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Develops New School Program

Forest Hills School Board members recently authorized the expenditure of \$2,000 to development of a pilot program called "differentiated education plan" for the Thornapple School.

"We have been studying the Cherry Creek, Colorado, program for almost two years," explained Superintendent Robert Masten, who said the plan takes time to develop. "We would start all the way at the bottom using our existing facilities and work toward an individualized program. We are going to do lots of visits. We have the support of the staff and board and community and hope to get moving," he added.

Busing problems in the sprawling system to city schools for children needing special education was a major issue at the meeting. Masten revealed the bus covers a 118-mile route daily because of the distances between some children and their destinations, some are riding as long as two and one-half hours a day.

The system hopes to add the services of a small bus used for the Skill Center, but Masten describes the situation as become a real problem both physically and financially for the system.

The Board responded to a request from Kent County for a portion of the Knapp School property saying that the F-H system wished to cooperate as long as it retained a minimum 10 acres along with the old Knapp School building. Presently the schoolhouse is used for storage, but Forest Hills, because of its growth, does not want to sell more than the minimum number of acres.

DSA Banquet Is April 12

The Lowell Area Jaycees have scheduled their Distinguished Service Award Banquet for Wednesday, April 12. The 7 p.m. dinner will be held in Lowell's Masonic Temple, DSA Committee Chairman Randy Johnson, announced earlier this week.

Dr. Raymond Huldin, Jaycee International Senator and Grandville physician, is scheduled to be the guest speaker. Mayor Carlen Anderson will be present representing the city, as the Jaycees present their highest award to a deserving member of our community. The DSA recipient and his nominator will be invited upon completion of the judging, which is scheduled for the first week in April.

Although the DSA Banquet is being held in conjunction with a general membership dinner meeting, persons interested in attending will be welcomed and should call Randy Johnson (676-9504) before April 5th for ticket information.

The DSA nominations committee wishes to remind those persons who desire to make nominations that the forms must be completed and returned by the end of March.

RESIGNS FROM LIBRARY BOARD

Walter Gumsier has resigned as a member of the Kent County Library Board for health reasons. Formerly of Lowell, Mr. Gumsier now makes his home with his son in Ohio.



SPRING FLOODS - Made of melting snow and occasional rainfall have done their damage to Lowell's Island Park, washing out the bridge and nearly covering the island. The waters are now receding and thus far there have been no reports of damage to other homes or property in the area.

31 Cars Damaged; Police Hunt For The 'Gunmen'

Several complaints involving the illegal use of B-B guns and/or pellet guns are being investigated by the Lowell Police Department.

Police have received a complaint March 20 from Jackson Motor Sales on West Main Street; that they had damage done to 18 automobiles. The windshield were all shot at and damaged either by a high-powered B-B gun, or a pump pellet gun.

Wittenbach Sales and Service on West Main Street March 23 called and reported the same type of damage done to 12 of their cars. The windshields again were all shot at and a number of cracks and several holes were found.

Another complaint involving malicious destruction was made March 24 by Lawrence Armstrong. Armstrong stated that seven or eight aluminum siding panels were damaged, and two garage windows had been broken—both due to B-B guns.

On the same day, Merrick Stephenson reported that his house

Annual Meetings This Saturday

Annual Township meetings will be held throughout the area, this Saturday, April 1, with one of the major items on the agenda being budgets for the coming fiscal year.

Scheduled to get underway at 1 p.m. are meetings in the Bowne Township Hall in Alto, and at the Grattan Township Hall in Grattan.

Fires

Firemen have been busy the past few days putting out grass fires, two of them believed to have been started by children playing with matches and another started by trying to burn trash in a too full trash barrel.

Accidents will happen, but extreme caution should be exercised whenever a fire is started. The slightest breeze may fan a small fire into one completely out of control. Don't start fires when the wind is blowing and have a hose ready if possible.

Lowell Fire Department answered calls to the following: Sunday - Grass fire on Kissingrock Road, believed started by children with matches.

Monday - 11:30 a.m., grass fire in Valley Vista, believed to have been started by children with matches.

C & O Railroad on McPherson Road, grass fire believed started by passing train.

Bernard DeAmici's residence in Key Heights, fire in mobile home.

Tuesday - Grass fire at the home of Robert Jensen on McPherson Road. Started from burning trash in barrel.

Meetings at 1:30 p.m. are slated for Cascade Township residents at the administration building at 2800 Orange Street, Cascade; the Ada Township Hall on Ada Drive; and at the Lowell Township Hall, on old US-16 and M-91.

Vergennes Township will conduct its annual meeting at 2 p.m. in the Township Hall located at the corner of Parnell Road and Bailey Drive.

