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Annual FROM Food Fight raises \$77,887

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Flat River Outreach Ministry's Food Fight wrapped up during the Riverwalk Festival with a final total of \$77,887. The North side won, they raised \$41,431. The South side did very well also, raising \$36,456. Money and food collected during the Food Fight will be used as part of FROM's many programs that benefit struggling families. FROM fills hungry bellies year-round with their food pantry, Foodmobile and Lunch Buddies programs.

"Food Fight benefits all of our programming; it's not just about food," said Dawn Broene, FROM executive director. "It started as a food drive just for the food pantry and the first year the goal was \$5,000. In eight years it has grown. This year we asked for sponsors and we set a goal of \$75,000. Our schools stepped up, the community stepped up and we have exceeded that goal. Food Fight supports more than just our food programs, it supports everything we do in this building. This year

our matching sponsors were Amway, River Valley Credit Union, Magna, Litehouse, King Milling, Enwork, Alto Lions Club and Lyonnaise."

FROM's food programs provides free food to people in need all year long.

"We have five food programs that we either coordinate or distribute or are our FROM programs," Broene said. "We have one program during Christmas that has a food component to it. Along with the toy distribution for the kids, families can come in and have their choice of either a turkey dinner or a ham dinner with all the trimmings, dessert, potatoes; it's a whole bag full of food."

At FROM's food pantry, people can come to a miniature grocery store and pick out the food they want from a wide selection of goods.

"A family can come in once a month and get food," Broene said. "They need to be at or below 200 percent of

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FROM executive director Dawn Broene said the Food Fight raised a total of \$77,887 for hungry families this year.

Downtown Lowell alive with activity during Riverwalk Festival

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Downtown Lowell was alive with activity this past weekend for the annual Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Riverwalk Festival.

Festivities started on Thursday evening along the Riverwalk with the

weekly Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Concert that featured Joe Hertler and the Rainbow Seekers and Addorio Technologies LLC hosted the always well-attended Riverwalk Pig Roast. Grilling & Chilling on Avery Street made its 2016 debut and offered fare

ranging from wood fired pizzas to caramel apples to tropical smoothies.

Friday's schedule began at 5 pm and featured pontoon rides on the Flat River. The fun and informative river cruise was

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LowellArts! celebrated the festival's famous yellow duck with their parade entry.

Donkersloot named new LL&P general manager

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Steve Donkersloot has been named the new general manager of Lowell Light & Power. In January 2016 he was promoted from chief accountant, a position he held since 2011, to assistant general manager. When former general manager Greg Pierce retired in March 2016, Donkersloot took over the general manager duties on an interim basis. There were nine other candidates for the job, but the Light & Power board felt that Donkersloot was the best choice and made him the permanent general manager.

"In my role, I'm overseeing all office functions, billing, customer accounting and customer service," Donkersloot said. "I'm responsible for

monthly performance data reports, monthly income statements, the annual audit, long range projection plans and the annual budget; anything on the finance side or customer service side of things."

Donkersloot, a native of Zeeland and a graduate of Hope College in Holland, started with Lowell Light & Power as an accounting intern in 2009.

"It's been great," Donkersloot said. "Through word of mouth they got in contact with me. The auditor here was the governmental accounting professor at Hope. He talked with the internship coordinator at Hope, because Lowell Light & Power was looking for a

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little bit of help with fixed assets and catching up with some things, so they called me. They expressed an interest in me and that's the reason I ended up here."

Donkersloot had many kind words for his predecessor, Greg Pierce, who Donkersloot considers a mentor.

"Greg was gracious enough to take me under his wing over the last number of years," Donkersloot said. "He was a great mentor. He set a great foundation for Lowell Light & Power. He

turned it around financially with all the projects that he did. It was a good learning experience to assist him. Over the years he allowed me to do the long range financial plan, the annual budget and to attend Michigan Public Power Agency meetings in Lansing. He allowed me to go to national conferences where I was able to meet other general managers and other people in the industry, and gain experience and learn about more high-level topics."

When he's not running the utility, Donkersloot owns a horse and a dog, he is a baseball nut and he plans to attend the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro with his wife Lyndsey.

"For the last three or four years we've been saving to go to the Olympics," Donkersloot said. "We're going to be heading to Rio, which I'm getting more and more concerned about as the days progress. You hear about bodies washing up onshore, the Zika virus, the place not having any money, but we still plan on

going. We were in Europe in 2012 and we happened to be in London for two days when the Olympics were going on. It was the coolest thing, so we decided that we were going to do it, we were going to go to the Summer Olympics."

He already has a five-year plan in place with plenty of projects that will improve service for Lowell Light & Power's business and residential customers.

"I'd like to be here as long as they'll let me be here," Donkersloot said. "I think we've been doing



Steve Donkersloot started as an intern in 2009 and is now the general manager of Lowell Light & Power.



along main street

TUESDAY TEEN DRAWING CLASSES

A drawing class for teens ages 13-18. Students may choose graphite or colored pencil. Weather permitting, classes held outdoors to draw the scenes in downtown Lowell. Classes will begin at the LowellArts! facility at 149 S. Hudson Street in Lowell. On July 19 and 26 and Aug. 2 from 10 am to noon. Sign up for just the classes you are able to attend or all of them at www.lowellartsmi.org Questions? Contact LowellArts! at 897-8545 or email info@lowellartsmi.org

CALL FOR ACTORS

The LowellArts! Players are seeking actors for the Fall Dinner Theater production of The Mousetrap by Agatha Christie. The play will be performed at Larkin's Other Place in Lowell on Oct. 28-30 and Nov. 4-6. Auditions are Sat., Aug. 27, 10 am-noon and Mon., Aug. 29, 7-9 pm at LowellArts!, 149 S. Hudson St., Lowell. Casting will include five men and three women. Copies of the script are available at LowellArts!

