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Riverwalk Festival was all sunshine, fireworks and fun this year

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

The three-day festival took place in downtown Lowell on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 10, 11 and 12.

Thursday kicked off with a pig roast and a concert by Kris Hitchcock & Small Town Son, who blasted boisterous country rock that could be heard for blocks. Some classic cars were already parked on Main Street and business was booming at stores and at the bar on the showboat; and with a \$1,500 prize at stake, raffle ticket sales started out strong.

"We've sold quite a few so far," said Candice Walsh from the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. "A lot of '30 tickets at once."

They were giving away ducks at the raffle ticket booth. "We're just giving the ducks away for free this year," Walsh said. "We're not doing the race so we've been giving a lot of the ducks to little kids that want them."

Thursday was fun, but the two biggest days of the festival were Friday and Saturday.

Friday's concert was by the Bronk Bros., who played a conventional-sounding "B-93" version of country music. The crowd seemed to enjoy it, especially once they hit that bar on the showboat.

Dave Simmons played acoustic guitar and mandolin and sang traditional songs to passersby. Simmons is best known for helping put on the bluegrass festival at the fairgrounds every year.

"The fun part of this street musician stuff and doing the 'open case' is not so much that you get money or anything, but the kids," Simmons said. "The kids get a big thrill out of coming up here and throwing the money in the case. I like to play music so it all works out for me."

Jeanne Beachnaw was selling t-shirts downtown to raise money for a scholarship she started to honor her late son Lucas.

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Festival attendees took advantage of the wide variety of activities, entertainment and delicious food available.

Police on the lookout after damage on the new Riverwalk

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Police are on the lookout for skateboarders who have been tearing up the new Riverwalk.

The benches, picnic tables and boat launch have scratches, scrapes and even chunks missing.

"You can see the damage," said Lowell police chief Steve Bukala. "It's all from skateboards. Those picnic tables are \$1,013 a piece. They're not repairable. The city moved the picnic table that was being damaged. Now they're off the concrete so it's a little harder to jump on them."

According to a city ordinance, "It shall be unlawful for any person to ride any bicycle, moped or any other vehicle which may threaten pedestrians,

propelled by the rider's feet, or to run any motor vehicle upon any sidewalk in the city."

"Bicycles and people on rollerskates or

rollerblades are not doing the damage," Bukala said.

Bukala recounted a recent incident with some skaters, one of whom was rather uncooperative.

"What I try to do is if I'm working in my office I'll look right out the window. If I see them skateboarding down there I'll come walk out and make contact with them," Bukala said. "I caught one right in the act about two or three weeks ago. Actually caught three of them. Two of the three were reasonable. One was very cocky. 'It wasn't me.' It's clearly posted and he was warned not to come back to the Riverwalk. Within an hour he went back on it."

Riverwalk skaters will be ticketed if caught by police.

"We've stepped up enforcement," Bukala said. "The skateboarding tickets start at \$50. Second offense is \$100, third offense is \$250. Subsequent offenses are \$250 as well."

If there is property damage the charge would get more serious.

"Other than a skateboarding ticket the only thing that we would do is charge them with malicious destruction of property because they know they're doing damage to it by jumping on it," Bukala said.

Adult offenders would be responsible for paying to replace or repair damaged property themselves, but not underage offenders.

"If they are under the age of 18 then their parents are responsible for recouping the damages," Bukala said.

It's also a good way to lose your skateboard.

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Riverwalk, continued

“He was killed in Afghanistan in 2010, so I set up a snowboard scholarship for him to keep the memory going,” Beachnaw said. “He loved snowboarding. He was stationed over in Italy so he got to go to the Swiss Alps and he was in heaven. It was a lot different than Cannonsburg or Colorado.”

The scholarship will help kids with some of the expenses involved in snowboarding.

“It’s for low-income families,” Beachnaw said. “Just to give the kids a chance to do lessons and a ski pass and equipment if they need it. To keep his memory going and keep people remembering our fallen soldiers and what they sacrifice.”

“Grilling and chilling on Avery Street” involved a host of food vendors, including fried food, pizza and barbecue.

Thomas Franklin of Tommy’s Catering and Riverbend Bar & Grill in Ada grilled chicken wings and served 80 pounds of pulled pork.

“I cooked the pulled pork on Thursday,” Franklin said. “I started it about 2:00 in the afternoon and let it go until 7:00 Friday morning, so it went about 15-16 hours.”

Also on Avery Street was the classic car show. Tom, Elaine and Joshua Stewart brought to the show three cars; a 1964 Chevelle, a 1964 Corvette Coupe and a 1984 Chrysler LeBaron.

Tom Stewart said he’s been at the Riverwalk Festival “since it started” but it was his wife Elaine’s third time.

“It’s first class,” Stewart said. “First class people.

They do a super job; it’s one of the best shows in the area.”

One of the busiest places in the whole festival was the Englehardt Library’s book sale.



The Kent County Youth Fair royal court wave and smile from aboard their duck-adorned float.

“We do have a ‘book nook’ in the building and people can buy year-round really, but we have this one real big book sale once a year,” said book sale volunteer Joy Smith. “It’s a very, very good fundraiser for the library because they do many, many good things.”

Instead of one ‘big name’ band, on Saturday the stage was host to a succession of local acts. The Preservers, a band consisting of Lowell High School and Middle School students: Ryne Clarke, Jeremy Kargl, Patrick Kargl, and Corrina Wenger played a set of ‘classic rock’ covers and some of their own original songs.

“We all listen to a lot of music and we just kind of mess around,” said Jeremy Kargl.

Billy Bellinger from West Olive won the Bill & Paul’s Sporthaus kayak race with a time of 26 minutes, 50 seconds.

“That is a good time because in years previous

they’ve been in the 30s,” said volunteer Toni Holmes.

Fifth-place finisher Mike Kapteyn enjoyed his racing experience.

