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Cable TV to start soon

As of late Tuesday morning, the Lowell Cable TV Service planned on turning on the cable signal to homes that have been completely hooked up to the cable service.

Lowell Light and Power Superintendent Herb Haines reports that technicians from Mullen Construction Company and LL&P have been working out snags in the system which have

delayed the turn-on date.

Just recently a technician from Mullen Construction balanced the head end, making sure that the signal sent out by the station complied with FCC regulations. A pair of technicians from the power company have been cleaning up the pictures received from the tower, which receives off-air signals. The cleaning is necessary because the signal received from the cable system doubles over signal normally received over the air.

In addition to adjustments to the headend, contractors have continued to hang cable and install the system in homes. About 60 homes are hooked up to the system so far.

Haines estimated that about 400-450 homes have subscribed so far to the cable service. Officials have projected that between 650 and 700 homes will subscribe before the project is completed.

Haines adds that home installation of cable service could begin for west side residents in a week to 10 days.



NO ROBIN SIGHTINGS, BUT...

Lowell Post Office custodian and groundskeeper Eric Ring claims that a dandelion was in full bloom in the post office lawn last week. Unseasonably warm weather sent the thermometer up near 70 degrees, setting records for early December. The annual Lowell Christmas Parade staged last Saturday, seemed more like an Easter Parade when one took into account the balmy weather. Spectators along the parade route were clad in light jackets or sweaters, quite a treat for December 4 in West Michigan.

UPCOMING LEDGERS...

Next week's Grand Valley Ledger will contain a winter sports section with pictures, rosters and schedules, plus action photos of Lowell High School's hockey, basketball, wrestling, gymnastics and volleyball teams. The following issue, Wednesday, December 22 will be our last of this year and will contain the traditional Christmas greeting ads from area businesses along with our annual synopsis of the year's events. The Ledger office will then be closed from December 23, 1982 until January 3, 1983.

RAFFLE TICKET GIFT IDEA

With the holidays just around the corner, there is invariably at least one person on everyone's shopping list that is a real "stumper" to buy a gift for. Whether it be your boss, the paper boy or an uncle whose name you drew for the family Christmas gathering, a raffle ticket for the Lowell Showboat's Carmaro Z-28 drawing might be just the thing. They are available at stores all over Lowell, are \$10.00 each, and offer much better odds for winning an equivalent prize than State Lottery Tickets. Also, this time of year is when you will be seeing distant friends and relatives, why not pick up some of these raffle tickets to sell to them. They are available at the Grand Valley Ledger Monday thru Friday from 8 'til 5 or by calling Roger Brown at home 897-5381.

NEIGHBORHOOD/CHILD WATCH MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY

The Neighborhood Watch program being organized by Roger Odell and Don Rocheleau of Lowell has been expanded to include a Child Watch program. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 8:00 P.M. at the Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey and Parnell. Kent County Sheriff's Department "Neighborhood Watch" coordinator Deputy Denny Snyder will be on hand to help organize the program. Odell stresses that this is a "come one, come all" meeting.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Involved in a property damage accident Friday morning was Patrick Anderson of Grand Rapids. Anderson failed to yield at a stop sign at Bowes Rd. and West St., and struck a car driven by Eric Gierman of Lowell.

Lowell Officer investigated 13 accidents in the month of November including 2 which resulted in injuries. The Lowell area medical rescue unit made 9 runs during the month.

Joyce Wallace of Grand Rapids failed to stop in time for a car driven by Kenneth Ayres of Lowell, striking it in the rear. The accident occurred on M-21 near Bowes Rd. Thursday afternoon. There were no injuries.

A Juvenile student from the Lowell Middle School confessed to Lowell officers on Wednesday the theft of cash and credit cards from a purse belonging to a school teacher.

Two Juveniles were arrested and confessions obtained in the larceny of money from the American Legion Roller Rink last weekend. Both were released to parental supervision pending possible court action.

News from Community Education

Frist semester in the Lowell Community Education adult learning program is fast coming to an end, but Community Ed instructors try to keep things interesting! Last week, Curt Kaeb's small engine repair class attended a workshop on chain saw safety. Tonight, Sue Meinser's math class will visit Eberhards Food Store to do some comparison shopping. (Anyone trying to stretch their food dollars these days knows the importance of being able to figure out whether the "giant economy size" is really the better buy!) Next week the Community Ed leaders will be treating students to a Christmas "coffee break", with special Christmas goodies.

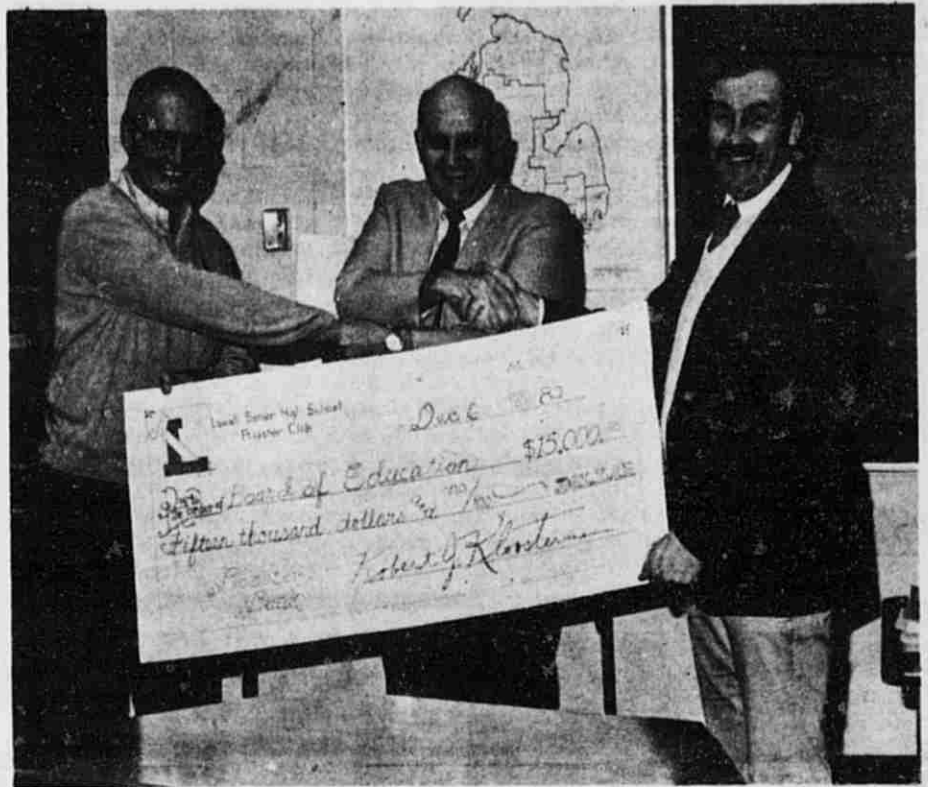
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Lowell Athletic Boosters meet first funding deadline



Lowell Athletic Boosters president Bud Kloosterman and vice president Bill Burkett present Lowell School Superintendent Donald Kelly with a dummy check for \$15,000. The check represents the first installment of the \$40,000, pledged by the Boosters to support extra-curricular athletics.

The Lowell Athletic Boosters met for nearly three hours Monday evening to plan fund raisers for the upcoming months and to present their first installment of \$15,000 of the pledged \$40,000 to School Superintendent Donald Kelly.

During the course of the meeting, Booster treasurer Sandy Nagy announced that after deducting expenditures, including the \$15,000 first installment payment just made to the Board of Education, the Booster treasury has a balance of about \$10,000 to work with as the Boosters begin working toward the next installment date of February 15. This \$10,000 figure includes funds not yet available to the treasury.

Besides the announcement by Sandy Nagy, the meeting included a presentation of \$200 by the Women of the Moose to the Booster club.

By the conclusion of the meeting, Boosters had hammered out several fund raising activities, and considered several more.

One of the planned fund raisers is the operation of a concessions stand at the wrestling tournaments to be held in Lowell in January and April. About thirty or forty people will be required to man this fund raiser, which is expected to net the boosters about \$2,000.

Another of the fund raisers is the sale of picture pins -- three-inch buttons which display the picture of a team or individual team member. Boosters plan to sell these pins for both fall and

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winter sports.

Finally, the Boosters will be selling raffle tickets for a hot air

balloon ride, redeemable until December of next year with Sky American. Raffle tickets are \$1.

Get tickets for Shrine Circus

The annual Saladin Shrine Circus will give 22 performances during the period of January 21 through January 30 at Stadium Arena, 2500 Turner NW, Grand Rapids.

Headline acts for this year's circus include:

"Christmas Is For Kids"

On Saturday, December 11, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., the Lowell Area Jaycees will be holding their annual Christmas party for area children in the High School Auditorium.

The Jaycees will watch area kids this Saturday afternoon so their parents can go Christmas shopping. The goal is to relieve parents for a few hours so they can take advantage of the shopping opportunities right here in Lowell, while the kids have an entertaining afternoon. Included in the planned activities are films, cartoons, and games. The Jaycees are also planning a special surprise.

The Jaycees are being aided by the Jaycettes, who are helping with the activities. Both organizations feel this project is important because it serves the parents, merchants, and children. Besides, they say they enjoy the fun almost as much as the kids.

All area children are invited and the program is free. For further information, call Bill Hansen at 897-7525.

--Tarzan, an animal trainer "without peer in the Circus World who talks and plays with his ferocious friends,"

--The Dancing Bears of the Great Weldes,

--The Flying Fornasaris, "Italy's most captivating and graceful flyers,"

--The Great Walendas, known for generations for their daring on the high wire,

--The Starlords, motorcycle stunt riders.

Also included are a number of animal acts, among the Fantastic Olmedas Horses, the Zerbini Elephants, Susan's Dogs, and Zoppe's Monkeys.

