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4-H Fair week is still young

The Kent County 4-H Fair is underway at the Lowell Fairgrounds and will run through Saturday, August 22.

Wednesday and Thursday judging programs include swine, poultry, beef breeding animals, dairy cattle and dairy goats.

The annual livestock auction sale of member's project animals will be held on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the new show building. (Reath Building)

Thursday evening's grandstand program will feature the livestock parade of 4-H members and their project animals; the presentation of the 4-H Fair Queen; and games and contests for the youngsters.

The parade of horse clubs will be held at the arena beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

A lightweight draft horse pulling contest is scheduled for the arena on Friday at 7:00 p.m.



Jim Brander and Joe Seif of Caledonia scrub down Seif's Hereford and Charlois steer in preparation for Tuesday's judging. Seif is a member of the Byron Center 4-H Club and plans to sell his steer at the Fair's livestock auction to be held Wednesday evening.

BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Parents of school age children will find this issue of the Ledger especially informative as it contains several pages of back to school information. Included are lists of all the staff, bus route information, transportation personnel, a school calendar of major dates for the year, the first week's lunch menu, information about the food service program and its staff, an application form for reduced rate lunches for low income families, a fall sports schedule, a schedule for high school registration, and adult education information. Be sure to read it over because school begins in less than two weeks.

MONDAY NIGHT POWER OUTAGE

There were undoubtedly a large number of residents from Lowell's north end who were late for work Tuesday morning. According to the Lowell Police Department a hit and run driver in an older model car hit and sheared off a power pole at 500 Forema Street at about 1:00 a.m. Tuesday morning. The accident caused a power outage to most of the north side until about 3:45 a.m. according to the Lowell Light and Power Co.

NO TRESPASSING!!!

Due to the approach work being done on Lowell's new Division Street bridge, Grand River Avenue is impassable at that point. Because of this, many people are attempting to get through by driving through the property of the Cities Service propane storage station which is clearly posted "no trespassing". Station manager Dick Snyder says that the situation is dangerous because they are currently bleeding off all their storage tanks in an attempt to have the station closed by September 15 and urges all motorists to "STAY AWAY!" We are told that there is no way to get through onto eastbound Grand River by crossing Cities Service property anyway, that is unless you are driving a tank. Lowell Police have one violator already, and are keeping a close watch on the situation.

ATTENTION: VIETNAM ERA VETERANS

A local chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America is being organized in Lowell, Mi. A recruitment meeting will be held on August 22, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. at the Flat River VFW Post #8303, 307 East Main St. Lowell, Mi. There will be a guest speaker. Refreshments will be served.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Two people were slightly injured in an accident Tuesday, Aug. 11 when Tracy Orr of Grand Rapids missed a stop sign in dense fog as she was eastbound on Vergenne about 6:30 a.m. She drove into the intersection striking a vehicle driven by Thomas Weeks of Belding. Orr sustained a wrist laceration and a passenger in the Weeks vehicle complained of sore ribs. Orr was cited for violation of the basic speed law.

Involved in a property damage accident on Avery St. near Jackson last Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 12, was Ralph Paine III of Grand Rapids when he backed from a private drive into a parked vehicle owned by John Erickson of Lowell.

Four persons sustained injuries in an accident on Tuesday evening near Valley Vista Dr. Hospitalized from the accident was David Bruinekool of Lowell after the vehicle he was driving slammed into the rear of a second car stopped for traffic. Thomas O'Brien Jr., driver of the second car, and his passengers Patricia Tringali and a juvenile sustained lesser injuries.

Rose Schlieve of Grand Rapids told Kent County deputies that she fell asleep at the wheel as she was northbound on Alden Nash last Wednesday about 10:45 p.m. She sustained minor injuries when her vehicle left the roadway striking trees and bushes. She was cited for violation of the basic speed law.

Arrested in Lowell early Friday morning, Aug. 14, by Michigan State Police, Ionia Post, was Morgan Henry Wheat III for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Arrested Friday evening and lodged in the Kent County Jail was Philip Hiatt of Lowell for driving while license was revoked and on a criminal bench warrant for failure to appear to pay fine and costs on a previous violation.

Cited to appear in 63rd District Court on charges of selling alcohol to a minor was Louis Degostino of Grand Rapids.

A ten-year-old juvenile shoplifter was apprehended in the Crystal Flash party store on Saturday-evening, Aug. 15, by store employees.

