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## Jim Stafford stars on Showboat '81

"I did a Ted Mack Amateur Hour performance, but I guess I didn't win. That was over 15 years ago and I haven't heard from them," jests Jim Stafford, one of the stars on this year's Lowell Showboat.

While Stafford failed to be selected by the famous amateur talent TV show personality, he's been hearing from just about everyone else in the entertainment field. Stafford is recognized by the profession as one of the most versatile entertainers and is in demand for television, movies, leading night clubs and tour concerts.

Stafford and famous country singer Dottie West headline the week-long 1981 Lowell Showboat production. The trim, auburn-haired singer

takes over the spotlight July 20, 21 & 22. Stafford moves to the center stage July 23, 24 & 25. All nightly performances at the Lowell Riverside Amphitheatre begin at 9 p.m.

Also sharing the entertainment limelight for the entire six nights is Lowell's own talented musical group, "Alive & Well". The seven member group will be performing every evening for 30 minutes. Also, on the nightly program are the Showboat Chorus, Orchestra, popular Endman and two amateur talent contest winners.

Like most present day entertainers, Stafford had an early flair for music. He was reared in the small town of Eloise, Fla. His parents were country musicians from Ten-



Handsome Jim Stafford brings his humor and music to the Lowell Showboat stage July 23, 24 & 25.

## Talent night is family fun

Showboat Talent Night is this Saturday night, July 11, at 8 p.m. at Riverside Amphitheatre. This annual contest for 12 spots in the Showboat Week program is sponsored by the Lowell Lions Club and is a traditional family entertainment.

Thirty-two acts will compete for the two spots each night of Showboat Week. Talented amateurs will sing, dance, pick banjos, do musical comedy routines and more. Representing the immediate area are acts from Lowell, Saranac, Ionia, Belding, Kentwood and Grand Rapids. Other acts hail from as far away as Livonia, Owosso, Sturgis, Flushing, Chesaning and Portage, to name a few.

Talented ventriloquist Jimmy Still of Lowell will perform while the judges make their tough decisions. Showboat's Endmen and Interlocutor Gordon Gould will introduce the acts and interject their humorous patter.

Judges for Talent Night are Bob Sheen of WION radio in Ionia, Dar Taft of

WPLB radio in Greenville, Chris McFarland of WOTV in Grand Rapids, Mike Gordon of WCUZ radio in Grand Rapids, and Mike Lozo, News Editor of the Cedar Springs Clipper.

Tickets for Talent Night are available at the gate: \$1.50 for adults and 75c for children.

## Vennen adds Plymouth line

If you've dialed 897-9281 in the last week or so, the phone has been answered with: "Hello, Vennen Chrysler, Dodge and Plymouth". That's right, Henry Vennen, owner of the dealership is pleased to announce the addition of Chrysler Corporation's Plymouth line of automobiles to his selection of Dodges, Chryslers and Dodge Trucks. Though the new line was officially added on June 26, the first Plymouths are not due into the dealership at 930 W. Main until later this week.

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### 10 DAYS AND COUNTING

**IMPORTANT MEETING:** The Sesquicentennial Committee will hold a meeting (hopefully its last, according to the chairman) in City Hall on Thursday, July 9 at 8 p.m. It is imperative that all concerned be there or send a committee member to report on the status of the celebration.

Added to the events of the 3-day birthday party is a balloon ascension on Friday, July 17 between 7 and 8 p.m. in the field next to Eberhard. The lift-off is sponsored by the Lowell Senior Neighbors and everyone is invited to the launch which will officially open the Sesquicentennial Celebration.

**REMINDER:** "Favorite Hometown Recipes", the Lowell Sesquicentennial Cookbook filled with old-timey recipes, is available for \$3 at That Special Place, the Grand Valley Ledger or from Mrs. Ellura McPherson, 897-7110.

### BAND REHEARSAL

A special opportunity to be a part of the Sesquicentennial Celebration is open to all high school band members, including those entering the 9th grade. The band will march in the Sesquicentennial Parade on July 18 at 2 p.m. under the direction of Roger MacNaughton. Band members who participate will be given special red Sesquicentennial T-shirts by the celebration steering committee that will be worn in the parade. A band rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lowell High School Band Room. Hopefully, as many members of the band as possible will take part in this momentous occasion.

### REUNITING

Lowell High School's Class of 1931 will have a picnic at Fallsburg Park on Sunday, July 19 at 1 p.m. in the pavilion. The Classes of '30 and '32 are invited as well as others who attended school with the Class of '31. For information call 897-8263.

### BUSY WEEKEND

This weekend will be a busy one as the summer days of Michigan ripen. Showboat Talent Night is Saturday evening, July 11. (See the article in this issue.) If you will be out of town, perhaps you'd like to include the performance of Victor Borge at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp on Saturday evening.

All Secretary of State branch offices will be closed Friday, July 10 in compliance with the Governor's directive furloughing all state employees without pay for six days throughout the year. Branch offices with normal Saturday hours will be open Saturday, July 11. Those whose license plates or drivers licenses expire on July 10 should renew prior to that day.

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nessee and picked banjos, guitars and fiddles as hobbies.

At the age of 14 Stafford began playing guitar and rock-and-roll in high school. His career desire was to become a commercial artist, but the lure of the music field turned Stafford's thoughts.

Stafford's debut in the entertainment field came several years later when he joined the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville as a guitarist. Being progressive, Stafford turned to writing novelty songs because he didn't think his voice was good enough to be a ballad or pop singer. This 'handicap' gave birth to Staf-

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## Macker tourney is b-ball fever

Mackerville has reappeared! This weekend the area around Dick and Bonnie McNeal's residence at 521 Elizabeth St. has been renamed "Mackerville" and will be the site of this year's Macker Tourney. The 8th Annual One and Only Original "Yes, we're building an empire" Gus Macker All World Invitational Three-on-Three Outdoor/Backyard Basketball Tournament will start Friday night, July 10, and run until Sunday evening, July 12.

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Leon Guydon of last year's Division I Macker Tourney Championship team shoots over Michigan State's Ben Tower (former Saranac basketball star). Others pictured include Val Bracey, Tim Bracey and Kevin Reynolds. The Macker Tournament is set for this weekend.

## Lowell man burned in explosion

Larry Winchel, 28, of 3439 Murray Lake NE, Lowell, was burned over 45 percent of his body in an explosion and fire at his home on Monday, July 6. Winchel was taken to the burn unit at Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids where he was reported in critical condition as this issue goes to press.

According to officials at the scene, Winchel was attempting to light a gas water heater about 8:30 p.m. when it exploded causing extensive burns to the hands and face.

the scene of the accident and administered aid to Winchel until the ambulance arrived.

Grattan Township Fire Department was assisted at the scene by the Lowell Fire Department. The home sustained extensive damage but is not a total loss. Estimated loss figures were not available.

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<p>Friday, July 10th</p> <p>Thru</p> <p>Monday, July 13th</p>	<p><b>ONE SHOW EACH NIGHT AT 8PM</b></p> <hr/> <p>Monday Is Bargain Night</p>	

Obituaries

DE VRIES — John M. DeVries, aged 61, of 10 Flat River Dr. SE, Lowell, passed away very suddenly at St. Mary's Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn I. DeVries; his children, John S. and Carol DeVries; one grandson; three sisters, Mrs. Alice Systsma, Mrs. Nelle Tubergen and Mrs. Leone Naata, all of Grand Rapids; five nieces and one nephew.

Graveside services were held Monday afternoon at Rosedale Memorial Park, with Rev. Thurian E. Meredith of Northlawn United Methodist Church officiating.

HEATER — Gerald A. Heater, 46, of 222 Mill St., Ionia, died Monday, July 6, 1981 at Cherry Creek Nursing Home, Lowell.

