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## Four snowmobilers drown in Murray Lake accident

Kent County Sheriff's Department divers were still searching for the body of 21 year old Patrick M. Swan as Tuesday in Murray

Lake's numbing cold 34 degree water. Swan is listed as "missing, presumed drowned" following a tragic snowmobiling accident that took

the lives of three of his fellow snowmobilers about 1:00 a.m. Sunday. Dead were Scott Morse, 22, of 3051 Wildridge Dr., N.E.; Robert McCormick, 30, of 4091 Maguire, N.E., and Donald P. Swan, 42, of 4171 Maguire, N.E. which is also the address listed for Patrick, Donald's son.

The accident involved five snowmobiles carrying six riders, all of Grand Rapids. All the machines and riders went into the icy water. Able to climb to safety were Larry and Jill Thum, aged 34 and 29 of 4130 Maguire, N.E. Both were treated for exposure and released from Blodgett Memorial Medical Center.

The accident was witnessed by Chuck McDonald and Roger Kropf from McDonald's living room window on Murray Lake. They watched in horror as the snowmobiles headed out onto the lake toward a large expanse of open water about 300 yards offshore. McDonald was quoted as saying, "We watched and saw five sets of taillights and they just disappeared one by one."

Larry Thum blamed blowing snow for hampering the drivers' visibility and not allowing them to see the open water. "We just ran out of ice", Thum was quoted as saying.

Immediately after witnessing the tragedy Kropf and McDonald headed out onto the lake with lights, blankets and a canoe. They met the Thums on the way out and directed them toward McDonald's home. Arriving at the open water Kropf and McDonald launched the canoe and were able to recover the body of Donald Swan but attempts to resuscitate failed. The bodies of McCormick and Morse were found Sunday afternoon in the 45 foot deep water by divers working in sub-zero temperatures, high winds and numbing cold water.

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## City/Congregationalists to split Daly Estate

There is still no final settlement in the amount left to the city from the estate of Helen Look Daly. The attorney handling the estate, H. William Lyle of Tucson, Arizona informed city manager Ray Quada that 1981 income taxes had to be tabulated and deducted from the estate along with Federal estate taxes. The figure that was used in the Grand Rapids Press last week of \$300,000 or more for the portion of the estate to be left to the city was confirmed by Quada.

The biggest news in this estate story is that The Lowell Congregational Church will get a share of the estate equal to the city's. A few friends and charities will get a small portion of the estate, but the City of Lowell and the Lowell Congrega-

tional Church will by far get the lion's share.

The terms of the estate bind the attorney to discussing the city's portion only with the city and the Lowell Congregational Church's portion only with the church. The city has only a copy of the general terms of the will and the portion dealing with them, the same holds true with the church. After talking with both parties, it seems apparent that the city and church will be splitting whatever is left after taxes, attorney fees and the sale of the stocks and bonds, [the bulk of the estate]. If the estimates that have been thrown out so far hold up, that means we're talking about \$600,000 or more coming into the community from this trust.

In the case of the church, their board of trustees will handle disbursement on the fund. A five member committee to represent the city's portion was spelled out spe-

cifically calling for two appointees by the city council, one appointee by the Congregational Church, Dr. Orville McKay or if he's unwilling a medical doctor appointed by the first three members and finally a nurse or other professional person appointed by the first three members.

Dr. Richard Greenwood, pastor of the Lowell Congregational Church, says he thinks he knows why Mrs. Daly left so much of her estate to a community and church where she hadn't lived in over thirteen years. Greenwood says, "It's simply what her contemporaries did, leave money to their church and home town". Greenwood may be right, Lowell has been the recipient of several such funds in the past. Some of these estates include the Lee fund earmarked primarily for parks and recreation, the

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PIC UP THOSE PICS

For those of you who had your child's picture taken with Santa Claus at the Rivertown Mall back before the holidays, the prints are back from the lab and ready to be collected by the owners. Just stop by the mall and find yours in a display located there.

### FIRST WEEKEND OF TIP-UP TOWN

Houghton Lake's 32nd annual Tip-Up-Town officially gets underway this weekend with a Torchlight Parade at 7:30 p.m. Friday the 15th. Saturday's festivities include the Grand Parade, Carnival rides, snowmobile drag races, an aerial show with sky-divers, softball on ice tournament and more. Sunday's events include fishing contests, queen coronation, grand drawings and more. And, as if this weren't enough, they turn around and do more of the same the following weekend. There's fun for everyone at Houghton Lake's Tip-Up-Town, the "City On Ice".