No injuries in home fire

While Lowell Police and the Lowell Light and Power Company were busy trying to restore power to the city's north side Monday night, the Lowell Fire Department was called to a house fire at the corner of Spring and Amity Streets. At about 1:50 Tuesday morning the Lowell Fire Department responded to a house fire at the Dewey Sargeant residence. Mr. Sargeant was in the hospital at the time of the fire, his wife and stepdaughter escaped without injury, but the family dog was killed in the blaze.

The Fire Department battled the fire for several hours, but it was not brought under control until several thousand dollars worth of fire, smoke and water damage had been caused. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined nor has an estimate been placed on the damage.

LASA school fund drive under way

The Lowell Area Schools Association (L.A.S.A.) Annual Fund Drive jumped off to a running start this past week when the Lowell Boosters Club presented L.A.S.A. General Chairman, Chuck Dykhuizen, with a check for \$2,000.

The primary objective of L.A.S.A. is to raise funds to operate the following activities which comprise the student enrichment program: athletics, band, vocal music, drama, debate, forensics, elementary field trips, and yearbook.

L.A.S.A.'s immediate goal is to raise \$57,000 to operate the enrichment program for the current school year. A reduced schedule of activities is currently under way with plans to reinstate a full program as the funds are raised.

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L.A.S.A. General Chairman Chuck Dykhuizen is presented with a check for \$2,000 from Boosters Club Treasurer, Sandy Nagy.

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All funds raised will be placed in a special account where the money will be earmarked for operation of the student enrichment program. Any funds raised in excess of the campaign goal will remain in the special account to draw interest for subsequent years.

Plans to reach the campaign goal include appeals to business and industry, individuals, clubs and organizations, alumni, special events, and foundation grants. L.A.S.A. is currently involved in the business and industry segment of the campaign.

Fertilize spring-flowering bulbs before or during bloom. Remove blossoms before they fade so the plants don't channel energy into producing seeds instead of building up the bulbs for next year's flowers.

Register for pre-school

The Lowell United Methodist Pre-School is designed to help children develop emotionally, socially, mentally, physically, and spiritually by giving the child an opportunity to associate with children his own age.

Due to the large number of 3-year-olds on the 1981 waiting list, enrollment is now open for a new session. To enroll, the child must be three by September 1. The class will become a reality with the enrollment of a minimum of eleven students by payment of their first month tuition. The new class would be held on Monday and Wednesday afternoon from Noon to 2:15 p.m. The Pre-School Board of Directors is excited that they could adjust their schedule to meet this new demand for early childhood education. For more information call the Methodist Church office at 897-8690.

Currently, the Pre-School holds two morning and one after-noon session for four-year-olds on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Pre-School #1 meets in the Education Building for a morning and afternoon session with a new director this school year, Bobbie White, and teacher Kay Peterson. Pre-School #2 meets in the white house known as the Pre-School Building and a four-year-old morning session and one session for three-year-olds on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The director of this program is Carol Harper and teacher Betsy Stevens.

The Pre-School has announced their 1981 fall starting schedule. There will be a Parent's Night Tuesday, September 1, from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Methodist Church Dining Room. Open Days are September 14 and 15. Parents are invited to come with their child anytime during the session in which the child is enrolled. An evening session from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. on September 14 is available for working parents. Regular Pre-School classes are scheduled to begin Wednesday, September 16, and Thursday, September 17.

The Pre-School will continue to have the same length day as in past school years, but will have earlier starting times to coincide with public school dismissal. New morning session time will be from 9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and afternoon from 12 Noon to 2:15 p.m.

Parents are reminded that a physical examination and written proof of immunizations are required upon entrance. Tuition for the three-year-old two-day a week session is \$20 a month or \$180 a semester. The four-year-old three-day a week sessions are \$30 a month or \$270 a semester.

There is still space available in the four year old p.m. session and a waiting list for the a.m. session.

Nature areas offer outdoor fun

Michigan's nature areas offer both wilderness adventure in northern forests and family fun amidst acres of native and exotic flowers and plants an easy drive from most state cities, according to the Automobile Club of Michigan.

Vehicles are not allowed in the Sand Lakes Quiet Area, eight miles west of Kalkaska. Some 15 miles of pathways beckon hikers past more than a dozen small lakes buffered from civilization by hardwood and pine forests. Camping is available along the trail or at one organized facility.

Two nature area pay tribute to Michigan's once plentiful tracts of white pine.