No circus is complete without clowns, and this year's Shrine Circus includes the talents of The Italos, a musical clown group.

Show times will be Friday, January 21, at 2 and 8 P.M.; Saturday, January 22, noon, 4, and 8 P.M.; Sunday, January 23, 1:30 and 5 P.M.; Monday, January 24 through Friday, January 28, 2 and 8 P.M.; Saturday, January 29, noon, 4 and 8 P.M.; Sunday, January 30, 1:30 and 5 P.M.

All seats are reserved for all shows. Ticket prices for all evening and weekend performances are \$8.00, \$6.50, \$4.50, and \$4.00. Tickets for weekday matinees are going for \$6.00, \$5.00 and \$4.00.

Plenty of free parking is available to circus-goers. Interested persons can reserve tickets by calling 458-0011.

Obituaries

BUCHE - Horace C. Buche, aged 57, of Ainsworth Rd., Lake Odessa, passed away Sunday, November 28, 1982. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; three daughters, Mrs. Jean Woltz of Rockford, Mrs. Beth Ainsworth of Sunfield, Amy Buche at home; three sons, Steve and Matt both of Lake Odessa, John of Saranac; two sisters, Mrs. Joyce Kime of Hastings, Mrs. Mary Ann Everett of Lansing; eight grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Thursday at the funeral chapel.

husband, Dr. Paul V. Howard, DVM; three sons, Richard Howard and wife Nancy of California, Stuart Howard and wife Donna of Ada, and Robert Howard of Grand Rapids; seven grand children; 1 brother, Charles Linderman of Detroit. Arrangements are being handled by Reyers North Valley Funeral Chapel and Graceland Memorial Park. Memorial services were held Saturday, December 11, 1982 in Bostwick Lake Congregational Church, 7979 Belding Rd. at Young Ave. with Rev. Gary Davis officiating.

KENTWOOD, Mrs. Adrian (Mae) Kibbe of Grant, Mrs. Henry (Margie) Roe of Ada, Mrs. John (Edith) Avans of Fife Lake, MI. The funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday morning at St. Francis Xavier Church. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

RICHARDSON - Florence L. Richardson, aged 77, of Alto, passed away Nov. 27, 1982. She is survived by her husband, Lawrence; brothers, Harold and Milton Brewer both of Grand Rapids; a sister, Mrs. Marie Porritt of Grand Rapids. Funeral Services were held Wednesday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, with Rev. George Coon of the Alto Baptist Church officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery.

KANE - Mrs. Ruth Kane, aged 68, of Bettendorf, Iowa, formerly of Grand Rapids, passed away Monday, Nov. 29, 1982 in Iowa. Mrs. Kane was preceded in death by her husband, James. Surviving are her children, Leone Gonyau of Los Angeles, Calif., Jerry and Nona Moskal of Okemos, MI, Jim and Geylene Kane of Jackson, MI, Linda Kane of Wyoming, Bob and Carole Kane of Bettendorf, Iowa, Tom and Chris Kane of Lansing, Bill and Jill Kane of Benton Harbor, Kenneth Kane of Lansing; 18 grandchildren, four great grandchildren; six brothers, Mr. Bill Zwiers of Orman Beach, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zwiers of Kent City, Mr. and Mrs. Obbie Zwiers of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Zwiers of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zwiers of Grand Rapids, Mr. David Zwiers of Martin, MI; four sisters, Mr. Ron (Virginia) Hamilton of

SARGEANT - Dewey Sargeant, aged 78, of Lowell, passed away November 29, 1982. He is survived by his beloved wife, Joy (Whittemore) Sargeant; his children, Mrs. Leslie (Marion) Haner of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Joe (Doris) Jager of Grand Rapids; step-children, Fred Thomas of Grand Rapids, Charlie (Cheryl) Thomas of Lowell, John (Doris) Thomas of Caledonia, David (Elaine) Thomas of Belding, Ms. Liza Whittemore of Pittsburg; a sister, Mrs. Flosie Sherman of Lowell; mothers-in-law, Mrs. Iva Landcamp of Caledonia and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond (Jeanne) Johnson of Sandusky, MI; many grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Mr.

Sargeant was a tool and die maker at General Motors Fisher Body Plant No. 1 for 30 years. Founder and former owner of the Dirty Shame Bar in Ada. Funeral Services were held Thursday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, with Rev. Stanley Forkner of the Vergennes United Methodist Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

SAYLES - Mrs. Philip (Hazel) Sayles, aged 93, of Anaheim, Calif., passed away Nov. 27, 1982. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Thelma Housen; a brother, John Whaley; and a nephew, John Sayles all of Calif.; a niece, Ellura McPherson of Lowell; a nephew, Oren Sayles Frost of Washington, D.C.; a niece, Izzeta Roark of Brooklyn, MI. Funeral Services Wednesday 3 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, with Dr. Stanley Forkner of Vergennes United Methodist Church officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery.

WINGEIER - Philip Wingeier, aged 79, passed away Dec. 1, 1982. Mr. Wingeier was a retired Minister of the Apostolic Christian Church of Sarasota, Fla. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Lyman (Vivian) Feldman of Alto; sisters, Margaret and Christine Wingeier of Alto, Mrs. Elmer (Delia) Schrenk of Lake Odessa, Mrs. Jerry (Clara) Kimble of E. Jordan, and Mrs. Hulda Feichter of Bluffton, Ind.; grandchildren, Mrs. Paul (Margaret) Jackson,

Keith and Kent Feldman all of Alto; great grandchildren, Carmen and Bradford Jackson of Alto. Funeral Services were held Friday at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, with Aaron Steffen and Andrew Virkler officiating. Interment will be in Sarasota, Fla.

WOLF - Mrs. Paula Jean Wolf, aged 30, of Campau Lake, Alto, passed away Thursday evening, December 2, 1982. She is survived by her husband, Dale J. Wolf; a daughter, Tammy Wolf; a son, Joseph Wolf; her parents, Joseph and Emma Weller; three sisters, JoAnn Lovett of Alto, Penny Sue Weller of Kalamazoo, Rita Hochstatter of Grand Rapids; a brother, Thomas Weller, also of Alto. Funeral services were held Monday at the funeral chapel, Rev. Wayne Kiel officiating, with interment in Alaska Cemetery.

DENTON - Harold J. Denton, Formerly of Lowell, passed

away Dec. 3, 1982, at the age of 70. He was a veteran of WWII and a member of the Lowell V.F.W. He is survived by his wife, Mildred, a daughter, Mary Lou Goodyke of Belding, a step-son, Donald Shearer of Belding, a sister, Mrs. Clark (Ona) Fletcher of Lowell, and six grandchildren. Interment took place at the River Ridge Cemetery in Belding.

FLANDERS - Mrs. Helen L. Flanders, aged 62, of Wyoming, passed away Saturday evening at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Devere G. Flanders; three sisters, Mrs. Wendell (Etta) Goetzl of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Jay (Virgiline) Coleman of Wyoming, Mrs. Bernard (Violet) Landis of Grand Rapids; Earl Maynard of Lowell, and Albert James Maynard of Kentwood; nine nieces, and 10 nephews. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. Interment Pine Hill Cemetery.

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Coming Events

DEC. 11 and 18 - Saturdays The Chaffee Planetarium of the Grand Rapids Public Museum presents a holiday sky show designed especially for young children.

"The Christmas Star" offers a brief description of that all important star and includes a sing-a-long and a flying Santa. Adults are asked to accompany the children.

Showtime is 1:30 P.M. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children of all ages and senior citizens.

In addition, this children's sky show will be repeated during the Christmas school recess, December 27 through 30 at 11 A.M.

THUR., DEC. 9: The Grand Rapids Business & Professional Women's Club will meet at 6:15 at the Brown Home, 1415 E. Fulton St. PROGRAM: Christmas Around the World in charge of Social Committee, Hilda Cherry Chairman. For reservations call 245-0013 or 458-9196.

DEC. 9: Pizza and Subs! The Lowell Area Jaycees and Jayettes are holding their annual pizza and sub sale. The choice of Pizzas include cheese, pepperoni, sausage, or deluxe and are selling for \$3.00 each. For more information call Beth Acre at 897-6851 or Starl Randall at 897-9543.

THUR., DEC. 9: Lowell 7th and 8th grade Choir is having their annual Christmas Concert starting at 7:30 under the direction of Roger MacNaughton

FRI., DEC. 10: There will be a potluck dinner prior to the

Regular Meeting of Cyclamen Chapter No. 94 O.E.S., at 6:30 P.M. and meeting at 8:00 P.M. Bring dish to pass and own table service.

FRI., DEC. 10: The Girls Varsity Club is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner in the high school cafeteria between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. Tickets available at the door. Proceeds will go to the Athletic Program.

SUN., DEC. 12: The Knights of Columbus will be having a first degree ceremony and meeting at 1:00. Any practicing Catholic men interested in joining or hearing more about the Knights, please call John at 897-6358.

SUN., DEC. 12: The Lowell Area Arts Council sponsors a special puppet-actor presentation "Junk" by Underground Railway, touring actors and puppeteers. The presentation, for families, has a special theme of giving, perfect for the holiday season. 3 P.M., Lowell Middle School, 750 Foreman Road, \$5 adults, \$2 students and pre-schoolers.

MON., DEC. 13: The Golden Swingers will have their usual Christmas party at Schneider Manor. Potluck dinner at 12 noon. Bring own service and a dish to pass. Coffee furnished. The Children of St. Marys school will put on the Christmas program. All welcome.

MON., DEC. 13: Lowell Board of Education meeting at 7:30 P.M. at the Board of Education Office, 12685 Foreman Rd. Lowell.

MON., DEC. 13: the Lowell Showboat Garden Club Christmas Party will be held

at the Methodist Church Educational Building. Punch will be served at 6:30 P.M. and dinner at 7:00 P.M.

