

# The Grand Valley Ledger

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## Four L.H.S. cagers receive awards

Four girls were singled out for special honors at the girls basketball awards banquet held December 8. Voted Most Valuable was senior Chris Hildenbrand, who averaged 77 percent from the free throw line in 1982 and also accounted for 275 points over the season, averaging 12.5 points per game; Phyllis Beachler, voted Most Improved, had 74 steals and 39 assists over the 1982 season, in addition to scoring 171 points. Kathleen Beachler, who was given the Most Spirited award, scored 176 points for the season and pulled down 159 rebounds. Junior Paula Doyle, who had 11 steals and a 59 percent free throw average, was given the Thoroughbred Award.

The 1982 season was one of the best in the history of Lowell girls basketball, according to the statistics. The team racked up more points in a season (1004), more wins in a season (16), and more consecutive wins (5) than any previous LHS team.



Members of the girls varsity basketball team pictured are senior Chris Hildenbrand, MVP; sophomore Phyllis Beachler, Most Improved; junior Kathleen Beachler, Most Spirited; and Junior Paula Doyle, Thoroughbred.

## L.A.A.C.'s "Junk" proves enjoyable

A loud "Crash" reverberated through the Middle school Cafetorium Sunday Afternoon, as an audience of pleased adults and children finished a song which was part of the play "Junk", presented by the Underground Railway Puppets and Actors, as the first program in the Lowell Area Arts Council's fine Arts Series.

Underground Railway, three very talented people, Wes Sanders, John Lewandowski, and Debra Wise (daughter of Gil and Jeanne Wise of Lowell) is doing several shows in Michigan, on tour from their home area of Boston.

"Junk" was an especially appropriate play for this time of year, as it emphasized the giving aspect of gift giving and lightly, but seriously, warned against the pervading consumerism evident during the holiday season. Wise played a wonderfully joyful young girl out to select a gift for her best friend. Sanders, as "The Salesman on TV" and later as a kindly junkman who preferred the title of tinker, teaches her a lesson about gift giving. Both actors ably manipulate and, as a result, are aided by several absurd puppet consumers in unfolding the story. The climax, and perhaps the most enjoyable portion of the play for the young children present, was the visit to the tinker's junkpile where the audience was introduced to an amazing and amusing assortment of puppets made from things people throw away. It was

then that the audience sang along with the actors the song about the miraculously transformed junk, including a nonsensical line ending with the loud "Crash". The volume of that final word attests to the enthusiasm generated by the talents of Wise and Sanders. The theme of the presentation was apparent to young and old alike: a gift, to be special, need be neither new nor expensive, just specially created for the person it's given to.

Following the performance, the three puppeteers conducted a workshop for the young members of the audience who wished to make something from junk. A collection of unique and winsome puppets were introduced at the end of the workshop, complete with moving parts, clever names and appropriate voices. Those lucky enough to participate in this program and workshop will surely join the Arts Council in thanking the Underground Railway for a heartwarming message and experience.

The Lowell Series Three will continue January 13, when the Piccolo Opera Company will present two one-act operas. These promise to be an enjoyable introduction to opera for even those most wary and a very professional evening's entertainment for the opera buff. Tickets, at \$7, or \$2 for those through the 12th grade, can be ordered by writing the Lowell Area Arts Council, PO Box 53, Lowell.

Jill VanAntwerp



## MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IS THURSDAY

The Middle School Band has their Christmas program slated for Thursday, December 16 at 7:30 P.M. in the Middle School Cafetorium. The 7th grade band is directed by Robert Rice and the 8th grade band is under the direction of Roger MacNaughton.

## SHOP LOWELL AND SAVE

With the Christmas shopping season winding down, shoppers should be advised of some of the many good reasons for shopping locally. When you shop Lowell you're saving gas, time and energy by staying away from those crowded malls to our west. When you shop Lowell you will find friendly personal service from store owners, merchants and employees who live and work right here in your community. When you shop Lowell you are supporting businesses that pay municipal and school taxes in Lowell, not Kentwood, Wyoming or Grand Rapids. Those are just a few of the many good reasons to shop Lowell this Christmas season.

## OFF THE BLOTTER

Adel Saseen of Flint, failed to stop for a car driven by Eunice Pitsch of Lowell Monday afternoon on Main St. near Washington. Passengers in the Pitsch vehicle, Angeline Mulder and Clyda Burras both from Lowell sustained minor injuries as the auto was struck from the rear.

Neal Fonger was involved in property damage accident Thursday morning when the vehicle he was driving experienced mechanical problems and struck a parked car on Main Street near Broadway.

A 16 year old Alto juvenile failed to stop at the intersection of Washington and Fremont Friday afternoon and struck the stop sign and a power pole. He was not injured.

Kenneth Maddux of Lowell failed to stop at the end of North Center St., Tuesday evening and struck the post at the end of the road. Maddux was not injured.

Arrested Friday evening for resisting and obstructing a police officer and trespassing was Donald Evans formerly of Lowell.

Alexander Souza III of Lowell was issued an appearance violation into 63rd Dist. court for use of marijuana.

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## Christmas dinner for needy is planned for December 22

Paul's Showboat Restaurant is planning to furnish a Christmas dinner to a number of needy area children and their parents -- a total of 44 people. Moose Civic Affairs chairman A.J. Zengri says that invitations have already been given for the dinner which will be held Wednesday, December 22, from 7-9 P.M.

Paul Erickson, owner of the restaurant, is planning a complete Christmas dinner, with ham, turkey, giblet gravy, pie, and beverages. He also plans to have Santa Claus make an ap-

pearance for the benefit of the children.

According to Erickson, a number of area merchants and the Moose Civic Affairs Committee are donating toys to be given to children that night.

Erickson, who says this is his last year in the restaurant business, is footing the bill for the entire meal.

"I've been wanting to do this for a long time," he said. "The community has been good to me, and if I can't help them out, then I've got problems."

## Post Office holiday schedule

The Lowell post office will operate on a holiday mail schedule Saturday, December 25 and Saturday, January 1 in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day.

Postmaster Charlie Doyle said regular residential and business deliveries and pick-ups from collection boxes will not be made on

those days, and usual post office lobby services will not be available.

The postmaster stated that the Christmas mail volume is expected to peak on Monday, December 20 and that all available mail will be delivered on Friday, December 24.

## Veteran's Center opens

If you were in Vietnam or served during the Vietnam Era, you know what it was like. You also know what it has been like since you got home, right? The problems, the hassles, trying to explain to people who don't understand or care. Memories of Vietnam still bother a lot of Veterans. The new Vet Center located at 1940 Eastern SE, can help you handle the nightmares, flashbacks, anxiety, depression, loneliness, fear and confusion, and Vets can receive the help they need without hassles. The Center offers free, professional services featuring personal ser-

vice, peer group support, self help programs and rap groups. The Center also provides extensive resources to assist in discharge review, job development, utilizing VA benefits and drug/alcohol treatment.

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## NOTICE

Next Week's Ledger Is Our Holiday Issue. Normal Deadlines Are In Effect, But There Will Be No Ledger Published On December 29. News About Events Occuring Between December 22 and January 5, Must Be In Next Week's Edition!

# Obituaries

**DANIELSON** - Mrs. Sigrid H. Danielson, aged 74, passed away Monday evening at Butterworth Hospital. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Al (Ann) Stevens of Wyoming, MI; two sons, Carl Jr. of Lowell, Roger and wife, Mary Danielson of Grand Rapids; 12 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; three brothers and their wives, Henry and Ann, Carl and Jean and Robert and Esther Henriksen; one sister-in-law, Marguerite Henriksen; many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Danielson resides at the Alt Mortuary, where Funeral Services were held Thursday, Interment Rosedale Memorial Park.

**KEELER** - Mrs. Elvira M. (Viv) Keeler, aged 71, passed away Saturday morning at Butterworth Hospital. Mrs. Keeler was a member of the Kentwood Christian Church. She is survived by her children, Karen and Robert Burton of Wyoming, Junita and LaVern Baker of Lowell; four granddaughters; four grandsons; one great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her son, Richard Alfien, in 1975. Mrs. Keeler resides at the Alt Mortuary where Funeral Services were held Tuesday, Interment Rosedale Memorial Park.

