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Board decides against 1983 Lowell Showboat

Following meetings of January 16 and 23, the Lowell Showboat Board of Directors issued a shocking news release to all area media on Thursday, January 27, 1983. The news release is as follows:

Members of the Lowell Showboat, Board of Directors announced their decision not to produce their annual riverboat show this July and instead pursue other methods to relieve their financial indebtedness.

The decision was made at a special Wednesday night meeting of the directors to discuss options for this year. Citing four major reasons for their decision, Board members came to the painful conclusion that to proceed with plans for a 1983 show would only further increase their financial burden which already stands at \$45,000.

Hard economic times for Michigan and its residents is seen as an important factor affecting attendance. The problem

was somewhat evident at last year's show and was projected to have an even greater impact in 1983.

Secondly, the ever-increasing costs involved in bringing top-notch family entertainers to the Showboat have become prohibitive for this non-profit organization. In addition, the cost of advertising in various statewide media has soared in recent years.

The fourth reason given by the Board for their decision revolves around continuing high maintenance and insurance costs for the sternwheeler built in 1979 after high winds demolished the old riverboat and damaged the amphitheatre. "Vandalism of the showboat has been a continuous problem and repair has become too costly," said Ray Quada board spokesperson.

The outstanding indebtedness of \$45,000 reflects unresolved costs of building both the amphitheatre and the riverboat itself. Approximately \$14,000 is

owed to the City of Lowell with the balance owed to four individuals in the community who have endorsed personal notes on behalf of showboat ranging from \$3,000 to \$13,000.

Plans were made by the Board members to expend their energies this year on projects to pay off the indebtedness, such as their raffle of a 1983 Camaro Z-28 which is already in progress. There are 5,000 tickets to be sold at \$10.00 each. Second prize will be \$1,000 and third prize will be \$500.00. The drawing will be held on July 4, 1983 at Lowell's holiday celebration at the Lowell Fairgrounds. Ticket holders must be 18 but need not be present to win. Tickets are available by sending a check or money order payable to the Lowell Showboat and a stamped self-addressed envelope to: Showboat Raffle, P.O. Box 56, Lowell, MI 49331.

According to Quada, the decision not to produce a 1983 show was arrived at only after much soul-searching and discussion. "As yet, no decision has been made regarding the disposition of the riverboat," said Quada. "We have not ruled out the possibility that we will be back in business come the summer of '84."

Though the above news release states that there has been no decision made as to the disposition of the boat, the board is in general agreement that if any reasonable purchase offer arises, it will most likely be accepted.

SHERIFF REPORT

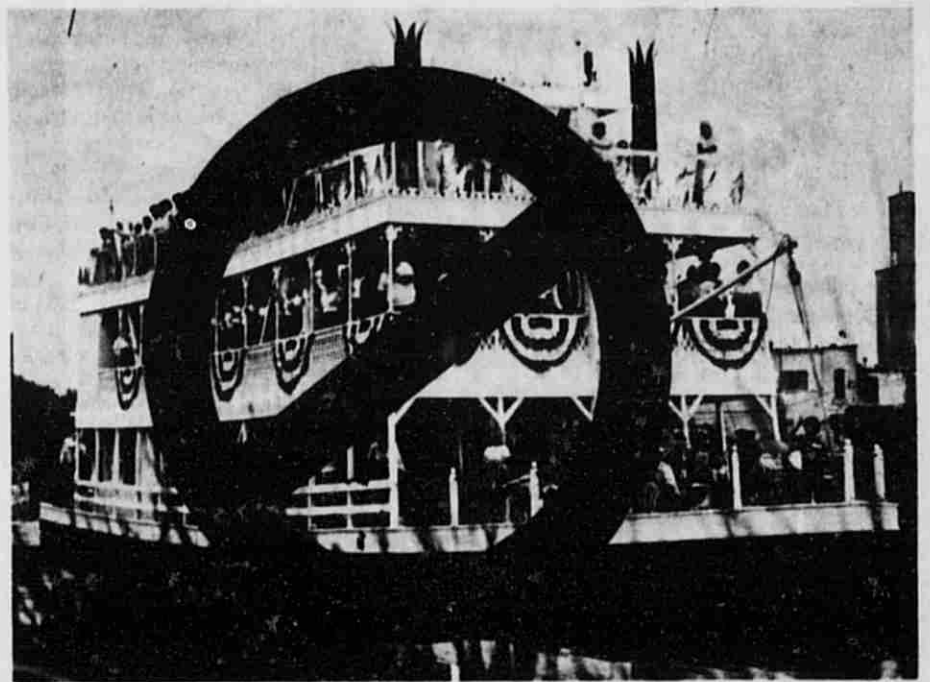
The Kent County Sheriff's Department reports two injury accidents in the Lowell area over the past week.

On Thursday, January 27, a vehicle driven by Joseph C. Knopp struck a car driven by Sheri Knipp at about 9:15 that evening. A Sheriff's Department spokesman said that Knopp, traveling east on 5-mile road, failed to stop at the Lincoln Lake Road intersection, consequently striking Knipp's vehicle which was north-bound.

Knopp and one of two passengers in his vehicle suffered injuries and were hospitalized. Knipp suffered a minor injury.

In the second accident, Roger A. Estes was traveling south-bound on Alden Nash when his car struck an icy spot, slid off the road, and ran into some trees. One passenger was sent to Blodgett Hospital for a fracture and dislocation of the upper right arm.

A Department spokesman said that the driver of the vehicle had been drinking but was not intoxicated. The accident occurred about 3 a.m. Sunday morning.



New Officer joins force



New Lowell Police Officer Michael S. Martin.

The Lowell Police Department has added another member to its force. Starting work on Monday, January 31 was Michael S. Martin, 23, a former resident of Alanson, Michigan.

Martin arrives in Lowell with four years of secondary education under his belt. Upon graduation from Alanson High School, Martin attended North Central Michigan College for two years,

after which he received his Associates Degree in law enforcement. Immediately following, he attended Ferris State College, receiving a B.S. in criminal justice.

Upon graduation Martin also received certification from the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council.

Owing to the scarcity of law enforcement jobs in Michigan,

Martin took a position as an investigator for a civil law firm in Minneapolis, where he worked from July of 1982 until the present time.

During the time of his employment at the firm, Martin searched for a law enforcement job in Michigan, mailing nearly 400 resumes in the process.

The Lowell Police Department received his resume at about the time the department was seeking to find a replacement for retired police sergeant James Hutson. Martin and fellow newcomer James Valentine were the top selections from a field of over 60 applicants.

Martin was offered the job with the Lowell Police Department only after interviews with City Manager Ray Quada and Police Chief Barry Emmons, a written exam, a physical agility test, and medical and psychological exams.

Martin and his wife Tammie just moved to Lowell from Minneapolis on Saturday, January 29.

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WINTER CARNIVAL IN DOWNTOWN G.R.

The City of Grand Rapids is hosting its third annual Winter Carnival at the Monroe Mall Amphitheatre and Ice Rink this Saturday, February 5. Events begin at 8:00 a.m. with open skating followed by skating lessons from 11:00 - 11:30 and more open skating until noon. At noon there will be a figure skating exhibition followed by open skating from 12:30 - 1:30, another figure skating exhibition from 1:30 - 2:00 followed by more open skating until 10:00 p.m. Other events taking place up and down the Monroe Mall during the day include, dog sled and team; snow sculptures (maybe); cross country ski demo, Grand River Troll and strolling musicians.