The annual meetings have a definite significance, in that on this day the township officials cease being such and join the electorate as citizens in a meeting which openly discusses the township's business.



A little black poodle, apparently lost, was hit by a car recently in front of the Methodist Church parsonage on East Main Street. The pooch could not have picked a better place, for he was rescued by some good Samaritans, the Dean Baileys, who saw to it that poochy received medical attention, and are now hoping that the owner can be found.

Paintings and drawings of the YMCA's Leisure time adult art class will be on display at the State Savings Bank on E. Main Street, beginning Wednesday, for two weeks. Instructor Jan Johnson feels they have some very fine work in this year's Spring show, by both beginners and advanced artists. Spring classes begin April 5th.

Lowell Police were dispatched to a minor personal injury accident at the intersection of North Jefferson and Ayery Streets, March 25. A car driven by Linda Lee Thuston pulled into the path of an oncoming motorcycle driven by Leonard Paul Klifman. She was issued a citation for failure to yield the right-of-way.

Five white, fluffy, real-live Easter bunnies have temporarily found a new home—the main window of Lippert's Pharmacy on Main Street. The bunnies add authenticity to Lippert's Easter display.

Dick McCaul's Texaco station on East Main Street is taking on a new look... shingles can make a big difference. Stop in and see Dick and he'll tell you about his new face lifting project.

A property damage accident at the intersection of Valley Vista and M-21 was investigated March 26 by the Lowell Police. A car driven by Carl Edward Rasch of Lowell pulled out in front of a car driven by Karen Sue Wittenbach of Saranac. Rasch was ticketed for failure to yield the right-of-way.

There's a sign in the window of the Softee Creme shop on East Main Street that says "Opening Soon."

Elmer Carlson was ticketed for failure to yield the right-of-way March 23, when he was involved in a property damage accident on West Main Street, at the Broadway intersection. He collided with a car driven by Mrs. Dorothy Jean Christoff.

A car driven by David Boyd Arnett hit a utility pole at the entrance of McQueen's Motors on East Main Street, March 23. Lowell Police issued Arnett a ticket for failure to stop in the assured clear distance ahead.

This Friday afternoon, the business places in Lowell will be closed from 1 to 3 p.m. in observance of Good Friday. The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce urges everyone to attend the church of their choice.

March 31 Last Day

Hurry, Hurry... That's the message to passenger car owners who haven't purchased their 1972 license plate tabs.

Motorists are reminded that March 31 is the final day for displaying license plates without the '72 tabs. The proper location for the new yellow and black tab is the lower right corner of the rear license plate.

Sale of the tabs is 20 percent below last year at this time, which means motorists waiting until the final days may face longer waiting lines than usual.



NEW 'POINT TEN' LAW TOUGHER ON DRINKING DRIVERS

Michigan's Implied Consent Law says that any person driving a motor vehicle agrees to take a chemical test for intoxication if arrested and charged with driving under the influence. If he refuses, he faces loss of his license.

Beginning March 29, 1972, a driver is considered under the influence of alcohol if he tests more than .10% alcohol in his blood.

HAIRSTYLING - Razor Cutting - Modern Haircutting - Hair Straightening, Lowell Barber Shop, Ted & Fred. c51

ROSIE DRIVE INN - This Week's Special: Ham Chef Salad (Choice of dressing) 69¢. Family Nite - Tuesday, 4-8. c51

Babs Enters Showboat Pageant

For the second consecutive year, the Lowell Area Jaycees will sponsor the beauty pageant to select a reigning "Miss Lowell Showboat." The 1972 contest will be held in June at the Lowell High School Auditorium.

The 1971 homecoming queen from Lowell High School, Beverly Ann (Babs) Bigelow is the first entrant in the contest which is expected to draw stiff competition. The girl, who is crowned Miss Showboat of 1972, will not only have the opportunity to do promotion work for the Showboat, but will be the Jaycees entry in the Miss Michigan Contest next year.

The 1971 queen, Miss Pamela Murray of Grand Rapids, after serving her year of royalty, is now preparing for her competition in the Miss Michigan Pageant.

Miss Bigelow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bigelow of 9470 Three Mile Road, Ada, is a member of the National Honor Society at Lowell Senior High School, is on the Annual staff, and is a member of the High School Concert Choir.

She lists as her hobbies, horseback riding, bicycle riding and swimming. She plans to further her education at Davenport Business College in Grand Rapids following her June graduation.

The basic requirements to enter the Jaycees pageant are simple and any girl interested may contact Mrs. Ridgway at 676-1634 or write to the Lowell Area Jaycees at P.O. Box 245, Lowell.

