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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CLOSINGS

Next Monday, February 21 is the day set aside to observe George Washington's birthday, which is actually February 22. Those of us old enough to remember will recall that the banks, and most government offices observed Washington's birthday as well as Lincoln's birthday on February 12. Now the banks do not observe either, as State Savings Bank, First Security Bank and United Federal Savings and Loan will all be open on Monday. The Post Office, City Hall and the library will all be closed Monday. The Post Office will open the lobby to box customers. Most state and federal offices in Grand Rapids will be closed, so don't plan on joining the army until Tuesday.

HOLY PETE, ROBINS ALREADY!!!!!!?

As has been the Ledger's annual tradition, the first robin sighting of the season is published in this column with the sightee(s) given proper credit for aiding in the arrival of spring. Ellen Miller, Shirley Miller and Pat Mull spotted one at Cascade Road and Morrison Lake Road. Marilyn Powell of 20191 Bluewater Highway spotted one in her yard over the weekend. And Angie Brown spotted one near Six Lakes while travelling Sunday. With so many robin sightings in February, right on the heels of an optimistic forecast from Punxsutawney Phil, spring must surely be close at hand. Of course, with a winter like this one, who needs spring?

CLASS OF '78 PLANS 5TH REUNION

The Lowell High School Class of 1978 is planning their fifth reunion. Those interested should attend a meeting at 222-1/2 North Jackson Monday, February 21 at 7:00 P.M. For further information, phone 897-8916.

LOWELL'S 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION IN THE MAKING

A meeting Wednesday, March 2, 1983 at the Lowell Fire Dept. on Monroe Street at 7:00 P.M. for making plans for Lowell's 4th. We would like to have at least one representative from each club or organization present for input in developing this year's celebration as well as any individual.

BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

Cub Scout Pack 3188 will celebrate Boy Scouts of America Birthday Month by holding their Blue & Gold Banquet, Thursday, February 17 at 6:30 P.M. Sharp at Runciman Elementary School. This is a family and son yearly event!

LOWELL-ALTO COMMUNITY SERVICE RAFFLE

43 area businesses have donated 50 prizes worth approximately \$600.00 in their support for the Lowell High School Close-Up Club's Washington D.C. trip this spring. Students are asking for a one dollar donation for a ticket. Drawing date is March 18, 1983 and winners will be notified by mail. Tickets may be purchased by mail by writing the Close-Up Foundation, P.O. Box 146 Lowell, MI 49331. Return receipts are available upon request.

"RE-SINGLED GROUP TO MEET"

Widowed? Divorced? You will want to attend the organizational meeting of "Re-Singled". This is a meeting for those who are divorced or widowed, male or female, of any age group, church member or not.

Our first meeting will be Sunday, February 20, 1983 at 3:00 P.M. at the Lowell Congregational Church, 404 North Hudson Avenue. Please use the side entrance.

The goal of this meeting is to begin to determine the need and level of participation for a group like this in the Lowell area and to give indications as to the direction such a group should take. Friends and guests are most welcome.

OFF THE BLOTTER

A property damage accident occurred on S. Boardway near Main St. Monday. Scott Duckett of Lowell backed from a parking space and struck a vehical driven by Thomas Hartman of Grand Rapids.

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Boosters raise another \$15,000

The Lowell Board of Education conducted a rather routine session at the regularly scheduled meeting of the board held Monday, February 14.

The highlight of the evening was a presentation by the Athletic Boosters of a \$15,000 check - the second installment on the \$45,000 pledged last fall. So far the Boosters have provided \$30,000 to support extracurricular athletics in the Lowell School system.

In other business, High School Principal Gary Kemp reported that the high school has received a letter of warning from the University of Michigan Accrediting Committee citing the high school for six violations in five areas. The letter represents the first contact Kemp has had with the U of M Accrediting Committee.

The high school has already been placed on accredited-warned status with the North Central Association.

Assistant High School Principal Richard Korb, who has been placed in charge of the school millage campaign committee, said that the committee will be sending out a newsletter to residents of the Lowell School District in the coming week, informing them of the millage proposal and the school's financial need. He also said that the committee plans to contact individuals in the various neighborhoods to help with a neighbor-to-neighbor millage pitch.

Contract negotiations with the teachers are not going anywhere until after spring break, according to Superintendent Donald Kelly. Kelly informed the other members of the board that chief negotiator Larry Thompson had not moved with the joint proposal presented him by the school administration.

In addition, Kelly has been informed that the state is not funding any fact-finding for school districts. School districts and teacher unions that desire fact-finding must bear the costs themselves.

After meeting with representatives of the townships which comprise the Lowell School District, members of the school board were informed that the townships of Boston, Campbell,

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School Board President Roger Kropf accepts the Lowell Athletic Boosters dummy check at the Board Meeting Monday night.

Keene, and Cannon have only a small number of parcels lying within the Lowell School District. As a consequence, the per parcel charge for collecting summer taxes in those townships

would be quite high in comparison to others.

The Board voted, therefore, to exempt those townships from summer tax Collection. The Board also voted to accept the

bids submitted for the collection of summer taxes for the remaining townships, with a request that the townships provide the Board an itemized list of costs.

"Snow Job" begins Thursday

As promised, the Lowell Area Arts Council ushers in the first blizzard of the season when the curtain rises on "The Snow Job" at 8 P.M., Thursday, at Lowell Middle School.

Directed by Jim Marron, the three-act comedy promises an entertaining evening of theatre.

Co-producers Jim Blodgett and Dolores Dey have supervised a committee structure guaranteed to see to every detail from lights to make-up to programs.

In addition to tomorrow's opening, the play will be performed Friday and Saturday, and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday next week.

