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NEW FACE ON MAIN ST.

There's a new face at the Senior Neighbors Center as of last week. The new coordinator for the Center is Rose Doering. She has several years' experience in other Senior Neighbors Centers. Stop in at the Center and say "Hi!"

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WILDLIFE SAYS "IT'S SPRING"

Carol Gage of Sayles Rd. in Lowell called to report sighting robins last week and residents along the Flat River spotted a swan on Saturday. Even though spring is two weeks away, the feathered friends say that spring is here. (Hopefully, this will NOT bring on a March snowstorm.)

Don't forget that next Tuesday is March 17, St. Patrick's Day. Take a leprechaun to lunch.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Four juvenile males were apprehended as they exited the Village Party Shoppe on W. Main St. last Friday evening, Mar. 6, by Lowell officers. The youths allegedly shoplifted several articles.

One juvenile was apprehended by store employees at Johnson's Family Foods last Saturday afternoon, Mar. 7. The youth was observed shoplifting articles by another shopper.

Power was interrupted from 3:20 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Saturday morning, Mar. 7, for portions of Valley Vista. A hit and run driver struck a guide wire on a power pole at Sibley and Donna Dr., knocking down the primary power lines to approximately one fourth of the area.

A six year old juvenile was hospitalized with injuries suffered in an accident on Thursday, March 5, on North Hudson St. near Elizabeth St. According to the police report, the youngster darted from in front of a stopped bus and was struck by a vehicle driven by Scott Barnhart of Alto who was passing the bus in another lane at the time. The school bus was not taking on or letting off passengers at the time. The juvenile was treated at Butterworth Hospital and released the next day.

Arrested by Lowell officers for driving under the influence of alcohol on Wednesday morning, Mar. 4, was Jack Russel of Rockford. He pleaded not guilty in 63rd District Court and was released on \$500 personal recognizance bond.

Douglas Clark was cited for driving left of center early Monday morning, Mar. 9, when he crossed the center line of West Main St. near Center St. and struck a truck driven by Gerald Deater of Grand Rapids.

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School budget has \$1.1 Million deficit

The March board meeting, held at Alto (as has been the custom for several years now) found the board facing inflation and many unknowns in its income for the next school year.

Superintendent Don Kelly presented a budget for 1981-82 that will be presented to the County Allocation Board and reflects expenditures totalling 6.7 million dollars, with income estimated at 5.6 million dollars. Kelly explained that adjustments will be made once state aid is determined, along with any executive orders. He continued that the 1.1 million dollar deficit exists in this budget because of inflationary trends, declining enrollments, and the use of the school's cash reserves of \$550,000 to balance this year's budget.

Kelly advised board and audience that the allocation budget is required each year by Kent County to obtain millage allocated by the county for school operation. Lowell schools normally receiving 9 mills plus 1.1 in variable millage since the City of Lowell lies within the district and the district itself extends into two counties—Ionia and Kent.

Later in the meeting George Jacob, Assistant Superintendent, explained the district's approach to surviving the financial crunch. "The administration is doing a lot of homework," he stated, emphasizing that the community and staff are involved in building a program that the community will support and in line with monies available. Using a positive approach, Jacob stated "We are stretching the dollars as far as they will go." Jacob presented illustrations of the board's planning process including input from the recent telephone survey which involved 400 randomly selected school district residents. Further information on the results of

the survey will appear in the next two or three weeks.

Kelly advised the board that the Custodial Association has filed a petition for an election to change its bargaining unit to the Michigan

Educational Support Personnel Association (MESPA), an affiliate of the Michigan Education Association.

In final items, the board acted to purchase a boiler for the senior high school and

considered teachers who will become eligible for tenure upon their next contract, along with those who will be recommended for second year probation at the next regular meeting.

City's birthday plan is rolling

Thirty-eight men are now members of the Brothers of the Brush, it was reported at the March 5 meeting of Lowell's Sesquicentennial Celebration steering committee. Membership is still open and certificates are available at That Special Place.

Parade Chairman Dave Clark Jr. is still working on getting bands and marching units to commit themselves to participate on July 18. Businesses and organizations are being urged to get their floats entered.

Mrs. Ellura McPherson reported that her cookbook will be available for sale by June 1. It features 200 recipes collected from 83 area people and is divided into categories.

The Lowell history committee is busy compiling all their accumulated information and working toward a May 1 deadline according to the Chairman Betty Coons. It is the committee's goal to have the 50 year history books available before July 1.

The Queen's committee has met and established their rules for competition which they will be announcing in the near future.

Two Board seats to be filled

April 6 at 4:00 p.m. is the deadline for filing nominating petitions for two board of education positions to be voted on at the annual election on June 8, 1981. Petition forms are available at the board of education office in the west wing of the middle schools.

There are two board positions open—one for a one-year term expiring June 1982. Linda Beers, incumbent, was appointed to fill out the year upon Tom Heintzleman's resignation. The other is the normal four-year term ending June 1985, Lloyd Miller being the incumbent in this position.

Please call 897-8415 for further information.

Wendy DeNolf and her co-chairman Kathie Quada, will be mailing out invitations to the Queen's Luncheon scheduled for Saturday, July 18, within the next few days. It is their hope that many will join this welcome to visiting dignitaries before the Grand Parade at 2 p.m.

Any group wishing to have a food booth during the

afternoon on Saturday the 18th of July or something on Sunday, the 19th, should check with Food Chairman, Norene Martin.

The committee is still checking on a commemorative coin to be sold as a souvenir of our city's 150th birthday.

Dolores Dey,
General Chairman

Area artists featured in free LAAC concert

On Sunday, March 15, at 3 p.m., the Lowell Area Arts Council will host a Community Showcase, a concert of talented community members performing vocally and instrumentally. The concert will take place in the sanctuary of St. Mary's Church at 402 Amity Street.

Featured in the concert are the following musicians: Kathleen Chase, flute; June Thomas-Truswell, clarinet; Lynne Shamblin, violin; Gordon and Evie Proulx, guitar and flute; Shelley Garrett, trumpet; Bonnie Peters and Marc Angus, trombone; Kim VanderMeulen, vocal; and a vocal ensemble of high school students, including Steve Dickerson, Beth Hendrick, Kim VanderMeulen, Corrie Wood and Ron Wood.

Also included in the programs' offerings will be a display of watercolors by Jan Johnson.

\$\$ for summer art camps

Lowell Area Arts Council will again offer scholarships to middle school and high school students who plan to attend summer camps that emphasize the arts.

Students who wish to apply for a summer arts scholarship should contact Jane Gillespie at the High School; Laura Garcia at the Middle School and Chris VanAntwerp at Saranac High School.

Application must be submitted by May 1, 1981.

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Following the concert, the audience will be invited to a reception honoring the artists. All people of the community are invited to attend this showcase of local talent. There is no charge for admission.

Mary is Miss Michigan USA finalist



Mary DenBoer

Mary DenBoer, daughter of Shirley DenBoer of 325 Alden Nash, Lowell, was chosen First Runner-up in the 1981 Miss Michigan USA Pageant on March 1.

The pageant was held in the Allen Park Municipal Auditorium.

Mary was one of five finalists chosen from 151 contestants, and was then selected as first runner-up of those five. As a result, Mary will be hosted in New York City by International Legends, Inc., a career and model management firm.

The pageant will be telecast on Saturday, March 14 on WZZM TV Channel 13 at 11:30 p.m.

<p>STRAND Theatre</p> <p>Friday, March 13th thru Monday, March 16th</p>	<p>THE PRIVATE EYES</p> <p>Tim CONWAY and Don KNOTT'S</p> <p>Rated PG</p>	<p>ONE SHOW EACH NIGHT AT 8PM</p> <p>Monday is Bargain Night</p>
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Obituaries

BURTON—Edward I. Burton, aged 72, of 1322 Portland NE., passed away Tuesday, March 3, at Butterworth Hospital.

Mr. Burton was a retired Wolverine Brass Employee.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence C. Burton; five sons, Robert and Richard of Grand Rapids, Roger of Ionia, Kenneth of Lowell and Delva Burton of Lakeview; three daughters, Mrs. Paul (Ruth) Gildner Sr., Mrs. Roy (Ruth) Francon of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Glen (Betty Jane) Rood of Kent City; one brother, Loren Burton of Grand Rapids; 30 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Friday afternoon, Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

DE WITTE—Mrs. Esther Mae DeWitte, aged 57, of 2941 Sanford SW, Grandville, passed away Friday, March 6, 1981 at St. Mary's Hospital.

