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West and Stafford in Showboat '81 split week

Showboat 1981 ought to be a smash success with the talent signed and a new ticket policy to boot! Country music's sunshine, Dottie West, will star on Showboat 1981 Monday

through Wednesday, July 20-22, and singer/comedian Jim Stafford takes center stage Thursday through Saturday, July 23-25. Appearing nightly as the featured support act will be



THINK JAZZ

Tickets are now available for the Lowell Area Arts Council concert featuring Jazz great Eddie Daniels. The concert is slated for Saturday, April 25 at the Lowell Middle School at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 with a \$3 rate for students. Seats are not reserved but they are limited in capacity, so it would be good if you purchased your tickets soon at That Special Place on Main St. or by sending a self-addressed envelope with ticket money to LAAC, Box 53, Lowell.

BEGINNING WITH FLOUR

King Milling Co. will be featured in an upcoming segment of Channel 13, WZZM-TV, PM MAGAZINE. Television cameras were shooting at the milling company on Tuesday afternoon with show hosts Kathy Fountain and Jim Mika for footage to introduce a story about the Nabisco cookie empire and the millions of pounds of flour used every year to create them.

SPECIAL WEEK

Governor William Milliken has declared the week of March 27 through April 2 as Better Business Week in Michigan and the BBB of Western Michigan deserves bouquets for quickly apprising the public of questionable selling practices, mail order schemes and confidence games. The BBB is a non-profit corporation dedicated to maintaining the free enterprise system.

While we're at it, today (Wednesday) is April Fool's Day. Bet you were expecting the sometimes wacky Ledger Staff to play a trick on you, weren't you? Well, other than the normal number of typos we probably

GOTCHA!!!

OFF THE BLOTTER

Taken into custody on Saturday evening and lodged in the Kent County Jail pending arraignment was Wayne Johnson of Lowell for driving while license was suspended.

Arrested on Wednesday, March 25, was Edward Prohl of Lowell after he turned himself in to Lowell officers. Prohl was wanted on three counts of armed robbery in Grand Traverse County. A second subject, Barnes Winton, was arrested on Friday, March 13, by Kent County Sheriff's detectives and Lowell officers on the same charges.

Elizabeth Clark was injured Saturday afternoon when she reportedly made a left turn in front of a vehicle driven by Mark Essich at the corner of Main and Hudson Sts.

Melvin Shields was cited to appear in 63rd District Court for having an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle early Sunday morning. Shields was driving westbound on Main St. near West St. when he crossed the center lane and struck a parked vehicle. He was cited for driving left of center.

Two vehicles were reported stolen from Lowell this past week. The first was taken from the Attwood Corp. parking lot on Thursday evening. The second one taken from the 500 block of West Main St. and was recovered later the same Saturday in Ionia County by the Ionia County Sheriff's department.

Darrell Brigham of Lowell was charged in 63rd District Court with receiving and concealing stolen property. According to State Police at the Rockford post, Brigham was stopped on a minor traffic offense and found two stolen rifles in the back of Brigham's vehicle. He was lodged in the Kent County Jail on \$5,000 bond.

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Dottie West will bring her dazzling smile and country sounds to the Showboat stage this summer as star of the annual family entertainment extravaganza on Monday through Wednesday nights, July 20-22.



Popular television personality and musical humorist, Jim Stafford will star on the Lowell Showboat 1981 for three nights, Thursday through Sunday, July 23-25.

Alive & Well, popular West Michigan singing group and Lowell's pride.

Dottie West is a top country artist with wide audience appeal. Both her solo career and her successful duet teaming with Kenny Rogers have given her numerous Gold Records. Her list of awards for both singing and songwriting is impressive including 13 country hits, 16 Grammy nominations a Grammy Award for "Here Comes My Baby", and a Cleo Award for one of the dozen Coca Cola commercials she wrote, to name a few.

The auburn-haired singer wrote her first hit in 1961 and recorded her first smash single in 1964, "Love Is No Excuse", which she also wrote. A few of her other hits are "Would You Hold It Against Me", "Paper Mansions", "Rings of Gold" and "I Was Raised On Country Sunshine." West's versatility as a pure vocalist promises Showboat audiences an outstanding performance.

