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## Happy 150th Birthday Lowell

After months and months of planning, Lowell's 150th Birthday Celebration is upon us! Three days packed with fun are scheduled with something for everyone. Add the excitement of Showboat Week July 20-25 and we'll have nine gala days of fun.

The Sesquicentennial kicks off on Friday, July 17 with an antique farm machinery display at the West City Limits at 1 p.m. A balloon ascension is set for 6 p.m. near Eberhards on West Main. The Sesquicentennial Ball begins at 8 p.m. with dancing till 1 a.m. and the crowning of the Queen. Admission is \$10 per couple and \$6 single. Everyone is invited to attend the dance at the VFW Roller Rink. It will be all dressed up for the occasion!

Saturday is the big day and begins at 10 a.m. with food and demonstration booths at Riverside School grounds. Beard judging is at 10 a.m. on the Showboat Stage and the Bonnet Belle judging is at 10 a.m. in the same location. The YMCA Swim Meet starts at King Pool at 10 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m., the Queen's Luncheon at the Middle School will feature area Queens including the Sesquicentennial Queen and her Court, dignitaries, and a style show by the Lowell Women's Club. All may attend, cost is \$4.50 for the light summer lunch.

The town should be packed for the Grand Parade at 2 p.m. All totaled, there will be nearly 100 units in the parade which will begin on West Main near Eberhards and travel the length of Main Street to disband near the Methodist Church. There will be six bands, floats, marching units, equestrian units, antique farm machinery, the 1931 Centennial Queen, the 1981 Sesquicentennial Queen and her court, antique cars, clowns, Kent County Sheriff Posse, still walkers, antique bikes, the Saladin motorcycle troupe and much, much more. There will be Celebration Schedule of Events fliers with the complete listing available throughout the area.

A balloon ascension is set for 5:30 p.m. at Recreation Park just before two All Star Softball games starting at 6 p.m. at Recreation Park. An Outdoor Square Dance at

Riverside School begins at 9 p.m. Saturday evening.

Sunday morning, area churches will welcome all with their services and open

houses. At 3 p.m. the Puff, Pedal and Paddle contest begins at the Old Showboat Dock area. Entrants must pre-register by Friday at 5

p.m. at That Special Place. Three-person teams will combine running, biking and canoeing. Entry fee is \$10

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## Showboat begins next week



Alive & Well will appear all week as the featured support act for headliners Dottie West [July 20, 21, 22] and Jim Stafford [July 23, 24, 25] on the Lowell Showboat. Members of the popular entertainment group are (L-R): Back Row—Dave Jones, Carl Andrews and Dale Kropf; Front Row—Dan Lomas, Cindy [Adams] Kropf and Jerry Adams.

Lowell Showboat has streamlined its "Rain Night" policy which will guarantee all those with reserved seats will see the show.

This year for the first time in many years, General Admission tickets for special sections of Riverside Amphitheatre will be sold at a reduced rate. Instead of having reduced rates on Monday night only, as in past years, there will be inexpensive seats each night. General Admission ticket holders will be refunded their money in case of rain and only Reserved ticket holders will be admitted to the Lowell High School gym, the alternate site of the 1981 Showboat, in case of bad weather.

In recent years, much confusion resulted in short tempers when rain threatened a performance. Those with Reserved Tickets will be seated in the gym by the ushers in relation to the seats purchased for the amphitheatre.

Ticket sales are picking up for both headliners Dottie West (July 20, 21, 22) and

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

Jim Stafford (July 23, 24, 25). Call the Showboat Ticket Office today 897-9237 to reserve your seats for the best family entertainment in West Michigan. For ticket prices, see the Lowell Showboat advertisement this issue.

Winners of the 1981 Talent Night for twelve spots on the Lowell Showboat were all crowd pleasers. Sponsored annually by the Lowell Lions Club, Talent Night was well attended. Winners and their hometowns are listed below in the order they will appear on Showboat 1981 with Dottie West and Jim Stafford:

MONDAY: Tiffany Taylor, vocalist from Three Rivers; Little Amigos, Libor Vitu and Charlotte Snyder, addagio dancers from Owosso. TUESDAY: Polka Partners, polka tap dancers from Laingsburg (Maria, Matthew and Michael Blackledge. Kathy and Julie Foster, Heather Grace, Jim Postema and Cherie

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Sovis; Amy Friedman and Paula Vance, vocalists from Kentwood. WEDNESDAY: Sugar and Spice, tap routine from Oakley (Tina Dooley, Laura Kovick, Michele Monteith, Rhonda Werner); Stephanie and the Dancing Dolls, tap routine from Oakley (Rena Bela, Stephanie Coffin, Lisa George, Grissy Stopjik). THURSDAY: Banjos Plus, from Grand Rapids (Mike Harrig, David Kadwell, Brian and Kelly Tucker); Tina Carten, vocalist from Ionia. FRIDAY: Bill and John, musical comedy from Wyoming (Bill DeGennaro and John Fraso); Joan Markle vocalist from Jenison. SATURDAY: Stevie Van Meter, (Annie) vocalist from Livonia; Texas Sweetheart, tap routine by Michelle Shroyer from Holly.

Appearing all week as the featured support act for ooth headliners will be Lowell's own "Alive & Well" musical entertainers. The six mem-

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### LOWELL SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

JULY 17, 18 and 19, 1981

Schedule of Events for Weekend

Friday, July 17, 1981

- 1:00-6:00 p.m. Antique Farm Equipment Demo. West end of Main.
- 12:30-5:30 p.m. County Library's traveling display unit - Lowell Branch Kent County Library.
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Right Bros. balloon ascension sponsored by Lowell Senior Citizens - Eberhard's lot.
- 8:00 p.m. 'til 1:00 a.m. Sesquicentennial Ball hosted by Lowell Lions Club - Crowning of the Queen - American Legion Club.

Saturday, July 18

- 10:00 a.m. 'til dark - Food and demonstration booths at Riverside School grounds.
- 10:00 a.m. Brothers of the Brush beard judging - Showboat stage.
- 10:00 a.m. Sesquicentennial Swim Meet - YMCA pool.
- 10:30 a.m. Bonnet Bells costume judging - Showboat stage.
- 11:30 a.m. Queen's luncheon - Lowell Middle School - style show by Lowell Women's Club.
- 12:30-5:30 p.m. county Library's traveling display - Lowell Branch Kent County Library.
- 2:00 p.m. Grand Parade - featuring 6 bands, floats, marching units, and much, much more.
- 5:30 p.m. Mr. Steak hot air balloon ascension - Recreation Park.
- 6:00 p.m. Double header All Star softball games: 1 men, 1 women - Recreation Park.
- 9:00-12:00 p.m. Outdoor Square dance sponsored by the Lowell Rotary Club - Riverside School.

Sunday, July 19

- A.M. Services and open houses - area churches.
- 3:00 p.m. Puff, Pedal, and Paddle Contest - Old Showboat dock area.

## Board officers elected

On Monday, July 13, the Lowell Board of Education expressed confidence in their leadership and re-elected its officers to continue for another year. Roger Kropf will again serve as president, assisted by vice president Orion Thaler, Secretary Mary Yost, and Treasurer Wayne Dowling. New Board member Reverend Martin Fox was also welcomed.

The Lowell Board of Education gave its approval to the formation of the Lowell Area Schools Association. The purpose of this Association is to raise funds for enrichment programs - primarily extracurricular activities.

In forming the Association, the Board also agreed to contract with RAS, Inc., to serve as a consulting firm to provide support services and organization to volunteer groups in fund raising. LASA expects to raise funds through foundations as tax write offs for corporations and large donors, as well as from activities, parents and Alumni.

It is hoped the LASA can provide for immediate needs this year as well as providing a long term foundation to provide stability to this part

of the school budget. This is an area of the budget that some people feel should not be supported by tax funds, thus they are given a choice of whether or not to support the programs.

Superintendent Kelly stated that this is an entirely new concept and if the innovation is successful, it may be an avenue for school districts across Michigan to use to help solve their financial problems.

President Kropf appointed committees for 1981-82. Dowling will head finance, Beers personnel, Thaler curriculum, and Yost policies. Kropf also appointed Dowling to head a temporary study committee to look into revising long term plans on the purchasing of school buses for the district.

Kelly requested the transportation study committee because of the rapid decrease in state supported funds for transportation. He feels that it is necessary to secure factual information on the costs of keeping buses longer, thus doing more major overhauling versus the known advantages of a replacement schedule based on state support. The Board agreed.

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# Obituaries

**CADY** — William H. Cady, aged 65, of 4570 Kyser Rd., Lowell, passed away July 11, 1981.  
He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; his children, Mr. William (Bonnie) Phillips of Sterling Heights, Mr. Rod Phillips and Mrs. Ray Phillips of Jupiter, FL., Mr. Joseph (Brenda) Phillips of Lakewood, FL., Mrs. Dan (Nancy) Truskowski of Grand Rapids and seven grandchildren.  
Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, with Rev. Martin Fox officiating. Interment Helenwood Cemetery, Helenwood, TN.

**ELDERSMA** — Mr. Fred Eldersma, aged 74, of Grand Rapids, passed away Friday, July 10, 1981 at St. Mary's Hospital.  
He is survived by his wife Sadie; his son and daughter-in-law, Harry and Earlena Eldersma of Lowell; two grandchildren Roxanne and Martin Eldersma; his sister and brother-in-law, Margritte and Lloyd Clark of Glen Ellen, CA.

Services were held Tuesday morning with Pastor George Coon officiating, Inherment Rosedale Memorial Park Cemetery.  
Humbert of Grand Rapids; two nieces and three nephews; several grand-nieces and grand-nephews.  
Services were held Saturday afternoon at the funeral chapel, with Rev. Ralph Kobrah of Fairview Reformed Church officiating. Interment River Ridge Cemetery, Belding.  
For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**GAUTHIER** — Kathleen Marion (Katie) Gauthier aged 6 1/2 months, passed away suddenly Saturday, July 11, 1981.  
She is survived by her parents, Dr. Paul and Karen of Grand Rapids; grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Streng of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lowe of Detroit; eight uncles and two aunts.  
Graveside services will be held for immediate family. In lieu of flowers, parents request that contributions be made to a favorite children's charity.