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.

KIDS FISHING DERBY

Free fishing derby for kids aged three to 15 years at Pebble Beach on July 23, 9 am to noon. Everything provided, along with food and drinks.

great things. It's a five-year plan with 11 projects. There are four projects for fiscal year 2017, which just started July 1. We have adequate staff to handle these projects in-house. We're going to save roughly \$185,000 in contractor costs to be able to do those projects ourselves.

I'm a firm believer that we are a not-for-profit; the people own this utility. If somebody walks in, they should be okay with how we're spending their money and what we're doing to save people money. I think most people would agree."

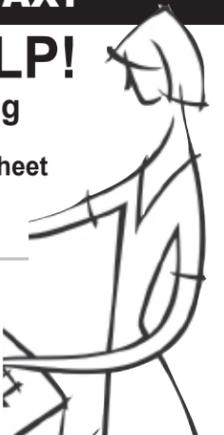
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Candidates for Lowell city manager meets with public

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

The three candidates for the Lowell city manager position met with the public at the Grand Volute, 655 Lincoln Lake, on Monday, July 11. Mike Burns from Fenton, MI; Tony Graff

found it to be one of the most high-end communities in the county. It has the rural feel, but it also has that suburban element.”

Tony Graff is the city administrator of Wilmington, IL, a town of 6,000 on Route 66 about 20

miles south of Joliet. Like Lowell, Wilmington has a large river, in their case the Kankakee, running through the middle of town and they have lots of parks.

“Lowell reminds me of where I grew up, with the tree-lined roads, the good houses, the great schools, the river, and of course the downtown,” Graff said. “Our biggest thing we’ve been doing lately are all the capital projects. That’s one of the things that I love. I have a big economic development background. Public service is in my blood; I’ve been doing it for 35 years.”

Mike Burns, a former Macomb County sheriff deputy, is the assistant city manager, economic development director and the executive director of the Downtown Development

Authority of Fenton, MI, a city about 20 miles south of Flint.

“It’s a very nice community,” Burns said. “It’s an older, historic community. The natural ambiance is very impressive. You’ve got two rivers coming through town, the hills, the trees; it’s a beautiful community. It can be enhanced, but it’s a beautiful community. My background is in downtown redevelopment. Most of my accomplishments have been in those areas and in infrastructure improvements. I’ve been involved in some major infrastructure improvements in our city.”



Illinois native Tony Graff has over 30 years of experience in public administration.



Josh Eggleston has worked for governments in Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.

from Wilmington, IL; and Josh Eggleston from Durand, WI; are the three men in the running for the job.

Josh Eggleston is the city administrator of Durand, WI, but he is originally from West Michigan. Eggleston grew up in Sparta and said he has spent plenty of time in Lowell.

“I’ve always liked this community,” Eggleston said. “I’m very familiar with this community. I think it’s got a lot of potential and I’m excited for the opportunity. In high school I had some friends who lived out here and we came to things occasionally. I’ve always



Mike Burns from Fenton, MI, has experience with infrastructure improvements.

The three candidates were interviewed at city hall by the city council on July 12. This event will be covered in next week’s Lowell Ledger.

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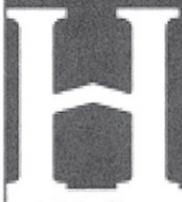
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Council discusses local trails, public works projects

by Tim McAllister
contributing reporter

Lowell city council held their latest regular meeting at city hall on Tuesday, July 5. The meeting lasted just under 40 minutes and included information about local trails and public works projects. Thirteen citizens attended the meeting; none spoke during citizen discussion.

“Working with the [Michigan Department of Natural Resources], we’re trying to find a way to expand the trail’s appeal,” Brown said. “One of the ways we do this is what we call ‘edible alleys.’ We replace standard vegetation and landscaping with edible goods.”

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that last week, the stretch from Fremont to the city limits,” LaBombard said. “The city is working on doing the restoration, that’s the shoulder work. We’ll be out there and have that wrapped up, hopefully by the end of this week if not early next week. The sidewalk project that the mayor has requested us to inspect [the Downtown Development Authority] is about 25 percent complete. We anticipate completing that in the month of July sometime. Finally, the downtown parking lot is practically finished. It’s being used right now. It’s striped just as of last week.”

City manager Dave Pasquale announced the names of the three candidates for Lowell city manager. Mike Burns from Fenton, MI; Anton Graff from Wilmington, IL; and Joshua Eggleston from Durand, WI; are in the running. On July 12, beginning at 9 am, the candidates will be interviewed at city hall by the city council. These interviews are open to the public.

“We do have three strong candidates,” Pasquale said. “You’ll have a very busy few days this next week.”

The council’s next regular meeting will be at city hall at 7 pm on Monday, July 18.



Robert Brown from the Friends of the Fred Meijer River Valley Rail Trails updated the council about his organization’s activities.

Robert Brown, chairperson of the Friends of the Fred Meijer River Valley Rail Trails, gave the council a presentation about the current status and future plans for local trails. One idea is to grow free, organic snacks along the trail.

check out their website, rivervalleytrails.org

Public works director Rich LaBombard updated the council about the city projects his department has been busy completing.

“North Washington Street, the county just paved

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Treating others with respect

Dear Editor,

I worked at a booth for my church at the Riverwalk Festival this past weekend. I was so impressed with everyone who visited our booth. They were all kind and polite and generous with their expressions of gratitude. It's also encouraging to see the respect and appreciation expressed for our flag, our military and our police officers as demonstrated during the parade.

