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Council acts on exemption request

Lowell's City Council spoke for the whole community Monday night at their regular meeting when they honored Dolores Dey for successfully spearheading Lowell's Sesquicentennial Celebration, its gala 150th

birthday party, on July 17, 18 and 19, 1981.

At the invitation of the Council, Mrs. Dey was present to receive a special Certificate of Appreciation which was given on behalf of the citizens of Lowell and the

Council. The certificate honors "Dode" for "diligently planning and developing" the city's Sesquicentennial over a period of many months and "unselfishly working to make the Celebration a complete success". The resolution pointed to her "dedicated service to the community" and offered the City's deep appreciation for all her efforts.

Also receiving Certificates of Appreciation for completing 240 hours of firefighting training were five Lowell Area Fire Department personnel: Assistant Chief Frank Martin, Frank Wright, Robert Adrianse, Dale Finkler and George Watson. Completing the firefighting course required months of work on their own time. The firefighters are all volunteers.

The Public Hearing on the request of Kevin Smith and John Curtis for establishment of a commercial district and Certificate of Exemption under regulations of PA255 was reopened. In the discussion that followed City Manager Ray Quada explained that at first the Planning Commission had felt it would be a good idea to establish one large district and then let businesses apply for certificates of exemption as they saw fit. City attorneys disagreed however, citing the cost factor. The procedure would be complicated by the need for legal descriptions on each separate parcel of property to be included, notification of intent to each property owner and so forth just to get the district formed. It was decided to stay with the present format, with businesses applying as the need arose individually. The Curtis-Smith exemption was then granted for the full 12 years.

Council appointed Manager Quada and Department of Public Works head Tony Siciliano as delegate and alternate to the Municipal Employees Retirement System's annual meeting. City employees will elect their own delegate and alternate. The council appointed Man-



It is the beginning of the end for Lowell's South Division Street bridge. The structure has been closed to traffic for two years because of its unsafe condition. Brown Brothers of Lansing began dismantling work on the bridge last week and have removed the planking and side rails. Preparations for work on the new approaches to the bridge have begun. It should be completely torn down by the end of this week. The project is scheduled for completion in early July, 1982.

ager Quada and Councilman M. Jack Fonger as the city delegates to the Michigan Municipal League's annual meeting.

Five petitions have been filed for three Council terms which expire this year. Incumbents Dean Collins, M. Jack Fonger and Philip Schneider have turned in petitions as have Bobby Adams and Herbert Holcomb.

In his report to the Council, Manager Quada gave a progress report on the dismantling of the South Division St. bridge. The old decking has been completely removed. Side rails and the steel structures are being taken off and the bridge should be completely down by the end of the week.

Work on Richards Park by Bieri Bros. Construction firm will begin this week with the building of new berms, grass-covered earth mounds which will act as a buffer between the park and busy Hudson Street. It is one of the first steps in a comprehensive City Park Plan.



Dolores Dey, General Chairman of Lowell's Sesquicentennial Celebration, was given a Certificate of Appreciation by Mayor Dean Collins and the City Council on behalf of all residents of the community at the Council meeting Monday night.

Local girl takes state ski titles

Kim Lambert, age 14, of Lowell took several places in the Michigan State Water Ski Championships held at Tivoli Gardens near Brighton on Saturday, July 25.

She took first place in jumping, first place in slalom, second place in trick skiing, and overall trophy for the Girls' Division.

Kim is the daughter of Ronald and Shirley Brooks of Murray Lake. She is a member of the American Water Ski Association and the West Michigan Water Ski Association. She has been coached since she was four years old by Jerry and Dan Kropf of Lowell. She is a sophomore at Lowell High and is a cheerleader.

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FAMILY FUN

The Lowell Area Arts Council invites the community to its Theatre In The Park this evening, Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in Richards Park on N. Hudson St. Bring the family to enjoy United Stage from Grand Valley State Colleges.

GALS & TENNIS

Any girl interested in playing tennis this fall should plan on meeting Friday, August 7 at 6 p.m. in the girl's locker room in the high school. Girls tennis physicals will be given on Friday, Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. in the same place. Physical cards may be picked up in advance at the Superintendent's office. They must be signed by parent or guardian.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Lowell officers investigated 14 accident complaints in the month of July, eight of which were injury accidents. Lowell Rescue responded to four calls during the month.