Surviving are her children, Gordon and Dorothy DeWitte of New Mexico and Terry and Peggy DeWitte of Wyoming; six grandchildren; a brother, Clyde Lemke of Bitlev, MI; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Isabelle Yurkinas of Lowell and

Mrs. Gertrude DeGlopper of Newaygo.

Services held from the funeral home Monday, with Rev. Edward J. Blankespoor officiating. Interment Rose Dale Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be left at the funeral home for the Cancer Society.

EVERLING—Mr. Richard Everling, of 8519 Clyde Park SW, Byron Center, passed away Thursday, March 5, 1981 at his home.

Surviving are his children, Don and Betty Everling of Ada, Jean and Harold Plooster of Jenison, Floyd Everling of Clarksville, Ester and Jim Kilmer of Jenison.

Funeral Services were held at the Funeral Home Saturday, Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

GAZELLA—Mildred S. Gazella, 76, of Cumberland Manor in Lowell, died Sun., Mar. 1, at Kent Community Hospital in Grand Rapids.

She was born July 13, 1902, in Ionia, the daughter of Frederick and Anna (Blasen) Jackson.

Mrs. Gazella graduated with the SS Peter and Paul Academy class of 1919 and married Frank S. Gazella

June 26, 1923, at SS Peter and Paul Church.

She and her husband resided in Ionia all their married life and she assisted him in the operation of Lauster's Market on Main St.

Survivors include: three sons, James of Zephyr Hills, Fla.; Carl of Ionia, and Chuck of Lansing; and six daughters, Catherine Gallagher, of Flint, Mrs. John (Louise) Sweet, of Battle Creek, Mrs. Jerry (Margaret) Bonham, of Utica, Rosemary Gazella, of Plainwell, Janet Gazella, of Flint and Mary Jane Gazella, of Grand Rapids.

Also surviving are: three sisters, Mrs. Julia Forcier and Mrs. Helen Roberts, both of Zephyr Hills, Fla., and Mrs. George (Marian) Ensele, of Richmond, Texas; 28 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Mass was Thursday from SS Peter and Paul Church with the Rev. Henry Dondzila officiating. Burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

HERMAN—James E. Herman, aged 65, of 3915 Elhart Dr., Lowell, passed away Tuesday, March 3, 1981 at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Florence L. Herman; one

sister, Mrs. Alvin (Lillian) Kraker; one brother, Frank Herman and wife, Betty of Grand Rapids; many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Herman was a War II Veteran, was a member of Creston Post #3023 V.F.W. and was a retired sheet metal worker.

Services were held Friday afternoon at the funeral chapel, with Rev. Ernest Bernott of St. Patrick's Church of Parnell officiating. Interment in Rest Lawn Memorial Park.

LANE—George R. Lane, aged 79, of Grand Rapids, passed away Thurs. March 5.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred; sons, Jack and Tad; sister, Mrs. Byron (Genevieve) Weeks of Lowell; grandchildren, Mary, Virginia, Linda, Jack Thomas, Tim and Mark.

Funeral service held Monday at the funeral home. Rev. William Allinder of Park Congregational Church officiating. Memorials may be made to Forest Hills Northern High School Boosters Organization.

STEFFENS—Mrs. Theresa Steffens, aged 83 of Oakland, formerly of

South Blendon, passed away early Monday morning, Mar. 9, 1981.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Bernie (Ruth) Schutter of Oakland; one son, Harold Steffens of Richland, Washington; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Elmer (Anna) Tusch of Ada, Mrs. Virgil (Mae) Shepherd of Boyne City and Mrs. John (Sue) Adornetto of Broadview Hts., Ohio; one brother, Frank Granstra of Potoskey; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Ida Steffens of Delray, RI, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Oakland Christian Reformed Church. Rev. Stephen Steenstra and Rev. Martin Meendering officiating. Burial in Blendon Township Cemetery.

WRIGHT—Mr. William C. Wright, aged 80, formerly of Marne, passed away Thursday, March 5, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Survived by his wife, Helen; two sons, Wm. Terry Wright of Bay City, Richard of Wyoming; two daughters, Mrs. Loren (Barbara) Ambrose of Marne, Bonnie Wier of Wyoming; two sisters, Vera Yeiter of Alto and Mrs. Effa Lillis.

Funeral services were held Monday. Rev. Richard Gordon officiating. Interment Marne Cemetery.

WARD—Ruth B. Ward, aged 88, passed away Thurs. March 5, 1981 in Ionia.

She was formerly of Lowell.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Thomas (Norma) Kain of Coral and Mrs. Ronald (Eleanor) Case of Albion; two sons, Howard Ward of Rockford and Gordon Ward of Gowen; 14 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren.

Funeral services Monday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, with Rev. Gary Davis officiating. Interment Krum Cemetery.

Band is No. 1

Congratulations are in order for the Lowell Senior High School Symphonic Band. They earned a Division I rating at the District 40 Band Festival held at Otsego, Michigan, last Friday, March 6.

Lowell competed with 15 other high school bands.

Festival '81 organizing

Would you like to be an active participant in Festival '81?

All competitors and participants must be residents of Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent, Montcalm, Newaygo or Ottawa counties. The following is a list of competitions or performing areas:

AMATEUR FILM COMPETITION—Applications must be in by April 15, films by May 5 to: Festival '81 Amateur Film Committee, 545 Old Kent Bank Building, Grand Rapids 49503, Attention: Tom Dilley.

VISUAL ARTS CONTEST—Original art works in two or three dimensions are the focus of the annual visual arts contest. If you are interested in participating pick up an application blank at the Arts Council office, the Art Museum, the Art Department of Calvin College, Aquinas College, Grand Valley State College, Grand Rapids Junior College, Grand Haven Community College, Muskegon Community College and Hope College. Art and entry forms will be submitted together on May 15 and 16 from 9-5 on the third floor of the County Administration Building, 300 Monroe NW. All art submitted should not be over two years old and not have been shown in previous festivals.

POSTER COMPETITION—The design should not exceed 20" x 34" and should capture the spirit of festival. First prize is \$200. The winning poster will become the property of the Arts Council and will be reproduced to sell at the Festival. Deliver entries to Kendall School of Design, 1110 College n.e., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 10 AM - 4 PM, April 1, 2, and 3. Jurying will be April 6.

CLASSICAL MUSIC AND POETRY—If you have not received a letter and are interested in performing during the three day event call June Law 458-2938 or Bob VanStee at the Arts Council 454-9221. Applications must be in by March 15.

POP MUSIC—If you have not received an invitation and are interested in participating, call Bruce Early at 459-8281, ext. 238. Information must be in by March 16.

DRAMA—If you are interested and haven't received a letter call Eric Vesley at 452-8747. This year the committee would like to add a puppet theatre. Please apply by March 14. Forms must be in by April 18. Eric Vesley, 2525-3 Woodlake Rd., Wyoming, MI 49509.

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Church News

Lenten service focus on sacraments

The Lenten schedule at St. Mary's Church this week and next begins with Mass on Wednesday evening, Mar. 11, at 7:30 p.m. with special participation by the Knights of Columbus.

Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. there will be a Meditation and Prayer service.

The grade school CCD children will demonstrate the signs and symbols of the Sacrament of Baptism in a special Lenten service on Monday evening, Mar. 16, at 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday evening, Mar. 18, Lenten Mass will be celebrated with the Homily focusing on the Mass and the Eucharist.

"Short supper, long life."
Serbian proverb

4-H craft day planned


Kent County 4-H will host the fourth annual Personal Appearance Day on Saturday, March 21 at the Lincoln Campus (860 Crahen, NE). Activities are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m.

A full day is planned with programs of interest to members, from age 9 up, and adults - both leaders and parents. Hands-on workshops will be offered in counted cross-stitch, machine quilting, hand quilting, place mat purses, Swedish weaving, macramé, fabric painting, and eggshell jewelry.

The workshop is open to the public, but pre-registration is necessary. For more information, contact the 4-H Office, 836 Fuller Avenue, N.E., phone 774-3265.

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray



Be strong and of a good courage... (Deuteronomy 31:6).

During the Second World War, servicemen were told not to strike matches during blackouts. From the air the flare of a tiny match could be seen for a mile and a half.

