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# Lowell City council discusses removing outdated cell tower and vacant garage

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

Lowell city council's regular meeting didn't have much new business, but they did discuss updates on a couple large, outstanding projects. Eight citizens attended the meeting, which lasted 16 minutes.

City manager Mark Howe said that the huge cell tower behind the buildings on Main St. will finally be torn down. He said he expects this to take place before the Labor Day weekend.

"The prep work has been done and they're working with the chief [of police Steve Bukala] to schedule the actual removal of the tower," Howe said. "They'll have to bring a crane in. [They are] planning on doing it on a Monday because most of the businesses in that area are closed on Monday and it should be one day, maybe two, but we're thinking one day with the crane coming in and pulling it down and then taking it away."

City councilor Jeff Altoft asked about the status of an old garage behind the Moose building that was supposed to be torn down.

"A few weeks ago you said that the building was going to come down behind

the Moose, the garage," Altoft said. "Is that moving along? Is there something holding it up?"

"We need to let the Boy Scouts know," Howe said. "I told them we would give them some notice because they are using that building for a trailer and I committed to them that I'd give them a month's notice before we actually took it down."

Greg Canfield, the Moose property's owner, addressed the council. He said that waiting a month would be bad for the barbecue restaurant that is currently being built in the Moose building.

"There's a lot to do, but they intend to be open September 1," Canfield said. "If we need to give the Boy Scouts 30 days notice, that's going to create an issue because they're starting to do interviews and hire employees this week. They're going to be starting training in probably two to three weeks and with the doors open on September 1, you're going to be working with a lot of customers' cars in that parking lot. I mean, we've talked about this previously and it really... I think there

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This outdated cell tower in downtown Lowell will be torn down soon.

# ID stickers for kayaks available at city hall

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

A Lowell man really wants you to put an orange identification sticker on your kayak. So much that he's willing to drive all the way to Grand Haven to pick up the stickers for you.

Don Schneider of Lowell saw a news story on television that inspired him to get involved. The story said that local law enforcement agents waste

time, effort and money doing search and rescue operations for loose kayaks that float away due to negligence or error, not as a result of a drowning or other accident.

If people put little orange identification stickers on their canoes or kayaks, authorities can try calling the owner before sending emergency services. Inspired by the story, Schneider drove to the Coast Guard station in Grand Haven and picked up over 100 of the stickers to distribute within Lowell.

"It was something that

I initiated," Schneider said. "I called the chief of police Steve Bukala and I told him about the article on the news and I said, having two rivers go through, I think that is something that we need for the community of Lowell. The article states, 'that if you see a kayak that was abandoned floating down the river, police and fire have to assume that it flipped over or they fell out of it and they might have drowned or hurt themselves and are sitting on the side of the river, unable to walk. Then you're looking at a search and rescue team.'"

"We have had canoes, boats and kayaks float down

the Grand River a few times a year," said Lowell chief of police Steve Bukala. "If someone finds the boat floating and unoccupied, the police and fire rescue are called and resources can be tied up for hours until we discover the boat floated down from Ionia or Saranac. Many of these cases can be cleared up with a quick phone call."

"If a kayak did get away, police or fire would be able to call them and say, 'Are you missing your kayak?' and it can be returned to them," Schneider said.

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# Council meeting, continued



[are] opportunities for the Boy Scouts to move it in less than 30 days and it's just going to be a disaster trying to take that building down and grade what's there once they're open. I really think your time line needs to be two or three weeks

rather than, it sounds like 45 days. It's just going to really complicate things because once they open, people are going to be parking all over out there. It's going to get real messy."

"I think we'll be able

to work through it," Howe said. "I'm sure we'll be okay."

It was Sue Ullery's first city council meeting in her new position as the official Lowell city clerk. There will be a reception

for retiring city clerk Betty Morlock at Main Street Inn on Thursday, August 6 from 4 pm until 7 pm.

The next Lowell city council meeting will be at city hall on Monday, August 17 at 7 pm.

**Greg Canfield said that waiting a month for the Boy Scouts to move their trailer will be bad for business.**

## Correction on July police stats

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

The article about June's police, emergency and fire statistics in last week's Ledger contained an error. The article said, "Lowell police cited 25 people for ordinance violations." This information was derived from a document called "City Council Agenda Packet 07/20/2015" that is available to the public on the Lowell city website, ci.lowell.mi.us. Pages 33 through 37 of that document contain the police, fire and emergency statistics for June. The column labeled "ordinance violations" definitely has a 25 in it, but Lowell chief of police Steve Bukala said this figure refers to warning letters, not tickets issued.

"We did not write 25 ordinance citations for the month of June," Bukala said

in an email to the Ledger. "We sent out 25 letters of notice of violations. Those are letters sent for the new and/or open violations. Citations [would] be a separate category. There is a big difference between a letter that puts the property owner on notice versus a citation that carries a fine and possible court hearing. We only write citations for noncompliance on our ordinances."

Bukala said they actually only gave out one citation in June.

"We wrote one ticket in June for violation of the fireworks ordinance and one in July for junk in a yard," Bukala said. "The fireworks citation was not paid, so that was forwarded to 63rd District Court for a hearing."



## along main street

### CALL FOR PLAYWRIGHTS

LowellArts! players seeking playwrights to submit a 10-minute play to the *Play Bytes by Playwrights* competition. Plays submitted can be drama or comedy and are to fit the theme: *Things That Go Bump In the Night*. The competition is open to any playwright 18 years and older and the deadline is August 10. For more information contact LowellArts! at info@lowellartsmi.org or call 897-8545.