“It was fun,” Kapteyn said. “I liked the course this

“Each child that comes in gets a chance to play on all the activities and slide on the bouncy house,” Beachum said. “They also get an activity book that is gratis to us by State Farm. Face-painting and everything is included and they get to come back as many times as they’d like.”

At noon on Saturday there was a parade, specifically the “F.R.O.M. the Heart ‘Food Fight’ parade.” The parade kicked off with the roar of motorcycles, one of which was driven by city councilor Jeff Altoft.

“I like to be in the parade,” Altoft said. “This is a ‘98 Harley Davidson Road King with a few little modifications. We ride as often as we can and mostly like this, for a fundraiser. We’ve had lots of fun. Loud pipes keep you safe.”

The parade had the usual parade stuff: floats packed with beauty queens, fire engines with blaring sirens, people throwing candy at children, a slew of Republican politicians,



Sierra Hieshetter enjoyed paddle boarding which was among the variety of water sports enjoyed by festival attendees along the Flat River.

clowns, and even an organist.

“We’re really excited,” said ‘Miss Danish Festival’ Taylor Bretzke of Greenville. “We love representing our festival and coming to see everybody else’s festivals too. I think it’s a lot of fun.”

“I love visiting Lowell,” said U.S. congressman Justin Amash. “The past few years we’ve had quite a few times where it’s rained on parade day, but it’s fun. The people are great, it’s a beautiful town and we’re happy to be here.”

“We love the Riverwalk Festival,” said state representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons. “We’ve

done the parade for several years and we just love that it brings the community together and highlights and showcases how great Lowell is. Parades are fun. We like them because it’s something that everybody can have fun to do and all our kids can come. It kind of takes the edge off campaigns and puts the focus back on community.”

The festival ended Saturday night with fireworks at Stoney Lakeside Park. There was a little drizzle late in the day on Saturday, but with temperatures in the 80s and so much to do, see, hear and eat, a little bit of rain was okay.

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Children enjoyed fun carnival-style games and activities during Saturday’s Kidz Zone sponsored by Pink Arrow Pride.

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“Officers are told to take the boards because the boards are part of the crime,” Bukala said.

There is a skate park on Bowes Road in Lowell, but Bukala said it might be insufficient.

“They’ll tell you that the city only spent \$35,000

on the skate park and it wasn’t really challenging enough,” Bukala said.

Bukala said the kids could make improvements to the Bowes Road skate park, but they would have to go through the proper channels and probably pay for it themselves.

“They would have to approach the council and probably the parks commission,” Bukala said. “That was suggested to them and they’ve done fundraisers for that and if they wanted more equipment they could do another fundraiser.”

The city might make minor additions to the Riverwalk that would make the area less attractive to skaters.

“From what I understand, the public works/parks department is looking into getting some ‘skateboard bumpers,’”

Bukala said. “They’re like a rubberized cover that would stop the board and wouldn’t allow it to slide. I can just see that getting damaged or ripped off.”

Bukala doesn’t have a grudge against skaters, just the few who violate the law.

“It’s not all of them, it’s a select group that’s doing it,”

Bukala said. “Most of them are not even from the city. They live outside the city or they’re coming in from Saranac or Grand Rapids. I know skateboarding is not a crime, but causing malicious destruction of property with your skateboard is a crime.”

Fallasburg Covered Bridge Bike Tour celebrates 20 year

by Kathryn Atwood contributing reporter

Bicycling enthusiasts gathered in historic Fallasburg Village for the 20th anniversary of the Fallasburg Covered Bridge Bike Tour on Sunday July 13.

Kicking off from Covered Bridge Road and traveling over the tours namesake covered bridge, riders were able to opt between a variety of race lengths spanning from a short twelve-mile trek to an endurance testing 100-mile journey along scenic paved roads in and around the park.

The annual event uses the affordable registration fees paid by participants to continue the efforts of the Fallasburg Historical Society (FHS) to preserve the 150-year-old structures that make up Fallasburg Village. The society also donates \$1 per rider to the League of Michigan Bicyclists, a lobbying group that works for increased bicycling safety and events in the state.

According to FHS president Ken Tamke, they do this in honor of a dear friend of the tour who was struck and killed by a car

in Byron Center on the eve of the 17th annual race, “This donation is made in memory of Larry Martin, a Fallas descendant, former

ride meal are provided entirely by FHS volunteers. Tamke continues, those valued volunteers are an intricate part of the event’s

(Brad) & Stella Bradshaw, lived atop the Beckwith Drive hill overlooking the covered bridge for around twenty years making the

carved out a nice niche amongst the Michigan cycling community. Many of our riders are repeat customers because of the wonderful meal Dottie Blain prepares for after the ride, the scenic routes Larry Martin laid out 20 years ago, the attention to detail all our

volunteers embrace and the goodwill and camaraderie our ‘ambassadors’ create. Although we draw riders from all over the state and beyond, our core is local like-minded folks who appreciate the importance of preserving this local jewel we call Fallasburg.”



Over 150 riders took part in the 20th anniversary of the bike tour which travels paved roads in and around Fallasburg Park.

FHS board member and early architect of our bike tour.”

Generous volunteer efforts like those of Martin continue to be abundant during the tour as rider registration, race coordination and food preparation for both tour rest stops and the after-

successful twenty-year run, “Our FHS members and supporters truly embody the spirit of the Lowell community. We couldn’t pull this off without them.”

Tamke has been organizing the tour since 2007 when he became president of the FHS. His grandparents, Clarence

historic area he calls “The Village” dear to his heart.

The tours riders seem to share that same sentiment, according to Tamke, as most of them register year after year for the event to both enjoy their hobby and to do their part to sustain the area’s precious history, “We have

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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

What can investors learn from the All Stars?

Baseball's best players gathered in Minneapolis this week to participate in the All Star game. If you're a fan or even a "weekend athlete," you can admire these players for their abilities, even if you — like the vast majority of humanity — can't hope to duplicate them. But if you're an investor, you may be able to learn some practical lessons from the All Stars.