"SNOW JOB" TICKETS ON SALE

Don't forget that the box office for the LAAC Community Theatre Production, "The Snow Job", opened on Tuesday, February 1. For Reservations or information see Dolores Dey or Shirley Smith at "That Special Place", 215 W. Main, or call there between 9 and 5 (897-8545). The dates for the play are Feb. 17-19 and Feb. 24-26. Reservations are required for Friday and Saturday nights. Don't delay - this may be the only blizzard you'll see this winter!

HOCKEY FUND RAISER

The LHS hockey team is holding another fundraiser match on Saturday, February 5, at 8 p.m. in the Cascade Ice Arena. The team will be meeting Portage Central, a fine team out of the Kalamazoo area. Cost of tickets will be \$2.50 adults, \$2.00 students. Profits from the match will go to the hockey team.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Confessions of two juveniles were obtained by Lowell officers Tuesday in connection with a vandalism of a house in early January in the Valley Vista area. Restitution by the parents will be made to the property owner.

Lowell officers assisted Ionia County Sheriff's Deputies Tuesday in arresting David Moran of Ionia on a warrant issued by Ionia County Friend of the Court.

Involved in an injury accident Thursday afternoon at Main & Hudson was David Normington of Belding. The car Normington was driving was struck from the rear by a car driven by Gerald Felling of Lowell. Normington sustained neck injuries.

Lowell Officers investigated 11 accident complaints in the month of January and the medical unit responded to 5 dispatches.

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Obituaries

RICKNER - Mrs. Elsie Rickner, aged 89, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1983 at Kent Community Hospital. She was born in Wrenningham, England, came to Canada, and after her marriage moved to Lowell, and later to Grand Rapids. Surviving are her family, Janet and Charles Huyck, Annie May and T.J. Justice, Marsha and Scott Bagby, Rosemary and John Beattie and Mrs. Marilyn Ruffe of Wyoming, MI; 11 grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie, her son-in-law, Robert Ruffe and grandson, Duane Charles Huyck. Mrs. Rickner reposes at the Creston Chapel, where Funeral Services were held Saturday.

and Christopher Cornwell of Hudsonville, Louise Mackus of Grand Rapids; her great granddaughter, Lindsay; one brother, Engle DeYoung of Lowell; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Saturday at the funeral home, with her Pastor the Rev. Erwin H. Pegel officiating. Interment Cascade Cemetery.

SPALDING - Mrs. May C. Spaulding, aged 90, of Grandville, went to be with her Lord Wednesday, January 26, 1983. Surviving are her children, Jarjorie and Ted Mackus of Grandville; her grandchildren, Lynda

and Christopher Cornwell of Hudsonville, Louise Mackus of Grand Rapids; her great granddaughter, Lindsay; one brother, Engle DeYoung of Lowell; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Saturday at the funeral home, with her Pastor the Rev. Erwin H. Pegel officiating. Interment Cascade Cemetery.

PYARD - Mrs. Florence Pyard, aged 84, widow of Jules, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Friday. Surviving are her daughter, Beatrice Kooistra; four grandchildren, Michael Kooistra, Steven, Joel, and Kevin Pyard; 10 great grandchildren. A Scripture Service was held Sunday. The Funeral Mass and committal was celebrated Monday at Holy Trinity Church, Alpine. Interment church cemetery.

CHAPIN - Mrs. Hattie M. Chapin, aged 78, formerly of Cansonsburg and Ada, the widow of Howard Chapin, passed away Saturday, January 29, 1983 at Cascade Care Center. She is survived by her children, Arthur L. and June Chapin of Oregon, Judy and Bill Meulenber, Marchia Lane, Mark and Sue Chapin, all of Kentwood; four grandchildren; three sisters and six brothers in Connecticut. Services were held Monday afternoon at the funeral chapel with Mr. Charles Blackburn, Sr. of Jehovah's Witnesses officiating.

WARNER - John D. Warner, Sr. 49 years old, 6940 Gould Road, Saranac, died of accidental injuries, Saturday morning. Born in Clarksville Feb. 8 1933 to the parents of R.C. & Catherine Tucker Warner. He worked for Oldsmobile in Lansing 30 years. Married Charlene Gasper in 1980. Survived by parents, 3 sons, Douglas Warner of Ludington, John Warner, Jr. of Texas, Michael Warner of Ionia. One daughter Mrs. Michael (Catherine) Morgan of Lowell. 3 step children Donald Merrill of

Saranac, Mrs. Kevin (Kathy) Moyer, of Saranac, Mrs. Lee (Karen) Jones of Saranac. Four brothers Thomas of Grand Rapids, Chester J. of Lowell, William E. of Ionia, Daniel C. of Scottville, one sister Mrs. Earl (Carolyn) Benedict of Saranac and 10 grandchildren. Services were held Tuesday at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac. Rev. Eldon Schram officiating. Interment South Boston Cemetery.

HOT LUNCH MENU WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 1983

MONDAY
Ravioli or goulash, cabbage salad, french bread, choice of fresh or canned fruits, milk.

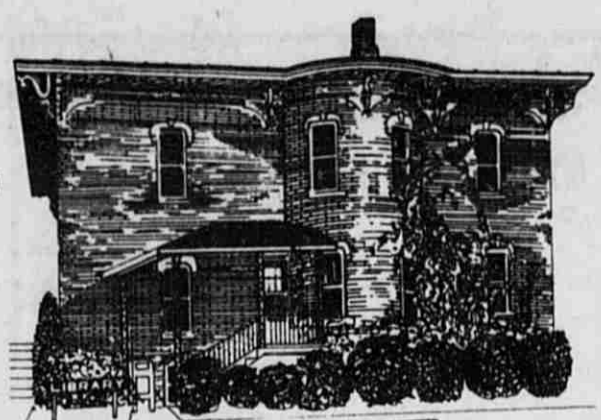
TUESDAY
Hot dogs or burritos, lettuce salad w/dressing, buttered corn, assorted fruits, cookies or bars, milk.

WEDNESDAY
Swiss steak or chopped steak, mashed potatoes or rice and gravy, steamed green beans, dinner rolls or bread, jello w/whip or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY
Tacos w/meat, cheese and lettuce, jonny cake w/honey, vegetables or salad, chilled fruits or jello, milk.

FRIDAY
Fishwiches or hot cheese sandwich, potato chips and pickles, soup or salad, bars or cookies, milk.

Price of lunches to students includes milk. Elementary 70¢, Middle and Senior High 75¢.



"THE READING RAILROAD" ... MOMENTS TO BE REMEMBERED!

The Kent County Library System is making reading more than just a one person adventure. Beginning February 7, the library system will engineer a program entitled "The Reading Railroad." This very special project is geared towards bringing together pre-schoolers, their parents and the enriching moments provided by books. "The Reading Railroad" is designed for children who can't yet read independently, therefore their parents read to them; it works as follows: Parents (either or both) and child register at one of 16 Kent County Library branches. They receive a reading chart, which includes helpful suggestions on library materials to share. Parents then help the youngest track keep track of materials read by coloring in an appropriate spot on the reading chart. When the chart is completed, parent and child return to the library branch, where the child receives a free traincar to color and another chart which which to continue his excursion on "The Reading Railroad."

"We have tried to make this program as convenient as possible," points out Mary Frydrych, Administrative Coordinator of Kent County Library's Children Services department. "The parents and child will enjoy each book at their own rate and in their own home."

