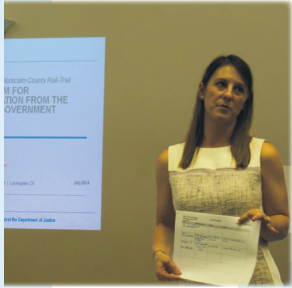


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Runners sprint through Lowell during last week's annual Quiver 5k Run & Walk

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Cancer crusaders strapped on their running shoes for the Pink Arrow Quiver 5K Run & Walk Tuesday at the close of Pink

Arrow Community Day held at Gilda's Club.

The event, historically held the same week as the Pink Arrow football game, changed both date

and location this year in an effort to drum up more participation and to add to the fun of the Pink Arrow Community Day kick off event.

The move appeared to work well as 230 runners registered for the run. More than 100 of those runners registered the day of the event.

According to first time race director Sarah Ellis, "I was very happy with the amount of people we ended up with. A week before the numbers were low and I was getting nervous, but this is such a great community with people that love to support great causes and a big thank you goes out to all of them."

Ellis also attributes the success of the event to the groundwork laid by the previous director.

"I want to thank Beth Kaminski who was race director for five-plus years and did a tremendous job in the past," said Ellis.

She added, "All proceeds go directly to the Pink Arrow Pride fund, helping families in our area struggling with cancer, either through monetary support or emotional support through Gilda's Club."

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More than 200 participants take off from the start line at Gilda's Club and make their way through downtown Lowell.

Have fun at the fair all week long

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

A sky full of lightning and a torrential downpour were not enough to dampen the spirits as the 2014 Kent County Youth Fair got into full swing this week. The theme this year is "Go Hog Wild!"

Despite the rain on day one, fairgoers were pouring in to enjoy events like the popular Youth Talent contest, an antique tractor pull and a free off-road vehicle safety class.

Tuesday brought the return of Reading for Rides,

a blood drive, a draft horse demonstration and the high-energy entertainment of Mid-West Dueling Pianos.

The remainder of the fair schedule includes: the livestock auction, a Puff the Dragon Pedal Pull, a Dodgeball Tournament and a Princess Tea Party.

Friday will be Handi-Capable Day. Free carnival rides and lunch are available for persons with special needs. Full details of how to participate can be found on the fair's website www.kcyf.org

Saturday, the final day of the fair, features Meijer Kids' Day as well as Dollar Day. Ride and food specials for \$1 are offered between 12-6. Fairground parking will also be only \$1 if you bring a donation of three or more nonperishable food items to the gate. The donations will benefit Flat River Outreach Ministries here in Lowell.

For a complete listing of the fair schedule visit www.kcyf.org



Father and daughter Adam and Mackenzie Provost.



Youth Talent Show winners in the 10 and under age group, Maryanna O'Connor, Laura Brandt and Sophia Yang.



Members of the Perfect Partners' riding team hiding from the rain inside their horse stall.

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Mayer appointed to city council, free ice cream and biodigester open house

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell has a new city councilor. At their meeting at city hall on Monday, August 4, the city council appointed Matt Mayer to a vacant seat.

Mayer was the write-in candidate in the last election and was appointed to the vacancy left by Chris Schwab. There were six applicants for the position. The council voted unanimously for Mayer.

"I don't know a whole lot about Matt other than we're on the planning

commission together," councilor Jim Hall said.

"I'm happy to have him," said councilor Sharon Ellison.

"I think he will do a fine job," said mayor Jim Hodges.

Mayer's appointment to the city council adds a second vacancy to the planning commission.

Out of the 15 citizens who attended the meeting only one spoke during "citizen comments." Sandra Johnson of Lowell

complained about a loud beeping noise emanating from the Speedway gas station near her home. She said that she notified the police about the sounds, but was told that since the Speedway was on commercial property there was nothing that could be done. City manager Mark Howe said he would contact her about the issue.

July is the 25th anniversary of Lowell's "contract operations" with United Water, which of course means free ice cream.

"To celebrate the occasion several folks from the city council and Mr. [Mark] Mundt will be giving away free ice cream novelties at the Sizzlin' Summer Concert on August 21," Howe said.

There will be an open house at the Lowell Energy Center, a.k.a. the Newell Building, a.k.a. the biodigester, August 14 at 6 pm.

"The council and members of the public are invited," Howe said. "They're going to tour the biodigester and just the center itself and go

through that and then they [the Lowell Light & Power board] will convene their [board] meeting following that tour."

The next city council meeting will take place at city hall on Monday, August 18 at 7 pm. At that meeting the council plans to adopt this year's "Pink Arrow Resolution."

Survivor Celebration brings people together

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

LIVESTRONG at the YMCA is a physical and emotional wellness program designed specifically for adult cancer survivors. The program recently wrapped up their second session last week with their first "Survivor Celebration."

"We added the Survivor Celebration to the program as a way to bring all participants, past and present, together to continue sharing and supporting each other as a group connected by the Lowell YMCA," said lead health and wellness specialist Lynn Draigh.

The celebration served that purpose by bringing



Participants from the first- and second-session of the cancer wellness program gathered together with their trainers to share in each other's victories.

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LIVESTRONG AT THE YMCA

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Meeting held to discuss class action lawsuit concerning trail area property owners

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

According to a recent class action lawsuit, people who own property "located between railroad milepost 81.5 in Greenville, Michigan and milepost 103.2 in Lowell" might have some money coming to them.

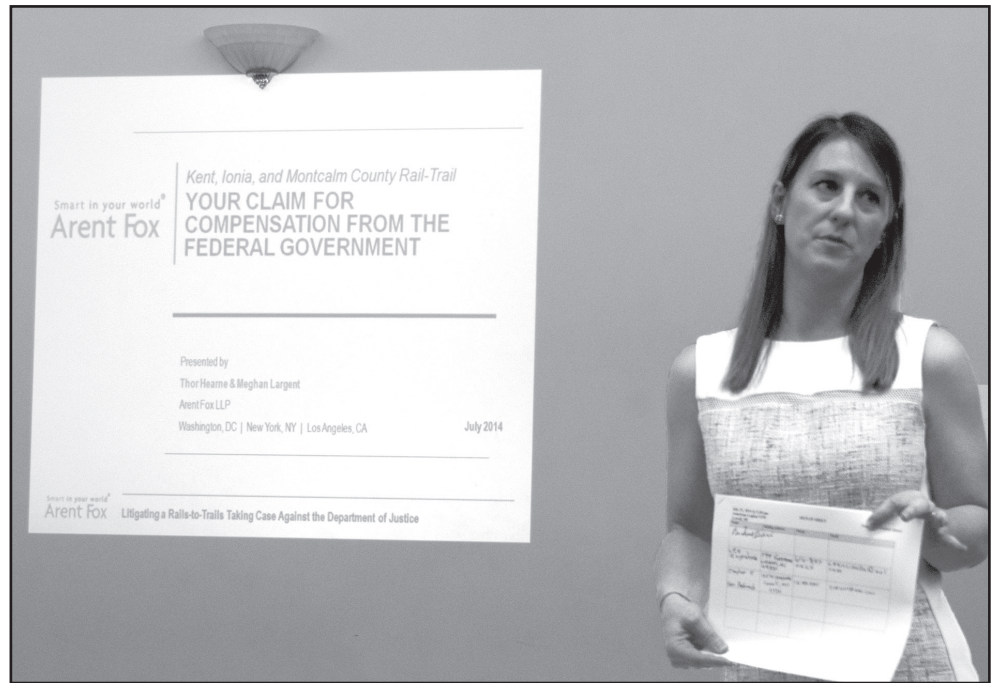
The lawsuit was filed against the United States government by a law firm called "Arent Fox." Meghan Largent, a lawyer for the firm, was in Lowell on Thursday, July 31, for a "town hall meeting" about the lawsuit. Largent gave a PowerPoint presentation to an audience of about 10 people at the Lowell VFW post located at 3116 Alden

Nash SE. Largent's co-council Mark "Thor" Hearne was supposed to be present at the meeting but was unable to attend. Hearne was "national election counsel" for George W. Bush's 2004 presidential campaign. He was later the founder of "American Center for Voting Rights," a non-profit organization whose purpose was to require voters have a photo ID with them when voting.

In this lawsuit, property owners are suing the government for converting a defunct private railroad into a public trail. Property owners across the country

have gotten money from the government in the past from class action lawsuits exactly like this one.

"We can't stop the trail," Largent said. "We're not suing the trail group or the railroad. Nothing is going to be different about the easements on your property. If you join our case or you don't join our case, you still have two easements on your property; one for a public recreational trail; one for a future railroad. It's not going to change if you join this case. This is strictly a claim for compensation."