So let's look at a few common All Star traits to see how they might apply to investors:

- **Consistency** — All Stars typically don't just have a few good weeks or months — they tend to be consistently excellent, year after year. As an investor, you, too, need to strive for consistency. Instead of periodically chasing after "hot" stocks, try to follow a long-term strategy by staying invested in the financial markets, through both "up" and "down" periods, and by rebalancing

your holdings, as needed, to reflect changes in your life.

- **Ability to avoid errors** — Everyone makes mistakes, but All Stars seem to make fewer of them. Whether it's fielding balls cleanly, successfully executing a sacrifice bunt or not walking a player with the bases loaded, All Stars seem to avoid errors while making the right moves at the right time. When you invest, you need to avoid common "errors," such as investing either too conservatively or too aggressively. Instead of going to either of these extremes, build a portfolio appropriate for your risk tolerance but still capable of helping you reach your goals.

- **Preparedness** — All Stars keep themselves in great shape and often develop additional skills as the years go by, such as developing a new pitch or learning to hit the ball to different parts of the field. By preparing themselves in this way, they can take advantage of opportunities as they arise. As you invest, you will also need to be prepared to take advantage of new opportunities. One such way to prepare is to have enough liquidity in

your portfolio to make appropriate investment moves. In addition to preparing for opportunities, you'll need to prepare for challenges that could jeopardize your investment strategy. So, for example, you may want to build an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses. With such a fund in place, you may not have to dip into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs, such as a major car repair, a new furnace or a big bill from the dentist.

- **Awareness of limits** — Not even the best All Stars can do everything well. A good "singles hitter," for instance, won't waste a lot of effort in trying to hit home runs, while a powerful, but slow, slugger might not attempt to steal a base. Investors have limits, too, based on their sophistication and their financial resources. To illustrate: Some wealthy and highly experienced investors may embark on complex or risky strategies, or purchase hard-to-understand investments. But these risky techniques and complex investments are not for everyone — and smart, "everyday" investors know this and stick with proven strategies and comprehensible investments.

You may never step foot on a baseball diamond. But as an investor, you can still pick up some "gems" of wisdom from the All Stars.

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to the editor

No contract after two-and-a-half years

Dear Editor,
I recently read the article "Union talks resume between IBEW and city" in the July 9, 2014 Lowell Ledger. This is how I perceive the situation. First of all, it's hard to comprehend that after two-and-a-half years a contract hasn't been settled when all

that the employees want is a just contract where they have a say in their own well-being, their job and that of the city. A just contract similar to the one the Lowell Police Department has. The denial of a just contract by the city council and city manager brought about a two-and-a-half year

fiasco. The denial of a just contract has cost the city tens and tens of thousands of taxpayer's dollars in lawyer's fees. From day one the constituents of Lowell were deliberately left out of the negotiations. Last fall, in a packed council meeting the public was threatened to be removed because they demanded answers. I believe if the constituents of Lowell would have had a say in the contract negotiations a just settlement would have been made long ago. But this is not about what's fair

and just, it's about power and control in the hands of the city council doing whatever they want and they don't have to answer for it. The city council wasn't put into office to be the sole decider, they were put into office to be the servant. The city council's handling of the contract negotiations is deplorable. Employees of the Department of Public Works deserve better and so do the constituents of Lowell.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard
Lowell

The honors hero Raoul Wallenberg deserves



Sen. Carl Levin

No honor or accolade is equal to the debt the world owes Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who helped save thousands of Jews in Nazi-occupied Hungary during World War II.

But it is important for us to give whatever is within our power to give. That's why I was proud recently to participate in ceremonies honoring Wallenberg with a Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor Congress can bestow.

Wallenberg's life is a reminder that the values we so often take for granted are not guaranteed. The rights we hold to be universal, not just for Americans, but for all human beings – the universe does not grant them to us without cost. All of us must honor them, shelter them and protect them. They are, as our founding fathers said, inalienable – but that does not make them indestructible.

If it's true that we are all stewards of these universal rights, it is also true that the universe sometimes asks extraordinary things of some of us in order to fulfill that duty. Extraordinary things were asked of Raoul Wallenberg. Wallenberg helped shelter as many as 100,000 Jews from the Holocaust, even after repeated warnings that he was risking his life.

Astonishingly, Wallenberg's gift to our world is not limited to the thousands he saved from Hitler's executioners. It extends to all of us here today who must ask ourselves: If this man could risk so much and eventually give his own life in the defense of others, how can I shrink from my own responsibilities to my fellow man? Raoul Wallenberg's gift is the lives he himself saved and in what he inspires us to do.

It is hard to imagine that anything could intensify the tragedy of the Holocaust, and yet Wallenberg's story does. The Nazis were driven from Hungary before they could stop his efforts. But when Soviet troops captured Budapest in 1945, they arrested Wallenberg, and he was never seen again. Soviet authorities claimed in 1957 that Wallenberg had died a decade before.

And then in 1976, a prisoner released from a Soviet prison camp said that he had met a Swede, imprisoned for 30 years, but still alive. News of the report gave new hope that Wallenberg might yet be alive.

Many tried to follow these and other clues to learn this hero's fate. I was among them; I traveled to Israel and spoke with the daughter of the prisoner about his whereabouts so that I could speak to her father. But she would not provide the information because she feared retribution against her father, and with good reason: the Soviets had already re-arrested him once after the first reports of his sighting of Wallenberg came out.