One lady was known and loved for her optimistic attitude. But in a moment of weakness, when it seemed the popular thing among her friends to tell of their trials, temptations, and difficulties, she announced that she, too, had been discouraged.

Immediately her pastor said, "Why, I'm surprised at you. I never thought I'd hear you say a thing like that!" His rebuff made a lasting impression on her. Never again did she resort to public admission of discouragement.

Her lesson should be a lesson for all. Depressing times are bound to come. But we must beware lest our gloom cause another to despair also. The least sign of discouragement in our lives may cause another's spiritual death. One flare of discouragement may give the enemy the victory. When it comes to moments like these, "don't strike a match!"

Prayer: O Lord, let me never succumb to discouragement. Grant that I may never "strike the match" that would give the enemy the victory. When trials come, cause me to flee to Thee for refuge until the storm has passed. Amen.

How oft in the conflict, When pressed by the foe, I have fled to my Refuge And breathed out my woe! How often, when trials Like sea-billows roll, Have I hidden in Thee, O Thou Rock of my soul. William Orcutt Cushing

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Spring fashion show is Mon

Following the fashion show, there will be an Aerobics-In-Motion demonstration. If you are interested in knowing what the YMCA's fitness class is all about, come and join us. \$1.00 donation at the door, or you may buy a ticket in advance. Call the Lowell YMCA for more information, 897-8445.

Class for new parents

Lamaze Childbirth Education, Inc. is now accepting registration for couples expecting babies in August and September. For further information or class registration call: 451-2406 in Grand Rapids. Lamaze is a non-profit organization set-up to help prepare the expectant couple for a rewarding childbirth experience.

Reflections From Outer Space

By Rev. Jerry Bates

Today is the day I get back from vacation. By the time you read this I will have been back in Lowell for about 2 days. Of course, I wrote this column before Mar 14th and I left for Houston and a two week visit with our number two daughter who is getting married in May.

I was wondering why it was that vacations seem to be so much a part of our lives. When I think back to my early days (you know back in the "olden days"), I don't remember my grandfather ever taking a vacation. He just kept on milking cows and feeding horses and farming each day.

In fact, I don't remember having a vacation until I was out of high school. I got out to let me and a friend (male) go to the Straits and then to Detroit for about 3 days. It wasn't until I was out of high school that dad took a vacation and then he took the entire winter off, left me with the chores, and spent the winter in Phoenix.

Is our need of vacations just something we expect something we are given by our abundance? Are the pressures, tensions and frustrations so much greater today that we need the time away? Or do we just think we need the time away. I can't really imagine that the pressures are that much more severe.

Just suppose with me that we lived in the 1900's. Nearly all of the food we ate would have to come from our own efforts. Gardens would be the order of the day. Wives would spend their time canning (and losing half the peas). Clothes would be mostly sewed with a treadle machine. Meals would have to be started from scratch (no instant potatoes, or microwave meals).

Or suppose that we lived in the 1800's. I like Indians, but food would have to be grown, dried, or salted. Clothes came from sheep or deer. In fact, meat was hunted in many cases.

I have a feeling that much of the tension and frustration that we experience comes from within ourselves. There might be many different sources; a desire to keep up with the Jones', expectation, from within ourselves, searching for happiness, and many others.

Now, I am not against vacations. I just wonder if we do not return to the same situation, the same frustrations and needs, and really never solve the things that make us tense and tied up in knots. One of the hardest things in the world to do is to take a good look at ourselves. We need to learn what really makes us tick, what it is that frustrates us and why, and that the source of strength and adjustment to life is really outside of ourselves and comes under the title of faith in God.

Keep the faith... Jerry



cozy corner

By Roger Brown

Oh boy...another one of those Tuesday mornings so well typified by the picture at the top of this column. I've sat here and stared at this old junker of a typewriter for so long that I swear there are cobwebs on it now that weren't there when I started. Since I do have a deadline to meet, I've found that if I simply start typing, words appear on the paper. When I've got enough words in there, I've got a column. Here ones.

Running through my brain for an idea for a column, I thought about doing something about the "Brothers of the Brush". There are an awful lot of scruffy looking men around town right now (myself included) who are taking a lot of abuse because of our scraggly beards. I thought maybe I could come up with a column in our defense. But the more I thought about it, and the more I rubbed my chin whiskers, the more I realized that the people poking fun at us are right. So much for that idea.

For the last week or ten days, we've had a Robin hopping around our backyard every morning. I'm sure that he wishes he'd stayed in Florida because about all he's doing around here is blunting his beak by pecking away at the frozen tundra. I thought maybe I could take that and couple it with the fact that spring is just a week or so away, and come up with a column. Before I got going on the idea, I remembered reading recently that March is traditionally our second snowiest month and decided that for the Robin's sake and mine, I had better leave well enough alone.

In our house, the foyer, front hall closet, hallway, and a half bath are covered with a vinyl flooring. Apparently the adhesive wasn't applied properly because the flooring is pulled loose and has bubbled up in many places. Being the handyman that I am, I jumped at the chance to make a deal on some real slate to replace the vinyl. That was about a year and a half ago. The slate is all in little individual pieces, and there are hundreds, and hundreds, and hundreds of them. The more I think about tackling this giant jigsaw puzzle, the more I do exactly that: "think about it." The wife is really starting to needle me because nice weather is not too far off and as soon as it arrives, she can forget about getting the slate installed until next winter at least.

Since I didn't want to bring up the subject of the slate, I bagged that idea for a column. But, as you can see, I got desperate and had to resort to it anyway. I'll bet I already know what I'm going to be doing this weekend.

No lights, no camera, just ACTION

Long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away there came a time of revolution. When rebels united to challenge a tyrannical Empire... So begins the 13-part adaptation of STAR WARS, the biggest box office hit in movie history. A production of National Public Radio in association with KUSC-FM, Los Angeles, and with cooperation of Lucasfilm, Ltd., STAR WARS can be heard on NPR member Station WKAR 90.5 FM, beginning Saturday, March 14 at 8 p.m. The series will conclude on Saturday, June 6, 1981.

Recreating their movie roles for the radio series are Mark Hamill as "Luke Skywalker" and Anthony Daniels as "See-Threepio."

Coming Events...

WED., MAR. 11: Lowell Women's Club will meet at 1 p.m. in Schneider Manor Lounge. Pauline Johnson, hostess. Martelle Bates will present a Mini-report on "International Affairs" and Lois McIntyre, columnist, Flair Section. Grand Rapids Press will speak on "Living Well With Fashion."

THURS., MAR. 12: Kiwanis Travel and Adventure Series at 8 p.m. in Welsh Civic Auditorium. Also Fri. and Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sat. Matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets \$2.50 & \$2.75 by calling 459-1367.

FRI., MAR. 13: Saranac Community Dance, music by Tom Hagen and The Proper Strangers, in the high school cafeteria. Sponsored by the Committee of Promote Positive Attitudes. \$5.00 per person. Proceeds to be used for Saranac Community school grounds beautification and student assemblies.

Fri., Mar. 13: Cyclamen Chapter #94 DES regular monthly meeting at 8 P.M. Lowell Masonic Temple

Happy Birthday...

March 14: Vicki Roth, Wesley Hunter, Helen Jeffery, Mark Phillips, Heather Wright.

March 15: Bob Strouse, Peter Barbachum, George Miller.

March 16: Alfreda Bing Louise Weeks, Linda Keim, Vercel Bovee, Emma Oesch, Cindy Cornell, Ronda Carey, Irene Doane, Dale Johnson, Bathea King, Steve Grudzinskas.

March 17: Brenda Veneman, John R. Timpson, Flora Jean Beachum, Lorraine Mccuwesen, Dan Sarniak.

March 18: Beverly Merklinger, Linda Wood, Nancy Vandermeer, Scott Dykhuizen, Gertrude Knoll, Emily Davis.

March 19: Jennie Snyder, Ed Anible, Jhanna Hess, Lawrence Bieri.

March 20: Dave Clark Sr., Effie Barger.

Sun., Mar. 15: Community Showcase, a concert by area musicians. Sponsored by LAAC and ICAP at 3 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, Lincoln Lake Ave., Lowell. Admission is free.

SUN., MAR. 15: Free admission to the "Community Showcase", a program of fine music sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council at 3 p.m., St. Mary's Catholic Church. Program followed by refreshments, artwork on display.

