

They had the raising of the flag, the national anthem, and then...

Commodore Mark Schneider Senior signaled the start of La Crosse's Riverfest for this year. Schneider and most of the other Commodores who have served since 1984 were in their white uniforms for opening ceremonies today at Riverside Park. The first day of the festival, which runs through July 4th, features music, a hypnotist, pig races, and the Puttin' on the Lips contest.