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Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson St. For more information call 897-8600 or visit www.gildasclubgr.org/pinkarrow

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## Questions & Answers About Our Environment

**Dear EarthTalk: Is off-shore drilling any safer for the environment today given lessons learned from the 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon disaster in the Gulf of Mexico? - Leslie Jackson, Bern, NC**

The *Deepwater Horizon* oil rig explosion in 2010 resulted in 11 lost lives and hundreds of millions of gallons of oil spilled into the Gulf of Mexico. Various failures resulted in the loss of well control, an explosion, fire and an ongoing spill. Five years later, the U.S. Department of the Interior reports that there are more floating deepwater drilling rigs working in the Gulf of Mexico today than prior to that devastating spill, and drilling activity is only expected to steadily grow.

In light of this, and in response to the findings of investigations into the tragedy, the Interior Department announced a proposal earlier this year that will encompass “the most ambitious reform agenda in the Department’s history to strengthen, update and modernize offshore energy regulations.”

Proposed regulations include enhanced industry standards for blowout prevention technologies and reforms in well design, well control, casing, cementing and subsea containment. U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) Director Brian Salerno noted that new regulations would also provide oversight of equipment performance and operations through third party verification and real-time monitoring viewed onshore. “Both industry and government have taken important strides to better protect human lives and the environment from oil spills, and these proposed measures are designed to further build on critical lessons learned from the *Deepwater Horizon* tragedy and to ensure that offshore operations are safe,” said Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

While the Interior Department has yet to finalize its proposed regulations, this month the BSEE gave Shell Oil approval for two Applications for Permits to Drill (APD) to conduct limited exploratory drilling in the untouched waters of the Chukchi Sea off of Alaska’s northwest coast. The Chukchi provides nutrients and pristine habitat for a multitude of organisms, says the U.S. Audubon Society, ranging from walruses, ice seals and whales to millions of seabirds and the top predator mammal, the polar bear.

“Without question, activities conducted offshore Alaska must be held to the highest safety, environmental protection and emergency response standards,” Salerno said. “Without the required well-control system in place, Shell will not be allowed to drill into oil-bearing zones.”

Shell will be limited to drilling only the top sections of wells and barred from drilling into oil-bearing zones

until they have their capping stack, equipment placed over a well in the event of a blowout, on site. Shell’s capping stack is currently on the M/V *Fennica* icebreaker ship in Portland, Oregon, where it had to stopover for repairs to its hull after an underwater collision. If and when the vessel is capable of being deployed in the Chukchi Sea and Shell is able to satisfy the capping stack requirement, the company may submit an Application for Permit to Modify the APDs and request to drill into oil-bearing zones.

Just recently, Greenpeace activists suspended themselves from St. John’s Bridge in Portland to create a “human barricade” to prevent the M/V *Fennica* from departing to Alaskan waters. While Greenpeace’s executive director Annie Leonard said that the activists are prepared to stay suspended from St. John’s Bridge for as long as it takes to save the Arctic, most environmentalists aren’t holding their breath.

**CONTACTS:** U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, [www.bsee.gov](http://www.bsee.gov); Shell Oil, [www.shell.us](http://www.shell.us); Greenpeace, [www.greenpeace.org](http://www.greenpeace.org).

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Greenpeace activists formed a human net below Portland's St. Johns Bridge to stop the Shell Oil icebreaker *Fennica* from leaving to support drilling operations in the Arctic. Credit: Twelvism, FlickrCC

## ID stickers, continued

“That’s a nonemergency. Maybe it drifted astray, someone didn’t tie it up to the dock. That’s a courtesy call, just to say, ‘Hey, we got your kayak. Come pick it up.’ If they say, ‘Yeah,’ then fire rescue can assume that a person fell off of it and he or she could be drowning or drowned or lost somewhere down the river.”

Schneider, 63, describes himself as “semi-retired.” He belongs to the Retired Senior Volunteer program, a Grand Rapids institution that hooks charities up with volunteers.

“It’s a non-profit organization where people that are age of 55 or older can volunteer their services to different non-profit organizations,” Schneider said. “For instance, if some charity is doing a fundraiser and they need someone to collect tickets or be at the door to take admission fees or whatever. The Lowell police department is affiliated with the RSVP and I just decided to donate my time, what free time I do have, to them. They are looking for more volunteers. Anyone that’s interested in helping out with the RSVP should contact the Lowell police department.”

If you have a canoe or kayak and need an orange sticker, you will find them at city hall. Normally one would have to go to a Coast Guard station, the closest of which are in Grand Haven and Holland.

“The stickers are located on the police department

information table near our front window,” Bukala said.

“When they go in the main entrance there is an oblong table sitting there with other information and there is a stack of those orange stickers just sitting there, free for anyone to take,” Schneider said. “Anyone in Lowell or the surrounding communities is more than welcome to come in and take what they need and if they want to pick up a few extras for some friends of theirs they can do that also.”

Schneider isn’t that into boating, he just wants to save local agencies the time, money and effort involved in pointless searches.

“I don’t even have a kayak,” Schneider said. “Whether I was part of the RSVP or not I would’ve gone to Grand Haven myself to get those stickers because it’s something that I wanted to do for the Lowell community. People should have those. I think every kayak or canoe should have it on there.”

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## outdoors

above the bridge

Dave Stegehuis

Car ferries were at one time the only way to get from the Lower to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. As a youngster, I always looked forward to eating smoked whitefish while waiting for the boat at the state dock. It was always an adventure to stand at the rail of one of the several ferries crossing the windblown straits as the ship rolled with the waves.

Soon after landing in the U.P., the landscape changed to cedar trees and rocky ledges. It was like another world. Many years later, driving off the Mackinaw Bridge still evokes an attitude change. Whether real or imagined, the air seems fresher, the sky

bluer, the forest greener or more colorful depending on the season. Two lane roads run through hardwoods, uplands, cedar swamps, and rock outcrops. The history of the U.P. revolves around mining and logging which remain a major part of the regional economy today.