TUES., MAR. 17: The Grand Rapids Mothers of Twins Club, meet in the Wyoming Library, 3350 Michael SW at 8 p.m. Area mothers or guardians of multiple birth children are invited. Program: panel of teenage twins discuss "Growing up as a twin". More information: 538-2591 or 454-1837.

Wed., Mar. 18: Bushnell PTC at 1 p.m. in Room 107. Included in a busy agenda will be a Lowell police officer speaking on child safety. Also a skill demonstration by

Sat., Apr. 11: Heirloom Discovery Day 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. Public Session at

Bushnell gymnasts.

WED., MAR. 18: Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital will present its fourth annual Nutrition Conference. Topics will include youth and nutrition, and helpful shopping guides. The public is invited to attend at no charge. Please call 247-7078 by Mar. 16 to register, and for further information.

TUES., MAR. 24: Bluebird Organizational Meeting for 1st grade girls and their mothers. Runciman School, Room 108, 3 p.m. For more information call Betty Coons, 897-7159 or Marilyn Keim 897-9886.

THURS., MAR. 26: Bluebird organizational meeting for 1st grade girls and their mothers. St. Mary's and Bushnell students will meet in Bushnell Kiva, 3 p.m. For more information, call Betty Coons, 897-7159 or Marilyn Keim 897-9886.

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Bretton Village Shopping Center \$5 per item for appraisal. Sponsored by the Grand Rapids Art Museum. Bring heirlooms and treasures to be verbally appraised by a team of five international experts.

THURS., Mar. 26: Pancake Supper from 5-7 p.m., sponsored by the Cub Scout Pack 3188. To be held at the First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St., Lowell. Adults: \$2.50. Children (5-12): \$1.50. Under 5: Free. Tickets available through Scouts or at the door.

Fallsburg Park, located four miles north of Lowell, is a part of the Kent County Parks system. It contains 458 acres with large and small areas for picnicking, a year-round shelter house, playgrounds, and ball diamonds. Historic Fallsburg Covered Bridge is in the park spanning the Flat River which affords good fishing and canoeing. The park is located at Covered Bridge Rd. and Fallsburg Park Drive.

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Saranac eyes federal energy funds

After much discussion, the Saranac Board of Education voted to contract for a technical energy audit with an eye toward federal energy conservation funds.

The technical audit will cost \$3,600 approximately and will identify the costs of and the payback period for possible energy conservation projects. This audit stage will give the district the information it needs to seek federal assistance for energy saving (and money saving) projects.

Also approved at the meeting was a request from the high school art club for permission to take a field trip to Chicago's art museums on May 22 and 23.

Coaches for high school spring sports were named: John Lepien, varsity baseball; Rick Roberts, junior varsity baseball; Barb Vezino, varsity softball; and Patrice DeAguirre, junior varsity softball.

Special sessions were slated for discussion of the

budget on April 2, 9, and 23. The board will review the budget situation and establish a ballot millage question at the sessions.

Also discussed at the meeting were: a policy to allow district facilities to be rented for private gatherings; a proposal for granting club status to students who wish to participate in an athletic activity for which there is no school supported team.

Three win Council seats

Two incumbents have been returned to the Saranac Village Council along with a new member. The election to fill three seats on the Council was held Monday, March 9.

Returning to the Council will be Bob Lake who has been a council member for three years. He was listed on the Democratic slate for this election and received 73 votes. Also returned to his council seat is John McDowell who has served three years as well. He received 63 votes and was included on the Republican slate.

Newcomer to the council will be Maynard Bartlett who received 65 votes. He also ran on the Republican slate.

Warren Chadwick received 62 votes, running on the Democratic slate for this election. Chadwick has been a Village Council member for the past 15 years.

The total number of ballots cast was 93. The two-party slate was adopted for use in this election which saved the village an estimated \$1,000 in primary election expenses.

Be a super-sitter

Young people between the ages of 11 and 14 are invited to participate in the Red Cross "Baby-sitting" training course on Saturday, April 4. The class will run from 9 am to 1:30 pm and will be held at the Red Cross chapter building, 1050 Fuller, NE.

Participants are asked to bring a pencil, a sack lunch, and a folder for materials presented during class. The cost is \$1.00 per student. To register, call Red Cross Nursing and Health department at 456-8661. Red Cross is a United Way agency.

County youths can win foals

Ionia County 4-H horse club members are eligible to win two registered weanling quarter horse foals through the 1981 Bob Evans Farms 4-H Weanling Quarter Horse Award Program.

One boy and/or girl will be nominated from Ionia County to compete in the statewide program, according to Betsy Knox, County 4-H youth agent. One boy and one girl will be chosen as winners from county nominees across the state.

The foals are provided by Bob Evans Farms, Inc. and are part of a purebred quarter horse breeding program conducted at the farm in Rio Grande, Ohio.

To qualify for the horse award program, applicants must be current 4-H horse project members and at least 13 but no more than 16 years old during the 1981 calendar year. They should complete a special nomination application and return it to their county 4-H agent by April 1.

For more information about the Bob Evans horse award program, contact Betsy Knox, County 4-H Youth Agent at 527-1400.

Good News!

Duane Walter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Walter of 621 Hawley Hwy., has been named to the Dean's List at Huntington College in Huntington, Indiana.

Liquid fuels to be discussed

Sunflower oil may be the energy source of the future, someday replacing diesel fuel in farm tractors and other machinery.

That possibility, as well as the use of ethanol and methanol, will be discussed during Farmers' Week at MSU during an afternoon session March 25 in B108 Wells Hall.

The program, running from 1 to 4 p.m., includes discussions on liquid fuels from biomass, extraction and use of sunflower oil in diesel

engines, the status of the Michigan Agri-Fuel plant at Alma, the use of ethanol in farm tractors, a lifecycle cost analysis of small-scale fuel alcohol plants, and the results of livestock feeding trials using by-products from the MSU fuel alcohol still.

There will be an open house at the MSU still from 4 to 6 p.m. The still is located at the Beef Cattle Research Center and should be in operation during those hours.

IBC names Audit Mgr.

Mark A. Oblak has been appointed Audit and Fiscal Manager for Independent Bank Corporation. Loren C. Adgate, President, announced his appointment.

Oblak had been Assistant Director of the Bank and Trust Division of the Michigan Financial Institutions Bureau in Lansing. He is well known in Michigan banking circles as an expert in bank auditing and examination. He has taught and lectured on the subject extensively.

He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and Finance from Madonna College in Livonia, Michigan. He has also attended American Institute of Banking classes and numerous seminars on auditing, accounting, and finance and education.

Adgate stated "We are extremely pleased that a person with Oblak's background and experience has

become a member of our staff. He will be an important member of our management team at Independent Bank Corporation."

Oblak and his wife, Barbara, will be moving to Ionia in the near future.

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Off The Blotter

Grant K. Daggett of Saranac received minor injuries when his car rolled twice late Monday afternoon, March 2. According to Ionia Sheriff's deputies, Daggett lost control of his car on Hawley Hwy., skidded sideways and ran up a hillside before the rollover. He was cited for careless driving.

Sheriff's deputies report that Virginia Trumbell, 393 S. Bridge, was cited for speeding, as was Wilda Graham of 320 Summit Apt. 331. Larry Smith of 103 Center St. was cited for having defective equipment on his vehicle. Marilyn Dawson of 61 Washington was cited for disobeying a stop sign. June Smith of 916 Bluewater was ticketed for speeding as was Lois Solomon of 6211 Riverside Drive.

Ionia Police ticketed Dennis Cooper of 24 Lee St. for defective equipment.

State Police cited William Matthews, 128 Division St., for speeding. Patricia Parks of 332 Summit St. Apt. 5 was ticketed for failure to transfer registration plates.

Richard Cronk and his son Kelly Cronk, of Ionia, pleaded guilty to vandalizing a Saranac home in District Court last Thursday. The home is the same one where the man's brother was shot last year. The two men were charged with throwing a beer bottle and beer can at the home resulting in \$140 damages. They will be sentenced at a later date.

Traffic deaths lowest since 1962

Michigan not only registered its lowest traffic death toll in 18 years in 1980 but its traffic death rate was significantly below the national average, according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

"Motorists in Michigan used approximately 4.25 billion gallons of gasoline last year, the lowest level in 10 years and 26 percent behind the record consumption year in 1978," stated Auto Club Touring Manager Joseph Ratke.