Lawyer, Meghan Largent, gave a PowerPoint presentation at the Lowell VFW.

Survivor Celebration, continued

the survivors together for healthy snacks and camaraderie.

"It is intended to celebrate life, survivorship and continued recovery. No one understands the cancer journey like other cancer survivors and we want them to continue the connections made through this program," explained Draigh.

Session three of LIVESTRONG kicked off this week and is currently at full class capacity. Those interested are invited to sign up on the waiting list. A fourth session is planned for September.

The program is funded for the first year by the

Lowell Area Community Fund. They are now looking for further financial assistance.

"The Lowell YMCA is seeking funding/ sponsorship for survivor participants so they do not have to take on additional

costs to continue their healing process. Anyone interested in making a donation to cover the cost of one or more participants is urged to call Staci Chambers at 616-897-8445," added Draigh.

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To learn more about CyberKnife at Mercy Health Lacks Cancer Center, contact our CyberKnife team at 616-685-6800 (or 844-856-6800 toll free) or via email at cyberknife@mercyhealth.com

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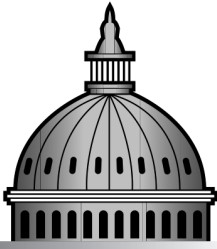
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Appointments to the International Authority and the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority

The Honourable Lisa Raitt, Canada's minister of transport and Michigan governor Rick Snyder announced appointments to the International Authority which will oversee the construction of the new publicly-owned bridge between Windsor, Ontario and Detroit, Michigan.

Klohs and Mr. Matt Rizik have been appointed by Michigan. Mrs. Burr will also serve as the chairperson of the International Authority. A third Canadian member will be selected by the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) in the near future.

Mrs. Kristine Burr and Mrs. Geneviève Gagnon have been appointed by Canada and Mr. Michael D. Hayes, Mrs. Birgit M.

Minister Raitt also announced today appointments to the board of the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority. Mr. Michele "Michael" Cautillo P.Eng.,

M.Eng., has been appointed as president and chief executive officer, Mr. Mark McQueen as chairperson of the board of directors, and Mr. William Graham and Mrs. Caroline Mulroney Lapham as directors.

Quick Facts

- The International Authority was created pursuant to the Crossing Agreement signed by Canada and Michigan on June 15, 2012. Comprised of six members with equal representation from Canada and Michigan, the International Authority will oversee and approve key steps in the P3 procurement process for the new Windsor-Detroit bridge crossing. It will also monitor the compliance of the Windsor-Detroit Bridge

Authority with the Crossing Agreement signed by Canada and Michigan.

- The Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority was created in 2012 and is Canada's newest Crown Corporation. The WDBA will manage the procurement process for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the new bridge through a public-private partnership (P3). It will also oversee the work of the public-private partnership, manage the concession agreement and payments, and set and collect tolls.

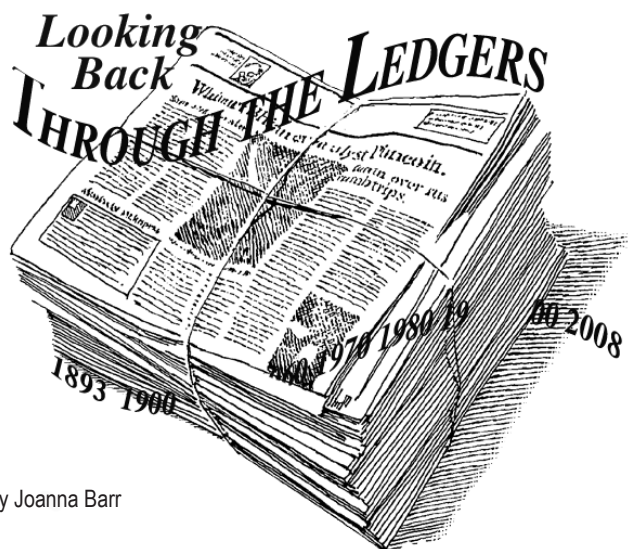
- The project is known as the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) in Canada and the New International Trade Crossing (NITC)

in Michigan. The project consists of four major infrastructure components: the bridge, the Canadian port of entry (POE), the U.S. POE and an interchange connection to Interstate 75 in Michigan.

"These appointments to the International Authority and the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority are a significant step forward towards building a new publicly-owned bridge between Canada and the United States. These individuals bring strong leadership skills, engineering, legal and financial expertise, and wide-ranging business experience to the International Authority and the WDBA board. We will benefit greatly from their

knowledge and commitment to community service." The Honourable Lisa Raitt Minister of Transport.

"This milestone is the latest achievement in an exciting project that will create short- and long-term jobs, energize the economy and enhance security for Michigan and Canada. The International Authority has a leadership role in driving the New International Trade Crossing forward. We're fortunate to have such talented, dedicated appointees who are willing to serve. I am confident they will provide the expertise and guidance that will make the NITC a shining example of international cooperation and economic success," Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan.



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal August 7, 1889

A boy is wanted at this office. One who can be trusted, is not afraid of work, can board at home and has a fair understanding of spelling and grammar.

The new style of postal card will soon be out. They will be double and gummed on one edge, so that after being filled it can be sealed up. The space for communication will in this way be doubled and secrecy insured.

The basement of the Central School building is being extended under the main part of the structure in order to have the new hot air heating apparatus near the center of the building, which placing would give better satisfaction in distributing the heat.

Counterfeit five dollar certificates are being circulated quite freely in this city. Except that the paper is of a slightly inferior quality and the engraving of Gen. Grant's picture rather coarse, they are very good imitations of the genuine and are hard to detect.

King, Quick & King shut down their mills this week and will not run again this season unless the second drive can run down the river. Should we have plenty of rainfall the logs, which are hung up above Belding, could be brought here enabling the mills to make a full season's run.

The latest medical pronouncement is that smoking after meals is injurious. Since it is already established

that smoking before meals is injurious the only refuge is to stop eating – Caro Advertiser.

A Charleston druggist advertised that the milk of a cocoanut would remove freckles and 4,000 of the nuts were sold at retail in two days to women folks. He got a commission on all sales.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 6, 1914

The families of Edson Gardner and Walter Rogers suffered a slight accident Sunday morning while driving to Fallasburg with a team and light wagon, the vehicle tipping over, probably from unbalanced loading and spilling the party out on a sandy hill near the "burg." Mrs. Rogers suffered a fractured rib and bruises, but the others escaped entirely or with slight bruises.

The 7 year old son of J. F. Ward of Fallasburg caught his hand in a hay loader pulley, Wednesday morning, mangling it badly.

A 2 year old red roan heifer strayed from my premises in section six Vergennes, notify JAS. T. Sullivan, Ada, R. F. D. 43 and receive reward.

Kelly & Brennan, who have been putting on some pleasing performances here this week, will present the popular drama, "The Man of the Hour," this evening.

The boyhood home of inventor Thomas A. Edison in Port Huron is to be cleared of the historic old pine trees which cover the grounds and the plot of the ground, which consists of 20 acres, will be made into a public park by its present owners.

The body of a man who is supposed to have been lost with one of the many ships which went down in the big storm of November last, was found in the river at Marysville Thursday. There were no marks on it in which it could be identified.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 10, 1939

The annual community picnic, sponsored by Lowell Board of Trade, will be held at Fallasburg Park on Tuesday, Aug. 22. The various committees are making extensive plans for a big day of fun and frolic to which all of the people of in the surrounding territory are cordially invited...

Work on the new post office building is moving steadily forward. The outside walls have been completed and crews of finishers are now at work on the interior walls and partitions. The exterior walls are made of brick of a rose-colored hue and the finished building is sure to convey a warm and pleasant impression.

At the luncheon meeting of Lowell Rotary Club this week Wednesday Frank F. Coons was prevailed upon to give his impressions of his recent visit to the New York World's Fair which he did in a very interesting manner. After describing a number of the Fair's features Mr. Coons concluded saying: "The fair is

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In The Service

Army Pvt. Joseph R. Carter has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses.

Carter is the son of Rodney R. Carter of Lowell, Mich., and Sophia Drummond of Forsyth, Ga.

He is a 2012 graduate of Mary Persons High School, Forsyth, Ga.

Air Force Airman Oliver A. Ancans graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Ancans is the son of Jennifer and Andrew Ancans of Grand Rapids.