MON., DEC. 13: The Kent County Library System/Lowell Branch, 325 W. Main St., will present "Merry Tales For Tots" at 1:00 P.M. This special holiday storytime is for children ages 3-6 and will include stories, games, a short film, and a take-home surprise. The program lasts about 40 minutes and no registration is necessary.

TUES., DEC. 14 Evening Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Arnold Wittenbach, 718 Riverside Dr. at 8 P.M. There will be a X-mas gift exchange. Co hostess Mrs. Janet Bovee.

TUE., DEC. 14: The December Regular Meeting of the Lowell Masonic Lodge will be held at 7:30 P.M. Following this meeting, about 8:30, friends and relatives are invited to the Public installation of officers for 1983. John Ludwig will present a slide illustrated program of his trip to China this past summer. Refreshments will follow.

TUE., DEC. 14: Regular Knights of Columbus meeting changed for this month. See Dec. 12th note.

THUR., DEC. 16: The Lowell Middle School Band will have their Christmas Concert at 7:30 at the Middle school. 7th grade band under the direction of Robert Rice and 8th grade band under the direction of Roger MacNaughton.

FRI., DEC. 17: There will be a special meeting of the Cyclamen Chapter NO. 94 O.E.S. for the purpose of initiation at 8:00 P.M. in the

Lowell Masonic temple.

SUN., DEC. 28: Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30 P.M. at St. Mary's School.

FRI., DEC. 31: The New Years Eve Dance: The Lowell Knights of Columbus and St. Marys Parish activities committee invite you to enjoy live music by Allens Tag Along, hor d'oeuvres, lunch, beer, setups. Everyone welcome...champagne at midnight...at St. Mary's School

from 8:30 until 7? Reservations must be in by Dec. 19th Call 897-8797 \$25.00 per couple.

FRI., DEC. 31: VFW - New Years Eve Party. Plenty of food, drinks included in price. \$25 per couple, \$12.50 per person, dance to the music of Blumke Family.

WED., DEC. 8: The Lowell Women's Club will meet in Schneider Manor at one

o'clock P.M. with Louise Schneider as sponsor. The program will feature the Lowell High School Choir with a program of Christmas music. There will also be an auction of Christmas baked goods.

JANUARY 1983-JUNE, 1983: Steak Dinner 4-8 P.M. and Dance 8-12? every 3rd Saturday of the month. VFW Post 8303, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, MI.

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Letters...

To All Lowell Taxpayers:
I intend to clarify a few statistics pertaining to teachers hourly salary schedules that were printed in the Buyer's Guide a few weeks ago. The fact that a tenure teacher receiving a \$21,000 a year salary making \$19.44 an hour is very misleading. This statistic was calculated using a 180 day school calendar with a 6 hour day schedule.

First of all, even the least ambitious teacher has the responsibility of making lesson plans, handouts, correcting homework assignments, quizzes and tests, figuring out grades making bulletin boards, writing progress reports and attending departmental meetings all of which cannot be accomplished during a 6 hour day. Secondly, the so-called "prep-hour" which is allocated to the teachers for accomplishing some of these tasks is disrupted many times because students who are in need of extra help usually use this time to be tutored. To ignore the student's plea for help and continue with class preparation, would only be at the expense of your child's education.

According to the method used in determining wages per hour, with 8 years experience and a masters degree, I should be making \$18.81 per hour. That's absurd! I calculated the number of hours I am at school or working on school work and came up with a total of 5,082 working hours per year for which I get paid \$3,997 or, \$4.00 per hour (slightly over the minimum wage of \$3.35 per hour. I'm not complaining about the

work load --- I'm only trying to make a point. I'm sick and tired of people accusing teachers of making "so much money." Yes, I guess it's my prerogative whether or not I decide to put in all this time, but if I only worked the 6 hour contracted time, the following would result:

- 1) My tutoring sessions as early as 7:00 a.m. would be discontinued.
- 2) My lunch hour, which is legally my free time, would rarely be used to help a student during the day.
- 3) My "prep-hour" time would have to be distributed equally for classroom preparation, meetings, and helping students.
- 4) I would "punch-in" at 7:45 and "punch-out" at 2:45 which would terminate my tutoring sessions immediately after school.
- 5) At this time, I also tutor some of my students in the evening with no extra pay -- this "extra service" would end.
- 6) The three weeks in August prior to school, the work on weekends and Holiday vacations that I use for classroom preparation and student evaluations would be used as my leisure time.
- 7) Writing lesson plans, figuring grades, correcting assignments and tests would have to be completed during the day eliminating the child's opportunity to get help as often as he/she wishes.

In short, the student who needed clarification of some theory would not be able to get help at his/her convenience. I agree that a 6 hour teachers working day at an hourly wage of \$18.81 would be an ideal situation for anyone to have, but it's not realistic.

Sue Meisner

Thank You for Participating:
Mary Kay Wright, Noreen Martin, Parade Directors. Bonnie Grooters, Dave Clark, Lowell Church Dept., Methodist

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Shirl Smith

Prayer: O Lord, Thy goodness endureth continually. It encompasses all mankind. This includes me. I shall trust in Thee. Thou wilt not fail. Amen.

Down in the valley with my Saviour I would go,
Where the storms are sweeping and the dark waters flow;
With His hand to lead me I will never, never fear,
Danger cannot fright me if my Lord is near.

William O. Cushing

Dear Roger:
There's nothing so warm
These December nights,
As the Friendly sight
Of Christmas lights.

Glowing, twinkling, red,
green, or blue;
Trimming your house
How kind of you.

Burning brightly through
The night;
Takes extra power, but
such a lovely light!

So, as I walk through
Lowell's quiet nights;
I say thanks for the lovely
Christmas sights.
Your Annual Christmas Poet

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living (Psalm 27:13).

It's extremely dangerous to be on the highway during blinding rain or snow storms. Sometimes all we have to guide us are the posts along the roadside.

One devoted mother had gone through an especially difficult trial "If it hadn't been for the goodness of the Lord, I would have fainted. Now I guess you can live through anything if you must," she wrote.

We never know how much we can take until the time comes. Many people have had to bear excruciating pain for days, months, and years. Others have had loved ones snatched mercilessly away from them. Some have known poverty, despair, and humiliation.

Storms come in the lives of all

Births

Brandy Jo was born to Kraig and Jody Haybarker, Dec. 5th, 1982. She weighed 10 lbs. 3 oz., 20-1/2 inches long. She was welcomed home by brothers Jason and Brian. Proud Grandparents are Leo and Phyllis Haybarker and Bob and Norma Ford all of Lowell. Great-grandparents are Arvil and Thelma Heilman, Mrs. Elizabeth Ford and Leo & Ruth Haybarker.

A daughter, Kristin Marie was born to Greg and Geni Smit of Clarksville early Tuesday, December 7. Kristin arrived at Blodgett Memorial Hospital weighing 6 pounds and 7 ounces and measuring 19 inches in length. Kristin joins a two year old sister, Amy. Proud grandparents are Ed and Donna Smit of Saranac and Marilyn Powell of Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce VanderJagt of Lowell announce the

Boys basketball opens season

The Lowell Varsity Basketball Team opened the 1982 season Friday, December 3, in an away game against Delton, narrowly losing, 70-69.

Ken Akers coach of the varsity team, jokingly suggested that the headlines should read: "Lowell Loses Thriller."

Akers said the game was a neck-and-neck contest down to the final buzzer. Lowell was ahead by one point in the final seconds of the game when Tim Carless was fouled and brought to the free throw line.

When Carless missed his first shot, Delton rebounded, took the ball to the other end of the court, and finally put the ball in as the buzzer sounded.

According to Akers, the key to the Delton game was height. The Delton line-up included three players who were 6-foot-5.

"The kids played really well for what they were up against," Akers said. "Delton really has a super team." Akers added that he would not be surprised to see the Delton squad rated in the state as the season progresses.

Akers was especially pleased with the performance of the bench in Friday's game. When Jason Barber fouled out in the third quarter followed by Matt Baerwalde and Greg Malone in the fourth, Akers was forced to use his bench extensively.

"Phil Vroma and Shawn Lowry did a super job off the

Pat Brown, with 16 points, and Dave Kryger and Craig Potter, with 10.

Kurt Holzhueter, Coach of the freshman squad, was understandably disappointed with his team's 28-43 loss to Delton.

Despite Friday's loss, Holzhueter shared Copeland's optimism for the upcoming season.

The Freshman squad has a full schedule of 19 games this year, as compared with only six last year.

"We have a chance to become pretty good as the season progresses," Holzhueter said.

High scorer in the game Friday was Jeff Perkins with 13 points.

J.V. coach Bob Copeland reports that his team lost a close game to the Delton squad, losing 44-47. The J.V.'s were their own worst enemies in the contest, according to Copeland.

Team members fouled 25 times in the course of Friday's game, losing three starters in the final quarters.

Despite an unimpressive showing Friday, Copeland expected that "We'll have a pretty good season."

High scorers in the game were

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Young wrestling team begins, new season

The Lowell High School wrestling team opened the new season with two non-conference matches December 2 and 4.

On Thursday, December 2, Lowell hosted a triangular match against Grand Rapids Union and Belding, losing to Union 40-23, but defeating Belding 35-34.

Coach Gary Rivers reports that he was pleased with the performance of his team, which consists of a large number of underclassmen.

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HOT LUNCH MENU
WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 1982

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THURSDAY
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2 losses for LHS hockey

The LHS hockey team continued the 1982-83 season with two matches over the past week. On Tuesday, November 30, Lowell met defending league champion and defending Ford Cup champion East Grand Rapids, losing 8-2.

Lowell goals came in the second period on shots made by Paul Whaley and Eric Schwamburger.