Paul Farley was slightly injured in an accident late Friday evening when he lost control of the vehicle he was driving and struck a tree on Heffron St. between West and Donna Sts.

Ross Starkweather lost control of his vehicle on North Hudson St. early Sunday morning and struck a sign and telephone pole at the north city limits. He was not injured.

Gregory Janeschek was uninjured when he lost control of his car on Foreman Rd. near Gee Dr. late Sunday and struck a guard rail. The vehicle went over an embankment into Cherry Creek.

Patricia Thorndill was uninjured when the vehicle she was driving was struck by a juvenile driver while exiting Eberhard's parking lot Sunday afternoon.

Gerald Magle's auto was struck by a car driven by Lillian Sturges as she exited Eberhard's parking lot onto M-21 Sunday afternoon. Neither party was injured.


A 15-year-old juvenile was slightly injured Saturday evening when the bicycle he was riding was struck by John DenBraber of Grand Rapids. According to the police report, the juvenile entered Hudson St. from a private drive near Main Street and drove his bicycle between two cars stopped for the traffic signal. He was struck by DenBraber who was approaching the intersection in the left lane.

Sandra Johnson was uninjured following a two-vehicle accident on M-66 north of Grand River Ave. in Ionia last Saturday evening. According to Michigan State Police, Johnson failed to see a vehicle driven by a Lake Odessa youth who was northbound on M-66. She pulled in front of the juvenile's vehicle to turn into a private drive and collided.

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Living on a pension

How to get the most from retirement income poses special problems for two-pay-check pensioners. Tax rules are changing as are Social Security regulations, and couples with dual pensions need to plan their financial affairs with great care.

An 11.2 percent cost-of-living adjustment taking effect in July will increase the average monthly Social Security retirement benefit from \$337 to \$374. Beginning next year, the annual increase may be delayed until October.

Another change in Social Security will eliminate one of the inequities between men and women workers. A woman who worked for her husband's unincorporated business and didn't have her earnings credited to her Social Security account, must now have those earnings credited. This could mean larger benefits.

In the past a widow or widower who remarried forfeited Social Security benefits. As a result, many retirees simply lived together. Now there is no marriage penalty for recipients of survivor's benefits, if you are 60 or older when you remarry.

If you have other forms of retirement income to supplement your Social Security benefits, keep in mind some of this may be taxable. Because there is no "withholding" from pensions and self-employment income, for example, as there is with job salaries, you'll have to budget carefully and plan in advance for your federal income tax bill.

What is taxable income? Social Security benefits are not taxed. Money you withdrew from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or Keogh is fully taxable as ordinary income in the year you withdraw it. Pensions and annuities from employer plans are partly taxable, depending upon how much you paid in and what earnings accumulated over the years. If you receive a lump-sum payment from your pension plan when you're older than 59½, check with your tax advisor about special tax treatments.

Interest and dividends from investments and savings are taxable. Beginning this year, you can deduct up to \$200 of some interest and dividend income, or up to \$400 on a joint return. If you sell any of your collectibles or real estate, remember the capital gains tax. Income from rental property is also taxable.

The first step in planning your tax bill is to list your income as well as your spouse's income and compute what is taxable. Depending upon the amount of taxable income each of you has, you may want to calculate your income tax on separate returns as well as jointly. For example, you may save tax dollars if one of you has unusually large medical expenses this year. Because medical expenses must exceed three percent of your income to be deductible, you may not reach that amount on a joint return.

Don't forget to figure in the special tax breaks you are entitled to if you are 65 or older. You get an additional exemption, which on a joint return, means four exemp-



Country music's hottest vocal-instrumental group, The Oak Ridge Boys, will star in the Ionia Free Fair's grandstand shows at 6:30 and 9:00 p.m., Aug. 5. Fair officials report that advance ticket sales are heavy for the award-winning group's appearance. Their long list of hit recordings include the current best-seller, "Elvira". The Free Fair runs July 31-Aug. 9 and will also feature Barbara Mandrell, The Vogues, Willie Nelson, Kool & The Gang, and Roger Miller.