Jim Stafford is a multitalented entertainer, with credits as a singer, composer, comedian, musician, actor and television star. He presently co-stars with Priscilla Presley and Burgess Meredith on ABC's "Those Amazing Animals."

Stafford's songs are often humorous stories which have hit the funny bone of today's America, including "My Girl Bill", "Wildwood Weed", "Swamp Witch", "Spiders and Snakes". His most recent hit, "Cow Pattie", is at the top of the charts now. Handsome and single as well as talented, Stafford will be an audience pleaser.

Seven member Alive & Well released its first album in December of last year to critical acclaim. The musical group has performed together for the past eight years and are especially popular in Western Michigan. They

Reminder: crafts for kids today OR KID

The Lowell Library will offer craft workshops for elementary students ages 7 to 10 this morning at 10:30 a.m. (Wednesday, April 1).

In cooperation with the Children's Services Department of Kent County Library students will be able to create collages of their own design during the hour program. Each participant will also be given a booklet of craft ideas collected from library books. There will be a display of craft books available for borrowing.

have entertained throughout the Mid-west. Group members are: Dave Jones, Dan Lomas, Dale Kropf, Cindy Kropf, Rocky Jedrezak, Jerry Adams and Carl Andrews. All are originally from Lowell except Jedrezak of Grandville.

Members of the Lowell Showboat Corporation, a non-profit organization, have decided to replace the Family Night concept with General Admission tickets for each night of the week.

In years past, Monday night's Showboat performance offered reduced prices on seats for Family Night. With nightly General Admission tickets for sale, every night can be family night.

APPOINTMENTS — Not always needed at Vanity Hair Fashions, open five days. Lowell, 897-7506. c-3-od

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General Admission tickets will include both seats with backs and without and are on a "first come, first serve" basis at \$5 Monday through Thursday and \$6 for Friday and Saturday night seats.

Reserved seat prices were raised by 50c this year and range from \$6.50 to \$8.50 on week nights, Monday through Thursday; and \$7.50 to \$9.50 weekend nights, Friday and Saturday.

Advance reservation requests may be sent to Lowell Showboat, Box 56, Lowell, MI 49331. Phone reservations may be made after May 1. The phone number will be publicized in the Ledger at that time.

Quilt class begins.

Registrations are now being taken for a three-week Quilting Class offered by the YMCA of Lowell. There is a renewed interest in this nearly-lost American craft.

The Quilting sessions are scheduled for April 7, 14 and 21 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the YMCA offices. Two projects will be completed during the class. Instructors will be Pat Elzinga and Bev Hall.

Call the YMCA offices to register or for further information. 897-88545.

STRAND Theatre Friday, April 3 thru Monday, April 6 Rated PG	Filmed at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island! "SOMEWHERE IN TIME"		ONE SHOW EACH NIGHT AT 8PM Monday Is Bargain Night
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Glass decor on vehicles banned

Effective March 31, owners and operators of motor vehicles registered and used in Michigan are advised by the State Police that it will be unlawful to have certain glass areas on the vehicles which have been treated so that they dangerously limit or restrict passage of light or cause potential hazard by reducing visibility of persons within or outside of the vehicles.

This amendment to the Michigan Vehicle Code, enforceable by all police officers in the state, prohibits operation on highways of vehicles whose windshield, rear window or side windows are covered with reflective transparent material which affects the color of or reduces the transmission of light through those windows. Violation is a civil infraction punishable by a civil fine up to \$100.

Specifically, the law prohibits window application, reflective film, or nonreflective film upon or in the front windshield and front side windows which are adjacent to driver and front seat passenger. Exception provides for use of tinted film for the top areas of such windows up to four inches from the window top. For rear or rear side windows behind the driver the law prohibits use of material which reflects more than 35 percent of the sun's visible light, including silver or gold reflective film.

