attendance.

Survivors and those who cared for them were then recognized with a celebratory lap and an

honorary dinner provided in combination by Backwater Catering, Ball's Softee Creme and Keiser's Kitchen.

The rain ceased just in time for the candlelit luminaria ceremony which featured a choral performance from First Congregational Church of Lowell. The ceremony, which featured local guest speaker Betty Rehl, was followed by several silent laps led by the Lowell Area Fire family in honor of those who have faced the awful disease.

Several activities, including a pizza party sponsored by Brick's inside the Alto Marathon, a euchre tournament and fun themed laps, were provided

during the nighttime hours to keep spirits and energy levels high. Local DJ Mark Phillips donating his time to kept the tracks spinning throughout the event.

Sunshine and rising temperatures greeted participants Saturday morning. A pancake breakfast was

cooked and served up by members of top fundraising team, A1 Laser. The team earned nearly \$12,000 this year with a variety of pre-event fundraisers.

Relayers were also treated to a yoga session, developed by Rebecca Grummet of Sparrow Yoga,

to ease tired feet and legs. Also a fun hoop dance class was led by local hooping expert Jennifer Splice.

Closing ceremonies featured awards for those

who committed to walk either 12 or 24 hours, those who earned funds toward the cause, and a few special awards voted on by those in attendance.



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