Hockey coach Rob McCormick was not upset by the team's showing against traditionally strong E.G.R. He was pleased that the "kids showed a lot of hustle."

On Monday, December 7, Lowell again lost, this time to East Kentwood by a score of 6-1. Paul Whaley was responsible for the lone Lowell goal.

McCormick said that Lowell's performance was not all bad. He acknowledged that there were a couple of bad moments, "but despite those "we were respectable."

Lowell will have the opportunity to play both of these teams again later in the season.

The hockey schedule for the next four matches is as follows:
December 13 Grand Rapids Central

December 15 Kenowa Hills
December 18 Northview
December 20 Forest Hills Central
All weekend games are held at 6 p.m. The Saturday match against Northview is at 2 p.m. All matches will be played at Stadium Arena.

DNR Report

FISHING INFORMATION:

Kent County
Activity slow because of warm weather. Not much happening at 6th Street Dam. A few perch being taken on Reeds Lake.

Muskegon County
Steelhead fishing is super on lower end of Muskegon River and White River. The Pere Marquette is really hot. Steelhead fishing is good on the Big Lake. Perch starting to pick up in Whitehall and Muskegon in addition to a few lake trout being taken.

Ottawa County
Rainbow trout being caught in Lake Macatawa by big cement buoy in the bay. Lake trout and steelhead also being taken in

Ask The Governor

QUESTION: Is the new passenger railroad line from Lansing to Toronto a success?

GOVERNOR: The new "International" has been operating for barely one month but its initial runs have been well received. Scheduling changes for the former Blue Water Limited and arrangements with VIA Rail Canada have made possible the daily roundtrip service linking

Chicago, Hammond/Whiting, Niles, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Lansing/East Lansing, Durand, Flint, Lapeer, Port Huron, Sarnia, Strathroy, London, Brantford, Oakville, and Toronto.

The 493-mile link continues the good neighbor relationship that exists between Michigan and Ontario, providing a direct connection between the cities of Chicago, Lansing and Toronto, and taking advantage of the rapidly growing trade and travel market.

At London, Ontario, the "International" connects with other VIA Rail Canada passenger trains for Stratford, Kitchener and Guelph. At Toronto, it connects with Canadian rail services for Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City and the Maritime Provinces.

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Lake Macatawa - 70 to 80 feet of water. Fish still being caught on Big Lake but slow and scattered. A few perch are coming into Spring Lake from the Big Lake.

Also, reports of steelhead being taken on Big Manistee River.

HUNTING INFORMATION:
A large number of deer are reported being taken in the Allegan State Game Area. Also, good reports of deer being seen around Grand - 50% does, 50% bucks. Feedback from hunters in Muskegon area is that they have not seen the number of deer they expected.

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Heidi Elzinga

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Heidi is the daughter of Bob and Patty Elzinga of Lowell and is a graduate of Lowell High School and Kent Skill Center. Heidi is looking forward to providing the latest styles and hair care to both women and men of her hometown in time for the holidays.

Merton and Addie Alderink, of Forest Hills Avenue in Grand Rapids, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Martin and Mary Alderink, 9485 Cascade Rd., on Sunday, December 12, from 2-6 P.M.

Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to come and make this occasion special. The Alderinks have requested no gifts, please.

The Alderinks are familiar with many Lowell area residents. Addie is a graduate of Lowell High School, and her husband Merton graduated from Clarksville High School.

Grandchildren of the couple are Mike and Tara Alderink, of 2911 Montclair Ave., and Pat Alderink and Julie Alderink, who are living at home.



The "dog days" - the hottest days in the northern hemisphere - are named for Sirius, the "Dog Star", and usually fall between July 3 and August 15.



cozy corner

By Roger Brown

If they could talk, I think my legs would say something like, "Hey look pal, we ain't takin' this junk anymore". And at that, they'd take off on their own in search of someone more appreciative. But since they can't do that, they're doing the next best thing by just hanging out down there, sending aches and pains up to the control center.

My legs have never been too kicked up (pardon the pun) about the idea that my job requires many long hours of standing at a light table while on a concrete floor. This, coupled with the fact that those poor old legs are forced to support a whole lot more weight than they should, makes them get into this pain kick (there I go again) whenever I spend more time than usual standing. With this in mind, you can understand why they weren't at all excited when Terese and I started taking long, brisk walks for some sorely needed exercise.

About a month ago, Terese and I started walking, and the very first night we hoofed it four miles in a little less than an hour. The very next morning I thought I was going to have to call a doctor in for a big shot of cortizone, just to enable me to get out of bed. Those old legs were really big into their pain signals that morning. But Terese and I have been quite peristent, and have been walking about every other night from three to six miles. Just when the old legs were beginning to get used to all that walking, I threw something new at them.

You may recall the old player piano project that I wrote about some weeks ago. Well, last Friday we got the thing put back together to the point where it's usable. I'm still working on refinishing several pieces of the cabinet, but that is earmarked for a future column. We had an absolute ball with the thing all weekend, pumping away on the pedals listening to the music, and using a whole new set of leg muscles. By Monday morning I was ready to go apply for a handicapped license plate.

I spent Monday trudging around town, trying to sell an ad or two in this old rag. Late in the afternoon a buddy called wanting to play a quick game of racquetball after work. It was my first time on the court in about six months, and we played for about an hour and a half. Of course racquetball uses another whole set of leg muscles besides those used for standing, walking and player piano pumping.

When I got home, Terese insisted that we walk, since she hadn't had an opportunity to get some exercise. I asked her to pull me in Casey's wagon, but she wouldn't go for it. I gave in, and we did a brisk four miles.

As I have mentioned here before, this column is written at 5:00 a.m. on Tuesday; the day the paper goes to bed. I've been here at the typewriter for over an hour now, with my legs sending up those aches and pains all the while. I'm going to try to get up now. If you get a paper this week, and this column is in it, you'll know I made it. If not, then I can probably be reached at Butterworth Hospital.



Ever grill a peanut butter and jelly sandwich? Just spread outsides with softened butter or margarine and grill until browned.

How to know when business gifts are tax deductible

Business gifts you buy for your employees or clients this holiday season might not cost as much as you think. According to the Michigan Association of CPAs, holiday gifts and entertainment could qualify as tax-deductible expenses, subject to certain restrictions and limitations. The amount you deduct depends on whether the item is a business gift or entertainment, who it is for and how much the item is worth.

The annual ceiling on deductions for business gifts is \$25 per recipient. That amount, however, does not include the price of monogramming or personalizing the item, gift wrapping, insurance, mail or delivery—unless such expense adds value to the gift.

You can give gifts whose value exceeds \$25, but you can deduct only the limit since the cost over \$25 is an, out of pocket, non-deductible expense. There are, of course, some exceptions to this rule.

Let's say you give you clients a desk calendar as a gift, but you also want to give special clients another gift and deduct it. If you print your company's name on the calendar, it becomes not a gift, but a marketing aid. And, as long as the cost of the calendar remains at or under \$4, you don't have to include it in your gift tally.

You can't deduct gifts to your friends and non-business associates, but you can deduct gifts to the spouses and family of your business associates. CPAs remind you, however, that any such gift is counted as a gift to the person you deal with.

The same holds true for gifts that are given to both an associate and the associate's business. In this case, you can give separate gifts, and get separate deductions. But, if the gift is intended for one person, although the company receives it, the item counts as a gift toward the person.

Let's say you send an ashtroy to a company president for his or her exclusive use, and then

send a second one for use of the company. In this case, two deductions would be allowed. However, if you sent the pair to the company, you would only be entitled to the one deduction if they were both for the use of your associate.

The exception in all these examples, CPAs say, is if you have a second business relationship with the person, the spouse, or the family which is separate from that of your relationship with the company.

You can also increase your deductible amount for holiday gifts by giving something which could qualify as an entertainment expense. Tickets to theater and sporting events, food and liquor all fall into this value to the gift.

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Doris Boyd,
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Honey Creek Christian Homes Focus On Two Major Programs

John Osborn estimates that he has lived in a dozen different foster homes. "I quit counting after the seventh," he says.

He also says he never saw his father, who died when he was six years old. And he claims to have met his mother only once, when he was 18.

But Osborn, despite his past, has managed to pull his life together, largely due to the influence of Honey Creek Christian Homes.

Honey Creek Christian Homes is an evangelical residential treatment center for youth and families, inconspicuously situated on Cascade Rd., south of Lowell and one-half mile west of Jimmy's Grill.

Operating on biblical principles, Honey Creek treats troubled youth and families in two major programs which couple family-style, community-oriented living with the attention of trained clinical social workers.

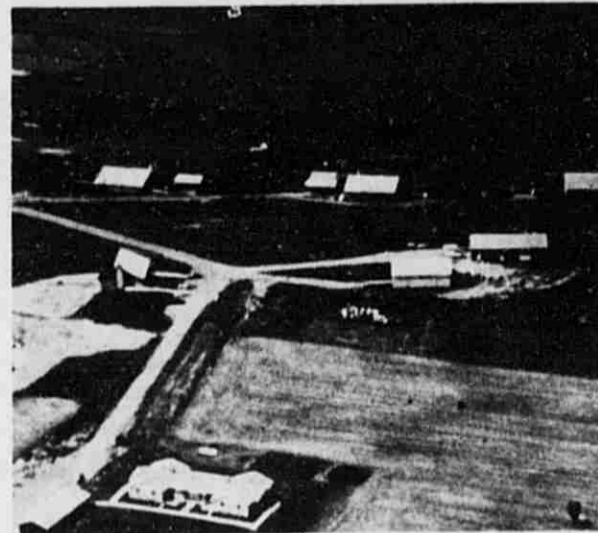
Through these programs, which serve over 80 children, Honey Creek provides wholesome environments which stimulate young lives to grow towards maturity in all areas.