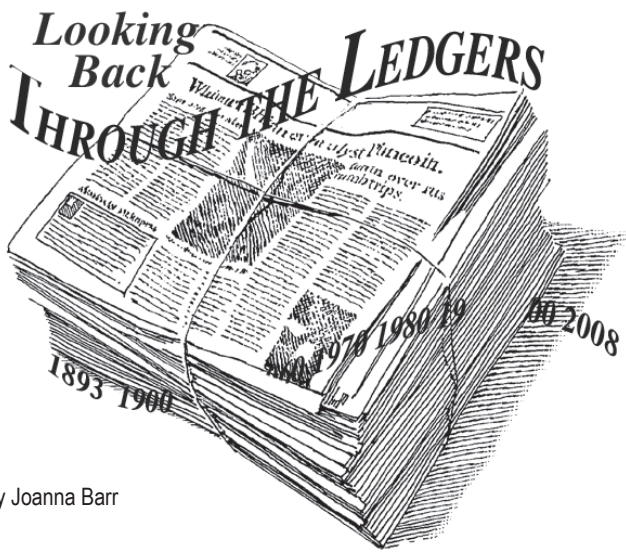
She could not overcome her fear for her father. Most of us could not overcome such fear if a loved one was in jeopardy. That vignette serves, once again, to make Raoul Wallenberg's courage in the face of fear all the more awe-inspiring.

It does not seem too much to ask after all this time for President Vladimir Putin and the Russian government to finally put these questions to rest. All that continued Russian stonewalling can accomplish is the infliction of continued pain on the Wallenberg family and the perpetuation of an injustice that added a tragic coda to the abomination of the Holocaust.

Providing information on Raoul Wallenberg's fate cannot lessen the horror of the Holocaust. It cannot erase the heinous crime of Wallenberg's arrest, nor turn back the clock on the horrific acts Wallenberg fought against or those done to him. But that is no excuse for inaction.

Raoul Wallenberg could not save every Jew, and he could not end the Holocaust, but he did what all of us should do: He did what he could. So should we all. And so should the Russian government, which should provide full and immediate access to all records on Wallenberg's arrest, imprisonment and death.

That simple, human decency is the very least the world owes Raoul Wallenberg.



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal July 17, 1889

A new walk is being laid on Main St., east from F. D. Tarleton's to Geo. Fuller's.

There will be no State tax sales in October, this year. Under the new tax law the next sale will be in May 1890.

Saturday afternoon two buggies collided on E. Bridge Street, near Wisner's Mill. One of them, owned by Mr. Dutt of Keene, whose son was driving the rig, was overturned, throwing the boy out. The horses were stopped and no particular damage done.

Lowell had its own Sullivan-Kilrain fight Monday afternoon. James McManus played Sullivan and Dennis Bohler personified Kilrain. It didn't take 75 rounds to finish the mill, either. There was one straight heat and both were ready to quit and claim the victory. Mitchell was there, also, at the finish, not backer for Kilrain, alone, but backed both of them up into Justice Perry's court where they paid \$5 apiece into the village contingent fund.

The Belding Banner complains that a piece of the road between Belding and Smyrna is used by sports in racing horses and other wild amusements. On one occasion Mrs. W. R. Tebble, of Smyrna, driving home with a horse and buggy, had her conveyance run into and smashed and she was thrown to the ground and severely bruised. It is reported that the persons driving the double team were drunk. They did not even stop and inquire as to her injuries.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 16, 1914

Prohibition of the sale of liquor on Pere Marquette railroad trains has been ordered by Judge Tuttle in the

United States court. Other roads will have to take the same action or take out a liquor license in each county through which their roads pass.

Some boys broke into the Central school building Sunday night and rang the bell. They got away without detection; but it wouldn't be wise for them to make a steady business of it. Fun is one thing and breaking windows in public buildings is another.

J. Taylor was given a 60-day sentence at the county jail by Justice Andrews last week. He was found drunk in the river and in danger of drowning. Inasmuch as he has not been excessively industrious the Judge thought a labor sentence was the proper remedy.

Lewis All, who was badly injured in one leg while working on alterations at the Bent Rim factory several weeks ago, has so far recovered as to be able to get about on crutches. He says it will be several weeks before he can resume work.

James Leece pled guilty to petty larceny before Judge Andrews Monday morning and received a sentence of six months in the county jail. The offense, committed Saturday, was picking the pockets of John Keyotf. Amount secured \$12.85. Leece went to Saranac and spent part of his plunder; but came back that same evening and Deputy Sheriff Raimer locked him up. From wages due him, Leece made a refund in full to his victim. He's a good laborer and will doubtless be given work on the county roads job.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 20, 1939

The death last Friday of Enos Pego, leader of the Ottawa Indian tribe in Oceana County, brings to mind the fact that he was leader of the tribe since the death of Chief Cobmoosa, who was leader of the Ottawas when they were settled in the Grand River valley at Lowell about a century ago.

Hard frosts in mid-July are not common in this section but one such visited the surrounding community last Friday night, doing more or less damage at various points. Wm. C. Doyle reports that almost everything was killed in the vegetable garden on his farm in Vergennes Township and Wm. J. McCarthy of Parnell says it was the worst damage by a July frost that has come to his attention in 75 years.

The Ledger office this week completed the printing of the premium lists and program for the fifth annual Kent County 4-H Club Fair, which will be held at Recreation Park, Lowell, August 23, 24 and 25. This year's premium list makes a book of forty pages and cover and is neatly printed even if we do say it ourselves. It is much more pretentious than the few sheets put out in mimeograph form when the fair was first started five years ago.

Annual backpack giveaway benefits thousands of schoolchildren

The Cellular Connection to host second annual backpack giveaway benefiting thousands of schoolchildren

Nation's largest Verizon Premium Wireless Retailer donating 100,000 backpacks full of school supplies to school-aged children across the U.S.

Residents in Lowell are about to benefit from a national backpack giveaway campaign. The Cellular Connection (TCC), the largest Verizon Premium Wireless Retailer in the U.S., in a joint effort with its customers, announces today that it will be donating 100,000 backpacks full of school supplies to children through its School Rocks Backpack Giveaway. Last year, the company donated 60,000 backpacks.

More than 350 participating TCC stores across the U.S. are inviting local families to bring their children to the store between noon and 2 pm on Aug. 2 to pick up a backpack filled with pencils, paper, a pencil box, folders, glue and more.

One backpack per child present will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. The participating store in Lowell is located at 11635 E. Fulton St., Suite 100. Each participating TCC store will donate between 75 and 300 backpacks. All leftover backpacks will be donated to local schools.