### TOUGH WEATHER

All our readers around here know how cold it's been for the past few days, but we always feel we should make mention of it for our readers who winter in the sunny south (makes 'em remember why they went away). Saturday wasn't any prize, but Sunday made it seem balmy when we awoke to temperatures around ten below zero and howling winds that kept all but the hardiest of us indoors to watch the football games. School was cancelled not by a list of who is and who ain't but rather by a statement saying that ALL public and parochial schools in Kent County were closed. Despite all this we again missed out on any substantial amount of snow here in Lowell, but they're really getting it all around us with some communities on the lakeshore reporting up to three feet over the weekend with four or more feet accumulation. Even though school was called, Monday was a little better, (at least the wind calmed down some) and Tuesday is supposed to get up to an almost tropical 20 above.

### SWEEPSTAKES TIME AT THOMET'S

Thomet Chevrolet and Buick is participating in the Chevrolet/GM "Match and Win" Sweepstakes which has been heavily advertised lately. The "Sweepstakes" is timed with the introduction of Chevy's new Camaro and Celebrity and those stopping by for a test drive are entitled to a free road atlas. Hundreds of prizes are offered in the "Sweepstakes" so watch for a "Match and Win" coupon insert in your daily newspaper. The contest began Monday and continues through February 12th.

## 42 sows lost in barn fire

No dollar value has yet been placed on a barn fire on the farm of Keith Feldman of 7275 Wingier Rd., Alto. Lost in the blaze that completely destroyed the barn were 42 sows, about 2,000 bales of hay and straw and some machinery. Cause of the fire is undetermined and Feldman states, "We'll probably never know what caused it, it could have been a lot of things".

Feldman, 27, has farmed with his father since childhood. Feldman wants to express his thanks to the Alto and Lowell Fire Departments for their quick response and efforts in fighting the blaze which broke out about 4:30 p.m. last Friday.

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Monday, January 18 — Runciman Riverside PTO meeting, 7 p.m. in Room 115 of the Runciman Building.

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## Cagers are 'Red Hot'



Photo by: Jeremy Barber

Phil Beachler goes up for a shot in last Tuesday's win over Sparta. More pictures and story on page eight.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church new service hours: worship 9 a.m., Sunday school and bible study 10:15 a.m.

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**KURTZ** — Eric W. Kurtz, aged 11, of 2603 Berwyck SE., passed away unexpectedly Friday, Jan. 8, 1982 in Blodgett Hospital. Surviving are his parents, Tom and Beth Kurtz; one brother, Richard; one sister, Gretchen all at home; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I.W. Kurtz Jr. of St. Louis, MO. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Young of Springfield, MO; two great grandmothers, Mrs. I.W. Kurtz, Sr. of St. Louis, MO, Mr. William Mullett of Springfield, MO; aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were Monday in the funeral home chapel.

**MCCORMICK** — Robert T. McCormick, aged 30, of 4091 Maguire Ct. NE, passed away suddenly Sunday, January 10, 1982. He is survived by his wife, Paula R. McCormick; one son, Adam Michael McCormick at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Dolores) McCormick of Cleveland, OH; three sisters, Mrs. Dwight (Deborah) Holcombe of Dallas, TX., Miss Frances McCormick of San Francisco, CA., and Miss Pamela McCormick of Cleveland; one brother, Michael McCormick of Bellaire, MI. Funeral arrangements are pending at the Reyers North Valley Funeral Chapel, 2815 Fuller NE, at 3 Mile Rd.

**SWAN** — Donald Patrick Swan, aged 42, of 4171 Maguire Ct. NE, passed away suddenly Sunday, January 10, 1982. He is survived by his wife, Merri Swan; one daughter, Kellie Swan at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don (Jeanette) Swan of Ada; four sisters, Mrs. Ronald (Sue) Zimmerman of Lowell, Mrs. Ronald (Marilyn) Bresnahan of Sierra Vista, AZ., Miss Leeann Swan of Durango, CO., Miss Denise Swan of Grand Rapids and one brother, Clifford Swan of Grand Rapids. Funeral arrangements are pending at the Reyers North Valley Funeral Chapel, 2815 Fuller NE, at 3 Mile Rd.

**SWAN** — Patrick Marshall Swan, aged 20, of 4171 Maguire Ct. NE, passed away suddenly Sunday, January 10, 1982. He is survived by his mother, Merri Swan; one sister, Kellie Swan at home; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Don (Jeanette) Swan of Ada and Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Pauline) Beatty of Grand Rapids and aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral arrangements are pending at the Reyers North Valley Funeral Chapel, 2815 Fuller NE, at 3 Mile Rd.