He married Patricia Allen in April 1974, at Whitmore Lake. He moved to Ionia from Ann Arbor in March 1979.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia; one son, Gerald Arthur Heater II, of Ionia; one daughter, Sherri Lynn Heater of Ionia; step-sons, George Thomas Nelson of Ionia and Robert Ren of Ionia, two step-daughters, Roxanne Jean Nelson of Ionia and Renee Osburn of California; four brothers, Richard Heater of Ypsilanti, Robert Heater of Ann Arbor,

and Walter and Larry Heater of California; two half-brothers, Joseph Jamnick and Stephen Jamnick of Ann Arbor; two half-sisters, Karen Huss of California, June Sanders of Ypsilanti, one step-sister, Evelyn Bush of Lansing; and one grandchild.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. from the Ionia Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Kirk Starkweather officiating.

MARTIN — Jessie M. Martin, aged 51, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, July 1, 1981.

She is survived by her husband, Alfred; three sons, Albert E., Frank W. and Stephen M. Martin all of Lowell; two brothers, Frank Smith of Alto, and Bob Feules of Grand Rapids; and four grandchildren.

Services were Friday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, with Rev. Gerald R. Bates of the First United Methodist Church officiating.

PINCKNEY — Miss Nancy Pinckney, aged 40, of 961 Alpine Hills, Grand Rapids, passed away suddenly Monday, June 29, 1981 at Butterworth Hospital.

She is survived by her mother Eleanor Williams of Comstock Park; her brother and sisters, Gerald Williams of Comstock Park, Robert and Sandy of Oklahoma, Ray Williams of Grand Rapids, Vernon and Fran Pinckney of Pennsylvania, Richard and Kay Saboo of Alto, Donald

and Mary Becker of Jenison, Rodney and Charlene Gules of Grant; several uncles, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday at the funeral home. Interment Fairplains Cemetery.

RANKIN — Edward L. Rankin, aged 75, of Lowell, passed away July 2, 1981.

He is survived by his wife, Lena; his children, Mrs. Charles (Maureen) Beswick; granddaughters, Brenda and Nancy of Warren, MI; and Mrs. Brenda Moscovice and granddaughter, Sue Anne of Honolulu, Hawaii; two brothers, John Rankin of Pittsburgh, KS, and Donald Rankin of Big Rapids, MI; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Bray of Galena, KS, and Mrs. Wilma Speer of Denver, Colo.

Mr. Rankin graduated from Kansas State College, Pittsburgh, KA, with a BS degree and received his Masters Degree from the University of Michigan. He was a member of the Phi Delta Kappa Educational Fraternity.

For 14 years he served the Houghton Lake School at Houghton Lake, MI, as Teacher, Coach, Principal and Superintendent. He then left the classroom and office to become an Educational Representative for the D.C. Heath & Co., publishers of school textbooks.

Mr. Rankin served for several years as Director of the Board of Education for Vergennes Township School District #10, before he became part of the Lowell area schools; three years as a member of the Lowell Board

of Education, he taught five years in Lowell Senior High before retiring.

Funeral Mass was said Monday at St. Mary's Church, with Rev. Thomas Schiller, celebrant. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorials to the Margaret Court Scholarship Fund.

STILES — Robert E. Stiles, aged 58, passed away suddenly Sunday, July 5, 1981 in Graveville, MI.

He is survived by his children, Robert and Michael Stiles and Mrs. Dawn Seese of Lowell; a brother, Jack Stiles of Lowell; a sister, Mrs. Alma Vosburg of Ada; a sister-in-law, Betty Stiles of Belding; five grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, 11 a.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

STORY — Ware C. Story, aged 71 of Lowell, passed away Monday, July 6, 1981.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; his children, Marlynn (Jim) Hayden of Highland, MI, Connie (Don) Bos of Saranac and Patricia Anne at home; a brother George Story of Lowell; a sister, Frieda Pitsch of Saranac; and an aunt Bessie Kyser of Lowell; seven grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, with Rev. Gerald R. Bates of the First United Methodist Church officiating. Interment South Boston Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Heart Fund.

WITHERELL — Burwell L. Witherell, 51, of Riverview, Fla., died Monday morning, June 29, 1981 in Saranac.

He was born Nov. 21, 1929, at Grand Rapids, to Joel and Elizabeth (Bisbrow) Witherell. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was retired from Fisher Body, Lansing. He had lived in Florida the past two years after moving from Ionia.

Kinnebrew work shown in Philadelphia

The Fish Ladder, designed by artist Joseph Kinnebrew, of Lowell, was recently featured in an art exhibition "Urban Encounters: Art, Architecture, Audience" at the Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania.

The exhibition of public art documented selected sites in the United States that have been marked by an architect, landscape architect, painter or sculptor during the past fifteen years. In this exhibition, Public Art is defined as works in urban spaces through which people may pass, pause, gather or enact a variety of social activities.

Public art is about fifteen years old if its beginning is marked with Picasso's model for the Chicago Civic Center, conceived in 1965 and installed in 1967. The works in the

exhibition were based on several needs: "the demands of the community to mark a space or of a corporation to enhance its image as a patron, and a process designed to choose quality works and introduce the public to recent aesthetic developments." Kinnebrew said, "Public art is a unique form of artistic expression. It involves a delicate relationship between the artist's own creative thought and the public's need for aesthetic statements in a variety of ways."

Kinnebrew work shown in Philadelphia

Two other nationally known artists, Calder and DiSvervo, whose works are also in Grand Rapids, were represented in the exhibition.

The exhibition was held at the Philadelphia Art Museum from July 11-13. It was the first time that public art works by Kinnebrew were shown outside of Michigan.

4-H fun day here Sat.

Three students from this area were among those awarded degrees at Central Michigan University at the end of the winter session in May.

Linda B. Scheidel of 2065 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, earned a Bachelor of Science in Education degree with a Geography major. Maureen A. McCormick, 626 Ada Drive, Ada, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a Recreation major. Kirt A. Burgdorf, 120 Hawley Hwy., Saranac, earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree with a double major in Business Administration and Business Education.

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On Saturday, July 11, the 4-H fairgrounds in Lowell will be the site of a 4-H Day at the Fairgrounds.

This free event is open to everyone and will feature an open horse show, a 4-H member dog "Fun Match," a Country Market, an Ice Cream Social and entertainment by some 4-H clowns!

"This is a perfect opportunity for people to see what 4-H'ers are doing," says Pat Tolle, Kent County 4-H Agent.

The festivities will begin at 11 a.m. and last through the afternoon. The Horse Show, sponsored by the Kent County 4-H Horse Leaders' Association, will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The Captain's Quarters



by Forrest Buck

To many, a date is just a series of numbers on the calendar, of little meaning and soon forgotten. 1761 means nothing to many but to 3,000 Indians it meant a speech by Chief Pontiac at the junction of the Flat, and Grand River just below what was first known as Dansville and is now known as Lowell, Michigan.

In 1831, Daniel Marsac built a trading post on the south bank of Grand River. In 1931 Lowell celebrated 100 years of history, and now in 1981, we celebrate a Sesquicentennial—150 years of joys and sorrows—some things to remember; some things better to be forgotten but nevertheless, a heritage handed down to the present generation to perpetuate.

In 1932 the Showboat Story began, and now in 1981, we take time to ponder its past, evaluate the present, hopefully predict the future.

March 31, 1932 Steven Ruh, an itinerant printer, working for Joe Hutchinson, editor of the Lowell Journal presented N.E. Borgerson, the idea of utilizing the existing Flat River and its surroundings as a backdrop for an old-time Mississippi Riverboat theme. Lowell Showboat, gave its first performance Wednesday night, Aug. 10, 1932. It was estimated 5,000 attended the four night show. It rained the first Saturday night and a repeat performance was presented the following Wednesday. Tickets were 25c and receipts amounted to \$1,249.50 and expenses were \$779.83, a neat profit of \$469.67 at a time of Depression.