According to the Federal Highway Administration's most recent figures (through October), Michigan ranked second in reducing gasoline use with a 10.7 percent cut compared with a 10.9 percent drop in Arkansas.

This is the second straight year that motorists in Michigan have voluntarily cut their driving. Higher gas prices, which have nearly doubled between January 1979 and January 1981, and more fuel-efficient automobiles are major reasons for the change in driving habits, Ratke said.

Cullen said a decrease in miles driven and increased unemployment were major factors for the drop in deaths.

STATE CUTS GAS USE 11 PERCENT

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Society Notes...

Spring wedding set



Vicki A. Weeks Mark Soyka

Vicki A. Weeks and Mark H. Soyka announce their engagement. They are planning a May 9, 1981 wedding. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mrs. Shirley Weeks of Grand Rapids, and the late Donald G. Weeks.

Mark is the son of Matthew and Arline Soyka of Ada. Both are graduates of Forest Hills Central High School and Mark attended Grand Rapids Junior College.

Friesner-Rozema vows exchanged

Bruce Friesner and Jann Rozema, both of Lowell, were married Friday, February 27 at the East Congregational Church in Grand Rapids.

The bride is the daughter of Harold Rozema of Jenison. Friesner is the son of Mrs. Maiste Holtz of Toledo. The couple will reside in Lowell after they return from their honeymoon.

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March seminars at Aquinas

People fifty years and older can explore topics such as health, art, literature and the Netherlands in the March seminars at the Emeritus College of Aquinas College.

The seminars, held at the Emeritus Center, begin with the morning session on Tuesday, March 3. Each seminar meets once a week for six weeks.

The Tuesday morning seminar explores the works of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin; the afternoon session examines sharing your inner resources in writing. Wednesday morning seminars look at Japanese art and culture and the afternoon seminars study 19th century American Literature.

The Thursday morning seminar concerns itself with maintaining wellness in health and disease while the afternoon session devotes itself to psychological fitness for the third age persons, the years after fifty. On Friday mornings, a variety of guest lecturers will focus on the art, history, literature and culture of the Netherlands. In the afternoons on Fridays, political and social issues will be explored.

Cost for one 6-week seminar is \$25; the cost for two in the same semester is \$35; and unlimited participation in any seminars for the full semester is \$75. Individuals can also attend a single session of any seminar for \$5.

For more information and registration forms, contact the Aquinas Emeritus Center at 459-8281, extension 318.

Skills Center open house on Mar. 24

Area high school sophomores and their parents who live in the Kent Intermediate School District have an opportunity to preview the Kent Skills Center facilities and courses at the second annual Open House on Tuesday, March 24.

The two Skills Centers, located at 1655 East Beltline, N.E., and 111 College Ave., N.E., Grand Rapids, will be open for tours and classroom visitations from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The Open House is for sophomores, parents, and friends who wish to know more about the Kent Skills Centers and the programs that are available to students.

Students and instructors will be on hand to demonstrate and explain the various courses offered.

For the past decade the two Skills Centers have offered a variety of training programs to prepare students for entry level jobs in business and industry. Students, who are enrolled through their home school, earn credits toward high school graduation by attending the Skills Centers. Students, who are enrolled through their home school, earn credits toward high school graduation by attending the Skills Centers. Students, who are enrolled through their home school, earn credits toward high school graduation by attending the Skills Centers. Students, who are enrolled through their home school, earn credits toward high school graduation by attending the Skills Centers.



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coverage and law enforcement, and WIERAS, the County of Kent through the Secondary Road Patrol Program will receive funding for four (4) patrolmen and two (2) sergeants for the balance of 1981, and WIERAS, in the past this program has operated with eight (8) patrolmen and two (2) sergeants, and WIERAS, the Personnel, Safety and Social Services Committee has reviewed the requested needs of the Sheriff and affirms the need of the Secondary Road Patrol Program through 1981 for eight (8) patrolmen and two (2) sergeants, and WIERAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed the Sheriff's request and recommends a General Fund transfer of \$88,619.77 for the continuation of four (4) patrolmen under a new activity of Secondary Road Patrol Program--County, and WIERAS, the County Controller's Office recommends that the General Fund transfer be made to this new activity Secondary Road Patrol Program--County based on a review by the Standing Committee so that the funding be readily identifiable in the budgetary process for 1982.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the continuation of four (4) county patrolmen under the activity Secondary Road Patrol Program--County, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners transfer \$88,619.77 to the account of the Secondary Road Patrol Program--County as indicated below:

Table with 3 columns: Amount, Description, and Total. Rows include Salaries & Wages, Salaries & Wages-Overtime, FICA, Hospitalization Insurance, Life Insurance, County Retirement Program, and Workers' Compensation.

Commissioner Sietema pointed out that Cities in the County are taxing their residents for Police Patrol Services and that the Sheriff Department is furnishing patrol services in the Township areas, for which City Taxpayers are paying a share of the cost through County Taxes. He stated the State Equalized Valuation in the Townships alone equals about \$1,000,000,000, and he feels the Townships should levy additional millage to pay their proportionate share for road patrol. He also questioned how many men will be needed for security across the Street in the Hall of Justice?

Commissioner Boerna stated he will support the \$88,619.77 appropriation to fund the Road Patrol through the end of the year. He stated that it is a matter of record that it never was the intention of the Board of Commissioners to put County dollars into the State Supplemental Road Patrol Program. It is not the Commission's intention to fund it if the State drops part or any of the funding. The employees should be put on notice today that there are not established positions and that if the State does not fund these positions for next year, more than likely will be eliminated and this should come at no great future shock to the employees.

Commissioner Boerna explained we have several different types of Committees to study problems in the County, such as the Special Jail Committee, Alternatives to Incarceration Committee, Child Welfare Committee, etc. He has an existing County/Township Committee, and he believes that Committee should actively be brought into the funding of the Police Services aspect of the Sheriff Department, and by way of suggestion, possibly that Committee could and should work towards a Ballot Question in the Townships. A possible suggestion might be to have a millage proposal tied to the State Equalized Valuation of the various townships.

Commissioner Boerna said there is a strong desire in the County that it is experiencing various shifts of population which are basically outward, going to the various Townships. Many of these people are used to services and are demanding services, and at the same time, there are various Cities supporting less of population in the incorporated areas, which reduces their ability to pay for existing departments.

Commissioner Boerna pointed out several things have changed in the last 10 years, such as reduction of utilities, reduction of the County in the incorporated areas along with the E.D.C. funding, etc. available to all the Townships as well as the Cities. He urged the Chairman to appoint a Committee to research, study and hopefully implement a combination of metropolitan services. In his opinion, the Taxpayers no longer can afford the luxury of duplication and double taxation. Some of these areas that could be looked at would be Public Safety, Water and Sewer, Library, Streets and Highways, and Parks. He urged the Chairman to appoint a broad based committee not made up entirely of County Commissioners. Commissioner DeLuiter suggested the City/County Committee and the County/Township Committee should both be involved.

Commissioner Boerna stated it should be whatever the Chairman feels would be a broad based committee to move forward to take a look at the duplication of services we have in the metropolitan areas.

Commissioner Byron called for the question. Seconded by Commissioner DeLuiter. Motion carried. Commissioner DeLuiter's motion to adopt carried by the following vote: Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerna, Buth, Byington, DeLuiter, DeLuiter, Franon, Gainey, Johnson, Kampfer, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Lanings, Nazurkiewicz, Pupal, Severson, Sietema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfeld - 19. Nays: None.