The oldest apple orchard in the United States was planted by Franciscan fathers in 1635 near what is now Manzano in central New Mexico. Its trees are still growing.

Picnics bring threat of food poisoning

Whether you're picnicking at one of the abundant lakes in Michigan or whether you're in your own backyard, you should be aware of the nation's foremost food hazard... food poisoning.

Each year millions of Americans are poisoned by microorganisms which thrive in foods which have been faultily handled, prepared or refrigerated in the home and in food service establishments. The foods most susceptible to spoilage are unfortunately those most traditional to picnics—egg and potato salads (or anything with mayonnaise), cold sliced meats, meat spreads, creamed dishes (especially pies) and undercooked meats, particularly poultry and pork. The two main types of poisonings that frequent these occasions are salmonella and staphylococcus.

Salmonella are organisms which multiply at temperatures above 45 degrees. They are found most frequently in meats, poultry and eggs. Each year, more than 1 million Americans are affected by these organisms. In Michigan alone 1,191 cases were reported to the Michigan Department of Public Health for 1980. While refrigeration and freezing retard growth, cooking will destroy the organisms in the foods. The onset of salmonella is sudden (7-72 hours). It may be characterized by headache, shills and abdominal pain, followed by nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. There is often an associated low-grade fever. The illness lasts from 1-4 days.

To avoid salmonella, use hot, soapy water to wash hands, utensils, cutting boards or counter tops that have been in contact with raw meats, poultry and eggs. Frozen meats should be thawed in a refrigerator, not at room temperature. Use clean eggs without cracked shells. All raw food including raw meats should be washed thoroughly.

Staphylococcus is not destroyed by cooking. Foods that support "staph" include ham, cream-filled pastries, custard, egg dishes, gravies, stuffing and meat and poultry dishes. Persons with skin infections or infectious diseases should not prepare foods. By all means, avoid coughing or sneezing over food.

With staphylococcus comes increased salivation, followed by vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal cramps and prostration within six hours of eating the contaminated food. Recovery should occur within 24 hours. Again, care should be taken to insure proper refrigeration and cleanliness.

To plan picnics wisely, the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) suggests avoiding foods which spoil easily. Pack only as much food as you will eat within a relative short time and discard the rest. Throw out foods with "off" odors. Do not even taste food that is suspect. It should be remembered that while portable ice chests help keep foods cool, they cannot be relied upon to inhibit bacteria growth for long periods of time. Enjoy Michigan outdoors with your favorite foods, but choose and pack them with safety.

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Good things grow in Michigan

The whole wonderful world of fresh summer fruits and vegetables has arrived, and a visit to the produce counter at your neighborhood grocery, or to a roadside market, is a feast of color for the eyes. Take some home and prepare a feast for the table.

Good things growing in Michigan right now are almost "too numerous to mention" but include carrots, cabbage, green and wax beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, early potatoes, peppers of all shades and strengths from sweet to hot, celery and lettuce.

And we haven't even started on the list of ripening fruits -- cherries, blueberries, red and black raspberries (but hurry, they won't last long), early peaches and nectarines, with plums and pears arriving in another week or two.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture reports that fruits and vegetables were worth \$273 million to growers in 1979, most recent year for which figures are available. Farmers received \$158 million for fruits, \$115 million for vegetables. Now consider the volume -- there were 1,349,800,000 pounds of vegetables produced, 1,073,000,000 pounds of fruits. Yes, those are billions of pounds. Obviously, these figures vary from year to year, depending upon plantings, weather and other factors which influence production. But altogether, it's a bountiful harvest for Michigan citizens to enjoy.

Americans are becoming much more versatile in their food choices, and this trend I applaud. Over the years, Americans have adopted and adapted recipes from many different ethnic sources, and

I think as a result we eat a greater variety of foods, especially vegetables.