**SINES** - James H. Sines, aged 59, of Middleville, passed away Tuesday morning, De-

## Lowell Women's Club celebrates Christmas early

The lounge at Schneider Manor was filled with the sights and sounds and smells of Christmas last Wednesday when the Lowell Women's Club gathered for its December meeting with Louise Schneider as sponsor.

The room was beautifully decorated for the season, setting the mood for the musical program presented by the high school choir under the direction of Paul Balaam. The audience was invited, as usual, to join in the singing of the traditional carols at the end of the program and, as usual, thoroughly enjoyed the participation.

The smells of Christmas were evident in the baked goods which were acted by Priscilla Lussmyer in a delightful manner, adding a goodly amount to the club's treasury.

In addition to the fifty members present the group welcomed guests Terry Beherwald, Irene

Vaughn and Mella Saxton as well as new members Lettie Tobias and Helen Koetsier.

The club's local project, The Santa Claus Girls, received a monetary donation this year as well as volunteer help in the area of wrapping gifts. Club members who donated many hours to this project are Joan Beebe, Bea Cery, Eileen Comdure, Mar-

garet Ashley, Ruby Leeman, Eleanor Kroft and Edith Roth.

A monetary gift will also be presented to the music department of the high school in appreciation for the choir's program.

The December birthdays of Dorothy Randall, Zona Postma and June Wittenbach were recognized with a gay rendition of

Happy Birthday singing and refreshments were served from under a brightly decorated Christmas tree. The tea committee consisted of Gladys Brandt, chairman, Bea Cery, Bertha Bryant, Ruby Leeman, Marge Totten, Alice Campos, Zona Postma and Lila Thaler.

## A QUIZ

Circle your choice for the best answer:

1. How do the Lowell teachers feel after working 16 weeks without a contract?

- a) humiliated
- b) angered
- c) downgraded
- d) all of the above

2. How many teacher's contracts in Kent County have ever stated "no retroactivity"?

- a) 16
- b) 8
- c) 3
- d) Only one - Lowell's 82-83 proposal

3. Will the teaching staff in Lowell ever report to work again in the fall without a contract?

- a) yes
- b) no

ANSWERS: 1 - d) all of the above  
2 - d) Only one - Lowell's 82-83 proposal  
3 - We think you already know the answer to this one.

All Offices of the STATE SAVINGS BANK will close for Christmas at 1:00 Friday, December 24 and re-open at regular time Monday, December 27 And closed for New Years at 3:00 Friday, December 31 and re-open at the regular time Monday, January 3

# Coming Events

**SAT., DEC. 18** - 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. 16**: The Kent County Library System/Alto Branch, 6059 Linfield, will present "Merry Tales For Tots" at 11:00 a.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.

**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. 19**: Lowell Church of Nazarene presents a cantata "An Old Fashioned Christmas" at 6 P.M. by Gwen Schmidt, caroling following services.

**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 Alongs, 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.

**JANUARY 1983-JUNE, 1983**: Steak Dinner 4-8 P.M.

## Happy Birthday...

**DECEMBER 16**: Marilyn Keim, JoAnn Frey, Helen Waters, Jim Willyard, Joan Carless, Ernie Blasher, David Blakeley, Russ Breckon.  
**DECEMBER 17**: David Dombak, Scott Behnke, Bille Ellison.  
**DECEMBER 18**: Bill Kirby, Cliff Walling, Carol Doyle, Gary Ellison.  
**DECEMBER 19**: Tina Zywicki.  
**DECEMBER 20**: First Day Winter Vacation  
**DECEMBER 21**: Chayne Avery, Mark MacNaughton.  
**DECEMBER 22**: Carol Reagan, Eva Mettermick.

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# Letters...

To the Lowell Area Taxpayers:  
I feel I must respond to the recent letters and reports referring to a 6-hour day for teachers. I am an elementary teacher in Lowell. At first I dismissed these reports as being totally misinformed, feeling sure that the school officials would publicly respond to correct the factual errors at least. Unfortunately, this has not happened and the errors have been allowed to stand as fact.

Teachers in my school are required to be in the building from 7:40 A.M. to 2:35 P.M. for a 7-hour day. The school calendar requires 184 days, not 180 as reported, but this in no way describes the actual work day of a teacher. We are, in fact, required to spend as many hours as necessary to meet the needs of our students. This includes lesson preparation, paper grading and analyzing, parent conferences, student tutoring, report cards, cumulative records, bulletin boards, holiday party plans, and frequent sleepless nights wondering just how to reach a particular child. All of this is done outside the required 7-hour day.

I do not resent being expected to perform these tasks because it is understood by teachers, school officials, and parents to be part of the job. For this reason we are not paid by the hour and do not count hours. It is meaningless to compare teaching to the kind of job that can be forgotten as soon as the worker punches out. We cannot just leave our job.

It does hurt to find that the public does not understand what this profession demands, and this hurt is intensified by having so little public support from the school officials in the face of public misunderstanding.

Dorothy Roth

Lest too many people put credence in a letter written by a teacher and appearing in December 8 Ledger, I call your attention to some figures it contained.

The teacher states she works 5082 hours per year in the teaching profession and that calculates to a pay rate of \$4.00 per hour.

To work 5082 hours means she would have worked 13.92 hours per day for all 365 days in the year!!! Explanation please.

Lyman Wenger

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## In The Service

Philip J. Schreur, son of William and Jo Anne Schreur of 12209 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI, has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of specialist four.

Schreur is an infantryman with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Ga. He is a 1975 graduate of Lowell Senior High School.

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Airman Brian J. VanDyke, son of Joan E. Malford of 1723 Giddings, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Albert J. VanDyke of 6089 Alaska Ave., Alto, Mich., has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the civil engineering field.

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## HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

I am crucified with Christ nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me... (Galatians 2:20).

I guess we all have days when we seem to do everything backwards. Other people make it a practice to act in reverse. One of my brothers-in-law writes upside down and backwards. Lester's method of writing has always been a source of wonderment. How he can write so amazingly well is a real mystery.

One clever lady uses the wider end of the ironing board when ironing shirts, thus covering more territory with each sweep of her iron. At first this seemed strange to me. But after experimentation, I, too find it works well.

Humanly speaking, one dies at the end of his earthly pilgrimage. The Christian dies at the beginning of his spiritual life. One has said that "becoming a Christian is like dying and being resurrected." One who chooses to follow Christ must die to his own selfish goals, ambitions, and desires. In dying to himself and his ego, he finds new life awaiting him in Christ. He dies to live - to live abundantly.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, my life is Thine. No more do I live for self. My desire is to do Thy will and to be governed by Thee. I surrender my all into Thy keeping. I find abundant life by "dying to live." Amen.

I knelt in tears at the feet of Christ  
In the hush of the twilight dim,  
And all that I was, or hoped, or sought,  
I surrendered unto Him  
Author Unknown

# Area Sports

## Strong conference opener for LHS

The Lowell High School basketball team opened the '82-'83 conference season with wins against Coopersville on Friday, December 10.

In varsity action, the Red Arrows defeated their Coopersville opponents 66-58 in a game that was close throughout.

Coach Ken Akers reports that Coopersville led at the half 32-29, and it was not until the fourth quarter that Lowell finally moved into the lead with a basket by Greg Malone, putting the Lowell team ahead 52-50.

Even with this slim lead, the game was still close until the last two minutes when, in Akers words, "We blew them away."

Akers felt that a key to Friday's game was Shawn Lowry's fine performance coming off the bench in the fourth quarter. According to Akers, Lowry's play changed the tempo of the game and helped spur the team to its strong finish.

Commenting on Friday's game, Akers said that "Any time you win it's a decent game." Though offensive play was good, Akers was not as pleased with the defensive game.

"We need a lot of work on defense and rebounding yet," he said. "We've spent a lot of time in practice rebounding in preparation for the game against Lakewood."