Commissioner Kampfer read a statement from Carol Landauer, Chairman of the Kent County Mental Health Board, who was ill and unable to attend the meeting, suggesting the Mental Health Board appear before the Board of Commissioners sometime within the next few months to show how the County Placement Plan works under the Contract Board Status. A communication was received from the Kent County Township Supervisor, appointing Algonz Township Supervisor Frank J. Vandenberg as their representative to the Tax Allocation Board. (A copy of this communication is on file in the Office of the County Clerk.) Commissioner Johnson moved the communication be received and filed. Seconded by Commissioner Wahlfeld. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner DeLuiter moved to appoint Robert E. L. Mills, Sr. as Kent County's representative to the Tax Allocation Board. Seconded by Commissioner Severson. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner DeLuiter moved to appoint Victor Vasquez as a member of the Kent County Regional Planning Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Lanings. Motion carried unanimously. The following resolution regarding a new position of Account Clerk III (Range 21A) in the Department of Public Works was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS SHOLENSKI AND JOHNSON WIERAS, a request has been received from the Department of Public Works for the addition of an Account Clerk III, Range 21A, \$13,659.36 per year, and WIERAS, the request has been made by the Director of the Department of Public Works due to the need of the Accounting Department to carry out the duties and responsibilities in the Operation and Maintenance section of that area, and WIERAS, the Personnel, Safety and Social Services Committee has reviewed this request and recommended approval, and WIERAS, the total cost of this position will be recovered based on fees and charges made to municipalities that are served by the Department of Public Works, and WIERAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed this request and recommended approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the addition of an Account Clerk III, Range 21A, \$13,659.36 per year for the Department of Public Works. Commissioner Smolenski moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried unanimously. The following resolution regarding the continuation of four County Patrolmen under the Activity Secondary Road Patrol Program--County--necessitating a transfer of \$88,619.77 from the General Fund Contingent Account for the balance of 1981 was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS SEVERSON AND SHOLENSKI WIERAS, the Sheriff of Kent County, Phillip Beffron, has requested the continuation of four (4) county patrolmen through General Fund monies for the balance of 1981 to meet the demand of road patrol

Richard Buth Vice-Chairman, Maurice S. Johnson County Clerk

Area Sports

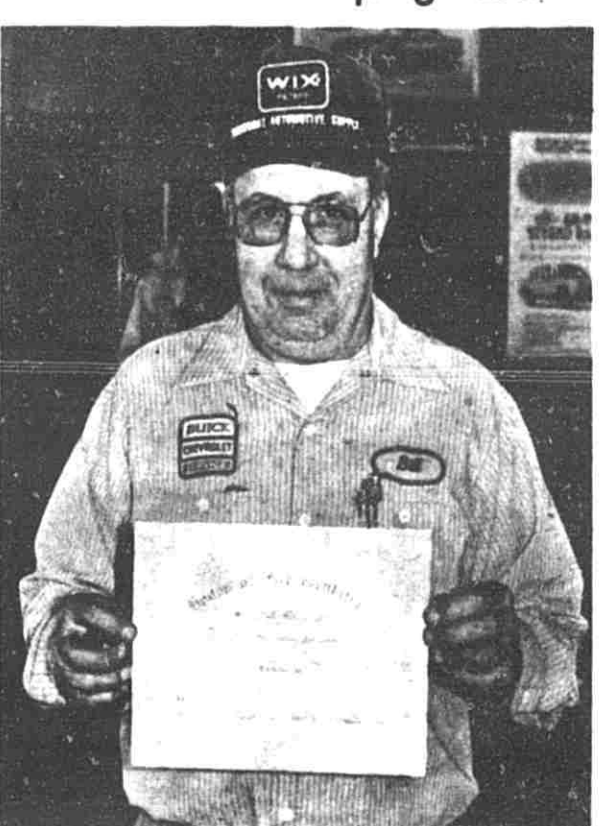
4 LHS grapplers win medals

Four Lowell varsity wrestlers were entered in the 2nd Annual Grand Rapids Press All Star Wrestling Tournament and four LHS grapplers brought home medals! The tournament was held at Union High School on Saturday, March 7.

Spikers end season unbeaten!

Kevin Hurst (98) won a first place medal. Troy Hall (105) won a third place medal. Randy Roth (119) won a first place medal and Mark VanWeelden (Hwt.) won a fourth place medal.

Thanks for the helping hand



Bill Ellison offered a motorist a helping hand in early February and has received a Public Service Certificate from E. Ann Wright, Administrative Assistant to State Representative Matthew McNeely. Wright's auto slid off the road on icy pavement in early February and Ellison came to her aid "quickly, courteously and even though Wright had no cash with her." Ellison operates the towing service at Thomet Chevrolet-Buick.

Nearly \$1.5 billion in state school aid paid to local school districts in the 1979-80 school fiscal year, the State Board of Education reports.

Michigan has 529 school districts that have K-12 programs and about 50 more have K-5, K-6 and K-8 programs.

Ionia tops LHS 62-53

The Ionia Bulldogs earned a spot in the Class B District basketball finals after downing the Lowell Red Arrows last Wednesday evening, March 4, 62-53.

Lowell ended its season with a 5-16 standing. The Arrows were led by Stephen Doyle with 14 points. Tom Caldwell's 12 and Craig Eley's 10.

The Bulldogs jumped to an early lead and led the entire contest. Lowell trimmed the lead to a point three times in the third period but still could not get the lead. The turning point of the game came in the final quarter. With Ionia holding a 52-47 lead, a technical foul was called on a Bulldog player and while Lowell was shooting the technical, another technical foul was charged against Lowell for having too many men of the floor.

Lowell missed its shot but Ionia made theirs. As the ball was played in bounds, Bulldog Jim Klein connected on a three-point play for a 56-47 lead. Lowell was 24 of 55 for 44 percent with 19 turnovers.

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Quick weight loss dangerous

High school or junior high wrestlers who fast or sweat through three or four days before a wrestling match often cut into the performance quality of the young wrestler and may encourage premature fatigue during competition. He reports other risks from quick weight loss are: increased vulnerability to infection, increased vulnerability to injury, and problems involving heat, such as heat exhaustion.

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, MARCH 28th, 1981 at 1:30 PM at the Vergennes Township Hall, Corner of Bailey and Parnell Avenues, Lowell, Michigan. The budget shall be submitted which will include Federal Revenue Sharing Entitlement Funds. Linda Biggs Vergennes Township Clerk c18

LOWELL TOWNSHIP NOTICE

At the regular Lowell Township Board meeting held on MONDAY, MARCH 16th, 1981 at 8:00 PM at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE, the proposed use of Federal Revenue Sharing funds will be discussed. These funds include \$3,880, on deposit and the anticipated allocation of \$11,843. Citizens attending this hearing shall have the right to provide written and oral comments and suggestions respecting possible uses of these entitlement funds. Carol L. Wells Lowell Township Clerk 897-7600 c18

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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, MARCH 28th, 1981 at 1:00 PM at the Grattan Township Hall, 11680 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan. A budget will be submitted for consideration which includes Federal Revenue Sharing Entitlement funds. Citizens attending the hearing have the right to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget and the relationship of entitlement funds to the entire budget. Patrick Malone, Clerk c18-19

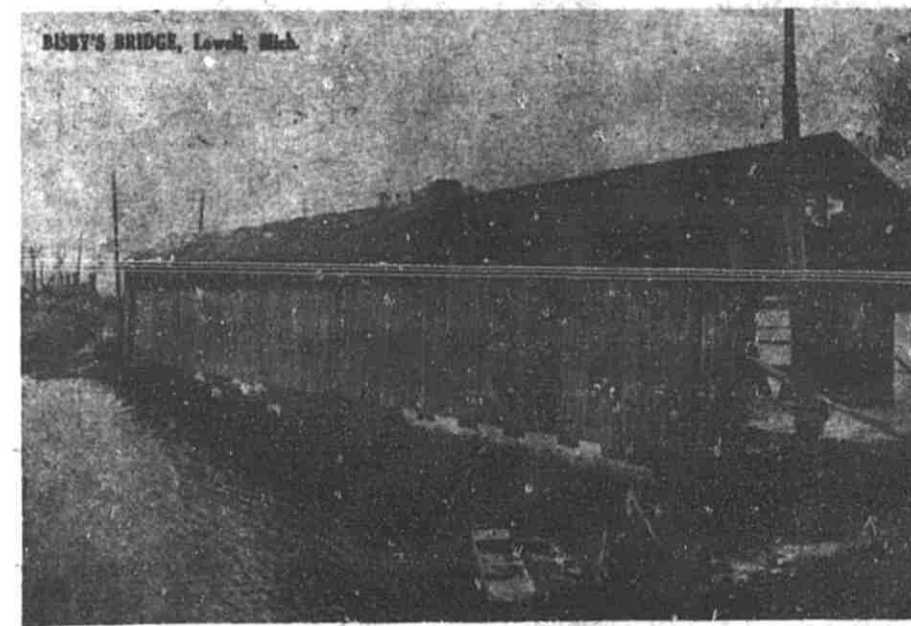
VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

A special meeting of the Vergennes Township Board will be held MONDAY, MARCH 16th, 1981 at 8:00 PM in the Vergennes Township Hall, Corner of Bailey and Parnell; Lowell, Michigan. The Proposed Use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds during the next fiscal year, anticipated amount of \$6,624.00, to be considered. Citizens attending this hearing shall have the right to provide written and oral comments and suggestions respecting possible use of these entitlement funds. Also will be the annual Settlement Day, pursuant to Michigan Public Act 596 of 1976. Linda Biggs Vergennes Township Clerk c18

NOTICE CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held before the Lowell City Council on Monday, March 16, 1981, in the Council Room of City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan, at 8:00 p.m. The purpose of the Hearing will be the request of King Milling Company for a variance from front setback requirements to allow the construction of a truck service garage on their property on S. Monroe Street. All interested parties will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at that time. Ray E. Quada, City Clerk c-17-18

Looking back. . .