Maybe this shows that people are paying attention to what's happening and are making the effort to have more respect for themselves as well as their neighbors. Won't this be a wonderful city, country and world when everyone treats others as they would like to be treated themselves.

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outdoors

get outdoors

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Camping culture

Campgrounds are always busy places over major holidays and during mild weather. Summer homes and cottages are bustling with activity. With school out and company vacation schedules, families are able to find time to get away and enjoy being together for recreation and relaxation.

Camping brings people together when otherwise that may not happen. Camping is a common denominator for members of a household, people related to one another in an extended family, clubs, scouting groups, and others who find camping a way to gather together. Solo camping encourages one to engage socially with fellow campers which can lead to new and lasting friendships.

Residents of the Upper Peninsula must have the highest per-capita population of campers of any other demographic. There are lots of R.V.s setting at peoples homes. U.P. campgrounds fill up fast on holidays and weekends. Many campers don't travel far because I have noticed R.V. units

parked in neighborhoods where the same units were recently parked in a campground in the same city. One person hauls the camper and another loads up the bikes and grill. The groups include family members from grandparents to babes in arms.

Fishing and hunting also draw friends and family to camps of all kinds in the season. In the daily routine of living our lives, we have different interests and priorities, so we tend to associate with those who are more like us. Hunters and fishermen regardless of age, gender, and life circumstances have a common relationship with nature. This experience creates a bond and understanding between individuals who may otherwise not relate to one another.

Summer camps bring children from various backgrounds together to share experiences and friendships. The excitement and apprehension of being away from home encourages kids to rely on each other and develop special friendships.

At a time when everyone seems to be going in a different direction, camping provides an opportunity to get together and share what we do have in common. Find time to join with friends and family or seek out new friendships at the cabin or campground.

100 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 13, 1916

Young mother dies – death follows injury to foot from rusty nail. Mrs. C. O. Condon died Wednesday morning at the Fred Condon home, about 4½ miles north of Lowell, of lock jaw resulting from stepping on a rusty nail about two weeks ago. She had been in Lowell Saturday, but was taken worse that night. She leaves her husband, a little daughter Roxy, her parents and three brothers.

Two of the finest residence sites in Lowell are now available for people who wish to build good homes. They are the Hawk lots on Monroe street, high and dry near Central school, in good neighborhood, with shade trees, concrete walks and sewer in street. Owner has formerly refused to sell; but now wishes to do so, and an unusual opportunity is afforded. We are publishing this, not as an advertisement but in the interest of public improvement: and hope that two good home builders maybe attracted thereby. In an old town like Lowell good building sites are scarce.

Postmaster Hunter announces that the new postoffice will be open for inspection this Thursday afternoon; and that he expects to move into the same that night and be ready for business there Friday morning. The new office is certainly a great improvement on the old one, and one that will be appreciated by the public.

A bird house built by Master Clare Townsend and placed in a walnut tree in the yard has been taken possession of by a swarm of bees, the little creatures proving entirely unmindful of their many youthful observers playing about the tree.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Yeiter and little Evelyn of Lowell were guests of the latter's parents Sunday. All took a spin to Morrison lake where they enjoyed the quiet, though cool breeze from the lake, the beautiful drive home, etc, etc.

75 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 17, 1941

L. E. Johnson, who is in charge of reserved seat sales for the Showboat reports that the demand for tickets is greater this year than ever before. Better make your reservations now.

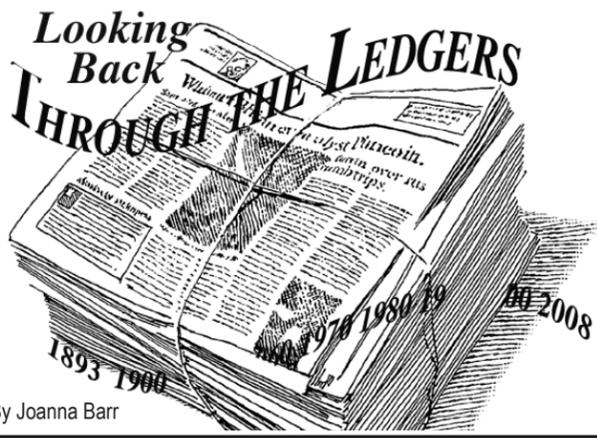
Every time we go by one of the good stores of Lowell we feel like taking off our hat to the brains and enterprise of the person who runs it. It takes a lot of energy and intelligence to maintain a retail store for a period of years, and make it pay something to the

owner or manager. It is so easy to get loaded up with stock that won't sell, or to offend the public, that the management that can avoid these difficulties has performed a very considerable stunt. If you want any kind of article for your home or personal needs, you can get extremely intelligent attention in these stores of Lowell. They are run by bright, capable, hard working people. Tell them what you want, and they will be sure to get it for you, and at prices that will please you.

Strike oil in Cascade. Oil is being taken in small quantities from a well drilled near Quiggle Lake in Cascade township. The well has been drilled into the Monroe strata a depth of 2,400 feet. Several barrels of oil are being taken from the well every day. It is reported that the well will be given acid treatment in the hope of securing a steady producer.

All citizens of this community will be glad to learn that the Lowell Church of the Nazarene has recalled the Rev. R. C. Warland for another year of service as pastor. All can truthfully say that Rev. Warland has been an earnest intelligent worker for his church and the community as a whole.

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By Joanna Barr

125 years ago Lowell Journal July 15, 1891

The boys are making a swimming resort of Flat River just below the dam, at the shute and always have a good sized audience on the bridge.