He is a 2012 graduate of Forest Hills Eastern High School, Ada.

area births

Foster

Brady and Becky Foster of Alto happily announce the birth of their third child, Gavin Arnold Foster, born April 18, 2014, at Grand Rapids Spectrum Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and measured 20 inches.



Galvin Arnold Foster

Foster

Matthew and Carmen Foster, of Lowell, gladly introduce their daughter Claire Grace Foster, born May 22, 2014, at Grand Rapids Spectrum Hospital. Claire weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measured 19 inches. Claire joins her three-and-a-half-year-old big brother

Ethan. Proud grandparents are Kim and Cheryl Foster of Belding, Kim Osterberg of Saranac and Jim and Kate Datema of Lowell. Great-grandparents are Dolly Bailey of Ionia and Victor and Joan Osterberg of Lowell.



Claire Grace Foster

college news

Krista Breanne Foster, a Lowell High School graduate, received her Bachelor of Science in education from Central Michigan University for the semester ending May 2014.

Ashlee Stormzand of Lowell is the recipient of a \$2,000 Brothers Scholarship, renewable for three years, from The Heritage Group Scholarship Fund. Brothers Scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding

students who intend to enroll at an accredited two- or four-year college or university. Stormzand plans to attend Grand Rapids Community College in the fall of 2014.

She is the daughter of Terri Cross, a Crystal Flash Michigan employee located in Lowell. Crystal Flash Michigan is a Heritage Group company.

Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design officials have

announced that more than 4,558 students received academic honors for the semester that ended in May 2014.

To be eligible for academic honors, the minimum requirements for full-time students each term are: 3.5 GPA and completion of 12 credit hours or more of graded course work at the 100 level or higher. The minimum requires for part-time students each term are: 3.5 GPA with completion of at least 12 accumulated credit hours of graded course work at the 100 level or higher.

Local students are: Ada: Derek Phelps, Cameron Eidenier, Kristin Dunn, Casey Newberg, Elizabeth Kaminski, Chelsea Broekema, Charles Alm,

Taylor Almy, Zachary Sturgeon, Michael Ohle, Stephanie Facer, Michelle Facer, Timothy Vorgias, Justin Holmes, Anthony Hanson, and Nicholas Dziadosz; Alto: Alexander Farhadi, Steven Sutherland, Kristine Huberts, Bethany Hesselink, Tyler Hoogterp, Steve Yonker, Nicole Prins, and Kristin Nagy; Lowell: Courtney Phenix, Megan Willemstein, Matthew Haan, Bailey Both, Nicholas Wade, Alexander DeVries, Philip Gerhardt, Anthony Everitt, Virginia Velting, Devin DeCator, Katelyn Moore, Mitchell Mcrae, Courtney Wierzbicki, Quincee Denault, Sandra Bewell, Emily Schreur, Susan Sejat, Hope Oudbier, Cassandra Koster, Kara Rasch, and Daniel Ruland.



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Participants took off from a pink starting line and headed out on the course which took them on a fast-paced historical tour of downtown Lowell and ended at the Showboat. Cash awards were given to the top-finishing male and female runners. Awards were also given to first, second and third places in each age division.

Ellis and her team of event organizers expressed gratitude to all of the dedicated volunteers who

came out to help with this event and the sponsors who made the fundraiser a reality.

"The race also wouldn't have been possible without all our sponsors: Fifth Third Bank, Grand River Veterinary Clinic, Forest Hills Foods, King Milling, the Janiskee family, Johnson Home Builders, Trombly Chiropractic, State Farm, Sterling Massey, Bridges Animal Hospital and Family Dentistry of Lowell," said Ellis.



A pink-clad family takes off from the start line during the evening fundraising event.



The Quiver mascot enthusiastically greets race participants at the finish line with applause and high fives.

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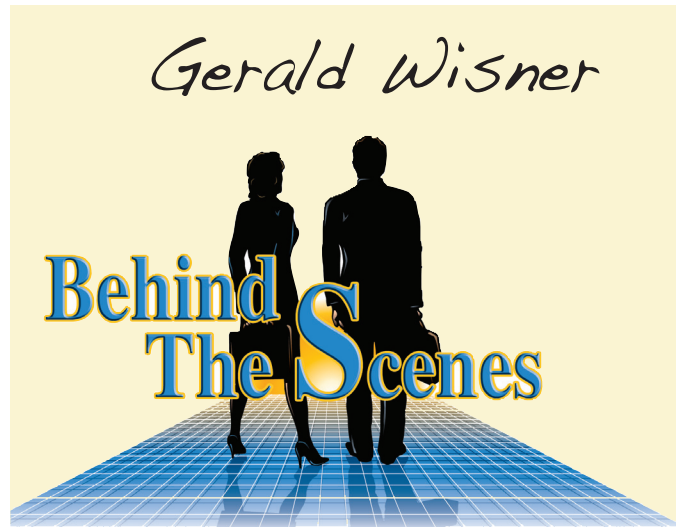
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Position: Detailer at Wittenbach GMC
Residence: Born and raised in Lowell; ancestors settled in area in the 1800s.
Education: Lowell High School class of 1967
Experience: Dairy farmer from 1980-2004
Family: Married; one son, Joe; two daughters, Jennifer & Julie; and seven grandchildren
Hobbies & Interests: Growing flowers on his eight acres; cleaning cars at Wittenbach



Detailer finds joy in his job, his gardening and his family

by Tim McAllister
 contributing reporter

If you've ever purchased a vehicle or had one serviced at Wittenbach GMC, 749 W. Main, your car has probably been 'detailed' by Gerald Wisner.

"I clean and wash all the cars; get them ready for delivery to the customers that buy them," Wisner said. "We want them looking top notch, 100 percent. We do that with used ones and new ones. 'Detail' means you do all the details on them, inside and out. You wash them first. Wash the rims. And then wax them, then dry them off. If there are real bad dents and scratches we take them to the body shop across the road."

Wisner can repair small scratches by buffing and painting the vehicles.

"We get the paint and then we put that paint on there with a little tiny brush and then it doesn't show," Wisner said. "We can buff them out so they don't show, to make them into a sharp-looking car again. They're not perfect, but you don't notice them. If we touch that up with the same color paint, you never see it. Then you polish it and it just looks sharp."

To clean the outside of a car, Wisner goes into a lot more 'detail' than a mechanical drive-through car wash.

"We always do the rims, clean the rims, all the chrome, get it all cleaned and polished," Wisner said. "Then you put car wax, just like you would get at the spray car wash. We put it on really heavy and rinse that off and dry it all off. You can't let that bead up on there or it'll make spots on it so you got to shammy it all down, get that all dry and then we have some material that we put on there, 'Bumper Magic.' It's amazing stuff. And then we got shine for the wheels and we clean those off, brush them. We got stuff we can put on and dry it off and they look like a brand new tire. It's like it just came out of the factory, all clean."

The next step is to clean the inside of the vehicle.

"We vacuum everything, make it spotless in there," Wisner said. "We have upholstery cleaner for the seats. If there's any spots on them we get them off so they look as good as you can make them."

Wisner said the most difficult thing to deal with is a bad odor in a car.

"About three times a week we have ones that stink," Wisner said. "Smoke is the biggest thing. People smoke in them and there's no way it'll come out. We've got several chemicals that

we actually spray right on everything in there. We spray the seats, the carpets, the dash, the doors, everything. Every surface in there you spray. It's like a miracle, this stuff. We just started using it maybe a month or two ago. Before that we always had trouble. Or you can get a moldy smell in cars, where somebody left them open and it rained in them and the carpet's all wet. And then if they don't get it dried out it'll reek in there like mold. Those are the two big stinks in a car. Once in a while pets, but if they poop on the floor you can clean it with soap and water."

Wisner is married; he has one son, two daughters and seven grandchildren. He was born and raised in Lowell and graduated from Lowell High School in 1967. His ancestors settled in the area in the 1800s.

"My dad was here all his life; my grandpa was here all his life; my great-grandpa was here all his life," Wisner said. "If you go out on M-21 here, halfway to Ada there's a little picnic area out there. Right across the road there's an old farmstead. That's my great great-grandpa's. They got the land for a buck and a quarter from the government. They

homesteaded on that, built that farm. They actually settled out there in about 1830. They built the buildings about 1850. My pa just died four years ago. He was an old geezer. He was 89. He was a fighter pilot in World War II. He got shot down and was a prisoner of war in Czechoslovakia for the last year of the war. When they were freed at the end of the war he was sent out on the railroad out to Odessa, which is in the Ukraine."

Wisner's favorite hobby is gardening, particularly flowers.