"The Reading Railroad" may be the ideal way for parents to help their little ones discover the magic of books and at the same time share moments that will live in the memory forever, courtesy of the Kent County Library System.

Coming Events

WED., FEB. 2: (and four Wednesdays after) V.F.W. Post 8303 Euchre Tournament starting at 7:30 P.M. Everyone Welcome.

TUE., FEB. 8: The Regular Meeting of Lowell Lodge No. 90 F&A.M. will be held at 7:30 P.M. A Potluck Dinner precedes the meeting at 6:30 P.M. All Masons are welcome.

TUE., FEB. 8: Lowell Evening club will meet at the home of Mrs. J. Fonger, 611 N. Washington at 8 P.M. Co-hostess Mrs. I. Blough. Program on Grand Rapids Zoo.

TUE., FEB. 8: Knights of Columbus meeting at 7:30 in St. Marys School. Meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Tuesday every month. Any Practicing Catholic men wanting more information about joining the "K of C" please call John at 897-6358.

SUN., FEB. 13: The Knights of Columbus will be celebrating "Holy Name Sunday" by attending the 9:00 mass and Holy Communion with their families. Rolls, juice and coffee will be shared by the Knights and families following mass.

TUE., FEB. 22: The Lowell Knights of Columbus will be hosting a district wide first degree ceremony at 7:30, in St. Mary's School. (District is comprised of Lowell, Greenville and Belding councils.) All Knights from the prementioned councils or any other councils are welcome and invited to attend.

SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR
The Lowell Senior Center has set its calendar for the month of February. In addition to the lunch served through the Kent County Nutrition Program at noon weekdays, activities included in the list of weekly events are:
MONDAYS 9:30 a.m. Crafts - 1:00 P.M. Pedro and crib-

Senior Center Coordinator Marj Snyder at 897-5949.

FEBRUARY 1983-JUNE, 1983: Steak Dinner 4-6 P.M. and Dance 8-12? every 3rd Saturday of the month. VFW Post 8303, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, MI.

Happy Birthday
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FEBRUARY 5: Shawn Jacob, Ann Mulder, Nick Johnston, Dorothy Leasure.
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FEBRUARY 8: Eldred Durkee, Kamie Leverence.
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IN THE SERVICE.

David C. Kile, son of Donald J. and Bonnie J. Kile of 11 Grand River Ave., Lowell, Mich., has arrived for duty in Schweinfurt, West Germany.

Kile, a cannon crewman with the 3rd Infantry Division, was previously assigned at Forth Lewis, Wash.

Births

Gary and Connie Yeiter are proud to announce the arrival of a son, Eric Daniel on Sunday, January 23, 1983. Eric joins a brother Jason at home.

Proud Grandparents are Harold and Shirley Carigon and Sam and Ida Yeiter of Lowell.

Named to the Dean's List for the fall quarter at Kalamazoo College is Mary Hosley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hosley, 607 N. Washington, Lowell.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale.

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HMCS William G. Blocher, USN



William G. Blocher

Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman William G. Blocher was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan and graduated from Leislehula High School, Hawaii, as his father was career Air Force. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Blocher and grandson of Mrs. Flossie Sherman of Lowell. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on 24 September 1959.

He received recruit training and attended Hospital Corps "A" School at San Diego, California. Upon completion, HMCS Blocher was assigned to the U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan, where he served as Senior Ward Corpsman Sick Officers Quarter, and supervisor for contagious and a General Duty Corpsman, reenlisted, and was assigned to Medical Administration Technician School, San Diego. Upon graduation in July, 1964 he was assigned to Naval Hospital, Corpus Christi, Texas as Petty Officer in Charge, Officer Personnel. In January, 1965, HMCS Blocher was transferred to Naval Administration Unit, Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Assigned duties were Navy Liaison to the Army Hospital and Decedent Affairs Watch Officer.

HMCS Blocher was next assigned to the USS BON HOMME RICHARD (CVA-31) where he was in charge of the Administration Office and Flight Deck Corpsman assignments. While assigned to USS BON

HOMME RICHARD he was in-itated as a trusty shellback. HMCS Blocher next served as Petty Officer in Charge, Officer Personnel, U.S. Naval Hospital, Guam. Upon his transfer to Naval Communications Station, Rough and Ready Island, Stockton, California, he served as Senior Enlisted Corpsman of the Dispensary working in Sick Call, X-ray, Laboratory and Pharmacy until May, 1974. He was then transferred to Naval Communications Station, Harold E. Holt, Exmouth, Western Australia serving as Administrative Chief, along with working Sick Call, X-ray, Laboratory, Pharmacy and arranging Air-Evac of active duty Naval personnel and Royal Australian Naval personnel to civilian hospitals in Western Australia.

In July, 1976 HMCS Blocher was transferred to Naval Regional Medical Center, Bremerton, Washington, being assigned as Administrative Chief to Industrial Dispensary, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton. HMCS Blocher's last assignment was at naval regional Medical Center, Long Beach, California, where he served as Enlisted Administrative Assistant to Chief, Patient Affairs Service and Physical Disability

Evaluation Counselor from September, 1981 to date of his retirement. HMCS Blocher has been awarded the following decorations: (6) God Conduct Awards, National Defense Service, Navy Unit Commendation, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, Armed Forces Expedition Medal (Korea), RVN-AF-MUC Gallantry Cross with palm, and Sea Service Ribbon. He has also received 5 letters of appreciation and commendation.

HMCS Blocher is looking forward to his retirement and will reside with his wife Emily and son Troy in Port Orchard, Washington.

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HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS



by Pauline E. Spray

If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord... (Proverbs 2:4,5)

In the chicken's anatomy there is a certain bone that is often sought after at the dinner table. It is the furculum - the forked bone in front of the breastbone. It is found in most birds, and it is commonly known as the wishbone. Some call it the "pulley-bone."

Children have long had the idea that when two people make wishes and then pull on the wishbone until it breaks, the person holding the longer piece of bone at the end of the contest will receive his wish.

Should you have been at our house when the children were young, you might have heard one of them say, "Dibbles on the 'pulley-bone'." In other words, "I have the first bid in for the piece

of chicken which contains the wishbone."

Many adults indulge in wishful thinking. Some long for a Christian experience like Sister Jones' or Uncle Billy's. But a mature Christian experience does not come by making wishes. Spiritual graces are obtained by perseverance and cultivated by diligent effort. Usually the most victorious Christians are those who have gone through the fiercest battles and have come out triumphantly. A close companionship with God calls for continual searching for more truth and comes as the result of more than the making of "pulley-bone" wishes.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, my greatest desire is to live victoriously in Thy presence moment by moment, day by day. Cause me to ever seek to be more like Thee and to do those things which will bring me into closer fellowship with Thee. Amen.

Class offered by Msgr. James Moran

Msgr. James Moran, pastor of St. Mary's Church, will be offering a class entitled, THE NEW TESTAMENT: THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK. The class will start on Monday evening, Feb. 14 at the church, and will continue to meet on Monday nights. Please call to reserve a place. (897-9820 or 897-8097) (This same class will be offered again, after Easter, for those who may be involved in other Lenten activities or services.)

PROMOTION - Is the name of the game! Advertising book matches from the Ledger, 105 N. Broadway.

Wise honored by Arts Council

At the annual meeting of the Lowell Area Arts Council on Thursday, January 20, the Second Annual Arty was awarded to Gil Wise, in recognition of his contributions in bringing the arts into the lives of Lowell area residents.

