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It's time for the annual Riverwalk Festival ~Three-day festival begins this Thursday, July 7

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

The Riverwalk Festival is Lowell's annual three-day summer party. This year the Riverwalk Festival will take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 7, 8 and 9.

"The businesses on Main St. and the food establishments do very well during Riverwalk," said Liz Baker, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director. "We like people to patronize our businesses. If you just want to come and eat, there are lots of different things to eat. If you're just here to listen to entertainment you can do that as well. Kids can go play in the Kid Zone and there's always lots of fun games for them to play."

The Riverwalk Festival will start with live music on Thursday, July 7 by Joe Hertler and the Rainbow Seekers, then continue on Friday, July 8 with local favorite, the Kari Lynch Band.

"We are going to kick our festival off on Thursday night with a Sizzlin' Summer Concert," Baker said. "Joe Hertler and the Rainbow Seekers will perform live on the Showboat. Friday night [July 8] is more kind of the party night. We're excited, that will be a good night."

There is a long list of favorite activities that are returning for the entire three-day event.

"We're going to bring the free pontoon rides back this year," Baker said, "along with street entertainers, the cash bar on the Showboat, arts and crafts booths, the commercial vendors and the nonprofits, the classic cars will be back and the canoe and kayak race on the river will be back."

Englehardt Library's used book sale is always swamped with people looking for rare and out-of-print books.

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Farmers' market in full swing on Thursdays

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Lowell's downtown Farmers' Market is in full swing each Thursday afternoon located at the city parking lot on the corner of Monroe and Avery Street, just east of the Showboat. The market is open from 12-5:30 pm and features about a dozen vendors from Lowell and surrounding areas.

Vendors include SwissLane Farms of Alto, new vendor Sandy's Fudge and Wabasis Creek Farms of Greenville.

Other highlights include an onsite tasting of locally developed mead, artisan breads and pastries from Saranac-based Busy Beez Bakery, herbs fresh

from Clarksville's Brewer Farm, and homemade dog snacks from blossoming Lowell business the Pawstry Shoppe owned by Amy Albert.

The cleverly named company is in its first year according to Albert who joined the market this season with products inspired and

approved by her own family dog Axl Rose. "I make everything right in my own kitchen. We just got started up so we are keeping it local and seeing where we can go from there. We have our little Axl Rose at home and he is our official taste tester."

Vendor space for the market is still available on both a daily and seasonal basis. Further information and applications can be found online at www.lowellchamber.org or by contacting Cinnamin Piggott at (616) 916-9193.



Vendor Sandy VanDyke sells her creamy varieties of fudge at the market.



Vendor tents fill the weekly Lowell Farmers' Market held Thursdays from 12-5:30 through mid September.

Lowell to become a Trail Town, public meeting Monday, July 11

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell is already the national headquarters of the North Country Trail. Soon it will also become a "Trail Town." A Trail Town is a town that lies on or near a long distance trail and offers interesting and unique attractions to hikers. The North Country Trail is 4,600 miles long and goes through New York, Pennsylvania,

Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota.

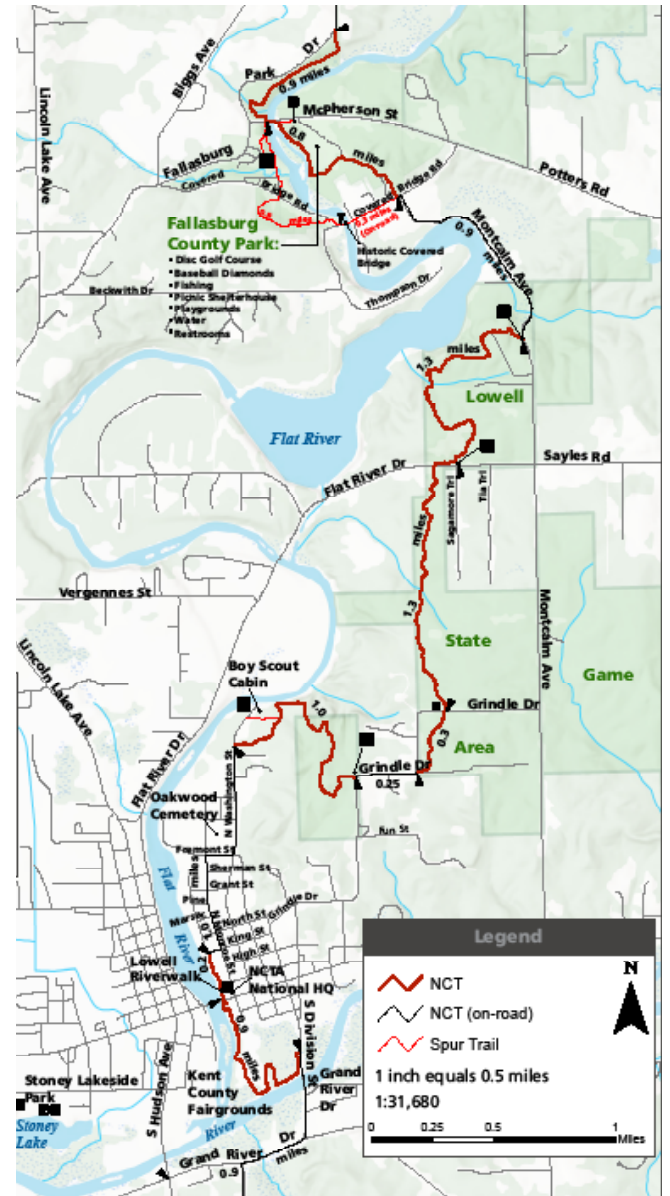
"This project will not only improve and showcase the North Country National Scenic Trail in and around Lowell, but it also offers opportunities to provide for users of the Flat River Valley and LARA trails, paddlers on the Flat and Grand rivers and even

the dirt road cyclists that come to the Lowell area to ride their bikes on our scenic back roads," Andrea Ketchmark of the North Country Trail Association said in a press release. "It offers businesses the opportunity to successfully market to all of those outdoor recreationists, both visitors and residents."