"The backpack giveaway is a huge part of TCC's 'Culture of Good' movement that's all about making a positive impact on employees while benefitting the world," said Scott Moorehead, president and CEO of TCC. "It's how our company gives back to every community where we do business, and it involves every employee at every level. We're honored to have the ability to give back to those who need it."

Lowell residents have also joined the cause. Since the beginning of March, TCC customers have been given the option to round their purchases up to the nearest dollar with the difference going directly toward the

School Rocks Backpack Giveaway.

In 2013, the National Retail Federation predicted the average person with children in grades K-12 would spend \$86 on school supplies such as notebooks, pencils and backpacks. On top of that, nearly 16 million children in the U.S. live in poverty. TCC is doing its part to ensure that as many children as possible are set up for educational success.

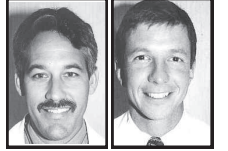
To learn more about TCC, visit www.ecellularconnection.com.

Consumers can also find more information about the company at <http://www.facebook.com/tcctalk> and www.twitter.com/tcctalk.

More information about the School Rocks Backpack Giveaway initiative is available on YouTube. Supporters of the School Rocks Backpack Giveaway are encouraged to use hashtag #TCCRocks on Instagram and Twitter to help spread the word.

Learn more about TCC's "Culture of Good" by visiting www.cultureofgood.com.

health



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

medical information

The world wide web is full of helpful information on medical topics. Some of it is relevant, realistic and from a reliable source, while some of it is not. You must use caution when searching for medical information to make sure it comes from a reputable, doctor recommended site. Information obtained from the web can be useful to further understand a condition you may have been diagnosed with but it should never be used to self-diagnose your condition. The following is a list of physician recommended websites with credible, patient-friendly information.

The American Academy of Family Practice has a website at www.familydoctor.org which contains hundreds of general health-related topics. These topics apply to patients ranging from infants to the elderly.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has a website at www.aap.org which contains information on several pediatric topics. Their site also has good information on pediatric development and milestones.

Uptodate is a web-based information service that many health care providers subscribe to for a fee. It provides health care providers with the latest medical information on how to treat conditions. They also have free, patient-oriented information at www.patients.uptodate.com, which applies to patients young and old.

The Center for Disease Control is a government-sponsored organization which has a site at www.cdc.gov. This site has excellent information about many different contagious and noncontagious diseases and their prevention.

Once you have researched your medical topic, you should discuss your concerns and questions with your health care provider to be sure it is treated properly.

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Hanson Real Estate Group - offering diversified services

Steven Hanson, owner of Hanson Real Estate Group, 8106 East Fulton, has been involved in the local community for years, but this year is the first time his company will contribute to the Pink Arrow game.

"We've been supporting Gilda's Club for a few years now," Hanson said. "In the past, we have sponsored a dinner here and there, that kind of thing. We sponsor Little League, lacrosse, golfing events and different school events. This is the first time we've done anything like this with Pink Arrow."

Hanson said they want to be involved in Pink Arrow because it's the way to help the most local people.

"Our goal as a company is to give back to the community where we do a lot of business and this is one way of achieving that," Hanson said. "It's one of multiple sponsorships that we do, but this one impacts the most people."

They plan to provide "rally towels" at the game and will be revving up the crowd with "Griff," the official mascot of the AHL's Grand Rapids Griffins. The Griffins are making arrangements to provide a promotional code to residents that will direct a generous portion of the proceeds of hockey tickets sold (using the promo code) back to Pink Arrow.

Hanson said the rally towels will be sold at the game for donations to Pink Arrow. All the money generated will go directly to the cause.

Hanson Real Estate Group's motivation is driven by an employee who is battling cancer, but Hanson said that everybody knows somebody who has been touched by the disease.

"Renee Grant is one of our real



estate professionals and has been fighting this disease for years," Hanson said. "Whether it is someone you work with, someone you attend

Hanson said the Pink Arrow game is one of the biggest events to ever hit the Lowell area.

"At the game, you see everybody

estate but we do much more. We consult for land-splits, we market subdivisions, we do some developing and a lot of new construction. Our services are very diversified."

Hanson said Lowell has an energetic real estate market.

"Home prices are on the rise in Lowell," Hanson said. "There are a lot of people that are interested in moving to the area."

Hanson said he wants to interact positively with the local community.

"Most of our agents either live in this area or are from the area, so we want to be involved," Hanson said. "We're just trying to give back to the community. We do well and we want to give back directly to the people we do business with. This is a good cause that affects the whole community."

If you're in the real estate market, Hanson Real Estate Group is on the web at www.hansonreg.com or you can call them at 682-9225.

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~ Steven Hanson

church with, a neighbor or a family member affected by cancer - everybody knows somebody who's affected by the disease."

in town," Hanson said. "Everybody is involved and it's a really cool event. It has made the national news. The money that is raised for support services coupled with the press - there's nothing like it. You can't help but get involved when you see all the work that goes into that event. It's a one day event but they're working on it all year."

Hanson Real Estate Group has had much success in Lowell.

"We do a ton of business in the Lowell Schools' area," Hanson said. "We specialize in residential real



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Throughout July the Lowell Ledger and the Buyers Guide will highlight the stories of area cancer survivors. Each writer will convey, in their own words, their experiences as they walk through the many phases of their personal journey.

~ All photos taken by Modern Photographics of Lowell

Brad Hendrick

In the past, I read stories about others. I never imagined that I would have a story of my own to share.

In June of 2013, my life changed from "In the past" to now that I have cancer. I was diagnosed with MEN 1, Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia, an extremely rare genetic disease. My mother also had MEN 1. I thought, "Okay, I can do this." The plan of action was the removal of my parathyroid glands. In the meantime, I had MRIs and CT Scans and a mass was discovered in my chest and my pancreas. I was shocked at this news. In the Past, I was rarely seen at a doctor's office. Then MEN 1 came to live with me and my family; doctors and appointments became my social life.