Dr. Wise has at one time or another served on the boards of the LAAC, the Lowell Showboat Corporation and the YMCA. In addition, he has been active in organizations including the Lowell Congregational Church and the Rotary. To all of these organizations, he has given countless hours of volunteer effort to bring activities to Lowell or to support existing programs which add to the quality of life of his friends and neighbors. The LAAC hopes that others will join them in congratulating Gil for his work.

The Arty, established in 1982, honors an individual in the community, such as Dr. Wise or 1982 recipient Dolores Dey, who gives much to promote support of the arts and works to further programs which add to the quality of life in the community.

Arts Council elects 1983 Board and Officers

At the Annual Meeting of the LAAC, on Thursday, January 20, seven members were elected to two-year terms on the LAAC Board of Directors. Elected were Cheryl Blodgett, Linda Daugherty, George Dey, Brian Doyle, Roger MacNaughton, Gil Wise and Jeanne Wise.

These seven join eight board members now serving the second year of two-year terms. They are Dolores Dey, Bob Garcia, Jane Gillespie, Steve Idema, Mike May, Kathie Quada, Chris VanAntwerp, and Jill VanAntwerp.

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<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street 897-5936</p> <p>Morning Worship 8:30 A.M. 9:45 A.M. 11 A.M. Church School 9:45 A.M.</p> <p>REV. WILLIAM AMUNDSEN MINISTER Nursery 8:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 2287 Segwun, S.E. Lowell, Michigan</p> <p>Service Sunday School 10:30 A.M. 9:15 A.M.</p> <p>JOSEPH FREMER PASTOR 897-8307</p>	<p>WHITNEYVILLE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST UDNOMINATIONAL 4935 Whitneyville Rd. Ada 49301</p> <p>Sunday Morn. Worship Service 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Wed. Evening Prayer Service 7:30 P.M. Challenger's Youth Group, Wed. 7:30 P.M.</p> <p>PASTOR JAMES GROENDYK</p>	<p>SARANAC COMMUNITY CHURCH (United Church of Christ) 125 Bridge St. Saranac, MI DIAL A PRAYER - 642-9659</p> <p>Morning Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 11:15 A.M.</p> <p>THE REV. EDWIN MENDENHALL 642-6322</p>
<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 402 N. Arty MSGNR JAMES MORAN NEW HOURS</p> <p>Saturday Mass 5:30 P.M. Sunday Mass 9 & 11 A.M.</p>	<p>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCA) REV. DR. JAMES G. COBB, PASTOR David P. Koppel, Seminary Intern 2700 E. Fulton</p> <p>Worship Service 8:30 & 10:45 A.M. Nursery Provided-Barner Free</p>	<p>VERGENNES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Corner Parrell & Bailey Drive</p> <p>Worship Service 10:00 A.M. Coffee Hour 11:00 A.M. Church School 11:15 A.M.</p> <p>DR. STANLEY H. FORKNER Ph. 531-7942</p> <p>"LITTLE WHITE CHURCH BUILDS"</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street</p> <p>Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Jr. High Youth Group 5:30 Evening Service 7:00 P.M. Sr. High Youth Group 8:15 P.M. Wednesday Family Hour 7:30 P.M.</p> <p>DR. DARRELL WILSON 897-5300</p>

FOCUS ON EDUCATION

Turnabout was a great experience for the kindergartens of Carol Stormzand and Ruth Thurtell at Runciman Elementary School. Since National Children's Dental Health Month is February, it seemed timely to invite local dentist, Dr. Robert Reagan, to visit the kindergartens. The children thought it a much better idea than for them to visit him.

Dr. Reagan did bring some equipment though-including his huge toothbrush. The children weren't sure whether this giant toothbrush really did belong to a member of Dr. Reagan's family, as he claimed, but it served well as an easily visible tool in a lesson on proper brushing of teeth. A dental film was enjoyed and, as usual, Dr. Reagan gave the children an informative talk on dental health.

As a follow-up in their classes, Mrs. Stormzand and Mrs. Thurtell will present units on nutrition, including some fun making and tasting foods in their classrooms.

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By Roger Brown

That's some pretty heavy news on the front page, huh? Though you probably didn't see it here first, the news of the canceling of the 1983 Lowell Showboat has reached you only recently and no doubt, was quite a shock. The anchorman on WOTV's "Live at 5:30" program commented, "what a terrible report to start the show with", after viewing the tape about Showboat's plight Monday. I have to agree, it's a terrible way to start my column too!

I have been a Lowell Showboat Board member for the last five years or so. My reward for becoming active in the "Re-Float the Showboat" campaign. Rather than my usual column, I think I'd like to set down here some of the reasons behind my "yes" vote in the recent unanimous decision of the board to cancel the 1983 production.

Economics has to be Showboat's number one problem at present. Since I have been on the board, the Showboat has experienced either losing, or barely profitable seasons. In the last six years we have been able to merely pay our bills, pay the interest on the long-term debt, and make only a couple of small payments on the principal of that debt. In other words, we've just barely kept our heads above water. That's a very poor return on one's efforts when you consider that the Showboat's annual budget has neared six figures in the past years, not counting the thousands and thousands of hours of volunteer help, of all kinds, from the community. We'd be a lot further ahead if we got a license, and ran a floating BINGO game on the boat.

The problem, as I see it, is that Showboat in its present format simply cannot afford the high cost of today's talent. I realize that a lot of you scoff at the talent that Showboat has brought to town, but it's the best talent that we felt we could afford, and apparently we couldn't afford even that!

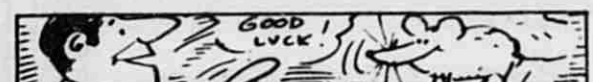
Two weeks ago, the board met at a Wednesday morning meeting with the primary topic on the agenda being the discussion of talent. One of the possibilities thrown out by the talent chairman, after dealing with booking agents for several months, was a split week with Jim Nabors the first three nights to attract the bus tour crowd and Juice Newton the last three nights in hopes of pulling the younger set in. Probably not a bad package, until you start looking at prices. Jim Nabors' price for three nights, \$37,500 plus a requirement for an eighteen piece orchestra. Juice Newton was even higher at \$45,000.

Take prices like those, start adding in \$15,000 for advertising, \$6,000 for sound and lights, \$5,000 for an orchestra, \$4,500 interest on the debt, \$3,000 insurance, \$2,000 boat maintenance and an endless list of not-so-incidentals like chorus costumes, tuxedos for the endmen, boat motor rentals, ticket printing, and on and on, and you'll start to see why Showboat couldn't continue in its present form. It seemed to me that we simply became a place for entertainers to make a fast buck and clear town. Much like the Richard Simmons fiasco in Grand Rapids two weeks ago.

Some people offer the alternative of going with all amateur talent like the old days. In answer to that, I point out the crowds attracted by our four all-amateur shows during last year's 50th anniversary celebration. We could have blown up 80% of the seats and never hurt anybody. There ain't no way you're going to pay \$4,500 interest, \$3,000 insurance, \$2,000 maintenance plus a host of smaller expenses, with those kind of crowds. I don't mean to sound cynical, but that's the way it is.

So, what do I see in the future for the Showboat? That's hard to say, but my opinion is that first and foremost, Showboat must concentrate on paying off its \$45,000 debt. The car raffle, if successful will help, other fund raising projects will hopefully pop up, and some board members are confident that the boat can be sold. With luck, the Showboat could come out of this with a little extra money to make some repairs and improvements to the amphitheatre (such as a covered stage), and launch a program of bringing top-notch entertainment to town on a one night, two show basis. Such a program has the promise of bringing more and better talent to Lowell, while standing a much greater chance of netting some profit for the community.