The North Country Trail

Town steering committee will have a public meeting at city hall on Monday, July 11 from 6 pm until 8 pm.

"At the next meeting, we'll start to identify the existing and needed infrastructure and amenities and do a walking assessment of a portion of the trail through town," Ketchmark added in the press release.



The Lowell area of the North Country National Scenic Trail.

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Big Band Nouveau plays for a large crowd on the Riverwalk

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The sound of the 16-piece ensemble Big Band Nouveau welcomed

music lovers to the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert last Thursday evening.

Sunny skies and pleasant temperatures welcomed a large crowd for the concert both filling

the Riverwalk and the water of the Flat River with spectators. The Grand Rapids based band shared their jazz and Latin infused sound.

The band boasts a core membership which includes Michael Doyle, Fred Knapp, Mark Wells and Joe and Paul Lesinski, along with an energetic love for music

which translates to their audience.

Next week the concert series will feature Joe Hertler and the Rainbow Seekers, a Motown and folk rock band who exude a 60s hippy spirit and creativity. In a rare occasion for the series, the two-hour show will also feature two opening acts, folk singer and

musician Ralston Bowles and passionate lyricist and vocalist Audrey Pearson.

Showtime is scheduled for this Thursday at 7 pm with the Rainbow Seekers taking stage at 7:45. As always food, refreshments and adult beverages are available onsite along with both bleacher and lawn seating.



Kayaks and pontoons float beside a full Riverwalk to listen to the 16-member Big Band Nouveau.



along main street

COVERED BRIDGE BIKE TOUR

The Fallasburg Historical Society will hold its annual Covered Bridge Bike Tour on Sunday, July 10. All well-marked routes from 12 to 100 miles begin and end in the historic village of Fallasburg. Register in advance online at www.fallasburg.org or on site at the Schoolhouse Museum from 7-9 am the day of the event. For more information or to volunteer call 616-682-0785 or email: kentamke@comcast.net

GILDA'S CLUB LOWELL CLUBHOUSE

Garden with Gildas – Tues., July 12, 1-3 pm. Come on over and join us in the gardens, the 2nd Tuesday of each month. There are a variety of ways to help maintain and enjoy the beautiful gardens here at Gilda's Club Lowell. We welcome your help.

Camp Sparkle - Tuesdays, July 12, 19, 26 and August 2, 10 am-2:30 pm. Camp Sparkle is a program of Gilda's Club Grand Rapids. We invite your children to connect with other children impacted by cancer or grief. Together, we will be traveling around the world, here at the clubhouse (1806 Bridge Street NW), with our "Share Around the World" theme. Please register by calling 616-453-8300.

Cake and Thanks! – Tues., July 19, 4-5 pm. Join us for an open house and piece of gratitude cake as we thank the students and staff in the Lowell school district for their generosity in "Pink-ing It Forward" to Gilda's Club Lowell throughout the year.

Chitchat Readers Book Club – Tues., July 19, 4:15-5:15 pm. Join other members of Gilda's Club in discussing a great book. Stop by the clubhouse to borrow a book.

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

YOUTH ART CLASSES

Youth art classes are being offered for students ages 8 to 12 at LowellArts! Classes are 3-5 pm on Wednesdays and a few spots are still available in these remaining sessions: July 13 – Drawing Animals on Scratchboard; July 20 – Torn Paper Circus Mosaics; and July 27 – Circus Prints. Registration is required. Program sponsored by Lowell Rotary Club. For more information or to register, visit www.lowellartsmi.org or call 616-897-8545.

YOUTH THEATER

Big Top Barry Youth Theater Experience is being offered by LowellArts! for students ages 7-18. The class that will meet July 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and August 1, 2, 3, 6-7:30 pm at Fallasburg Park, will learn the basics of acting, assist with set design and prepare a short play. For more information or to register, visit www.lowellartsmi.org or call 616-897-8545.

OPEN TABLE

Lowell's Open Table is now serving free weekly meals to residents of the greater Lowell community. Join them on Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for a hearty, homemade meal. Located in the First Congregational Church of Lowell, UCC, 865 Lincoln Lake SE.

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

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Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything.
~ Plato

LL&P to install high tech meters

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell Light & Power's Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project is getting closer to implementation. The new meters will replace every L&P customer's electric meter with a new, high tech meter. The new meters will allow L&P customers to view power use statistics, pay bills online, closely monitor their electricity consumption online, check for outages, communicate with the company, and a lot more.

"It's going to be awesome," said Lowell Light & Power assistant general manager Steve Donkersloot. "One of the biggest benefits will be for commercial customers, because they'll be able to

monitor their power usage on half hour increments so they can try to control their demand, which is a component of big commercial customers' bills."

The new meters will allow all 2,700 L&P customers to get instant information from the utility.

"The customer portal will be both an app and a platform that somebody can log onto with a computer," Donkersloot said. "They'll be able to view their usage, view their billing, submit a service request, receive an e-bill, pay their bill, view energy efficiency tips, and view outage information. An outage map will eventually be part of that."

Work on the project has already started. Recently

signal boosters, called "relays," were placed on power poles around town and a lot of computer equipment is being installed at the L&P office.

"We're still looking at late summer, August or September, for the actual deployment of the meters," Donkersloot said. "Everything is going according to schedule."

Donkersloot will give a presentation about the project at the Lowell city council meeting at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, August 1. Customers with questions or concerns before that might attend the next L&P board meeting, which will take place at their 127 N. Broadway office at 6 pm on Wednesday, July 13.

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Riverwalk Festival, continued

“The Englehardt Library used book sale, that’s a biggie. That’s always a huge hit at the Riverwalk Festival,” Baker said.

Flat River Outreach Ministries is doing their Food Fight again this year and the winner will be revealed at the Riverwalk Festival on Saturday.