Osborn, who is now 21, has been involved with both of Honey Creek's major programs, and has since graduated from high school, completed one year of schooling at Grace College in Winona Lake, Ind., and been employed as a maintenance worker on the same campus where he was once a resident. Osborn is one of the "success stories" of Honey Creek's 15-year history.

But Osborn is a bit reluctant to assume the "success" role, because he believes the credit for his accomplishments should not go to him.

He says that "Sometimes people talk as if I have done it all myself, and that's not right. The glory belongs to Christ."

As suggested by the quote, the word Christian is not superfluous baggage added to pad Honey Creek's name. Rather, Honey Creek attempts to salt all of its work, whether through treatment of children or through coordina-



The Honey Creek campus includes four cottages, an office building and chapel, a gymnasium, and housing for Honey Creek staff.

tion of staff activities, with a biblical perspective.

James Holwerda, Executive Director for Honey Creek, says that the center operates on the basis of a "Christian world-and-life view which meets the needs of the whole person."

Holwerda adds, however, that religion is not jammed down boys' throats. Christian commitment is encouraged, but it is a matter of personal choice.

Admission to Honey Creek
Like many boys, John Osborn arrived on the Honey Creek campus on the recommendation of a referring agency professional.

According to Osborn, problems were developing in the latest of a series of foster homes, and his caseworker at that time suggested he move to Honey Creek.

Before his acceptance into the Honey Creek program, Osborn, like all residents of the center, was interviewed by members of the staff during a visit to the campus.

Because not all boys referred are suited for the Honey Creek treatment plan program, Holwerda, says, the staff screens all referrals.

Holwerda stresses that Honey Creek is designed to treat the socially impaired, abused or neglected child. The center simply

Many of Honey Creek's residents have backgrounds similar to Osborn's.

"Most of these kids have been rejected by their families since day one," Holwerda says.

Terry K. Taylor, Alternative Care Coordinator, says that a couple of boys in the Honey Creek programs have been adopted -- and un-adopted -- three times.

As a result of their unstable home environments, these boys arrive on campus with little self-confidence, low self-esteem, and a bad attitude toward authority in general.

The task of Honey Creek, then, is "to build self-worth by allowing boys to become involved in all sorts of activities," Holwerda says.

Residential Living
Living in family-style cottages on campus is part of the treatment for residents. Honey Creek's four cottages, each of which accommodates eight boys and house parents, are the setting for healthy, trusting relationships.

According to Holwerda, the house parents "try to model love and trust. They teach kids how to have healthy confrontations."

Through cottage life "the boys

cannot handle boys who have a history of drug abuse, physical violence, or psychotic mental illness.

Not only was Osborn interviewed, but he was also given an explanation of the program at Honey Creek, and the chance to refuse it. All residents commit themselves to participate wholeheartedly in the program before admission is granted.

can see and feel love and positiveness. They can make decisions, and test them to determine their worth and healthiness."

Osborn recalls his houseparents with warmth. "They were neat people, special people. They took time for each person in the cottage," Osborn says. "They were willing to give of their precious time just to be with someone."

"I think I learned how to accept people by them accepting me as I am."

Understandably, a cottage filled with eight youngsters must be kept under control.

In the effort to create a calm, stable atmosphere, cottages operate on a rather structured schedule. The activities of the day proceed in an orderly, predictable manner.

Naturally residents rebel at first against the structure. Yet



The staff at Honey Creek attempts to make life for cottage residents as home-like as possible.

Every effort is made to create an atmosphere in which young people can learn to relax and develop healthy relationships.

Dutton says that games are good activities for the boys because they create a society in miniature.

The rules that govern the conduct of a game are roughly similar to those in society. Without rules, neither games nor society is manageable, he says.

In addition to a sports program, Dutton coordinates awards banquets, ice cream socials, work projects, crafts, wilderness camping experiences,

and bike trips. The barrage of activities is designed to push a boy to his limits and give him a glimpse of his potential.

The turning point in Osborn's stay at Honey Creek came when he received Christ at a camp in New York state.

"That really opened my eyes to what was happening at Honey Creek," he says.

After a year and a half at the center, Osborn was placed in a Christian foster home in

Clarkville, Michigan.

Honey Creek Foster Care Program
Though Honey Creek's resident program is the most visible of its work, the center actually helps a larger number of boys and girls through its foster family program.

Terry K. Taylor, Alternative Care Coordinator for Honey Creek, says that 50 young people are now involved in this second major program. The center has been licensed by the State of Michigan to certify homes as regular foster homes or as foster family group homes.

Regular foster families can have up to four foster children; group homes may house five or six, Taylor says.

Working closely with caseworkers from Honey Creek, foster parents design a treatment plan for each person under their care.

Honey Creek may place boys from its residential program into its foster homes if they have no home to return to, or simply do not wish to return home.

Young people from outside Honey Creek, referred by the Department of Social Services, the Department of Mental Health, or the Probate Courts,



Residents at Honey Creek are presented with a variety of activities to encourage development in all areas of their lives.

take advantage of the center's foster care program for a number of reasons. Boys may use the foster care program as a stepping stone out of programs like Honey Creek; authorities may use the program with children who need treatment, but who do not need to be as closely supervised as residential treatment residents; older teenagers may use the program as a step toward independent living.

Osborn has lived with two foster families since leaving Honey Creek. He calls his last foster parents -- Dave and Eleanor Patrick, of the Clarksville area -- Mom and Dad.

Services available to the community
Unstable marriages and disturbed families, which account for so many children in Osborn's former position, have been a source of concern to the Honey Creek staff for years.

Within the last six months, this concern has prompted the staff to begin a counseling program for individuals, married couples, or families, open to anyone in the Lowell area.

According to Art Daglow, Clinical Director at Honey Creek, most of the area pastors have been contacted concerning the program and have enthusiastically greeted this extension to their ministries.

Daglow says that any number of things can lead an individual, couple, or family to seek counseling. Communication difficulties, economic problems, adolescence, life-stage adjustments, divorce, health problems -- any of these can lead to a break-down of normal coping patterns.

The Honey Creek staff wants to embody the words "help, support, and counsel" in the eyes of Lowell area residents.

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of the
Kent County Board of Commissioners
December 1982

December 1, 1982
The Board of Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Called to order by Chairman Both. Roll called.

Present: Blakeslee, Boerema, Byington, Dekraker, DeLange, Ehlers, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Mazurkiewicz, Pospel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfeld, Chairman Both - 20.
Absent: Laninga - 1.

Quorum present.
Chairman Bothington introduced Father Paul Huesing, from the Catholic Information Center, who gave the invocation. Clerk DeLange read those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioner Blakeslee moved the minutes of the previous meeting, November 3, 1982, be approved as written and published. Seconded by Commissioner Wahlfeld. Motion carried unanimously.

A report of the Finance Committee of their meetings of November 2, 1982 and November 9, 1982 was presented. (All have received copies and a copy is on file in the Office of the County Clerk.)

Commissioner Dekraker moved the report be received, concurred in and filed. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Byington, Dekraker, DeLange, Ehlers, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Mazurkiewicz, Pospel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfeld, Chairman - 20.
Nays: None.

Resolution No. 12-82-184 regarding a transfer of \$35,000 from the General Fund Contingent Account for purchase of a micro computer for Juvenile Court was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER BOEREMA

WHEREAS, Kent County Juvenile Court wishes to implement a computer-based information and record system and

WHEREAS, a Juvenile Information System and Records Access (JISRA) model was developed for juvenile courts by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and

WHEREAS, this model is a validated and operational system model that integrates the three basic functions of a juvenile court case management system: data capture, management and control, and data utilization, and

WHEREAS, the National Council is proposing that the Kent County Juvenile Court be the prototype testing site of the micro-computer version of JISRA, and

WHEREAS, as the prototype site, Kent County Juvenile Court would receive, from the Council, the JISRA software and associated system documentation; design and programming services required to modify the software to meet the court's specific requirements; and technical assistance necessary to the successful installation and implementation of this system, all at no cost to the court, and

WHEREAS, the Data Processing Steering Committee has reviewed this request and recommends approval, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed this request and recommends approval with funding as outlined below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the acquisition of a micro-computer for Juvenile Court, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$35,000 be transferred from the General Fund Contingent Account to Juvenile Court, Equipment Account for the purchase of hardware, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 1983 Juvenile Court budget be amended to increase the following accounts by the sums as indicated:

Supplies	\$1,200.00
Maintenance	\$1,200.00
Consulting Services (Data Processing)	\$1,200.00

Commissioner Boerema moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Dekraker. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Byington, Dekraker, DeLange, Ehlers, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Mazurkiewicz, Pospel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfeld, Chairman - 20.
Nays: None.

Resolution No. 12-82-179, transferring \$2,113 from the General Fund Contingent Account to the Sheriff's Machinery and Equipment Account was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER MAZURKIEWICZ

WHEREAS, the Fire Commission has requested the acquisition of a used four-channel radio from the Sheriff's Department for the Grattan Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommends the purchase of a new eight-channel radio for the Sheriff's Department, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommends a General Fund Contingent Account transfer for this purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve a General Fund Contingent Account transfer of \$2,113.00 to the Sheriff's Machinery and Equipment Account.

Commissioner Mazurkiewicz moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Byington, Dekraker, DeLange, Ehlers, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Mazurkiewicz, Pospel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfeld, Chairman - 20.
Nays: None.

Resolution No. 12-82-182, dissolving the Unemployment Compensation Fund and reserving the balance within the General Fund was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER MAZURKIEWICZ

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners established an Unemployment Compensation Fund as an internal service fund during the time the County was self-insuring unemployment compensation, and

WHEREAS, the Unemployment Compensation Fund is no longer being used in this manner, as the County is direct funding the State for unemployment compensation, and

WHEREAS, the audit firm of Touche Ross and Company recommends that the Unemployment Compensation Fund be closed out as the method currently used to fund unemployment compensation does not require the assistance of a separate fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners dissolve the Unemployment Compensation Fund as an internal service fund, and

Commissioner Boerema moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner DeLange. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Byington, Dekraker, DeLange, Ehlers, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Mazurkiewicz, Pospel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfeld, Chairman - 20.
Nays: None.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the balance within the Unemployment Compensation Fund be transferred to the General Fund and reserved within the General Fund for unemployment compensation purposes.