Granted, such a change is a severe break from a 50 year old tradition, but, as I said at a recent board meeting, and will repeat here, "we've been beating a dead horse, and just wouldn't admit it."



In parts of Germany, white mice were considered good luck.

'82 gasoline prices reverse 10-year trend by decreasing statewide

The cost of gasoline in Michigan during 1982 was less in December than January, the first time that has happened since the Automobile Club of Michigan began tracking pump prices a decade ago.

That unprecedented price turnaround was for all grades sold along major roads and in Metropolitan Detroit.

The Auto Club "Fuel gauge" surveys showed the average monthly cost of self-serve unleaded gasoline at 300 stations along main state highways fell 8.6 cents in 1982 to \$1.275 per gallon. That compares with a 4.8 cents per gallon increase in the average monthly cost of that grade in 1981.

Self-serve unleaded averaged \$1.361 per gallon in January and declined to \$1.22 in April, for the year's low. Average monthly prices climbed to a high of \$1.359 in July and dropped each month for the rest of the year.

The Auto club cited abundant supplies and energy conservation as major factors in reducing gasoline prices.

From the 1973 oil embargo through 1981, gasoline prices increased steadily as the costs of crude oil rose. Last year crude oil prices dropped and motorists benefited from lower costs, the Auto Club noted.

Gasoline consumption has declined in Michigan for four consecutive years. Last year, usage fell 5 percent through November compared with the same period of 1981.

The Auto Club said that decline reflects conservation and more fuel-efficient vehicles.

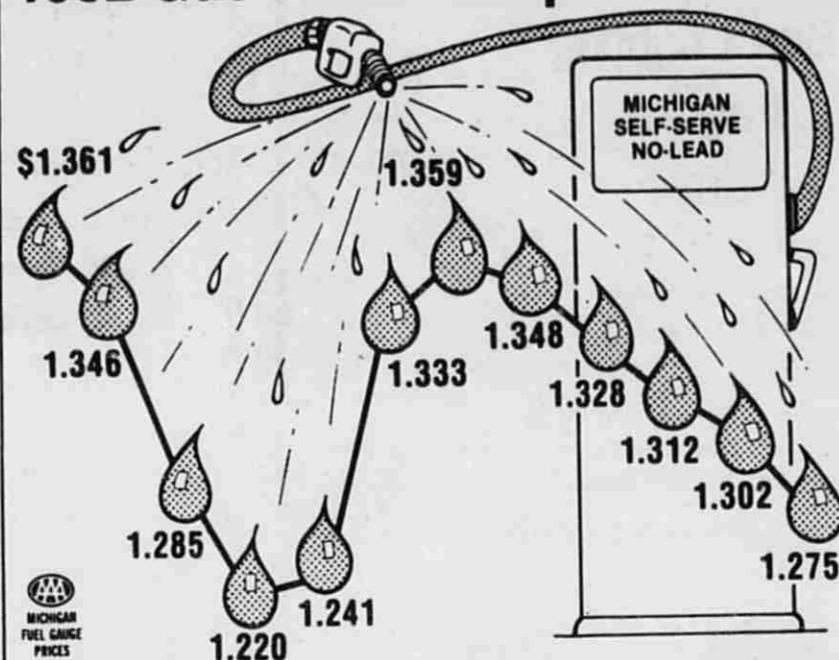
In addition to the decline for self-serve unleaded gas, prices moved downward for other grades across the state.

Self-serve regular costs along main state highways fell 8.6 cents from January to December to an average \$1.207 per gallon. At full-serve pumps, unleaded gasoline dropped 2.4 cents by year's end to an average \$1.421 per gallon while regular decreased 3 cents to \$1.358 a gallon.

In Metropolitan Detroit, the year-end price of self-serve unleaded was down 11.8 cents to an average \$1.214 per gallon. The average cost of regular decreased 10.3 cents to \$1.42 per gallon. Full-serve costs fell to an average \$1.416 for unleaded, a 4.9 cents drop and to an average \$1.352 for regular, down 5 cents.

The Auto Club used only cash prices for its surveys. Last year some oil companies introduced two-tier, cash-credit pricing systems in Michigan, which cost credit customers an average 4 cents per gallon more.

1982 Gas Prices Drop 8.6 Cents

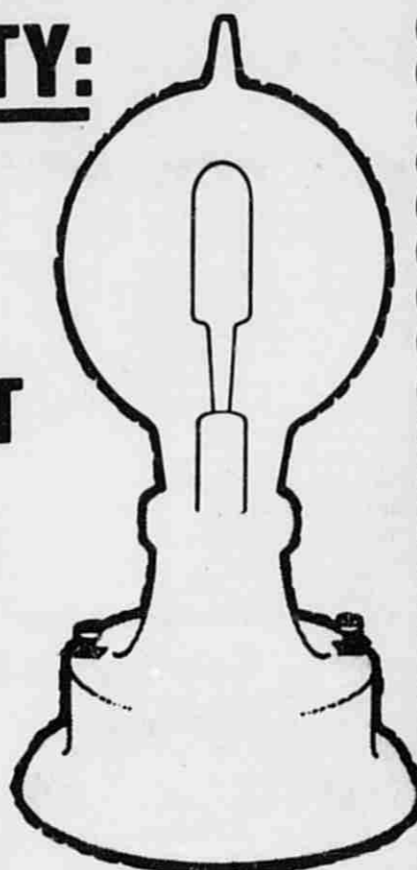


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The average monthly price of self-serve no-lead along Michigan's major roads dropped 8.6 cents per gallon from January to December in 1982. That was the first year since the Automobile Club of Michigan began its weekly "fuel gauge" survey in 1973 that gasoline cost less at year's end than at the start. Self-serve no-lead in 1982 averaged \$1.361 per gallon in January and declined for 17 weeks to \$1.220, for the year's low. Prices climbed for the next 12 weeks, peaking at \$1.359 before dropping to \$1.275 in a 23-week decline. In 1981, self-serve no-lead's average monthly price rose 4.8 cents from January to December.

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News from Community Ed. . . .

The first week of the new semester in Lowell Community Ed night school has come and gone. Along with our "regular" students who have been working towards high school diplomas for some time we are pleased to welcome all of our new students

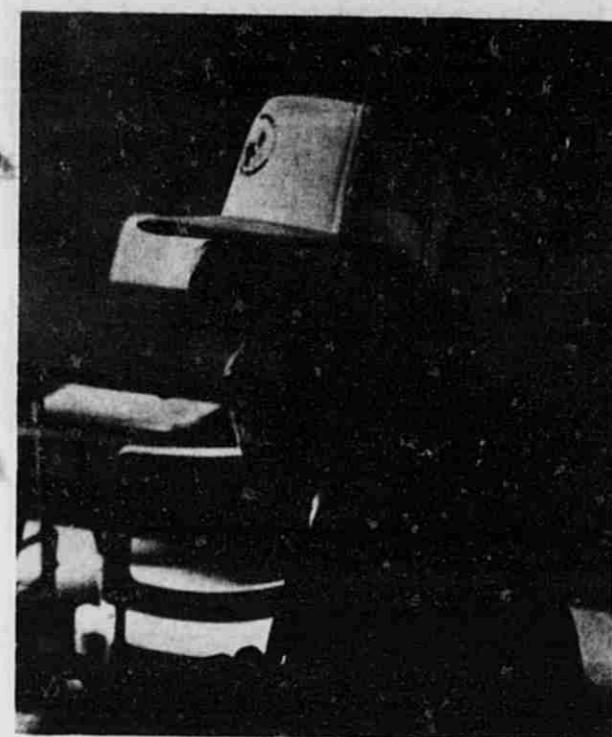
- people in our community who have just now decided the time is right to come back to school. Several of our classes have room for more students, so if you have been toying with the idea of going back to school - now's the time! We know you will find it a

most worth-while endeavor. Also, if the January blues have got you down a bit, why not join one of our enrichment classes. Have you always wanted to learn

to sew? We have a sewing class beginning on February 1, just for you beginners! Want to shed a few pounds and tighten up the muscles? Huff 'N Puff may be

just what the doctor ordered; a women's weight-lifting class, beginning February 2. Is there a guitar laying around the house somewhere, one you were al-

ways going to learn to play someday? Now's the time; beginning February 7. We're waiting to hear from you. Just call Marge at 897-8434 for more information, or to register.