The largest cities of Marquette, Sault St. Marie, and Escanaba are not very big and the small towns are really small. In between the towns are thousands of acres of forests, swamps, rivers, and lakes shared by only three percent of the residents of Michigan. You can find big box stores and fast food chains, but even now there is still a cultural uniqueness

about the Upper Peninsula. Born and raised Yoopers are proud of their heritage, and in some regions converse with a unique dialect. The people are generally friendly and helpful. If you let on that you have a dilemma you probably will be quickly offered generous and creative solutions to your problem. That has happened too often to be a coincidence.

The U.P. is a great place to go for a change of pace for us trolls (those who live below the bridge). One can seek out all types of outdoor recreation in a relaxed unspoiled natural setting and maybe dine on pasties and sample thimbleberry jam while there. I am excited about our next trip above the bridge.

## kidsView



by Sierra Hieshetter

Last Saturday my family went to the Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven. We got to the state park around 9 am and had our pick of parking spots. We then hiked the boardwalk to downtown Grand Haven where the action was happening. This festival is a great experience to see many of the service men and women that dedicate their lives to the USA. We toured the Cutter Mackinaw which is one of the largest Coast

Guard vessels in the Great Lakes' fleet. We had donuts for breakfast, watched the parade and rode the carnival rides. After a day of walking around the festival we headed to the beach. After seeing how crowded the beach would be crowded too. By the time we walked back to the state park around

noon, the lots were full and traffic was backed up for miles. We ate a picnic lunch which we had brought from home, even though we had our pick of overpriced food vendors. When we finally hit the waves I had my boogie board and was ready to ride. The flag was yellow, which is the best type of flag because the waves are big enough to beat you up, but not put you in danger unless you are stupid. We did get beat up, but we also had a few good runs and had lots of fun. On the way home I took a little nap. A day like that can really tire you out.

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# viewpoint

## to the editor

### for clarification

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regard to the letter submitted by Deb Apol in last week's Ledger and hope to clarify a few things.

A year ago there was a dispute with health department fees associated with Larkin's Annual Chili Cook-off. Unexpected "per booth" fees came as a surprise and prompted a letter from Deb to the editor at that time. Senator Hildenbrand graciously covered a good portion of that added expense. Being in the food industry as well, I decided that I would try to get answers from the health department. Upon the suggestion of Kent County Commissioner, Mandy

Bolter, I was invited to a seat on the Kent County Health Department Food Safety Council.

In speaking with Shane Green, supervising sanitarian of the Kent County Health Department, we've determined that there was a miscommunication regarding the "assembly" fee or license fee, as it's correctly called. When the event is for an organization (Pink Arrow or Larkin's Chili Cook-off) and that organization (or Larkin's) will be responsible for all the food service booths that take part in that event, they pay a flat umbrella fee. This means the organization obtains one license that

covers each food service booth. Then there is a minimal service fee that is charged per food booth. The individual vendors pay this minimal fee to fall under that umbrella. These fees cover the sanitarian's time and travel to inspect and license the event. This umbrella license with service fees allows an organization to host large food events with abundant vendors without having to pay higher license fees. Without this umbrella license, then each individual food booth would have to obtain their own separate license which would be a greater cost. The umbrella license with service fee saves an organization money and allows the health department to recover appropriate costs it incurs in inspecting the event.

After some discussion with the council, it was proposed to decrease the umbrella fee from \$100

to \$50 and the vendor fee from \$20 to \$10. This is for non-profit events only. The license fee of \$80 has always been for a vendor operating separately from the organizer. We believe that last year there was a misunderstanding between the sanitarian and Larkin's participation in the Pink Arrow event when they were told they needed the daily license, when that wasn't the case and will not be necessary this year. (Crank out those walking tacos!)

We're guilty of saying, "Oh no, health department's here!" But they are really there to not only protect the public, but to be a resource for us as well.

Please support ALL vendors and participants in the Pink Arrow Restaurant Row, as well as Larkin's Chili Cook-off!

Sincerely,  
Nancy Stroosnyder

### clerk will be missed

To the Editor  
and to Betty Morlock,

Thank you, Betty, for the many years you have given us, the residents of Lowell and area, as city clerk. You have always been pleasant and courteous in your involvement with us,

always helpful and willing to answer any questions we might have.

You will be missed, but best wishes for good health and a wonderful retirement. Have fun!

Donna Jean Ford

### register to vote

Dear Editor:

An election for city council is coming up in November. October 6 is the last day to register for this election. We lucky citizens here in America often take this privilege, right and responsibility for granted. We must not do this. People in other countries continue to die for this right. Untold numbers in this country have given their lives since the time of our Revolutionary War to win and maintain this right for us. Our military today are being maimed and killed to protect our freedoms in this country, one of the most important of which is our right to elect those who will make decisions for us.

We must ensure that good, honorable people are elected to our city council.

These must be people who are capable and responsible and willing to truly look out for the city of Lowell.

Don't throw away your precious right to make this choice. It is the responsibility of city council to look out for the best interests of the city. It's time to ensure that we have new, fresh individuals here who have integrity and a willingness to put the city's interests above their own.

I'd encourage you to check into these new candidates who will be running for city council, Mike DeVore, Alan Teelander and Jeff Phillips. And be sure you're registered and ready to vote, you lucky Americans.

A proud voter,  
Jeane Rockwell

### maintain what we have

To the Editor,

I would like to comment on the article, Council discusses ordinances, street repairs and police budget in the July 22 Lowell Ledger.

Councilmember Altoft said, "I think that there's enough interest by some people in the city of Lowell that I think maybe we should look into maybe putting something on the ballot to come up with some way to finance the streets." It was also stated that if you look back as we built the nice police department we have, we quit fixing the city streets in the city of Lowell.