High scorers in Friday's game were Greg Malone, with 17 points; Matt Baerwald, 14; Phil Vroma, 12; Kevin Mattson, 10; Jason Barber, 6; Dave Malek, 4; and Shawn Lowry, 3.

JV coach Bob Copeland reports that he is "pleased with the progress we are making." Friday's game resulted in an encouraging 62-49 win over Coopersville.

Copeland added that everyone on the team had a chance to play Friday.

"I think we are a very talented ball club," he said. "People are going to have trouble with us on the court."

High scorers for the JV's were Dave Kryger, with 13 points; Craig Potter, 12; Pat Brown, 10; and Dale Fegel, 8.

Freshman basketball coach Kurt Holzhueter also reported a win on Friday, with the freshmen more than doubling the Coopersville score, 59-25.

Mike Dykstra was high point man for the freshmen team Friday with 17 points. Teammates Dale Eckman and Bill Briggs added 11 and 8 points, respectively.

## LHS hockey now 3-2

The Lowell hockey team bettered their record to 3-2 with a 7-6 win over Grand Rapids Central Monday, December 13.

Coach Rob McCormick reports that the game was close until the final buzzer. The score at the end of the first period was 3-2 Lowell, and at the end of the second it was 5-5.

With four minutes left in the final period, a goal by Jim Crosby, assisted by Paul Whaley and Kerry Vezino, broke the deadlocked score. Another goal by Paul Whaley, again assisted by Kerry Vezino, put Lowell up by 2. One more goal by Central completed the scoring for that game.

Kerry Vezino had a fine game Monday night, scoring four goals, and assisting in three others. Paul Whaley added two goals of his own to the Lowell score, besides three assists.

## Wrestling wins opener

The Lowell wrestling team was a big winner Thursday, December 9, in the first conference match of the season, with Lowell stomping its Coopersville rival, 63-11. Five freshmen were in the starting line-up for Lowell in the Thursday match.

Winners Thursday were: Kirk Wheeler, 98 lbs., pin, 54 seconds; Chad Blasher, 105 lbs., pin, 59 seconds; Brian Adams, 112 lbs., pin, 1:15; Jerry Adams, 119 lbs., pin, 1:11; Kevin Hurt, 126 lbs., pin, 52 seconds; Tony Huver, 132 lbs., pin, 5:53; Keith Stanford, 145 lbs., pin, 44 seconds; Mark Wilcox, 155 lbs., pin, 4:43; Tim Stepek, 167 lbs., won by points; Alan Ryder, 198 lbs., pin, 2:38; and heavyweight Greg Durkee, pin, 10 seconds.

On Thursday, December 16, Lowell will take on the Lakewood wrestling team at Lakewood. Dual matches begin at 6:30 P.M., and wrestling coach Gary Rivers urges those who plan to attend to arrive early, because varsity matches will begin immediately after JV matches have been completed.

Saturday Lowell will travel to Olivet College for the Olivet Wrestling Tournament beginning at 11 A.M.

Featured in the booklet are such zero-proof drinks as "Banana Blowout," "Coffee, Tea or Me," "Kiwistmas Kooler" and "Kiss O' Kalories." Drinks are divided into five categories, including: Best Looking, Easiest-to-Make, Lo-Cal, Most Fattening and Best Holiday drinks.

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## The great pretenders - a holiday alternative

When it comes to serving holiday drinks, party hosts can show their friendship and good sense by serving guests who drive "The Great Pretenders," according to the Automobile Club of Michigan.

"The Great Pretenders" are drinks which pack all the punch and taste needed for holiday enjoyment - minus the alcohol. Recipes for 33 non-alcoholic drinks are in a free mixing guide available at the Auto Club's 56 offices statewide.

"We want party givers to be 'First A Friend, Then A Host' this holiday season by making sure guests use alcohol sensibly and remain capable of driving safely," stated Michael Wild, Auto Club's Public Relations director.

"The Great Pretenders Mixing Guide" provides hosts with all the ingredients needed to hold a successful holiday party and to help draw attention away from the bar.

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A low-calorie drink, "Skol Noel," consists primarily of apple cider and ginger beer.

"The recipes are easy to follow and most require ice cream, eggnog or fruit juices," Wild said. "Garnished with candies, nuts and fruits and served in fancy cocktail glasses, the zero-proof drinks can be just as festive but less risky for motorists than drinks mixed with alcohol."

The suggestion that hosts serve "The Great Pretenders" is part of the Auto Club's ABC's of party giving. Outlined in the booklet are helpful hints which can reduce the chances that guests will overindulge.

They are:

A - Alcohol alertness. Hosts should recognize that a guest's ability to drive is impaired. Auto Club's blood alcohol level chart and "Detect-A-Drunk" games can help identify guests who may need a host's special attention.

B - Buffet. Starchy, rich foods help slow the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream. They should be plentiful on party menus. Choices include potato and bean dishes and many of the "Great Pretenders."

C - Car pool. Hosts should arrange a ride home for guests unable to drive safely.

"Our recent study, 'Under the Influence,' proves that caution by party hosts and drivers has helped reduce holiday traffic deaths," Wild said. "While November, December and January traditionally involve heavy alcohol consumption, they rank ninth, fifth and tenth, respectively, in the number of alcohol-related accidents."

An Auto Club analysis shows the most likely candidates for fatal traffic accidents this Christmas and New Year's holidays are male drivers age 24 or younger who have been drinking and are within 25 miles of home.

Traditionally, alcohol is involved in nearly 60 percent of holiday traffic accidents. Last year it was a factor in only 44 percent of the fatalities that occurred over the Christmas and New Year's holiday periods, when 32 people were killed on Michigan roads.

All but one of the fatalities over the two holidays last year occurred within 25 miles of the drivers' home while 81 percent of the fatal accidents happened in darkness.



One item that's making a comeback in many kitchens is the onion. It's a tasty ingredient in such treats as crispy fried onion rings or as a nourishing soup. With the convenience of "The Dazey Stripper™," the new appliance that peels onions automatically without tears, many good cooks are rediscovering this versatile vegetable.

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Fried onion rings are a universal favorite and especially appetizing when freshly made. Combine one and a half cups of biscuit mix with one and quarter cups milk to form a smooth batter. Dip onion rings in batter and drain slightly. Fry in deep hot oil until golden brown on both sides.

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## Births

Mike and Jayne Alley of Hinesville, Georgia became the proud parents of a new son, Joshua Michael, on November 28, 1982. Joshua weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Grandparents are Tom and Wanda Bruce of Lowell, Mrs. Emmy Alley of Louisiana, and Mr. and Mrs. David Alley of Grand Rapids.

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**GOVERNOR:** Youngsters between 12 and 16 may operate a snowmobile in Michigan under only two circumstances: if they have in their possession a snowmobile safety certificate or if they are under the direct supervision of a person 18 or older. Operators between 12 and 16 may cross highways or streets

only if they have a valid snowmobile safety certificate. Youngsters under 12 may not cross streets and highways and may drive snowmobiles only under the direct supervision of an adult.

Safety education classes are offered by volunteer instructors and by some local sheriff's departments. Your Department of Natural Resources district office will have a list of available classes. Although a certificate is required only of operators between

12 and 16, safety education classes are recommended for individuals of any age who are new to snowmobiling.

There were 20 deaths involving snowmobiles during the 1981-82 snow season, 20 during the 1980-81 season and 28 during the 1979-80 season. Last winter four of the deaths occurred when snowmobiles went through the ice.

Other deaths occurred in accidents involving cars or trucks on the highway. Snowmobiles may be operated on the right-of-way of state highways but not on the plowed shoulder except to cross a river on a bridge. State law provides for counties to allow snowmobile operation on the right-of-way of county roads if the county chooses to do so.

All snowmobiles must be registered except those operated exclusively on lands owned or

under control of the snowmobile owner or those used entirely in safety education and training programs conducted by certified snowmobile safety instructors. Machines used in special events of limited duration also are excluded from registration requirements, but these events must be prearranged and held under permits issued by the Department of Natural Resources.