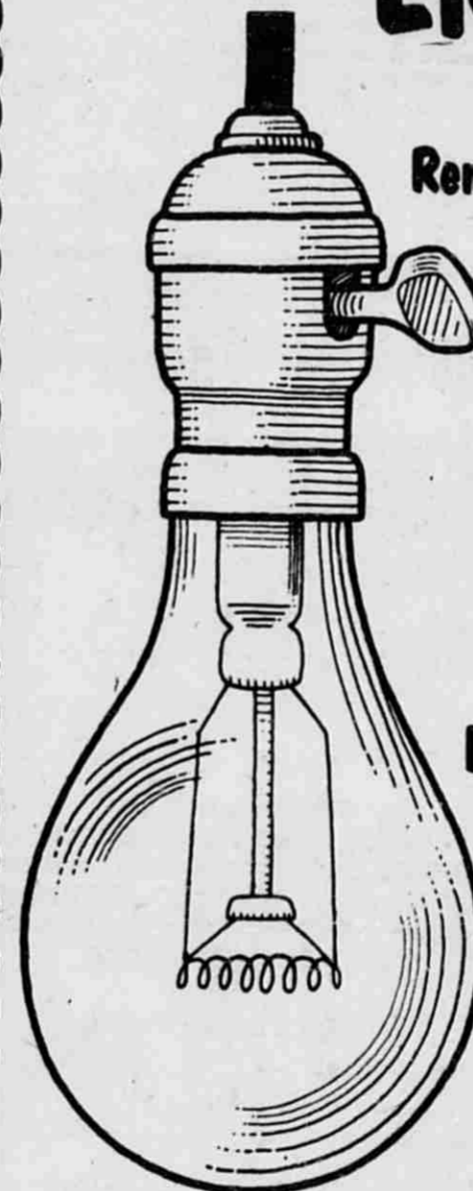
Here's a recipe using several good Michigan vegetables which has a Spanish origin. Gazpacho is a chilled uncooked soup, and you'll find dozens of recipes. This is a basic one you can vary to your own taste, using different herbs and seasonings or different proportions.

Peel and seed 2 large tomatoes, combine with 1 large seeded green pepper, 1 peeled, sliced sweet onion, and 1 clove minced garlic. Chop together briefly by hand or in food processor. Stir in ½ cup olive oil, 3 tablespoons lemon juice, and 2 cups chilled consommé or beef stock. Add 1 cup peeled, seeded, diced cucumber, salt to taste, and ½ cup of minced fresh parsley, 1 teaspoon of chopped fresh sweet basil, and a little tarragon if you like. Chill the soup for several hours. Place one or two ice cubes in each bowl before filling with soup. Serves about six.

Eliminate the broth and you have a Gazpacho salad, dissolve and add unflavored gelatin for a beautiful molded salad. Combine ingredients in the blender for a different texture.

The Veterans Administration pays disability compensation to veterans for health problems incurred or aggravated while in military service. The amount is based on how serious the condition is. There is no time limit for filing a claim for this service-connected benefit. If you are already receiving compensation and believe your condition has worsened, contact the nearest VA office.

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Houseplant containers affect water supply

Houseplant containers do more than just hold soil for plants to grow in. They have a big influence on the total growth of plants, because they affect their water supply.

The Cooperative Extension horticulture specialist at Michigan State University notes that the size and porosity of plant containers, and the presence or absence of drainage holes in the bottoms, are the critical factors.

The relative sizes of the pot and the plant in it affect both the plant's water supply and its nutrient supply. A plant that's too large for its pot dries out quickly. A plant in an oversized pot may suffer from too much water.

Also, the nutrients in the potting soil may be leached out before the plant has a chance to use them.

The porosity of the container also affects the plant's water supply. A plant in an

un glazed clay pot is less likely than a plant in a glass or plastic container to suffer from too much water, because water can move out and air can move into the soil through the clay.

Roots need air as well as water, the MSU experts point out. Loading the soil with water that has nowhere to go pushes the air out so plant roots can't do their job. The plant may then wilt because the roots can't take up water from the soil. If the soil remains saturated for long periods, the roots may rot.

A way around the water problem with pots of nonporous materials is to put drainage holes in the bottoms so the excess water can escape.

Another option is to pot your plants in the more functional clay pots and then set these pots inside decorative nonporous containers.

Using clay pots is no guarantee that you won't water your plants to death, of course. You still have to think before you reach for the watering can. Overwatering is especially likely in the winter, when light levels are low and plants aren't growing much. It's easy to go on watering as you did in the summer, when plants were growing vigorously and using more water.