Commissioner Mazurkiewicz moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 12-82-183 establishing a reserve of \$500,000 within the Child Care Fund for ADC-F payments for 1982 was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER MAZURKIEWICZ

WHEREAS, in November of 1981, the Governor issued an Executive Order requiring that all counties share equally the cost of ADC-F with the State of Michigan, and

WHEREAS, in March of 1982, the Kent County Board of Commissioners appropriated \$500,000 to the Child Care Fund to cover the cost of ADC-F in fiscal year 1982, and

WHEREAS, legal action by the Michigan Association of Counties has delayed indefinitely the billing of ADC-F.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners establish a reserve of \$500,000 within the Child Care Fund for the ADC-F payments attributable to the fiscal year 1982. This reserve is to remain within the Child Care Fund until all billings for 1982 are received and paid.

Civil Counsel DeWitt reported the Circuit Judge of Ingham County ruled in favor of the County in our lawsuit and that the Governor's Executive Order which sought to pass one-half of the State's obligation for foster care on to the Counties violated the Headlee Amendment and was unenforceable. He expects the State to appeal the decision to the Circuit Court of Appeals, and from there it could go to the Michigan Supreme Court. Since we do not know the outcome of such action, he recommended that the resolution be adopted.

Commissioner Mazurkiewicz moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Byington, Dekraker, DeLange, Ehlers, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Mazurkiewicz, Pospel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfeld, Chairman - 20.
Nays: None.

Resolution No. 12-82-184 regarding a transfer of \$35,000 from the General Fund Contingent Account for purchase of a micro computer for Juvenile Court was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER MAZURKIEWICZ

WHEREAS, it has been the policy of Kent County to acquire from time to time parcels adjacent to the hospital and jail complex, and

WHEREAS, the owners of property at 1280 Bradford St., Grand Rapids, Michigan, have offered to sell to the County, Lot 32 Belmont Addition, City of Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, for the sum of \$12,000 cash, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee recommends the purchase of this property with Public Improvement funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County purchase said above-described property for the sum of \$12,000 with the County to assume all closing costs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payments of all outstanding receivables, including interest, and collected fees on delinquent taxes of 1977, shall be deposited into the General Fund.

Commissioner Mazurkiewicz moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Blakeslee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Byington, Dekraker, DeLange, Ehlers, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Mazurkiewicz, Pospel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfeld, Chairman - 20.
Nays: None.

Resolution No. 12-82-181, transferring the 1977 Delinquent Tax Fund to the General Fund was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed the workers' compensation self-insurance fund, and

WHEREAS, in 1981 most county departments were not charged for workers' compensation coverage because the self-insurance fund had reached a point of self-sufficiency, and

WHEREAS, due to the change in State law which changed benefit levels and because of the number of claims which were settled, additional revenues are needed in the fund to ensure sufficient funds to pay all claims, and

WHEREAS, as a result of this information, the Finance Committee stated that "since funds for workers' compensation coverage were not budgeted in the 1982 Budget, the various departments should be given the option of either contributing 50 percent of its 1982 workers' compensation contribution to the balance due in 1983 or pay 100 percent of its contribution for 1982 and no contribution for 1983," and

WHEREAS, the General Fund has an obligation for workers' compensation for the budget years 1982 and 1983 of \$244,023.44, and

WHEREAS, the Controller's Office would recommend that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve an appropriation of \$122,011.71 as the County's contribution to workers' compensation for the General Fund departments in the year 1982.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the transfer of \$122,011.71 from the General Fund Contingent Account to the Workers' Compensation Line Item accounts of the appropriate activities within the General Fund for 50 percent of the 1982 worker's compensation of the General Fund.

Commissioner Johnson moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Mazurkiewicz. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Byington, Dekraker, DeLange, Ehlers, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Mazurkiewicz, Pospel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfeld, Chairman - 20.
Nays: None.

Resolution No. 12-82-185, authorizing the Chairman to sign a Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement for the Friend of the Court Office was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER BOEREMA

WHEREAS, at the October, 1982 meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved a Resolution for submission of a Cooperative Reimbursement Program grant application for the Friends of the Court's Office, and

WHEREAS, said application has been approved by the State Department of Social Services, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services requires a formal Resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Board to sign the contract agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign the contract agreement as attached hereto (which contract agreement need not be made part of the minutes).

Commissioner Boerema moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner DeLange. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Byington, Dekraker, DeLange, Ehlers, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Mazurkiewicz, Pospel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfeld, Chairman - 20.
Nays: None.

Resolution No. 12-82-186, regarding Revenue Sharing, was presented: (All have received copies.)

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Nays: None.
Resolution No. 12-82-188, regarding Revenue Sharing, was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER DEKRAKER

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners has heretofore adopted a revenue sharing plan for the years 1972 through 1982, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with said plan, all expenditures must first be approved by this Board of Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, there is attached hereto marked Exhibit A and made a part hereof, the requests for expenditures to be authorized at the December meeting of the Kent County Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners take such action as may be necessary to properly minute these expenditures for the United States Department of Treasury.

EXHIBIT A

DEPT.	ITEM	AMT.	FIN. COM. APPROV. DATE
Jail	Portable radios	\$5,230	11-23-82
Cir. Ct.	Copier	2,173	11-30-82
TOTAL		\$7,403	

Commissioner Dekraker moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Boerema. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Byington, Dekraker, DeLange, Ehlers, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Mazurkiewicz, Pospel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfeld, Chairman - 20.
Nays: None.

Resolution No. 12-82-186, earmarking \$12,250 within the Public Improvement Fund for the purchase of property at 1280 Bradford N. E. was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS GAINAY AND JOHNSON

Commissioner Sevensma moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Wahlfeld. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Byington, Dekraker, DeLange, Ehlers, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Mazurkiewicz, Pospel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfeld, Chairman - 20.
Nays: None.

Resolution No. 12-82-189, transferring \$5,000 from the General Fund Contingent Account to the Friend of the Court Printing and Binding Account, was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER BOEREMA

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested a number of transfers from the General Fund which total \$192,000.00 and

WHEREAS, the Controller's Office has reviewed these transfers and recommends approval, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed this request and recommends approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve a General Fund Contingent Account transfer of \$192,000 to the following accounts:

101-351-818 - Prisoner Board	\$130,000.00
101-351-809 - Legal	23,000.00
101-351-835 - Health Services	20,000.00
101-351-746 - Uniforms	6,000.00
101-301-863.075 - Travel-Extradiits	10,000.00
101-301-932.001 - Commn. Equip. Rep.	3,000.00

Commissioner Boerema moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Dekraker. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Byington, Dekraker, DeLange, Ehlers, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Mazurkiewicz, Pospel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfeld, Chairman - 20.
Nays: None.

Resolution No. 12-82-180, amending Section 3.04 of the Kent County Employees' Trust Agreement was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON

WHEREAS, the present Kent County Employees Retirement System Trust Agreement does not correspond to the recently-amended Standing Rules of the Kent County Board of Commissioners relating to meeting compensation, and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Pension Board has determined the Retirement System Trust Agreement should be amended to properly reflect the Standing Rules of the Kent County Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Employees Retirement System Trust Agreement be amended as follows:

3:04 (2) Citizen Trustees shall be paid \$30.00 a meeting, but shall not be paid for more than two meetings the same day; they shall also be reimbursed for mileage and from any meeting at a rate set by the Board of Commissioners within the Standing Rules. Citizen members shall not be paid for more than 30 meetings in a calendar year. Other expenses may likewise be paid upon approval of the Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Johnson moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Froman. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Byington, Dekraker, DeLange, Ehlers, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Mazurkiewicz, Pospel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfeld, Chairman - 20.
Nays: None.

Resolution No. 12-82-197, approving obtaining bids for renovation of the Jail to alleviate the overcrowded conditions was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, in September, 1982, directed the Finance Committee to proceed with programming and design to solve the overcrowded conditions at the Kent County Correctional Facility with the intent to construct additional housing facilities utilizing the unfinished space within that facility, and

WHEREAS, the County Architect/Plant Engineer on October 21, 1982 made a formal request to the State of Michigan's Correction Commission for a Jail Renovation proposal, and

WHEREAS, the Correction Commission approved Kent County's proposal, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee, on October 26, 1982, approved the preliminary schematic plans and the County Architect/Plant Engineer to begin to prepare working drawings, plans and specifications with a presentation to be made to the Board of Commissioners on December 1, 1982 for approval to accept bids on the project, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed the plans and working drawings and recommends accepting bids upon final approval of the State of Michigan, and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of Kent County that the jail renovation be undertaken.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Architect/Plant Engineer is hereby directed to take bids for said renovation upon approval from the State of Michigan.

Commissioner Johnson moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Wahlfeld. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Byington, Dekraker, DeLange, Ehlers, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Mazurkiewicz, Pospel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfeld, Chairman - 20.
Nays: None.