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**Race Street Gallery**

On view at the Race Street Gallery will be a selection of recent paintings by Macyn Bolt. These slim, totem-shaped constructions utilize a variety of media in addition to thickly applied paint. They appear as abstract human figures suspended motionless on the wall. Partially hidden behind mask-like forms, each painting emits a submerged, anxious, often haunting presence. The

aggressive character and primal form of this evocative work simultaneously confronts the viewer on a perceptual and psychological level.

Gallery Hours are Tuesday through Sunday 1-5 p.m. Closed Mondays. Opening Reception with the Artist: Sunday, January 17, 1-5 p.m.

services were Friday, 11 a.m. at the Roth Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, with Rev. Barry McKinney of Thornwood Baptist Church officiating.

**MORSE** — Scott Allen Morse, aged 23, of 3051 Wildridge Dr. NE, passed away suddenly, Sunday January 10, 1982. He is survived by his wife, Becky; two children, Mandy and Christopher Morse; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. (Ruth) Morse of Grand Rapids; two sisters, Mrs. Carlis (Gerry) Dawson of St. Louis, MO and Beverly Morse of Grand Rapids; two brothers, James Morse of Grand Rapids and Ronald Morse of Wayland. Funeral arrangements are pending at the Reyers North Valley Funeral Chapel, 2815 Fuller, NE, at 3 Mile Rd.

## House Calls

There are a lot of grin and bear it heroes in our midst. They're the victims of arthritis and rheumatism, who have no hope of being cured, because there is no cure.

It's not surprising that almost everyone knows someone with these conditions because the diseases affect about one in seven persons. Overall, more females than males are affected and the chance of occurrence increases in each decade of life. Over age 65, about 45 percent of women and 20 percent of men suffer

from arthritis and rheumatism, compared with 22.5 percent of all persons in the 45-to-65 age group.

There's a difference between arthritis and rheumatism. Rheumatism is the broad term, that includes those diseases that affect muscles, tendons, ligaments and bursae, as well as the joints.

Arthritis, on the other hand, affects only the joints and is characterized by inflammation of the joints and their eventual degenerative changes.

There are more than 100 kinds of rheumatic diseases. So serious are these conditions that in this country the diseases are second only to heart disease as the leading cause of limited physical activity and time lost from work.

There are only rough figures for the number of people suffering from these diseases, because many have not yet been diagnosed. Our Michigan data show that about 286,000 people suffer from rheumatoid arthritis. For some of these people,

treatment often can relieve pain and prevent unnecessary crippling.

About 704,000 suffer from osteoarthritis, the "wear and tear" type of arthritis. This kind is related to age, and is quite common. Almost everyone over the age of 60 years shows some X-ray evidence of osteoarthritis; and although the cause is unknown, it appears to be related to repeated injury or the persistence of other pre-existing rheumatic diseases. Sometimes treatment and physical therapy - and even surgery - can relieve the symptoms of this disease.

There are a number of certified rheumatologists and arthritis specialists in Michigan, and referral centers at three of the state's teaching hospitals.

Arthritis and rheumatism victims must be aware of quack medicine, promising cures that don't exist. You can minimize permanent damage by being prepared to deal with flare-ups of these diseases and the ways to protect the joints from injury, but still the pain cannot always be avoided. There will be days when you can only bear it.

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# Coming Events...

# Letters...

**MON., JAN. 18:** Runciman Riverside PTO meeting, 7 p.m. in Room 115 of the Runciman Building.

**TUES. JAN. 19:** 7:30 p.m. Alto PT Club meeting at school with Steve O'dema, local lawyer, speaking. Babysitting provided.

**TUES. JAN. 19:** Parent of Lowell Middle School 7th Grade Students - The results of the 1981 Michigan Assessments test have arrived. We invite you to attend a meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. in Quad 2 of the Middle School. An explanation of the results will be given and individual questions will be welcome.

**SUN. JAN. 30:** The New World Quartet will play a concert at the Lowell Congregational Church at 8 p.m. All seats reserved. Get tickets at That Special Place or call 897-8545 or write the Lowell Area Arts Council, PO box 53, Lowell. Tickets \$6.00, students \$3.00.

A note of thanks from Lucchesi's Pizza House — Being the new owner of Lucchesi's since April of 1981, I have found Lowell a very nice place to be with good people in the community. On January 9, 1982, I found out how helpful the local people are.