"I live on eight acres and I've got maybe 20,000 or 30,000 flowers," Wisner said. "I just love growing flowers. They're perennials for the most part. We've got roses and you name it. There's hardly anything you can name that I don't have. I bring my wife a vase of them almost every day. My mom is 91. We go see her at least once a week and we take her a big ol' vase of flowers and usually a whole pail full of flowers for the retirement home and tell them, 'Do whatever you want with them. Give them to the people; put them out on the nurse's desk, whatever you want.'"

Wisner was a farmer his whole life until he sold the farm ten years ago.

"I was a dairy farmer from 1980 until 2004," Wisner said. "We had a dairy at Four Mile Road and Lincoln Lake Road. My dad bought the dairy right after World War II when he got out. He and myself and my brother ran that dairy farm. I retired and sold it. My father had already retired and gotten out, my brother left, so I sold the farm. That was in 2004. I've been completely retired since then."

Wisner is incredibly proud of his three children, all of whom are successful in their fields.

"My daughter Jennifer is 33," Wisner said. "She graduated from Central Michigan University and she works in the world headquarters of FedEx down in Memphis. She has 1,000 pilots that she has to take care of all of their stuff, like the payroll, their health insurance, or any problems they have. Then I got another

daughter, Julie, that's out in Seattle. She works for Boeing as an aerospace engineer. She helped them build that 787 Dreamliner. I went to London with her. She worked in a wind tunnel in London and I bummed around London while she worked, then every night we'd meet and we ran around and just had a heck of a good time. I have a son, Joe, that's in Columbus, Ohio. He's in construction, remodeling construction in apartments. He was 'employee of the year' last year. He's amazing. He grew up on the farm there and he was the best farm worker I ever had. He used to run the irrigation on the farm. He can build or do anything."

Wisner is one of those lucky people who considers their job 'fun.'

"My number one fun is my garden and my number two fun is cleaning cars here at Wittenbach," Wisner said. "We baby the heck out of them. It's fun to make people happy with their cars."

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Plans for a Pinknic full of activities next Tuesday

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The team at Greenridge Realty and manager and associate broker Rick Seese are in full preparation mode as the date nears for the first ever Pink Arrow Community Pinknic.

Slated for August 12 from 4-8 pm, the "Pinknic" will take place on the front lawn of the real estate office at 1160 West Main Street.

"My Greenridge staff decided about a year ago to try and do something for the community. We didn't get the marketing piece in place in time for last year, so we got a running start for

this year. We have a huge front lawn at the office and decided to use it, rather than just mow it," said Seese.

"The response has been better than expected. We have sponsors helping with event costs and volunteers ready to help with the different tasks to make sure all aspects of the event are covered. Everyone seems to think it's a great idea. We thought that the picnic idea would bring the community together as families and individuals for a fun

occasion," added Seese.

All proceeds from the sale of food will be directly funneled to the Pink Arrow Pride fund.

A line up of live performances from talented musicians are also scheduled for the inaugural event, including The Adams Family, Kari Lynch & Ryder Jones, Steve Hilger and Audrey Pearson.

Games, prizes and some additional surprises are in store for the youngest attendees, including a visit

from balloon sculpting experts The Balloon Guys. Photo booth fun provided by Shutter Booth will also be a highlight of the picnic entertainment schedule, all free to the public.

According to Seese, the Greenridge team is happy to be raising both awareness and funds for the Pink Arrow Pride mission.

"Since we have not

really provided anything formally organized for Pink Arrow in the past, we felt that now was the time to do so. We have been in Lowell for over 25 years, helping people with their real estate transactions. We have grown accustomed to what the community is about. It's all about people and relationships. Lowell

is a very giving and innovative community," Seese concluded.

Tents, tables and seating will be available for dining. Lawn seating is available for the musical performances so guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. There will be signs posted the day of the event to direct parking.

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WHEREAS, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, drain assessments against land will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. And also if drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the land owner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges.

WHEREAS, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the drain commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If there is no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment. The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

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Dated this 31st day of July, 2014.

William R. Byl,
Kent County Drain Commissioner

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Your legacy is in your hands

Unless you keep close track of obscure holidays and observances, you probably didn't know that August is "What Will Be Your Legacy? Month." Still, you might want to use this particular month as a useful reminder to take action on what could be one of your most important financial goals: leaving a meaningful legacy.

A legacy isn't simply a document or a bunch of numbers — it's what you will be remembered for, and what you have left behind

that will be remembered. It's essentially your chance to contribute positively to the future, whether that means providing financial resources for the next generation, helping those charitable organizations whose work you support, or a combination of both.

To create your legacy, you'll need to do some planning. And you can start by asking yourself a couple of key questions:

What are your goals? When you think about leaving a legacy, what comes

to mind? First and foremost, you may well want to leave enough money to help your own grown children meet their financial goals. After that, you probably have other things you'd like to accomplish. Perhaps you want to provide resources for your grandchildren to attend college? Or set up a scholarship at your own alma mater? Give financial support to a cultural, social, religious or scientific group? By thinking about your goals and putting them on paper, even in an informal sense, you'll be taking the important first step in leaving the legacy you desire.

How can you turn your goals into reality? If you don't take some concrete steps, your legacy just won't materialize. And the most important step you need to take is to create a comprehensive estate plan. Your estate plan can be quite involved, because it may involve several legal documents, such as a will, living trust, health care power of attorney, and so on. In creating these materials, you will need to work with your legal and tax advisors because estate planning is definitely not a "do-it-yourself" endeavor.

You probably shouldn't wait until you are deep into retirement to take action on your estate plan because developing the necessary documents and arrangements can take a fair amount of time — and you'll want to make these preparations when you're in good mental and physical health. Also, the longer you wait to set up your estate plan, the less likely it will be that you've communicated your wishes clearly to your family members, who may end up unsure about what you want and what their roles are in carrying out your plans — and that's an outcome you certainly don't want to see.

In fact, clear communications are essential to developing a successful estate plan. You should not only tell your family members — and anyone else affected by your estate plan — what you are thinking of doing but also inform them about the professionals with whom you are working and the locations in which you are storing any vital documents, such as your will.

By identifying your goals, working with the appropriate professionals to create an effective estate plan, and communicating regularly with your family members and other "key players" in your life, you can go a long way toward leaving the legacy you desire.

So, do what it takes to launch that legacy.

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES

Notice of Public Hearing (Under Act 198, Public Acts of Michigan, 1974, as Amended)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Vergennes will hold a public hearing on August 18, 2014, at or after 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, Michigan 49331, telephone (616) 897-5671, to consider a request from Industrial Services Group (ISG), for an **Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate** for real and personal property improvements to the property located at 683 Lincoln Lake Ave SE, Lowell, Michigan 49331 in Vergennes Township, Michigan, under the provisions of Act 198 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended. The improvements will be located within an Industrial Development District located within the Township of Vergennes, County of Kent, State of Michigan, described as follows:

Land in the Township of Vergennes, County of Kent, State of Michigan, described as:

Unit 1, Lincoln Lake Business Park, a site condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3554, pages 52-98, inclusive, in the office of the Kent County Register of Deeds, and designated as Kent County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 294, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended

The property and equipment to which the application relates lies within the above described parcel and itself is described in the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

The applicant, the Township Assessor, representatives of each taxing unit affected that levies ad valorem property taxes within the Township of Vergennes, or any other person may appear at this meeting and give testimony.

Mari C. Stone
Township Clerk

Looking Back, continued

truly a great sight but I want to say to you that it did not compare to the thrill I received when I got back home and saw the beautiful Showboat coming down the Flat River and the pride I felt at the thought that here was the work of our own people, produced for the enjoyment of our neighbors and friends.”

50 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 6, 1964

The three new bean silos of the C. H. Runciman Company on West Main Street are going up rapidly. There may be some trouble over this segregation if some right-wing radicals get hold of the story, the whites on one side and the colored on the other.

The Clark-Ellis American Legion post took an option this week to purchase 5 acres of land on East Main Street from Ed Compagner of Saranac. This may be the new site of the Lowell Showboat and at some future date the location of a new bowling alley, skating rink and restaurant.

One of the largest native tulip poplars in Kent County is found on the V. E. Preston farm in Lowell Township. Lloyd Cogswell, district forester, measured the record size tree at 26 inches in diameter. Mr. Preston said there were several trees of this species in the woodlot to the north, which was harvested three years ago. This species is the tallest eastern hardwood. Its leaves have an unusual squarish shape. The flowers are large and showy. They are tulip shaped, from whence it gets its name.