Community Education Liaison Marge Rehl.

Kent County Dairy Banquet



Virginia Schutte was honored at the annual Kent County Dairy Banquet for her outstanding contributions to dairying in Kent County. The banquet was held on January 27, 1983 at the Caledonia Christian Reformed Church. Approximately 200 dairymen, wives and industry leaders applauded as William Rupp, President of United Community Bank, made the presentation.

Mrs. Schutte has developed a very successful partnership with

her two sons and two daughters. The partnership farms over 700 acres in the Alto area. The Schutte herd was among the highest in production in the Dairy Herd Improvement report with a herd average of 16,444 pounds of milk and 597 pounds of butterfat for each of their 191 cows. Mrs. Schutte has been active in community and various Extension Programs and takes great pride in the appearance of their farm properties.

LOWELL TOWNSHIP NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing of the Lowell Township Planning Commission will be held:

Monday, Feb., 28, 1983 at 8:00 P.M. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE to consider the following:

- 1) rezoning approximately 64 acres in Section Four from the present Residential - 1 to Residential - 3 for senior housing, and
- 2) rezoning approximately 28 acres in Section Eight from the present Agricultural - 2 to Residential - 1 for single and duplex family dwellings.

Carol L. Wells
Lowell Township Clerk
897-7600

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION • SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan, has called a special election to be held in the School District on Monday, March 14, 1983.

TAKE NOTICE that the following proposition will be submitted at the special election on Monday, March 14, 1983:

TAX RATE LIMITATION INCREASE PROPOSITION FOR OPERATING PURPOSES

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan, be increased for the purpose of providing additional funds for operating purposes as follows:

- 21.8 mills (\$21.80 on each \$1,000.00) on state equalized valuation for the year 1983;
- 22 mills (\$22.00 on each \$1,000.00) on state equalized valuation for the year 1984; and
- 22.2 mills (\$22.20 on each \$1,000.00) on state equalized valuation for the year 1985?

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERKS, IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1983, IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1983. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5:00 O'CLOCK, P.M., ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1983, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

Persons planning to register with the respective city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia counties, Michigan.

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L.H.S. varsity cagers drop two games in a row

Though the past week has been a good one for the freshman and J.V. basketball teams, the varsity took it on the chin with consecutive losses to non-conference Belding and to Coopersville.

Coach Ken Akers attributed Friday's loss to Coopersville to the large lead Coopersville built in the first quarter of the game. Coopersville jumped to a 22-11 lead in that quarter, and though Lowell outscored its opponents every quarter after the first, its efforts still fell one basket short of a tie. Final score Friday was 60-58.

Scoring for Lowell Friday were Kevin Mattson, with 10; Matt Baerwalde, 15; Jason Barber, 4; Phil Vroma, 6; Jim Hostler, 6; Dave Malek, 10; Lance Bryan, 5; and Shawn Lowry, 2.

Akers felt special recognition should go to Dave Malek, who came off the bench to score 10 points and pull down 7 rebounds, and to Jim Hostler, who was Lowell's leading rebounder with 12 for the evening.

Owing to Greg Malone's broken ankle, the team has had to adopt a different style of play over the past week, and Akers felt that this change could account for some of the difficulties the team has experienced lately.

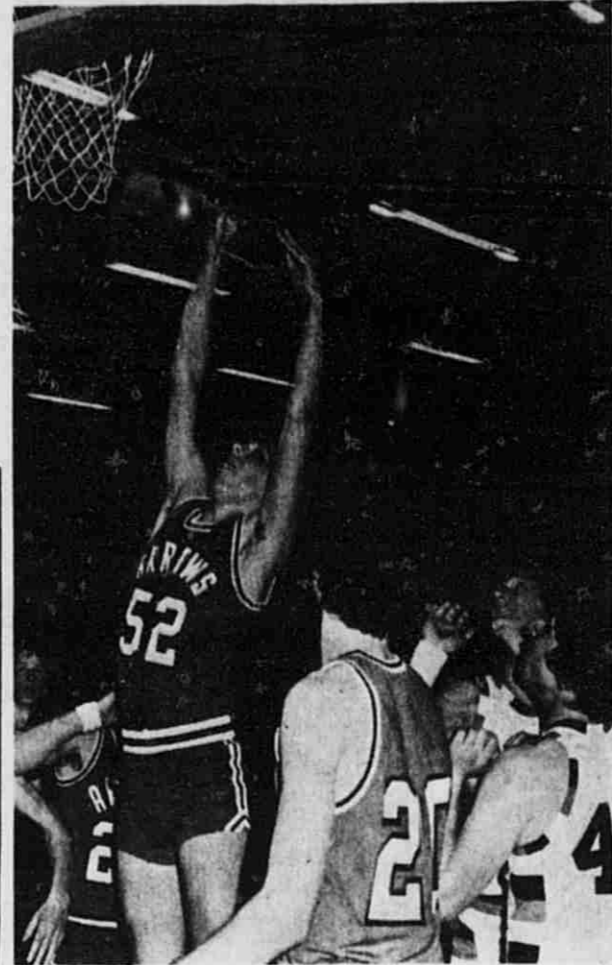
The varsity is now 3-2 in the conference, tied for second place with Coopersville.

Lowell's J.V. and freshmen teams are not complaining about last week's play, however.

J.V. coach Bob Copeland reports a 64-60 win over Belding on Tuesday, with Dave Kryger, Pat Brown, and Brian Gessler accounting for 19, 10 and 11 points respectively.

Copeland said that Lowell was just too big for Belding, outbounding them handily. But, because Belding had only one loss for the season, the Arrows were happy to accept the win.

On Friday the JV team posted a 55-38 win over Coopersville. Copeland said that Lowell hurt Belding with its press, which enabled the Lowell team to steal the ball a number of times in the course of the game.



Dave Malek (52) puts one up for Lowell during the Belding matchup.

The win over Coopersville puts the JV team at 6-1 in the league. Scoring for Lowell on Friday were Pat Brown, with 14; Brian Gessler, 13; and Dale Fegel, with 10.

The freshman team added two wins to its record over the past week, giving them a string of four consecutive wins. On Tuesday the Freshman defeated Saranac 43-49, with high scorers Jeff Perkins and Don Reagan adding 21 and 10 points respectively.

And on Friday the freshmen hosted Coopersville, giving them an unfriendly welcome by drubbing the 69-48. Scott Hopkins and Mike Dykstra added 18 points each for Lowell Friday.