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## cozy corner

By Roger Brown

If we hadn't been in the weekly crush of getting the Ledger out, I might have read Sue Meisner's "Letter to the Editor" more closely. Meisner is a teacher in the Lowell school system, and her letter was a rebuttal to the administration publishing teacher's per hour wages based on teaching time of six hours per day, 180 days per year. Meisner's point was that good teacher's devote far more time than just the time spent in the classroom to their jobs. That is a good point, and we have had another "Letter to the Editor" this week which addresses the same subject.

BUT... Meisner went on in her letter to claim that after totalling her hours for a year, she arrived at 5,082, which she then divided into her annual salary to come up with an hourly wage of less than \$4.00. We also have a "letter to the editor" this week which addresses that point, and that is where I should have been paying closer attention when reading Meisner's letter.

Like a lot of other things, the figure of just how many hours 5,082 per year is, went right over my head. It wasn't until a couple of days after the paper came out, that a fellow came in to the Ledger and asked that we look up Meisner's original copy of her letter. He wanted to be sure that we hadn't made an error when typesetting it. No errors, 5,082 was the figure in the letter. It was then that I punched 5,082 into my calculator, divided it by 365, and came up with a whopping 13.92, or for the sake of round figures, 14 hours per day. That's not just during the school year, that's not just during the work week, that's 14 hours per day, seven days per week. 365 days per year. Whew!

Now, if a person is working 14 hours per day, every day, that person has got to get some rest. Let's say that person can get by on 6 hours of sleep per day, which leaves that person with 4 hours left. Working that hard, you have to have fuel, so let's allow for three meals of 20 minutes each, to include preparation, waiting to be served in a restaurant, etc. That leaves us with 3 hours. An hour per day is probably not too much to plug in for showering, brushing teeth, other personal hygiene, getting dressed, etc. Now we're down to 2 hours left in the day. Then there is a never ending list of chores that every adult has to deal with: grocery shopping, laundry, making the bed, servicing the car, mowing the lawn, shovelling snow, paying bills, haircuts, and on, and on that would certainly gobble up the remaining 2 hours per day.

I'm not taking sides in this dispute, but if the above figures are correct, then I would say that the teacher's bargaining unit is in a very precarious position. With hard working teachers using every available minute of every single day, shrewd bargainers for the administration will surely argue that teachers don't need a pay raise, because they virtually don't have time to spend any money in the first place.

SERIOUSLY....I think that we have now seen both extremes in this matter. I believe that an hourly rate based on 5,082 hours per year is ridiculous, but then so is an hourly rate based on just the hours that a teacher spends in the classroom. Let's hope that negotiators on both sides of the bargaining table can find the middle ground between these extremes, and others like them, to settle on a contract for Lowell teachers before the situation leads to a strike.

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## Engagement announced



Paul Brandt and Shelley Burkett

Bill and Sue Burkett announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelley Sue to Paul Roy Brandt, son of Roy and Janice Brandt. The couple are 1981 Lowell High School graduates.

Shelley is attending Davenport College of Business and is employed by Keller Equip. Grand Rapids. Paul is employed by Attwood Corp. A wedding date has not yet been set.

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## Varsity Basketball

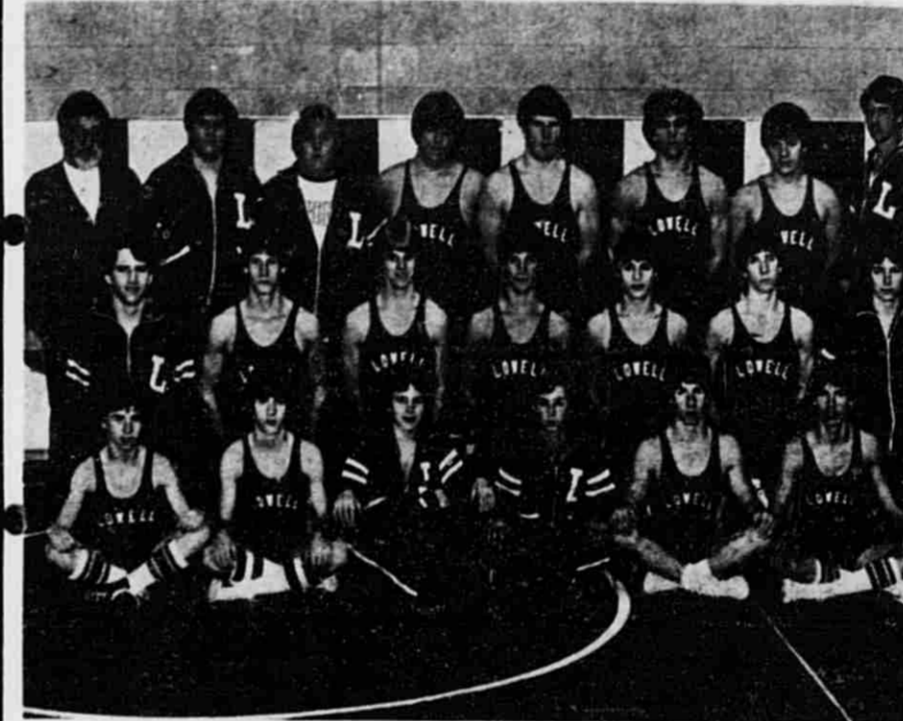


Front row, L - R, David Knola, Greg Malone, Kevin Mattson, Jim Hostler, Lance Bryan, Matthew Baerwalde, David Malek. Back row, coach Ken Akers, Jason Barber, Phil Ulichie, Shawn Lowery, Don Videan, Phil Vroma, Steve Ralys, Tim Carless, manager Brian Gabrion.

BOYS BASKETBALL  
JV - 6:00 P.M.  
V - 8:00 P.M.

Dec. 3	Delton	Away
Dec. 7	F.H. Central	Away
Dec. 10	Coopersville	Home
Dec. 14	Lakewood	Away
Dec. 17	Fremont	Home
Dec. 21	F.H. Northern	Away
Jan. 4	Sparta	Away
Jan. 7	Cedar Springs	Home
Jan. 11	Caledonia	Home
Jan. 14	Greenville	Home
Jan. 25	Belding	Home
Jan. 28	Coopersville	Away
Feb. 1	Comstock Park	Away
Feb. 4	Lakewood	Home
Feb. 8	Fremont	Away
Feb. 11	Sparta	Home
Feb. 15	Ionia	Home
Feb. 18	Cedar Springs	Away
Feb. 22	Middleville	Away
Feb. 25	Greenville	Away
March 1	Snow Date (Makeup)	
March 7-12	District MHSAA	
March 15-19	Regional MHSAA	
March 23	Quarter Finals	
March 25-26	Semi Finals	

## Wrestling



Front row, L - R, Kirk Wheeler, Brian Adams, Mike Barnes, Carl Pratt, Jerry Adams, Chad Blasher. Middle Row, Brent Kirby, Mark Wilcox, Keith Stanford, Joe Mitchell, Tony Huver, Kevin Hurt, Dave Bloen. Back row, Greg Durkee, Ken Hall, Alan Ryder, Tim Stepek, Joe Mauric, Kurt Blasher. Missing from photo are, Chris Anderson, Mark Brown, Jeff Durkee, Mike Fizer, and Matt Peters.



WRESTLING  
Jr. Varsity 6:30 P.M.  
Varsity starts 20 minutes after J.V.

