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Sparks Fly At Board Meeting

In what was apparently a "touchy subject," Dave Miller, normally mild mannered president of the Lowell Board of Education, showed he could get his feathers ruffled Monday night when he took definite exception to an accusation by a member of the audience that the Lowell School System should be ashamed of the way it takes care of the ball diamond area of Recreation Park.

Art Warning speaking as a parent and member of the community, terms the area a "personal embarrassment" instead of the "credit to the community that it should be."

President Miller, visibly upset by the allegations, took immediate issue with Warning. Stating that Warning's position on the town council certainly should give him an insight to the problems at the park, Miller reminded him that of the three groups that use the park—the city, the YMCA and the school—the school uses it far less than any of them. "The vast majority of the litter is summer softball

litter," Miller retorted. "The other groups use it the most and yet they expect the school to maintain it," he added.

Information on whether or not it is advisable or even possible to use student labor to repair and maintain the covered viewing stand area was not available at Monday night's meeting but it was clear that the board president felt most of the responsibility and blame lay at their door steps.

Board members also found themselves in the uncomfortable position Monday night of wanting to wholeheartedly support the three elementary schools' parent-teacher groups and yet feeling that they should turn down these organizations' first request.

Mrs. Deb Haight spoke at the monthly board meeting requesting that the three buildings be allowed to name school colors and individual mascots (such as Alto Arrows, Bushnell Bulldogs or Runciman Rangers). The names were not to promote competition between the buildings but merely to give the students an identity with their own school.

Middle School Principal John Gabriel reminded the board that his school used to have cheerleaders, pep meetings, etc., but decided to do away with them since this type of activity should be saved for the high school age students and

not push the younger grades into growing up too fast.

Mrs. Haight did not agree that her request was even similar stating that it is "eminently successful in other districts" simply as an identity tool.

Additional funds, already budgeted, were approved for a "Workshop Way" inservice program to instruct staff members in the concept.

Workshop Way is a teaching method that has been implemented in some of the elementary classrooms and met with immediate and definite success both from teacher and student standpoint.

The recommendation of the North Central Accreditation Committee was read to the board with the comment that five of the eight items were already being put into practice.

During a recent cleaning project at the Grand Valley Ledger, a quantity of books entitled "Lowell, 100 Years of History, 1831-1931," were discovered.

These books were printed 47 years ago as a commemorative of the celebration of Lowell's Centennial in 1931 and are a collector's item. The books are in mint condition.

This 140-page illustrated history is a must for every Lowellite and would make a great Christmas gift idea at only \$5.00 each. Mail customers, please send \$6.50 per book to cover packaging, postage and handling.

Charged In Assault On Deputy

Three area men were charged with assault with intent to murder a Kent County sheriff's deputy following a shooting incident on Grand River Drive SE on Wednesday morning.

James Ciganik, 29, and Ross A. Himebaugh, 23, both of Lowell and Daniel L. Moyer, 23, Grand Rapids, were arraigned before Judge Joseph White in 63rd District Court. Bond was set at \$50,000 each.

An unidentified person called the Sheriff's Department about 6 a.m. reporting that some men were holding a suspected burglar at 10800 Grand River Dr. SE. Ciganik told deputies that is his address.

When deputies arrived at the home, a shot was fired at the cruiser manned by Deputy Jeffrey Lang. At least one pellet, believed fired from a shotgun,

hit the cruiser roof and the radar unit attached to the vehicle's back window, according to Detective William Burden.

Sgt. Art Tannis followed Lang and Deputy Marc Faasse to the scene and said they immediately radioed for help from the department's TACT team and blocked off the street. By the time the special squad arrived, the three men had been talked into leaving the house but the men claimed there were others inside.

To rout those remaining, the TACT squad fired several rounds of tear gas into the home. However, no one left and deputies didn't discover anyone else inside.

The subjects maintained they were "under attack" before deputies arrived but no evidence was found of anyone being there, according to Detective Burden.

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revolver and another pistol from the house. Cartridges for the weapons were also found. At least 30 bullet holes were discovered in the walls and ceilings.

Deputies had been called to the house Tuesday evening when neighbors complained of hearing gunshots. Sheriff Philip Heffron said that the report was dismissed as founded.

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cheated by the same garage four times.

The group was asked to support Bill Bussell and sons at a District Court hearing November 28 at 1 p.m. The court date will hear charges of assault and

battery. The state is charging Bussell's with attempting to assault one of its inspectors.

Reports on status of several bills to either amend or repeal the auto repair licensing bill were also given to the group.