Resolution No. 12-82-189, in recognition of Commissioner Walter J. DeLange's service as Kent County Commissioner, was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER SOMERVILLE

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ehlers' leadership abilities were widely recognized by the County Board of Commissioners through his appointment as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners in 1977 and 1978, and election as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners in 1979, 1980, and 1981, and his appointment as Chairman for the Legislative, Judicial and Taxation Committee in 1982, and his appointment as Chairman of the Public Works Board in 1977 and 1978, and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ehlers has been widely recognized both by his fellow Commissioners, by the community, and by the state at large for his dedication, and expertise in the area of solid waste management, which leadership has best been demonstrated by his accomplishments in connection with the development and successful operation of the sanitary landfills for Kent County, and the establishment of the Kent/Oakawa Resource Recovery Project to study alternatives to landfills for future solid waste management in Kent County, and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ehlers employed hard work and subtle wit to lead the County Board of Commissioners to several years of progress under his leadership, which leadership we sincerely believe will continue as he fulfills his role as State Representative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Commissioners acknowledges Commissioner Ehlers' contribution to the cause of local government and his devotion to public service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be given to Commissioner DeLange as a small token of the esteem we have for him.

Commissioner Somerville moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by all Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Byington, Dekraker, DeLange, Ehlers, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Mazurkiewicz, Pospel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfeld, Chairman - 20.
Nays: None.

Resolution No. 12-82-190, transferring \$5,000 from the General Fund Contingent Account to the Friend of the Court Printing and Binding Account, was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER SEVENSMA

WHEREAS, the Friend of the Court has requested a General Fund transfer of \$5,000.00 for the Printing and Binding Account due to increased usage of computer forms and computer checks, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed this request and recommends approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve a General Fund Contingent Account transfer of \$5,000 to the Friend of the Court's Printing and Binding Account.

Commissioner Sevensma moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Wahlfeld. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Byington, Dekraker, DeLange, Ehlers, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Mazurkiewicz, Pospel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfeld, Chairman - 20.
Nays: None.

Resolution No. 12-82-199, transferring \$192,000 from the Contingent Account to various Sheriff Accounts was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER BOEREMA

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has requested a number of transfers from the General Fund which total \$192,000.00 and

WHEREAS, the Controller's Office has reviewed these transfers and recommends approval, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed this request and recommends approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve a General Fund Contingent Account transfer of \$192,000 to the following accounts:

101-351-818 - Prisoner Board	\$130,000.00
101-351-809 - Legal	23,000.00
101-351-835 - Health Services	20,000.00
101-351-746 - Uniforms	6,000.00
101-301-863.075 - Travel-Extradiits	10,000.00
101-301-932.001 - Commn. Equip. Rep.	3,000.00

Commissioner Boerema moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner DeLange. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Byington, Dekraker, DeLange, Ehlers, Froman, Gainey, Johnson, Kemper, Kuhn, Lamoreaux, Mazurkiewicz, Pospel, Sevensma, Sietsema, Smolenski, Somerville, Wahlfeld, Chairman - 20.
Nays: None.

Resolution No. 12-82-196, approving the continuation of the Court Services Program, was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONERS SOMERVILLE AND BOEREMA

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners by resolution in May, 1981, directed that the Circuit Judges report on the Court Services Program with recommendations on continuation by December, 1982, and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court Judges have presented a report to the Legislative, Judicial and Taxation Committee and Finance Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court Judges recommend the continuation of the Court Services Program, and

WHEREAS, the Legislative, Judicial and Taxation Committee and Finance Committee recommend continuation as indicated below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the continuation of the Court Services Program for 1983, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after July, 1983, a report be issued to the Board of Commissioners, by the Circuit Court Judges, on continuation of the program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that approval for the program in 1983 is given with the understanding that there will be no increase in staff during 1983.

Commissioner Somerville moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Smolenski. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yeas: Blakeslee, Boerema, Byington, Dekraker, DeLange, Ehlers, Froman,

January, 1969, is a concerned and dedicated citizen of the community, and has the respect of the entire Commission. Resolution No. 12-82-194, in recognition of Commissioner Berton Sevensma's service as Kent County Commissioner was presented: (All have received copies.)

RESOLUTION BY COMMISSIONER SOMERVILLE

WHEREAS, Commissioner Berton Sevensma will be leaving this Board of Commissioners at the expiration of his present term of office, bringing to an end 22 years of service to his community as a County Supervisor and County Commissioner, and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sevensma first took office as County Supervisor on April 12, 1955, by virtue of being elected Third Ward Commissioner for the City of Grand Rapids, and served with distinction from 1955 through 1968 on the Legislative and Investigation Committee, the Finance Committee and Tentative Budgets Committee, and as Chairman of the Tentative Budgets Committee in 1968, and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sevensma was elected outright to the County Commission for District 20 and took office on January 1, 1975, and served an additional eight years with dedication and quiet determination, working through his positions on the Legislative, Judicial and Taxation Committee, the City/County Committee, the Community Mental Health Board, the Finance Committee, the Downtown Riverfront Committee, and the Deferred Compensation Committee, and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sevensma's logical analysis and persuasiveness as an attorney led his fellow Commissioners to appoint him to the Finance Committee from 1977 through 1982, and to further appoint him as Chairman of the Downtown Riverfront Committee from 1979 through 1982, and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sevensma quietly but effectively, with peace and good humor, and most of all with a rare compassion for the cause of the people he served, was friend and aid to all those Commissioners with whom he served over those 22 years of dedication to county government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Commissioners acknowledges Commissioner Sevensma's contribution to the cause of local government and his devotion to public service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be given to Commissioner Sevensma as a small token of the esteem we have for him.

Commissioner Somerville moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by all Commissioners.

Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Buth presented a framed copy of the resolution and an Outstanding Service Award to Commissioner Sevensma and his service was interrupted for a short period, but adds up to 22 years.

Commissioner Sevensma thanked the Commissioners and pointed out when the new Commission organizes, there will be no attorneys on the Commission.

Commissioner Johnson called attention to the information from the Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. on which he serves, which includes a contribution card, and stressed the importance of the services this organization gives.

Commissioner Bryington reminded the Commissioners the Christmas Party will be on December 5, 1982 at the Marriott and Chairman Buth encouraged the Commissioners to attend.

Chairman Buth called attention to the adjournment dates on the Agenda as they fall on other than normal days of the week.

Commissioner Strzema moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chairman, and to Thursday, December 30, 1982 at 9:00 a.m. for a Committee of the Whole Meeting, and to Monday, January 3, 1983 at 9:00 a.m. for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lamoreaux.

Motion carried unanimously.

Richard Buth Chairman
Maurice D. Strzema County Clerk

PROTECTION OF MUSKELLUNGE & NORTHERN PIKE

The Natural Resources Commission, at its November 5, 1982, meeting, under the authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, ordered that all spearing be prohibited throughout January, February, and March 1983 on the following waters: CAMPEAU AND DEAN LAKES, Kent County.

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IRS Publication 225, "Farmer's Tax Guide," contains 20 chapters covering such topics as farm income, farm business expenses, tax credits, certain farming tax shelters, and soil and water conservation expenditures.

Written in easy to understand language, the guide can be a valuable resource at tax time as well as a handy reference all year. It contains a sample return with step-by-step directions on filling out not only Schedule F, "Farm Income and Expenses," but also eleven other forms and schedules dealing with tax situations common to most farmers.

As a year round reference tool, the 76-page guide contains a calendar of important tax dates, tips on methods of recordkeeping and accounting, and other useful topics. The first page, "Items of Interest" alerts readers to some of the more important changes in tax law which affect the farmer as a taxpayer.

The "Farmer's Tax Guide" was prepared by the IRS, with the assistance of the Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Extension Service of the State Land Grant Universities, and the Regional Farm Management Extension Committees.

Commissioner Somerville moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by all Commissioners.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion carried unanimously.

Read The Contract

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Bootstrap BUSINESSES

BOOTSTRAP BUSINESSES

THE MOTHER EARTH NEWS believes in supporting cottage industries and home businesses, and we occasionally like to pass along the success stories of our readers who have used ideas from the magazine to begin their own business ventures. It's our hope that these adventuresome people will inspire others to start at-home moneymaking enterprises.

One successful bootstrap endeavor was begun by Joseph Hunka from Houston, Texas. He writes:

"Like most MOTHER types, I've always had a strong desire to be independent and self-sufficient... and I'd been working toward that goal by saving up to buy a piece of homestead land. However, I came to the conclusion that my carpenter's wages wouldn't bring in enough cash to realize my dreams... so I began to look for just the right part-time job.

"My search ended when I came upon an article in MOTHER NO. 54 entitled 'Homestead Furniture: A Natural Moneymaker'. After reading that piece, I took a swift inventory of my garage/storeroom. There I found enough rough cedar scraps, ceramic floor tile, glue, nails, and grout to put together an 18" X 24" X 48" rough cedar table with a ceramic tile top... in a total of four short hours!

"No sooner had I completed my masterpiece than a friend stopped by, admired my work, and offered me a deal: \$25 in cash plus two bucket seats that were a blessing to my van. I promptly invested in a new supply of ceramic tile and went to work, once again, on tablemaking. Before I'd finished my second attempt at the art, I'd presold three more tables... for total of \$135. That worked out to a \$75 profit for approximately 12 hours of enjoyable work... or \$6.25 per hour! My home business has been going 'great guns' ever since!"

Another reader—a young housewife from Nevada City, California—told us that she was looking for a job outside the usual office routine when she came up with this plan:

"I read 'You Can Earn Extra Cash With a Lawn-Mowing Business' in MOTHER NO. 46. That article sparked the idea for a similar enterprise that was more in my line: a vacation home-care service!

"I decided that I would oversee vacationers' property for a flat daily fee. My initial investment was \$115, and for that amount I filed a fictitious-name statement with the county and published it in the newspaper for four weeks (\$32)... I saw a lawyer once to draft individual client contracts (\$10)... I had the contracts plus flyers, business cards, postcards, and fee schedules printed (\$53)... and I advertised in three newspapers and tabloids for two weeks (\$20).