Four years later the boat known as the George Washington, was replaced by the Robert E. Lee. The first was a sternwheeler; the second a sidewheeler. Not only was there a change in the boat style, reserved seats were available for an extra charge of 25c. Soon an orchestra and professional acts were added to the home-talent cast and tickets went to \$1.20.

In 1938 a new boat was built by Walter Graham, at a

cost of \$11,383 (This was the boat destroyed in the 1978 storm). In 1964, Vice President Gerald Ford dedicated the new Amphitheater, built by the Bieri Brothers contractors, and the Showboat was deeply in debt. (Prior to this the 1964 Showboat showed a \$3,500 deficit).

In 1976 the Showboat nearly went under. Halloween pranksters set fire to the boat causing extensive damage. Two rainouts, along with a less than positive headliner, left the Showboat Board in the position of having to look up to see bottom. It was decided to "Go For Broke". In 1977, Pearl Bailey was signed on a percentage. She left with the highest amount ever paid a Showboat performer. It might be said she saved the Showboat.

Saturday, August 19, 1978 at 4:30 a.m., an early morning windstorm damaged the amphitheater and completely destroyed the boat. A "Rebuild The Boat" campaign was organized. Help came from thousands of sources and a new sternwheeler was built by Ivan Blough.

Today, the Board of Directors have set up a new system of bookkeeping. The non-profit corporation is still in debt, but, a systematic schedule has been laid out whereby all debts can be paid in the foreseeable future.

This year we have a super show: Dottie West, July 20-21-22; Jim Stafford July 23-24-25. Both are top entertainers. "Alive & Well", a delightful entertaining group will appear nightly. (They originate in Lowell and we claim them as our own). The Showboat chorus numbers about a hundred. We have three new endmen: returning Terry Buck, newcomers Randy Adams, and Steve Dickerson. They are great fellows

and a pleasure to work with. They will join veterans Dick McNeal, Terry Fenech and myself, under the direction of Interlocutor Gordon Gould. Don't forget the winners of the talent contest (see and hear them at the tryouts Saturday, July 11 at the Amphitheater, sponsored by the Lowell Lions Club.

The format of the Showboat has changed from the old-time Minstrels to a more sophisticated stage show. At the present, this area is saturated with entertainers. Most of these entertainers have priced themselves out of our budget. Most of these take their \$100 grand out of the community leaving the producers with little or no profit. This the Showboat does not need.

I am impressed with the Grand Rapids Festival. They had no Big Names, but the many ethnic groups of the area combined to make the venture a success and drew tremendous crowds. Perhaps we should stay with the things that brought success: provide a balance of old fashioned Mississippi Showboat entertainment along with affordable price professional acts. Perhaps we will not have sell-outs every night, but we will not be spending money beyond our means, and perhaps some of that money will remain within our community.

You can continue to see the so called BIG names by pushing a button on the T.V. but the only place you can see and hear the Lowell Showboat is from the banks of the Flat River, Lowell, MI. Let's continue to give a good clean, family sort of entertainment at a good affordable price and continue to do so for many years to come.—Bucky.

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Happy Birthday...

July 11: Matt Quada, Gladys Schroeder, Clara Schoenborn.

July 12: Eunice Keim, Louise Rusilowski, Kathleen Wittenbach, Ethel Kelly, Cole Burdette.

July 13: Betty Arnett, John Jones, Marian DeVries.

July 14: Florence Krystinjak, Mindy Walling.

July 15: Carolyn Briggs.

July 16: Bobby McWhinney, Jamie Johnson, Frank Miller.

July 17: Vicki Abel, Fernie Cooley.

Belated: Sharon Wierenga 7/6.

YOU NAME IT... Phone pad, grocery list, score sheets, doodle pads, notes for Mom, whatever. Ledger Scratch Pads are 75¢ a pound. Pick your own size! 105 N. Broadway.

Coming Events

WED., JULY 8: Free program for children aged 6-10 at Lowell Library at 11 a.m. Special program, "Looney Tunes and Tales."

SAT., JULY 11: REMS Pool Party & Picnic. Table service provided. For reservations and more information call Nadine Petzold 949-8499. All MS people invited.

SAT., JULY 11: Open House, Veen Observatory, 3308 Kissing Rock Rd., Lowell. Free guided tours and inspections, telescopic observations if weather is clear. 8:30 to 11 p.m.

MON., JULY 13: The Golden Swingers will meet Monday evening, July 13 for potluck supper at 6 p.m. at the Fallsburg Park Pavilion porch. Bring own service, a dish to pass and own beverage. A good program will follow the supper. All welcome.

JUNE 13-AUG. 23: Made in Grand Rapids: 150 Years of Furniture, a comprehensive exhibit on the furniture industry in Grand Rapids.

SUN. JULY 19: Lowell High School Class of '31 picnic at Fallsburg Park at 1 p.m. in the pavilion. Classes of '30 & '32 are invited and others who attended classes with us. Information call 897-8263.

\$1. children and senior citizens 50¢, under 5 free.

WED., JULY 15: Band Rehearsal for the Sesquicentennial Parade at 6:30 p.m. in the Lowell High School Band Room. We would like as many members of the band as possible for this momentous occasion. Call 897-8964 for information.

WED., JULY 15: At 10 a.m. at the Lowell Library, arts and crafts for children aged 7-10 with the Grand Rapids Artmobile! Pre-register for this program, call 897-9596.

WED., JULY 15: Lowell Garden Lore Club will meet at 10:45 a.m. at Johnson's parking lot, then go to Bob Evans restaurant for lunch. Then tour the gardens of Mrs. Thelma Kimble, Kentwood.

TUES., JULY 21: Guest Night, Mill Creek Chapter of Sweet Adelines invites women 18 and up at 8 p.m. at the Pick Motor Inn off Plainfield. Information call 887-7451.

Advertisement for SAM'S SERVICE CENTER, including services like Tune-Up Specials, Disc Brake Specials, Trans. Overhaul, and various tire and oil services. Includes a 'JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY TIRE SALE!!!' graphic.

Advertisement for Grand Valley Ledger newspaper, mentioning its location at 105 N. Broadway and subscription information.

Advertisement for The Grand Valley Ledger, featuring 'Special SLACKS or PANTS \$1.59' and 'Good Thru Tuesday, July 14th CURTIS DRY CLEANERS'.

Advertisement for Curtis Dry Cleaners, featuring 'Special SLACKS or PANTS \$1.59' and 'Good Thru Tuesday, July 14th CURTIS DRY CLEANERS'.

Large advertisement for Lippert Pharmacy, featuring various products like 'McGraw-Edison FAN', 'Katlan Bug Killer', 'CIGARETTES', 'BOAT CUSHION', 'LIFE JACKET', and 'Myladec or Theragan VITAMINS'. Includes a graphic of a man playing a trumpet.

### Kropf promoted to district mgr.

Gary J. Kropf has been appointed district manager of the Chicago, Illinois sales district of Crucible Specialty Metals Division of Colt Industries, it was announced by James M. Stevenson, vice president, sales and marketing. He replaces William A. Morgan, who is retiring after 45 years with Crucible.

Kropf joined Crucible from the Wyckoff Steel Division of Ampco-Pittsburg Corporation, where he served as western regional sales manager. Prior employment includes positions as product manager at Wisconsin Steel, a division of International Harvester, and metallurgist for the diesel equipment division of General Motors.

A native of Lowell, he graduated from Michigan State University with a B.S. in metallurgy. He also earned an M.B.A. at Western Michigan University.

Kropf resides in Hinsdale, Illinois with his wife, Joanne.