Other dealers reported similar complaints from customers, including one dealer who had a woman tell him she had been

auditioned for their musical, "Annie Get Your Gun", slated to open March 1.

The show requires about 50 men, women and children. Auditions will be held in the upstairs rehearsal hall of the Civic Theatre, 737 Leonard St., N.W. Perusal scripts are available.

Singing auditions will be held Sunday, Dec. 3, from 2-5 p.m. On Monday, Dec. 4, singing and reading auditions are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. and final singing and reading auditions are on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 2-5 p.m.

Winners Are Announced From Ford Dealership's Drawing



Harold Zeliger presented Marilyn Phelps of Kentwood the keys to a 1979 Mustang. Ms. Phelps is a nurse in Grand Rapids and won the use of the car for 30 days in a drawing held at the Harold Zeliger Ford dealership during their 1979 New Car Model Celebration.



DINNER INVITATION

You have to be over 60, but the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center reminds that their dinner invitation still stands. The Senior Neighbor Center, 214 E. Main St., is one of 14 meal sites of the Kent County Elderly Nutrition Project. The program was designed not only to provide adequate nutrition to older persons but, equally important, to combat their loneliness. Dinners are served at noon and reservations must be made by 1:30 p.m. the day before. Donations are accepted. A limited number of meals is available to the homebound. Essential transportation can be provided. Check with the Center for the menu for the day.

DO YOURSELF A FAVOR

Do a favor for a loved one or a stranger. You'll be the ultimate winner. Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) keeps vital oxygen and heartbeat rates functioning till help arrives. The few minutes of CPR you give someone may mean the rest of their life to them. The Lowell Jaycoes in cooperation with Bud's Ambulance Service are offering classes in CPR Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 21 and 22, from 7-10 p.m., at the Lowell High School Auditorium. To take part, please register with Mari Armstrong at 897-9981 anytime during the week. The classes are free.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The Lowell Chamber of Commerce has replaced the Vic Damone sign in the Main Street Kiosk parking lot with a message of their own. The billboard wishes the community "Happy Holidays" from the Chamber.

HONOR EDUCATION

This week has a name, too. It's American Education Week from Nov. 13-17. Lowell is blessed with fine teachers and facilities, and the U.S. has nearly obliterated illiteracy. Celebrate. Take a student to lunch.

'TIS THE SEASON

Senior citizens should note that Flu shots will be given at City Hall on Thursday, Nov. 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through the Kent County Health Department.

M. Jackie Jones, nurse for the Department, hopes the community will make a note that immunizations are available at the City Hall on the first and third Thursday of each month between 1 and 4 p.m.

EARLY VENISON

Getting their bucks early this year were Claude Smith and Linda Watkins both of Lowell. They each hit a deer on M-21 near the Valley Vista trailer park shortly after dark on Tuesday and Thursday with their vehicles last week.

LIGHT FINGERS

Apprehended last Thursday afternoon for shoplifting at Lippert's Pharmacy was a juvenile subject.

VEHICLE RECOVERED

Lowell Police recovered a stolen vehicle last Thursday evening from the rear of Keiser's restaurant. Owned by Dale Fosburg of Ionia, the vehicle was taken earlier that evening from Attwood Brass. Officers are investigating the incident.