**KNAPP** — Lois M. Knapp, aged 57, of 481 Wright St. NE, Grand Rapids, passed away Thursday, July 9, 1981 at Kent Community Hospital.  
She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Albert (Violet) Larsen of Belding, Mrs. William (Ethel) Shepard of Lowell, and Mrs. K.G. (Edna)

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Dearly four-part harmony, Sweet Adelines Style. If you prefer to just observe, that is fine, too. But we know that once you hear that harmony and sing a few lines, you will want to join us in making those chords ring.  
Sweet Adelines, Inc. is an international (non-profit) organization for women of all ages. Each member belongs to a chapter which is primarily a Chorus singing four-part barbershop harmony. The Mill Creek Chapter is under the capable direction of Esther Lamoreaux, who teaches music at Stoney Creek and Greenridge Elementary Schools. Our chapter meets Tuesday evenings, 8 p.m. at the Pick Motor Inn for rehearsals. These are programmed to cover a wide range of songs from past eras to current hits.  
You don't need special musical training, and there is no need to be shy. Mill Creek's members are college students, home-makers, secretaries, school teachers, waitresses, nurses, women of all ages. We want your voice to join ours. The Mill Creek Chapter urges you to attend our guest night on July 21, 1981, at 8 p.m. at the Pick Motor Inn (located off Plainfield Ave.)  
Rubber Stamps & Engraved Signs made to order, 897-9261.

**Search for super senior**  
Time is waning in the search for the state's most outstanding senior citizens. "Only a little over three weeks remain," says Kenneth Oettie, director of the Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) "in the contest for the title of Senior Citizen of the Year."  
The award, presented in two categories, one for leadership and one for service, is sponsored each year by the state agency on aging and the Michigan State Fair.  
Nominees for the award are judged on the activities they have carried out in the past year, however, consideration is given to involvement in service and leadership roles over a person's lifetime. Anyone age 60 or older is eligible to receive the award. Only organizations are allowed to submit nominations. The cut-off date for receiving applications is Friday, August 7.  
For more information or an application, contact the Area Agency on Aging nearest you or write OSA, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing, MI 48909.

**New phone aid number starts Sun**  
A new number for Directory Assistance goes into effect at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, July 19, with the start of a new plan that will charge for heavy use of the service.  
Telephone customers will need to dial 1-555-1212 to reach local and long distance Directory Assistance service anywhere within their own area code.  
For numbers outside their own area code, customers will continue to dial "1," followed by the area code they are calling, and then 555-1212.  
Under the heavy-use charging plan, adopted last year by the Michigan Public Service Commission, customers will receive a credit of 20 cents per line on their monthly phone bills. There will be no charge for the first 20 calls to Directory Assistance each month. Each call beyond 20 a month will cost 20 cents. Only calls for numbers within a customer's own area code will be counted, and customers may ask for up to three numbers at a time.

**Census survey**  
Local representatives of the Bureau of the Census will conduct a survey of employment in this area during the work week of July 20-24, 1981, Robert G. McWilliam, Director of the Bureau's Regional Office in Detroit, announced today.  
The survey is conducted for the U.S. Department of Labor in a scientifically designed sample of approximately 71,000 households throughout the United States. Employment and unemployment statistics based on results of this survey are used to provide a continuing measure of the economic health of the Nation.  
For example, in May the survey indicated that of the 107.4 million men and women in the civilian labor force, 99.2 million were employed. The Nation's unemployment rate was 7.6 percent, up from the 7.3 percent registered during the prior 3 months.  
Information supplied by individuals participating in the survey is kept strictly confidential by law and the results are used only to compile statistical totals.

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# Coming Events

**JULY 1-AUG. 23:** Made in Grand Rapids: 150 years of Furniture History, a comprehensive exhibit on the area furniture industry. M-F, 10-5; S & S, 1-5. Admission \$1 for adults, 50c children & senior citizen, under 5 free.

**JUNE 13-AUG. 23:** Made in Grand Rapids: 150 Years of Furniture, a comprehensive exhibit on the furniture industry in Grand Rapids. Sponsored by the Furniture Manufacturers Assn. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 1-5 p.m. Sat. & Sun. at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, 54 Jefferson SE, Grand Rapids. Adults \$1, children and senior citizens 50c, under 5 free.

**Town photos on display**  
A large number of pictures of times past in Lowell have been on loan to the Lowell Area Arts Council committee which prepared the booklet, "Lowell: 50 Years of History, 1931-1981". Some of these scenes which fall between these dates have been included in the book, but many others were of earlier days.  
Believing that they would be of great interest because of their ability to evoke an idea of life in Lowell in the late 1800's and early 1900's, Betty Coons, chairman of the history committee for the 150th anniversary, and Ruby Christiansen, who has a large collection of postcards and other pictures, have arranged for their display during the Sesquicentennial week at the First Savings (Lowell Savings and Loan) office at 217 W. Main St. So that sunlight will not fade the photographs, they will be arranged on tables inside the building, to be seen during business hours only.

**WED., JULY 15:** Past Matrons of Cyclamen Chapter #94 O.E.S. will hold a Family Picnic at Orval and Bertha Jessup's cottage on Wednesday, July 15. Eat at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and own table service. For directions contact Esther DeRushia, 897-9967 or Doris Boyd 897-8152.

**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. Theima 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.

**SUN. JULY 19:** Lowell High School Class of '31 picnic at Fallasburg 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.

**JULY 22 & 25:** An Ice Cream Social will be sponsored by the Senior Youth Fellowship of the First United Methodist Church on Wednesday, July 22 and Saturday, July 25, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lowell parking lot across from the Showboat ticket office. Come and enjoy ice cream, beverages, and homemade pies.

**WED., JULY 29:** The second annual Grand Rapids "Breakfast in The Park" for alumni and friends of Western Michigan University will take place on July 29 from 7:30 until 9:30 a.m. at Garfield Park on Burton Street, Grand Rapids.

**Happy Birthday...**  
July 18: Helen Ford, Alice Wagner, Gilbert Wynkoop, Bertha Harwood.  
July 19: Dick McNeal, Bob Elzinga, Howard Trepto.  
July 21: Susan Averill, Jodi Boyce, Kathryn Ann Abel, Don Yeiter, Grace Heffelbower.  
July 22: William Fisher, Nan Dotto.  
July 23: Carol Collins, Jenny Ritzma.  
July 24: Marsha Anderson, George Kapla.

In 1787, the Continental Congress under the Articles of Confederation laid down a decree for Michigan known as the Ordinance of 1787. According to that ordinance "schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged because three things are necessary to good government: Religion, Morality, Knowledge."

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## Wingeier elected to FFA regional

Chris Wingeier of the Lowell FFA was elected treasurer for Region V of the Michigan Association of FFA at the annual leadership camp for Chapter FFA officers at Calvin College on June 30th and July 1st.  
Chris is the son of Larry and Becky Wingeier of 7336 Wingeier Avenue, in Alto. Chris will serve with five other officers elected at the camp to plan and run the 1981-82 camp.  
Other new chapter officers from the Lowell FFA attending the leadership camp were: Nancy Metternick, President; Carl Fuss, Vice President; Sheila Nugent, Secretary; Jamie Poll, Treasurer; Mark Alderink, Reporter; Mark Wilcox, Sentinel; and Mr. Peter Siler, Advisor.  
The other FFA chapters represented at the camp were Caledonia, Coopersville, Belding, Hastings, Cedar Springs, Ionia, Charlotte, Bellevue, and Olivet.

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# Local News

**John and Esther Minges of Lowell visited their niece and nephews, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Addison, and their great-nephew Jeffrey in Mound, Minnesota last week.**

**Le A. Kaufman, 13935 Grand River, Lowell has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Saginaw Valley State College's School of Arts & Behavioral Science. Kaufman's major was psychology.**

## Wedding vows spoken



Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Yeaker

Six area students earned degrees from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. Graduation ceremonies were May 9.

From Lowell, Craig A. Anderson has a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations; Gary Ayers has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Gretchen Hahn has a Bachelor of Arts in English; Gordon A. Hill has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

## 6 earn Aquinas degrees

There are two continuing education graduates from Ada; Shirley Compton has a Bachelor of General Education degree; George E. Overly has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Earning a Masters Degree in Management from Lowell is Michael Endres.

## 10 attend Blue Lake

Attending Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp for the second summer session are 10 students from the Lowell area.

Area students who are at Blue Lake from July 7 to 19 include: Pam Durkee and Brett Kirby of Alto; Belinda Burdette, Lisa Garcia, Kim Schneider, Jon Gober, Jon Silvis, Sara Harper, Tamara Steghuis and Vicky Kidder, all of Lowell.

## Class of 41 reunited

The committee responsible for this reunion consisted of John Phelps, chairman, Keith Clinton, Margaret Kyser Rose, Mary Bieri Albert, Maxine Detmers Gasper, and Ilene Onan DeWolf.

Saturday evening, July 11, Shady Acres in Vergennes Township was the scene of a luncheon and program to renew old friendships and reminisce about the "Good Old Days" at Lowell High when teachers were respected and students were really interested in learning.

## cozy corner



I'm not getting off to a very good start this morning. The first thing that went wrong was that I overslept for nearly an hour, so if this is a little short, you'll know why.

My kids have apparently been monkeying around with my typewriter again, as one of the feet is missing. Now when I strike a key on the right side of the keyboard, the whole thing tips down and to the right.

## Good things grow in Michigan

Looking for something different to do on a lazy summer day? Visit Michigan's wine country, where good things are growing in some terrific scenery.

Our state ranks fifth in wine production in the nation, and our wineries earned nearly 150 state and national awards in the last three years for the quality of their products.

At some of the wineries, you can purchase snacks or luncheon, and at each you're welcomed royally. Some also offer recipes for cooking with wine, and in each case you'll have an opportunity to taste some of the different varieties.

In wine country, you'll see manicured orchards alternating with vineyards; and those orchards portend the late summer harvest of peaches, pears, apples and other fruits in season.

## HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24).

Some people are always talking about "the good old days." What was so good about them? Was it riding in the buggy in the wintertime and shivering with cold? How about the Model T cars and flat tires? The back-breaking days spent over the rub-board? Ironing with sad-irons? Chopping wood? Baking bread several times a week?



Therefore, it is important to make the most of the present. This is our hour!

Today is our day of opportunity. First of all, this is the day to seek God and His righteousness. This is the time to enjoy the fellowship of His divine presence. Today is the day to be busy about our Father's business, to be actively engaged in proclaiming His love. This is the day to rejoice and be glad for God is good to us. If we do these things, we shall be able to look back upon today as one of "the good old days."

Miss Carolyn Merriman and Timothy Yeaker were married on June 19, 1981 at the Caledonia Christian Reformed Church by Rev. Henry Enting.

The bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Alice Merriman of Alto. The groom is the son of John and Delores Yeaker of Caledonia.

Kim Risner served as Maid of Honor. Janet Merriman, sister of the bride, was Bridesmaid. Serving as Bridesmaids were Susan VandaWater, Micki Daverman and Kathy Krof.

## Class of 41 reunited

Four former teachers were honored guests: Mr. John Kleinheksel, Ag. teacher, and his wife; Mr. Chris Burch, teacher and coach, and his wife; Mr. Orval Jessup, band leader and music director, and his wife; Mrs. Madeline Niswonger Lawson, business skills teacher.

**MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
(Meeting in the Lowell High School Choir Room)  
750 Foreman Road  
Evening Service 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer and Bible Study Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
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# Area Sports

## DNR Report

The weather is hot. The fish are deep. Fishing pressure has declined.

Charter boat operators are marking most trout in 120-200' of water at the 60-80' level. Success has been limited from Holland to Whitehall.

Bluegills are in deep water near drop-offs. The best luck on our district inland lakes has been with red worms. Crappie fishing has come to life in the Ottawa county bayous of the Grand River. Try minnows for bait.

Fishing for perch it's one day fair, the next nothing. When the perch do feed, it appears small crabs and minnows work best as bait. Early morning and late evening are best.

For small mouth bass try the Flat River, Ionia County and Grand River, Kent County. Also, Muskegon Lake has been real good for both smallmouth and largemouth bass.

For walleyes and pike, some success is reported near the north branch of the Muskegon River for walleyes. A few northerns have

been taken by trolling along the weed beds of most inland lakes.

Catfish are best in the Grand River at Grand Haven. The wild animals born this spring are moving freely now. They display no caution on our roads and we have noticed an alarming amount of road-killed animals. **DRIVE CAREFULLY.**

## End month with tennis tourney

The Lowell YMCA will be sponsoring a Tennis Tournament during the week of July 27 thru July 31. All matches will be played at the Lowell Senior High School tennis courts.

The age division will be as follows: Boys and girls under 10, 11-13, 14-16, 17 and over. The entry fee is \$3 for singles, \$5 total fees for doubles. The tournament director is Al Harper.

The registration will be taken at the Lowell YMCA. For further information, call the Y office 897-8445.

## July 4 winners named

The winner of the Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest on the Fourth of July was Sam Haner of Lowell. The defending champion, Bob Elzinga, placed second followed by Mayor Dean Collins in third. Elzinga was heard to remark that he was "going to win back the title next year!" The Jaycees sponsored the event.

Winners of the Volleyball Tournament on the Fourth were the undefeated Wing Dings. Members of the team are Warren Church, John Ellison, Mark Smith, Ray

Alexander, Terry Molag, Tom Kempker, Laurie McMahon, Ellen Ritzema, with coaches Bob Ellison and Art Low. Second place winners were sponsored by Curtis Cleaners with members: Bucky Curtis, Jake Callier, Rick Onan, Greg Ball, Dan DeHaan and Phil VanderLaan.

Those already entered in the Puff, Pedal and Paddle event in this weekend's Sesquicentennial Celebration have challenged these team members to enter and compete for the PPP title. May the best team win.

## Campout here next week

A local campout hosted by Chapter #200, Claim Stakers of the National Campers and Hikers Association (NCHA) will be held on July 24 thru 26 at the Lowell 4-H Fairgrounds.

The "Lowell Showboat Campout" held in conjunction with the Lowell Showboat has activities, games,

and contests planned for youth, teens, and adults plus the Saturday evening performance of the Showboat.

The National Campers and Hikers Association N.C.H.A. was formed in 1949, in New York and has grown to 3,000 chapters nationwide. There are approximately 400 families associated in the Kent County area, with approximately 30 active chapters.

N.C.H.A. is also seeking new memberships. Interested campers are encouraged to call for more information and make reservations for the Showboat Campout at Lowell by contacting Henry Bowman Jr., 2717 Wyoming Avenue S.W., Wyoming, MI 49509, or phone 616-532-6510.

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#7 Curtis Cleaners	2	5

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## "C" LEAGUE

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#18 First United Methodist Church	2	4
#19 The Gators	6	0
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## WOMEN'S LEAGUE

#1 Showboat Automotive	7	1
#2 Larkins Saloon	2	6
#3 Village Inn	5	3
#4 Pep-ars	5	3
#5 North Pole Refrigeration	0	8
#6 West Apparel	4	4
#7 Alto Angels	5	2
#8 State Savings Bank	5	3
#9 Blough Builders	2	6

Standings up to 7-10-81

## The Captain's Quarters

by Ferrest Buck

Members of the Lowell Showboat Board of Directors were surprised to receive a letter dated July 3 from Jim Hall, tendering his resignation as President of the Lowell Showboat. Jim has accepted a position of employment in San Diego, California. Jim is best known for his designing of the present Robert E. Lee, constructed by Ivan Blough and his crew. To me this is a thing of beauty. I have known the Hall family for many years, having attended school here in Lowell with Jim's dad. Jim states that one of the most rewarding times of his life has been his connection with the Showboat.

Although the Showboat will miss Jim and Beverly, we wish them well in their new undertakings, and on behalf of the whole community we say, "Thank you Jim and Bev."

Ray Quada, by a unanimous vote, was placed in a position of leadership throughout this year's production.

I am sure that many people in Lowell do not know how the Showboat Corporation operates. The purpose of this community organization is to run the affairs and manage the performance of the Lowell Showboat, to promote the community of Lowell, and stimulate interest in civic, social and community affairs.

The Board of Directors consists of 15 directors serving one, two and three year terms. Their responsibility is to manage and conduct the business pertaining to the property and program affairs of the corporation. The board of directors is assisted by appointed representatives from fraternal groups and community organizations.

The Board of Managers, consists of project heads of the Showboat production. Ticket office, ushers, electricians, concessions, boat operation, advertising, costumes, parking, security and safety all come under the board of managers.

I stood on the banks of the river the morning of Aug. 18th when the amphitheatre was damaged and the boat completely destroyed. Many others had tears in their eyes and asked "Will there ever be another Showboat?" Well, there is another Showboat. Enthusiasm ran high. Everyone pitched in and the result is a beautiful, authentic Robert E. Lee was built.

Today, I wonder, what became of that enthusiasm? Is it dead or is it just waiting to be rejuvenated? Showboat is not just a Board of Directors project. Showboat belongs to the people of Lowell, every organization, every business person, every family and every individual. Over the years the people of Lowell got behind their Champions and projects. If they failed to do so they were no longer Champions.

The board knows that you cannot please all people at all times, and they invite constructive advice, but they are not mind readers. Let them know your likes and dislikes as, to talent and programming, and what you think



would make the Showboat better. If you have talents,

whatever they may be, and would like to put that energy to work for a good cause, there is a place for you in the Showboat action.

If every member of the chorus, the endmen and interlocutor, the board of directors, board of managers, numerous organizations, and business places helped sell

ten tickets, it would amount to over 4000 and a one night sell-out.

It's time for the people of Lowell to eat, sleep and talk Showboat for the next week and a half. Let's hear Showboat music over loudspeakers. Let's see Showboat exhibits and window signs. Lowell is on display. We have

lots to brag about. "LET'S DO IT."

I went to see the "Regenerations" singers at the amphitheatre last Friday night and it was a well-disciplined group which gave a great program. It was sponsored by the Reformed churches and goes to show what can be done when you get behind a project.

Thirty acts were presented on Talent Night last Saturday night plus a program by Jimmy Still, professional ventriloquist and comedian who got his start as a Showboat Amateur in years past. The night's program was sponsored by the Lowell Lions Club.

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Flat River Gallery re-opens

The Lowell Area Arts Council will open a gallery of local artists' works Saturday, July 18 from 1-4 p.m. on Lowell's Main Street. The Flat River Gallery will continue to be open 6-9 p.m. during Showboat Week with a final day of operation Saturday, July 25, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is free.

In service.

Pvt. 2 Robert E. Will, son of Ginny Souser of 349 Flat River Road, Lowell, has completed an Army tank turret repair course at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md. Students learn to perform maintenance on the mechanical, electrical and hydraulic components of the armament installed in tanks and other combat vehicles. Will is a 1981 graduate of Lowell High School.

At the libraries this week

Lowell Library: Program this morning (Wednesday, July 15) is arts and crafts for children ages 7-10 from the Grand Rapids Artmobile at the Lowell Library at 10 a.m. Next week, July 22, at 11 a.m. the program will be "Spinning Appalachian Yarns" for children ages 6 to 10. Storytellers in costume will share tall tales from Richard Chases' "Grandfather Tales".

Ajo Library: Program tomorrow morning (Thursday, July 16) is Marble Game and Collecting with Anna Fraser for ages 7 and up. For those under 7, see the film "Paddington Bear". On July 23 the program will be "Spinning Appalachian Yarns". Programs begin at 11 a.m.

Eastgate "Grand Slams" again



The Niskey family and the Stencil family of St. Mary's School in Lowell prepare for the Eastgate Grand Slam Garage Sale next week. —Photo by Ed Benjamin.

Eastgate subdivision tops off the exciting Showboat Week with its annual "Grand

Slam Garage Sale", July 24 & 25, with over 200 participants including friends and family of Eastgate homeowners.

"Garage Sale-ers"—hot dogs, soft drinks and various goodies will be on sale as well. Eastgate winds up for another Showboat Weekend!