The new half-mile track at the Fair ground is nearly graded and the top will be put on next week. It is a regulation track, having two easy turns and two good long stretches.

Mrs E. A. Johnson has gone to Lower Canada to visit her old home, also to receive a dowry bequeathed her by her parents. She was accompanied by her daughter, Abby, and husband, C. Garstone, of Belding, who are going to England, to Mr Garstone's old home, on account of his poor health.

Marshall Morrison, an aged farmer and pioneer, of Paris township, while returning from Grand Rapids, Monday evening, was struck by the D. L & N. flyer and instantly killed. He was intoxicated and asleep in his wagon. The remains were an unrecognizable and shapeless mass. He leaves one daughter, who resided with him on his farm.

The concert last Friday night by Prof. Zimmerman and his pupil, Master Stephen Leyshon, was a most excellent entertainment and those of our citizens who attended, felt most amply repaid. Prof. Zimmerman is a musician of rare ability, both as a pianist and a singer, while Master Leyshon is a phenomenon, possessing a soprano voice of great compass and remarkably sweet.

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In The Service

Late Tuesday morning, July 5, 2016, in the veteran parking lot, a young marine, staff sergeant DeJong, went through a traditional promotion ceremony to become a Gunnery Sergeant called "Pinning." His promotion was above the normal promotion since there is only so many individuals per year, per rank, to be promoted. But since staff sergeant DeJong's records were exceptional, ie. his recruiting office in Bay City was ranked number one in Michigan two years in a row, he received a meritorious promotion. The officer in charge of this ceremony said in his 26 years with the marines, this is only the third such promotion he has seen. Gunnery Sergeant DeJong is the son of Don, Lowell's cemetery sexton, and Marianne DeJong.



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non-diabetics should be screened regularly for high blood pressure. However, diabetics must keep their blood pressures below 130/80, which is lower than required for non-diabetics, who must stay below 140/90.

A stands for the A1C test. This test, also called the glycosylated hemoglobin test, gives a three-month average of your blood sugar levels. This test should be performed every three to six months and should be kept below seven percent.

C stands for cholesterol. "Bad" cholesterol, or low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol, can build up and clog your arteries. Diabetics should have their cholesterol checked yearly and keep their LDL below 100. Once again, this value is lower than the level required for non-diabetics, who must stay below 130.

B stands for blood pressure. Having high blood pressure overworks your heart. All diabetics and

S stands for smoking. This is an obvious one. All smokers are at increased risk of heart disease, but if you're diabetic, that risk is more than doubled. If you have questions about managing your diabetes and reducing your risk of heart disease, see your healthcare provider.

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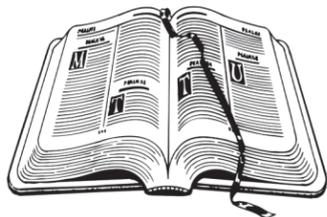
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~ J&H Family Stores

Even though the company is based in Wyoming, J&H Family Stores is one of Pink Arrow Pride's biggest sponsors.

"This is our fourth year being involved with Pink Arrow," said J&H marketing director Abby Albers. "The first year it was pretty new to us. We kind of got our feet wet by doing the fireworks at the game. Last year we sponsored the stories in the Ledger and the tablets. Every year we've gotten a little more involved."

"I don't know anybody who hasn't been touched by cancer at some point," said J&H Family Stores president Craig Roggen. "In your own family, in your church family, your work family, someone somewhere has gotten one form of the disease or another. It's something that impacts everybody sooner or later."

The company is well-known locally for their charitable work. For example, during July if you buy a Fryday candy bar from any J&H store they donate all the proceeds to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Each month they do this with a different product and charity.



"We're a company that likes to get really involved in the communities that support us."

- Abby Albers

"We're a company that likes to get really involved in the communities that support us," Albers said. "The Lowell community has been so great to us and this is a small way we can give back to the people of Lowell. Your community comes together like no community I've ever seen before. If there's something going on they just rally behind it, whether it's a new business opening or a great, huge event like Pink Arrow. It's really unique, you don't

see that everywhere. There's something about Lowell that's different from the rest."

The J&H location at 411 Lincoln Lake has existed for two years. It was the first J&H to have a Tim Rotman's attached to it. Albers said the store is thriving and credits its success to their customers. They have since opened four more Tim Rotman's.

"Thank you to the Lowell community for all your support. We're so honored to be a part of your community. Thank you for being so welcoming to us."



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~ Jan Johnson

What is a caregiver?

What is a "caregiver"? A person who helps another during a time of illness, disease or impairment. The caregiver typically helps to keep track of appointments and provide transportation, communicates with doctors and nurses on behalf of the patient, manage medications, and give emotional and physical support when needed.

Janet Johnson is a survivor of breast cancer at 66 years old and also has had heart issues over the years. Both medical conditions require many doctor appointments and taking medications. She has been able to live independently with the help and support of her family, friends and neighbors. Janet also has a tremendously positive attitude and doesn't let too much get her down.

Unfortunately, a lot of people like Janet don't have the immediate support of family that live near by. Janet's two sons, Blake and Brooks, live in Chicago and Denver and even though they care very much about what is going on with mom, they are unable to help with her care on a daily basis. That's where a caregiver other than family steps in to help.

One particular true caregiver for Janet is Karen Latva. Karen and her husband have been neighbors of Janet and her late husband, Phil, for over 28 years. It's not just a neighbor-type relationship but, more like a family relationship between the Johnsons and the Latvas. Over the last two years, Karen has been the one to manage her medications which, if not taken care of properly, can really be confusing and make a big difference in the overall health of the patient. She has also been the one to drive

Janet to most appointments and develop a rapport with the doctors and nurses. As we all know, communication is key to anyone's health care.