“FROM’s Food Fight begins in May at the high school and then it spreads to the community,” Baker said. “It’s always been the north against the south, the south against the north, Main St. being the dividing line. Riverwalk is the end of the Food Fight and they always announce the winner at Riverwalk.”

Saturday is also the day of the big parade and the talent show on the Showboat. If you want to participate in the open mic night on the Showboat, you can register on the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce website.

“The parade starts at noon and the entertainment

that day is always the open mic,” Baker said. “We’ve done that the last couple years and that’s gone really well. There’s lots of people that come out and do it and that’s fun.”

The Duck Raffle is your chance to win a pile of money.

“Our Duck Raffle ticket sales will start that night as well,” Baker said. “First prize is \$1,000, with five \$100 winners. Cold, hard cash.”

Many stores and galleries on Main St. will have sidewalk sales and other special events.

“Saturday for sure you’ll see a lot of merchants downtown out on the streets with their wares,” Baker said. “We have so many antique dealers now. It’s really nice, I think it adds to the whole ambiance of the downtown. It’s just kind of natural for people to walk around town.”

The pig roast was such a huge success the first year that they ran out

of pork. This year the pig roast will be on Thursday from 5 pm until 7 pm. Even if they run out, there is no shortage of food choices at the Riverwalk Festival. Your choices will include barbecue, wood-fired pizzas and about eight other food booths and trucks.

On Saturday Lowell will close out the Riverwalk Festival with a bang.

“We are still going to do the fireworks on Saturday night, that’s our grand finale,” Baker said. “A lot of people go to Stoney Lakeside Park on Bows Road because that’s where they shoot them from. But many people, like me, we go to the fairgrounds, because you can view them from over there as well. I like it there because it’s open. Everybody has their favorite spot where they go for the fireworks.”

Not all of the details have been worked out yet, but you can expect to find lots of family-friendly events and activities around Lowell’s Riverwalk and historic downtown for the duration of the festival.

“There’s a little bit for everybody to do, from classic cars to shopping,” Baker said. “It really, truly is a family event.”

A lot more information including maps, a list of area hotels, vendor and parade applications and a schedule of events can be found on the official Riverwalk Festival website, riverwalkfestival.org or by calling the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at 616-897-9161.

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Michigan's beer distributors celebrate Michigan Craft Beer Month

Michigan's independent, locally-owned beer distributors are proud to help craft brewers across the state celebrate Michigan Craft Beer Month, which began July 1.

"Thanks to Michigan's independent and family-owned beer distributors, our state is now the fifth largest beer producer in the country with over 200 small brewers and brewpubs," said Spencer Nevins, president of the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association. "Michigan is poised to keep growing and launch even more new breweries and distributors are proud to play a role in this continued success story."

The state's beer distributors play a pivotal role in helping local craft brewers grow their brand and provide incomparable access to retailers, big and small, across the state. Michigan beer distributors will continue to play that

crucial role in this month-long celebration of Michigan craft beer as brewers showcase their brands at tap takeovers, special events and festivals.

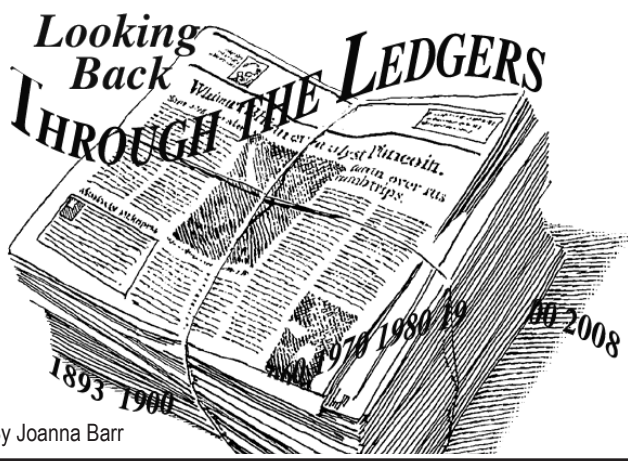
"Independent, local beer distributors help promote growth, choices and competition, working hand-in-glove with small craft brewers to help them succeed today and in the future," said Nevins.

Michigan's beer distributors employ 5,000 people and have a direct economic impact of more than \$610 million in the state. The state's entire beer industry, ranging from brewers and distributors to retailers and supporting industries such as agriculture, transportation and hospitality, pumps more than \$6.6 billion into the state's economy each year. According to a report released in 2015 by the National Beer Wholesalers Association and the Beer Institute, Michigan ranks No. eight nationally in total beer jobs and 14th in total economic output.

a new night-lighting system has been installed by the Municipal light plant crew. The diamond has also been reconditioned, the grandstand has a coat of paint and a new protective screen. It all goes to make a big improvement.

The Ledger has been informed by Ben Told, man about town who hears everything, that a number of residents are planning on putting in drive-wells, no doubt remembering the pure, cold, delicious water that used to be obtained in that manner. The Common Council might consider the installation of a number of drive-wells to be used by the people of their respective neighborhoods. Well! Well! Well!

without power, from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. through Friday. "We ask that people bring their own towels and soap. Those who would like to take water home with them are also asked to bring water containers. People should also use the Middle School's east entrance next to the gymnasium. And please, no snapping towels in the shower," laughs Lowell's Director of School and Community Services, Dick Korb. Haines said this is the worst storm to hit the Lowell area since the ice storm. "When Lowell was hit by the ice storm it took 39 hours to get services back to all of our Lowell Light and Power customers," he said. "It took roughly 24 hours to get people back on line this time." Haines added that there are still downed trees and limbs that need to be taken care of. Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said that if people will put there tree branches out by the curb, the City will pick them up. "The City will provide this service all this week, and has set aside Monday and Tuesday of next week to pick up what was missed. Haines said the downed trees and limbs disrupted the primary and secondary distributions. The high wind was also the cause for lost fusing in one sub station and the primary wire in a second sub station burned. Employees from Lowell Light and Power, Kent Power Services, and engine room personnel all helped with the cleanup.