After multiple surgeries I know that I (and my family) will never be without MEN 1. There will always be more

In the past, I was alive every day. Now, I live every day.

~ Brad Hendrick

appointments and doctors. I find that I can do this.

In the past, I did not really know what wonderful family and friends I had or what their prayers, love and never ending support could mean to me. In the past, it never occurred to me that our community and the Pink Arrow Pride would be so personal to me.

In the past, I may have taken



for granted my loving, caring and encouraging wife Ashley. In the past, I might not have thought of our daughter Brecken and husband Alan or our two sons, Kyle and Justin, as the sources of support and strength that they have been. In the past, I might not have

realized the incredible quiet joy of knowing my grandson Easton and his amazing smile that makes me so happy. But most of all, I've learned not to take for granted the love and grace of God, for without him there is nothing.

In the past, I was alive every day. Now, I live every day.

Of special note: Something good happens every day. Take time to stop and smell the roses...I believe in miracles!

Lowell Pink Arrow Pride - message from Gilda's Club Lowell program

With every member that walks through the door at Gilda's Club Lowell; with every child we connect with through Lowell schools; and with every personal story we hear of a cancer or grief journey, we are reminded of the gift this community gave to us – and continues to give to itself - 365 days a year!

From the time Gilda's Club Lowell program opened in September of 2009, we have experienced continued growth in the number of children, adults and families that are in need of emotional and social support due to a cancer diagnosis or a death of a loved one from any cause. And each first Friday of September, with the crowd cheering and the sound of the "kick-off" at the Pink Arrow game, the tough stuff in life seems to lessen a bit for all, at least for those couple of hours.

The impact of Pink Arrow doesn't end with the final score at the football game. It doesn't fade away as the sea of pink shirts disappear into the night waiting to reappear next year. Rather, the impact of what this community

does year round to support Pink Arrow Pride and the Gilda's Club Lowell program is felt by many individuals, of all ages, every day as they journey through some of life's toughest stuff.

Gilda's Club sends our thanks to each of you that has helped us with your donations of funds, time and talent in our mission to help others in finding their smile and laughter back, even in the midst of a cancer or grief journey.

Wendy J. Wigger, president, Gilda's Club Grand Rapids and Gilda's LaughFest

Lowell 5th grader's message from in-school program evaluations:

- "Gilda's Club is fun and amazing, and helps us get through tough times."



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- "There's this one place that you can trust and it's Gilda's Club; if you have tough times just go to Gilda's Club."

- "[I learned] that there are people that you can talk to and it's okay to talk about your feelings."

- "If you had a blackness in your heart then go to Gilda's Club. They can help you get the blackness out."

- "[I learned] how to help yourself if you are going through some changes."

- "[I learned] how to deal with problems in life."

Lowell program quotes from our members about their experience at Gilda's Club Lowell:

- "I love coming to supper on Tuesdays with the Gilda's family. Great people."

- "Very inclusive group; friendly fun group."

- "Great program for people to come together and wonderful support."

- "Gilda's Club is inclusive."

- "Support group is great and glad I decided to join."

perseverance *A community fighting cancer*

Anonymous

This Lowell area dad wishes to remain anonymous.

At Gilda's Club anyone grieving death of a loved one can find help. I suddenly needed this help in 2012 when my twenty-two year old son, Andrew, died.

When Andy was three, I climbed a tree one day to rescue him when he got scared. He stopped crying and laughed when he saw me stretched out so he could fall onto my stomach as though it was a hammock that had magically appeared just below him in the high branches. But when he was twenty-two, in August 2012, Andy fell and I could not catch him. When I was told my son was dead I didn't talk about it at all, to anyone, for months. Embarrassing tears were all that came out when caring friends from Impact (Church) asked, "Is there anything we can do to help?"

About that time, while watching the news, I heard about an Iraqi father. After his only son, a talented college student, was mistakenly shot and killed by American soldiers, he repeatedly screamed in Farsi for them to, "Kill me now! Kill me now!" That, I think,

determined to be the direct cause of his death. Legally, Andy had died of suicide. When I told a longtime spiritually mature friend over dinner at Arnie's how Andy died, she said, "Then, you have two losses to recover from don't you?"

"Yes, I do." was my 'knee-jerk' response, but I still appreciate her helpful insight. Grief for a child is always hard, but to accept that my own child's life ended with that kind of 'spiritual free fall' was the greater challenge I had to face. So unwelcome was suicide's religious stigma, the Church forbade families from having their loved one buried in the church cemetery in medieval Europe.

I found out Gilda's Club was a resource available to me from Terry Harper, a longtime friend of my wife's. She just knew that Gilda's Club Grief Support group could help.

Lowell's Gilda's Club was a place where my tears were understood. A place where, maybe, I wasn't even crazy. A place to be encouraged and perhaps, even, to encourage another trapped in their own pain. At the 2014 National Memorial Day ceremonies, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

To me Gilda's Club is a city of angels. They gave me the hope that angels were there to catch Andrew as he fell, too.

~ Anonymous

is an understandable reaction to the pain of losing a child. The professional monument men (No, not the gallant veterans in the recent George Clooney movie of that title, the civilian ones who make cemetery gravestones in New York City.) say that not even the anguish they saw after 9-11 surpasses the grief they witness when they meet with someone that has lost a child.

It was three months after his death that the toxicology report was released. An overdose of prescription medicine was

commented, "Grief is the cost of love not the price of weakness." At Gilda's Club I watched the truth and compassion of those words brought to life.

To me Gilda's Club is a city of angels. I am deeply grateful to all the staff, volunteers and friends who led me and my wife through all this emotional pain to healing. They gave me the hope that angels were there to catch Andrew as he fell, too.



Sebastian, the family mascot.

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SwissLane Farm to celebrate 100 years

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

As SwissLane Farm in Alto prepares to celebrate its rich agricultural history during their centennial anniversary in 2015, they are also looking toward the future with a plan to launch their own line of farmstead dairy products.