Responding to a plea for pictures of Lowell throughout its 150 year history, Mrs. C.C. (Lora) Floyd of Big Rapids sent several postcards of Lowell from a family collection. The photo above is labeled "Bisby's Bridge, Lowell, Mich." but Mrs. Floyd didn't know where that might have been located. We don't either, but someone out there must. Just a reminder: photos and postcards, school yearbooks, and business photos would be greatly appreciated by the Sesquicentennial committee to illustrate the past 50 years, especially. Clearly label photos for return and drop at Lowell Savings and Loan, That Special Place or the Grand Valley Ledger.

Ledger deadlines and letter policy

To help us meet our deadlines, please take note of the following guidelines for submitted material, including pictures.

All news copy should be in the Ledger office by 5 p.m.

on Mondays. The material should be type-written or written legibly. Either way, we ask that you provide space between the lines to make room for possible editing.



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Guide for golfers aids blind

During the first week of April, Michigan golfers will be able to get more distance from their golf dollars, discover the location and features of over 640 Public and Private Golf Courses, Clubs, and Driving Ranges in Michigan (including the Windsor, Ontario area) and at the same time make a contribution to the growth of a World recognized Michigan Charitable Organization, Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan.

It's all in the new 1981 "Michigan Golfers Map & Guide". Traveling the State or staying close to home, even the most casual golfer will discover the "Golfers Map & Guide" with over 250 two play for the price of one Coupons, becomes a valuable asset.

With the 2 play-for-1 Coupons, it is worth over \$1,500 and sells for \$5.95, part of which is contributed to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Arrangements have been made to contribute 50¢ from the sale of each book to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

The 1981 Michigan Golfers Map & Guide is due for distribution the first week in April. Golfers that want one of the first books off the press can order by sending a check or money order for \$5.95 (includes tax and shipping) to RSG Publishing Inc., PO Box 28083, Detroit, MI 48228.



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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Because this is the influenza season, parents once again are being alerted to the symptoms of Reye's Syndrome. According to our estimate, from twenty to fifty cases of Reye's Syndrome will probably occur this winter among children under 18 years of age.

Although the symptoms may be familiar to you, I repeat them! Usually the disease begins three to seven days after the onset of influenza-like or chickenpox illnesses, often when the child is recovering. There is protracted vomiting and change in behavior, including excessive drowsiness to the point that the child falls asleep and is difficult to arouse, excessive irritability, combativeness and marked inappropriate behavior.

If your child shows these symptoms, take him or her to a doctor immediately. Early diagnosis has a bearing on the success of the treatment. Eighty to 95 percent of the children who contract Reye's Syndrome will survive with appropriate treatment.

Now, a word of caution about treating your child with aspirin. Last year a Health Department study of Reye's Syndrome cases suggested that children who developed the syndrome were more likely to have taken aspirin or medication containing aspirin during the preceding illness. Similar findings in Ohio and Arizona have led us to recommend that parents not administer aspirin or medication containing aspirin to children with flu-like illnesses or chickenpox. If your child has a low-grade fever, sponge him or her with lukewarm water instead of giving aspirin. Although aspirin certainly is not the sole factor involved, withholding it when it is not really needed is good advice at this time.

Since September 1, six cases of Reye's Syndrome have occurred in Michigan and all children survived. We don't expect to see the high incidence this year that we had last year when 83 cases and five deaths were reported. The reason is that the type of flu circulating this year -type A-Bangkok- appears to be associated with Reye's Syndrome than the type-B strain of last year.

We don't wish to alarm you, but caution is advised. Reye's Syndrome continues to be a serious disease, but with early diagnosis and treatment it need not be a fatal one.

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Alto postmaster retires



Edmund C. Hillen

Alto Postmaster Edmund D. Hillen ended a 30 year career with the U.S. Post Office retiring last Friday. A resident of Caledonia, Hillen was appointed by the President of the United States Harry S. Truman about 1950. Hillen indicated he intended to continue working as a bookkeeper and tax consultant and will be working part time at Saskatoon Golf Course.

New rules for food stamp user

Able-bodied food stamp recipients must actively search for jobs or be dropped from the program under new rules announced today by the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Labor.

"Under the new regulations, people who fail to look for a job on their own or who don't report for the interviews at their state employment office will find their households dropped from the food stamp program for two months," said Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carol Tucker Foreman.

Those who are exempt from the work registration requirement are primarily the elderly and disabled, those already working, those responsible for the care of dependents or those already subject to work requirements under the unemployment insurance or work incentive programs.

The rules also require recipients who register for work to be called in to their state employment service, now identified as the job service in many states, for an interview and job classification.

State job service agencies will continue to refer registrants to potential employers, but now food stamp job seekers will also have to supplement this service with their own eight-week job search.

The new rules will establish a standard that work registrants contact up to 24 potential employers within the eight week period, and also report back twice to their employment counselors on progress made, Foreman said. Requirements for each person's job search will depend on their individual circumstances and the availability of jobs in the community as assessed by the job service counselor.

The state job services will report to state welfare agencies the names of food stamp job seekers who refuse to comply with the interviewers or job search requirements, as well as those who find jobs.

The regulations were published in the January 16 Federal Register and become effective on June 1, 1981.

THE IDES OF MARCH—BEWARE!
The plague of the "common cold" occurs more often during cold weather, but March can be a risky month for persons exposed to colds, according to the American Lung Association of Michigan.

Extremes are the norm in March. Temperatures change quickly, and chilly rains oftentimes follow the breezes. Weather variations does not cause colds, but it can increase vulnerability to viruses which do cause colds. Viruses are minute infectious agents that can't even be seen with a microscope, but which enter body cells, multiply and then cause disease.

When a cold can't be thwarted, grandmother's advice is still good: aspirin, liquids and even chicken soup may relieve symptoms.

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Monitoring energy use saves money

Energy conservation is not only a good habit to get into, it can also add up to more money to you. By simply monitoring your everyday use of energy at home, you can accumulate considerable savings in utility bills. Here are some ways to start:

Lower the temperature of your hot water heater from 150 to 140 degrees and save about 10 percent on your hot water costs.

Use "task" lighting where you keep the general light level low, but use strong light in specific areas such as in a lamp near a reading chair.

Open the oven door as little as possible. Every time the door is opened the oven temperature drops about 25 degrees.

Don't let more than one-quarter of an inch of frost accumulate in the freezer section of your refrigerator.

Use the warmth of the sun to heat your home by opening your curtains during the day. Draw them at night to keep the cold out.

Turn off the dishwasher before it gets to the dry cycle and save one-third of the electricity needed to dry.

Keep your air conditioning thermostat at 78 degrees. For every degree below that, you raise your cooling costs by about 10 percent.

Have your furnace cleaned

and checked to be sure it's burning fuel efficiently. This can reduce heating costs by as much as 10 percent each year. If you have insulated your house, you've reduced its heating requirements. The furnace may need to be adjusted so it won't waste fuel.

Use a single 100-watt bulb instead of two 60-watt ones. The higher wattage bulb produces more light with about 20 percent less energy.

Insulate the hot water heater with a special "blanket" you can buy at a hardware store for 20 to 30 dollars.

Insulate the hot water cooling ducts and reduce your utility bills by up to 15 percent.

Pack the freezer full, even if you have to fill milk cartons with water and freeze them to take up empty space.

Don't overload the refrigerator, though. If air can circulate around the food, this appliance will use less energy.

Wash only full loads of clothes and use warm or cold water instead of hot in your washing machine.