A caregiver must be dedicated and committed to making it work for both them and the patient. It requires a lot of time, organizing, and compassion to be a true caregiver. Janet has said many times that, if not for Karen, she wouldn't be as healthy as she is and wouldn't be able to live on her own.

Other family, friends and neighbors have helped along the way between the heart issues and the breast cancer diagnosis. Jennette Yelton, Jan's cleaning lady, called an ambulance one day due to Jan's difficulties with bronchitis and immediately got help from Teresa and Perry Bruchman. Her son, Brooks, came home to help set up the home so the main floor so Janet could live more easily. Angel Carr makes, Andrea Vuolteenoja, has also been helpful with getting groceries and running errands. Other friends from the Congregational Church, YMCA, Lowell Area, Pine River Gallery, and Arroyo buddies have offered and given help when needed.

The neighborhood along Kinross Drive, where Janet lives, is a very caring group of people who watch out for each other. People like Don and Carly Kinnison, Cary and Shelli Curtis, Tony Hill and Mary Kay Milled, along with the Bradmans and Latvas have all had a part in "keeping an eye" on Janet to make sure things are going well. As Janet would say, "It takes a village to raise a child" and at this point in her life she adds, "It also takes a village to keep old ladies alive."



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~ Jordan Schaefer

Where am I today, post cancer?

Life after having cancer has been strange. I am often referring to my life as 'before' and 'after' as so much has changed yet, I am still the same person. ...if that makes sense? During my first article to the Ledger back in June 2012, I was preparing to finish my last round of chemo. I was robbed of a year of my life due to this stupid disease. The feeling I had walking out of the hospital after my last chemo cycle was incredible. It was a 'yes and never turn back' moment. However, that's not the case if you have ever had cancer. You are held under a microscope for at least the next few years by your doctors (and rightfully so). You are reminded that you were sick and could potentially be again. I went back to the University of Michigan every three months for two years. At my appointments, they would check for lymphedema in my legs and other areas of my body. X-rays, blood work, bone scans and MRIs became routine at these appointments. Every three months,

you are mentally preparing yourself for what they could say at your appointment. Every bump or weird feeling you have, you can't help but think the worst.

Physically, not all went well post-chemotherapy. About six months after completing chemo, we discovered that the calaver bone they put in my humerus bone did not grow with my existing humerus bone. My best option was to do a bone graft from my hip in an attempt to union the two bones together. After an extremely painful surgery and recovery, my humerus bone finally fused together with the calaver bone within four months of the surgery.

The emotional side after chemo was also unexpected. It's not always easy to express how your life is different after chemo and how it's changed. Naturally, I am proudful and as a guy it is not always the easiest to be in tune with "feelings." For me, this became a challenge as I could not

"When you feel the situation is bleak and can't be overcome. That is where friends, families, Pink Arrow Bride come in."

- Jordan Schaefer

identify why I wasn't waking up living every day to the fullest after overcoming such a mountain and with this new outlook on life.

The bad

Feel free to stop reading here if you are looking for the feel good part of the story...that is before. Life after cancer has been good and bad. Your body and brain goes through a strange process after completing something like cancer. All of a sudden, my life felt like I had all these expectations now that I beat cancer. Expectations to share my story, expectations to motivate others battling, expectations to inspire, expectations to share my new found perspective on life. In reality, all I wanted to do was hide it. Hide the fact that I had cancer. Just get it

away like it was a bad cold and move on. So I did that. I did that for years. I was a master at deflecting my story and not owning my situation.

The reason was because I felt guilty, guilty to be alive when these people (and many others) I knew and was close with, lost their physical life due to the same exact disease. To me, I was one out of four. For some reason, I am alive and they aren't. I compared my life to theirs. They were much better people...why I am still here? They should be here. The guilt consumed me and I didn't even fully realize it for years. I stopped blogging about my story and I became great at telling everyone how awesome life was after cancer. I felt that was the expectation of a cancer survivor inside I was feeling something else.



Blue Lake sunrise

The Good

Now the feel good part... for me it wasn't until I decided to own the fact that I had cancer until you start to heal from cancer. That is part of the process with this article. It's telling people that, yes people do survive this terrible disease. That yes, you can go on to live a normal life even though your life will never be the same.

I am fully convinced that anyone who is diagnosed with cancer is a survivor. Every day you make a choice to survive. These diagnoses to be recognized and celebrated. I couldn't have done that all by myself without my 'encouragers,' as I call them. When you feel the situation is bleak and can't be overcome, that is where friends, families, Pink Arrow Bride come in. They become the encouragers. They are there to provide emotional, physical and financial support so the survivor can focus on surviving.

The Normal Life

As I mentioned before,

life after cancer will never be the same. However with my encouragers, I was able to continue on with my professional career, move to a new house, get a dog, start playing sports again and most exciting of all, get married. I am not sure where this journey will take me next, however I do know that without the strength of my encouragers, my friends, family and community I couldn't have beat cancer.

It will be four years of clean health this July 13th. In one more year, I will be considered in full remission. As you read through my story and many like mine, I strongly encourage you to participate and encourage the survivors in life. Whether they are in the beginning, middle or on the home stretch of surviving, be there for them. To not sit on the sidelines, but to be a cheerleader. Take their fears, move their goals, make them a meal, donate to Pink Arrow Bride and American Cancer Society, but most of all be there for them because they might not know it at the time, but they need you, the encouragers.