By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal July 8, 1891

O. Beach has taken up a novel branch of stock raising—skunks—having 11 old pets and 80 little ones, which are attracting visitors from adjoining towns, and "Skunk Haven"—so called—is no dangerous place.

Emily Weekes is like a "touch me not" school marm. She has a felon on her thumb and commences to "holler" don't look at me.

The rain last night and this morning is just what is needed for the early potatoes, though some with hay to draw wont quite like it. Wheat in some fields has gone down badly. We can't account for it unless the straw is weak from its rapid growth during the earlie spring rains. We have had no storms to cause its falting.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 6, 1916

The drinking and gambling debauch held in Lowell in the name of our glorious Independence day, was a disgrace to civilization. Hereafter, probably, some precautions will be taken before the name of our town is lent to irresponsible parties to drag in the mire.

Principles are expensive. The Ledger has just refused an order for \$200 worth of cigarette advertising. It costs something—in more ways than one—to publish a clean newspaper. Did you know it? Please remember it next time you see something here you do not like.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 10, 1941

Softball games at Recreation Park are drawing bigger crowds of late, no doubt due to the fact that

50 years ago Lowell Ledger July 7, 1966

One of the country's top humorists and winner of the coveted Emmy and Peabody awards, Bob Newhart, born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, has been billed as the top act for the '66 Showboat, which will make its first docking at the Showboat Stadium on Monday evening, July 25.

Work on the new sewage treatment plant, just south of Recreation Park, is moving rapidly. At this time it is about one-third complete. Each digester will hold 45,000 gallons, which will be heated, to kill the bacteria and then the solids will be pumped into drying pits. The liquid sewage will be chlorinated and pumped into the river. The new plant, which is part of the cleanup of the Grand River basin, will have a total cost of nearly \$400,000, and an annual operating cost of \$20,000.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 10, 1991

Sunday storm rips down trees and leaves many in area without power. The weekend storm helped to put School and City problems on the back burner, and replaced them with more intimate inconveniences. While many residents in the City of Lowell were without power for short periods of time Sunday evening, residents on the outskirts of the City limits may have to deal with the inconveniences of no water, and no electric up through Thursday. That is unless they are hooked up with Lowell Light and Power. Herb Haines, Lowell Light and Power Superintendent, said as of Monday evening all but just a couple of homes had electricity. "Those homes had their house services ripped off their homes by the wind," Haines said. Possibly glad to see its name off the front pages, the Lowell School Board reached out to those who will be without electric for at least the next couple of days as it agreed to open up the Lowell Middle School shower facilities to community members who are currently

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anniversaries

~ Anderson



George and Carole (Parsons) Anderson will celebrate their 60th anniversary on Sunday, July 17. They are blessed with three children, nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Their children are Debbie and Ed Erway, Doreen and Doug DeVries, and Denise Amidon.



George and Carole Anderson

Ivan K Blough scholarship recipient for 2016 announced

The Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation has named the 2016 recipient of the Ivan K Blough Vocational Scholarship. Mason Misiak is currently employed and plans on attending Grand Rapids Community College in the winter where he will obtain a certificate in welding.

The Ivan K Blough Vocational Scholarship Fund ideal is to encourage career skills and educational opportunities for high school seniors and graduates within the Lowell Area Schools District boundaries. To promote and foster volunteerism and pride in the Greater Lowell Community and demonstrate community service before self. To honor Ivan, they wish to seek individuals destined

for trade schools, agriculture studies/business, local commercial business

entrepreneurial endeavors, etc. The scholarships are for a two-year certificate

or technical certificate programs, as well as trade skills development.



Mason Misiak is pictured with Carolyn Jane Blough.

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~ Buddha

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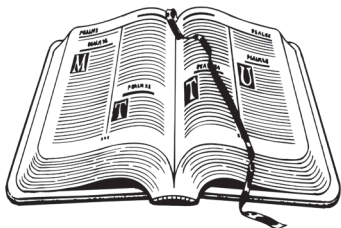
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~ Jane Tschannen - Fuller Septic

Jane Tschannen owns Fuller Septic Services, 2051 Essex Rd. She recently celebrated five years cancer free. Her husband Tom died from cancer in 2011 and she has run the business by herself ever since.

"It's been five years already, can you believe it?" Tschannen said. "On June 2 I had my five year anniversary. Time flies!"

Tschannen said her cancer has not returned because surgeons were able to remove all of it.

Tschannen gives a lot of money to Pink Arrow Pride.

"We sponsor whatever they need to make their financial goals," Tschannen said. "I did the Quiver Run four years ago. Usually we sponsor some advertising and that kind of stuff."

Since Lowell started it in 2008, communities across the nation hold similar events.

Tschannen gets a kick out of being where it all started.

"Ottawa Club does such a great job for the kids and for families," Tschannen said. "It

"It's been five years already, can you believe it? On June 2 I had my five-year anniversary. Time flies!"

- Jane Tschannen

"I had a double mastectomy," Tschannen said. "They cut it out. The type of cancer I had, I didn't have to have chemotherapy or radiation or anything like that. I was one of the lucky ones."

Tschannen is out of the persecution of the "Keep Calm and Carry On" posters from World War II that are all the rage on the Internet these days.

"I'm just working here, running Fuller Septic," Tschannen said. "Not really much has changed in my life the last couple years. I'm still working hard, building the business and happy to be in Lowell. I'm happy and healthy."

makes me proud to be from the community that started it all. It's very neat to be a part of all that."

The future is bright and cancer free for Tschannen.

"The future holds a lot," Tschannen said. "I'm very optimistic. I'm young, I'm healthy, my business is thriving. I don't think about cancer every day, which I think is a good thing. I don't think of myself of as being a cancer survivor or whatever until all of a sudden it's been five years. I look forward to the future, working hard, building the business and all that kind of stuff. That's where I'm at. Trying to work hard and pump a lot of poop."