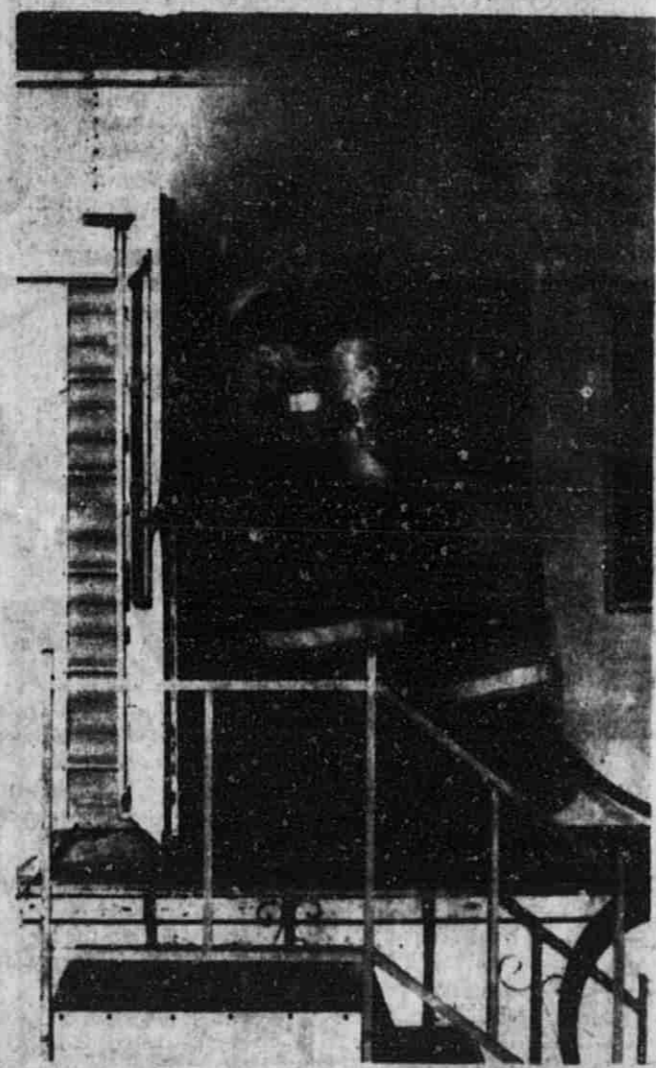
TAXI

D & K Shuttling, Lowell based pickup and delivery service, announce they will now offer taxi service here. They will specialize in accommodating the handicapped. Their hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Phone 897-8638 if you need a ride.

DON'T FORGET

Santa will be in Lowell at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2 accompanied by Winnie-the-Pooh and Tigger, too. Don't forget your Christmas parade entry. Call Dode at 897-8545.

Fires Cause \$6,500 Damage



Lowell firemen enter the smoke-filled trailer of Doreen Stevens last Thursday morning in Valley Vista Trailer Park. It was the second trailer fire in Lowell last week. Damages were heavy in this blaze, estimated at \$6,000.

Lowell Fire Department responded to a trailer fire last Thursday morning at Lot 91, Francesa Court which caused nearly \$6,000 damage.

Doreen Stevens rents the residence and was unharmed. The fire resulted from a short circuit in the bedroom's electrical wiring.

There was another trail last Tuesday at midnight at the Frank C. Fox residence, 117 Brenda Ave. That fire was caused by a short circuit in some heat tape. Damage was estimated at \$500. The residents were alerted to the fire by a recently installed smoke alarm.

THE SKY TONIGHT

Every Saturday afternoon during November, the Chaffee Planetarium of the Grand Rapids Public Museum will again present a sky show especially for young children, entitled "The Sky Tonight." It is directed to children 5 through 8 years of age, though preschool children will be admitted.

Doors open at 1:00 and the show begins at 1:30 on all Saturday afternoons during November. Parents are urged to accompany very young children, and also to arrive early, as this program is very popular and tickets sell out rapidly.

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	<p>Nov. 21</p>	

The Back Page...

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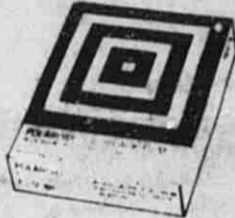
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Chuck Lippert accepts a check from A. J. Zengri in the amount of \$200 for the Re-Float The Showboat Campaign. The money was donated by the Loyal Order of the Moose, Lowell Lodge #809, VFW Post 8303 of Lowell and the Lowell Lions Club from money earned at the recent Fall Country Festival. Zengri is Civic Affairs Chairman of the Moose.

Lunch Menu...

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS WEEK OF NOV. 20, 1978
Mon., Nov. 20: Pizza With Meat and Cheese, Fiesta Salad, Buttered Mixed Vegetables, Choice of Fresh or Canned Fruit, Milk.
Tues., Nov. 21: Chicken and Gravy on Fluffy Potatoes or Rice, Green Beans, Biscuits or Dinner Rolls, Cranberry Jelly, Jello With Whip or Fruit, Milk.
Wed., Nov. 22: Welcome To Bushnell School, Grandparents, Cheeseburgers or Hamburgers & Pickles, Tossed Salad, Buttered Corn, Chilled Fruit and Cookies, Milk.
Thurs., Nov. 23: No School. Happy Thanksgiving!
Fri., Nov. 24: No School. Happy Day!

CRANBERRIES - MORE OF 'EM...
 The first forecast of the Nation's 1978 cranberry crop shows a 9% increase from last year but falls 5% below 1976's record level. Nearly 2.3 million barrels are expected, reflecting crop upturns in every major producing State. Favorable temperatures and rainfall and no damaging spring frosts have helped crop development in Massachusetts, which will remain the top producer with an estimated 950,000 barrels.