Coach Kurt Holzhueter remarked that the team had started the season a little cold, which is about "what you expect of freshmen". But the recent streak of wins has given him an optimistic outlook for the rest of the season.

"Hair Raising"



Michele Shick executes a hair-raising vault in Monday's match against Holland.

Grapplers 5-1 in Tri-River

Last week saw the LHS grapplers move one step closer to sole possession of first place in the Tri-River conference with Thursday's defeat of Cedar Springs. After Thursday Lowell, Cedar Springs, and Sparta were tied for first place.

Thursday's match also ends dual competition in the Tri-River Conference for Lowell. The conference wrestling tournament is set for February 12 at Greenville.

Contributing to Lowell's 60-15 win Thursday were:

Chad Blasher, Jerry Adams, Kevin Hurt, Tony Huver, Kurt Blasher, and Mark Wilcox.

All of the above pinned their opponents. Joe Mitchell, Alan Ryder, Ken Hall and Greg Durkee won their matches on forfeit.

On Saturday, January 29, the LHS team traveled to Wyoming Park for a triple dual wrestling match. Lowell managed to tie Wyoming Park, but lost to Grandville and Zeeland.

The only triple winner for Lowell was Chad Blasher, who had three pins Saturday.



Lowell's Keith Stanford finds his Cedar Springs opponent is a handful.



Mark Wilcox muscles his Cedar Springs opponent to the mat.

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Dollar Amount in Thousands		Mo	Thou
Assets			
1. Cash and due from depository institutions (From Schedule C, item 6)		5,650	1.
2. U.S. Treasury securities		1,608	2.
3. Obligations of other U.S. Government agencies and corporations		1,194	3.
4. Obligations of States and political subdivisions in the United States (From Schedule B, item 2, Column E)		5,886	4.
5. All other securities		66	5.
6. Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		3,200	6.
7. a. Loans, Total (excluding unearned income) (From Schedule A, item 10)	25,738		7.a.
b. Less: Allowance for possible loan losses	1,173		7.b.
c. Loans, Net	24,565		7.c.
8. Lease financing receivables	none		8.
9. Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	636		9.
10. Real estate owned other than bank premises	none		10.
11. All other assets (From Schedule G, item 3)	438		11.
12. TOTAL ASSETS (sum of items 1 thru 11)	44,243		12.
Liabilities			
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations (From Schedule F, item 1, Column A)	3,598		13.
14. Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations (From Schedule F, item 1, Columns B & C)	31,870		14.
15. Deposits of United States Government (From Schedule F, item 2, Columns A & B & C)	6		15.
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions in the United States (From Schedule F, item 3, Columns A & B & C)	3,700		16.
17. All other deposits (From Schedule F, item 4, Columns A & B & C)	none		17.
18. Certified and officers' checks (From Schedule F, item 5, Column A)	211		18.
19. Total Deposits (sum of items 13 thru 18)	39,385		19.
a. Total demand deposits (From Schedule F, item 6, Column A)	4,703		19.a.
b. Total time and savings deposits (From Schedule F, item 6, Columns B & C)	34,682		19.b.
20. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	106		20.
21. Interest-bearing demand notes (note balances) issued to the U.S. Treasury and other liabilities for borrowed money	410		21.
22. Mortgage indebtedness and liability for capitalized leases	none		22.
23. All other liabilities (From Schedule H, item 3)	426		23.
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES (excluding subordinated notes and debentures) (sum of items 19 thru 23)	40,327		24.
25. Subordinated notes and debentures	none		25.
26. Preferred stock a. No. shares outstanding	none		26.
27. Common Stock a. No. shares authorized	75000		27.
b. No. shares outstanding	75000	5.00	(par value)
28. Surplus	2,000		28.
29. Undivided profits and reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	1,541		29.
30. TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 26 thru 29)	3,916		30.
31. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL (sum of items 24, 25 and 30)	44,243		31.
Memoranda			
1. Amounts outstanding as of report date:			Memo
a. Standby letters of credit, total	none		1.a.
b. Time certificates of deposit in denominations of \$100,000 or more (included in Schedule F, Column C)	2,800		1.b.
c. Other time deposits in amounts of \$100,000 or more (included in Schedule F, Column C)	none		1.c.
2. Average for 30 calendar days (or calendar month) ending with report date:			2.a.
a. Total deposits (corresponds to item 19 above)	38,901		

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP NOTICE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

The Grattan Township Board Meetings For 1983 Are Scheduled as Follows:

Jan. 10, 1983	July 11, 1983
Feb. 14, 1983	Aug. 8, 1983
Mar. 14, 1983	Sept. 12, 1983
Apr. 11, 1983	Oct. 11, 1983
May 9, 1983	Nov. 14, 1983
June 13, 1983	Dec. 12, 1983

*Monday, October 10, 1983 - Legal Holiday Meeting
Held the following day on Tuesday, October 11, 1983.

Township Board Meetings are held at 8:00 P.M., The second Monday of each month at the Grattan Township Hall, 11693 Old Belding Road in Grattan.

The Planning Commission Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each Quarter at 8:00 P.M. The Schedule is as follows:

Jan. 5, 1983	July 6, 1983
April 6, 1983	Oct. 5, 1983

Board of Appeals Regular Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each quarter at 8:00 P.M. The schedule is as follows:

Jan. 12, 1982	July 13, 1983
April 13, 1983	Oct. 12, 1983

The Planning Commission and the Board of Appeals meet as required or Special meeting on Request.
Partick Malone, Clerk
Grattan Township

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
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PUBLICATION NOTICE
In the matter of WANDA ELLEN WHEELER - Change of Name.

TAKE NOTICE: On February 15, 1983 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 Wanda Ellen Wheeler to change her name to Wanda Ellen Bradford.

January 25, 1983
Wanda Ellen Wheeler
500 E. Fulton, Apt. 372
Grand Rapids, MI, 49503
458-7636
C13

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 meaning of the Juvenile Code and asking that all parental rights be terminated. To preserve your parental rights under the law any parent or guardian shall contact the Juvenile Court Center, 1501 Cedar N. E. 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 child(ren) being made a permanent ward of the Court with all parental rights terminated."

Child: Christopher Bessey
Hearing: March 2, 1983 at 10:00 a.m.
Petitioner: Dennis Hoek

Child: Lisa Palen
Hearing: March 2, 1983 at 11:00 a.m.
Petitioner: Patricia Parish

Dated: January 26, 1983

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The Probate Court for the County of Kent
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Child: Kimberly Dawn & Bennie Edward Smith & Kenney Lance & Lance Vira Edwards, Jr.
Hearing: March 9, 1983 at 3:30 p.m.
Petitioner: Everett Albersn

Child: William Robert McGee, Jr.
Hearing: March 22, 1983 at 9:00 a.m.
Petitioner: Douglas Frens
Dated: January 26, 1983

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Robert J. Elzinga
Signature of officer authorized to sign report

We, the undersigned directors, attest the correctness of this report of condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the State Banking Authority and is true and correct.

H. J. Englehardt
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Be aware of tax law changes that save you money

When you sit down to prepare your 1982 income tax return remember several changes in the law which can reduce your tax bite for the year. According to The Michigan Association of CPAs, new or increased tax breaks are available to two-income married couples, working parents, investors in IRA or Keogh plans, and those who contribute to charity.

Under the old tax law, if you and your spouse both worked, you were probably subject to the so-called "marriage penalty" on your combined earnings. The two incomes often put you and your spouse into a higher tax bracket. But that changes this year thanks to a new "marital deduction."