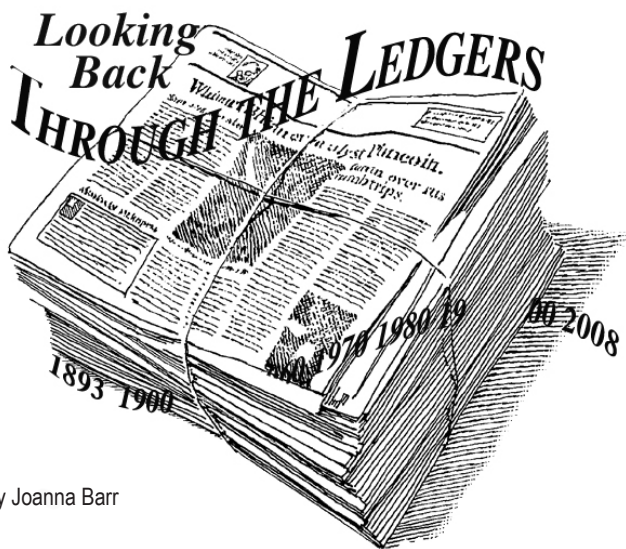
Myself, I don't believe the constituents of Lowell would vote for any kind of a tax increase. The high cost of the Lowell Police Department and what to do about it has been brought up many times in the past. I believe the only way to put this problem to rest for once and for all is to put something on a ballot that the constituents can vote on.

I believe the lack of funding in the general fund started over 23 years ago when the city split into two identities and formed the Downtown Development Authority. If the general fund had the money that it

cost to finance the original Riverwalk the city could have fixed many of Lowell's roads and the city wouldn't be in the predicament it's in now.

A new police department building and the renovation of the city hall in the downtown area has cost both the DDA and the general fund dearly. Last year the Lowell Cable TV Fund was plundered by the city council to fix roads and that funding I understand will be used for road work in the downtown area. Then there's the proposed parking lot to be built in the downtown area. A new stage and seating arrangement is on the agenda for the Riverwalk. It seems to be all about the downtown area while the city streets became twice the age of replacement. The city has many roads to replace, aging equipment to replace and is looking at expanding the main sewage lift station while very little of the DDA's taxes go into the general fund. The city has an obligation to maintain what it has before adding to those obligations.

Sincerely, Jim Howard  
Lowell



By Joanna Barr

### 125 years ago Lowell Journal August 6, 1890

Ida, the ten-year old daughter of Marion Weekes, near Flat River, in Vergennes, came very near stepping on a rattlesnake last week, when it gave warning, and her calls brought help to kill the dreaded monster. They secured seven rattles as a trophy.

D. S. Blanding has sold sixty dollars worth of huckleberries from his marsh this season, and there are plenty of berries yet. Mr. Blanding has let people pick on shares and the \$60 is his share.

O. O. Adams is taking his garden vegetables to town in a brand new truck wagon now. Omar hardly looks to the right or left he is so busy.

A man named White was arrested last Monday afternoon in this village on suspicion of having stolen a steer which was found secreted in an empty barn on north side of the river. The man was seen in the vicinity by Will Potter and Charley Baird and when he found that he was discovered, he made a bee line for town for the purpose of catching a train eastward. He was taken in custody at the depot and Ionia was notified and the sheriff came and took charge of him. The steer belonged to Lee Hutlberger, who lives on the Arnold farm over the river. The fellow made quite an obstinate resistance, but after he saw that his chance of escape was gone, made a full confession.—Local.

John Jakeway has a standing offer of \$250 for his

young colt, "Almeda," a weanling; sire, "Albatross," a horse well-known at Lowell. Mr J. says \$500 would hardly tempt him to part with this remarkably fine colt.

Our much-needed rain came last Sunday and Monday and there is no telling how much good it has done to the crops and in the way of checking sickness in different ways. Especially has it stopped the continuous headaches complained of by nearly all during the hot weather.

Harvesting is over and the busy hum of the threshing machines are heard from far and near.

### 100 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 5, 1915

Since March 29, 1915, we have printed each week fourteen hundred and forty Ledgers. Of our July 15th issue only four copies are unsold. Of the July 22 and 29th issues only one copy of the first and two of the last are unsold. All were taken by subscribers and buyers, none given away. Beginning next week we will print fourteen hundred and sixty-four copies, until another increase is called for. This is about two hundred more than the circulation attained when but one paper was in the field; and afforded the best medium ever offered to Lowell advertisers.

Headline: Local retailers co-operative action with manufacturer and consumer — a knock-out blow to the high cost of living. "Made in America" goods boosted here. A merchandising plan that will attract the interest of local business men has been brought to the attention of this newspaper. The United Retail Merchants' Association, a Michigan corporation whose object it is to create a greater demand for "Made in America" products, have decided to advance a campaign in several cities and offer the consumers special inducements in order to stimulate greater sales for their products. This new plan will be of unusual interest to our local dealers, inasmuch as it spells "co-operation" in every respect, and will give all retailers greater facilities for interesting the consumers at large. This city has been selected as one of the 100 cities of this state to which this publicity campaign will extend and all retailers will derive extraordinary benefits, the

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# area births

## MARTIN

Bay Storm Martin was born July 18, 2015, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. and measuring 20 inches.

Steve and Robin Martin, of Saranac; and Jerry and Kathy Charon, of Marne.

Great-grandparents are Richard and Rosie Wright, of Ionia; and Alfred and Evelyn Martin, of Lowell.

# business matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Don Reedy received Realtor of the Month in July.

This award recognizes Reedy for his outstanding success and achievements.

Don Reedy



# financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

## Term vs. permanent insurance: Which is right for you?

What's your most valuable asset? While you are still working, this asset may actually be your future income — so you need to protect it. And you can do so by maintaining adequate life insurance, which can help provide your family with the financial resources necessary to meet critical expenses — such as mortgage payments, college tuition, and so on — should you pass away prematurely. But what type of insurance should you purchase? There's no one "right" answer for everyone, but by knowing some of the basics of different policies and how they relate to your specific needs, you can make an informed decision.