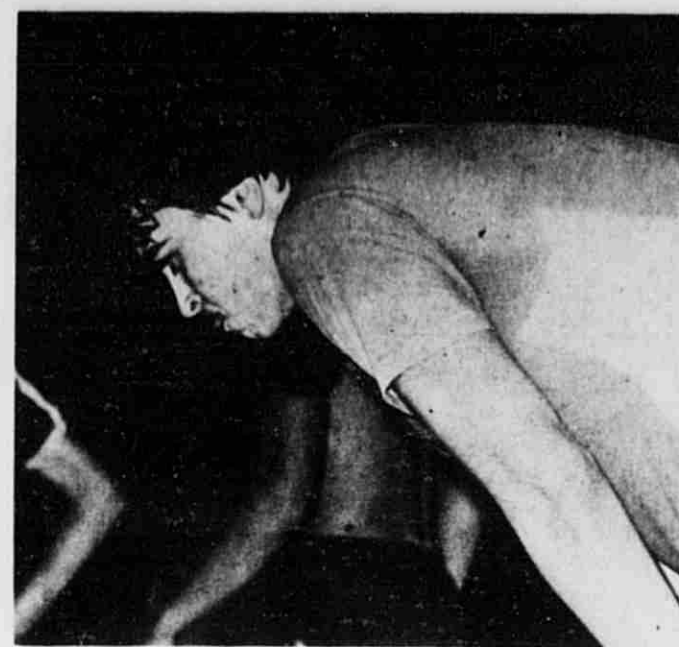
Dec. 2	Tri-Angular (Lowell, Belding, GR Union)	Home 5:30
Dec. 4	F.H. Central Quad (FHC-Alma-Catholic Central-Lowell)	Away 1:00
Dec. 9	Coopersville	Home
Dec. 16	Lakewood	Away
Dec. 18	Olivet College Inv'tl	Away 11:00
Jan. 4	Northview Quad	Away 5:00
Jan. 6	Fremont	Home
Jan. 8	Mt. Pleasant	Away 11:00
Jan. 13	Sparta	Away
Jan. 15	Kitchner Water-Loo-Inv'tl. Ontario	Away
Jan. 18	F.H. Northern	Home
Jan. 20	Cedar Springs	Home
Jan. 22	Lowell Inv'tl.	Home 11:00
Jan. 27	Greenville	Home
Jan. 29	Wyoming Inv'tl.	Away 5:00
Feb. 1	Alma Quad (Alma, Belding, Hemlock, Lowell)	Away 5:00
Feb. 12	Conference (Greenville)	Away 11:00
Feb. 16	Marshall (Varsity only)	Home
Feb. 19	Districts	
Feb. 26	Regionals	
March 4-5	State	

# Hockey



Front row, L - R, Wendall Waldroup, Ken Kaminski, Kerry Vezino, Chris Anderson, Pat Harkness, Scott Fosburg, Eric Schwamberger, Back row, coach Rob McCormick, Matt Vredenburg, James Crosby, John Pursley, Max Astor, Cole Burdette, Andy Vredenburg, Courtney Astor, Paul Whaley.

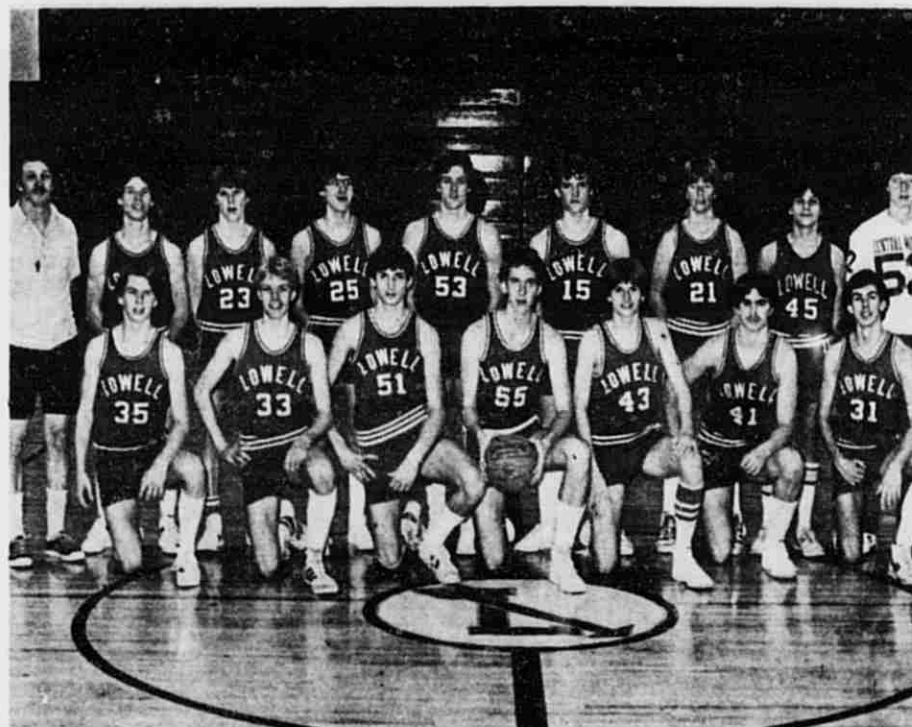
Missing from photo are, Jay Hobbs, James Messmer, Alan Post, John Shaler and Steve Wernet.



## HOCKEY

Date	Location	Time
Dec. 6	E. Kentwood Stadium Arena	8:00 P.M.
Dec. 13	Central	6:00 P.M.
Dec. 15	Kenowa Hills	6:00 P.M.
Dec. 18	Northview	2:00 P.M.
Dec. 20	F.H. Central	6:00 P.M.
Dec. 28	Kenowa Hills	4:00 P.M.
Dec. 30	East Grand Rapids	4:00 P.M.
Jan. 3	Grandville	6:00 P.M.
Jan. 6	F.H. Central	8:00 P.M.
Jan. 12	Grandville	6:00 P.M.
Jan. 15	W. Catholic	4:00 P.M.
Feb. 3	E. Kentwood	8:00 P.M.
Feb. 10	Northview	6:00 P.M.

# J.V. Basketball



Front row, L - R, John Likea, Mark Rose, Dale Fegel, Craig Potter, Dennis Kelly, Dave Kryger, Pat Brown. Back row, coach Bob Copeland, Brian Gessler, Charlie Mattson, Brian Carless, Ron Leverance, Dennis Jannenga, Brian Hurley, Dave Bowden, manager T. J. Haggai. Missing from photo, Kurt Katt, Mark Treglia.

## FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

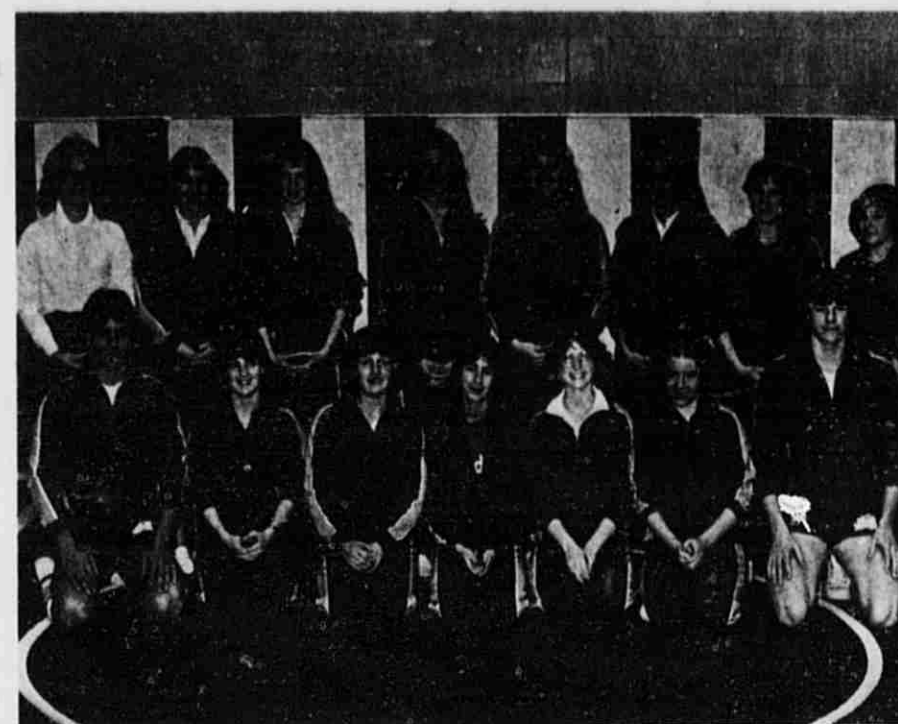
Date	Location	Time
Dec. 3	Delton	Away
Dec. 7	F.H. Central	Away
Dec. 10	Coopersville	Home
Dec. 14	Ottawa Hills	Home
Dec. 17	Fremont	Home
Dec. 21	F.H. Northern	Away
Jan. 4	Kent Occ.	Away
Jan. 7	Cedar Springs	Home
Jan. 11	Saranac	Home
Jan. 14	Greenville	Home
Jan. 26	Saranac	Away 7:00
Jan. 28	Coopersville	Away
Feb. 1	Comstock Park	Away
Feb. 4	Lakewood	Home
Feb. 8	Fremont	Away
Feb. 11	Kent Occ.	Home
Feb. 18	Cedar Springs	Away
FEB 22	Middleville	Away
Feb. 25	Greenville	Away

# Freshman Basketball



Front row, L - R, Scott Flynn, Scott Hopkins, Jim Smith, Mike Dykstra, Dale Eckman, Jeff Perkins, Bernie Anderson. Back row, coach Kurt Holtzhueter, Brent Noskey, Bill Briggs, Steve Antcliff, Dan Fegel, Don Reagan, Kurt Kropl, manager Scott Franks.