Because of the below zero weather we had that day, the water pipe under the building froze. We did what we could to unfreeze the pipe, but we couldn't do it. In this time, Mr. Ray Quada came in to pick up an order. We told him our problem and he kindly offered his help. He called Mr. Bob Steward, and both gentlemen went out of their way to help us. They went under the building by walking on the frozen river, and they unfroze the pipe.

These are the kind of good people you need in a community. And we at Lucchesi's would like to thank Ray and Bob for their kindness in helping us. Thank you to Mr. Dave Clark and Mr. Frank Baker for helping us also.

**Editors Note:**

The following is a letter addressed simply: Postmaster, Lowell, Michigan. Postmaster Charlie Doyle passed it along to us for publication. Helen Look Daley is of course the woman who has recently left the City of Lowell a large bequest. The article regarding the bequest printed in last Thursday's Grand Rapids Press was picked up by the Associated Press and Mrs. Bower probably read it in her local paper.

Dear Sir,

With all of what seems to be good luck for your town I couldn't resist writing you to tell you that Helen Look Daley lived in Constantine a few years. I don't know about her college but she came from there to Constantine probably about 1913 or 15 and taught kindergarten and first grade. She was a fine looking young lady. She married one of our bankers, W. Merle Berger.

On October 27, 1925 he and seven other of our business men went to the cottage of one of our druggists for supper. They wanted gravy for supper and the owner,

C.R. Miller, made a mistake and used arsenic (kept for rats) instead of flour for thickening. Some of the men became ill and Mr. Berger died. The Kalamazoo Gazette reported the story and I recently re-read it. Our village was saddened. He was such a promising young man. No hospitals but doctors came from Chicago to aid them and it is said that all of the men always felt some of the effects of the poison.

I had often wondered what had happened to her after she left here but I'm glad that she remembered her home town and church and I hope the money can go where she wished it. Maybe you won't see anyone who remembered her but I wanted someone in Lowell to know that a few here remembered her.

Yours truly,  
Juanita H. Bower  
420 Canaris  
Constantine, Mich.

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**WEDNESDAY:** Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes or rice and gravy, green beans, biscuits or dinner rolls, jello w/whip or fruit, milk.

**THURSDAY:** Spaghetti or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, French bread, fruit, jello or pudding, milk.

**FRIDAY:** Stacked ham or hot cheese sandwiches, potato chips and pickles, soup or baked beans, chilled fruit, milk.

## Comments from Vanderlaan

Now that 13 bills reforming Michigan's workers' compensation laws have been delivered to and signed by the Governor, it is expected that proposed changes in the unemployment insurance system will be tackled.

At issue is reinstatement of the "waiting week" (one week of being unemployed) and an increase in the length of time a worker must be employed to qualify for the insurance benefits. The Governor and Republican legislators would like to raise the length of time from 18 weeks to 20 weeks.

We also expect to deal with some proposed changes to the small business tax in the coming months. Among the discussion items will be an increase in the small business exemption from \$40,000 to \$60,000 of the tax base; a removal of workers' compensation and unemployment insurance payments from the tax base; a deduction for export sales of products manufactured in Michigan; a 25 percent credit for research and development expenditures based on the federal credit in the Economic Recovery Tax Act (limited to activities in Michigan), and an additional deduction of 100 percent of the cost of capital acquisition not to exceed \$250,000.

The Senate Health and Social Services Committee will probably put bills dealing with child support measures and child protective services on their agenda early in the legislative session.

Wage assignment to insure that child support is paid will be one of the issues. Fewer families would thus be dependent on state assistance through Aid to Dependent Children (ADC).

Legislation defining the rights and responsibilities of Department of Social Services Adult Protective Service workers is also expected, and would help take care of some department problems in providing adequate child protective services.

Sincerely,  
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### Snowmobile deaths in Michigan

Snowmobiling in Michigan in the 1980-81 winter season resulted in 21 deaths and 438 persons injured in 492 accidents, according to the State Police traffic services division summary. Annual average in the period 1970-80 is 28 deaths.

Compared with the previous season, the totals were a decrease of seven in deaths, and increase of 512 in the number injured and 77 in accidents.

Registrations of snowmobiles in Michigan total about 467,036. Unknown is the number of machines which are operated on private property and require no registration.

Of the persons killed last season, 18 were in the 10-44 age group. Of the number injured, 371 were in the 10-44 bracket.

The breakdown of major categories of accidents included overturning 70, and

other non-collision, 77. Collisions with fixed objects total 156, with motor vehicles in transport, 139, with parked motor vehicles, 24, with pedestrians, five, with animals, six, and with other objects, 15.

Of the accidents, the majority, or 336, involving 18 deaths, occurred in off-roadway areas while 156 happened on roadways, involving three deaths.