As its name suggests, term insurance is designed to last for a specific time period, such as five, 10 or 20 years. You pay the premiums and you get a death benefit — that is, the beneficiaries of your policy will collect the money when you pass away. In general, term insurance may be appropriate for you if you only need coverage to protect a goal with an "end date," such as paying off

your mortgage or seeing your children through college. Term insurance may also be a reasonable choice if you need a lot of coverage but can't afford permanent insurance.

Why is permanent insurance more costly than term? Because, with permanent insurance, your premiums don't just get you a death benefit — they also provide you with the potential opportunity to build cash value. Some types of permanent insurance may pay you a fixed rate of return, while other policies offer you the chance to put money into accounts similar to investments available through the financial markets. These variable accounts will fluctuate in value more than a fixed-rate policy, so you will need to take your risk tolerance into account when choosing among the available permanent insurance choices.

Permanent insurance may be suitable if you want to ensure a guaranteed death benefit for life, rather than just for a certain time period. Permanent insurance may also be the right choice if you have a high net worth and are seeking tax-advantaged ways of transferring wealth.

Still, you may have heard that you might be better off by "buying term and investing the difference" — that is, pay

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# health



## colon cancer screening

The colon, also called the large intestine, is a long tube that carries digested food from the small intestine to the anus. Colon cancer is an abnormal growth that can begin anywhere in the colon. It can spread to other parts of the body and lead to death. Colon cancer is common in both men and women. Symptoms of colon cancer include blood in the stool; dark, tarry stool; stomach pain, or a change in bowel habits. Most people have no symptoms early in the disease, so routine screening for colon cancer is important.

Most people should begin colon cancer screening at 50 years of age. Healthy people should have screening tests until they are at least 75 years old. There are several kinds of screening tests, including stool testing, CT and colonoscopy. If you have a parent or sibling who

had colon cancer when he or she was younger than 60 years, you should have a colonoscopy at 40 years old or when you are 10 years younger than the age the family member was when diagnosed, whichever is earlier.

A colonoscopy is a test where a doctor looks inside the colon by putting a long flexible tube with a tiny video camera into the rectum. During this test, the doctor can remove growths called polyps from the colon. Some polyps are not harmful. Other polyps can turn into cancer. How often you should have a colonoscopy depends on the results of your first test. The usual time frames vary from three years to 10 years, depending on if there were polyps present, how many polyps were present, and what types of polyps were present.

Lowell Church of the Nazarene would like to welcome their new pastor and wife, Caleb and Jenna Rogers, to the community of Lowell.



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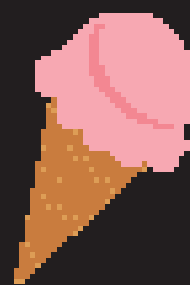
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# Helpful Social Security Q & A

**Question:** I'm 17 and eager to start my first summer job, but my mother misplaced my Social Security card. How can I get another?

**Answer:** If you know your Social Security number, you may not need to obtain a replacement card to obtain employment. However, if a prospective employer requests it, in most cases you only need to provide your Social Security number, and you don't actually need a replacement card. But if you do need the card, you can get a replacement Social Security card by following the steps below. There is no charge for a Social Security card, but you are limited to three per calendar year and 10 replacement cards during your lifetime.

You will need to:  
Show the required documents. We need to

see different documents depending on your citizenship and the type of card you are requesting. Go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber) to find out what documents you will have to show.

Fill out and print an *Application for a Social Security Card*; and

Take or mail your application and original or certified copies of the original documents to your local Social Security office.

For more information, read our pamphlet, *Your Social Security Number and Card* at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs).

**Question:** Why should I sign up for a *my Social Security* online account?

**Answer:** *my Social Security* gives you a personal online account

you can securely use to check your Social Security information and do business with us. With a *my Social Security* account you can:

Keep track of your earnings and verify them every year;

Get an estimate of your future benefits if you are still working;

Get a letter with proof of your benefits if you currently receive them; and

Manage your benefits:

Change your address or telephone number;

Start or change your direct deposit;

Get a replacement Medicare card; and

Get a replacement SSA-1099 or SSA-1042S for tax season.  
To find all of the services available and set up an account, go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount).

**Question:** Is it true 10,000 people a day are retiring? What's the easiest way to avoid the crowds?

**Answer:** Yes. As the baby boomers reach their retirement years, Social Security is handling about 10,000 claims each day. You can avoid the crowds by filing online. You can complete your retirement application in as little as 15 minutes. It's safe, convenient, and secure. You can apply from the comfort of your home at a time that is most convenient for you. There's no need to drive to a local Social Security office or wait for an appointment with a Social Security representative. There are no forms to sign and usually no documentation is required. Social Security will process your application and contact you if any further information is needed. Just go to [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

**Question:** What types of retirement planning tools does Social Security offer?

**Answer:** Social Security's Retirement Planner provides detailed information about your Social Security retirement benefits under current law. It also points out things you may want to consider as you prepare for the future. At [www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2) you can:

Find your retirement age;

Estimate your life expectancy;

Estimate your retirement benefits;

Use our other benefit calculators to test different retirement ages or future earnings amounts; and

Learn how certain types of earnings and pensions can affect your benefits.

Learn more by visiting [www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2).

**Question:** If I get Social Security disability benefits and I reach full

retirement age, will I then receive retirement benefits?