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# Church News

## Wedding vows spoken



Mr. and Mrs. Mark W. Geldersma

Miss Charlene Reynolds and Mark William Geldersma were married on June 27 at St. Mary's Church of Lowell by Fr. Thomas Schiller.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Jean Reynolds of Columbus, Montana. The groom is the son of Russell

and Lillian Geldersma of Lowell.

Terry Reynolds served as her sister's Maid of Honor. Jill Reynolds, also sister of the bride, was Bridesmaid.

Jerry Dalstra was Best Man and Troy O'Neil was Groomsman. John Sarniak and Bruce Sloan were Ushers.

The wedding reception was held at the Double R Ranch in Smyrna with John and June Joling, sister and brother-in-law of the groom, as Master and Mistress of Ceremonies.

After a honeymoon trip to Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the new Mr. and Mrs. Geldersma will make their home at 12465 McPherson, Lowell.

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## 5-day Clubs begin

The First Baptist Church of Lowell will be conducting a series of 5-day Clubs for ages 5 to 11 the week of July 13-17 at the following locations:  
10:30-11:30 a.m. — 2071 Enid, Lot 73, Key Heights Trailer Park.  
10:30-11:30 a.m. — Lot 62 Francesca Ct. Valley Vista Trailer Park.  
10:30-11:30 a.m. — 240 Roberta Jayne, Valley Vista.  
1-2 p.m. — 10801 Woodbushe, Eastgate.  
1-2 p.m. — 333 Donna Drive, Valley Vista.  
1:30-2:30 p.m. — 813 Avery, Eastgate.  
3:30-4:30 — 10636 Settlement, Eastgate.

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## Reflections From Outer Space

By Rev. Jerry Bates

Just got done celebrating the Fourth of July, to me one of the best of the holidays (Holy days) that we have. It is a day that we celebrate our freedom, a freedom that in some ways we have earned and in other ways was given to us by God.

It was good to sense the excitement in the community. Everybody thought that the parade was the best ever. The events of the afternoon were interesting and

varied (I don't know why I am telling you this. You probably saw it all, too). My only disappointment was that when the bucket brigade was filling the barrels, no one thought to get the man with the loud speaker—sorry Ray. The Fireworks display after dark (it sure takes a long time to get dark, doesn't it?) was the pride of the community.

There is no question that we have a lot to be proud of. There is our long history of 150 years. The beauty of the valley as one drops into it from so many different directions. The Showboat, with its own kind of community spirit and cooperation that make it a success year after year. The Gus Macker Tournament, Attwood Corp., Root Lowell, the School system, all add to our pride as a community.

Our forefathers really did a good job, despite the times that we laugh and shake our heads at their various antics as they attempted to live out their lives, sometimes under God, sometimes outside of God.

Really, there is very little of the community that we are directly responsible for. A lot of it came to be because of what someone else did. They had the foresight. They had the drive and they helped to put together a community. I have as much right to it as you and I can say ours as much as you because it was given to us by others.

Now we find ourselves the recipients of their legacy to us. What do we do with it? What can we do with it? First, receive it. Second, in our own way contribute to it. The community can be better because we lived here and were a part of it. You see, the community will go one way or another. It will get better or worse. It will stand still. No community does, no life does, and a community has a life of its own. So in our time, let us contribute. It may be taxes. It may be time. It will certainly be lives, for as we give our lives to each other, we give those lives in community and the community will either be better or worse because we passed this way.

Shalom, Jerry

## United in marriage



Mrs. James Hefner

Cascade Christian Chapel was the setting Saturday afternoon, June 20 for the ceremony uniting Deborah Jane Heiman and Sgt. James E. Hefner. Rev. Rommie Moore officiated.

The new Mrs. Hefner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Heiman of Ada. Jim is the son of Mrs. Bernice Bennett of Canandaigua, New York and Floyd Hefner of Rochester, New York.

Attending the bride as Matron of Honor was Mrs. Terri Heiman. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Alice Harris and Penny Kelley.

Serving as Best Man was William Perrin. Groomsman were Raymond Harris and Dan Hefner. Soloist was Miss Pam Perrin.

Master and Mistress of Ceremonies were Mr. and Mrs. Plyn Pennock. A reception followed the wedding at the church's Centennial Hall.

The newlyweds went to Canandaigua, New York for their honeymoon. They plan to reside in Lowell in the near future.

## Doran, DenBoer wed

United in marriage on Wednesday, July 1, 1981, in Wyoming, MI were Mary Beth DenBoer and Sean Patrick Doran.

The bride is the daughter of Shirley DenBoer, 325 Alden Nash, Lowell. The groom is the son of John and Gail Doran of 7289 Ingalls Rd., Belding.

Kathy Doran, sister of the groom, was Maid of Honor, and Jim McNally was Best Man.

The wedding reception was held at the Candlestone Inn, Belding.

After their honeymoon trip to northern Michigan, the new Mr. and Mrs. Doran will make their home in Lowell.



Year-round athletes are ready for the activities of summer. They probably don't even need a training period before they swim the half-mile the first day at the beach.

Most people, however, aren't in such good condition. They are advised to take their summer sports in small doses until their muscles and hearts have grown accustomed to vigorous exercise. Rather than play 18 holes of golf after a sedentary winter, it might be wise to start with a par-3 golf course, or to job a few tennis balls in early summer before you schedule a fast game. If you don't, your back, leg and arm muscles could slow you down, or your heart muscle could put you down. Over-exercising can cause heart attack in some people.

Just to be on the safe side, let's review the symptoms of heart attack: uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the chest lasting 2 minutes or more. The pain may spread to shoulders, neck, or arms. Severe pain, dizziness, fainting, nausea, or shortness of breath may also occur.

Some people have felt the symptoms of heart attack and thought it was tension or indigestion. It's easy to disregard the warning signs, thinking "it's just a little pain that will soon go away." Those are among the famous last words of people who waited too long to get medical help.

Survival of heart attack depends upon getting medical attention as quickly as possible. Therefore, if you're camping or traveling, make it a habit to become aware of hospital signs and public telephones along the highway.

If you feel the symptoms, traveling, on the golf course, or wherever you may be, don't delay getting help because of embarrassment should it not be a heart attack. Better to be embarrassed than to be incapacitated—or worse. Watch out for your companions as well.

Revel in summer. You earned it; but if you're not a four-season athlete, take it easy. Slowly work yourself into good physical condition—and then stay that way all year. Get ready now for the fun of next summer.

## Weekday matinees at planetarium

Special weekday matinees for the public are scheduled at the Chaffee Planetarium of the Grand Rapids Public Museum during the month of July.

Each Wednesday, beginning July 1 at 2 p.m. the Planetarium will feature a special children's program entitled "Camping Trip With Grandfather." This sky show, especially designed for young children, will include explanations for the changing appearance of the moon and the Milky Way, will discuss shooting stars and the city sky versus the country sky. The current sky and what to look for will also be featured. Children 3 and up are encouraged to attend this show, although they must be accompanied by an adult.

The program will last approximately 30 minutes. Also, each Thursday afternoon at 2 the Planetarium will run its current sky show "Cosmos: A Voyage to the Stars." This showing will be in addition to the regularly scheduled programs 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2:30 and 3:45 p.m. on Sundays. "Cosmos", narrated by Carl Sagan, takes visitors on an interplanetary journey full of dramatic visions.

Admission to Planetarium show is \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children (6-15) and senior citizens. Museum admission charge is deducted from the price of your Planetarium ticket on weekdays and Sundays. For additional information call 456-3985.

## Perspective on food \$\$\$

While the amount of total dollars consumers spend for food climbs annually—up 10.5 percent to \$302 billion in 1980—the average percentage of consumers' disposable personal income that goes for food remains unchanged at 16.6 percent, according to USDA's "National Food Review."