Steve Wittenbach of Wittenbach Sales and Service on West Main Street tried to join the “motor bike” set Saturday, but discovered it’s a young man’s game. He is nursing a few bruises and cuts and is sticking to nothing more exciting than a convertible.

It was revealed this week that the Keith Buick Ford Agency on South Hudson Street will move into the building owned by Mrs. Hugh Young at 508 West Main Street. This was the former Chevrolet garage, before Azzarellos moved into their new building at 1250 West Main Street.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger August 9, 1989

Forest Hills Nudist Club’s membership has grown from 35 members in 1979 to a little over 200 in 1989. Its growth is refreshing to some, appalling to others and controversial for everybody. It is quietly tucked away in a modern camp site setting at 9355 Riverside Drive in Saranac. There are no members standing at the green mechanical gate yelling for someone to come take a look at what they are doing or listen to their story. Instead, in a quiet, inconspicuous manner the campers have brought their tents, camper and trailer [and] or trailer and have set up camp. While many use the opportunity to enjoy the 45 private acres of Michigan’s outdoors in man’s most natural state, nudity, that is, [is] not a prerequisite to becoming a member.

Prior to the provisions of an agreement which required the 1984 breakup of the Michigan Bell System, the total needs of the customer were handled by the Bell operating companies. In an effort to create more competition, restrictions were put into place. They prohibited Michigan Bell and other Bell operating companies from manufacturing telecommunications equipment, providing information services content and carrying certain long distance calls. More specifically, telecommunications companies like Michigan

Bell are not allowed to design and manufacture telecommunications equipment or even invest in U.S. manufacturing companies. While all of this may have created more competition, today, virtually all telephone sets and one-third of all telephone call-processing equipment is manufactured overseas and all the jobs that go with the work belong to other nations.

Success has Lowell duo “California Dreamin.” And the answer is – It’s Fun.” What’s the first accessory store to buy jewelry made by Lyndsay Machado and Lynn Homolka and what two words can also be used to describe the two-year-old business venture, Earrational Earrings Design, the 1980 Lowell graduates have started in the city of Orange, California? “What could possibly be fun about running your own business, setting your own hours, your own wage, deciding how much vacation time you get,” says Homolka in a teasingly, sarcastic tone. Homolka, an ’85 graduate from Western Michigan University, moved out to Phoenix to be with her grade school friend (Machado), who had already been in Arizona five-and-a-half years, a few of them as a business student at Arizona University. “I always felt I was artistically inclined. So I decided one day to make earrings for myself,” Machado. “After seeing what I had made, friends and people that I had worked with asked me to make them some.”

LWC presents check to Gilda's Club of Lowell

Pink Arrow Community Day was the appropriate day for Lowell Women’s Club to present a \$200 community gift to Teresa Beachum for Pink Arrow Pride and a \$200 community gift to Gilda’s Club Lowell.

Pictured, left to right: Wendy Wigger, CEO of Gilda’s Club; Jan Thompson, president of Lowell Women’s Club; and Lindsay Jousma, of Gilda’s Club Lowell.



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Sign up for our fall leagues today!

Lowell YMCA Softball Friday Night Men's League Final Standings

	Team Name	Captain
1	King Milling	Nick Hauck
2	Larkins	Vic Davis
3	Team Last Minute	Eric Denhof
4	Magna Mirrors	Gus Juarez
5	Ada Boys	Jeff V.

Lowell YMCA Softball Monday Night Coed League Champions Congratulations Noodles & Company!

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Lowell YMCA Softball Monday Night Coed League Final Standings

	Team Name	Captain
1	Noodles & Company	Melissa Shepard
2	Red Arrow Archery Supplies	Jason DesJarden
3	Legion of Boom	Brent VandenBosch
4	Bowne Center United Methodist	Mark Johnson
5	Malarky's	Ken Kohtz
6	Team GNS	Bridget Swift
7	Scotty's Auto	Geoff Emelander

obituaries

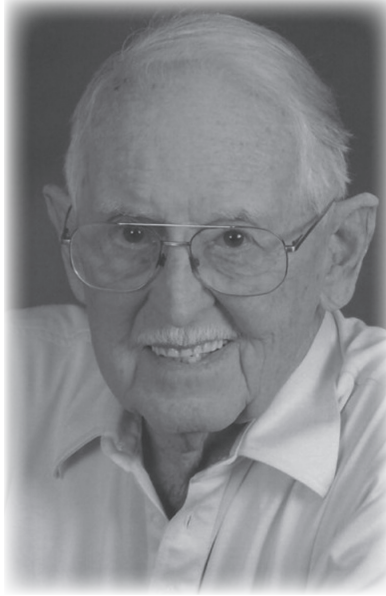
LIND

Otto 'Bob' Lind, of Lowell, departed this world to meet his Lord on Tuesday, July 29, 2014. He was born September 16, 1920 to Viktor & Hedwig Lind in Hettenrodt, Germany. Otto was preceded in death by his wife Vivian. Otto 'Bob' Lind met 'Viv', the love of his full lifetime, ice skating at Palmer Park in Detroit. They were married on November 24, 1945, after Otto returned from serving 3 1/2 years in World War II in the Aleutian Islands. Their home for 53 years was the house that Otto built in Commerce Township, Michigan, where they raised their 3 children, Robert (Nancy) Lind, Laura (Roger) Stanwick and Elaine (Bob) Meredith. In their retirement years, Otto and Vivian loved to travel and boast seeing parts of China and all 50 states, as well as having an active role in the lives of their grandchildren, Stephanie (Hamel) Scott, Christopher Greening, Kimberlee (Wenkel) Greening, Joel Meredith, Kate (Mondal) Meredith, and Lindsey Meredith and six great-grandchildren. The Linds moved to their home in Lowell in 2000, where the congregation of the Vergennes United Methodist Church became their extended family. Funeral services were held. Interment Bailey Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Vergennes United Methodist Church.



WILCOX

Milton J. Wilcox, age 92, of Fort Myers, Florida, passed away following a recent illness on Saturday, August 2, 2014, with his loving family by his side. He was born December 14, 1921, at Lowell, Michigan, the son of Laura G. (Staal) and Milton B. Wilcox. In 1946 he married Grace L. Huttenga. In 1960 they moved to Fort Myers Beach, Florida. They bought and operated the Gulf View Colony Trailer Park for 11 years. He then worked as a realtor at Fort Myers Beach and Cape Coral until he retired in 1983. He is survived by their sons, Gerald M. Wilcox (Marji) and Thomas A. Wilcox (Patricia); five grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. A Memorial Gathering will be held from 5:00-7:00 pm on Wednesday, August 6, 2014, in the Chapel at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, (239) 936-0555. Pastor Steven Adkison from Chapel By the Sea Presbyterian Church of Fort Myers Beach will then celebrate a memorial service beginning at 7:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you instead consider a donation in Milton's memory to Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, Florida 33908, (239) 482-4673. Those who wish to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time are urged to visit Mr. Wilcox's memorial webpage at www.fortmyersmemorial.com and sign the guestbook.



Women and Social Security

Women's Equality Day is August 26, and this is the perfect time to remind you how much Social Security values and appreciates women. Even though men and women with identical earnings histories receive the same benefits, there are things women in particular should know about Social Security. There are trends and differences in lifestyle and patterns of earnings that can affect benefits.

For example, some women may be caregivers for many people: spouses, children, and parents. Taking time away from the workplace to care for a newborn child, ailing spouse, or aging parent can have an impact on your future Social Security benefits.

Also, despite significant strides through the years, women are more likely to earn less over a lifetime than men. In addition, women are less likely than men to be covered by private retirement plans, so they are more dependent on Social Security in their retirement years.

Did you know that women tend to live on average about five years longer than men? This means more years depending on Social Security and whatever other retirement income or savings they accumulate.

If a woman's spouse earns significantly more than she does, it is very possible she will qualify for a larger benefit amount on the spouse's record than on her own. To learn more, visit our Women's page at www.socialsecurity.gov/women and read, print, or listen to our publication, *What Every Woman Should Know*.

To celebrate Women's Equality Day, learn how Social Security treats men and women equally by visiting www.socialsecurity.gov/women.

Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 or via email at vontil@ssa.gov



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QUEEN PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET - (new), \$248/set. Thick & plush. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.

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

LIKE NEW - 5-piece Union drum kit in excellent condition, \$400 obo; Yamaha bells kit w/case, excellent condition! \$125 obo. Just in time for band practice in the fall. Call 987-0133.

200 APPLIANCES - Washers, dryers, refrigerators & stoves. Guaranteed. From \$69. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook. Delivery available.