Volunteers needed

The Switchboard Program of Community Crisis Intervention Center is a 24-hour crisis help line. Trained volunteers are available day and night, seven days a week for people to call with their concerns. These concerns pertain to loneliness, depression, family problems, suicide, drugs, alcohol and other problems. The Switchboard Program also acts as a community information and referral source.

To learn more about Community Crisis Intervention Center's training program, or to sign up, simply call Switchboard Crisis Center at 774-3535.

Microwave hotline

One marvel of the microwave oven generally does not perform. It is to brown food. Because we have been conditioned to expect a brown crust on certain foods, it is therefore necessary to learn a few browning basics. On meat and poultry use gravies, brush on browning agents such as soy, Teriyaki, Worcestershire sauces, or crumb or seasoned coating mixes.

Saranac Doin's

Cyclists can coast the coast

Experienced long-distance bicyclists from Ionia County can tour southeastern Michigan and part of Canada this summer in the third annual 4-H Coast the Coast bicycle tour.

The tour will run from Aug. 15 through Aug. 21 and cover approximately 300 miles.

Cyclists will begin at the Foote Youth Hostel in Millford, MI, cross into Canada at Marine City, and re-enter Michigan at Port Huron via the Blue Water Bridge. Tour members will continue up the Lake Huron coast, cross part of Michigan's Thumb and circle back to the Foote Hostel to end the scenic week-long tour.

Coast the Coast participants must be at least 12 years old, unless accompanied by an adult, and all youths must submit signed health statement with the application. The cyclists will be traveling 40 to 60 miles per day, carrying bed packs and all personal equipment on their bikes.

The cost of the tour is \$35, which covers lodging, breakfast and dinner. Participants should bring some spending money for lunches and personal purchases. Coast the Coast reservations must be made by Aug. 2 with Ionia County Coopera-

tive Extension Service office. For more information about the tour, contact Julie Drake, at 527-1400.

Off the blotter...

Kevin R. McWilliams died of injuries he sustained in a car-motorcycle collision about 11:30 a.m. last Friday. McWilliams was southbound on South State Rd., Ionia, when his motorcycle was struck at the Greenfield Dr. intersection by a car driven by Blanche R. Hale of Saranac, according to the Michigan State Police report. Hal was northbound on M-66 and started to turn left on Greenfield when the collision occurred. She told officers she did not see the approaching motorcycle.

Board of Ed organizes for '81-82

The first meeting of the 1981-82 school year was held by the Saranac School Board last Thursday evening. Jack Bauman was unanimously re-elected president of the Board. Also re-elected were vice-president Darold Simpson and secretary Lynn Sicklesteel. Donald Leslie was elected to his first term as school board treasurer.

Local news

Jim A. Griener of Saranac earned a Bachelors Degree in English from Aquinas College in spring commencement ceremonies recently.

Leave cut flowers in warm water for about two hours before arranging them so they can take up as much water as they can hold. If you must keep them a while longer, place them in fresh warm water and set them in the refrigerator. Remove excess foliage and cover them with plastic or paper to slow water loss.

Cut garden flowers early in the morning or late in the evening, when they are crisp with water. During the heat of the day, they lose water through transpiration faster than their roots can replace it and may be wilted.

To bag or not to bag

One person uses a grass catcher with his mower and another says that the clippings are good for the lawn so why bother to bag them and dispose of them. Who is right?

There are two reasons not to leave clippings on the lawn. First, they can be unsightly. Clippings are removed from many a high quality, well maintained lawn for just this reason.

Secondly, if your lawn is not mowed frequently enough, too much grass can be cut off at one time. Instead of sifting down and decomposing, the clippings can mat on top and suffocate the grass underneath. At the time of year when lawns are growing vigorously, clippings will probably have to be removed.

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### Bonnet Belle update

There are nine new Bonnet Belles as this issue goes to press. If you're asking yourself "What's a Bonnet Belle?" it's obvious you haven't been reading the Ledger carefully. (Shame, shame)

Bonnet Belles is a "sorority" of Lowell area gals of all ages who support the Sesquicentennial celebration. The \$5 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.

PERSONALIZED — Playing cards. Single or double deck. Grand Valley Ledger, 897-9261.

Categories for the Bonnet Belle competition are: Oldest Bonnet Belle, Youngest Bon-

net Belle, Most Authentic Dress, Largest Hat, Most Complete Costume, Most Original Bonnet.

Newest members are: Yvonne Free, Evelyn Free, Treva Johnson, Irene Osborn, Kathie Quada, Barb Briggs, Rita Carleski, Ellura McPherson, Madelyn Pfaler.

Those persons without BB (Bonnet Belle) buttons or BOB (Brothers of the Brush) buttons will be subject to fines and/or jail during the three days of the celebration. Best idea is to join now!

### Raimer given award



Lowell native Richard Raimer, (left) has received Ferris State College's School of Technical and Applied Arts Outstanding Student Award in the manufacturing engineering technology program. Raimer received the award for his academic and technical ability, attitude and performance and potential in the technical field during his first year in the program. Raimer now lives in Big Rapids. Presenting the award is Paul Prins (right) industrial department head.

### Poison ivy a miserable problem

If you're sensitive to poison ivy, the best way to avoid a lot of misery is to steer clear of this pesky plant. That tends to be more difficult than it sounds, however. Poison ivy can grow as a climbing, woody vine attached to trees, fences or other objects; an erect shrub a few inches high; or a creeping vine without support.

The leaves, borne in groups of three, are reddish and drooping in the spring. As they expand, they turn glossy or dull green and may be hairy. The shapes of individual leaves can vary greatly. All of this variation can make identifying—and avoiding—poison ivy very difficult.

Even dead vines contain the oil responsible for the reaction in sensitive individuals.

## if it fitz' By Jim Fitzgerald

During the long Memorial Day weekend, it was frequently reported by print and electronic media that President Reagan "is relaxing at his Santa Barbara ranch by chopping wood and clearing brush."

I spent much of the holiday weekend sitting and thinking about what my president was doing to relax. I knew about chopping wood, but I wasn't sure what it meant to clear brush.

When I read a headline saying "President Clears Brush", I was immediately reminded that Ford pardoned Nixon, which was relaxing for both of them. I wondered who Brush was, and what he'd done that required his clearing. My wife straightened me out by citing Father Time.

She said brush is often cleared with a scythe which is that curved implement carried by Father Time when he is being chased by a New Year. He isn't always called Father Time. Sometimes he is simply called the Old Year. But he always has a long beard and carries a scythe which he uses to defend his Social Security benefits.

You probably think I'm making a snide implication. It would be bitterly ironical for Ronald Reagan to use the same implement to clear brush that Father Time uses to protect his pension from slashing by a 70-year-old president who can't tell brush from bread. But forget it for now.

I'm not here today to criticize our president; I'm trying to understand him. Mostly I'm trying to understand why the president of the United States chops wood and clears brush. It isn't relaxing to do those things; it's hard work.

The best dictionary of "relax" is "to reduce or stop work or effort, especially for the sake of rest or recreation." I submit that it is hard work to chop wood, and it is relaxing to stop chopping wood for the sake of rest or recreation. The converting of large hunks of wood into small hunks should be left to people who own power saws and live many miles away from me.

It can be argued that it is relaxing for a president to chop wood on weekends because the unaccustomed activity relieves the tensions created in his mind and muscles by the necessity of making world-shaking decisions during the week. The theory is that it's relaxing for a person to occasionally do something very different from what he must do regularly to earn a living. If this theory is valid, a professional woodchopper should relax by being secretary of state.

The only half-way plausible argument favoring wood-chopping as relaxation is that after chopping a few cords, it is easy for the chopper to collapse in a heap and sleep for a week. But, of course, it's the sleep that's relaxing, not the chopping. And I like to think our president is smart enough to recognize this obvious fact. It wouldn't be good for this nation to be led by a man dumb enough to bang his head against a Social Security recipient's scythe just because it will feel so good when he quits banging.

But if chopping wood and clearing brush aren't relaxing, why does the president do them? I began to understand when I read that the Reagans may close the White House and spend all of August vacationing in California. Many years ago it wasn't unusual for everyone to desert steamy Washington in the summer. In fact, the article said, "There are those who believe seriously that big government can be traced in large measure to the air-conditioning that makes bureaucratic toil possible" in Washington in July and August.

That must be it. President Reagan has always been against big government. He wants the responsibility for chopping wood and clearing brush returned to village and township halls where there is no air conditioning and local bureaucrats don't work in July and August. So Reagan uses an ax and a scythe, instead of a power saw and bulldozer, to protect the image of a politician who realizes our forefathers didn't need power tools to make this country great.

Backward and Downward. And when it's too hot to use a scythe to clear brush, it should be granted total amnesty.

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## Council Proceedings...

Official Proceedings of the City Council of the City of Lowell, Michigan.

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, June 17, 1981.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the Roll called.

Present: Councilmen Christiansen, Fonger, Schneider and Collins.

Absent: Councilman Maatman. School Representative Burdett is attending Boys State.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Christiansen that the Minutes of the June 11 meeting be approved as written, supported by Councilman Schneider.

Carried.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Christiansen that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued, supported by Councilman Fonger.

Yes: Councilmen Christiansen, Fonger, Schneider and Collins.

No: None.

Absent: Councilman Maatman.

### BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS

General Fund	\$29,728.10
Local Street Fund	4,760.68
Sewer Fund	560.64
Water Fund	\$33,841.72
Equipment Fund	3,107.54
Storm Sewer Fund	36.72
Federal Revenue Sharing Fund	1,252.00
Trust and Agency Fund	1,356.00
Major Street Fund	7,853.25

Approval of Quit Claim Deed/Ranch House Restaurant

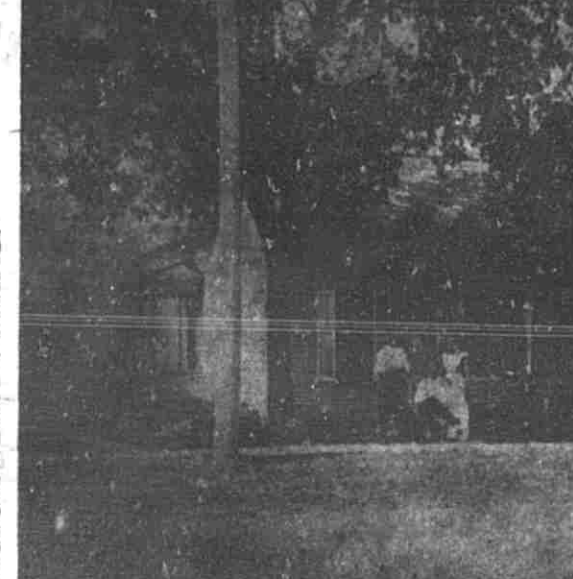
Council discussed the request for a quit-claim deed by Jack and Emma Lucchesi for the strip of land running underneath their Ranch House Restaurant, along the Flat River bank, to allow the sale of the property.