WC Takes Backpack Trip Through Slides

The Women's Club of Lowell met Wednesday, November 8, in the lounge of the Schneider Manor. Mrs. Randall, WC president, called the meeting to order and we repeated the pledge of allegiance and our collect.
 The business meeting included giving a gift of money to "Girl's Town", and the welcoming of new member Mrs. Steven Bauer and presenting her with the traditional red carnation.
 Mrs. Richmond, president of Kent County Federation, gave a report of the district meeting Oct. 19 held at Grand Haven. Mrs. Watts, treasurer of Kent County Federation, gave her report of the district meeting Oct. 25 at Rockford and Mrs. Tichelaar gave her report of the executive board meeting of the Santa Claus Girls held Oct. 24. Mrs. Roth and Mrs. Williams our conservation chairmen, gave their report on energy conservation.
 The standing committees for this year are: Girlstown, Mrs. Harry Richmond; Lowell Library, Mrs. John Briggs; Membership, Mrs. C. A. Bradshaw; Nominating, Mrs. Rommie Moore; Mrs. Elmer Swanson, and Mrs. V. L. Watts; Music Mrs. Henry Tichelaar; Telephone, Mrs. Elmer Ellis, Mrs. Lynn Johnson, Mrs. Mabel Scott, Mrs. Vern Armstrong and Mrs. Art Schneider.
 Program chairman Mrs. George Noteware introduced speaker Betty Coons of Lowell, well known for her book reviews and her program slides of her backpacking trips into New

Lions Draw Blood

On Saturday, Nov. 4, the Lowell Lions traveled to Alto to spill their blood under the sharpened claws of the Alto Area Lions.
 The Lowell Lions took this drastic step to regain their gavel which had been appropriated by the Alto Lions. They paid for its return by donating their blood at the Alto Lions Blood Drive.
 The Lowell donations put the Alto Drive at an all time high of 44 pints of blood collected. The Alto Lions sponsor the blood drive semi-annually. Lion Tom Vaughn, chairman of the drive, is to be commended for guiding the Alto Lions through their best blood drive to date.
 While the drive was under way, at the Alto School, the local Lions held a rummage and bake sale in downtown Alto, earning a nice profit to be used in their various projects.
 Lion President John Haggard thanks the Lowell Lions, the Alto Lions and their ladies, Tom and Connie Vaughn for the use of their building, and all those who helped make Nov. 4 such a success.

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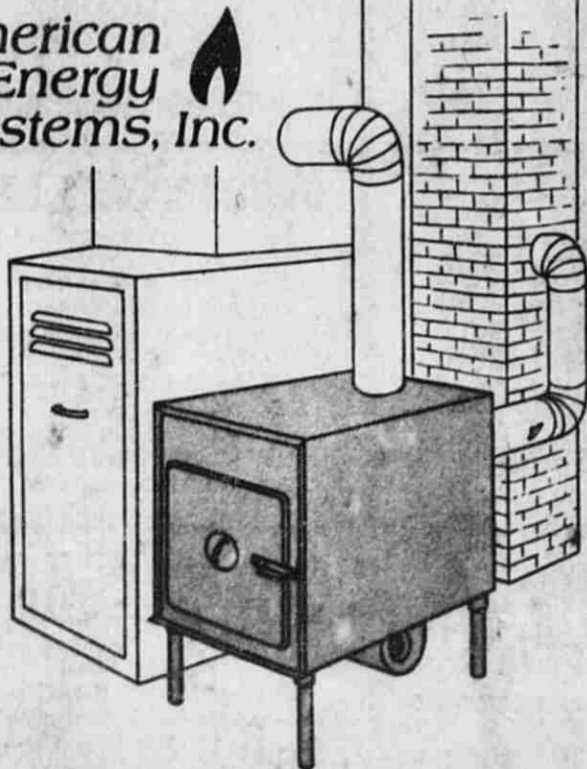
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PTO Will Finance Nurse's Page

Bushnell Elementary School PTO held its morning meeting Thursday, Nov. 9, in the Kiva. Members narrowed the list of mascot names for the school to five. Teachers and students will join the PTO in finalizing the choice.
 Volunteers were signed up by the school librarian to help with the Annual Book Sale to be held November 14 through November 16. Proceeds of this sale help to buy new books for the school library.
 Jackie Tousley has been named PTO-teacher liaison. Her role will be to aid the exchange of ideas between teachers and parents.
 Bushnell PTO members voted to underwrite the cost of a paging system for the school nurse. The system will keep the nurse, who serves each of the district's schools, in immediate contact with emergency situations no matter where she happens to be at any given time. The PTO hopes to gain financial assistance from the other school parent-teacher organizations to defray the cost, since each school will benefit.
 The next PTO meeting will be on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. The guest speaker for that meeting will be Marilyn Bovee, Supervisor of the Lowell School Lunch Program.

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