DUMP TRUCK - 16 ft. bed, single axle with 5 speed, 2 speed rear end, 1976 Chevrolet. It is a good truck, starts after sitting for any period of time, everything works except radio, has tarp roller on top of cab shield. There is an extra set of 4 tires. Also 4 ft sideboards that fit into the gussets for light material for an additional \$250. Price \$3,500. Call Wees 616-498-6548.

CHEMICAL-FREE BATH & BODY PRODUCTS - Handmade hand & body lotions, all-natural face wash, wonderful shower gel, lip balm, diaper rash cream - without the harsh chemicals for your baby! Many scents & unscented available as well. Made to order. Check out my store on www.etsy.com, search NanaHannahs. Free shipping or you can pick up in Lowell.

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

A CLASSIC OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE - gives you an independent & self-sufficient lifestyle but only if you buy before EPA rule on or about April 2015. Call today to learn more & for special pricing, SOS your "Stocking Dealer" Dutton, MI 616-554-8669 or 616-915-5061.

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for sale

FIFTHWHEEL - 1995 Beachcomber, 28 ft., 8x4 slideout, twin beds, sleeps 6, \$4,000. Call 897-5149.

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

HOUSE FOR SALE - 252 Church St., Saranac. Buy a beautiful Victorian home & own a piece of Saranac history. The home has had many updates inside & out yet the owners have preserved the original wood trim. Call Teresa Hoffman of Midwest Properties of MI 616-299-6219. Open House scheduled for 8/10 from 1-3 p.m.

BLACK LABRADOR PUPPIES FOR SALE - Excellent bloodlines, ready for new homes, dewormed & vaccinated. For more information call 293-5653.

KENMORE REFRIGERATOR & STOVE SET - (2006), cost \$900, sell \$199 for pair. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. See us on Facebook.

help wanted

GREEN ACRES OF LOWELL - is currently seeking an experienced part-time cook to prepare nutritious tasteful meals & snacks for residents. Candidate will need to be available to work weekends & afternoons. If you have a passion to work with the elderly & truly want to make a difference then we want you! For immediate consideration, apply in person at: Green Acres Lowell, 11530 Fulton St. SE, Lowell. No phone calls please.

INSERTING CREW MEMBER NEEDED - Part-Time Thursday & Friday, hours are flexible, but Friday night from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. is required. Duties include: stuffing inserts into the Buyers Guide. You will be standing for long periods of time & lifting 25-50 lbs. frequently. Must be at least 16 years old. Stop by the Buyers Guide office to fill out an application. 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. ABSOLUTELY NO PHONE CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

APPLICATIONS BEING TAKEN FOR WALKING ROUTE CARRIER FOR THE CITY OF LOWELL - for delivery of the Buyers Guide every Saturday. Paid weekly. Teens may apply. Stop by 105 N. Broadway to fill out an application. NO PHONE CALLS WILL BE ACCEPTED ABOUT THIS POSITION.

WANTED INDEPENDENT DISTRIBUTORS - Press carriers, Lowell area. Reliable transportation required. Contact Paul at 616-541-0564 or Brian at 616-541-0563.

help wanted

MEAT CUTTER/DELI COUNTER PERSON - Full or part-time. Must have experience. Apply in person, Gary's Country Meats, 205 E. Main, Lowell.

NOW HIRING - and training for career positions with West Michigan's leading real estate company. Call Rick Seese, Greenridge Realty, Inc. for a confidential interview. 616-437-2576 or 616-974-4250.

NOW HIRING - part time experienced maintenance person to maintain grounds and facility. 616-293-5653 canineacademyinternational.com

K9 ACADEMY - Dog boarding/training facility now hiring part time help. www.k9academyinternational.com or call 616-293-5653.

WE CURRENTLY HAVE POSITIONS AVAILABLE - in our outbound call center. NO COLD CALLING. 20-30 hours per week. Hourly base + bonuses based on personal performance. Average producers make \$400-\$800 per week. Ideal candidate: Likes to talk on the phone, reliable transportation, open availability (days, evenings & Saturdays), sparkling/outgoing personality. Call Danielle at 616-897-7300.

WE ARE LOOKING TO HIRE - 2 additional people for our job site team. Duties include: passing out flyers & information around our local job sites in nice suburban neighborhoods. Applicants should be outgoing & enjoy talking to people. This opportunity pays \$10/hr. + bonus. Average producers make \$400-\$700 per week. Call 616-897-4990 & ask for Tom.

ANIMAL CAREGIVER - Looking for an ambitious, physically fit person to care for many small dogs in a large, impeccably clean facility. 2nd shift part-time, would require 1 weekend shift per week. Alto area. E-mail resume/inquiries to: animalcaregivers@outlook.com or 868-7382.

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for rent

LOWELL - 2 bedroom lower duplex apartment for rent. Approx. 600 sq. ft. \$675 per month plus utilities. 1 month security deposit required. No pets. 807 W. Main St. Avail. mid August. 616-916-6477.

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

HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! www.VFW8303.org. FREE All Vets Coffee Hour at the center the 3rd Thursday of each month. Bring a friend. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.

sales

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Kids clothes, household items & much more. Fri. & Sat., Aug. 8 & 9, 9-5 p.m. N. Hudson St., across from Impact Church, watch for signs.

MOVING SALE - Fri., Aug. 8 & Sat., Aug. 9, 8 a.m. 541 Forstrom Dr. Futon, mini fridge, recliner, dresser & much more.

HUGE YARD SALE - Baby stuff, kitchen, clothing, and more! Aug. 7 & 8, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 10959 Woodbushe Dr. SE, Lowell.

YARD SALE - Collectibles, antiques, fashion, home decor, etc. 2601 Snow Ave. Fri., Aug. 8 & Sat., Aug. 9, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

GARAGE SALE - men's, women's & kids clothes, some toys. 10216 Cascade Road. Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 7 & 8.

LAKE ODESSA ANTIQUE SHOW - Sun., Aug. 10, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Join us at the fairgrounds, I-96 exit 64 south 6 miles. Check us on facebook!

wanted

I WANT TO BUY - Refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer & furniture in good shape. Have cash. 989-584-6818.

RECYCLING MATERIAL SCRAPS WANTED - to be used for housing insulation. Scraps may be dropped off at L4 Alterations, 216 E. Main St, Lowell. Call Judy at 897-0052 with questions.

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JUNK REMOVAL - Free pickup on all major appliances, bicycles, lawnmowers. Call Kenny at 616-421-5227. Free estimates on small odd jobs & any cleanups.

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ELECTRICIAN - retired electrician doing small jobs. Reasonable rates, discounts for seniors. Call 616-401-6547.

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

Coming Events

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

BINGO - Sat., Aug. 9, 12-6 p.m. at the Alto American Legion, Post 528, 6052 Linfield Ave., Alto.

LOWELL - Varsity sporting events, concerts, school board meetings, city council meetings, DDA meetings & planning commission meetings can be viewed on the 'local' Comcast public access channel (25) within a day or two of when they were held. Many athletic contests & concerts can be heard 'live' from the www.wlhrsradio.org internet radio website.

LOWELL ROTARY CLUB - meets each Wednesday at noon at Lowell City Hall. New members welcome.

VERGENNES CLUB MEETS - at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month March thru Nov. Meeting at Schneider Manor Community Room. Program & refreshments. Guests welcome.

CARVING CLUB - meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at LowellArts! New members welcomed. Call for information, 616-752-0096.

TODDLER THURSDAY - Every Thursday 11-11:30 a.m. Stories, songs, rhymes & learning. Ages 18 mo. - 36 mo. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding. 616-794-1450.

FRIDAY FUN - Every Friday, 11-11:45 a.m. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, games & a simple craft. For 3-5 year olds. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding. 616-794-1450.

KID CRAFT SATURDAY - Third Saturday of each month. Drop in anytime between 9 a.m. - noon.

Make a craft & take it home. All ages are welcome. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main, Belding. 616-794-1450.

LEGOS AT THE LIBRARY - For youth ages 5-11. Second Sat. of each month, 10 a.m. - noon. Bring your imagination & be ready to build. Legos provided. Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main St., Belding. 616-794-1450.

LEGO DAYS - first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. - noon. Saranac Public Library, 61 Bridge St., Saranac. 616-642-9146.