The following resolution was offered for adoption by Councilman Christiansen, supported by Councilman Schneider.

WHEREAS, certain portions of land, owned by the City of Lowell and situated on Riverside Drive within the City of Lowell are located beneath a building owned by Jack and Emma Lucchesi; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide clear title to the buyers of the Ranch House Restaurant, said Jack and

### Looking back...



Somewhere in Lowell, this home has probably undergone a transformation. In 1912, however, this trio posed for a photo which was made into a postcard. Anyone know which 1981 home this is?

### More theatre events set

Students of the recent Children's Summer Theatre workshop, sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council and the Lowell YMCA gave a demonstration of what they had learned to friends and family on the last day of class.

Some 25 children and parents then attended the Community Circle Theatre at John Ball Park to see a live theatre presentation "Jelly Beans"

Due to the interest in these summer theatre activities the Lowell Area Arts Council has announced two additional family theatre experiences this summer. On August 5, at 6:30 p.m., Bob Moyer of United Stage will bring his Theatre in The Park program to Richards Park in Lowell. On August 12, tickets will be available for the Community Circle Theatre at John Ball Park for the 9:30 a.m. performance. A Lowell group

will meet for the play "Mar-malade and Gumdrops" and a hot dog lunch afterward.

More information on these events will appear in the Ledger soon. Be watching.

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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,

### Wednesday, July 15, 1981

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

# PROCEEDINGS

of the  
**Kent County Board of Commissioners**  
Regular July 1981 Meeting

July 1, 1981

The Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Called to order by Chairman Ehlers.

Present: Blakeslee, Boerna, But, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Pappel, Sevensma, Sletsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 20.  
Absent: Kuhn (explained) - 1.  
Quorum present.

Commissioner Somerville introduced Reverend John Joldersma, Pastor of Reberth Hills Christian Reformed Church, who gave the invocation.  
Those present united in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chairman Ehlers reported on his visit to Drain Commissioner Jo Haven in Butterworth Hospital.

Commissioner Boerna moved the approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 3, 1981, seconded by Commissioner Sevensma. Motion carried unanimously.  
A report of the Finance Committee of their meetings of June 2, 1981 through June 2, 1981 was presented: (All have received copies and copies are on file in the Office of the County Clerk.)  
Commissioner But moved the report be received, concurred in, and filed. Seconded by Commissioner Sevensma.

Motion carried by the following vote:  
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerna, But, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Pappel, Sevensma, Sletsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 19.  
Nays: None.  
Chairman Ehlers presented an Outstanding Service Award to Richard Reath, recently retired Director of the Kent County Cooperative Extension Service, in appreciation of his many years of service. Mr. Reath thanked the Commissioners for the Award, stating he felt he was assigned to the finest of the eighty-three Counties in Michigan and appreciated the excellent working relationship he had with the County.

A Plaque was presented to Chairman Ehlers by Paula Vanderhuler, Program Coordinator and Sally Drayer, Program Director and Teacher of Cherry Street Center in recognition of the Board of Commissioners' work in the area of Mental Health. It reads as follows: "The Association for Retarded Citizens of Kent County recognizes the Kent County Board of Commissioners for their support of the Kent County Community Mental Health Board and the continued support of the Kent County Mental Health Center." Mrs. Vanderhuler thanked them for continuing to support the Mental Health Board and their improving the quality of life for our retarded citizens in Kent County.  
Chairman Ehlers thanked the ladies for the Plaque, stating it is very meaningful to him. He also presented a certificate of appreciation to the 1980 General Kent County Audit was presented: (All have received copies and a copy is on file in the Office of the County Clerk.)

Commissioner Buth moved the audit be received and filed. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.  
Mr. Max E. Smith of Touche Ross & Co. gave a complete explanation of the report.  
Commissioner Buth moved to receive and file the report. Motion carried unanimously.

The 1980 Audit Report of the Department of Public Works was presented: (All have received copies and a copy is on file with the Office of the County Clerk.)  
Commissioner Buth moved the report be received and filed. Seconded by Commissioner Blakeslee.  
Mr. Jerry Sullivan of Touche Ross & Co. gave a complete explanation of the report.  
Commissioner Buth's motion to receive and file the report carried unanimously. (All have received copies.)

## RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER MAHFIELD

WHEREAS, in 1976 a right-of-way for locating, establishing, and constructing a drain known as the Heyboer Drain was conveyed to the County of Kent by the affected property owners, and  
WHEREAS, a portion of the drainage right-of-way so conveyed runs through a large parcel of property owned by Steelcase Corporation located at the northeast corner of Eastern Avenue and 44th Street, City of Grand Rapids, and  
WHEREAS, Steelcase proposes to construct its corporate headquarters building on that parcel and to abandon the portion of the open Heyboer Drain which crosses that parcel and to substitute in lieu thereof an enclosed drain in a location to the south of the existing open drain, and  
WHEREAS, the Kent County Drain Commissioner has submitted Steelcase's proposal to consulting engineers retained on behalf of the Kent County Drain Commissioner to review the adequacy of the proposal and to determine whether the abandonment of the existing drain and the substitution of a new drain would be in the best interests of the Heyboer Drainage District, and  
WHEREAS, Prein & Neuhoff has investigated the pending proposal and has also reviewed previous developments processed through the Drain Commission office with respect to related developments adjoining the subject parcel and has advised the Drain Commission that the abandonment of the open easement and the substitution of the enclosed easement would be in the best interests of the drainage district, so long as a problem with respect to providing additional retention on the subject parcel for drainage from the parcel adjacent to the north is also provided for, and  
WHEREAS, the Drainage Board for the Heyboer Drainage District has met and reviewed all of the implications of the proposal and recommends abandonment of the open Heyboer drain and acceptance of the substitution drain, subject to final resolution of the additional retention ponding area,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the abandonment of the portion of the Heyboer Drain described on the Discharge of Easement attached hereto and authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Kent County Board of Commissioners and the Clerk of the Kent County Board of Commissioners to execute said discharge on behalf of Kent County, and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts the substitution of the General Easement and Right-of-Way in the form attached hereto, and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby directs that the discharge of easement and the acceptance of easement is upon the condition that the Discharge of Easement shall be subject to the full satisfaction of the full satisfaction of the drainage board.

Commissioner Mahfield moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Buth.  
Chairman Ehlers explained this issue was started by Drain Commissioner Jo Haven before he was hospitalized, and since there was a hold-up of a major project of Steelcase Corporation, the Drainage Board met without Mr. Haven, had an election, and Chairman Ehlers was elected Vice-Chairman of the Drainage Board. Mr. Roy Bruggink, representing Steelcase, is also present this morning. (Civil Counsel DeWitt explained this issue comes from the Drainage Board by way of the Building Committee. It involves the expansion

of the Steelcase operation and involves the piece of property at the northeast corner of Eastern Avenue and 44th Street.  
In 1958 an easement was conveyed to Kent County which has been on file with the Drain Office since 1958. The drain starts by connecting to an enclosed drain on the eastern edge of the project on 44th Street and proceeds in a northwesterly direction across the project. It now or last runs on an angle across the property and is an open ditch. Steelcase is proposing to construct its headquarters building on this piece of property. They want to relocate that drain to a more southerly location parallel to 44th Street. It would start at the same place as the easement at the present location. The matter was referred by the Drain Office to its consulting engineers and Prein and Neuhoff have made an investigation and examined the location of the drain, the existing drain, the substitute drain, and have looked at the measurements and have determined that, but for one problem, there is no problem with the abandoning of the open part of the drain and substituting an enclosed 54" drain across the south edge of the property. Back in 1979 Steelcase did some expansion of a parcel immediately north of this parcel and that required drainage changes handled through the Drain Office at that time. It was agreed that Steelcase could proceed to develop that northern parcel with the drainage layout they had planned so long as when they developed the parcel to the south, they made provisions for an additional ponding area. In 1979 that work was done by Devonian and Associates. Prein and Neuhoff did the analysis for the Drain Commission in 1979 and again now and picked up the history. The Drainage Board decided to recommend that the Board approve the abandonment of the open drain which will require a release of easement, acceptance of a new easement in a new location in place of that, but subject to the Drain Board being satisfied as to the relocation question as it relates to the North.  
The present parcel includes a retention pond so that the water that will be going into the Heyboer Drain will not be any greater volume than what is presently going to the Heyboer Drain. Parking lots will be directly drained into the retention pond. The units of government involved, the City of Grand Rapids and City of Wyoming, have both been notified of the Drainage Board meeting. The City of Grand Rapids was present and they do not have a problem. They agree we should work out the 54" retention problem before the matter goes ahead. Mr. Bruggink has been in contact with Mr. Snyder from the City of Wyoming and he sees no problem. If the Drainage Board meets before this can proceed, we will be sure the City of Grand Rapids and Wyoming are invited to have an opportunity to discuss with the Board any problems regarding this. The plans are here if anyone wishes to review them.

Commissioner Mahfield's motion to adopt was carried by the following vote:  
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerna, But, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Pappel, Sevensma, Sletsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 20.  
Nays: None.  
Resolution No. 7-81-145 regarding the Remodeling of the Wyoming Health Center was presented: (All have received copies.)

## RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS DEUTER AND LANINGA

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to relocate the Wyoming Health Center from its current location in the Kelloggville High School at 23 Jean S.W., to the Southwest Kelloggville Elementary School building on 44th Street, and  
WHEREAS, it is estimated that it will cost approximately \$25,000 to remodel the elementary school building to provide for continued health services, and  
WHEREAS, the City of Wyoming has agreed to pay that portion of the remodeling expenses in excess of \$20,000 providing the Health Department secures the first \$20,000 for remodeling from other units of government, and  
WHEREAS, the City of Wyoming has agreed to continue to pay rent, utilities, and telephone expenses at the relocated Health Center as it has since 1974, and  
WHEREAS, the clinic has been open five days a week to provide services which include Public Health Nurse counseling and referral, supplemental food and nutrition services to women, infants and children, Adult Health Screening, physician based well child screening and conferences, and fall immunization services, and  
WHEREAS, in 1980, 8,807 visits were made to the Health Center by 2,970 citizens, seeking public health services. Of these 8,807 client visits, 285 came from Wyoming, 255 from Kentwood, and 175 from other Kent County residents, and  
WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Health has approached other units of government on sharing in this remodeling with the following results:

City of Wyoming	excess over \$20,000 and operating cost
Gaines Township	\$ 1,820.00
City of Grandville	840.00
City of Kentwood	6,300.00
Byron Township	2,100.00
*Caledonia Township	640.00
County of Kent	5,300.00
	\$20,000.00

\*City Council to formally act at next meeting.  
\*\*Caledonia to be presented at next formal meeting.

WHEREAS, the Buildings, Parks and Transportation Committee recommends approval, and  
WHEREAS, the remodeling will be done by the City of Wyoming and they have directed their City Manager to have prepared for bidding purposes plans and specifications for the remodeling of the Wyoming Health Center, and  
WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed this proposal and recommends approval.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve a General Fund Contingent Account transfer to the Special Projects Fund to fund the Wyoming Health Center Account in the sum of \$20,000 with the following conditions prior to expending dollars from the Special Project Fund:

1. That a lease on the new center be for a ten (10) year period.
2. That the sum indicated above from other units of government, are committed to the County of Kent to be deposited in the General Fund.

Commissioner Sletsema asked if there were any comments from the City of Wyoming.  
Commissioner Gainey stated that he had talked with Wyoming City Engineer Gerald L. Snyder and there were no objections.  
After considerable discussion, motion carried by the following vote:  
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerna, But, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Pappel, Sevensma, Sletsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 20.  
Nays: None.  
Resolution No. 7-81-132 endorsing the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission Areawide Housing Opportunity Plan was presented: (All have received copies.)

## RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER LANINGA

WHEREAS, the County of Kent has participated with the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission in the preparation of an Areawide Housing Opportunity Plan (AHOP), and  
WHEREAS, the County of Kent endorses the statement of needs and goals as identified in the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission Areawide Housing Opportunity Plan and agrees to do all within its power to achieve the one and three year housing goals stated in this plan by contributing a good faith commitment to Federal, State and local Civil Rights Laws, and  
WHEREAS, Kent County affirms that the Community Development Block Grant Housing Assistance Plan goals will be made generally consistent with the AHOP, and  
WHEREAS, Kent County understands that this plan shall be used by West Michigan Regional Planning Commission in A-95 Reviews of Housing Projects, Community Development Block Grants and other activities subject to OMB Circular A-95.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners do hereby endorse the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission Areawide Housing Opportunity Plan.

Commissioner Laninga moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Mahfield.  
Motion carried by the following vote:  
Yeas: Blakeslee, But, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Pappel, Sevensma, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 17.  
Nays: Lamoreaux - 3.

Resolution No. 7-81-144 regarding the transfer of \$2,000 to the Park Fund Account for an Economic Impact Analysis in regard to the Fallsburg (Flat River) Dam was presented: (All have received copies.)

## RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS JOHNSON AND SOMERVILLE

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorized a submission requesting a loan for a Feasibility Study of the Fallsburg (Flat River) Dam, and  
WHEREAS, this study, to determine the feasibility of reconstruction of a low-head hydropower electrical project, has been completed, and  
WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Kent County Board of Commissioners, with the concurrence of the Kent County Board of Commissioners, has appointed a committee to analyze the Consulting Engineers Report, and  
WHEREAS, the Fallsburg Dam Analysis Committee will, within six (6) months, make recommendations to the Kent County Board of Commissioners, Kent County Buildings, Parks and Transportation Committee, and the Kent County Finance Committee regarding the appropriateness and advisability of renovating the Fallsburg Dam, and  
WHEREAS, the Analysis Committee has recommended that the Board of Park Trustees contract with Pro Action Institute to conduct an Economic Impact Analysis to predict the impact resulting from various approaches to the re-development of the hydro facility, and  
WHEREAS, the Economic Impact Analysis would examine potential financing mechanisms and markets, and to forecast impacts in terms of community development, land uses, economic development, job creation, cash flow and tax base, and  
WHEREAS, the cost of the Economic Impact Analysis should not exceed \$2,000, and  
WHEREAS, the funds for payment of this expenditure will come from the Kent County Park Commission Budget, and  
WHEREAS, this expenditure could not have been forecast prior to the submission of the 1981 Park Budget, and  
WHEREAS, the Buildings, Parks and Transportation Committee and Finance Committee recommend a General Fund Contingent Account transfer of \$2,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve a General Fund Contingent Account transfer of \$2,000 to the Park Fund for the Economic Impact Analysis.

Commissioner Johnson moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Somerville.  
Motion carried by the following vote:  
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerna, But, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Pappel, Sevensma, Sletsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 20.  
Nays: None.  
Resolution No. 7-81-143 approving action of the Kent County Board of Park Trustees in offering support to the Grand Rapids John Ball Park Zoo was presented: (All have received copies.)

## RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS KEMPER AND SEVENSMA

WHEREAS, the residents of Kent County have enjoyed for years the unique opportunity for a living experience in visiting Grand Rapids John Ball Park Zoo, and  
WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Park Trustees is desirous of offering support in the operation of this facility, and  
WHEREAS, this support should be in the form of financing seasonal employees, and  
WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Park Trustees offers to fund the six (6) seasonal employees who operate the children's zoo and five seasonal employees whose function is in the zoo park area, during the 1981 season ending September 11, 1981, and  
WHEREAS, these monies shall be taken from the Park Development Fund not to exceed \$25,000, and  
WHEREAS, the Buildings, Parks and Transportation Committee and Finance Committee concur in this action.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners concur in the action of the Kent County Board of Park Trustees in offering support to the Grand Rapids John Ball Park Zoo.

Commissioner Kemper moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Sevensma.  
Motion carried unanimously.  
Resolution No. 7-81-139 regarding Bonding for the Byron Township Landfill was presented: (All have received copies and a copy is on file in the Office of the County Clerk.)  
Commissioner Buth moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner DeHutter.

Resolution No. 7-81-142 regarding Revenue Sharing was presented: (All have received copies.)

## RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER FROMAN

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works has requested the County Board of Commissioners to extend the County's limited full faith and credit for the issuance of a \$5.5 million bond issue for the development and construction of the Byron Center Landfill, and  
WHEREAS, the receipt of bond proceeds cannot be expected until late 1981 or early 1982, and  
WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works is contemplating requesting a County General Fund Loan to begin such construction prior to the receipt of proceeds, and  
WHEREAS, it is not considered in the best interest of the County to advance a General Fund Loan to begin such construction until the Municipal Finance Commission's approval of the proposed bond issue.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners withhold consideration of a General Fund loan for the construction of the Byron Center Landfill until the approval of the proposed bond issue by the Municipal Finance Commission.

## RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON

Commissioner Johnson moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.  
Motion carried by the following vote:  
Yeas: Boerna, But, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Lamoreaux, Pappel, Sevensma, Sletsema, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 11.  
Nays: Blakeslee, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Kemper, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Sevensma, Chairman - 9.  
Commissioner Johnson moved the adoption of his resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.  
Commissioner DeHutter moved to cease debate. Seconded by Commissioner Dekraker.  
Motion to cease debate was defeated by the following vote as a 2/3 vote was needed to pass the motion:  
Yeas: Blakeslee, But, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Johnson, Kemper, Laninga, Sevensma, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 12.  
Nays: Boerna, Froman, Gainey, Lamoreaux, Mazurkiewicz, Pappel, Sevensma, Smolenski - 8.  
Commissioner Johnson moved to refer Commissioner Froman's resolution to the Board of Public Works. Seconded by Commissioner DeHutter.

Motion carried by the following vote:  
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerna, But, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Pappel, Sevensma, Sletsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 14.  
Nays: None.

Yeas: Froman, Gainey, Lamoreaux, Pappel, Sletsema, Mahfield - 6.  
Commissioner Sevensma asked if the Board would have an opportunity to approve the interest and sale of the bonds at a later date.  
Chairman Ehlers stated the decision will be made by the Board of Public Works.  
Chairman Ehlers instructed the Board of Public Works to notify the entire Board of Commissioners when this decision will be made.

Commissioner Sletsema questioned the 13% interest rate shown in the resolution. He felt the interest rate should be shown at 11%. Civil Counsel DeWitt explained the statute provides that bonds of this nature may not be sold at an interest rate in excess of 13%. The Municipal Finance Corporation takes the position that when you present a bond application under a statute that has a ceiling, you should recite in your bond resolution that the bonds are to be sold at a rate of not exceeding 13%. It doesn't mean you are going out and sell the bonds at 13%. It is not meant to be an indication that the County is seeking to borrow money by the sale of bonds at a 13% rate.

Commissioner Buth's motion to adopt the original resolution carried by the following vote:  
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerna, But, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Pappel, Sevensma, Sletsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 20.  
Nays: None.  
Resolution No. 7-80-137 regarding a new position of Clerk II in the County Clerk's Office Courts' Division was presented: (All have received copies.)

## RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS SMOLENSKI AND MAZURKIEWICZ

WHEREAS, the County Clerk has requested the Courts Division at the Hall of Justice, and  
WHEREAS, the request has been made due to the increased case load in the six Circuit Courts both in civil and criminal activities, and  
WHEREAS, the Personnel, Safety and Social Services Committee has reviewed this request for an additional position and recommends approval, and  
WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed this request and recommends a General Fund transfer for the balance of 1981 of \$7,101.00.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the addition of a Clerk II, Range 15A, \$10,922.40 for the County Clerk's Courts Division at the Hall of Justice, and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve a General Fund transfer of \$7,101.00 for the balance of 1981 to the Clerk's budget to the following accounts:

703.000 Salaries and Wages	\$5,491.20
715.000 FICA	365.15
716.000 Hospitalization	600.00
717.000 Life Insurance	35.10
718.000 Pension	609.55

Commissioner Sevensma moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.  
Motion carried by the following vote:  
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerna, But, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Pappel, Sevensma, Sletsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 20.  
Nays: None.  
Resolution No. 7-81-136 regarding a new position of Staff Psychiatrist - Unclassified - Kent Oaks Outpatient Clinic, Crisis Center, and Day Treatment Center was presented: (All have received copies.)

## RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS SMOLENSKI AND JOHNSON

A request has been received from the Kent County Board of Institutions for the addition of a third staff psychiatrist, annual salary of \$59,500. Unclassified, to provide psychiatric services to the Kent Oaks Outpatient Clinic, Crisis Center, and Day Treatment Center, and  
WHEREAS, the Board of Institutions has approved the addition of this staff psychiatrist, and  
WHEREAS, currently there are 19 1/2 hours weekly of service being provided by community psychiatrists at a cost of \$1,077 per week and with the addition of a full time staff psychiatrist, including fringe benefits, there would be an additional \$303.00 per week for the additional \$59,500, and  
WHEREAS, Community Mental Health supports the addition of a staff psychiatrist at Kent Oaks, and  
WHEREAS, the Personnel, Safety and Social Services Committee has reviewed this request and recommends approval of an additional staff psychiatrist, and  
WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed this request and recommends approval.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the addition of a staff psychiatrist, at a salary not to exceed \$59,500 per year, unclassified, to provide psychiatric services to the Kent Oaks Outpatient Clinic, Crisis Center, and Day Treatment Center.

Commissioner Smolenski moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Blakeslee.  
Motion carried by the following vote:  
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerna, But, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Pappel, Sevensma, Sletsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 20.  
Nays: None.  
Resolution No. 7-81-142 regarding Revenue Sharing was presented: (All have received copies.)

## RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER BUTH

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners has heretofore adopted a revenue sharing plan for the years 1972 through 1981, and  
WHEREAS, in accordance with said plan, all expenditures must first be approved by this Board of Commissioners, and  
WHEREAS, there is attached hereto marked Exhibit A and made a part hereof, the requests for expenditures to be authorized at the July meeting of the Kent County Board of Commissioners.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Controller take such action as may be necessary to properly insure that the expenditures for the United States Department of Treasury.

## EXHIBIT 'A'

Department	Item	Amount	Date of Fin. Com. Approval
Personnel Dept.	Furniture	1,270.00	6-09-81
Buildings and Grounds	Chairs	200.00	6-16-81
Friend of the Court	Dictation Equipment	427.00	6-23-81
Juvenile Court	Shelf Filing System	6,000.00	6-23-81
Register - Deeds	Microfilm Reader	150.00	6-23-81
Treasurer	Calculator	157.00	6-23-81
Capital Equipment	Purchases Under \$250, from Appropriation Fund -		
Probate Court	Furnishings	48.00	6-09-81

Commissioner Johnson moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.  
Motion carried by the following vote:  
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerna, But, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Pappel, Sevensma, Sletsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 20.  
Nays: None.  
Resolution No. 7-81-140 approving a change in fees charged for certified copies of Birth, Death or Marriage Records of \$5.00 for the first copy and \$2.00 for each additional copy purchased was presented: (All have received copies.)

## RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON

WHEREAS, on February 9, 1981, the State Legislature raised fees for the amount of \$3,000 of birth, death and marriage certificates as such as 23% percent, and  
WHEREAS, as a result of public outcry from individuals, motorists, the Michigan Association of County Clerks and the Association of County Clerks, House Bill 4186 was passed which authorized County Boards of Commissioners to adopt a system of fees for such services, and  
WHEREAS, the County Clerk has recommended that the Kent County Board of Commissioners reduce the fees for certified copies of a live birth, death or marriage record from the State imposed fee of \$10.00 to a fee of \$5.00 and also reduce the cost of providing additional copies of such records from \$3.00 to \$2.00, and  
WHEREAS, the fee prior to the change by the State Legislature were \$3.00 and any additional copies \$1.00, and  
WHEREAS, the Kent County Finance Committee has reviewed this request and recommends approval.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the fee of \$5.00 for a certified copy of a live birth, death or marriage record, and any additional copies at \$2.00 each.

Commissioner Johnson moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.  
Motion carried by the following vote:  
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerna, But, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Gainey, Johnson, K. Z. Lamoreaux, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Pappel, Sevensma, Sletsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 18.  
Nays: None.  
Resolution No. 7-81-129 regarding a change in the Jail Per Diem Rate Change Governmental Units effective 7-81 was presented: (All have received copies.)

## RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER SEVENSMA

WHEREAS, Kent County, by operation of law, charges certain units of government for expenses incurred at the Kent County Correctional Facility for housing prisoners charged with violation of local ordinances, and  
WHEREAS, Kent County has adopted a policy of revising the rates to be charged July 1 of each year, and  
WHEREAS, staff has prepared a detailed policy describing the method by which the rate is to be determined, which policy has been furnished to all affected units of government, and  
WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has notified all affected units of government of the proposed rate change for July 1, 1981 and has solicited their comment with respect to such rate change, and  
WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed the calculation of the proposed rate for July 1, 1981 and finds it to be correct and appropriate under all of the relevant circumstances.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Kent County hereby approves the rate of \$23.96 per day for the Kent County Correctional Facility, effective July 1, 1981, which

Commissioner Buth moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Somerville.  
Motion carried by the following vote:  
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerna, But, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Pappel, Sevensma, Sletsema, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 19.  
Nays: None.  
Resolution No. 7-81-131 regarding a transfer of \$8,196.93 from the General Fund Contingent Account to the Township Law Enforcement Fund was presented: (All have received copies.)

## RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER SEVENSMA

WHEREAS, for the past several years the County has had an approved urbanized townships program which Township Law Patrol and Enforcement whereby the County provides those urbanized townships with additional sheriff patrol over and above the regular district patrol on the condition of the County will provide the vehicle and equipment if the township will pay the necessary man hour cost, and  
WHEREAS, the participating townships are billed by the County for service 16 hours a day, 7 days a week pursuant to which billings the county is paid by said townships, and  
WHEREAS, effective May 24, 1981, Alpine Township has agreed to pick up the cost of one-half of the car in the Township Law Enforcement program which was formerly funded by Grand Rapids Township, and  
WHEREAS, for the period of March 22, 1981 through May 23, 1981, the services of this one-half car were utilized by the sheriff's department to provide district or township coverage for all citizens of Kent County, and  
WHEREAS, the Township Law Enforcement Fund receives revenues from the various townships to support the total program, and  
WHEREAS, during this two month period funds cannot be billed to any specific township, and  
WHEREAS, the Controller's Office recommends a General Fund transfer of \$8,196.93 to cover this one-half car in the Township Law Enforcement program.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve a General Fund transfer of \$8,196.93 to the Township Law Enforcement Fund.

Commissioner Sevensma moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.  
Motion carried by the following vote:  
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerna, But, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Pappel, Sevensma, Sletsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 20.  
Nays: None.  
Resolution No. 7-81-135 regarding a transfer from the General Fund Contingent Account to Record Copy, Other Supplies--File Processing Account to provide microfilm copies of Register of Deeds recordings of plats to the Title Office was presented: (All have received copies.)

## RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON

WHEREAS, the National Bank of Detroit will be performing the services of Paying Agent for the recently sold Kent County Delinquent Tax Notes, and  
WHEREAS, as Paying Agent, the National Bank of Detroit will offer the services of reconciliation and creation of notes and coupons, and  
WHEREAS, this service is considered more economical and more convenient to the County than if the County were to handle these services internally, and  
WHEREAS, the cost of this service is 1 3/4 cents per coupon and 5 cents per bond destroyed, and  
WHEREAS, for the 1981 General Obligation Limited Tax Notes of Detroit for the 1980 and 1981 General Obligation Limited Tax Notes, and  
WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed this request and recommends approval.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve entering into an agreement with the National Bank of Detroit for the reconciliation and creation of the notes and coupons of the 1980 and 1981 General Obligation Limited Tax Notes.

## RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON

Commissioner Johnson moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.  
Motion carried by the following vote:  
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerna, But, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Pappel, Sevensma, Sletsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 20.  
Nays: None.  
Resolution No. 7-81-133 regarding the United States Congress to include funding of legal services for the poor and indigent in the County Block Grant Program was presented: (All have received copies.)

## RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER LA MOREAUX

WHEREAS, the Legal Services Corporation was established by the federal government to provide the poor and indigent with needed legal services, and  
WHEREAS, Kent County is cognizant of the criticism that many have made that the Legal Services Corporation engages in needless lawsuits designed to appease special interest groups who seek to use the Legal Services Corporation as a political action agency, and  
WHEREAS, Kent County believes that there is a need to continue to provide legal services to the poor and indigent and that this need can be met in ways which primarily to appease special interest groups who have used the Legal Services Corporation as a political action agency.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners, in recognizing the need to provide legal services to the poor and indigent, does hereby urge the United States Congress to include funding for said legal services in the County Block Grant Program to insure local control and direction so as to avoid or minimize needless lawsuits which are designed primarily to appease special interest groups who have used the Legal Services Corporation as a political action agency.

## RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON

Commissioner Johnson moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.  
Motion carried by the following vote:  
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerna, But, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Pappel, Sevensma, Sletsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 20.  
Nays: None.  
Resolution No. 7-81-130 approving a change in fees charged for certified copies of Birth, Death or Marriage Records of \$5.00 for the first copy and \$2.00 for each additional copy purchased was presented: (All have received copies.)

## RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON

Commissioner Johnson moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.  
Motion carried by the following vote:  
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerna, But, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Lamoreaux, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Pappel, Sevensma, Sletsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 20.  
Nays: None.  
Resolution No. 7-81-133 urging the United States Congress to include funding of legal services for the poor and indigent in the County Block Grant Program was presented: (All have received copies.)

## RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON

Commissioner Johnson moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.  
Motion carried by the following vote:  
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerna, But, Byington, Dekraker, DeHutter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Pappel, Sevensma, Sletsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Mahfield, Chairman - 20.  
Nays: None.  
Resolution No. 7-81-130 approving a change in fees charged for certified copies of Birth, Death or Marriage Records of \$5.00 for the first copy and \$2.00 for each additional copy purchased was presented: (All have received

City of Grand Rapids, and WHEREAS, John K. Boerema was re-elected in 1980 under the newly appointed Board of Commissioners where he has served as commissioner ever since, and WHEREAS, John K. Boerema has had the distinction of serving as chairman of three of Kent County's four Standing Committees and Vice-Chairman of the Board over a period of time, and WHEREAS, John K. Boerema has served on several committees of the Michigan Association of Counties, and WHEREAS, John K. Boerema presently serves on the National Association of Counties Energy and Environment Steering Committee, a position he has held for the last five years, and was appointed to a special committee of NACO to study grant and regulation reform.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners does wholeheartedly support the nomination of John K. Boerema to the Board of Directors of the Michigan Association of Counties.

Commissioner Froman moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Smolenski.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 7-81-128 earmarking \$18,424 in the Public Improvement Fund for the Child Haven roof project was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS LANINGA AND DEWITTER WHEREAS, the Buildings, Parks and Transportation Committee recommends reroofing of approximately 10,000 square feet of Child Haven, and WHEREAS, this reroofing will be accomplished with one and one-half inch urethane insulation and an application of an acrylic roofing membrane which will include one-way roof vents to allow any trapped moisture to escape enabling the existing roof area to breath and eliminate future problems, and WHEREAS, bids have been received and a low bid of \$18,424 is recommended to be accepted by the Buildings, Parks and Transportation Committee and Finance Committee, and WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommends approval of the project with funds to come from the Public Improvement Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners' earmark within the Public Improvement Fund \$18,424 for the reroofing project at Child Haven.

Commissioner Laninga moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Somerville.

Motion carried by the following vote: Yes: Blakeslee, Boerema, Ruth, Byington, DeKraaker, DeWitter, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kempker, Laninga, Mazurkiewicz, Papek, Severson, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Chairman - 19. No: None.

Resolution No. 7-81-140 approving Kent County's element in the 1981-82 Region B Overall Economic Development Program was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER GAINNEY WHEREAS, the Kent County Overall Economic Development Committee has reviewed and rated various projects and community needs and have determined a "local place priority," and WHEREAS, the Kent County Buildings, Parks and Transportation Committee has reviewed and rated the various projects, community needs, "local place priority" and a summary of economic development activity, and WHEREAS, the Buildings, Parks and Transportation Committee recommends approval of the above to be included in the 1981-82 Region B Overall Economic Development Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves of the project ratings, community needs ratings, and selection of a "local place priority" to be included as Kent County's element in the 1981-82 Region B Overall Economic Development Program. Resolution No. 7-81-140 approving Kent County's element in the 1981-82 Region B Overall Economic Development Program was presented: (All have received copies.)

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Resolution No. 7-81-140 approving Kent County's element in the 1981-82 Region B Overall Economic Development Program was presented: (All have received copies.)

The largest gathering of agricultural equipment and farm service displays in the state is the primary attraction of Ag. Expo '81 - July 21-23 at Michigan State University. Exhibits from more than 200 major equipment manufacturers and agribusiness firms will practically blanket a 30-acre tract that has been set aside for the three-day event.

Scores of educational displays and tours of MSU variety trail plots, coupled with daily land improvement demonstrations, will augment the huge machinery show, says George Atkeson, MSU Cooperative Extension Service Agricultural Agent for Ionia County.

This year's Expo site is located near the intersection of Farm Lane and Mt. Hope Road, close to the central campus area.

# NOTICE

Bids will be taken on the Rose Weirbridge estate, 132 Jackson St., Saranac. Open house for inspection will be held July 17, 5-7 p.m., July 18, 1-5 p.m., July 19, 2-5 p.m. Bids are as follows: House and contents; house only; contents only. Sealed bids must be submitted by July 25, 1981. The right to accept or reject any or all bids is reserved by the Saranac Library Board. c35.36

# 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. Ray E. Quada, City Clerk c35-38

# NOTICE To The Citizens Of Grattan Township And The Public

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GRATTA TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held: Wednesday, July 29, 1981 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. Robert Van Dyke requests a variance to locate a patio within 5' of the road. Property is located at 11235 Crooked Lake Drive NE, Grattan Township. Joyce Oberlin, Secretary Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals c36

# Legals

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 you 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 KIM ELAINE KIBLER, Plaintiff, VS. PATRICK EARL KIBLER, Defendant. File No. 81-44444-DM At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on this 24th day of June, 1981.

Present: The Honorable George V. Boucher, Circuit Court Judge. On the 23rd day of June, 1981, an action for divorce was filed by the above-named Plaintiff against you 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 2201 Wirt Rd., Houston, Texas shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 23rd 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 V. Boucher, Circuit Court Judge Examined, Countersigned and Entered: Dorothy DeWitt, Deputy Clerk. ATTEST: A True Copy, Dorothy DeWitt, Deputy Clerk. 7/15-8/5

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT PEDRO VAZQUEZ, Plaintiff, VS. RONETTA JEAN SWIFT, Defendant. File No. 81-33720 DC At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on this 4th day of June, 1981.

Present: The Honorable George R. Cook, Circuit Court Judge. On the 4th day of May, 1981, an action for custody was filed by the above-named Plaintiff against you 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 General Delivery, Guernsey, Wyoming 82214 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.

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT PEDRO VAZQUEZ, Plaintiff, VS. RONETTA JEAN SWIFT, Defendant. File No. 81-33720 DC At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on this 4th day of June, 1981.

Present: The Honorable George R. Cook, Circuit Court Judge. On the 4th day of May, 1981, an action for custody was filed by the above-named Plaintiff against you 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 General Delivery, Guernsey, Wyoming 82214 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 KIM ELAINE KIBLER, Plaintiff, VS. PATRICK EARL KIBLER, Defendant. File No. 81-44434-DM At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on this 12th day of June, 1981.

Present: The Honorable Roman J. Snow, Circuit Court Judge. On the 11th day of June, 1981, an action for divorce was filed by the above-named Plaintiff against you 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 630 Spultz Rd. Sparta, Michigan 49345 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 11th 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.

Roman J. Snow, Circuit Court Judge Examined, Countersigned and Entered: M. A. Die-drich, Deputy Clerk. ATTEST: A True Copy, M. A. Die-drich, Deputy Clerk.

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT DEBORAH SUSANNE VAN PATTEN, Plaintiff, VS. STANLEY ALLAN VAN PATTEN, Defendant. File No. 81-44354-DM At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on this 24th day of June, 1981.

Present: The Honorable Roman J. Snow, Circuit Court Judge. On the 23rd day of June, 1981, an action for divorce was filed by the above-named Plaintiff against you 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 630 Spultz Rd. Sparta, Michigan 49345 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 11th 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.

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## Showboat, cont'd.

bers have played to enthusiastic audiences in the Grand Rapids area, in Western Michigan and have toured the Midwest. They pack the house when they perform at Deer Run Golf Club of Lowell.

The group, formerly known as Stillwater, traces its origins to 1966 when Dave Jones and Dale Kropf first began playing together in eighth grade. Cindy Adams Kropf joined them, then her brother Jerry Adams. Carl

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## Partial eclipse this week

In July, sky-watchers will be treated to a partial eclipse of the moon, says University of Michigan astronomy Prof. Richard G. Teske.

"The main part of the eclipse will begin at 11:25 p.m. on July 16, when the moon first touches the dark central shadow cast by our earth. It will end at 2:09 a.m. on July 17," notes Teske.

Mid-eclipse comes 47 minutes after midnight, when only the southern half of the moon will be immersed in shadow. Its northern part will still be illuminated by sunlight, he says.

Michigan observers who watch July's partial eclipse will easily see the curving reddish rim of earth's shadow as the moon passes across it.

This July's event is the second and final lunar eclipse of 1981.

## Fire levels

historic

## Bowne church

Lightning destroyed the nearly 100 year old St. Patrick's Mission Church in Bowne Township during a storm early Monday morning, July 13.

The wooden structure had been the house of worship for about 50 families since 1885. Only the walls of the structure remained after the blaze was put out.

Firefighters from the Alto, Bowne, Caledonia and Gaines Township fought the fire. The exact dollar loss was not immediately determined.

The fire is thought to have started about 3 a.m. when lightning struck the 50-foot high steeple, blew out the ends of the electrical system's fuse boxes and started the fire.

Before the blaze spread from the steeple, firemen were able to retrieve some of the sacred vessels and books from near the altar before flames engulfed the structure.

According to Father Donald J. Heydens, pastor of St. Patrick's Mission and Holy Family Church in Caledonia, the decision on whether to rebuild St. Patrick's will probably be made by the Diocese of Grand Rapids Administrative Council.

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Recut stems of cut flowers every other day and change the water, adding more water preservative each time.

## Birthday, cont'd.

per team. Teams must be at the Old Showboat Dock at 2 p.m. Sunday. Should be as much fun for spectators as participants. Anyone interested in being a race official call Don Green 897-6173.

The Lowell Area Firemen will be transformed into Keystone (Fire) Cops complete with jail for those who fail to sport either a BOB or BB button (Brothers of the Brush or Bonnet Belle, of course).

The Flat River Gallery will be open on Saturday featuring the work of area artists. Sesquicentennial Cookbooks

will be on sale for three dollars all weekend. The new History of Lowell covering both the first hundred years and the past 50 years will go on sale this Friday. See the ad this issue for sales outlets. Cost is \$6 for either the reprinted volume or the new volume, bargain rate of \$10 for the set.

Next week's issue of the Ledger will contain full coverage and plenty of photos of Lowell's fantastic birthday party.

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