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### News from State Police

For the seventh time in the last eight years, Michigan with 1,540 provisional fatalities for 1981 recorded an annual traffic accident death toll well below the 2,000 mark. Col. Gerald L. Hough, department director, has reported.

The provisional total is 234 or about 13 percent lower

than the toll of 1,774 in 1980. Michigan's highest yearly toll was 2,487 in 1969 while the lowest in the last four decades was 992 in wartime 1943 when gas rationing and no car production were among war economy factors curtailing driving nationally.

Traffic officers feel that several factors share credit in

the lowered toll. These include an increase in drunk driving arrests, which totaled 52,000 in Michigan in 1980 by all police agencies, and are expected to reach a count of 55,000 arrests when 1981 records are complete. Also affecting safer driving are police agency efforts in heightened traffic law enforcement.

### Michigan jobless rate climbs

Michigan's December jobless rate rose to a high of 14.4 per cent, up from the November rate of 11.8 per cent, according to estimates released by Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC) Director S. Martin Taylor.

The number of unemployed workers across the state rose by 106,000 during December to 627,000, Taylor said.

Total employment during the month dropped by 159,000 to 3,724,000 and the state's labor force was off by 53,000 falling to 4,351,000.

Michigan's current jobless rate is considerably up from

the year-ago level, December 1980, when the rate was 12.4 per cent with 533,000 out of work.

The last time unemployment reached the current high was in July 1980 when the jobless rate was also 14.4 per cent, Taylor said.

Taylor attributed the rise in unemployment to increased auto industry layoffs and low construction and retail employment. While retail sales were up during the holiday season, employment in the retail sector did not meet expected levels.

National unemployment figures were 8.9 per cent during December up from 8.4 per cent in November.

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forcement. "Operation Care" holiday patrols in summer months, on-going selective enforcement programs by all police departments, improved road engineering, and an increased safety awareness on the part of the driving public whose safety and economic concerns are influenced by costs of motor vehicle operation, vehicle repair, and vehicle and equipment replacement. Michigan traffic deaths in 1981 included 13 over the Christmas weekend, 10 less than 23 for the period in 1980. The past New Year weekend toll was 14 which was seven less than 21 a year earlier.

### New industrial facility for county

Gov. William G. Milliken Thursday announced a Job Development Authority loan that will help finance a new industrial facility in Kent County.

The Tesa Corporation, a subsidiary of a West German firm, Beiersdorf A.G., will use the \$4.1 million loan to construct a new plant in Sparta. The firm will manufacture pressure-sensitive industrial tapes.

Milliken said the new plant will employ about 25 workers when it begins operation

next October and about 40 more when full production is achieved in February 1983.

The authority, an agency of the Michigan Department of Commerce, sells tax-exempt bonds and lends the proceeds to Michigan businesses to finance new plants and machinery or to install pollution control equipment.

The authority utilized federal regulations enabling public bodies to issue tax-exempt bonds which are sold to investors in private-sector financial markets. These revenue bonds are not a debt obligation of Michigan taxpayers.



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SECRETARIAL.....	( 890)
OTHER(POSTAGE, ECT.).....	(1,100)
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# Area Sports

## Arrows gain in Tri-River standings

Thanks to the Belding Redskins, the Lowell Red Arrows moved into a first place tie with Lakewood by defeating Sparta 59-57. Belding beat Lakewood 47-45. Lowell and Lakewood now have identical 3-1 records.

Jason Barber hit a career high 19 points and Phillip Bechler added 18 to pace the Red Arrows to their victory. Greg Malone contributed 14 points and Tom Caldwell hauled down a game high, 8 rebounds.

Lowell was in control throughout the game but Sparta came within one point late in the contest. However, Jason Barber hit a field goal with 30 seconds left and Phillip Bechler sank three free throws to ice the victory.

Lowell traveled to Cedar Springs Friday night in hopes of maintaining their hold of first place.

The Lowell Red Arrows jumped off to a 13-7 first



quarter lead and that proved to be enough for the victory margin as they defeated Cedar Springs 55-48 in a Tri-River Basketball game last Friday.

Lowell's 1-2 scoring punch of Phillip Bechler and Greg Malone scored 27 and 17 points respectively to pace the Red Arrows to victory. "These conference victor-

ies are important to us early because most of them are coming on the road", said Coach Ken Akers. "We play, five out of our first seven conference games away, the second half the schedule should be in our favor."

Lowell has a non-league game with Caledonia on Tuesday and then the Red Arrows travel to Greenville on Friday.