# Gymnastics



Front row, L - R, John Kloosterman, Lauri Brandt, Pam Durkee, Jane Christin, Danette Brown, Marci Potter, Doug Arnold. Back row, coach Janet Goodman, Kimberly Schneider, Carolyn Hobbs, Michelle Barrett, Brenda Kirby, Michelle Shick, Grace Peters, Debbie Wright. Missing from photo, Tracy Drayton, Lori Dykhouse, Kris Kinsey and Brenda Thomas.

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Date	Location	Time
Dec. 29	Hastings	Away 9:00
Jan. 6	Portland	Away
Jan. 13	Sparta	Home
Jan. 17	Belding	Away
Jan. 19	Saranac	Away
Jan. 20	Cedar Springs	Away
Jan. 24	F.H. Central	Home
Jan. 26	Northview	Away
Jan. 27	Greenville	Away
Jan. 29	Lansing Tour.	Away 9:00
Feb. 5	GRJC Inv'tl.	Away 9:00
Feb. 10	Coopersville	Away
Feb. 14	Ionia	Home
Feb. 17	Lakewood	Home
FEB 22	GR Baptist	Home
Feb. 24	Fremont	Away
Feb. 26	Lakewood Inv'tl.	Away
March 1	Ionia	Away
Feb. 28-March 3	Pre-District	
March 5	District	
March 12	Regional	
March 19	State	

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## GYMNASTICS

Date	Location	Time
Jan. 5	Caledonia	Home
Jan. 10	Wyoming Rogers	Away
Jan. 19	Spring Lake	Away
Jan. 24	Grand Haven	Away
Jan. 31	Holland	Home
Feb. 7	Muskegon Mona Shores	Away
Feb. 9	Kenowa Hills	Home
Feb. 14	East Grand Rapids	Away
Feb. 21	Kentwood	Home
Feb. 28	Ionia	Home
March 5	Kentwood Inv'tl.	Away
March 12	Regionals (MHSA)	
March. 18-19	State	



# Varsity Volleyball



Front row, L - R, Doreen Rickert, Beth Stuart, Angie Slagh, Karen Durkee, Kelley Baker, Tracy Jousma. Back row, Pamela Douma, Milanka Malunovic, Vicki Harris, Lynn Willyard, Chris Hildenbrand, Keiko Tanaka. Coach Julie Niemela, manager Sue Azemori. Missing from photo, Rhonda Delong.

# J.V. Volleyball



Front row, L - R Rhonda Riggs, Nancy Wilson, Teresa Tidd, Cindy DeWitt, Heather McKinnon. Back row, Tabé Bellomy, Andrea Emmons, Dana Taylor, Karolyn Murphy, Tonya Strause, coach Debbie Canning. Missing from photo, Kathy Dean, Andrea Delong, Angie Hyzer, Amy Swift, Sharon Vanderhout.

# Varsity Cheerleading



Front row, L - R, Sue Sarniak, Tracy Nead, Tina Franks, Cathy Flynn, Bev Ballentine. Back row, coach Caron Stetler, Bob King, Kim Lambert, Lisa Zigmont, Diane Will, Jeff Sheiler. Missing from photo, Diane Rittenger.



# J.V. Cheerleading



Front row L - R, Kim Bellend, Joel Crace, Dianna Miller. Back row, Michelle Lindhout, Jenny Hoffman, coach Caron Stetler, Cindy Dumas, Carrie Richards. Missing from Photo, Penny Destell.

# DNR Report

## FISHING INFORMATION:

Not much to report in this area. High water and warm weather has slowed things down considerably. Al & Bob's reports quite a few salmon in the Tippy Dam area however and some steelies and salmon in the Pere Marquette. Muskegon County: Fantastic perch fishing was reported all last week in Muskegon Lake by the sand dock area. A lot of perch in the 8 to 12 inch range. Activity has quieted down somewhat as the weather has

cooled. The Big Lake is getting a lot of small chinook in the 2 to 8 lb. range. A few lake trout showing up along with steelhead and browns just inside the breakwall. Steelhead have also been hitting on the Muskegon north pier using spawn. Ottawa County: Little to report because of the weather. Some fishing off Saugatuck pier jiggling with pinkies. Boat traffic has stopped and streams are quiet. HUNTING INFORMATION: Hunting pressure and deer kill

during the firearm deer season is down 10-20 percent throughout the district with the largest drop in kill being in Kent and Montcalm Counties. Hunting pressure opening day was heavy on Gratiot-Saginaw, Maple River and Montcalm County game areas and moderate in Kent County game areas and Muskegon State Game Area. Many hunters in Kent and Montcalm County have voiced their concern over seeing fewer

deer during deer season. Many complaints are being received on heavy poaching prior to the season. **WHILE THEY LAST! - Those ever - popular scratch pads are in stock again at the Ledger. Stop in soon and get them for 75¢ a pound before they are gone.**

## LEDGER DEADLINE

To help us meet our deadlines, please take note of the following guidelines for submitted material, including pictures. All news copy should be in the Ledger office by 5 p.m. on Mondays. The material should be type-written or written legibly. Either way, we ask that you provide space between the lines to make room for possible editing.

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.

# 'OUTDOORS'

with Jack Friesner

I would like to congratulate all of you honest, successful hunters and compliment all of you honest hard working hunters who may have failed to get your deer. On the other hand I would like to extend my heartfelt disgust and anger to those of you, and there are many, who have conducted yourselves exactly as all hunters are depicted in the eyes of the anti-hunting and protectionist organizations. Through the actions of a handful of you, you are undermining the trust and integrity of the honest sportsman-like hunters.

In a previous column I made the statement that the local deer herds were at an all time high. I still believe that at the time, the statement was correct, however right now at the close of the regular gun season I believe that the carry-over of deer is going to be lower than it has been for the past several years. Due to an increased bow and arrow kill and large numbers killed by motorists coupled with a good number taken by gun hunters has resulted in a heavy legal and accidental kill. The flagrant illegal poaching and unethical hunting by slobbers has resulted in a very heavy kill.

During the past week, while hunting, I have seen nearly a dozen dead and wasted deer which were taken either by poachers or slob hunters who did not follow up on hard hit deer. When a deer lies within one hundred yards of the road, and has been shot in the head with a rifle and left to rot, I cannot believe that they were not poached. Also, I discovered two head shot does within twenty yards of the road which had been poached and only their hind quarters removed. These people are slobbers and not to be constructed as hunters or sportsmen. Furthermore these same unethical individuals whom I hesitate to call hunters, sportsmen, or humans, have also alienated many land owners to the extent that they hesitate to allow any hunter on their properties. For this I cannot blame them, but it certainly makes it difficult for the sportsman hunter.