**Answer:** Social Security disability benefits automatically change to retirement benefits when disability beneficiaries reach full retirement age. In most cases, the payment amount does not change. The law does not allow a person to receive both retirement and disability benefits simultaneously on one earnings record. To learn more about Social Security, visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

**Question:** What are Compassionate Allowances?

**Answer:** Compassionate Allowances are Social Security's way of quickly identifying severe diseases and other medical conditions that qualify a person for disability benefits without waiting a long time. Compassionate Allowances permit Social Security to target the most obviously disabled individuals for allowances and faster payment of benefits based on objective medical information that we can obtain quickly. Compassionate Allowances are not separate from the Social Security Disability Insurance or Supplemental Security Income programs. Find out more at [www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances).

**Question:** What is Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?

**Answer:** SSI is a needs-based program that pays cash assistance to people with limited income and resources who are age 65 or older, blind, or disabled. Children with disabilities can get SSI, too. SSI is funded by

general tax revenues—not Social Security taxes. To find out if you can get SSI, and how to apply, visit to [www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityssi/ssi.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityssi/ssi.html).

**Question:** If I get married, will it affect my Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment?

**Answer:** If you marry, your spouse's income and resources may change your SSI payment. If you and your spouse both get SSI, your payment amount will change from an individual rate to a couple's rate. For more information, see the publication *What You Need To Know When You Get Supplemental Security Income (SSI)* at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs). If you receive SSI payments, it's very important to immediately notify SSA about any changes in your income or resources to avoid a potential overpayment or additional penalty.

**Question:** What is the *Extra Help* with Medicare prescription drug plan costs, and how can I apply?

**Answer:** Anyone who has Medicare can get Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D). Some people with limited resources and income also may be able to get *Extra Help* with Medicare prescription drug plan costs. This *Extra Help* will help pay for monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription copayments. The *Extra Help* is estimated to be worth about \$4,000 per year. You can apply for the *Extra Help* online. To learn more, read our publication *Apply Online For Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Costs* at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs).



## lend a hand

volunteering opportunities

The Literacy Center of West Michigan has scheduled an information session on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at 10 am and lasts one hour. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the center and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The Literacy Center of W. Michigan is a nonprofit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in the community. Based on the 2003 National Assessment for Adult Literacy and the 1992 National Adult

Literacy Survey, up to 14.6 percent of adults in Kent County lack basic prose literacy skills and have difficulty using certain reading and writing skills considered necessary in everyday life. By training people to be tutors, the center can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking

for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The information session will be held at the Literacy Center of West Michigan, located at 1120 Monroe Ave., NW, Suite 240, Grand Rapids, MI. Please call 459-5151 (ext. 10) or email [info@literacycenterwm.org](mailto:info@literacycenterwm.org) to register.

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# obituaries

## SWAN

Bryan R. Swan, of Ada, Michigan, born August 3, 1935, passed away Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at the Meijer Heart Center. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roseanna & Ray Swan, sister Laura Swan, brother Terry Swan, sons-in-law Don Clark and Tim Sobleskey. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Nancy; daughters Cathy (Ray) Razmus, Anita (Al) Burns, Brenda Clark and Joel Oudemolen, Dawn Sobleskey, Kelly Gordon, brother Todd (Marnie) Swan, sisters Pam (Gene) Kleibusch, Sally (Dirk) VanDoorne; 15 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, brother-in-law Ken Swan, many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Services were held. Interment Findlay Cemetery, Ada, Michigan.



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## WILLYARD

Mary Ellen (Bryant) Willyard, age 83 of Alto, went to be with her Lord on Thursday, July 30, 2015. She was preceded in death by her parents Dee and Pauline Bryant and her sister Virginia Bryant. She is survived by her daughters Lisa (Joseph) Wenger and Lynn (Keith) Stanford; sisters Charlotte (Ross) Miller and Susan (Albert) Nicholas and her grandsons Alexander and Nicolas. Mary was an avid golfer and loved to travel with family and friends. She was also very active with her church family. A memorial service was held. Interment Bowne Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Bowne Center United Methodist Church Building Fund, 12051 84th St SE, Alto, MI, 49302.



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# DNR warns wildfire danger on the rise in many areas of Michigan

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources announced today that, due to recent warm temperatures and lack of rain, many portions of the state are seeing "high" to "very high" fire danger. The conditions are expected to remain for the next few days and into the weekend.

Dan Laux, fire prevention specialist with the DNR, said that fire activity has picked up over the past few days and DNR firefighters and other fire-suppression personnel

across the state have been responding to more wildfire calls.

"According to the National Weather Service there are chances for rain in the forecast, but amounts will be limited and scattered in the areas that see precipitation," he said. "Many areas of the state are starting to see elevated drought conditions."

Laux said that the small amounts of rainfall that are expected will not have enough of an impact on these

dry conditions. "Because of these conditions," he said, "we're asking folks to be cautious with any outdoor fires."

The DNR urges everyone to take extra precautions over the next couple days and into the weekend as the dry conditions persist. Anyone planning to enjoy the nice weather with a campfire is asked to follow the following safety tips:

- Use fire rings in nonflammable areas that are sheltered from wind.

- Keep a water source and shovel nearby.

- Place roasting sticks in a bucket of water when not in use.

- NEVER leave a campfire unattended.

- Completely extinguish fires before turning in for the night. Douse with water, stir and douse again to make sure there are no hot embers left.

For more campfire and fire safety tips visit the DNR website [www.michigan.gov/preventwildfires](http://www.michigan.gov/preventwildfires).

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# Financial Focus, continued

the less costly premiums for term insurance and use the savings to invest in the financial markets. However, this strategy assumes you will invest the savings rather than spend them, and it also assumes you will receive an investment return greater than the growth potential you receive from permanent insurance. Both assumptions are just that: assumptions, not guarantees. If you are considering the "buy term and invest the difference" route, you will need both a consistent investment discipline and a willingness

to take a greater risk with your money, in hopes of higher returns.

In any case, your financial professional can review your situation with you and help you determine whether term or permanent insurance is best suited for your needs. But don't delay. If you have even one other person depending on your income to maintain his or her lifestyle, you need to be covered — and once you are, you'll consider those premium dollars to be well spent.