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~ Joann Childs

My grief journey and the way to Obit's Club began on February 14, 2004. I will never forget that horrible time. My previous son lost his battle with depression. He was so funny he had nicknames for everyone and a great personality and many, many friends. He had sisters and nephews who adored him and he them. He loved his sister Leei and me. This terrible disease called depression, you get a tunnel vision which you cannot see around, only your pain. They feel like no one really cares for them. They can be in a room filled with people but be alone. After Jeff's death I went to SOCS, Survivors of Suicide, which I still go but I felt I needed more. I knew Obit's Club was for cancer and I am a 20-year survivor. Someone told me that Obit's had a grief program so I decided to check it out. There was Jeff yet. Obit is Obit no matter how you look at it. It still hurts. In our group we have an amazing counselor, Julie, who we just love. She is so kind and understanding. There are

people who have lost spouses, children, siblings, friends, relatives, etc. Love is love and grief is grief. And that's all there is to it.

After Jeff died I felt I had a hole in my chest. People

could see my broken heart. I will never get over this big funny guy who loved to tease everyone and the best bear hugs ever. A friend of Jeff's passed away about one year after him and his request was

to be buried by Jeff and he is. Another friend, Lee, came over every other day to see how we are doing. When Jeff died he didn't think he had any friends. Well, the church was so full, standing room

only. People sitting on the floor, the basement was full of people and the fellowship hall was so full. People standing in the rain and he didn't think anyone cared. DEPRESSION SUCKS.



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A community fighting cancer

~ Shirley Bulver

Phil Anon has invited me to update the story of my cancer journey. By the summer of 2013, when my first article appeared in the Ledger, I had been through surgery and chemotherapy to treat the cancerous mass that had been found in my abdomen. My oncologist had cautioned me that, though my cancer was currently in remission, it may eventually return. Consequently, I began the routine of follow-up visits with my doctors. At first, I was examined every three months and after two years, my checkups were scheduled for every six months. Finally, my doctor suggested that I go through a series of tests and if everything checked out okay, he would be ready to remove the port that had been used for my chemotherapy treatments.

After several months of testing it was evident that the original cancer had returned and, in addition, the veins of my left leg looked suspicious. Initially we thought this might be a result of the pneumonia I was being treated for, but more detailed x-rays showed cancer in the lung. The lung cancer is not related to my original cancer. Though I had stopped smoking 16 years earlier, the years of tobacco use had caught up with me. I am open about my years of smoking in hopes that it may serve as a caution to others.

I have now completed six weeks of radiation and a light dose of chemotherapy. As a result of the treatments my heart began to function abnormally, so that had to be corrected before I could undergo further treatment. My heart is back to a normal rhythm and I am currently undergoing the full dose of chemotherapy.

I am so grateful for the life I have been given and I find joy in creating my blessings. Each stage in life has taught me what I would need to know for my future. My grandmothers prepared me for my tomorrow. I grew up during the depression and the lessons learned in my childhood continue to serve me today. As a child I never knew I was poor until one day a girl at school pointed out that my skirt was made from feed sacks. I wore the skirt before my mother had learned it and the name of the feed company

was printed along the lower edge. I was confused when the girl said, "I didn't know that you're poor." When I got home that day I asked my mother if we were poor, and she told me that we were not poor as long as we were proud of our family

women who had lived off grid their entire lives and who so graciously shared their wisdom with me. It is amazing what you can learn from people of another culture.

I loved my life in Alaska and had always had at least

when I have the support of my son and his family, of my neighbor across the street, of my friends at church and beyond. A woman in my church told me that her mother was moving here from Detroit and asked that I help her

go right by us and we don't even recognize them. I know that God has work for me to do in the time I have left. I have two prayer lists; daily I pray for each person on my long list, and the short list is for people who need prayer every



and did the work needed to take care of ourselves. So many of the skills I have developed over the years I was able to accomplish because of the lessons I learned in my childhood.

I lived in Alaska for 20 years and for the first six months I had neither electricity or water. Though I later had electricity, I never had running water year round, so I lived outside of Fairbanks where you cannot dig a well because of the permafrost. My house was built four feet above ground which kept my pipes from freezing during the winter months of the year. However, I had no indoor plumbing from mid-November through mid-May. Water is a precious commodity in that part of Alaska and the native women taught me how to clean and cook vegetables without using much water. They didn't have steamers, so they filled the bottom of the kettle with rocks. A screen caught any particles of vegetable that fell apart. They taught me to steam hard-boiled eggs in just a small amount of water. I am so thankful for those native

two jobs, sometimes three. I often worked one full-time job along with a couple of part-time jobs. The cost of living is very high in Alaska and, as a single person, I couldn't make it work with just one job. My health began to deteriorate because of injuries sustained in an auto accident. God finally got my attention. I had wandered away from God for 20 years and I am so thankful that God never gave up on me, but called me back to a life of faith. My daughter also lived in Alaska and one day I told my daughter that I could no longer work hard enough to afford Alaska's cost of living. She asked if I had thought of moving to Lowell where my son and his family live. A few weeks later my pastor encouraged me by pointing out that I would be able to give of myself to serve church back in Michigan, just as I had loved working in my congregation in Alaska. With their words of encouragement, I moved back to Lowell where my social security income could better meet my financial needs.

And, indeed, I am so blessed in this community

because acquainted. Thanks and I get with each Monday to explore some nearby community and share a meal together. We have become such good friends and she has been my faithful driver when I have needed transportation to medical appointments. Anyone who complains about old age should be thankful for all the years they have been given to live. Enduring six weeks of radiation actually became a blessing in my life because I met so many wonderful people. I think of a young mother who won't see her next birthday and a young man who was going through radiation with the hope that it might give him a few more years. I asked one young man if I could offer a prayer for him and he thanked me for being a blessing, but I was the one who was blessed.

The gift cards provided to me by Phil Anon have been a real blessing. Each trip I make to the cancer center is 11.5 miles and the gift cards have paid for the gas, as well as helping with my out-of-pocket expenses for medicine.