Of that 16.6 percent, 12.2 percent was for food at home and 4.4 percent for food away from home. In 1970, the total average percent of disposable income spent on food was 17.2 percent; in 1960, 20 percent, and in 1950, 22.4 percent.

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# Saranac Doin's

## Kids swim and Off The Blotter. . . gym at MCC

For children ages 5-15 with an abundance of energy, Montcalm Community College is offering a summer gym and swim program. The sessions will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. between July 13 and August 7.

The first 60 minutes of each two hour period will consist of supervised games and activities which are designed to be entertaining as well as improve physical development. The second hour will be spent in the swimming pool with 45 minutes of swimming lessons and 15 minutes for a free swim period.

Cost for the four week activity is \$20. To register, call: (517) 328-2111, extension 217 or 210.

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Roy Allen Buckley and his wife Judy Lynn Buckley were sentenced on Monday after pleading guilty to welfare fraud charges earlier this year. Each was placed on 5 year's probation and fined \$1000 fines and costs. In addition he was ordered to serve six months in the Ionia County Jail, and the pair was made jointly responsible for reimbursement of \$14,174.

Sentencing against the Buckleys was delayed six months while they attempted to sell their home to make reimbursement. No sale of the home has so far been made.

The couple was charged with failing to report disability payments collected at the same time they collected aid to dependent children benefits in 1979.

Jack Theisen was arraigned in Ionia Circuit Court on Monday on six charges, including four counts of assault with intent to murder. Other charges included felony

lions assault and felony firearm. Theisen stood mute and a not guilty plea was entered on his behalf. A \$3,000 cash bond was revoked and a \$25,000 bond was imposed. He is charged in connection with a May 25 incident in which he allegedly fired a shotgun into a van containing four Saranac men.

Peggy Sue Stahl, Saranac, was seriously injured on Wednesday morning, June 1, when she lost control of her vehicle, crossed the center line of M-21 near Hawley Hwy., and struck a tree. She was removed from the vehicle through the efforts of Ionia County Sheriff's Department, Saranac Fire Department, Bussell's Wrecker and ETT Ambulance. She was transported to Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids. The accident remains under investigation.

Michigan State Police arrested and lodged James L. Loomis of Saranac in the Ionia County Jail last week on warrants held by the Colorado Springs CO police department. Loomis is alleged to have committed fraud and to have written checks without sufficient funds.

Joseph S. Hyland of 4485 David Hwy. was injured in a rollover accident late Friday evening when his truck rolled on David Hwy. near Eddy Rd. Witnesses reported the Hyland vehicle was east-bound when the driver lost control. The truck flipped several times, landing right side up.

Jack Theisen, 4839 Morrison Lake Rd., was bound over for trial on four counts of assault with intent to murder following his preliminary examination in 64A District Court in Ionia last Wednesday. Circuit Court arraignment on those charges plus one count each of felonious assault and felony firearm, is scheduled for July 6.

Theisen is charged in connection with an early morning May 25 incident in which he allegedly fired a shotgun into a van containing four men. In addition, he is charged with threatening a Saranac man with a shot gun and possessing a firearm during the commission of a felony.

## 30 years for YFU

Youth For Understanding, International Teen-Age Exchange Student Program, is celebrating its thirtieth anniversary. Saturday, July 11, 1981 is the reunion date for Michigan returnees and families from 1 to 5 p.m. at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor.

Over 10,000 students have gone overseas from Michigan since 1955 to Western Europe, South America, the Philippines and Japan. Of over 50,000 students coming to this country since 1951, at least one quarter of them have been placed with Michigan families. The majority of Michigan communities have been hosts to students. The year before YFU developed programs in other states, nearly 700 Michigan schools were involved. The program has always been community and family centered.

YFU is looking forward to more contacts with returnees and host families. The reunion will help bring records up to date. Returnees, host families, school personnel and friends of YFU are invited to share in the 30th Anniversary Celebration.

For further information, contact the YFU Michigan Regional Office Diane Follebold, Director, at 6264 Dixie Highway, Bridgeport, MI 48722.

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Nancy Abshire and Lorraine Willison both of Saranac have been named to the dean's list for the winter term at Western Michigan University.

Catherine A. Bush, daughter of Mrs. Martha Bush of Saranac, is serving as a group leader for new students in orientation sessions at Saginaw Valley State College. Catherine is a student in SVSC's pre-nursing program. In addition to assisting with orientation, she works part time in the SVSC bookstore.

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I am beginning to wonder if dogs don't suffer through some sort of middle age crisis, as do many of their human counterparts. Thor, my big male Yellow Labrador Retriever is pushing eight and is showing quite a bit of gray around his muzzle. The reason I bring this up is that Thor is acting mighty weird now that he is approaching doggie middle age.

Over the weekend he climbed out of his pen twice, which is something he's never done except when there is a big snowbank present to help him scale the four foot barrier. Of course after climbing the fence, he was off on escapades to who-knows-where. He returned from one of these with his entire face an absolute mess of cuts and abrasions, obviously from a fight.

Last night when he was being brought into the house to be fed, he took off and couldn't be whistled back. As I write this, he is still listed with the missing, but I expect him back as soon as he is hungry enough. That may be a while though, as there are lots of garbage cans by the curb during this part of the week.

I figure he needs some sort of counseling to help him with his problem, but I haven't reached middle age, and haven't read any of the self-help books that deal with it. I doubt if Veterinarians have such training, and I can't afford psychoanalysis, so I guess I'll just have to do my best to help him out myself.

The first thing I'm going to do is get him some Grecian Formula for around his muzzle. I'm sure that not having to go through life with a gray face and yellow body will do wonders for his attitude.

Maybe a change of jobs would help. After all he has been retrieving Frisbees for a long time now. He might do okay at watchdogging or, come winter, maybe we could get him something in the sled dog business. I also thought about sheep herding but there aren't many sheep ranches around Lowell and he has to be able to commute.

A new wardrobe might help. He's been wearing that same old choke chain forever and ever. Maybe he'd like a designer collar from Pierre Cardin or a nice knit one with an alligator on it.

Probably the best thing I could do for him would be to get him a new girlfriend. I'm sure that a nice young Poodle or Afghan would just do wonders for him. Something like that might kill the old boy, but at least it would cure his middle age crisis.

This sure has been a round about way to place a lost and found ad, but I guess that's what it is. If you've seen a big Yellow Lab, with a chewed up face, and gray whiskers that answers to Thor, please give me a call at the Ledger 897-9261 or at home 897-5381.

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## July 4th was a blast!

July 4th in Lowell just gets bigger and better every year. Just ask the crowds of people who viewed the parade, filled up on good food at the fairgrounds, took part in the many contests or cheered the extensive fireworks display.

The parade was colorful and noisy with many units including members of the Lowell High School band who volunteered to get back into wool uniforms to make music for the families who lined Main Street. Bonnie Grooters, parade chairman, announced each unit as it passed the viewing stand.

Alto Firemen doused Lowell Firemen again in the annual waterball fight but bowed in the new Bucket Brigade event. Lowell firemen and a crew of gals ran buckets of water across a field, up a ladder and filled a 50 gallon drum just seconds before their Alto counterparts.

Response to the bike decoration contest was overwhelming, according to the Lowell Area Arts Council. Plans are already underway to offer more prizes for next year's July 4 bike entries! Names of the winners in each category will appear in next week's Ledger.

Winner of the hot air balloon ride was Ann Thomas

**Belding boy finds dream package**

Searching for frogs can be surprisingly profitable in Belding, Michigan. The latest find, by 7-year-old Kit Thompson of Belding, was worth almost \$500.