Photo by: Jeremy Barber

### TRI-RIVER STANDINGS

Lowell	4-1	Belding	2-3
Lakewood	4-1	Coopersville	2-3
Greenville	3-2	Cedar Springs	1-4
Fremont	3-2	Sparta	1-4

## Wrestling team ties for lead

After squeaking a victory out of Lakewood Thursday, the Lowell High School wrestling team is tied for the conference lead with a 3-0 record. The team won by the close score of 37-36. Those pinning for Lowell were at 119, Kevin Hurt, at 126, Randy Roth and at 155, Mark Kloosterman.

Those winning by a decision were at 112 Troy Hall 7-4, and 132 Kurt Blasler beating his opponent 10-2. Steve Martinez at 167 and Alan

### DNR Report

A lot has been said about ice conditions lately. But one more thought must be mentioned. Some lakes have received heavy snow fall on new thin ice, others haven't. Great caution must be used on these lakes where considerable snow fell on first ice because it often insulates it against further freezing to make it safe.

With improved ice conditions, it is time to get out and set those tip-ups and do your panfishing. The majority of our small lakes have catchable and edible size bluegills in them.

For the very hearty, there is still steelhead and trout fishing to be had. The Grand River has been rather slow, but the Muskegon River is recommended.

Eleven wild turkeys were released this past week in the vicinity of the Langston State Game Area in central Montcalm County. The birds were live trapped from the Mio area.

Ryder at 185 won by a forfeit.

Tuesday Lowell traveled to Northview for a quad. Northview emerged with a 39-21 victory. Those winning for Lowell were at 112 Jerry Adams 4-2, Kevin Hurt 9-8, Randy Roth 11-6, at 138 Keith Stanford 6-5, at 155 Mark Wilcox 10-2, and Steve Martinez 16-4. The Arrows then wrestled the enthusiastic Creston team. The final score was 56-11. Creston's victory. Good performances were shown by Hurt winning 12-2, Roth 5-2, and Martinez 12-2.

On Saturday the wrestlers competed in a tough tournament at Mt. Pleasant. Lowell placed 5th among the 8 outstanding teams. Winning the tournament was Eaton Rapids. Placing 1st for Lowell was Randy Roth. Second place was awarded to sophomore Jerry Adams, and third place went to Steve Martinez and Troy Hall. Mark Wilcox placed 4th.

Next week Lowell will be traveling to Fremont on Thursday and to the Muskegon Invitational on Saturday.



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## Off the blotter

Richard Graham of Grand Rapids backed into a vehicle driven by Jay Abbott of East Grand Rapids Friday the 8th on South Hudson near Main Street. No one was injured.

Gregory Briggs of Jackson Street in Lowell struck a parked vehicle belonging to Benn Ward of Hesperia Friday the first of January when he hit a patch of ice.

Lowell officers are investigating a hit and run accident that occurred on Main Street near Lafayette Saturday afternoon the 2nd. It appears a vehicle driven west bound on M-21 struck a parked car on the north side of the street while parked.

Steven Jousma was involved in a property damage accident Saturday the 2nd when he lost control of his pickup truck and struck two

mail boxes on Bowes Road. David Baerwalde lost control of his vehicle on M-21 near Alden Nash and skidded into a sign Saturday, January 2nd.

Charles Csolkovits was struck on West Main near Center Street while attempting to make a left turn. Doris Russell, driver of the second car, was sighted for improper passing. Both subjects were injured in the Saturday evening accident January 2nd.

Kent County Sheriff's Department arrested David Alen Baird of Lowell on charges of malicious destruction of property over \$100 Saturday morning January 2nd in connection with an incident that occurred at the Riverview Bar earlier that evening.

Lowell officers are investigating the larceny of a pay

phone from the Lowell Middle School Friday evening the 8th.

Marion Runnels of Grand Rapids was issued an appearance violation for furnishing alcohol to minors.

Doris Russel of Lowell was also issued an appearance violation to appear at a later date in 63rd District Court on charges of open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

Arraigned in 63rd District Court on charges of use of a receiving set to receive signals sent by and for police purposes: i.e. "Fussbuster" was John Curtis of Lowell on January 5th. Curtis plead not guilty and a pre-trial examination is set for a later date.



Coffee beans are actually the pits of a red, cherrylike fruit.

**cozy corner**  
By Roger Brown

Did you catch the piece in the daily papers a few weeks ago about the winners of a "Tall Tales" contest? A bunch of yarn spinners get together every year (for the last fifty) and swap tall tales. They are judged on their stories and someone emerges as the winner, with several others being runners-up.