Something must be done to discourage and control these slobbers I hesitate to make the commitment to organize the sportsman in cooperation with the DNR to control this problem but I personally believe that it would be a relatively easy task. If sportsman organizations and concerned individuals could volunteer their time, from mid September through November, to establish and maintain a county patrol at night, the poaching problem could be greatly curtailed. If we could place ten C.B. equipped vehicles in the field, in direct contact with DNR vehicles and report all shining and shooting incidents, I believe we could pay the expenses of the program from the funds received from the DNR's R.A.P. program. If we as an organized group could also approach the courts about our concerns I believe perhaps the apprehended individuals might receive more than a token slap on the wrist. Game law prosecutions like all others are far too lax and in order to make believers of the violators the punishment and/or fines must be made much more meaningful. We have sat on our duffs far too long and observed our court systems make a mockery of our law enforcement. It has been proven again and again that light punishment and rehabilitation just does not work. Heavy punitive steps seems to be all the criminal understands!!!

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much fun for the spectators as it is for the "mushers". Michiganites can get a first-hand look on January 8 and 9, when the Kent County Road and Park Commission and Purina Barn Hi-Pro Dog Meal present the Mid-Union Sled Haulers (MUSH) at Johnson Park, Wilson Avenue and 28th Street in Walker, MI (a Grand Rapids Suburb).

The Kent County Sled Dog Race will offer a variety of events sure to excite and thrill those who attend. There will be three classes of sled dog racing (including 3-, 5- and 7-dog teams) plus two classes of weight pulling, a kiddies race and ski touring (where a sled dog pulls a person on cross country skis). There will also be a celebrity race on Saturday where specta-

tors can see their favorite Grand Rapids radio and television personalities and local politicians compete. It will be two fun-filled days of continuous, fast-paced action. Spectators will also have a chance to talk with the racers to learn more about the sport and how they train amazing sled dogs, as well as have an opportunity to ride in a sled.

Action begins at 11 A.M. on Saturday, January 8, and lasts till 4 P.M. that day. It resumes at 11 A.M. on Sunday, January 9, and ends at 4 P.M. Winners will be awarded trophies at that time. For more information, call 242-6948.

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### 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.

## NOTICE

As of January 3, 1983 Showboat Restaurant will open 7 days a week and under new management by Paula Erickson, assisted by Denise And Karla Erickson. They will maintain the same quality of Food and Service.

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Thanks again, Paul

Showboat Restaurant will be closed from the 24th to the 28th for Christmas Vacations

## LEGAL NOTICES

**STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT**  
Case No. 82-48503-DO  
**ORDER FOR PUBLICATION**

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:  
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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: Patricia Flynn  
Hearing: Jan. 3, 1983 at 9:00 a.m.  
Petitioner: William Lee

Child: Brian Foreman  
Hearing: Jan. 12, 1983 at 4:00 p.m.  
Petitioner: Douglas Frens

Child: April Vankampen  
Hearing: Jan. 5, 1983 at 4:00 p.m.  
Petitioner: William Lee

Dated: December 8, 1982  
JOHN P. STEKETEE  
JUDGE OF PROBATE



Utah's Great Salt Lake was once ten times larger. The outline of the older, fresh lake is still visible on the mountain sides above the present lake's basin.

**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: Janitorial Service for the Kent County Int'l Airport. Must be received by Tuesday, December 28, 1982 at 10:00 a.m.

Bid For: Laundry Services. Must be received by Tuesday, December 21, 1982 at 10:00 a.m.

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DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

In the matter of Scott Michael Ottenwess - Change of Name.  
TAKE NOTICE: On January 5th, 1983 at 10:00 A.M. in the probate courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, before Hon. A. Dale Stoppels Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Judy Lynn Stuck to change her son from Scott Michael Ottenwess to Scott Michael Stuck.

December 7th, 1982  
Judy Lynn Stuck  
621 Spencer Street, N.E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
49505  
456-5283  
(6)

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Child: Patricia Ann & Heather Denise Cornet & Johnny Leroy Cornet  
Hearing: Jan. 17, 1983 at 9:00 a.m.  
Petitioner: Laurie Tibble

Child: Lucas & Scott Marshall Robinson  
Hearing: Jan. 17, 1983 at 9:00 a.m.  
Petitioner: Leola Perry

Dated: December 8, 1982

Publication in the Grand Valley Ledger at least one week prior to the hearing date is ordered.

JOHN P. STEKETEE  
JUDGE OF PROBATE



In one year, hens in America lay enough eggs to encircle the globe 100 times.

### Year-end planning extends beyond taxes

If you've been planning how to reduce your 1982 federal income tax bill, don't quit while you're ahead. Now is also a good time to review your entire financial situation, says The Michigan Association of CPAs.

Your net worth should increase from year to year. So before you start making New Year's resolutions to control your spending more tightly, evaluate your budgets for spending and saving. Draw up a detailed plan for good money management.

First determine your current net worth. Not only will this tell you the amount of money you have for investments and acquisitions, but it will also reveal whether you're increasing or decreasing in value.

To find this figure, first list your assets. They include real estate, cash in savings and checking accounts, bonds and certificates, stock holdings, home furnishings, clothing and autos or boats. Then list your liabilities which include debt or loan payments, taxes due, and rent or mortgage payments. Subtract your liabilities from your assets to find your net worth. If you compare this year's figure to last year's and find you're not any better off, a realistic look at your spending habits might be in order.

Your next step, CPAs note, is reviewing your budget. Using your 1982 budget and estimates of your expenses for 1983, set up a practical budget for the first quarter of the new year. Or, if you didn't have a budget last year, add up what you spent dur-

ing the last three months of 1982 for necessities, such as food and clothing, transportation and utility bills, as well as the cost of entertainment and recreation.

Now decide where your expenses might increase or decrease. For example, if you entertain often during the holidays, you probably spent more on food than you usually would. That amount should be reduced for the next few months. Or, if predictions are for a colder than normal January, you might have to increase your allotment for heating bills.

More important than seasonal adjustment of your budget, CPAs stress, is a reassessment of your priorities and use of available funds. Say, for instance, that you borrowed continuously from your food money or savings to purchase clothing. If buying clothing is a priority need right now, you should increase your clothing allowance.

But, CPAs warn if your spending habits disregard your budget completely, you might have underbudgeted all your needs. Allow some money for unexpected expenses, to take advantage of sales, emergencies, and the occasional impulse purchase. But be sure to include a set amount for savings.

Once your budget is complete, plan to invest the money you will save. Set goals for whether it will remember, yourself it's for eventual purchase of a home, or just a growing nest egg, your money should never be dormant. Investigate savings accounts, as well as other investment oppor-

### Deware of thin ice!!!

Michigan residents and visitors were given a seasonal reminder today by State Police Director, Col. Gerald L. Hough, about the potential danger to persons who venture onto thin ice on outdoor water areas in early winter.

Hough said Michigan water accident statistics in the past have shown that non-boating accidents each year include some deaths caused by falls through ice.

Because winter ice sometimes may look stronger than it is, Hough advised outdoor enthusiasts that thickness should be

tested for safety where any doubt exists. Be wary of areas where moving water under ice may keep the ice surface dangerously thin, he added, pointing out that these unsafe spots generally would be on rivers or streams or over spring areas of ponds and at the inlet and outlet locations on lakes.

In view of upcoming school vacations as well as at other winter times, Hough urged parents to be especially vigilant in warning children about outdoor ice dangers, suggesting supervi-

sion be provided in play areas as necessary. To safely bear the weight of individuals or small groups of persons, outdoor ice on lakes, rivers, ponds, etc., should be from two to four inches thick. For heavier weights, such as snowmobiles, thickness should range from five inches and up for protection purposes.

Hough stressed that there should be provisions made for emergency rescue as part of any outdoor activity involving ice-covered water areas.



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## Former Lowell resident's son is a Junior Rodeo Star . . .

Shawn Weddle, son of former resident, Patricia (Hoover) Baggett, and now living in Dinuba, California, recently completed his final year of Junior Competition in Calf Riding winning a total of \$2,500.00 in prizes at three rodeos. Among the prizes Shawn won was the Calf Riding Buckle. He placed 92 hundredths of a second from winning All Around Competi-

tion from the boys entered in the Senior Division. This action took place through the 19 events of the year ending on September 19th. Participating in one of the biggest Junior Rodeos in California, Shawn was tied with a close friend to win a \$1,000.00 Billy Cook saddle. A quarter was tipped and the friend won.