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~ Jim Jaworowicz

On May 1, 2015, I retired from Anway. Like many working couples, our dreams of the opportunity to travel and enjoy life without time constraints finally materialized. My dear wife Nancy and I made the most of the summer traveling to Canada, Charlevoix, Boyne City, Boyne Mountain, Traverse City, Petoskey, and more. Finally, we were free and loved it.

About four months later, Nancy came down with a urinary ache. She was not one to complain but it persisted so we went to the ER. There, Nancy was diagnosed with stage four colorectal cancer. Emergency surgery was performed the next day. She fought the good fight and we did our best. On a cold February evening, the disease took her. Nancy, a fifty-nine-year-old mother of three, was a much loved, very smart woman who walked with Jesus in life. After her death, family and friends were mutually supportive but when the dust settled, I was lost.

Sometime later while returning the mail at the mailbox, I happened to see my neighbor Jeff Hingman doing the same. I knew Jeff had lost his wife Barb and conversation ensued. Jeff told me that he had been attending the Gilda's Club at the Senior Center in Lowell and that he always looked forward to



meeting with his newly found friends every Tuesday at 2:00 pm. I took Jeff's advice and attended the next meeting and have missed only one since.

The meetings start with a complimentary dinner served by volunteers. To cheer things up, our place mats are made by

children in the early years of grade school. During dinner we visit and check up on each other as everyone there has suffered the loss of a loved one. Afterward, a group session is held where, one at a time, we express our experiences and feelings. A highly trained and

very gracious group leader is provided by Gilda's Club.

Our Gilda's Club is led by a well-organized group of volunteers and professionals. It is supported by Lowell's Pink Arrow Pride, the Lowell operation team, local schools, businesses and individuals.

I was impressed by the compassion of our community and if I may speak for the entire group, we are very thankful for this valuable resource.

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Food Fight, continued

the poverty level. That's the federal guideline that says how much a family makes a year and we just started to follow that guideline. When a family comes in they check in and we verify that they live within the Lowell school district; that's our service area. They need to bring in an ID or a current piece of mail from the last 30 days so that we know they live in our service area. This is what is called a 'client choice' food bank. We're not just giving them a box of food, it's set up like a grocery store. They'll grab a grocery cart and just start shopping. They choose a number of items from each category based on their household size. For example, a house with three to four people could pick eight items from the vegetable section. We're also one of the few pantries that will give each family a gallon of milk and a dozen eggs."

The food at the pantry is either donated during Food Fight or purchased with financial donations.

"We are very blessed by our community," Broene

said. "Meijer does a 'Simply Give' campaign usually two to four times a year. That's where you go buy a \$10 'Meijer Simply Give' card, which they have at their stores. Meijer matches the \$10. There's one weekend where they will double that, so if you buy a \$10 card Meijer matches it with \$20. That is great. Last year Lowell Rotary raised \$10,000 for us from their members, then the Lowell Area Community Fund matched it and then the Rotary Foundation matched it, so we got \$30,000 from that. It helps us purchase all that milk and the eggs. Another way that we get food is [by] Jersey Subs and Panera Bread in Cascade [who] will donate all of their extra bread. Two days a week we have volunteers that will go pick up any of their extra bread and bring it here."

Another one of FROM's food programs is the Foodmobile, which sets up at the fairgrounds once a month. The next appearance of the Foodmobile will be on Saturday, July 16 at 10 am.

"One or two churches will sponsor it, they'll have the volunteers there and they pay for the truck to go down there," Broene said. "We just coordinate it. We arrange for when it's going to happen, secure the place and secure the Feeding America card. It'll be potatoes, spaghetti squash, zucchini, stuff like that. People bring in their boxes and we fill them up."

With their 'Lunch Buddies' program FROM provides free lunches for kids over the age of three, the age when kids are no longer eligible for WIC benefits. The lunches are available during summer vacation as well as spring break and winter break.

"There is no income requirement for Lunch

Buddies," Broene said. "If any family feels that they are in need of food in the summer, they can come in and get five days of lunches for their children. It's always on Tuesdays from 1 pm until 7 pm. With help from an Amway grant that we were awarded, we have a lot more educational components as part of it. It looks at nutrition labels, helping kids decide what is a healthy option and what is not a healthy option. Sometimes labeling can be confusing. It also covers hand washing, exercise, reading, things like that. We are concentrating on 'healthy.' We have a plethora of fruits and vegetables that we are offering the kids. They are going to have fruits and vegetables with every

lunch. Once they get used to it they will choose that over the unhealthy options."

Like the pantry, Lunch Buddies is set up so the kids get to choose things they would like to eat.

"Once again it's a 'shopping' kind of thing," Broene said. "They'll have a menu of ten things they can choose from; the family needs to choose five. The kids, if they come with their parents, do the shopping. They will have the miniature carts and they go through and pick. We really like kids to come in with their parents and make their own choices, because it's empowering for them."

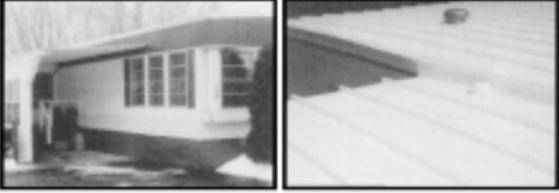
All of FROM's programs are staffed by volunteers. In 2015 their volunteers put in 28,700 total hours. They are always looking for more help. If you're interested in helping out, their next volunteer orientation will be on Thursday, July 21 at 1 pm.

"We have 284 active volunteers," Broene said. "Our volunteers love this community and the people they serve. Lowell is a strong, close-knit community. Lowell is not the 'next place to be,' it's the place to be. This community can do amazing things."

