# The Grand Valley Ledger 

## 3.4 school millage increase vote draws near



## VANDALS RAVAGE SHOWBOAT

More vandalism to the Showboat was discovered by Showboat board members Ivan Blough and Tony Siciliano Monday morning. Three doors were kicked in which have a replacement cost of $\mathbf{\$ 2 6 0}$ each. The incident is currently under investigation by the Lowell Police Department, and Chief of Police Barry Emmons urges that anyone with information please call 897-7123.
Two previeus vandalism cases have been solved by the Lowell Police Department.

## CORRECTSHUN....

Somehow in the haste of publishing last week's paper our typesetter skipped a line in the story about the Lowell Showboat car raffle and completely deleted the middle portion of a sentence. The sentence still made sense; it just wasn't correct. So, contrary to last week's article the System-6" finish protection on the new Camaro will be applied by Plainfield Tuff-Kote Dinol and a custom made cover will be provided Dale Dawson at Big-D Auto Trim in Lowell. Both items are being furnished free of charge and will serve to keep the car looking like new until the July 4 drawing date.


Lowell Schools Superintendent Don Kelly explains his reasons
millage.
cause for concern, Kelly said. "Studies have shown that there is a definite correspondence between hand-eye co-ordination and learning to read," he said. Kelly emphasized that the School Board has committed itself to directing gunds generated by additional millage to restore programs cut from the school system, and is opposed to using these funds to beef up teacher salaries.
If the additional millage is approved by voters, it will be the first increase since 1977. Proponents of the millage increase point out that total 1982 school millage levied in the district will be only 28 mills greater than in 1979 This slight increase in tota millage is possible because the school debt levy has he sced in this period of dropped 7.12 mills to only time from 7.12 mills to only 4 milis for the coming tax year. Unfortunately for Lowel School District residents, the request by the Board of Education comes on the heels of yet another increas in property assessments, so that voters will almost certainly be facing a tax increase whatever the vote outcome.
Again according to Kelly, an increase in property valuations and, consequently, in taxes, does not result in a corresponding increase in funds for school operation.
actually mean a decrease in the amount of funds awarded by the State. Total funds per student would remain the same.
The millage request by the Lowell School Board is being supported by the Say Yes For Kids Committee, a group of citizens working with the school to bring the needs of the school system to the attention of voters. This committee is chaired by Marsha Wilcox, 9654 Bailey. of Lowell.
Wilcox, whose two sons attend the Lowell Area Schools, calls herself simply "a concerned parent." In the past her concern led her frequently to attend School Board meetings, and, as a result, she was asked to chair a steering committee to promote the proposed millage increase.
"We felt that it was important that the millage be increased because a survey taken last spring indicated people were not happy with the cuts in school programs," Wilcox said.
The committee has lobbied in behalf of the millage increase before local civic groups and prepared a brochure which explains the need for a millage increase.
The Lowell School District is awarded funds by the State of Michigan according to a complicated formula. Which, in simple terms, will yield more aid per student only
local millage is increased. local millage is increased.
An increase in property valuations alone, assuming

Free chees
The Kent Community Action Program will conduct the third distribution of surplus processed American cheese in Kent County on Thursday, September 16, and Friday, September 17. The cheese will be distributed from the following Lowell site: Lowell Bowling Lanes, 11550 Fulton, Lowell.
Site will be open from 10 a.m. to $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. or until cheese supply is exhausted. If an individual has not registered in advance to eceive the cheese they may still register at the distribu-
site on the days

ROSIES - Eggs and tonst 82c. Barbeque basket, $\$ 1.50$

Runciman-Riverside P.T.O Meeting Tuesday, Septembe 14 at 6:30 P.M. Open house and potluck for Reservations call 897-8719 or 897-9493 Room Parents Meeting Thurs. Sept. 23 at 1:30.
distribution. All applicants will be required to be income eligible, no one (inlcuding senior citizens) automatically eligible. Applicants must be able to document their eligibility for cheese and have identification available at the time they pick up their cheese.
The cheese distribution program is a totally volunteer

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PRECISION \& FASHION HAIRSTYLING - For both men and women. Man's World Hairstyling. Phone 897-8102.

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The committee also plans to talk with the Lowell ParentTeacher Organization. The brochure distributed by the Say Yes For Kids Comnittee makes much of the fact that the voted operational millage in Lowell School District is very low in comparison to that of other districts.

But residents of the City of Lowell pay a combined millage (the sum of school, city, and county millage) that is one of the highest in the county.

According to the 1981 Kent County Apportionment Report, only residents of East Grand Rapids and Kentwood pay a higher total millage than residents of Lowell.

The millage proposal is by no means a lost cause. The Caledonia School district, for example, recently passed a 3 mill increase in its operating levy. In August, voters in the Thornapple-Kellogg District approved a 4 mill increase. If the additional millage is not approved by voters, future cuts in school programs will be more drastic. Superintendent Kelly would not hazard a guess as to exactly what those cuts might be.
perated project with various local organizations, businesses and individuals donating their time and equipment.