Fourth generation member of the farm's founding Oesch family, Annie Link, said that the company's new endeavor has been a long time in the making.

"Making a product at the farm has been a dream for our family for many years. So it's always been on my radar. I even attended an Artisan Cheese making workshop at [Michigan State University] MSU

in 2008 soon after we started the Dairy Discovery program. So it's time."

Currently SwissLane houses 2,000 cows, 500 of which are milked robotically and sells the milk they draw. They also grow and sell wheat and soy beans and grow their own corn and hay for feed.

"We love to offer our community a fun and educational experience through the Dairy Discovery program," said Link who serves as the farm's spokesperson. "But now we want to give even more, wholesome dairy products that we make right here on the farm."

As the family begins to make plans for the product line they have been reaching out to the

community for input through their involvement in local farmers' markets.

Along with selling and

sampling specialty cheeses and farm-made maple syrup, staff members are also conducting a survey

while on site to seek advice from shoppers.

"We want to know about our community's food needs

and challenges and offer a product to meet them," said Link, who added that the response to the survey has been very enthusiastic. "Over three hundred people have already taken the twelve question[s] survey to help us through the brain-storming. People are really excited about local, healthier food."

Link says that they will continue to conduct surveys throughout the summer at the Lowell, Alto and Caledonia farmers' markets and that those who participate will be entered into a raffle to win a basket filled with specialty food products. Those wishing to take the survey online may do so at www.dairydiscovery.com



SwissLane employees Annie Link and Olivia Kauffman at the Lowell Farmers' Market held each Thursday during the summer season.

Looking Back, continued

As announced elsewhere in these columns, angle parking on trunk-line highways in cities and villages, will be a thing of the past on and after September 29 in accordance with a new law of the state legislature. Better begin practicing up on parallel parking.

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 16, 1964

Headline: Showboat to sail Monday. Monday night the Robert E. Lee will dock at the Showboat stadium to present its all new entertainment-filled program nightly until July 25.

The return of sweet water to the city of Lowell after months of a slight salt taste has pleased most of the citizens and they'll get a chance to voice their approval at the special election on Monday, August 3. A share of the bond issue voted on then will be used to pay for the drilling of the new wells and to install permanent pump houses and connections.

This would have been the big week for King Milling Co. in Lowell with trucks lining the street if it had not rained Sunday and Monday. The wheat crop was ready to harvest and some fields were cut Saturday but most of the crop was left standing in the fields because of steady rains all day Monday. King Milling Co. expect the wheat rush to start this weekend if there is no more rain. Some trucks with wheat from other Michigan elevators that took in the grain before the rain was being brought in on Monday and Tuesday.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 19, 1989

After nearly 20 years on the bench. Judge Joseph White of the 63rd District Court will replace his gavel with a fishing pole in nearly seven months. Helping him to celebrate that occasion Saturday were three former acquaintances. The previous meetings the threesome had with Judge White have all taken place in his court. This meeting occurred [at a residence.] Judge White, a man with a degree of compassion and understanding, sentenced the three men (as youths), to nearly five years of prison for a list of wrongdoings which included stealing, fighting and drunk driving. Judge White believes sitting behind the bench involves more than punitive. "Many people make mistakes of judgment but that doesn't always mean that they're bad people. It is my job to enforce

the law but it is also important for me to realize that the person standing before me is human. For 17 years Jimmy Hutson was the Lowell Police force. He was also the man who put [the threesome] before Judge White. "They were little squirts looking for excitement and change and along the way they did some things that were not acceptable." "Many times a good kick is all they needed." Hutson recounts the times he did just that prior to taking them home to their parents. "That's not acceptable today. Parents won't accept and people won't accept it."

Jim Rittersdorf was recognized for his 25 years of service at the Lowell Post Office recently by Lowell Postmaster Charlie Doyle. Rittersdorf came aboard in December of 1965. He's carried for 17 years and clerked for nearly eight. He plans on retiring in 1990.

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obituaries

HUFFMAN

Daniel P. Huffman, 52, of Longmont, Colorado, passed away on July 11, 2014, near his favorite mountain lake. He is preceded in death by his father, Earl Huffman, and brothers, Douglas Huffman and Ladd Smith. He is survived by his mother, Dannelle "Danni" Wingeier Smith; and four sisters, Carolyn Craig, Mary Huffman, Christine Sadler and Elizabeth Needels; and their families. An Army Veteran, Dan was a horse trainer and outdoor enthusiast. Memorials may be sent to International Assoc. for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect at ipscan@ipscan.org

ROLLINS

George Gordon Rollins, Sr., age 77 of Lowell, passed away Friday, July 11, 2014. He was born in Kentucky to John and Cornia on Sept. 3, 1936. He was preceded in death by his son George Gordon Rollins, Jr. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Janet; his sons Scott (Rose) and Roger (Dawn); his daughters Kim (Scott) Osborne and Mary (Jeff) Harig; his grandchildren George (Jessica) III, Lisa (Marcel), Jessica (Andy), Betsy (Clay), Kevin, Kyle, Dustin, Ashley, Gary, Becky, Matthew, Nicholas, Mary Claire; six great grandchildren; brother John and sister Peggy. George served 17 years in the U.S. Navy and on the U.S.S. Forestal. Private services were held by the family. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell Pink Arrow Pride, c/o Lowell Community Wellness, P.O. Box 246, Lowell MI 49331.



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Philanthropist Peter Wege dies at 94

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Steelcase chairman and philanthropist Peter Wege died Monday, July 7. He was 94.

Wege was famous for his success in business, as well as his huge charitable donations. Over the years he gave millions of dollars away to schools, healthcare organizations and the arts, including over \$20 million to the Grand Rapids Art Museum.

One of Wege's projects was here in Lowell. The Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center at 11715 Vergennes.

"West Michigan has lost a great supporter of environmental causes, but I have no doubt that his passion for the environment will continue through his foundation," said Meggan Johnson, the Wittenbach/Wege Center's director. "We are very grateful for his support and proud to have his name included in the center's name."