Entrants must be between the ages of 17-27, single, possess talent, poise, personality, intelligence, charm, and have the free time to work on Showboat publicity.

As her talent presentation, Miss Bigelow will do a featurette on clothing design and sewing.

Saranac Band Prepares For Cherry Festival

Saranac High School's band will make its fifth appearance at the National Cherry Festival in Traverse City July 10-15. Under the direction of Thomas Hagen, the 75 members of the band will march in the Heritage parade, the Grand Cherry Royale parade and perform in a street concert which is a popular feature of the Cherry Festival.

The Saranac band, along with high school bands from other states will be eligible for the toast of Cherryland Award, presented to the band displaying the best citizenship and having the greatest audience appeal throughout their visit and performances in the nation's Cherry capital.

Listed In Who's Who

Brenda Beth Roudabush of Lowell will be listed in the 1971-72 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." The annual directory carries names of students whose academic standing, service to community, leadership in activities and potential are considered well above average.

Mrs. Roudabush was among the 38 seniors at Ferris State College who were included in the national listing. Certificates will be awarded to the Ferris Students at the Academic Honors Convocation in the Spring.

She is enrolled in the School of Pharmacy.

DELICIOUS CHICKEN & SHRIMP - Liquor by the Glass. Riverview Inn, just outside East City Limits, Lowell. c40-41

NOTICE

The American Legion Committee will be in the lower club rooms at the American Legion Building, 805 E. Main St., April 5 from 1 to 5 p.m. to start making payment on certificates and notes or proof of purchase of same. Please bring certificate or proof of same if it has not already been turned in.

c51 Committee: Frank Stephens, George DeGraw

Explore Ways To Cooperate Together

Monday evening, March 27, Roger Roberts, president of the Lowell YMCA Board, attended a YMCA meeting held at the Kalamazoo YMCA. Rommie Moore, Director of the Lowell YMCA, also was in attendance.

The purpose of this meeting was to explore ways the YMCA's in Michigan can cooperate and plan together.

Leading the discussion was Robert Atkinson, Regional YMCA Director, from Regional YMCA Headquarters, Columbus, Ohio.

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G-General audiences, all ages permitted.

PG-Parental guidance suggested; some material may not be suitable for pre-teenagers.

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X-NO ONE UNDER 17 MAY BE ADMITTED.

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Parental guidance suggested. All ages admitted. This film contains some material which may not be suitable for pre-teenagers. The rating alerts parents to the need for inquiry before allowing children to attend.

Restricted. Those under 17 must be accompanied to the theatre by a parent or adult guardian. The R rating indicates a film which is adult in theme and treatment. Parents may wish to view the picture with their children so they may together discuss it. A school teacher would qualify as an adult guardian.

X. The rating program provides that no one under 17 may attend. This is exclusively an adult film in theme and treatment, and this is why no one under 17 may be admitted to the theatre.

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Bill Would Expand Use Of Schools

Development of neighborhood schools into "total community centers for people of all ages and backgrounds" would be encouraged through legislation cosponsored by U. S. Senator Robert F. Griffin (R-Mich.).

The Community School Center Development Act would aid in developing community schools in three ways:

1. Federal grants would be available to establish new community school programs and expand existing ones.
2. Federal grants would be available to strengthen existing community education centers and to develop new ones at colleges and universities throughout the Nation.
3. The U. S. Commissioner of Education, who would administer the act, would be charged with the responsibility of promoting community schools.

"It is a waste of valuable resources to use public school facilities for only part of the day, only part of the week, and only part of the year, for the sole purpose of formal education," Griffin said. "This is an extravagance we cannot afford."

Griffin pointed out there are already 183 community school center programs in operation in Michigan, based on a concept begun in the 1930's under the sponsorship of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation in Flint. Nationwide there are about 300 programs.

The bill is sponsored by Senators Griffin, Frank Church (D-Idaho), and Harrison A. Williams Jr. (D-N.J.), in the Senate and by Flint Congressman Donald W. Riegle Jr. (R-Mich.), in the House.

"I envision this program benefitting all segments of our society, but particularly providing a place for the elderly to take part in programs of education, health, recreation and nutrition.

"It might even be possible to utilize the fleets of school buses, which stand idle for the most part during the summer, to provide transportation to and from schools," Griffin said.

Estimates of additional cost, based on \$25,000 per program a year would be about \$6.6 million nationally, Senator Griffin said. The successful Flint programs are costing the average homeowner just pennies a day, Griffin added.