Kit was frog hunting in the Thompson's backyard creek when he noticed a glass bottle partially buried in the ground. He raked up the bottle, which contained one of four winning certificates for the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel "Suite Dream" package. Kit is the first person to discover a winning certificate.

The bottle was attached to a balloon launched during a Hotel "Skybreaking Ceremony" last December. That ceremony commemorated the start of construction on the 28-story Tower as part of the 700-room Amway Grand Plaza Hotel project in downtown Grand Rapids.

The "Suite Dream" package includes deluxe accommodations for three days and two nights, plus cocktails, two meals per day, champagne, and tickets to the G. R. Symphony, Ballet, Opera or Civic Theater. The Amway Grand Plaza even arranged a limousine to pick up the Thompsons at their Belding home, whatever weekend they choose. Afterward, they will be chauffeured home.

John Thompson admits he first thought the note was another one of his son's practical jokes. What about Kit? He sold the package to his parents for \$15, or \$2 less than his original asking price.

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## Tickets out for Grand Ball

Tickets are now available for the Sesquicentennial Ball on Friday, July 17.

The dance is being sponsored by the Lowell Lions Club with cocktails from 8 to 9 p.m. and dancing until 1 a.m. The dance will be held at the American Legion Roller Rink with music by the Horizons.

The Sesquicentennial Queen will be announced and crowned during the gala beginning of Lowell's 150th birthday celebration. Voting for the six contenders for Queen was completed last Friday but the announcement of the Sesquicentennial Queen will wait for the dance.

Candidates are Dawn Condon, Kathe Dey, Patricia Prins, Patricia Timinskas, Lize Whittemore and Corrie Wood. The queen will be given \$140 gift certificate from participating merchants. The first runner-up will win a \$60 gift certificate and the second runner-up will win a \$40 gift certificate. The candidates will serve as the queen's court for the Sesquicentennial Festivities. Tickets for the Sesquicentennial Ball are \$10 per couple or \$6 single and are available at That Special Place or call 897-5449.

Army and Cheryl LaBine are proud parents of a baby girl born Monday, July 6. Amanda Ann weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz. Grandparents are Bud and Marge LaBine of Lowell and Gary and Phillis Van-Camp of Cascade.

Charlie and Dee Doyle, with their daughter Michele, attended the Celebration Day Concert in Traverse City last Sunday evening featuring the National Music Camp High School Concert Band from Interlochen, MI. Gloria Roth, former Lowell resident, was Guest Conductor and conducted the band to "The Stars and Stripes Forever".

## Local News

# CONSERVE ENERGY

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# DNR Report

Lake Michigan trout fishing has been a disappointment recently. Lots of man-hours for every fish caught. The fish have moved out into deep water and are not feeding very actively.

If you want to catch fish, bluegills are the best bet right now. Evening fishing with worms or crickets just off the bottom near drop-offs is best. Poppers or spiders will work also if the fish start surface feeding. Try Camp or Cranberry Lakes in Kent County.

Sorry, still no good news on perch fishing.

Go deep for bass; look trolling with a night crawler harness has helped some fishermen we know land a few fish. Not very many, but when you get one, it is usually a lunker. Try the Grand and Flat Rivers in Kent, Ionia and Montcalm counties.

For pike and walleyes, trolling the old faithful daredevil has been the most productive. Try Muskegon Lake for walleyes. Work a nightcrawler near a sharp drop-off in Muskegon Lake or Lake Macatawa. Last year at this time, we heard blood-suckers were a good bait.

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Keith Montgomery, dean of the Ferris State College School of General Education, places a Presidents Club pin on the lapel of Chuck Lippert, new member, at a reception held recently at the Pen Club in Grand Rapids. Lippert is a 1963 graduate of the FSC School of Pharmacy, president of the Pharmacy Alumni Board and owner of Lippert Pharmacies, Inc. of Lowell. The Presidents Club is an organization of people who have pledged to give \$10,000 or more to Ferris State College.

## Sign up for City Swim Meet

The YMCA City Swim Meet will be held on Saturday, July 18 at 10 a.m. at the Frank T. King Memorial Pool.

Registration for the event will close Thursday, July 16 at 5 p.m. Cost per event to enter will be 50 cents.

## Country Carousel is free

Everything from A to Z (apples to zucchini) is listed in the Michigan Country Carousel, a guide to more than 1,000 farms where good things are growing in Michigan.

For a free copy of the 1981 Country Carousel, just write to the Communications office, Michigan Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909.

## MEN'S SOFTBALL "A" LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L
#1 Alto Bandits	3	3
#2 Shawmut Hill	5	0
#3 Century 21	3	3
#4 Larkins Saloon	2	4
#5 Lowell Engineering	5	0
#6 J.R.B.	1	5
#7 Curtis Cleaners	1	5

## "B" LEAGUE

#8 Docker's Inn	0	6
#9 Merl's Towing	3	3
#10 Riverside Fireplace Shoppe	3	3
#11 Village Inn	4	1
#12 Wernet Distributor	3	3
#13 Gary's Country Meats	3	2
#14 Christoff & Sons	4	2

## "C" LEAGUE

#15 Twelve Packers	1	5
#16 Harold Zeigler Ford	2	4
#17 Lowell Merchants	3	3
#18 First United Methodist Church	2	4
#19 The Gators	6	0
#20 Industrial Tool & Machine Co.	4	2

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE

#1 Showboat Automotive	6	1
#2 Larkins Saloon	2	5
#3 Village Inn	5	2
#4 Pep-ers	4	2
#5 North Pole Refrigeration	0	7
#6 West Apparel	3	4
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## MABC recognizes local 4-H youth

Lynn Wilcox and Sheila Nugent, 4-H'ers from Lowell were honored by MABC-Select Sires at their 26th annual Dairy Recognition Day held June 15 in Kalamazoo.

Lynn and Sheila, members of the Wolverines 4-H Club of Kent County, were two of 15 high individuals in statewide 4-H dairy judging competition. Over 85 4-H and FFA dairy judges attended the day-long program which featured discussions on new developments in the dairy industry. In the afternoon the group toured the Upjohn Company's pharmaceutical production plant. They saw a variety of human and animal products being processed in both pill and liquid form.



Lynn Wilcox and Sheila Nugent of Lowell, were recently recognized by MABC-Select Sires for being one of 15 high individuals in statewide 4-H dairy judging competition. From left to right are: Marsha Wilcox, leader, Lynn Wilcox and Sheila Nugent.

## Centennial view by yesterday's kids

During the Lowell school year of 1931-32, the sixth grade class taught by Miss Dorothy Koth prepared a scrapbook dedicated "to all those who are interested in the town of Lowell."

Miss Koth later married Lowellite Howard Peckham, who became an eminent writer on American history and director of the Clements Library of the University of Michigan, a treasurehouse of maps, papers, and books of early America and a center for historical research. Mr. and Mrs. Peckham now enjoy retirement in Hendersonville, North Carolina, where Ruby Christiansen visited them this spring. Mrs. Peckham loaned the Centennial scrapbook to her, thinking it might be of special interest to its authors and the whole community as Lowell observes its Sesquicentennial.

"The Jolly Forty-five", as these sixth-graders called themselves, did considerable research on their town and then compiled a map, handwritten poems and articles (with somewhat unusual spelling in some cases), and a few snapshots into a booklet. Doris Stormzand stated in her comments, "I think everyone should study the town or city in which they live."