Turn down the heat or turn off your central air conditioning if no one is home for more than three hours.

Set your thermostat no higher than 68 degrees during the day and 60 degrees at night during the winter.

You haven't spent much money and you immediately begin to save energy and money.

Kids give clues to sight

Children have a secret code for sending out messages about how well they are seeing but parents and teachers can crack it.

Always sitting close to the television set can be a sign of nearsightedness. So can a preference for reading or other close work over outdoor or sports activities requiring good distance vision.

The reverse—preferring active play to close work—may be a sign of a near vision problem. So is frowning, scowling or placing the head close to the book or desk while reading or writing.

Losing the place while reading, using a finger or marker as a guide, or omitting, repeating and miscalling words may be signs of an eye tracking or eye coordination problem.

After the second grade, children who persistently reverse words, have difficulty identifying and reproducing basic geometric forms, or confuse similar words may have vision perception problems.

Plant for wildlife

As part of its statewide observance of National Wildlife Week, the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) is sponsoring a program of planting trees and shrubs for wildlife.

Begin last year, the "Plant for Wildlife" program was so successful that the conservation organization decided to repeat it annually in conjunction with National Wildlife Week, Mar. 15-21.

The "Plant for Wildlife" program utilizes a package of young trees, shrubs, and ground cover especially selected for their benefits to wildlife. Included in the package are 13 trees (six different species), 12 shrubs (four different species), and five ground cover plants (one species).

"By planting these varieties, you provide food and shelter for wildlife, aid soil conservation, establish windbreaks, and create landscape beauty," an MUCC spokesman said.

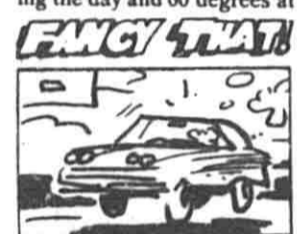
The wildlife packages are available at \$14.98 each, plus \$2.10 for sales tax and shipping, from MUCC, Box 30235, Lansing, Mich. 48909. MUCC, a nonprofit organization, uses proceeds from the program for its conservation and education projects.

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The Lowell YMCA will be offering a Quilting class for all those interested in learn this craft. The class will take place the first three Tuesdays in April, and will go from 7 to 10 p.m. The cost for the program will be \$10 Y-members, \$13 Non-Y-members.

To register for the class, please call the Lowell YMCA at 897-8445. There will be a limit of ten people in the class.

The home health care for M.S. persons course will begin Tuesday, March 24, and continue for nine weeks. The class sessions will be held at the Kent County Red Cross chapter building, 1050 Fuller, N.E., from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

The Red Cross and the Multiple Sclerosis Society are United Way agencies and there is no charge for the training course. To register, call Red Cross Nursing and Health Services at 456-8661.

Scouts will flip your supper



Cub Scouts who do the best at ticket sales for their Pancake Supper on March 26 can win a trophy or a trip to the ice cream parlor thanks to David Thaler/of Barter Systems Inc. Marlene Whitman, chairman of ticket sales, accepts the gift certificates from Thaler for the troop.

Cub Scout Pack 3188 will serve their annual Pancake Supper this month on March 26. The Cubs are having a contest for their ticket sales.

Marlene Whitman, chairperson of the tickets sales, has arranged for many prizes for the winners of the contest. Each week of the contest, the boy who sells the most tickets that week will receive a gift certificate for free ice cream. Also, the den of boys that sells the largest total of tickets during the promotion, will have an ice

cream party, all donated by Barter Systems Inc., via David Thaler, one of our Cub parents. Finally, the Cub Scout who sells the most tickets-over-all, will receive a trophy. Help your favorite Cub Scout by purchasing your tickets from Pack 3188 for the pancake supper, Thursday, March 26, from 5-7 pm at the United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St. Adults \$2.50; children \$1.50 (6-12) and five and under are FREE.

A GOOD MONTH FOR MR. BELL

March seems to have been an important month for inventor Alexander Graham Bell. He was born March 3, 1847. The son of a prominent authority on the physiology of speech, Bell experimented with communications

systems throughout his adult life. On March 10, 1876, he issued the first distinguishable telephone message when he uttered the words, "Mr. Watson, come here, I want you."

Weather Word

With Meteorologist KURT SCHMITZ



Our job in communicating an accurate weather forecast is a lot easier if we keep the forecast simple and concise. Therefore, we have certain phrases that we use often and that we hope are easily understood.

"Sunny" means the sun should shine all day. "Mostly sunny" means we could see a few clouds. If we expect sunshine for maybe half the day, we'll call for a partly sunny day. "Partly cloudy", incidentally, means the same thing, except it occurs at night. A forecast for "mostly cloudy" implies just that: the sun could appear briefly. "Cloudy" means overcast all day.

"Variable cloudiness" is a term this forecaster doesn't like to use because it seems vague and may be confusing. But, in this climate we sometimes have to, considering the large area our forecasts must encompass. Sometimes it may be cloudy from Grand Rapids to Lake Michigan, with bright sunshine east of the city. The clearing line may fluctuate back and forth. We'll often forecast variably cloudy skies in situations like that, which sometimes occur when we experience winter lake effect.

Next week, I'll discuss how we forecast precipitation, and how we let you know if it will rain or snow tomorrow.



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Love.
Treedy(A.W.)
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if it fitz'

By Jim Fitzgerald

It is estimated that the inauguration of Ronald Reagan cost \$11 million. The four-day celebration began at the Lincoln Memorial, with the Army Band playing "Fanfare for the Common Man."

That song was chosen because every common man knows what it means to spend \$11 million on white-tie galas and gowns by Galanos.

Michael Kelpy of College Park, Md., was probably a common man. He helped erect the scaffolding needed for the light show and musicale on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. A few hours before the band began playing the common man's fanfare, a section of the scaffolding collapsed and Kelpy was killed. High winds were blamed.

The news of Kelpy's death was buried deep inside my newspaper. The next day, on the front page, I read that Barbara Bush, wife of the new vice-president, "was among the 1st inaugural casualties." She fell at a party and cut her leg, requiring two stitches. Stairs were blamed.

Life is funny. Mrs. Bush fell on the same day Gerald Ford played golf on television with Bob Hope and some other common men. It will be recalled that, at the GOP convention last summer, Ford was just a breath away from becoming vice-president again. If Ford had accepted the nomination last summer, chances are good that Mrs. Bush wouldn't have fallen this winter, and Michael Kelpy might have achieved higher ranking among inaugural casualties.

Some people wondered why Ronald Reagan, who often dresses like a cowboy, would sanction inaugural events that required male guests to change frequently from white tie to black tie to morning coat with tails to striped trousers with pearl gray vest. The answer was supplied by Charles Wick, one of the inaugural organizers, who pointed to the man in whose honor the Lincoln Memorial was built.

"Ronald Reagan advocates the return to basic American values, and one of these is reverence for God and country. Abraham Lincoln wore a top hat to his swearing-in," Wick said. "Reagan is touching base with the great American who went before him."

Absolutely. Show me a common man who shows reverence for God and country without wearing a top hat, and I'll show you a pile of unsplit rails.

Another Reagan aide added to the pattern of basic American values when he revealed that Reagan wrote most of his inaugural address in longhand on a yellow legal pad while flying east from Los Angeles. Obviously, it's not as easy to find the back of an envelope on an airplane to Washington as it is on a train to Gettysburg.

One objection to the high cost of the \$11 million inaugural was heard from Sen. Donald Riegle, D-Mich., who couldn't see spending \$400 to buy, or \$40 to rent, the formal outfit suggested for the daytime inauguration itself. "We'll all be in topcoats, so what is underneath really is less important," he said.

Riegle was not touching the right base. Every American mother teaches her child that what's underneath is important. You can be sure than when Abraham Lincoln put on his top hat to go out and search for basic American values, his mother made sure he also put on clean underwear.

It is appropriate that the \$11 million inaugural festivities began with the band playing "Fanfare for the Common Man." A lot of common men are out of work these days. Some of them are having trouble feeding their families. It is good that inaugural music was used to remind the common man that someday he, too, could be rich enough to waste \$11 million.

There is nothing like the fanfare of trumpets blasting in a common man's ears to help him appreciate that there are people in top hats and Galanos gowns who are determined to work four score and seven years to return this nation to basic American values, even if they have to cut the food stamp program to do it.

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