This year's winner was about a guy using a power post-hole auger in his back yard and when it stuck in some stones it spun his whole lot around so that his house now faces west instead of east and his backyard is in the front and the front is in the back. Not bad.

Runners-up included one about a guy who claimed that on his ship in the Navy they drank so much coffee that after four days in port they had to have tugboats pull them off the accumulated coffee grounds. Another claimed that he had planted some wheat with a team of horses and the seed was so potent that he had to run the horses at a gallop to keep ahead of the growing wheat.

That gives you an idea of what is "winning stuff" at the annual contest. Being a bit of a storyteller myself, I'm thinking of entering next year's competition. Here are a few ideas that I could polish up over the next several months.

"In Michigan, where I hail from, it gets cold, real cold! In fact it gets so cold that sometimes we have to get out the booster cables and jump-start the furnaces in our houses just to get them going. Sometimes even that doesn't work and we have to get a bunch of neighbors together to shove a house down the street to push-start the furnace."

No? Well how about this one?

"Because it gets so cold in Michigan I decided to start heating with wood to save on my fuel bill. I rented a chain saw and worked feverishly over an entire weekend, managing to cut and stack about ten cords of wood. When I returned the saw on Monday I complained to the clerk that I had certainly used more efficient saws in my life. He was apologetic and started the saw to see what the problem was. Not until then did I realize it was motorized."

No dice huh? Just one more then.

"A few years back we had the biggest blizzard that has ever been recorded in our area of Michigan. We had snow piled so deep it was absolutely unbelievable! "How deep was it", you ask? Well, to give you an idea we found several dead ground moles in the spring. Curious as to what had killed them, we sent one to Michigan State University for an autopsy. The veterinarians and scientists there determined that the moles must have burrowed up out of the ground, on up into the snow to such a height that they were overcome by altitude sickness."

Okay! Okay! So I won't be Lowell's delegation to the Tall Tales contest next year.

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## Freed Film Series

Beginning in January, the John Ball Zoo Society will be sponsoring a free film series for its members and the public. The second of two programs will be shown on January 23 at 10:00 a.m. The film will be shown in the Sandy Woodridge Learning Center at the zoo.

The second program in the film series is designed more for younger children and their parents and will include "Dr. Seuss on the Loose" and "Rikki-Tikki-Tavi". The program will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 23 and will last approximately one hour.

Other film presentations will be held on Jan. 26 and Feb. 9 at 7:00 p.m. and on Feb. 6 and Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. All films will be shown in the Sandy Woodridge Learning Center at the John Ball Zoo.

These films are free but space is limited. Please call 454-2443 for reservations or for information about the film series.

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**Above The Board**

**Report on propane gas conversion**

At the regular board meeting, Monday, January 11, John Schneider gave an excellent - positive report on the school's bus fleet conversion to propane. The slide presentation revealed that our buses travel 2,410 miles a day to pick up 2,481 students. With the schools using propane we are netting a savings of a little over \$40,000 a year. John reported that it takes 14-16 hours to convert a bus to propane, but it is worth it when the monies are being used towards the education of boys and girls.

The board approved the minutes of the regular meeting (as amended) of December 14, 1981; the payment of bills from the general fund totaling \$57,433.08; the payment of bills from funds 3, 5, 6, and 7 totaling \$3,044.60; and approved the agenda as amended.

Linda Beers reported to the board on the Truth in Taxation Senate and House Bills. The Summer Tax Bill is pending; the Front Loading Tax Relief Bill was vetoed by the Governor and the Due Process Bill is still in the education committee.

Other action items were: Linda Beers was appointed as the voting delegate to the KISD General Education budget hearing, with Wayne Dowling as an alternate. The Personnel Committee composed of Roger Kropf, Orion Thaler and Linda Beers was

appointed to work with the negotiation teams for 1982. Attorney Gene Alkema was retained as the board spokesman for the 1982 negotiations with KCEA, and George Jacob, Assistant Superintendent was retained as spokesman for the board

with all other bargaining units.

It was voted that in early March, the school should do a community-wide survey concerning the school district's financial status.

The next board meeting will be Monday, February 8.

**Construction of new golf course begins**

Dave Barnes

Construction of a \$730,000, nine-hole golf course on the south side of Cascade Rd. SE, Grand Rapids Township, for Cascade Hills Country Club is expected to start in July or August, announced Lyle B. Morrison, president of the 60-year-old club.

The course, which will be built on 67 wooded acres of the total of 92 acres by Matthews & Associates, Inc., of Lansing, a golf course architectural firm, is scheduled to be completed by October of 1983 and playable by the spring of 1984 if there are no delays, he states.