STORYTIME - Wednesdays, 11 a.m., children 0-18 mos.; Fridays, 10 a.m., children 18-36 mos.; Fridays, 11 a.m., children 3-5 years. Books, rhymes, songs & crafts at Alvah N. Belding Library, 302 E. Main St., Belding, 616-794-1450. www.belding.michlibrary.org

WHITES BRIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Lowell Chamber of Commerce office at 6:30 p.m. Public is invited to join our group as we plan to raise funds to restore Whites Covered Bridge. For additional information www.WhitesBridgeHistoricalSociety@gmail.com or 616-437-1927.

MICHIGAN BLOOD BLOOD DRIVE - every second Monday, noon - 7 p.m. Kent County Fairgrounds, King Memorial Youth Center. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended. 1-866-MIBLOOD, www.miblood.org

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

ALTO FARMERS MARKET - Every Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. thru September. Veterans Memorial Park, downtown Alto (at the corner of Linfield & Kirby). Seasonal produce, baked goods, arts & crafts, fresh eggs, garden plants & more! If you'd like to be a vendor, please call Lyndsay Grummet at 868-6607.

health

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



Medical conditions, such as diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, cancers and clotting disorders develop as the result of many factors. Some are caused by environmental factors, such as poor diet, lack of exercise, smoking, drinking and chemical exposures.

Some are caused by genetic factors that are passed from one generation to another. While some are the result of both environmental and genetic factors.

Diabetes Mellitus Type 2 (adult onset diabetes) has a strong genetic component. This means that relatives of Type 2 diabetics have a high likelihood of becoming diabetic in their lifetime. This can often be prevented with proper diet, exercise and weight control.

Heart disease often has a strong genetic component and tends to run in families. People with a family history of heart disease should be sure to monitor and control their blood pressure, control their cholesterol, not use tobacco, and control their weight with diet and exercise.

Hypertension (high blood pressure) often

develops as a result of many factors, but the biggest factor is family history. If you have family members with hypertension, it is important that you have your blood pressure monitored regularly. You should also control your cholesterol, not use tobacco, and control your weight with diet and exercise.

Many cancers tend to run in families. The most common ones are breast, colon and prostate. If you have a family member with one of these cancers, it is important that you begin a cancer-screening program sooner and more regularly than the average person.

Clotting disorders are often hereditary. Clotting disorders can place a person at increased risk of a blood clot, which can travel to the lung and cause a pulmonary embolism, or to the brain

and cause a stroke. People with clotting disorders often develop blood clots easier than the average person as the result of trauma, surgeries or prolonged immobilization.

Many people fail to realize the importance of knowing their own family medical history. They often do not realize that they may be at risk of developing the same conditions that their siblings, parents or grandparents have been diagnosed with. It is very important that everyone learn not only their immediate family medical history, but also their distant family history. Having regular physical exams and sharing your family's medical history with your health care provider is the best way to prevent your family's medical problems from becoming your own.

KENT COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER BOOKEY COUNTY DRAIN

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Notice Is Hereby Given, that on the 19th day of August, 2014, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, located at 1500 Scribner Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, the Kent County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. to hear the proofs and allegations and to carefully reconsider and review the description of lands comprising the Bookey County Drain Drainage District. The Drain Commissioner shall determine whether the addition and/or deletion of lands will more accurately define the boundaries of the land benefitted by the Drain, located and established in the Charter Township of Plainfield, County of Kent, and whether such addition and/or deletion of lands is just and equitable pursuant to Section 197 of Act No. 40, P.A. 1956, as amended.

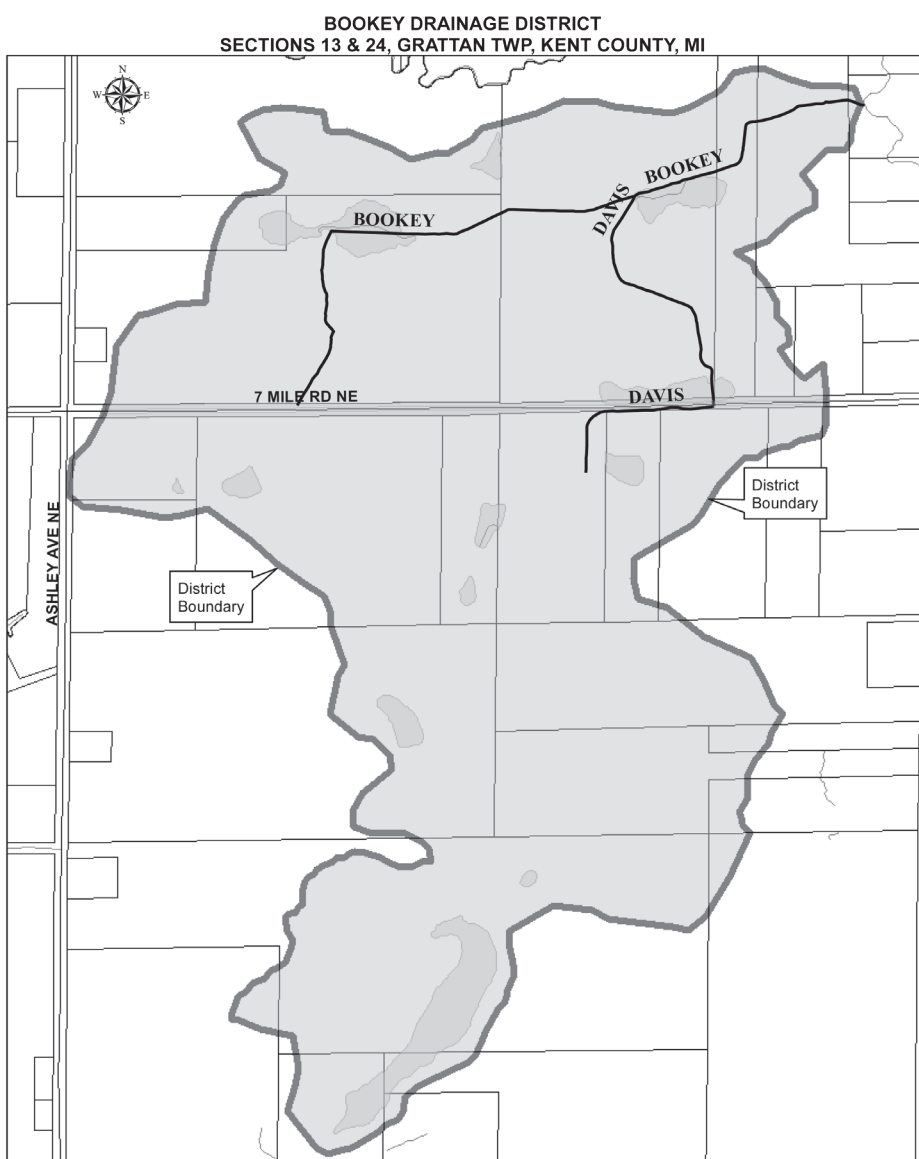
Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the County Drain Commissioner at 616-336-3688 or through the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

A map depicting the proposed revisions to the Bookey County Drain Drainage District as recommended by a licensed professional engineer or surveyor is enclosed with this Notice.

You Are Further Notified, that persons aggrieved by the decision of the Drain Commissioner may seek judicial review in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent within ten (10) days of the determination.

DATED: July 31, 2014

William R. Byl
Kent County Drain Commissioner



Office of the Kent County Drain Commissioner, William Byl

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Forestry Grant applications available

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced the availability of applications for the 2014 Community Forestry Grants program.

The applications to request support for urban and community forestry activities are available from the DNR's Urban and Community Forestry program. The grants are funded through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service's State and Private Forestry program.

Local units of government, nonprofit organizations, schools and tribal governments are eligible and encouraged to apply for the grants, which can be used for a variety of projects including:

- Street and park tree

management and planning activities.

- Urban forestry and arboriculture-related training and education events.
- Tree plantings.
- Arbor Day celebrations and materials.

"Trees provide many benefits to our communities, including shade, oxygen and improved property values," said Kevin Sayers, Urban Community Forestry program coordinator. "The past winter was particularly hard on the trees in many communities. These grants will help to improve management of the urban forest and replace many trees lost due to disease, insects and harsh weather."

Grant applications must be received by Sept. 12, 2014. Projects awarded

funding must be completed by Sept. 1, 2015. All projects must be performed on public land or land that is open to the public.

A total of up to \$100,000 is available for projects statewide. Depending on the project type, applicants may request grants up to \$20,000. All grants require a one-to-one match of funds, which can be made of cash contributions or in-kind services, but cannot include federal funds.