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Musical talents highlight the Riverwalk during festival

by Kathryn Atwood
contributing reporter

Three talented musical acts were highlighted at last week's Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concert series presented by LowellArts! and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce last Thursday evening along the Riverwalk.

Songstress, lyricist and guitarist Audrey Pearson opened the trio of live musical performances. The Lowell graduate pens songs from the heart and sings them from the same place delivering them in a rich voice she has been perfecting since age thirteen. An up-and-coming local favorite, Pearson plays regularly in West Michigan including a standing gig every other Monday at the swanky Italian restaurant Mangiamo! in East Grand Rapids.

Pearson's intriguing blend of jazz laced folk was followed by the sound of fellow singer and songwriter Ralston Bowles own folk sound. Ralston has been working the local

and national music scene for more than two decades infusing his engaging sound with dashes of rock-and-roll and social commentary. His personal performance featured tracks from his two

album releases "Carwreck Conversations" and "Rally at the Texas Hotel." An award-winning songwriter, Bowles said he lives and creates music by a simple motto, "If the song is good," Ralston said, "there's not much you can do to kill it."

Headliners Joe Hertler and the Rainbow Seekers took the stage at 7:45 bringing the funk and the fun to the Showboat stage. Lead

vocalist Hertler sang with enthusiasm and a wildly evident sense of humor that was shared by his Rainbow Seekers.

The band includes Ryan Hoger on guitar, Kim Vi on bass, Pinetop Deadfish at the drums, Mickey Soho playing the keyboard and Aaron Stinson who burned it down with the saxophone. Utilizing hints of classic Motown, folk and rock,

the band's unique blend of genres intrigued the large audience that gathered despite threat of rain.

Next week, attendees are invited to revisit the soul and R&B of the 60s and 70s when the series welcomes the four-piece band Soul Syndicate to the stage from 7-9 pm. Bleacher and lawn seating are available as well as refreshments and food.



Rainbow Seeker Aaron Stinson on the saxophone during the fourth installment of the summer concert series.



Joe Hertler and the Rainbow Seekers packed the Riverwalk last Thursday evening despite temperamental weather.

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Notice is hereby given that the public accuracy test of the Optical Scan Tabulating Equipment for the August 2, 2016 Primary Election will be conducted on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lowell City Hall, Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.



Susan Ullery
City Clerk

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Looking back, continued

50 years ago Lowell Ledger July 14, 1966

Berserker wrecks town. Jack DeCamp, 35, Lowell, was arrested last week Saturday after he went berserk on Main Street and smashed signs, displays and ripped up plantings. Police said that DeCamp started at the Zephyr Gas Station on West Main Street, and pulled down a sign there. He continued down Main Street, throwing everything he could find loose into the street. He damaged property at Steffen's Plumbing, Keiser's Kitchen, Standard Station, B&O Grocery, Christiansen Drug Company, City Hall, Texaco Station, and ended up at the Methodist Church, where he smashed the glass in the front-yard sign and pulled out the lettering. Lowell Police officers had to secure outside help to finally run the berserker down and take him into the Kent County jail. He was charged with being drunk and disorderly, and with malicious destruction of property. He was to have come to

trial on Wednesday morning in justice court. He was recently released from the Kalamazoo State Hospital, police said.

A large crowd is expected at the Council meeting on Monday evening when the hearing on re-zoning a 7-acre parcel of land to allow Eberhard to build a new store on West Main St., will be held.

Playground program at Richards Park to start. The Lowell Y will hold a playground program at Richard's Park from 10 a. m. until 12 noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The two hour activity will include group games and trampoline lessons. Cost of the activity is 15 cents per day for Y members and 25 cents a day for non-members.

25 years ago The Lowell Ledger July 17, 1991

Power-less residents find salvation and comfort from Lowell Schools and Red Cross volunteers. The storm that ripped through Lowell on July 7 left many in the Lowell area wondering if last week should have been "National Lights Out and Water Off" week. Karen McCarthy, Consumer's Power area manager, said no, it was just the effects of the worst storm in the company's 105-year history. The storm shut off the electric in 335,000 homes in West Michigan. As of Friday, there were still 3,000 homes without electricity. McCarthy said the company expected to have all of its customers back on line by the end of last Friday (July 12). For Michael and Molly Distelrath and their seven children, the whole ordeal went from fun, to an adventure, to not much fun at all. "It's definitely been more stressful on Michael and me," Molly said. "The kids have done great. They seem to think it's an adventure. When the refrigerator went out and they were allowed to have ice cream for breakfast, they thought that was great fun." Distelrath's son, Andrew said not having electricity didn't bother him until he heard it would be Sunday (a week) before they'd get

their electric back. His sister, Liza, 10-years old, said she'd be glad to have television back in the evenings. "It gets real boring in the evenings without television," she sighs. The Distelrath family shared their trials and tribulations caused by the storm over a hot dog, potato salad, baked bean dinner at Lowell Middle School last Wednesday. The meal was prepared and served by volunteer Red Cross members. "Having the Red Cross here serving meals is a salvation," Molly said. "Making meals and cleaning up without electricity is an all day task. By the time you heat water and wash dishes, it's time to start all over again." Molly said the first couple of days were spent eating the food in the refrigerator. "We put dry ice in the freezer for a while, but then some friends stored the food in their freezers," she explains. The Red Cross came to Lowell last Tuesday evening and served a beef stew dinner. The Red Cross heard there was a need for its help in Lowell because of the extensive power outages," said Murray Stout, Volunteer Assistant Director of Disaster Services for the Red Cross. Stout said the Red Cross would stay as long as there was a need. The Red Cross volunteers served breakfast from 6 until 9 a.m.; lunch from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and dinner from 4 until 7 p.m. "The people have been very courteous, appreciative and many have pitched in and helped clean up," Stout said. "Lowell Schools should also be complemented. They have been extremely helpful in making our job easier. The accommodations they set us up with were wonderful." Stout said the personal satisfaction volunteers get from helping people in trouble makes the work more than worthwhile. The Red Cross crew working at Lowell Middle School consisted of 7-8 people. While the Lowell people were grateful all were anxious for the electric to be restored. Regina VanderKlok, Crooked Lake, said the whole experience was terrible. "You can live without electricity, but no water really hurts," she explains. "Our children adjusted quite well. My husband, Bill, and I haven't. I'm just glad it wasn't the middle of winter when we lost electricity."