"I set my basic rate at \$3.00 per day: For that price I'll guarantee a daily visit to the home, a complete security check of doors and windows, mail and newspaper pickup, watering of houseplants, and the management of any lighting arrangements agreed on in advance with my client. (I charge extra for pet care and for any additional services requested by the customer.)

"My first week in business earned me a total of \$75... from three families who had at least one pet each. The time expended on each visit—excluding travel time—turned out to be just 15 to 20 minutes... so that my pay averaged out to be between \$5 and \$10 per hour."

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Video games, computers, keep entertainment at home

Home entertainment appears to be booming despite a downturn in consumer spending. Sales of video games and personal computers are expected to increase toward the holidays with demand doubling over last year. One large toy store reports these items make up 16 percent of its gross sales.

The fastest growing segment of home computer sales are units selling for less than \$1,000 which are used for games, family finances and teaching. The Michigan Association of CPAs says use of the equipment could help decrease your budget, especially if you discontinue your normal entertainment expenses. However, related costs might arise, so it's wise to investigate total expense before investing in a home computer.

A variety of single units and systems comprise home computers which perform functions from simple calculations to music composition, depending on their programs. Home computers consist of hardware—the machines themselves, and software—programs that tell the computer what to do.

Basic hardware consists of a keyboard and main unit, which are available from \$100. If you need your system only for information, such as stock quotes, you can purchase a simple computer and subscribe, with monthly payments, to an information network. Your computer connects to the network through the telephone, so you'll probably need extra hardware such as an interface board and a modem, another \$100 apiece.

If you wish information to be visible on your television screen, you'll need more interfacing and hardware to attach it to the computer. Your other option is to buy a monitor or video screen for an additional \$200.

Printers are handy if you intend to use your computer for composing letters or writing stories. But a printer, which costs about \$400 (although higher priced models can run about \$1,000), can also print an inventory of your food supplies or compile a list.

Lastly, disk drives and cassette recorders are two pieces of hardware that load programs into your computer. The cost for a disk drive is several hundred dollars, while a cassette recorder usually runs about \$100.

Once you've estimated the cost for the hardware you want, CPAs say to include the cost of software. The prices of programs vary. Educational programs and games, for example, might cost you only \$30 per program, while a more extensive, popular family budgeting program is \$250.

Software, unless you can write your own programs, might be the most important element in your system. When

shopping for a computer, find out how versatile the system is, which software fits it and how many of the programs you want are available since not all software can be used in all computers.

Additionally, find out what services your dealer offers from the beginning and remember to ask about service contracts you can buy and warranties.

There are measures to take when shopping for a home computer that will ensure maximum use. Make sure you're willing to learn how to use the unit you buy and that it meets your

needs. For instance, don't buy a home computer for one function that can be done just as well by a simpler, less expensive machine. A video game, for example, might be more cost beneficial, unless you plan to program a variety of games on your system. Also, if you only intend to use your computer for word processing, a sophisticated electronic typewriter might do just as well.

What are the disadvantages of owning video games and home computers? Your utility bills might increase as you use more electricity for your unit. Also, you could become the entertainment center of the neighborhood!

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Wedding stories should be submitted within six weeks after the ceremony.

We prefer black and white photos. Color photos, because they don't reproduce as well, will be accepted only if they are of exceptional quality.

The deadline for classified ads (want ads) is Monday at 5 p.m. Display advertising deadline is also Monday at 5 p.m.

The Ledger is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed Thursday afternoons. A story can be submitted after hours through the mail slot in our front door.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT
PUBLICATION AND
NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 138,450

Estate of Mwilina H. DeYoung, Deceased, 384-20-2283 SSN.

TAKE NOTICE on December 21, 1982 at 10:00 a.m. in the probate courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, before Hon. A. Dale Stoppels/Donald J. DeYoung Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Richard D. Jackson for probate of a purported will of the deceased dated August 3, 1982, and for granting of administration of the estate of Melvina H. DeYoung, late of 537 Spencer, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Richard D. Jackson, Personal Representative named, or some other suitable person, and for a determination of heirs.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented said Richard D. Jackson at 1771 Acacia, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, proof thereof, with copies of the claims, filed with the Court on or before February 10, 1983. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereupon assigned to persons appearing of record entitle thereto.

Timothy J. Conroy (P12155) 440 Union Bank Building Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 454-4119

November 30, 1982
Richard D. Jackson
1771 Acacia, N.W.
Grand Rapids, Michigan
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT FOR THE
COUNTY OF KENT
Case No. 82-48503-DO
ORDER FOR PUBLICA-
TION

Leila Keller, SSN: 367-40-3305 Plaintiff, vs. Michael P. Keller, SSN: Unknown, Defendant.

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, Kent Co., Michigan on this 18 day of November, 1982. Present: Honorable Roman J. Snow, Circuit Court Judge.

On November 18, 1982 an action was filed by Leila Keller, Plaintiff, against Michael P. Keller, in this Court for an Absolute Divorce and for such other relief as the Court may deem equitable in the premises.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant, Michael P. Keller, shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before February 20, 1983. Failure to comply with the Order will result in Judgment by Default for an Absolute Divorce and for such other relief as demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

Roman J. Snow
Circuit Judge

Examined,
Countersigned and
Entered by:
M.A. Diedrick,
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT
PUBLICATION AND
NOTICE OF HEARING
In the matter of Kerri Lynn Pate - Change of Name.

TAKE NOTICE: On December 21st, 1982 at 9:00 A.M. in the probate courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, before Hon. Donald J. DeYoung Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Kerri Lynn Pate to change her name from Kerri Lynn Pate to Kerri Lynn Pate - Notestine.

December 3rd, 1982
Kerri Lynn Pate
1077 - 108 St. S.W.
Byron Center, Michigan 49315
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the
County of Kent
JUVENILE DIVISION

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held in the Juvenile Court in the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan in the matter of, on the date and time and on petition by petitioner shown below alleging that "said children are neglected children within the provisions of the Juvenile Code. To preserve your parental rights under the law any parent or guardian shall contact the Juvenile Court Center, 1501 Cedar NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, on or before the hearing date. Failure to comply with this order may result in said children being made temporary wards of the Court."

Child: Hau Quang Bui
Hearing: Jan. 3, 1983 at 11:00 a.m.
Petitioner: Thuy Bui

Child: Johnny Baker
Hearing: Jan. 7, 1983 at 2:30 p.m.
Petitioner: Linda Daly
Dated: December 1, 1982

JOHN P. STEKETEE
JUDGE OF PROBATE

SOLICITATION OF BIDS
The Kent County Purchasing Department is soliciting bids for the item(s) listed below. Detailed specifications are available at the Purchasing Office Room 227, County Administration Building, 300 Monroe Avenue N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503. The bids will be publicly opened in the Purchasing Office at the time designated below. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids as it deems to be in its best interests.

Bid For: Assessed Valuation Notices. Must be received by Friday, December 10, 1982 at 10:00 a.m.

Bid For: Jeans. Must be received by Thursday, December 16, 1982 at 10:00 a.m.

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Happy 25th Anniversary.
Dad and Mom, Love Angie and Candl. C5

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December skies to feature total lunar eclipse

December skies feature a total eclipse of the moon that will be associated with the strongest tide-raising force of 1982, says University of Michigan astronomy Prof. Richard G. Teske.

"The tidal force will add less than a half inch to the high water level of the Great Lakes. But at some places along oceanic coast lines where the tides are usually large, such as the Bay of Fundy between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, the increase will amount to several feet," Teske calculates.

The strongest tidal effects will reach a peak near the time of the

eclipse, the second eclipse of the year to be visible from Michigan, he says.

"The moon will first touch the central dark part of Earth's shadow at 4:50 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on Dec. 30. It will be fully immersed in the shadow by 5:58. A.M.

"When the moon finally begins to emerge from shadow at 6:59 A.M., it will hang low above the northwestern horizon. Observers in Michigan will not be able to witness the end of the event because the moon sets and the sun rises just at the climax, near 8 A.M."

Teske explains that the increased tidal force accompanying the eclipse will be due to the alignment of the sun and moon, and to their nearness.

"The gravitational attraction of both the sun and the moon raises tides in oceans and lakes. When the sun, moon and Earth are lined up, as they are during an eclipse, the separate tidal pulls of both bodies work together to increase the level of high water above normal," he says.

"The tidal effects of both bodies are also greatest when they are closest to us. Only ten hours after December's eclipse, the moon will be nearest Earth in its elliptical orbit. In turn, the Earth will be nearly as close to the sun as it can get, reaching that location during the first week of January.

"Because these unusual circumstances repeat themselves several times each century, the Earth has experienced such greater-than-average tidal tugs before," says the U-M astronomer.

"At the time of the eclipse, the gravitational 'lifting force' of the sun and moon will reduce the weight of an average person by about the weight of a small drop of water. Observers definitely will not feel like floating away."

To some people, it may seem odd that such a tiny effect can generate the tides. "The truth," Teske points out, "is that the tides are not created by the 'lifting' effect at all, but by a still smaller component of that force

which starts water flowing horizontally towards the place on Earth under the sun or moon.

"On bodies of water like the Great Lakes, the flow is constrained by the Lakes' size, shape, depth, and the water tends to wash back and forth, from one end to the other."

"Because the Lakes are small and shallow in comparison with the oceans, their tides are much lower. Under normal circumstances the water levels rise and fall by only several inches," he says.

"The increased tidal force associated with December's ec-

lipse will add just a fraction of an inch to high water in the Great Lakes, but there will be a much greater oceanic increase."

Teske says that the movement of water in a small and shallow lake leads to unusual tidal effects that one would not at first expect. For example, in Lake Erie "the two-inch high tide at Michigan end of the lake comes three hours before the moon is highest in the sky. At the Buffalo end of the lake, high tide comes six hours later, when the moon is halfway

down the western sky. This pattern repeats twice during a 24-hour-and-50-minute lunar day," he says.

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