We list so many blessings

four hours. I am thankful that God has allowed me to maintain my mental faculties, so I help manage my brother's care. He calls me each evening so we can check on each other.

I start my day with my prayer routine, then feed my dogs and then look at my calendar to see what medical appointments I might have that day. I will do what I am supposed to do to keep my health. I pray that the good Lord will give me the strength to do what he has in store for me. I want to deal with this cancer in a way that helps me inspire others to live a life of faith. I have learned so much about looking on others during this time of need. Each day we have a mountain to climb. With each step, we should be grateful because we have been able to take that step. I have had to lean on God and in God I had the strength I need.



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A community fighting cancer

~ Grant Pratt

My name is Grant Pratt. I am 14 years old, a 9th grader attending Lowell High School. I was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia on November 18, 2015. While this is a relatively recent diagnosis, my journey with cancer started three years earlier when my mom was diagnosed with breast cancer. While her cancer is currently in remission, she showed me how to fight this disease on a daily basis.

I am battling through a cancer journey of my own. In the fall of 2015, I became sick. I continued to play football through my undiagnosed illness. Then at the end of the season, the cancer had progressed and my body had given in. I was sent to Helen DeVos Children's Hospital where I had many blood tests and x-rays taken. Late in the night on November 18, 2015, my doctor explained to my parents and me that I had been diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

approximately 60 day intervals the drugs in my chemotherapy change and how they deliver the chemotherapy may change as well. They change the drugs so the cancer does not become accustomed to any certain therapy. I most often receive treatment in an outpatient format at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital/Oncology Clinic. But on occasion some of my treatments force me to stay at the hospital for up to a week. Though I may not enjoy my treatments in the hospital, the nurses and staff truly try to make them more comfortable.

A typical day at the clinic involves a lumbar puncture, drugs injected into the spinal column and other drugs delivered through my IV and port. Some of my visits are relatively short (four hours) but others can take up to nine hours. Chemotherapy gives me side effects such as headaches, body aches, nausea, fatigue, mouth sores, joint pain, swelling, and hair



"I have drawn strength from family, friends and community. I received countless cards and well wishes from across the state."

- Grant Pratt

There was no way to prepare for the news as I died from with my family. The doctors explained my diagnosis and how it would affect me. Later that night they admitted me to the hospital. I spent a week in the hospital getting a port, lumbar puncture and intensive chemotherapy.

My chemotherapy treatments vary in

less. The side effects are unpleasant and I look forward to a time when I don't have to deal with them. Oftentimes, I forget what it feels like to be normal.

One way that helps me feel normal is attending school. I worked with my counselor so that I could attend school on a part-time basis. This fall I plan to attend Lowell

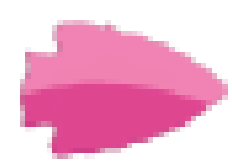
High School where I will take courses and participate in sports. Athletics have been a big part of my life prior to the diagnosis. I continue to workout so that I can build my strength and stamina so that I can play football in the fall. Being around the coaches and team motivates me to work hard so I can contribute to the team goal.

There's drawn strength from family, friends and community. I received countless cards and well wishes from across the state. Also, I have received special motivation from Cole and Max Dren, who reveals at a collegiate level. We stay in contact through text and they stop in on occasion at the hospital when I receive treatment. I am blessed to have the support system throughout the community of Lowell.

Lowell is a special place to have the Pink Arrow Pride and the Glider's Club partnership

which impacts so many people across our community. This year, Pink Arrow will have a different meaning to me. I think it will be a happier time because I will be wrapping up my intensive chemotherapy. After that I will undergo at least two and one-half years of maintenance chemotherapy.

Though my journey is not over, I hope to take every positive that will make me a better person. I have learned to persevere, be patient, work hard, and accept challenges.



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Little Leaguers bring home district 9 championship

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

The Red Arrow sluggers hit the Little League fields this season on a mission for victory and one succeeded in the ultimate way bringing home the organization's first District 9 Championship title.

The tenacious group of seventh-grade students ended their regular season with an impressive 11-1 record. They proceeded to tear through the tournament going 3-0 topping Western Little League, who dealt them their only loss in the regular season for a 14-1 overall finish.

Maybe even more impressive than the title win is the road that the team took to get there. According to coach Damien Dixon, who has been with Lowell Little League for the past eight years, "We started with this group of boys back in mid January working out at the Spring Training facility here in town and continued into middle school baseball with them. That season started off with a bang going 5-1 in our first six games. We then went 0-11 in our next 11 games, losing 8 of those contests by 1 run."

He went on to explain, "During that time we just were not mature enough baseball players to figure out how to win those tight games, the boys just mentally couldn't figure it out. All the physical tools were there but we lacked the mental toughness to win."

But something happened between that devastating season and the winning one. "Because of that experience I truly believe our boys really grew up a lot in those 17 games and I would say the biggest development in the boys was them learning how to win," said Dixon.

The late 6-2 loss added fuel to an already sparking rivalry between the two teams, on and off the field,



Pictured, left to right, top row: Kyle Teachworth, Derek Mohr, Reid Reynolds, Drew Hackstedt, Elijah Dixon, Josiah Koster, and Josh Hackstedt; middle row: Brayden Teft, Bradley Salgat, Ethan Hoevenaar, Elijah Birmingham, and Johnny Olmos; front row: Rohan Dixon, and Troy Taylor.

that would be rekindled in the first round of playoff action where the Arrows came out on top plating six runs in the first inning en route to a huge 11-5 victory. Faced with what Dixon described as "chippy" comments and "dirty" baseball during the commanding win, the Arrows had even more motivation when they met again in the final round.

Down by three in the bottom of the seventh the Arrows had their backs against the wall in the championship match, but came surging back toward a last minute victory with a pair of doubles and two huge hits deep into right field that tied the game and forced an extra inning. The Arrows saw the winning blast take off from the bat of the team's number 12 hitter.