Annual Meeting To Recognize Volunteers

The 55th Annual Meeting and Recognition of Volunteers of the Kent County Chapter, American Red Cross, will be held Wednesday, April 5, at Mr. President Motor Inn, 3221 Plainfield, NE at 6:30 p.m.

The main event of the evening will be the recognition of volunteers who have given 5, 10, 15, 20 and 30 years of service. Two Safety Program awards will be presented; the Henry Lightner water safety award and the Lou Zeek first aid award will be presented to outstanding volunteers who have made distinctive contributions to their community and serve as an inspiration to others.

Also on the agenda is the election of new Board members. Featured speaker will be Paul G. Goebel, Jr., the 1973 United Fund Campaign Chairman. Persons interested in attending the Annual Meeting and Recognition of Volunteers may call 456-8661, ext. 32 for reservations.

Taking Consumer Buying Survey

A number of households in this area will be included in a nationwide survey on consumer buying and home improvement expectations to be conducted the first week in April by the Bureau of the Census, according to Robert G. McWilliam, Director of the Bureau's Data Collection Center in Detroit.

Householders will be asked about plans to buy a house, a car, and major household appliances during the next year. Questions about home repairs and alterations will concern those made during the past three months and those planned for the near future.

The Census Bureau conducts a survey of buying expectations and home repairs every three months to serve as a guide to U.S. economic growth. A scientifically selected group of households throughout the country serves as a measure of what U.S. families own and what they expect to buy in the near future.

For example, the January 1972 survey indicated that consumer plans to buy new cars were slightly below the level of October 1971, and that plans to buy houses, appliances, or furniture, or to make home improvements, continued steady.

Households in the survey will not be identified. Their answers are confidential, and information obtained will be used only for statistical purposes.

The Census Bureau representative in this area is Shirley A. Ford.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

The Scouting Spectacular planned by the Grand Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, appears to be the largest single event to be held in the history of the council. Its central theme will be "A Promise To Keep" and scheduled for public display on Saturday, April 15 in the Fieldhouse of the Grand Valley State College.

This year's show will take in the entire seven county area of the council involving some 20,000 Scouts and leaders from Kent, Ottawa, Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Montcalm and Mecosta Counties.

The exploring division of the council will have exhibits by some of the special interest Explorer Posts. An aviation post will have a full size Bi-plane on display; another post with a special interest in Sea Exploring will have set up a complete land ship operation, still other posts will have sailing exhibits, auto mechanics, motor cycling, Fire and Police Department sponsor display from Grand Haven.

Scout Troops from the area will be demonstrating their usual Scouting skills, such as, cooking, first-aid, hiking methods, camping scenes. In the area of Pioneering projects, several troops will be erecting signal towers, monkey bridges and a "floating" flag pole.

Cub Packs will exhibit Indian Lore, puppetry, all different crafts, skits, games and ceremonies. Webelos Scouts will be demonstrating all of the 15 Activity Badges.

A special feature of Scouting Spectacular will be the runoff of the three Kent County Districts' Pinewood Derbies. This event in itself will draw thousands of participants and spectators.

Support your local Scouting units by securing tickets from any Cub Scout or Boy Scout. This is their opportunity to show Scouting skills to you, the public.

Doors to the GVSC Field House will open to the public at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 15 and close at 7 p.m.

Springtime 'Ritual' Preps Picnic Tables

Roadside picnics can't be far off as state highway maintenance crews gear up.

Placement of the shiny, solidly built tables along the state highway system is a springtime ritual in the Department of State Highways.

After exposure to a summer of sun and rain, chipping, gouging, initial-carving, cigarette burns and normal wear, all 3,400 of the pine and cedar tables are relieved of duty and retired to winter storage and repair.

After an ammonia solution bath, they are scraped, sanded, glued, tightened, set in wood preservative, stained and varnished. Highway Department crews sandwich work in between snow plowing and other maintenance chores, but pressure is always on in spring until the last table is ready for use.

With good care and yearly re-finishing, some tables have been in continuous service for more than 30 years, although 10 years is average.

Michigan's sturdy, hard-finished roadside tables, envied and emulated by other states, had their beginning in 1929. Allan M. Williams, engineer of the Ionia County Road Commission, built a table out of salvaged wooden guardrail and set it in a shaded spot on old US-16 where motorists stopped with picnic lunches.

It was an instant hit, and by 1935 the Department of State Highways had placed more than 500 tables on the then 9,332-mile state highway system.

Today, picnic tables are maintained in 101 state highway roadside parks, 61 freeway safety rest areas, a score of scenic overlooks and 500 sites on the state's 9,251-mile highway system. Estimates, based on 1971 use surveys, show that about 30 million persons used these facilities.

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