This expansion will give the club a 27-hole course and will be financed by assessing the more than 500 members.

"The additional nine holes will alleviate congestion of the present 18 holes," says the president. "We have had this inconvenience for a long time but have been unable to expand in any direction except southward because the present grounds are surrounded by private homes."

The wooded acreage known as the Jasperse Property became available for sale late last year and on December 16 the club members approved taking an option on the land, Morrison states.

A course expansion committee of three club members is working closely with Matthews & Associates, which, in turn, as part of its service, is working closely with the Grand Rapids Township Board, its regulatory committees and the Kent County Road Commission. The members are Bruce Debes, chairman, Everett Thompson and Robert Sadler.

The expansion committee submits monthly reports to the club's board of directors and it confers with Morrison on progress and problems that may arise.

An underpass under the four-lane Cascade Rd. (former US16) for golfers going to and from the new course is planned and the club to build this facility will seek permission from the road commission which has jurisdiction over this part of Cascade Rd.

Features of the new course will be woods lining the

**Task force meeting**

The Grand Rapids Area Energy Plan Task Force is scheduled to meet on January 14, 1982 at 7:30 p.m. at the Yankee Clipper Library, 2025 E. Leonard, Lower Level, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The meeting is open to the public and anyone interested in energy and its impact on their future should attend.

**Reward offered in Biggs Rd - Break-in**

You can't remodel a house without tools, so Don Shepard is offering a reward in hopes of getting his back. A home at 2399 Biggs Road, Lowell is owned by and in the process of being remodeled by Shepard and was broken into on or near December 20 of last year. All of Shepard's carpentry tools, power tools and a stereo were stolen.

The incident is currently under investigation by the Kent County Sheriff's Dept. but no arrest has been made, nor have any of the tools been recovered. The reward has been offered in hopes of getting the tools back and anyone with information is

urged to call Shepard at 942-2076, Bert Lucas at 897-8103 or the Kent County Sheriff's Department at 774-3113.

**King fund which benefits our local YMCA, and the Schneider Fund which has been used to build senior citizen housing in Schneider Manor.**

**There is an interesting "Letter to the Editor" in this week's issue regarding Mrs. Daly's years in Constantine, Michigan and the untimely death of her first husband.**

*The VFW dinner will be the 4th Saturday of January (January 24th) instead of the 3rd Saturday this month only.*

**Photography class at zoo**

A new concept in educational programming will begin at John Ball Zoo on January 18. Zoo U will start its first semester with a basic photography class. In the past, the zoo has offered educational opportunities for children but very little for adults. "Zoo U" sponsored by the zoo society, is a unique idea for continuing education for adults. Classes will be taught at the zoo and will use the zoo as a learning resource. Some classes will be more directly related to the zoo than others but all will use the animals and environment of the zoo as an educational tool.

The first class, basic photography, will be taught by Sanford Freed. Mr. Freed has taught photography for Grand Rapids Junior College and has conducted workshops for Grand Valley State Colleges.

The photography course will be taught at the introductory level and will cover basic techniques and camera care. No previous experience with a camera is required, but it will be necessary to own or have access to a 35mm or 2 1/4" camera.

The class which begins Jan. 18 and will meet for six consecutive Mondays from 7-9 p.m. Cost of the course is \$20.00 for Zoo Society members and \$25.00 for non-members.

On February 23 for three consecutive Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m., a course titled "Backstage at the Zoo" will be offered by members of the zoo staff. If you are interested in getting a closer look at how the zoo operates, this would be an educational experience into the behind the scenes world at John Ball Zoo. Cost of the class for Zoo Society members is \$10.00 and for non-members is \$15.00.

The final "Zoo U" offering this spring will be the "Zoo Puppet Workshop". This class will begin March 16 for six consecutive Mondays Mondays from 7-9 p.m. Kateri Kline, owner of Theatrics, will instruct students in the ins and outs of puppet-making and puppet show script writing. Cost of the course is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Please register by calling 454-2443 prior to the date the class of your choice is scheduled to start. Enrollment is limited so please call early and reserve a spot.

fairways, built-up fairways, ponds, elevated tees and well-placed sandtraps, says Morrison. The fairways will be gently rolling.

In another phase, the club is working with a developer who, if the plans materialize, will build on the 25 remaining acres luxury condominiums overlooking the new course. Fourteen will be constructed along East Paris Ave. and 36 on Cascade Rd., says Morrison.

The country club was founded in 1921, burned down in 1937 and was rebuilt immediately. The clubhouse has been expanded several times over the years.

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