## Recycling

center is now
open here
The Recycling Station is open! At the corner of the Lowell Lanes parking lot, there are receptacles for newspaper, brown paper bags, tin cans and alumi num, bottles and jars, and plastic milk and juice jugs. An open meeting of citizens interested in doing a little extra for recycling (we need volunteers for educa tion, aid to recyclers withou cars, and help on our Grand Opening), on Wednesday, September 15, at 7:30 p.m. will be at Paul's Showboat Restaurant.

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WARNING: This Movie May Be
Dangerous To Your Health. You May Never Stop Laughing.!!!

Fri Sept. 17th Thru
Mon. Sept. 20th
"YOUNG DOCTORS IN LOVE" ${ }^{\text {R }}$

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NIGHT AT 8 P.M.

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Coming Events





August 7 wedding for couple



- Second City touring company to appear at GVSC


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Only Until Sept. 22!


Nine local groups to have booths at festival


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Lippert Pharmacies donate champion steer
The champion beef was will end up on the dinner House. raised by Brian Peterson of table of some 110 champion Alto, Mich. and entered in teens and young adults who the Kent County 4.H Fair have kicked their drug and competition. It was then alcohol habits with the help auctioned off and Lippert of Project Rehab's residenPharmacies was the high tial treatment programs, Shi-

Project Rehab, based in Grand Rapids, is the only comprehensive drug abuse, treatment and prevention program in Western Michprogram in Western Mich-
igan. Project REHAB will touch over 15,000 West

## Aerodynamic styling shapes up your gas

 mileage. On most new cars, aerodynamic body designs reduce wind resistance and drag to a minimum. They slice through the wind instead of pushing it aside. That boosts gas mileage a lot, and also helps new cars handle better on the road. The aerodynamic lines look great, too!Body styling is a major part of a new car, and just one of the ways you get more for your money. Visit a showroom soon and you'll find more good reasons to get into


Get into a new car now.

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## THE LOWELL AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION

Employing Over 100 People In The Lowell Area
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Phone 897-8431


Brian Peterson with his award winning steer.
Michigan families this year, with prevention programs in shools and other community institutions; through individual and family counseling, programs on an outpatient or in-home basis and through it residential treatment programs.
Project Rehab's programs focus on the extremely important role that positive family life and strong community life play in both the munity life play in both the prevention and successfo hol addictions.
If your family is in crisis over drug or alcohol use or buse or if you want informa tion about Project Rehab services, call the agency a 616) 458-9521.

Project Rehab president, Bob Smedes, said that the Lippert Pharmacy gift steer is especially helpful in these times of rising demand for drug treatment services and alling federal and state revenues to continue those services. Smedes lauded Lip pert Pharmacies as an exam ple of the kind of local community support these programs for our youth need today.
Fallasburg Baseball reunion held

The Fallasburg Park Base Ball Team held their annual reunion at Fallasburg Park last Sunday afternoon. Jim Topp cooked the hamburgers again. Best Ever!!


The Lowell Showbeat's ramie featuring a Camaro 2-28 as Irst prize, got underway with Eadman Forest "Backy" Back buytig the first ticket from Showboat President Ray Ouada. Besides the $1983, \$ 13,000$.00 plus Camaro as first prize, there are second and third prizes of $\$ 1,000.00$ and $\$ 500.00$. Tekets sell for $\$ 10.00$ each, and a marimum of $5,000 \mathrm{w}$ ill be sold Those wishing to support Showboat by selling tickets can contact Roger Brown at the Grand Valley Ledger $897-9261$ or at his home 897.5381 . As incentives to the raffie's sales force there is a $\$ 250.00$ prize for the person selling the sost tice and 5100.00 to prize for the persoa selling the most ticket and 5
car.

## HEARING TESTS SET FOR SENIOR CITIZENS SEPT. 16

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[^0]:    LOWELL, MICH. Free Electronic Hearing tests will be given at YMCA 323 W. Main, East Entrance Lowell, Thursday, Sept 16 only, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Beltone Factory trained hearing aid specialists will be at the office listed below to periorm the test

    Anyone who has trouble hearing or understanding speech clearly is welcome to have a test using our modern electronic equipment to determine if his loss is one which may be helped. Diagrams showing how the ear works and some of the causes of hearing loss will be availabie. Everyone should have a hearing test at least once a year if there is any trouble at all hearing clearly. Even people now wearing a hearing aid or those who have been told nothing couid be done for them should have a hearing test and find out about the current methods of hearing correction

    Free hearing tests will be given at the YMCA, 323 W Main, Lowell by Beltone Hearing Aid Servicer on Thursday, September 16 from 9 A.M to 5 P.M