Wege, a veteran of World War II, had seven children, 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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The John Paul Faiks Trust

Re: John Paul Faiks, decedent, Date of Birth 06/23/1920.

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or the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Barbara Faiks, Trustee, 446 Nordberg, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

July 10, 2014

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 14-195743-GA

In the matter of JOSEPH FRANCIS FONTAINE. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Joseph M. Fontaine and Marie M. Fontaine whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

07/29/2014 at 9:00 am at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: on the petition of John Stafford for the appointment of a guardian for Joseph Francis Fontaine.

07/10/2014

John D. Flynn (P27413)
1275 Hawthorne Hills SE
Ada, MI 49301
616-897-6632

John Stafford
121 Franklin SE

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on

Grand Rapids, MI 49507
616-826-5315

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 14-195724-DE

Estate of CLARENCE ERNEST KIMBERLIN. Date of birth: 03/12/1923.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Clarence Ernest Kimberlin, died 06/08/2014.

forever barred unless presented to Ronald Kimberlin, personal representative or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

July 9, 2014

John D. Flynn (P27413)
1275 Hawthorne Hills SE
Ada, MI 49301
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Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be

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The Historic Alton Church & Alton Cemetery will be hosting an informational workshop to anyone interested in preservation of loved ones' gravestones.

6 pm - Cemetery walk in the Alton Cemetery, featuring biographical vignettes of the people represented by some of the most worn & weathered gravestones in the cemetery.

7 pm - Presentations. Connie Doty from Gravestone Services Inc. cleans & repairs gravestones. Jeff Wilterink from Lowell Granite will show options for replacing stones and adding plaques in order to preserve information before it is lost.

This free event is open to everyone & is applicable to graves in any cemetery.
Light refreshments will be served.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 14-195511-DE

Estate of DANTON LITSON, deceased. Date of birth: 08/31/1927.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Danton Litson, deceased, who lived at 1723 Derbyshire St., SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 05/04/2014.

presented to David D. Litson, named personal representative or proposed personal representative or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/ proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

July 7, 2014

Justin Michael (P34349)
1015 Parchment, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
616-940-9991

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5571 N. Meadow Grove, SE
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This kind of unique experience is possible in many areas around Michigan. What makes Michigan different from other states is that there is more public access to rivers, streams, lakes, and forests including a vast network of trails for cross country skiing, biking, hiking, ATV riding, and snowmobiling. It is not necessary to travel long distances to have a quality outdoor experience.

Whatever your outdoor interest, there are opportunities which are overlooked by the majority of people. It is a matter of doing some investigating to

locate that special place for you. Detailed maps found on paper or on line can reveal possible places of interest to explore. Another source of information is the local small town chamber of commerce. The chamber office is often staffed by a retired person volunteering their time and can provide excellent advice because they have spent most or all of their life in the area and know all the special spots.

Getting off the beaten path and away from the crowds may not always lead to spectacular destinations because those places have already been discovered and advertised. Everyone knows about it and will already be there when you arrive. Especially when visiting popular sites out of state, skip the tour bus and grab a map or GPS and head for the hills.

There are no guarantees when striking out on your own, but once and a while one will have a unique experience that will be remembered and the story retold for years to come. So fire up your sense of adventure and seek out those overlooked places and you may also be surprised by what you find.



along main street

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

FROM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Volunteer orientation at Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) will be Thurs., July 17 at 1 pm. Please call 897-8260 for additional information.

GRAVESTONE CLEANING AND PRESERVATION

The Historic Alton Church and Alton Cemetery will be hosting an informational workshop Tues., July 22 to anyone interested in preserving a loved one's gravestone. A cemetery walk in the Alton Cemetery will begin at 6 pm, followed by presentations by Connie Doty of Gravestone Services Inc. and Jeff Wilterink of Lowell Granite at 7 pm. This free event is open to everyone.

PIONEER ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP

Looking for an exciting day camp this summer? The Lowell Area Historical Museum presents a Pioneer Activities Workshop. Participants can pick two of four activities: Pioneer Farming, Putting By/Making Jam, Cooking in a Dutch Oven, Old Fashioned Toy Making. All Participants will also learn the Virginia Reel and have a chance to dance to a fiddle. This year's workshop will be held at Heidi's Farmstand, July 24, 9 am-2 pm. Ages 5-100. Call 616-897-7688 or visit www.lowellmuseum.org to register. Registration required.

YOUTH THEATER

Summer Youth Theater opportunity for students ages seven to 18 in August. Register now for the LowellArts! Beginning Theater class and production of The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and His Friends. Everyone will get cast in the show. For more info go to www.lowellartsmi.org or call 897-8545.

FREE CONCERT

The Birdsongs will be performing live on Sun., Aug. 3, 6-8 pm at the Lowell Showboat.

PHOTOGRAPHY WALK

F.A.R.M. Photography Walk offered by LowellArts! Discover the beauty of farms with photographer Dianne Carroll Burdick. Walk through the Kent County Youth Fair and the grounds of an area farm and learn tips and tricks to improve your photography skills. Sun., Aug. 3, 1-5 pm. For more info and to sign up go to www.lowellartsmi.org or call 897-8545.




JULY 9 - JULY 15


- Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl will take a desk job at Army post in Texas.
- Costa Concordia: Wrecked cruise ship floating again. Investigators hope to find the one missing victim.
- Germany kicks out CIA station chief after U.S. continues to spy on German officials.
- Free agent LeBron James announced his plans to return home and play for Cleveland Cavaliers.
- In World Cup finals Germany battled through 90-plus minutes to win 1-0 over Argentina.
- In a recent You/Gov poll two-thirds of republicans think impeaching Obama would be justified.
- Citigroup will pay \$7 billion to end department of Justice mortgage investigation.

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 Notice is hereby given that the public accuracy test of the Optical Scan Tabulating Equipment for the August 5, 2014 Primary Election will be conducted on Friday, July 18, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell.

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 Betty R. Morlock
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