"Now most teams would have a guy hitting 12th that maybe wasn't the best hitter on the team, but I have never built my lineup that way. Our 12 hitter did what he has done so often for us this season and came thru in the clutch with the game winning RBI single," said Dixon.

That hitter, Ethan Hoevenaar, and the rest of the Arrows celebrated their victory with their coach.

Red Arrow Rohan Dixon logged the pitching win giving up only two unearned runs during his two innings on the mound. Fellow ace Drew Hackstedt delivered the first five innings giving up just two earned runs on 95 pitches. Derek Mohr sent out the game tying the RBI.

"This year truly was a team effort. We had so many players that when their number was called they stepped up and delivered a performance worthy of recognition. Without every one of them we would not have won the championship," said Dixon.

Dixon, who coached the team alongside assistants Mike Hoevenaar and Mike Taylor and Lowell

High School athletes Josh Hackstedt and Elijah Dixon, said the season is a good indicator of where the program is and where it is headed. "I feel like this is a great group of young men and a great group of young baseball players. From where I stand it looks like the future is very bright for Red Arrow baseball. I feel like these boys could achieve great things if they

are given the opportunity to continue to play together and further build the trust in each other that is so important in a team sport to win. This year was the first year that we were really able to keep a core group of players together to see what they were capable of and I think the results speak for themselves," concluded Dixon.

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obituaries

MANSZEWSKI

Sharron L. Manszewski, age 72 of Lowell, passed away Sunday, July 3, 2016. She is survived by her husband of 27 years Gerald; children, Todd Palazolo, Kelly (Joseph) Hawley, Heather Shipaila, Melissa (Bart) Olin; brother Mike; and seven grandchildren. Sharron was a Lowell School Bus Driver for 33 years before retiring. She loved gardening and the outdoors. She was a loving and caring person who loved being with her family. Visitation will be Thursday 6-8 at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Funeral Service Friday 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home chapel. Rev. Mark Peacock officiating. Interment South Boston Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.



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VANPORTFLEET

Mitchell HeeYun VanPortfleet entered into eternal peace with the Lord Friday, July 1, 2016. He was the devoted husband and father to Markie VanPortfleet and her daughter Maybel Watt, loving son of Douglas and Barbara VanPortfleet, and beloved brother to Abigail Whitener (VanPortfleet). He was always faithful as a reservist in the United States Marine Corps, stationed out of Battle Creek, Michigan. Mitch graduated from West Catholic High School in 2006, and received a track and field scholarship to Grand Valley State University, where he excelled as a scholar-athlete. He graduated from Michigan State University in 2013 with his B.S. in Engineering. Mitch's smile and laugh were endearingly contagious, and anyone who came into contact with him couldn't help but reflect his big grin. Mitch loved nothing more than spending time with his wife and daughter, and being around his family. He is survived by wife Markie; daughter Maybel; parents Barb and Doug; sister Abigail; half brother Brian (Tonya) VanPortfleet; half sister Andrea (Michael) Eadie; nephews Rafael and Miguel Nieto, Kaden VanPortfleet, and Brendon Eadie; niece Megan Eadie; and grandparents Nicholas and Juanita Capriglione. Visitation will be Wednesday 5-8:00 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday 11:00 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 4351 Parnell N.E., Ada. Rev. Mark Peacock presiding. Interment with Military Honors at St. Patrick Cemetery. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations to the Semper Fi fund be made in Mitchell's name.



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The City of Lowell Planning-Citizens Advisory Commission will conduct a public hearing at Lowell City Hall, located at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM concerning a proposed amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance. The following provides a summary of the proposed amendment and its regulatory effect:

The amendment will revise Section 12A.02 "Uses permitted by right" of Chapter 12A "Light Industrial District" of "Appendix A-Zoning Ordinance" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell, to include "Commercial Kennels" as a use permitted by right in the I-L Light Industrial District.

At the above time and place, all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. Written comments concerning the proposed amendment may be mailed or delivered to the Lowell City Clerk, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 up to the date of the public hearing. Copies of the proposed ordinance amendment may be viewed at City Hall at the address noted above during normal business hours.

The City will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to those with disabilities planning to attend upon three (3) days' notice to the City Clerk. Individuals who require such services should contact the City at the address listed above or by telephone at 616-897-8457.



Susan Ulery
City Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The July Board of Review will meet as follows:
Monday, July 18, 2016
at 11:00 am

ACT 14 OF 1985, being Section 211.53(b) of the General Property Tax Laws, provides for corrections of clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact relative to the correct assessment figures, and the corrections of Principal Residence Exemptions, these shall be verified by the local assessing officer and approved by the board of review at a meeting held for that purpose, to be held on any day of the week of the 3rd Monday in July.

On July 18, 2016, a meeting will be called for this purpose at 11:00 am in the City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331, to conduct business as provided for in Section 211.53(b), Michigan Compiled Laws.



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Lowell's Tae Kwon Do brings home 22 medals

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Left to right (back row) Kara Hoffert (gold-sparring bronze form), Julia Smelt (bronze-form), Kevin Hadley (silver-sparring bronze-form), front row, Lavonda Jousma (gold-sparring, gold-form, silver-board breaking), Parker Salgat, (gold-form, silver-board breaking), Jolene Jousma, (silver-form, bronze-sparring), Dallas Marenette, (gold-sparring, silver-form), and Addison Day, (gold-form.) Missing from picture: Lance Miller (gold-board breaking, silver-form) and Camdyn Eckert (Bronze form).

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Please take notice that the Vergennes Township Board has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held during their regularly scheduled meeting on July 18, 2016. The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm in the township meeting room at 10381 Bailey Dr., located on the corner of Bailey Dr. and Parnell, Lowell MI 49331.

Chris and Sandy Hardy are applying for a special exception use permit to live temporarily in a 5th wheel camper while they construct their permanent house on property located on the end of the cul-de-sac at 1405 Kazemier Woods Dr, parcel number 41-16-15-400-030. The application is regulated under section 201.415 B, Temporary Residence, of the Zoning Ordinance.