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Green Party Candidate Dances for Votes in Lowell

With a trailer containing five drummers pounding away to a pulsating electronic beat, Cliff Yankovich, the Green Party candidate for the 86th District in the Michigan House of Representatives, danced his way down Main Street in Lowell during the FROM The Heart Riverwalk Parade Saturday, July 9th.

"I was not even going to do the parade at first," Yankovich said. "But I took the advice of Brianna Massey, who was the class president of the 2016 Lowell Red Arrows and is helping my campaign reach out to young voters. She agreed with me that politicians walking the parade and handing out literature is lame. Brianna suggested we just have fun with it, that we add some music and dancing. I kept telling people, 'I will dance for your vote.'"

The mission was accomplished with the help of Lowell resident Brent Sutterfield, an EMT who also plays drums in a punk rock band "The Chernobyl Babies." Sutterfield set up his kit in a trailer and was joined by four young men, including Yankovich's grandson Hunter Bolan as well as three brothers: Tiege, Finn and Culley Bredin. These four, who range in age from five to 10 years old, played along with Sutterfield on various pieces of percussion. The Bredins come by their musical talents naturally - their parents Eric and Lindsay are both members of a very popular Irish band, "Paddy's Cure." Eric drove the truck pulling the trailer while Lindsay walked alongside and passed out green maracas to kids along the parade route. Sterling and Rose Massey joined their daughter walking alongside the truck. Folks on his side of the truck were treated to Sterling's impressive vocals as he improvised with such lyrics as "Cliff Cliff Cliff Cliff He's marching to the beat of a different drummer." The candidate fell in behind the truck and did his best to dance along the entire parade route.

"We took a lot of people by surprise," recalled Yankovich. "Some of the expressions were priceless. A lot of the younger kids were moving to the beat and in general it seemed that a lot of the adults got a big kick out of our efforts."

Music plays a big part in this campaign. Yankovich was recently endorsed by drumming legend Jim Fox of "The James Gang" and the campaign has a Rock

The Vote event scheduled in August, featuring "Emma Loo and Sam" and a group of Lowell High School students who make up the rock group, "The Preservers".

While he wanted to have fun during the parade, Yankovich is quick to point out that his campaign takes the issues facing Michigan very seriously.

"Saturday was a day to make people smile," Yankovich concluded. "But now it is time to get back to addressing things like oil pipelines under the Great Lakes, Michigan's horrendous roads and infrastructure, and proper funding for our public school systems."



Riverwalk, continued

sponsored by the Lowell Area Historical Museum and the Murray Lake Marina. On land a slew of talented street entertainers began performing, the Englehardt Friends of the Library Used Book Sale kicked off and dozens of vendors set up shop along Riverwalk plaza. Commercial and non-profit offerings, as well as arts and crafts, clothing, antiques, food and repurposed goods were among the eclectic collection available to shoppers.

benefit widows and orphans in Swaziland, Africa. Funds raised will be used to provide food, schooling and construction projects for the community of women and children along with a mission trip to the area by the church members.

Other highlights of the day included kayak, SUP and canoe racing and fun on the Flat River sponsored by Bill & Paul's Sporthaus, a Kid Zone sponsored and hosted by the Pink Arrows of Lowell High School, an

open mic session on the Showboat stage and the FROM the Heart "Food Fight" Parade along historic Main Street.

The annual FROM the Heart parade celebrates the efforts of Flat River Outreach Ministries to feed the community through their organization and hosts local businesses, organizations and political candidates. Among the procession this year were Lowell business owner and 86th District candidate Cliff Yankovich, the royal court from the Kent County Youth Fair, Gilda's Club, LowellArts!, local police and fire representatives and FROM, who collected food donations along the parade route for their North versus South Food Fight competition.

The State Farm Duck Raffle awarded its winners at 4 pm on the stage. LACC director Liz Baker and sponsor Deborah Wilks of State Farm announced the winners of the \$1,500 in prize money. This year the five winners of \$100 each

were Alex Lorentz, Mandy German, David Baarman, Chuck Horan, and Doak Dean. The 2016 grand prize winner of \$1,000 was Jerry Strader.

The night closed with fireworks, sponsored by Laurels of Kent, viewed

primarily from the Kent County Fairgrounds and the shore at Stony Lakeside Park. The fairgrounds also featured music from the Luc James Music Studio and Knockerball which made its festival debut.



A packed audience welcomed rising star Kari Lynch and her band. The up-and-coming country artist is a hometown favorite and a veteran of the Showboat stage, who recently released the album "Little Games." Lynch engaged the audience with a country rock sound and included tracks from her original library, as well as main stream sing-along country hits.

On the final day, the fun began early with the Riverwalk Cruise-In held in memory of Ray Zandstra. Featuring classic cars, the event drew many enthusiasts and was sponsored by ten area businesses, including Timpson Transport, Inc. Bieri Auto Body and Showboat Automotive, as well as the family of Ray Zandstra.

Impact Church of Lowell added a 5k event to



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