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- Climate Change ..... 11%

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# Looking Back, continued

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Headline: A narrow escape – house and automobile mix-up on culvert. What might have been a very serious accident occurred at the culvert just south of Fred Slamma's when Lloyd Yeiter's horse became frightened and ran away catching Albert Gosch and Fred Slamma on the culvert. Each seemingly thought he had right-of-way across the culvert so tried to go over at the same time and over they sure did go. Lloyd, wagon and horse went over on one side and Fred, Albert and the auto on the other side. The one nice thing about it was the soft landing place. It even required a shovel to get Albert out. Luckily, no one was injured severely. Here's to the Ford! Had it been a heavy car there would be no joking.

An exchange calls attention to a state law forbidding the driving of automobiles by persons less than eighteen years of age. There is a "second childhood" more dangerous to highway traffic than the teen age, as has been demonstrated more than once within a hundred miles of Lowell. The roads are getting "too dangerous to be safe;" and sensible regulations must be made and obeyed.

Safety on the highway demands prohibition of booze to motor car drivers or prohibition of motor cars to boozers.

## 75 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 8, 1940

Headline: Fond memories left in wake of Robert E. Lee – ninth year of Showboat marked as best in many respects. The Showboat closed another year in a blaze of glory last Saturday evening. There is one thing that all are in agreement on and that is the fact that it was the finest Showboat ever to make its appearance. It was the best looking boat, best costumed chorus and every person in the show, chorus, endmen, interlocutor, professional and amateur talent, displayed rare skill and ability.

Headline: Quits post office after long service. After 37 years of service in the Lowell post office, Garfield Ford, assistant postmaster, announced this week that he has resigned from the government postal service, his resignation to take effect at the conclusion of his vacation which begins this week Saturday. Mr. Ford has always been capable, obliging and a credit in the postal service. Postmaster F. J. Hosley stated that William Kerekes will take the place vacated by Mr. Ford. Mr. Kerekes has seen 28 years of service in the Lowell post office and is fully deserving of the promotion.

A business change is in the offing according to rumors heard along the Main drag, the rumor being to the effect that one of our well-known citizens will soon resign from the responsible position which he has filled for several years with one of our leading industries in order to devote all of his time to his private business affairs. The name will be announced in due time but in the mean time you guess who.

The State Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Michigan, of which W. V. Burras of Lowell is president, is continuing its steady climb upwards and its position as the largest farm fire insurance company in Michigan is more firmly established than ever before. Mr. Burras reports that new policies issued every month have a coverage value totaling one and a quarter million dollars or more.

## 50 years ago Lowell Ledger August 5, 1965

Monday morning the Lowell police were startled to see a peacock with a full spread of feathers crossing West Main Street. Investigation discovered that John Groen of Bowes Road was missing one peacock.

When a group of local boys failed to get the attention of the Cassidy dancing girls thru normal channels or too close supervision they let the air out of their auto tires last Thursday. Police reported that even then these tactics failed to bring about a communication with the girls.

Mayor Arnold Wittenbach presented the first key to the City of Lowell to Betty Johnson on Saturday evening. Betty told Showboat officials that she collected keys to the cities in which she performed and would like this memento from Lowell. This daughter of a methodist minister from South Carolina and a member of the Johnson Family hymn singing group has a collection of over 100 city keys. The City of Lowell was not prepared early in the week to present a key since this had never come up before. City Manager Olson put in a hurry-up call to a locksmith for a suitably inscribed key and it was ready for the Saturday presentation.

Headline: Lowell host to 129 travel trailers. Friday afternoon the 4-H Fair grounds became the scene of much hustle and bustle as the first of the 125 trailers expected for the weekend began to arrive. The beginning of the maze of electrical extensions and water pipes was laid, spider-webbing between the trailers. The veterans of these trailer rallies require very little assistance in setting up their camp, hooking up facilities efficiently as soon as they can find a faucet and an electrical outlet. Saturday morning dawned damp and drippy, causing concern for the Showboat that evening but not dampening the spirit of the rally. By 10:30 most of the travel trailerites were registered, set-up and down town checking their ticket stubs at various stores in the Lucky Treasure Hunt.

## 25 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 8, 1990

Headline: Widening of Bowes Road may begin Monday – Lowell City Council awards contract. Work should begin Monday on a road project that will hopefully solve some of the traffic problems that plague Lowell's West Main St. (M-21). The Lowell City Council awarded the contract at Monday's meeting for the widening of Bowes Rd. from M-21 to Hudson St. and construction of an extension of Valley Vista Dr. from Main St. to Bowes Rd. When work is completed, a traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of Main and Valley Vista. Ken Shaler and Son of Saranac was awarded the contract as low bidder. Total cost of the Valley Vista extension is \$206,337.25 while the Bowes Rd. work will cost another \$129,534.50. Cheryl Scales, an engineer and manager of this project for the city's engineering firm, WBDC Group, says work should begin Monday to stake the project. Scales says a completion date of November 2, 1990 has been set.

Headline: Lowell's Showboat City Hoop Classic scheduled to tip-off Friday, Aug. 10. Watching Larry Bird play from the bench is easy. Having to fill in for an injured Larry Bird is difficult. Having a year to plan for the Showboat City Hoop Classic is easy. Having less than two months to plan for the Showboat City – Knights of Columbus Hoop Classic is difficult. Because the transition of tournament organizers, between the tournament's founders and the Lowell Knights of Columbus was not made until May, most of the preparatory work had to be completed in the hurry mode. "Considering the time frame we had to work with, I think things have gone pretty well," Knights of Columbus member and tournament organizer, Roger Southland said. Despite the shortened signup period, the tournament was able to draw 112 teams for its third year.