To avoid overwatering, feel the soil before you add water. If the soil feels dry, add water. Other clues are the weight of the pot—if it feels light, it's probably dry—and the condition of the plant itself. Is it wilted? Does it feel limp and flabby? Then it probably needs water. But check the soil, too, just to be sure the plant is not wilted because its roots have rotted from being overwatered.

If a plant dries out very rapidly, see whether it needs repotting in a bigger container. Water it thoroughly—so the soil will stick together—knock the soil ball loose from the pot by rapping the container against the edge of a table. A mass of roots with very little soil showing indicates the plant needs repotting.

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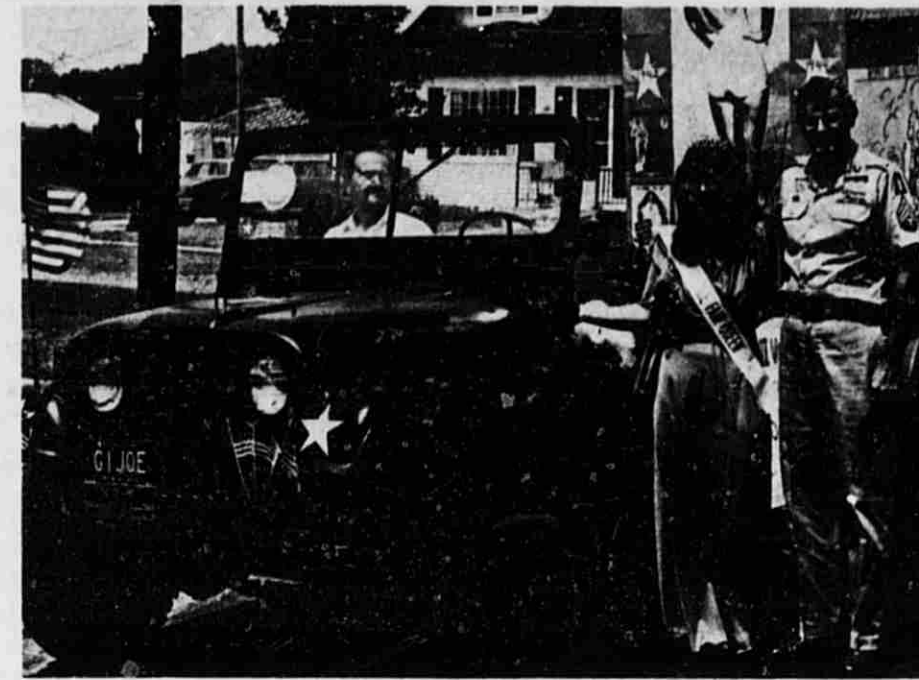
This postcard of Lowell's Post Office was mailed in 1910 by the daughter of the Postmaster, Blanche Perry to a friend in Ada. The man with the "X" on his shirt was her father. The Post Office was at one time located on Main Street. Anyone know what business occupies that space today?

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WWII vets on parade



Joe Benak of Ionia entered his jeep and trailer displaying famous World War II pictures in the Ionia Free Fair Parade on Monday, Aug. 3. Benak took time out before the Lowell Sesquicentennial Parade to show off the jeep and trailer display to Ionia Free Fair Queen Kathleen Pierce. Benak acquired the pictures from the Kings Island Amusement Park in Ohio after they were used as scenery for a 1976 Bicentennial musical production.

Late summer fun at libraries

The Lowell and Alto libraries will be hosting great summer programs to wind up a successful season of fun, education and games this month.

Today (Wed., Aug. 5) there will be story time at the Lowell Library for children ages 6-10 at 11 a.m. The program is "Fishing For Folk Tales", and includes stories from afar including some acting, audience participation, the Chinese Puppet Hat Theatre and flannel-board. Stories are from France, Sweden, Russia, Taiwan, Africa and Haiti will be featured. Tomorrow, Aug. 6, at the Alto Library "Fishing For Folk Tales" will be repeated.