For a grant application or more information, visit the DNR website at www.mi.gov/ucf; contact Kevin Sayers at 517-284-5898 or sayersk@michigan.gov; or write to DNR Forest Resources Division, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, MI 48909-7952.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

PUBLICATION OF
NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 14-195906-GA

In the matter of

BARBARA F. PIERCE,
TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS including:
Cindy Pierce and
Louis Pierce whose
address(es) is/
are unknown and
whose interest in the
matter may be barred

or affected by the
following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on 09/03/2014 at 1:30 pm at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: on the petition of Michele Boley for the appointment of a guardian for Barbara F. Pierce.

07/31/2014

John D. Flynn (P27413)
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Ada, MI 49301
616-897-6632

Michele Boley
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 - Western tribesman
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 - Computer simulation
 - Courted
 - In-place, legally speaking
 - Common Market initials
 - Repetitions
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 - Swellings
 - *"The day my Mama socked it to the Harper Valley _____"
 - Confined
 - Financing acronym
 - *"Back in the U.S., back in the U.S., back in the _____"
 - Tree of Life to ancient Egyptians
 - They will inherit the earth?
 - *"The O'Jays, "Ship _____"
 - You can be fined for hitting these in NYC
 - Vigor
 - Specific site
 - Warsaw Pact opponent
 - "The Raven" author
 - *"It was rare, I was there, I remember it all too _____"
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JULY 30 - AUGUST 5

- A Chinese fisherman caught a massive whale shark in the waters off Fujian province. The animal is illegal to catch and sell. The 14-and-a-half-foot, two-ton endangered animal was being transported to market through the streets and caused a bit of a stir. According to local media reports, the captain claims his fresh catch was an accident. He said the giant shark became stuck in his net and died while the crew was trying to release it.
- Former White House press secretary, Jim Brady has died. Brady was shot in the head in 1981 during an assassination attempt on then President Ronald Reagan. An advocate of gun control, he authored the "Brady Bill" and supported the assault weapons ban which was in effect until Congress allowed it to expire after 10 years.
- In less than 20 hours, 16-year-old Charlotte Samuels, swam through powerful currents and multiple jellyfish stings to complete a 20.2-mile swim from Catalina Island to a Southern California beach. She hopes to swim the English Channel next. Doing that (after having already completed a swim around Manhattan Island) will make her the youngest swimmer to swim the so-called Triple Crown of open water swimming.

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- Where _____ is heard a discouraging word..."
- Anti-elderly
- *"Father Christmas... Don't mess around with those silly _____"
- *"_____ it be"
- Tooth trouble
- Hidden or placed on watch
- Monarch's duration
- *"One for the money, two for the _____"
- Top notch
- Hunger for
- Lay to rest
- *"I hope some day you'll join us, and the world will be _____"
- Riddle without solution
- Christmas season
- Satisfy, as in thirst
- Does over again
- _____ Tsu
- Load again
- Tennyson poem, e.g. "Haste makes waste," e.g.
- Kind of palm
- *"_____ the good die young"
- *"There _____ my baby"
- Editor's mark
- Auricular
- Tableland
- Soldier's bed
- *"It's the _____ of the tiger. It's the thrill of the fight."
- Chester White's home

DOWN

- Belarus+Russia+Ukraine, originally
- *"Get down _____"
- Camera setting
- Donald or Ivanka
- Unmoved
- Hand-me-down
- *"I keep the ends out for the _____ that binds. Because you're mine..."
- Mike holder
- Camera feature
- Bit
- Found in a caddie's pocket
- Dog tags, e.g.
- *"How sweet the sound that saved a _____ like me..."
- Like Fran Drescher's voice
- Chain letters
- A particular course of action
- *"Oh beautiful for spacious skies, for _____ waves of grain..."

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Puzzle solutions on page 12

**LAST WEEK'S
ONLINE
POLL
RESULTS**

**Are you going to the
Kent County Fair?**

- YES 64%
- MAYBE 0%
- ALWAYS 0%
- NO 36%

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Greg Nagy Band “sizzles” on the Riverwalk

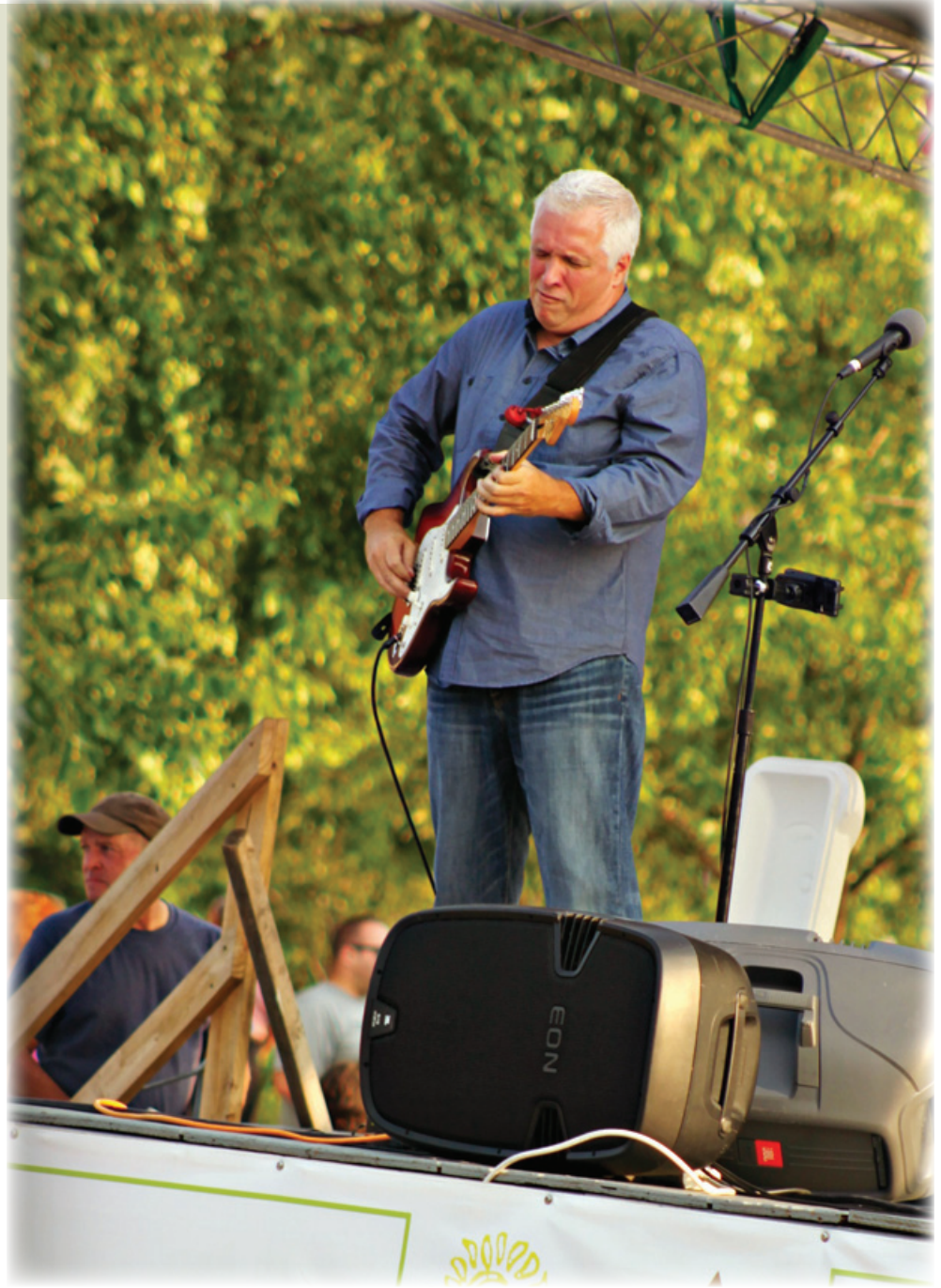
The smoky blues vocals and masterful guitar work of The Greg Nagy Band took to the main stage along the Flat River last week at the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert.

A Flint native and military veteran, Nagy has been playing with blues and funk bands professionally since the early nineties. A powerful vocalist, eloquent songwriter and skilled guitarist, he is well-known on the music scene boasting two successful record releases since 2009. The first garnered him a Best New Artist nomination from the Blues Foundation.

His guitar-centered blues-style displays rock, gospel and R&B undertones and is highly complemented by his strong vocals.

Joined by an equally talented bass player and percussionist on the Lowell main stage, Nagy displayed this well-established talent and his comfortable on-stage presence to concertgoers.

The next concert on August 7 will be held at the Kent County Youth Fair entertainment tent at the fairgrounds where the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association will be presenting the Luke Lenhart Bluegrass Band and the Steam Powered Bluegrass Band.



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