Hartwick Pines State Park near Grayling is a 9,000-acre wilderness preserve containing the largest stand virgin white pine in Lower Michigan. It also offers camping, an interpretive center and nature trails, including one for the blind.

At the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula in Upper Michigan, the Estivant Pines near Copper Harbor holds 200 acres of virgin timber crossed by hiking trails and containing Michigan's tallest white pine.

The Seney National Wildlife Refuge is in the eastern U.P. This 96,000-acre wilderness tract offers a self-guided auto tour with close-up views of Canada geese, mink, ducks, deer and bald eagles.

Southern Lower Michigan's many garden and nature centers offer views of native flowers and animals as well as many tropical plant collections.

In the Irish Hills, Hidden Lake Gardens near Tipton has a plant conservatory for tropical and desert varieties as well as five miles of trails over 620 acres. It is managed by Michigan State University.

Augusta is home of the famous Kellogg Bird Sanctuary, also managed by MSU. It features waterfowl display ponds and shelters along beautiful Gull Lake. The grounds were the former estate of cereal king W.K. Kellogg.

Near Ann Arbor, the University of Michigan's Matthaei Botanical Gardens has more than 700 plants and trees native to the state as well as some species from Africa and South America.

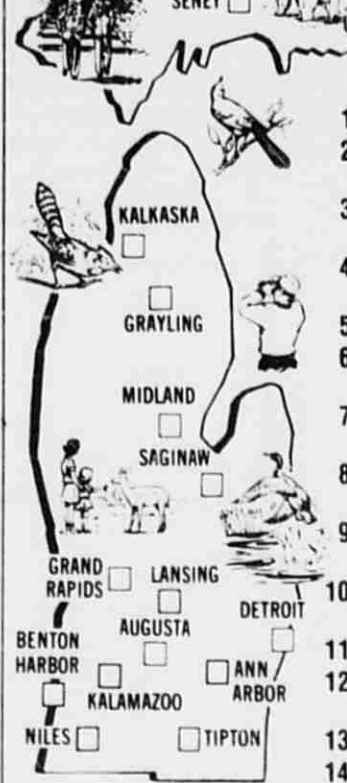
Begun in 1899 by the founder of Dow Chemical Co., Midland's Dow Gardens contains more than 200 varieties of plants. Saginaw's Green Point Nature Center is directly across the Tittabawassee River from the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge and has 2 1/2 miles of nature trails.

State Fair opens with free rides

Three hours of rides will be on the house when the 1981 Michigan State Fair kicks off its 128th season on Friday, August 28. All of the Fair's midway and kiddie rides will be FREE to Opening Day Fairgoers from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The nation's oldest state Fair extends for 11 event-filled days through Labor Day, September 7. Admission is \$4, with children 11 and under admitted free when accompanied by an adult. The State Fairgrounds is located on 8 Mile and Woodward in Detroit.

MICHIGAN QUIZ



(Match Number With City)

MICHIGAN NATURE AREAS

1. Estivant Pines
2. Hidden Lake Gardens
3. Blandford Nature Center
4. Hartwick Pines State Park
5. Dow Gardens
6. Belle Isle Nature Center
7. Sarett Nature Center
8. Seney National Wildlife Refuge
9. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary
10. Sand Lakes Quiet Area
11. Fenner Arboretum
12. Kalamazoo Nature Center
13. Fernwood
14. Green Point Nature Center
15. Matthaei Botanical Gardens

ANSWERS

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|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. Copper Harbor | 2. Tipton | 3. Grand Rapids |
| 4. Grayling | 5. Midland | 6. Detroit |
| 7. Benton Harbor | 8. Seney | 9. Augusta |
| 10. Kalkaska | 11. Lansing | 12. Kalamazoo |
| 13. Niles | 14. Saginaw | 15. Ann Arbor |

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Michigan's cities also have set aside areas for nature lovers.

Detroit's Belle Isle Nature Center had displays of more than 100 animals and is known for its care of injured wildlife brought in by area residents.

Grand Rapids' Blandford Nature Center has 180 acres of varied exhibits including a pioneer farmstead, one-room school and demonstration farm. A restored 1850s farm and a sub-tropical rain room are the focal points of Kalamazoo's Nature Center.

Sarett Nature Center in Benton Harbor has five miles of raised boardwalk trails through upland and lowland plant and animal communities.

Among the attractions at Lansing's Fenner Arboretum are the annual Maple Syrup Festival in early March and the Cider Making Festival in October.

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