Next week's program has a change at the Lowell Library from that announced earlier. The Junior Book Choice Final will be held on August 26 (instead of Aug. 12) at 11 a.m. Only children who belong to the Junior and Senior Reading Clubs may attend. On August 13, the Alto and Lowell libraries will combine their program days for a Pet Show. The show begins at 11 a.m. at Alto Park, Linfield and 60th St. in Alto for children ages 6 to 14 and their pets of any age. All area children are invited.

Hours at the Alto Library 12:30-5:30; Wed. 12:30-8:30; Fri. 12:30-5:30; Sat. 12:30-5:30.
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Open-air theatre is tonight

Theatre in the Park makes its Lowell debut this evening (Wed., Aug. 5) and the whole town is invited.

Recapture the good old days at 6:30 p.m. when a visiting troupe of actors performs in Richards Park, on North Hudson Street next to the Congregational Church. "In the turn of the century" fashion, there will be juggling, story telling, drama, games, folk tales, mime and dialogues. There will be audience participation if you're so inclined.

The acting troupe is United Stage Company from Grand Valley State Colleges and is directed by Bob Moyer. The popular Matinees on Monroe Mall, Theatre in the Park, and School Residency programs in Grand Rapids are part of a presentation Moyer will be making at the Smithsonian Institute this fall. According to Moyer, the idea is to bring people closer to the arts, with lots of audience participation.

The Lowell Area Arts Council is sponsoring a series of summer theatre activities. With participation from the community, Lowell will have some of the same theatre activities happening in metropolitan areas. Donations will be taken to help defray the cost of bringing United Stage to Lowell.

You might want to bring your picnic supper to the park and a blanket or chairs to sit on.

On August 12, group tickets will be available to Community Circle Theatre at John Ball Park in Grand Rapids for the performance of "Marmalade Gumdrops", a play in which the actors are scenery and come to life. Children and an accompanying adult will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot near the theatre. The cost of \$1.75 includes the ticket and a picnic lunch. Call Diana Fulkerson (897-7325) for reservations.

Dawn is '81 4-H Fair Queen

Dawn Condon, 18, of Lowell was chosen 1981 Kent County 4-H Youth Fair Queen on Wednesday, July 15.

Runner-up honors went to Shelly Roskiewicz, 16, of Comstock Park and Sue Momber, 17, of Conklin.

The six finalists, chosen at a preliminary selection session on July 13, met with a panel of judges including Mike Lozon, editor of Cedar Springs Clipper and Rockford Register, Jay Michaels of radio station WZZR and Mrs. Betsy Knox, Ionia 4-H youth agent.

Condon, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ... Condon is an eight-year member of the Blue Ridge Riders 4-H Club.

Miss Roskiewicz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Roskiewicz, has been a member of the Green Meadow Cabaleros and Kenowa Sewers 4-H Clubs for six years.

Miss Momber is an eight-year member of the Peach Ridge Pioneers 4-H Club. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Momber are her parents.



Pictured [L-R] are: Colette Spruit, Shelly Roskiewicz [first runner-up], Dawn Condon [1981 Kent 4-H Fair Queen], Sue Momber [second runner-up], Amy Sietsema, and Christine Neitzel.

Other finalists who comprise the Queen's Court are: Christine Neitzel, 17, of the Kettle Lake 4-H Club; Amy Sietsema, 17, of the All-Stars and Forest Hills 4-H Clubs; and Colette Spruit, 16, of the Simon Sewers 4-H Club.

BEAR back in business

Thirty-seven volunteers, ranging in age from teenagers to retirees, will begin monitoring CB emergency Channel 9 Saturday (Aug. 1) when the BEAR motorist aid system goes back on the air.

The group, recruited from seven Lansing area volunteer organizations, have been trained by State Police to respond to calls from citizen band (CB) radio operators driving along I-96 Freeway between Grand Rapids and Detroit.

BEAR (for Broad Emergency Assistance Radio) has been out of service since it

ran out of funds Oct. 1, 1980. During the previous two years, State Police staffers took more than 10,000 calls from motorists reporting accidents, traffic violations, disabled vehicles, highway hazards and other problems and emergencies.

Volunteers, working at the BEAR response center at State Police headquarters in East Lansing, now will staff the round-the-clock service seven days a week.

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