Beth Burdick and Doris Van Wormer wrote about Lowell's early history, and Robert Wagner told interesting facts about Segwun, which he called "Sigwun", perhaps to rhyme with the familiar word "wigwam". Sarah Bannan and Dorothy Jean Goul wrote on the King Milling Co., after a class tour of the mill. Clifford Hoolse-

ma covered the Lowell Waterworks; George Cook, detailed the work of the Superior Furniture Co.; Jane Seyforth and Barbara Jean Cahoon, the Lowell Sprayer Co.; Warner Scott and Raymond Denny, the Runciman Coal and Feed Co.; Doris McTavish, the Hoyt Lumber Co.; and Ruth Houseman, Kellogg's Vinegar and Cider Mill. Mac Fonger was on a committee writing up the Foreman Poultry Farm; Robert Finets joined the group reporting on Melody Farms; and Eva Johnson, Lovisa Ridgway, Allen Wisner, and Robert Sayles explained the processes at the Highland Hill Dairy. Still others contributed on other subjects, so the class was well represented.

A bit of Americana in its own right, this fifty-year-old scrapbook about Lowell from a child's eye view may be seen next week at the First Savings of Saginaw (Lowell Savings and Loan) office. Scenes of old-time Lowell will also be on display, for many postcards and private collections of snapshots and photographs have come to light as the community turns to memories of earlier days this Sesquicentennial summer.

Other store windows will also be displaying pictures and artifacts. Plan to take a walk down Main Street during business hours and profit from the history lessons to be learned inside and outside the buildings. The varied architecture to be seen tells a story by itself.

For further historical information about your town, be sure to buy copies of the new

## Time to join up, gals!

Lowell area gals of all ages are urged to support the Sesquicentennial celebration by joining the Bonnet Belle sorority!

The five dollar membership entitles a member to wear a Bonnet Belle button which will keep you out of jail during the celebration, a membership certificate, and entry in the Bonnet Belle competition on Saturday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m. for one of the six prizes to be awarded.

Categories for the Bonnet Belle competition are: the oldest Bonnet Belle; the youngest Bonnet Belle; the most authentic dress; the largest hat; the most complete costume (dress, hat, shoes, pantaloons, etc.); the most original bonnet.

As we go to press, the BB sorority (not to be confused with the BOB or Brothers of

the Brush) has 10 members: Betty Coons, Dolores Dey, Kathe Dey, Carolyn Blough, Louise Harper, Dee Doyle, Mary Bancroft, Wendy DeNolf, Gladys Thorne and Mary E. Wright.

Sign up gals! Stay out of jail on the 18th! And watch the Ledger for an update on the Bonnet Belles newest members. To join, call 897-8545 or stop in at That Special Place on Main Street.

High blood pressure is a "silent disease". It usually has no symptoms and its victims often don't know they have it. Once detected it can usually be effectively treated and controlled. Undetected, it can lead to stroke or heart attack. See your doctor for a check up. May is High Blood Pressure Month.

## Looney tales at the library

Kids, plan to spend your Wednesday or Thursday mornings at the Lowell or Alto Libraries for summertime fun.

Wednesday, June 8 (today), the Lowell Library has a humorous program for those age 6 to 10 at 11 a.m. called "Looney Tunes and Tales". Next Wednesday, July 15, the Grand Rapids Artmobile will bring arts and crafts for kids 7 to 10 to the Lowell Library at 10 a.m. You must register for this program by stopping in at the Library or calling 897-9596.

In Alto on Thursday, July 9, the "Looney Tunes and Tales" program is geared for giggles and grins for the elementary school set. On July 16, there will be Marble Games and Marble Collecting with Anna Fraser for ages 7 and up. For the under 7 group, filmtime will feature "Paddington Bear".

Lowell Library hours are: Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays from 12:30 to 5:30 and Wednesdays from 12:30 to 8:30 p.m. Alto Library hours are: Tuesday 1-8; Thursday, Noon to 5; Saturday, 9-Noon.

## WALK TO FITNESS

Walking is one of the best activities for promoting fitness and heart health. Many people view walking as conveyance, overlooking its role as a useful exercise.

A brisk walk every day for forty minutes or more at a three mile-per-hour pace will aid fitness.

Walking can also be important in calorie-counting weight-control. Walking increases calorie expenditure as much as jogging if you cover the same distance.

# CONFUSED About NOW Accounts?

I Wonder Who Has The Best NOW Account Deal In Town?

## First Savings Ends the Confusion with No Minimum Balance Checking

Open a First Savings NOW Account with an initial deposit of \$200 and then there is no minimum balance and you pay no service charges. That's right. Regardless of the balance in your checking account you pay no service charge and your checking account funds earn 5 1/4% interest every day. And if you're 62 or over your checks are free as well.

Now is there any question who has the best checking account deal in town?

And here's another advantage of a First Savings NOW Account. First Savings has 28 offices in 21 communities so that means you won't have a problem cashing a check when you're out of town. Your funds are insured to \$100,000 by the FSLIC. And of course your cancelled checks are returned each month. So — if you're looking for the best checking account deal in town — Come to First Savings of Saginaw, the one for all.



217 West Main Street  
Lowell, Michigan 49331  
Phone: (616) 897-8421



## Dividend Notice:

The Board of Directors of Independent Bank Corporation has declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.14 per share, payable on July 20, 1981, to shareholders of record at the close of business July 10, 1981.

## Independent Bank Corporation Serves the Following Communities:

First Security Bank  
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Belding Carson City  
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# Legal Notices

### ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

WANDA MARIE LOGAN, Plaintiff, VS. MERRILL DEAN LOGAN, Defendant.  
File No. 81-44272 DM

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on this 3rd day of June, 1981.

Present: The Honorable George R. Cook, Circuit Court Judge.

On the 3rd day of June, 1981, an action for divorce was filed by the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant, in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was 4348 Richmond Avenue N., El Monte, Calif. 91732 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 4th day of September, 1981.

FAILURE to comply with this Order shall result in a judgment by default against you, the Defendant, for relief as set forth in the Complaint filed in this cause.

George R. Cook, Circuit Court Judge Examined, Countersigned and Entered: Sandra Czewski, Deputy Clerk.  
ATTEST: A True Copy. S. Czewski, Deputy Clerk. 6/24-7/15

### ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

LYNN VENITA COBBINS, Plaintiff, VS. LAWRENCE COBBINS, Defendant.  
File No. 81-43562 DM

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on this 19th day of May, 1981.

Present: The Honorable Roman J. Snow, Circuit Court Judge.

On the 23rd day of March, 1981, an action for divorce was filed by the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant, in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was 1305 Sylvan SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 18th day of August, 1981.

FAILURE to comply with this Order shall result in a judgment by default against you, the Defendant, for relief as set forth in the Complaint filed in this cause.

Roman J. Snow, Circuit Court Judge Examined, Countersigned and Entered: M.A. Diedrich, Deputy Clerk.  
ATTEST: A TRUE COPY. M.A. Diedrich, Deputy Clerk. 6/24-7/8

### STATE OF MICHIGAN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT JUVENILE DIVISION

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held in the Juvenile Court in the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan in the matter of, on the date and time and on petition by petitioner shown below alleging that "said children are neglected children within the provisions of the Juvenile Code. To preserve your parental rights under the law any parent or guardian shall contact the Juvenile Court Clerk at 1501 Cedar N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, on or before the hearing date. Failure to comply with this order may result in said child (ren) being made a temporary ward of the court."

Child: Trina & Montese Johnson & Marlo & Camal Cabera  
Hearing: August 3, 1981 at 9:00 a.m.  
Petitioner: John Scheldt

Child: Tam To, Nga To & Hui Dong  
Hearing: August 4, 1981 at 10:00 a.m.  
Petitioner: Paul Brinks

Publication in the Grand Valley Ledger once at least one week prior to the hearing date is ordered.  
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Child: Allen Pedro & Jason Alexander Paris & Christopher Gallardo  
Hearing: August 5, 1981 at 9:00 a.m.  
Petitioner: Patricia Parish

Child: Karen Inge, Florida, Gloria & Ramona James  
Hearing: August 10, 1981 at 9:00 a.m.  
Petitioner: Hortense Liu

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Child: Derrick Tjms  
Petitioner: Officer Needham  
Hearing: July 23, 1981 at 3:00 p.m.