The reflective transparent materials in popular use are objectionable because they dangerously reduce visibility of drivers, especially at night; cause reflective glare from sunlight or headlights which may temporarily blind approaching motorists; limit ability of law enforcement personnel to identify persons within such vehicles who may be needed as traffic or other violation case witnesses; and pose danger to police

Saved by the belt

Automobile Club of Michigan has issued a joint appeal to police agencies and the news media throughout Michigan to help cut traffic deaths by increasing motorists' awareness of the value of wearing safety belts.

More than 95 percent of those killed in Michigan traffic accidents in 1980, where facts are known, were not wearing belts.

Almost half of those killed last year would be alive today had they been wearing belts.

The Auto Club appealed to police officials to report instances where persons who escaped serious injury or death by wearing safety belts to the local news media as testimonials to convince motorists to buckle up.

The Auto Club will publicly recognize every police agency which cooperates in this venture at the end of 1981 and the Club's Michigan Living magazine will periodically report all cases which come to its attention.

The Auto Club also said that persons escaping serious injury or death by wearing a belt, which is verified by law enforcement records, will receive a certificate of membership in the American Seat Belt Council's "Saved By the Belt Club."

Wayland teen draws 4 years probation

A Wayland youth who, with his father, pistol-whipped a state game officer must serve nearly four years probation.

John Carlisle, 15, will be on probation until his 19th birthday and was ordered to

pay \$300 in court costs for an assault on game officer Scott Averill at Acme Creek. Carlisle's father, Kenneth, 44, also was convicted in the assault and previously sentenced to up to 12 years in prison for the offense.

The pair was arrested Oct. 23 after they were accused of pistol-whipping Averill. The game warden had ticketed them for illegally spearing trout in Acme Creek.



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Calvin College to host Open House

Calvin College will host an open house for parents of high school juniors and seniors Thursday, April 9, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the conference rooms on the lower level of the Commons Building.

Administrators and professors will give information about vocational goals, financial aid, and how costs at Calvin compare to those at public college and universities.

Information will also be

given on requirements of the various academic departments, student life, and job placement for Calvin graduates, followed by optional guided tours of the campus.

Visitors welcome at local observatory

Visitors Nights will begin April 11 at the James C. Veen Observatory. The Observatory, open to the public on the second Saturday and last Friday now through Oc-

tober from 8:30 to 11 p.m., is located at 3308 Kissing Rock Road in Lowell.

This multi-faceted astronomical observation and educational center was designed

and built by the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association with assistance from the Public Museum. The Observatory houses two fully equipped optical telescopes, a radio telescope, a lecture room seating 40 people, a library and a photographic darkroom.

The facility is used almost every clear night for a variety of activities: individual observations, photographic programs, field trips for school classes and the public inspections mentioned previously. During a 1979 photography program, the study of the brightness of objects, a variable star was discovered by participating students. This and other ongoing programs help to make the Veen Observatory an integral part of the astronomical community, nationally as well as locally.

Visitors nights are sponsored by the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association and the Roger B. Chaffee Planetarium of the Grand Rapids Public Museum. Guests at the Observatory on these special visitors nights will be permitted to observe the sky when the night is clear, with an audiovisual presentation and tours of the facility regardless of the weather. There is no admission charge.

To reach Veen Observatory, follow Cascade Road south to 36th Street and then east on 36th Street about four (4) miles to Kissing Rock Road. Go north on Kissing Rock Road one third mile to Observatory Drive, which goes to the right and will be well marked during the hours visitors are welcome.

Seniors can register for jobs

Kent Community Action Program and Senior Neighbors, Inc. are working together in a Job Register and Order Program that will utilize the job skills and abilities of those over 60 to provide needed services to Kent County residents.

In Senior Neighbors' centers and in the meal sites operated by Kent CAP, the older worker will register and list abilities and job qualifications. Those who are in need of services may place "job orders". The worker with the skill to respond to a particular job order will be referred to the person who has made the request for service. The centers and meal sites will be clearing houses to match up abilities and needs.

The purpose of the program is to help the older workers supplement their incomes, as well as to make it possible for those who need small home repairs, or other services to obtain them at affordable costs. Any monetary arrangements will be made by the parties involved. In some cases a barter system will develop where services are exchanged for other services or goods.