The Lowell Area Schools took delivery last week of two portable office buildings from McFadden Corporation. The "portables" which will be located adjacent to the current Board of Education offices will house the majority of the school district's central office personnel and functions. The move to the "portables" was necessitated by the need for additional classroom space due to increased student enrollments this Fall.

Arrested July 31 by Ionia County Sheriff's Dept. was Michael Matlock, 20, of Lowell after he stole a wrecker in Ionia and police chased him on M-21 to Whites Bridge Rd. where he was arrested.



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- After the killing of a lion named Cecil by an American dentist in Zimbabwe another issue has been brought to light. Airlines play a role in transporting trophy kills as cargo, and may now be changing their policy. Delta Air Lines has become the latest carrier to change its rules about transporting hunting trophies.

Air France, KLM, Iberia, IAG Cargo, Singapore Airlines and Qantas signaled last week they would ban the transport of trophy-hunting kills. The killing of Cecil has forced Dr. Walter J. Palmer (the dentist) into hiding as a Zimbabwe official is urging his extradition from the U.S.



- Comedian Amy Schumer has teamed up with her cousin, U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), to call for tighter gun control laws in an effort to stop mass shootings and gun violence. The initiative was prompted by a shooting at a movie theater in Lafayette, Louisiana, while Amy Schumer's movie "Trainwreck" was playing.

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# Local rockabilly legend Delilah DeWylde and the Lost Boys perform at Sizzlin' concert

by Tim McAllister  
contributing reporter

The Showboat was the place to be last Thursday night as local rockabilly legend Delilah DeWylde and the Lost Boys played the weekly Sizzlin' Summer concert.

It was a perfect summer evening, although a bit breezy.

"The wind is almost blowing me over up here," DeWylde said from the stage. "The bass is like a big sail and I'm going to sail right away."

DeWylde has been a fixture on the West Michigan music scene since the 1990s when she was the bass player for rockabilly group DangerVille. She also has a 1960s-style garage band called the Veloras.

The band, which was dressed to the nines in vintage 1950s rockabilly gear, also includes Lee Harvey on guitar and D.J. McCoy on drums. They opened with a cover of "Raw-Hide" by Link Wray and the vintage rockabilly, country, surf music continued with songs by people like Carl Perkins, Richie Valens and Buddy Holly. They also performed several original compositions and sold CDs of their recordings and t-shirts after the show.

"I saw her probably six years ago at the Eastown Street Fair and was quite blown away by it," said

Thomas Dyer, who lives north of Lowell. "She really puts on a great show. I hope

she has the same guitarist that she had then. They do a wonderful, wonderful job.

She is really quite a show-person." This Thursday's Sizzlin'

Summer concert will feature blues band Hank Mowery and the Hawktones. Like

always, the show starts at 7 pm. It's at the Showboat and it is free.



Delilah DeWylde and the Lost Boys covering "Summertime Blues" by Eddie Cochran.



Delilah DeWylde is the singer and bass player.



# Lowell High School's class of 1940 gathers for 75<sup>th</sup> class reunion and open veritable time capsule

submitted by Lowell Education Foundation members, Dave Beach and Pat Nugent

A time capsule was opened on Thursday, July 23rd, at the Lowell Area Historical Museum. This time capsule was not the Hill's Shoe Store shoebox that Charley Hill, the first class historian, actually handed Marjean Fonger Brillhart and Jack Tornga years ago; it was the living memories of all five remaining members of the Lowell High School class of 1940.

Present for the gathering were Inez Cole Craig, John Jasperse, Jack Tornga, Marjean Fonger Brillhart, and Helen Clark Blow assembled together for their 75th class reunion accompanied by family members and friends.

John Jasperse remembered being roommates at U of M with King Doyle, another member of the class of 1940, and joining the Navy with King in February of 1944. He remembered King's father died in 1945 and that King left the destroyer he served on to return to Lowell to run the mill. John served as a supply and dispersion officer in the Marshall Islands until June of 1946.

John also remembered boarding the first school bus in Kent County for a 13 mile ride from Cascade to Lowell.

Inez Cole Craig of Peoria, AZ, recalled attending every one of the reunions, in spite of the fact that she moved



The class of 1940 is shown here on the museum's porch, provided by Ivan and Jane Blough of Lowell. Photo credit: Pat Nugent

west immediately after graduation, moving first to California and eventually to her current home in Peoria, a suburb of Phoenix. She remembered being laid up with injuries after being hit by a car and all the members of the football team visiting her. Inez was remembered also as the Peony Queen on Mackinac Island, where she returned to visit just last year. She also remembered the U.S. Navy was on the island during her tour as queen and that the navy

provided her an escort every night.

Helen Clark Blow brought a beautiful painting of hers to show, a remarkable winter scene with intricate detailing.

Class members agreed that Marjean was the glue and Jack was the paste that holds them together with Marjean planning and Jack serving very well as emcee. Jack stood to call them all to the table for lunch and announce the order of the day. He thanked Inez for bringing the cake and beverages for the meal.

Marjean and Jack together remembered

students coming from Ada, which only went to the 10th grade at the time. Jack recalled some actually moving to Lowell to live while they finished high school. Jack recalled with great fondness Mr. Burch, who took him in for two years.

They remembered with pride that their class president was a female – Doris "Chris" Christiansen Van Allsburg, whose son Chris authored "The Polar Express."

They remembered as a class: Their Aim - Success; Their Hope - To Win; Their Class Colors - Blue and

Silver; Their Class Flower - Orchids

Reminiscing and remembering occurred all through the delicious lunch catered by Bif and Jeff Altoft and their excellent servers from the Backwater Cafe. Bif and Jeff have been catering for the group since their 66th class reunion in 2006.

This year's reunion marks the 18th time they have reunited as alumni and the 11th consecutive year, as they decided in 2005, to meet every year as long as someone could make the arrangements.



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