On October 16th the Sequoia Junior Cowboys Association Fi-

nals were held and Shawn won a \$300.00 Gist Buckle for All Around Calf Rider. Shawn has been accepted by a Hollywood Agent and is expecting roles in western movies and rodeo events. In preparation for this work he has had many years experience competing in rodeos. In 1981 he finished the year with a second place in All Around Calf Riding, 6th Breakaway and 5th Team Roping. In the fall of 1980 Shawn attended World Champion Team Roping School of Jake Barns and Allen Bach in Ceres, California. In May of 1980 he attended Gary Lefew's Bull Riding School in Arroyo Grande, California and tied for second and third through the season of 1980.

Shawn moved to California with his older brother, Terry and his sister Beth Holliday when they were all very young. All three of the children are skilled as rodeo competitors and were in the Top All Around four events for the last 5 years of competition.

A strong influence on the family was Shawn's stepfather, the late Buster Tripp. Mr. Tripp was one of the finest ropers in the San Joaquin Valley of California for over 30 years. Because of a calf riding accident in 1977 when a

2" horn pierced Shawn's chin (requiring 54 stitches and a blood transfusion) he had no interest in riding again until 1979. Then he asked his parents for an old horse, and asked his step-father to teach him how to team rope. There was very little time for teaching though as Mr. Tripp was stricken with cancer in July and passed away in December of 1979.

In addition to Shawn's interest in riding and roping, he has developed his interest in auctioneering. He traveled to Mason City, Iowa in 1980 to attend the Reich School of Auctioneering where he graduated as the youngest in a class of 137.

Shawn is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoover and Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey. And great grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Purchase of Ada. Other relatives living in this area are aunts and uncles: Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hoover, Mrs. Maxine Hoover, Mr. Gerald Hoover, Mrs. Betty Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. C. Oren Balcom, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Huckleberry and Mrs. Fay Sherman.



Shawn Weddle



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# Epcot headlines Florida attractions for migrating Michiganders . . .

Epcot Center—Walt Disney's spectacular \$900 million visionary showplace—is just one of many new attractions which will draw some 500,000 Michiganders to sun-soaked Florida this winter, reports the Automobile Club of Michigan.

"While hotels, restaurants and recreational facilities have opened across the 58,560-square mile state, development is most evident in Central Florida, where Epcot Center ushers in the 21st century on a 260-acre site," stated Auto Club Travel Operations Manager James Drury.

Visitors to Epcot, located 2.5 miles south of Disney World and 22 miles south of Orlando, can ride through history aboard the Communicore in Spaceship Earth, browse among the World Showcase pavilions and view 450 lifelike figures on display.

Epcot (Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow) is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Between Christmas and New Years, hours will be 9 a.m. to midnight.

A monorail connects Epcot with Disney World's Magic

Kingdom, where Cinderella's Castle, Mickey Mouse and a host of rides await visitors.

Youngsters will have a splashing good time at Sea World's "Cap 'n Kids' World," a playland near Orlando featuring a 55-foot replica of a Spanish galleon. Silver Springs' Wild Waters offers rides on a cushion of water along 320 feet of curves and straightaways before plummeting into the eye of the "Hurricane," a tunnel alive with a light and motion show.

Orlando's Church Street Station has opened a Western saloon that features nine levels of floor space, country music, dancing and a museum with the East's largest collection of Frederic Remington sculptures.

An \$8 million expansion at the Kennedy Space Center, NASA, 37 miles east of Orlando, nearly doubles facilities at the center, including a theater complex with a 500-seat computerized demonstration auditorium and 440-seat theater.

"The number of available guest rooms has been increased

to more than 70,000 in Central Florida," Drury said. "New facilities include a \$20 million expansion at Sheraton World, next to Sea World, renovation of Orlando's Marriott Inn and a \$4.5 million facelift at the Hotel Royal Plaza in the heart of Disney World Village."

In Northeast Florida, the Jacksonville area has been busy sprucing up facilities, which include a \$1.5 million renovation at the Jacksonville Airport Hilton. Jacksonville's Holiday Inn-Oceanfront has renovated 150 guest rooms.

Other new hotels include the Bailey House at Fernandina Beach, on the northern end of Amelia Island.

Travelers to the state's West Coast can ride the new Amtrak Silver Palm train service from Tampa to Miami, a five-hour trip each way.

The Florida Department of Natural Resources is coordinating overnight canoe trips at Waccasassa Bay State Preserve, near Tampa. The region's first major theme park is Florida's Fantasy Isles in Fort Myers, where 36

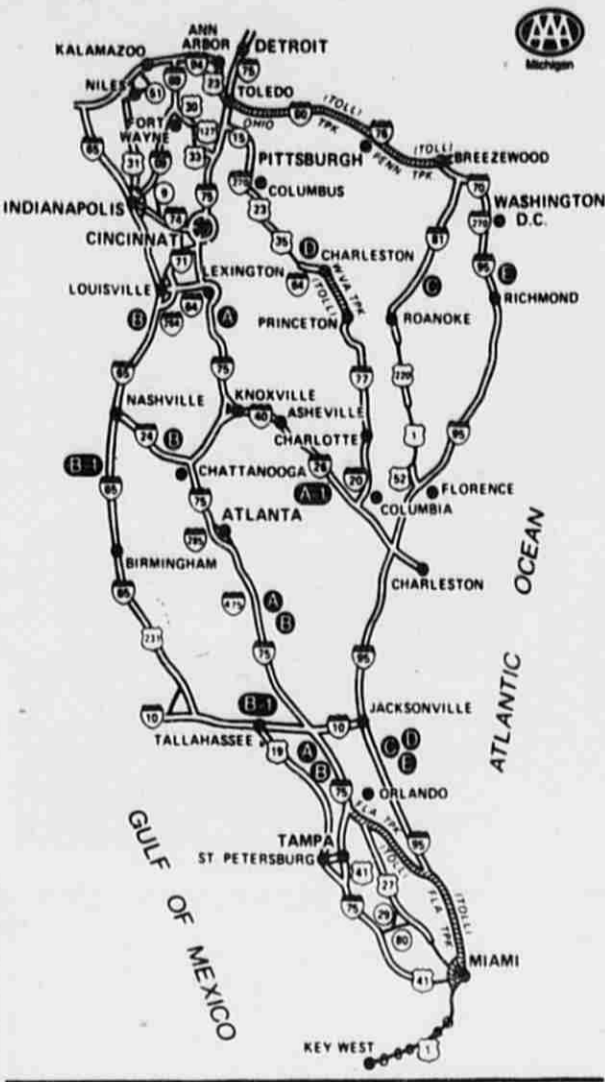
storybook characters up to 40 feet tall are on view.

New West Coast hotels include an old general store transformed into the Crown Hotel at Inverness and the Eagle's Nest Resort on Marco Island near the Everglades, where swimming pools and spas are available.

"About 75 percent of the Michiganders going to Florida this winter will travel by car," Drury said. "Southeast residents should allow at least two-and-a-half days to reach the Florida line. They should allow three-and-a-half days to reach Miami."

The fastest and most direct way listed on the Auto Club's map for eastern Michigan motorists is along I-75, which covers 1,401 miles—all four-lane highway—with only about 50 miles of semi-mountainous driving in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Western Michigan travelers will find the most direct path to Florida is a 1,456-mile route by taking I-65 or I-69 to Indianapolis. Miami-bound motorists from Michigan will pay \$6.50 in Florida toll fees.



COMPARISON OF ROUTES - DETROIT TO MIAMI - 1983

ROUTES	MILEAGE	4-lane highway	TOLL
A	1401	1401	\$ 6.50
A-1	1419	1418	\$ 3.55
B	1456	1456	\$ 6.50
B-1	1497	1482	\$ 6.50
C	1574	1460	\$ 10.60
D	1375	1221	\$ 7.30
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