Those interested in the Job program should call Candi Miner, 459-6019 or Janet David, 774-3828, for further information. Job orders may also be placed by calling these numbers.

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Lessens attains Eagle rank



Mark Lessens of 517 Elm St. was awarded Eagle rank in the Boy Scouts of America in a Court of Honor held last Saturday evening, Mar. 28. Lessens is the third son of Dan and Phyllis Lessens to attain the Eagle rank. Mark's brother George attained Eagle rank in 1972 and their brother Mike became an Eagle Scout in 1976. Mark is a member of Lowell Boy Scout Troop 102 and is a freshman at Grand Rapids Junior College majoring in engineering. He graduated in 1980 from Lowell Senior High School in the Top 10 of his class. He served as Student Representative to the Lowell City Council in 1979-80. Mark is a part-time employee of King Milling Co. of Lowell. According to a spokesman at BSA headquarters in Grand Rapids, there are no statistics available on how

often multiple members of a family make Eagle rank but records show that every 50 boys who start scouting, only one will make Eagle rank. Eagle Scouts must attain five previous ranks and complete a public service project. Lessens service project was work on the Lowell Football Field. Lessens received his award at the annual Scout banquet held at St. Mary's All-Purpose room. Guest speaker of the evening was City Manager Ray Quada.

Other scouts earning awards are: SKILL AWARDS — Mike Purcell, Rick Watson, Mike Harding, Randy Tulecki, Steve Barley, Paul Christin, Ron Kammers, Mike Fenei, Cliff Watson, Tim Mullen, Bentley Whitman, Dee Watson, Jeff Smart, Jeff Childs; MERIT BADGES — Mike Purcell, Mark Lessens, Steve Butts, David Thaler, Rob Applegate, Randy Tulecki, Rick Steghuis, Rick Watson, Jamie Zywicki.

Board Proceedings

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION School Board Meeting Resume March 23, 1981

After a full discussion led by President Roger Kropf, resolutions were passed that four administrators be notified that the board is considering nonrenewal of their contracts for financial reasons. Assistant Superintendent George Jacob presented an update on the state aid picture as it looks today. Dr. Jacob outlined research and actions taken in preparation for listing priority recommendations to the board. These recommendations, from staff and administration, were examined by the board, along with the community attitudes as determined through the recent community survey. The Board then adopted the preamble and resolution on holding the annual election, including the Notice of Last Day of Registration. Action was taken which changed the next regular meeting date from April 13 to Monday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. in board offices, with a special meeting called for Monday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. in board offices.

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BAMPA — Mi-ak. I do it. —Mark.
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The family of Walter Brandt wishes to thank all for the love and kindness shown to us during the illness and death of our beloved Walter, especially our pastor Mark Buckert, the people of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and our good friends and neighbors who fed us not only spiritually but physically as well. We pray God's richest blessings on you all.

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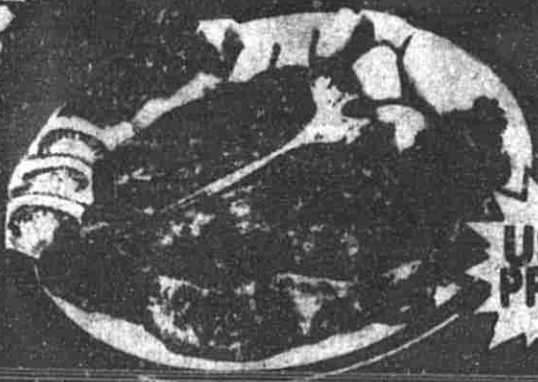
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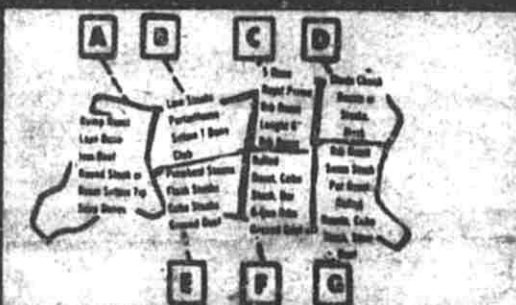
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