Child: Terry Price  
Petitioner: Officer Debbie Pogowski  
Hearing: July 28, 1981 at 4:30 p.m.

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## Sell wind power to Consumers

Persons seeking to supplement their Consumers Power Company electric service through the use of a wind-powered generator must enter into a written agreement with the utility in order to operate the generator in parallel with the company's system.

According to Clyde W. Davis, region general customer services superintendent for Consumers Power's Central Region, the primary reason for the agreement is safety—safety for both the customer and utility personnel.

"In some cases, customers have hooked their wind generators directly into their household circuitry," Davis said. "If we de-energize a power line to perform maintenance, electricity from the wind generator can enter the line and endanger line crews."

In addition to the written agreement, a customer must provide Consumers Power with detailed electrical diagrams and other necessary data on the proposed generator system for review and approval prior to installation. This is to insure that the equipment and plans for installation meet appropriate safety requirements.

The control system must provide for automatic separation of the wind generator from the company's distribution system in the event of a loss of power.

In addition to using wind-generated electricity for their own purposes, customers have the option of selling excess power to the utility. Consumers Power officially began buying power on July 31, 1978 when a special alternative energy rate was established. At the present time, customers receive 2.5c per kilowatt-hour for such power.

Lakes exhibit opens  
A new major exhibit on the Great Lakes will be featured this summer in the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing.

Entitled the "Glacier's Gift", the exhibit shows how life developed in Michigan under influence of the Great Lakes. Early exploration and settlement, fur trading, fishing, shipping, the lighthouse system and water oriented recreation—a major element in making tourism one of the state's top industries—are all elements of the exhibit.

The Michigan Historical Museum is located at 208 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. Hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and from Noon to 4:30 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

Alto Sportsmans Club Pig Roast July 11 at 7 P.M. at the Clubhouse in Elm Dale. Just \$5.00 each buys all you can eat and drink. For more information Call 897-6443 or 868-6883

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NOTICE To the Citizens of Grattan Township And The Public SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held, at 8:00 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall at which time the following subject will be considered and at which meeting any interested person will be heard.

Mark Stratton is requesting a width and setback variance for a residential building site. Property is located at 6955 Lincoln Lake Road NE, Grattan Township.

Joyce Oberlin, Secretary Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals  
Ray E. Quada, City Clerk  
C-35-39

City of Lowell NOTICE NOMINATING PETITIONS

Nominating petitions for seats on the Lowell City Council are available. Petitions must be circulated and returned not later than August 4, 1981 at 4:00 p.m. Said petitions may be obtained between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

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**Macker, cont'd.**

Over 800 players on 250 teams are signed up for the 1981 tournament, a jump of 100 teams over last year. Around 5,000 spectators are expected to watch the 13 men's divisions and two women's divisions vie for the coveted Macker trophies.

Standouts include last year's Division I winner Leon Guydon, Michigan State's Ben Tower, Doug Chappell from the University of Detroit, M.C. Burton of the University of Michigan, Melvin McLaughlin of Central Michigan, former Grand Rapids star Anthony Scott, and many other major and small college players. Some top high schoolers expected to compete include Lakewood's Jeff Heide and Garde Thompson of East Grand Rapids. The Women's Professional Basketball League will also be well represented by Kim Hansen, Linnell Jones, and Anne Platte.

The tournament is free to all spectators. The Macker Advisory Council asks only that all parking be done at the Bushnell and High School parking lots. There will be no parking on the streets adjacent to Macker-ville.

**2nd fisherman drowns in Flat**

The swirling undertow at the foot of the Burroughs Road dam north of Lowell claimed another life on Saturday, the second drowning at that spot in four months. Daniel Lee Cross drowned in the Flat River while trying to retrieve a bait container.

Cross and several friends left a family reunion in Fallsburg Park late Saturday afternoon to fish at the Burroughs Rd. Dam. Cross, of Grand Rapids, was fishing from the apron of the dam when his bait container fell into the water. He jumped into the water to retrieve it and went under about 25 feet away.

Lowell Rescue Squad was called to the scene but the rescue attempt failed. Kent County sheriff's divers joined the search and located the body Saturday night but could retrieve only the blue jeans the man had been wearing. The body was recovered about 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

In early April of this year, another fisherman, Harvey G. Sardifer of Grand Rapids, drowned in the same location when he went in the water to retrieve his tackle box. Cross

and Sardifer were friends, attended the same church and occasionally fished together on the Flat River.

Cross is survived by his wife and five children.

**Vennen, cont'd.**

With the Plymouth line, Vennen's will become what Chrysler Corporation calls a "quad dealership", handling all four of their lines. Plymouth will make the Arrow available to area buyers, a car not duplicated in the Dodge line. Also, having Plymouth will give Vennen's accessibility to the Reliant-K

The Dodge dealership in Lowell dates back into the '20's when it was owned by

**Stafford, continued**

ford's unique writing and singing style.

Early in the 1970's Stafford turned to composing songs and the first success came in 1973 when MGM Records produced his "Swamp

Witch". He followed with three hit singles that went gold, "My Girl Bill," "Wildwood Weed," and "Spiders and Snakes." His "Cow Patty" is currently one of the hottest singles on the music charts.

In the last few years Jim Stafford spiced his natural humor with down-to-earth country songs and blossomed into one of the most versatile performers in the business. He has appeared on national TV with Johnny Carson, Merv Griffin, Mike Douglas, Dinah Shore and many others. He's also co-starred in Clint Eastwood's movie, "Any Which Way You Can".

Stafford's easy-going style earned a regular spot on ABC's "Those Amazing Animals". He shares the top billing with Burgess Meredith and Priscilla Presley.

"I love a good story. That's what I try to do, in my songs, tell a good story," explains Stafford. This promises a great show for the Lowell Showboat fans when

Jim Stafford takes the spotlight July 23, 24 & 25.

Reserved seats Monday through Saturday nights are \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8.50 with \$5 general admission. On Friday and Saturday nights, reserved seats are \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$9.50 with general admission \$6. Lowell Showboat box office phone is 897-9237.

**Board of Ed to meet**

The Lowell Board of Education will meet on Monday, July 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education offices.

The agenda for the meeting includes four major items. A hearing will be held for the continuing resolution of the 1980-81 budget for operational purposes. Funding of extra-curricular activities will be discussed. Election of officers of the Board of Education for 1981-82 will take place. A report on high school discipline over a four-year period will be given.

**Main Street, cont'd.**

**OFF THE BLOTTER**

A 15-year-old juvenile was turned over to her parents last Wednesday evening and will be remanded to Probate Court for violation of curfew.

A Grand Rapids juvenile sustained serious injuries Sunday afternoon, July 5, when the moped she was riding on Alden Nash veered into a vehicle driven by Phoebe Baughman of Lowell. The girl was zig-zagging across the road, according to witnesses, and crashed into the right front of the Baughman car. She sustained head and possible internal injuries when she was thrown into the windshield of the Baughman vehicle. She was transported by ambulance to Butterworth Hospital.

Ronald Mathis Sr. of Ionia was injured Wednesday evening when the motorcycle he was operating blew a rear tire and he lost control on East Main St. near James.

John DeVries of Lowell suffered a fatal heart attack while driving south on US 131 in Grand Rapids about 11 a.m. on Thursday. His wife Carolyn was able to bring their car to a stop. (Mr. DeVries' obituary is contained in this issue).

Lowell officers investigated 22 accident complaints in the month of June, seven of which were injury accidents. The accident total for the first half of 1981 stands at 106 as compared to 86 at this time last year. Lowell Rescue was summoned four times during the month.

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