You may now deduct five percent of the income of the lower-

earning spouse up to a maximum of \$1,500. For example, if you and your spouse have a combined income of \$40,000, broken down into \$25,000 for one spouse and \$15,000 for the other, you deduct \$750 (five percent of \$15,000) from your income for the year.

This special deduction may be claimed even if you don't itemize, but you must file a joint return. This write-off will double for 1983 earnings, to 10 percent of the lower income, up to \$3,000 maximum.

The tax break for child-care expenses you incur in order to hold a job has also been modified. CPAs report. Depending upon income, the tax credit for qualified childcare cost has risen from 20 percent to 30 percent of expenditures.

The maximum 30 percent credit applies to taxpayers with an adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$10,000 or less. The credit falls one percent for every \$2,000 of AGI over \$10,000.

As income rises the percentage of credit decreases, but not below 20 percent, regardless of income. Even at this end of the scale, a taxpayer with an income above \$28,000 who pays the maximum \$4,800 in expenses for two dependents is entitled to a tax credit of \$960. Remember, a tax credit is subtracted directly from your tax bill, so dollar for dollar, it's worth more than a deduction, which reduces income.

To qualify for the tax credit you and your spouse must work full or part-time. Child-care expenses cannot be greater than the compensation of the lower-paid spouse. An exception to this rule is made for a spouse who is disabled or is a full-time student.

Expenses eligible for the child-care credit include babysitting or maid service in your home, as well as nursery school. Just as long as the primary purpose of the expense is to provide care of your dependent while you work.

Another expenditure which qualifies for credit is out-of-home noninstitutionalized care of a disabled spouse or dependent.

You get another tax break if you contribute to a personal retirement plan, both Individual Retirement Accounts and Keogh Plans. The annual limit on contributions to an IRA has been raised from \$1,500 to \$2,000 and you can have an IRA even if you are covered by other retirement plans.

You can now contribute up to 100 percent of your wages to an IRA, but no more than \$2,000. If your spouse doesn't work, you can contribute an additional \$250. A working spouse is allowed to contribute another \$2,000 to an IRA, so together you can reduce your income by \$4,000. You can open an IRA right up until your tax filing date, and take it as a deduction for 1982.

Yet another change in the law allows self-employed taxpayers who maintain Keogh plans also to maintain IRAs. Self-employed individuals using a Keogh plan to create a retirement nest egg, may contribute 15 percent of their earnings, up to \$15,000 a year. This is double the 1981 level of \$7,500.

A new deduction for charitable contributions is now effective if you do not itemize deductions. You may deduct up to \$25 (25 percent of the first \$100) for contributions on a single or joint return. This amount will increase until 1986 and then be eliminated.

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Daniel and Ruth Wingier

I want to thank all that sent cards, flowers and other gifts and all telephone calls while in the hospital and at home. I want to thank everyone at the Lowell Senior Center. My two sons, Richard and Edward and their families. Special thanks to my two daughters-in-law, Dorothy Roth of Ionia and Pat Roth of Lowell. Thanks to every one.
Thelma Roth

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Keeping The Wolf From The Door Part II

By now you have no doubt breathlessly completed and mailed a Financial Aid Form and badgered your son or daughter into completing application forms for college admission.

Your big question right now is: how can I make sense of all these financial aid programs?

If you have completed the FAF (You did, didn't you?) then the business of untangling financial aid is already partially completed. If you have not, then do

it. The FAF must be filed by February 15 to be considered for most of the federal and state financial aid programs.

The Federal government, as one might suspect, is the single largest source of financial aid for college students. The largest of its financial aid programs is the Pell Grant, formerly known as the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant. Application for the grant is made by marking an X in the "yes" box of question 43 in

A Survey Of The Major Government Financial Aid Programs

the FAF.

Like most financial aid programs, the Pell Grant program selects recipients and determines the size of the award (up to \$1800) based on the student's financial need. Most schools require a student to apply for a Pell Grant before they will consider him for other kinds of financial aid.

The federal government also allocates funds for other financial aid programs which will be considered later.

Another likely source of financial aid is the State of Michigan, which offers six different student aid programs.

One of the better known of these programs is the Michigan Competitive Scholarship Program. Students who wish to be considered for this program must take the ACT and release their scores to the State of Michigan. The state determines scholarship recipients and the size of their award (up to 1200) on the basis of test scores and financial need.

Once again, the FAF must be filed and its information released to the state (question 44a of the FAF) before a student will be considered for the program. Low test scores may bar a student from consideration.

Michigan Competitive Scholarships may be used at public and private colleges and approved vocational schools in the State of Michigan.

Students attending Private colleges in the State of Michigan and Not receiving a Michigan Competitive Scholarship may be eligible for the Michigan Tuition Grant Program. Tuition Grants of up to \$1300 are available on the basis of student need -- but you must fill out that dreaded FAF.

In addition to the Tuition Grant, students attending private Michigan colleges may be



awarded a Differential Grant. These grants were established to make up the "difference" in cost between private and public schools, thereby making private colleges more competitive with their state-supported counterparts. Financial need is not a basis for eligibility in this program -- believe it or not. Differential Grants are awarded in amounts of up to \$500.

The grants and scholarships mentioned above are called "gift" aid. They do not have to be repaid. State-sponsored loan programs, however, provide aid which must be repaid.

Michigan offers three kinds of loan-type financial aid. The most common of these is the Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL), which permits a student to borrow up to \$2500 a year for school expenses. No interest is charged on the loan until six months after the student has completed his schooling. Annual simple interest rates at this time are nine percent. Applications for such loans are available from private Michigan lenders -- the State Savings Bank, for example.

A student unable to get a GSL may apply for the State Direct Student Loan (SDSL) through the financial aid office of the school he or she plans to attend. The SDSL is identical to the GSL except that funds for such loans are directly provided by the state.

Parents may borrow up to \$3000 annually for their children's educational expenses through the Auxiliary Loan Program. Interest rates on such loans, however, are 12 percent annually, with a 60-day grace

period from the date of the loan. Application forms are available from participating Michigan lenders.

The federal government provides self-help aid in the forms of the National Direct Student Loan (NDSL) and College Work-Study (CWS). The NDSL is similar to the GSL and SDSL except that loans are limited to \$1500 annually and the interest fee is only 5 percent annually. Through the CWS program the government makes funds available to colleges to provide on-campus jobs for students. Application for either the NDSL or the CWS must be made through the financial aid office of a student's chosen school.

One final word: A student is not limited to receiving financial aid from only one program. Depending on the particular situation, he or she may receive a financial aid package put together from several of these programs.

If you have completed the FAF, you have taken the first step (and perhaps the only step) to be considered for the above programs. Questions about financial aid should be directed to the Student Services Center (897-9202) or the financial aid office of your son or daughter's chosen school.)

Don't wait until your senior's graduation to begin considering financial aid. By that time, most financial aid programs will be locked in concrete for the 1983-84 school year.

More Wolf Bane From The Student Services Center!

Because parents often take financial considerations more seriously than their high schoolage sons and daughters, during the next few weeks the Student Services Center will be listing scholarship opportunities for which your son or daughter may be eligible.

Please take the time to read through this partial listing and call the Student Services Center if you desire more information. The scholarship information included here is necessarily incomplete.

The Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation each year provides at least fifty scholarships of \$1000 each. Selection is based on a student's academic achievements, aptitude test scores, leadership activities, student interests, and work experience. Application deadline: June 1.

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