The complete application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674]. Written and oral comments will be received from any interested party until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Township Clerk at the Township Offices. Comments may also be emailed to: clerk@vergennestwp.org.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

college news

Colin VerWys, from Lowell, a student at Kent Career/Tech Center, was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Computer Programming, one of the nation's highest awards at the 2016 SkillsUSA Championships, held in Louisville, Ky., on June 22-23.

More than 6,000 students competed at the national showcase of career and technical education. The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world and covers 1.2 million square feet, equivalent to 19 football fields or 25 acres.

Students were invited to the event to demonstrate their technical skills, workplace skills and personal skills in 100 hands-on occupational and leadership competitions, including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking. Industry leaders from 600 businesses, corporations,

trade associations and unions planned and evaluated the contestants against their standards for entry-level workers. Industry support of the SkillsUSA Championships is valued at over \$36 million in donated time, equipment, cash and material. More than 1,700 industry judges and technical committee members participated this year.

EARTH TALK

Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: Are we really heading for a coal-free power future in the U.S. or is this just an environmental pipe dream? - Jack Summa, Boston, MA

Far from just an environmental pipedream, the coal industry in the U.S. and around the world is in the midst of a major downswing. In 2011, coal dropped below 40 percent of total U.S. energy generation for the first time since the late 1970s, while in 2015 coal accounted for only 33 percent. And given the influx of cheap natural gas and the ascendance of renewable energy sources—not to mention recent coal mine safety lapses with tragic consequences—coal might not be able to mount a comeback.

“Technological advances have made natural gas, wind and solar—and efficiency—increasingly competitive,” reports John Brinkley in *Sierra Magazine*. “The once-robust overseas demand for coal is disappearing.”

Brinkley adds that a decade of sustained public advocacy for clean air and clean energy has left coal out in the dark. The Obama administration's landmark Clean Power Plan that forces big coal fired power plants to clean up their acts dramatically or shut down has been one major factor in coal's slide, while the Paris climate accord has sped up the process even more by taking a huge bite out of potential U.S. coal exports.

Over just the last five years, fully one-third of U.S. coal plants, some 232 different facilities, have been closed or scheduled for imminent retirement. Plans for another 184

new coal-fired plants have been shuttered—activists claim credit but the development of new technologies that make harvesting natural gas that much



cheaper may have more to do with coal's death knell. For the first time in 200 years, no new coal plants are on the drawing board in the U.S.

According to the Energy Information Administration (EIA), which collects data and reports on energy statistics for the federal government, some 13,000 megawatts of coal power went offline in 2015 as a result of coal plant retirements, while wind energy added 8,600 megawatts and solar tacked on another 7,300 megawatts. The Sierra Club's Beyond Coal campaign reports that coal's downswing is just beginning, with another 50,000 megawatts of coal power predicted to go offline by 2030.

And the trend isn't stopping at the border. “Many countries that used to be reliable customers for U.S. coal just aren't into it anymore, partly because of last year's successful UN climate change conference in Paris,” reports Brinkley. Even before the Paris agreement, China, the world's largest producer and consumer of coal, had been scaling back production and imports drastically in efforts to clean up urban air pollution and reduce its carbon footprint. In 2015, China cut imports of U.S. coal some 86.5 percent from 1.7 million tons to only 229,000.

Of course, coal is still big business in the U.S. and beyond, and it isn't going away overnight. But how long it can stick around as a viable contender for Americans' energy dollars is anybody's guess. “The trajectory for the coal industry is clear, but the timeline is not,” sums up Brinkley.

CONTACTS: Sierra Club's Beyond Coal, www.content.sierraclub.org/coal; Energy Information Administration, www.eia.gov.

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 for more information!

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THURSDAY, JULY 7TH

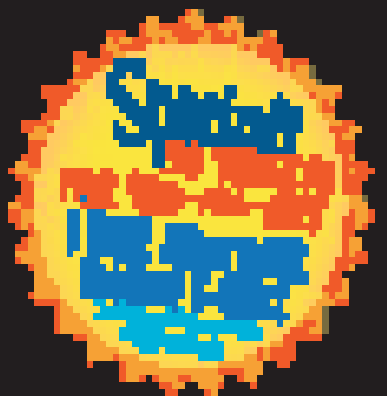
7PM-10PM RIVERWALK FESTIVAL
AT THE OLD MARKET & THURSDAY MARKET BUILDING

- 7pm-7pm** **Harvest of the River** on Ferry Street. Served by Historic Restaurants, 35 pm. Sides: **meatballs, baked beans and hot sauce, potato salad, green beans, breaded pork chops, and** **apple pie.** Sponsored by **Local Food**. \$2 pm. **Harvest of the River** on Ferry Street. Served by Historic Restaurants, 35 pm. Sides: **meatballs, baked beans and hot sauce, potato salad, green beans, breaded pork chops, and** **apple pie.** Sponsored by **Local Food**.
- 7pm-8pm** **Local Community on Ferry Street.** **Local Community on Ferry Street.** Sponsored by **Local Food**.

FRIDAY, JULY 8TH

4PM-7PM RIVERWALK & THURSDAY MARKET BUILDING

- 4pm-7pm** **Historic Restaurants Dinner on the Old River Street Market.** **Historic Restaurants Dinner on the Old River Street Market.** Sponsored by **Local Food**.
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SATURDAY, JULY 9TH

4PM-7PM RIVERWALK & THURSDAY MARKET BUILDING & AT STREET MARKET PLACE

- 4pm-7pm** **Historic Restaurants Dinner on the Old River Street Market.** **Historic Restaurants Dinner on the Old River Street Market.** Sponsored by **Local Food**.
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- 5:15pm-8pm** **Historic Restaurants Dinner on the Old River Street Market.** **Historic Restaurants Dinner on the Old River Street Market.** Sponsored by **Local Food**.