Refreshments will be served on Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are \$4 for those nights and must be reserved. This can be done by seeing Dolores Dey or Shirley Smith at "That Special Place", 215 W. Main, or calling them at 897-8545.

Thursday nights, despite the lack of refreshments, offer the same good entertainment at bargain prices. Tickets can be

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Sharing the snowbound cabin's limited space are cast members Gary Ross, Cheryl Blodgett, Jim White and Marge Kirbket. "The Snow Job" will be performed in Lowell Middle School, Feb. 17-19 and Feb. 24-26. Call for reservations (897-8545).

bought at the door for \$2, or \$1 for students and Senior Citizens. So, just because you can't ski during the next two weekends

doesn't mean you can't experience winter in all of its fury. Come to "The Snow Job".

No mail Monday . . .

The Lowell post office will operate on a holiday schedule Monday, February 21 in observance of Washington's birthday.

Postmaster Charlie Doyle said regular residential and business deliveries and pick-ups from collection boxes will not be made, and usual post office lobby ser-

vices will not be available. The post office lobby will be open and customers having post office boxes will be able to receive their mail after 8:30 A.M. Stamps may be purchased from the stamp dispensing machine located in the post office lobby.

STRAND Theatre

Friday, Feb. 18th
Thru
Monday, Feb. 21st

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Obituaries

KASKA - Jack Wm. Kaska, aged 57, of Lowell, passed away Friday. He is survived by his wife, Bernadette; children, Mike and Sally Kaska of Lowell, Mrs. Jerry (Michele) Rigney of Houston, TX, Marie Shepard of Calif.; sister, Mrs. Lilas McPherson of Grand Rapids; six grandchildren, also several nieces and nephews. The Mass of the Resurrections was celebrated Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Msgr. James Moran, Celebrant.



RITTENGER - Howard J. Rittenger, aged 81, of Lowell, descendant of a pioneer Lowell Township family, passed away Friday morning at Butterworth Hospital. Mr. Rittenger was a retired businessman, operating the Rittenger Insurance Service for over 30 years. He served as a Justice of the Peace for many

years. He was a member of the Lowell Rotary Club, former Master of The Masonic Lodge, a Shriner, former President of The Board of Trade, Charter Member of The Lowell Loyal Order of The Moose, and a member of The First United Methodist Church. Surviving are his children, Mrs. Roger (Mary) Lewis of East Lansing, Mrs. Jerold (Jane) Jasper of High Point, NC, Howard (Nancy) Rittenger of Alma; ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell. Rev. William Amundsen and Dr. Richard Greenwood officiating. Interment Greenwood Cemetery.

TILSTRA - Mr. Simon N. Tilstra, aged 88, of 5005 E. Fulton Rd., Ada, passed away Sunday morning at Cascade Care Center. Surviving are his wife, Sadie; his daughter, Frances Bryant of Grand Rapids, his grandchildren, Joseph Bryant of Denver, and Caitlin Bryant of Grand Rapids; a brother-in-law, Andrew Feenstra; and a sister-in-law, Lydia Feenstra; and his nieces and nephews, Mary Nysen, Joan Feenstra, Charles and Mattie Flegal and May Groeneveld. Mr. Tilstra was a Veteran of WWI and a retired employee of the Consumers Power Co. Funeral Services were held Wednesday afternoon 1:30 P.M. at the Van't Hof Chapel, with Rev. Raymond Luke of Standale Baptist Church officiating. Interment Greenwood Cemetery.

IN THE SERVICE

Army Pvt. Duwain S. Marine, son of Terry E. and Sharon L. Sinclair of 10103 68th, Alto, MI, has arrived for duty in Neu Ulm, West Germany.

Marine, a missile crew member with the 56th Field Artillery Brigade, was previously assigned at Fort Sill, Okla.

He is a 1982 graduate of Caledonia High School, MI.

Army Pvt. Terry A. Sweet, son of Opal L. Sweet of 183 S. Vosper St., Saranac, MI, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Marine Pvt. Joey S. Jackson Jr., son of Betty L. and Joey S. Jackson Sr. of Clarksville, Mi, has completed the infantry combat training course at the Infantry Training School, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

During the six-week course, he received classroom instruction and participated in field

Qua-Ke-Zik Club to sponsor Vegas Nite

The Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmans club hosted its first wild rabbit hunt Sunday, January 30th. In spite of a cold wet rain thirty five energetic hunters showed up and as a result 53 cottontails made the journey to the ole briar patch in the sky.

Three cash prizes were

awarded and several door prizes. Club members have declared the hunt a big success and have decided to make it an annual event.

Another annual event that stirring a lot of interest last spring was the Qua-Ki-Zik sponsored Las Vegas Nite. The club will be hosting this event on April 16th

this year and cordially invite the adult public to participate in the fun time.

YES - We have no bananas! But we finally have scratch pads made. 75¢ a pound. Grand Valley Ledger, 105 N. Broadway.

exercises involving infantry tactics, the construction and camouflage of fighting positions, and the use of mines, demolitions and intra-company communications equipment. His specialized training centered on the operation, employment and maintenance of machine guns.

John R. Smith of 1298 Valley Vista Drive, Lowell, Mich., has graduated from the U.S. Air Force course for computer programmers at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Graduates of the course studied the operation of conventional and electronic data processing equipment, and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Smith will now serve with the Air Force Data System Design Center at Gunter Air Force Station, Ala.

He is a 1981 graduate of Lowell Senior High School.

Army Pvt. Margaret M. Compton, daughter of Harry J. and Shirley A. Compton of 7206 Rix S.E., Ada, Mich., has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Forest Hills Central High School, Grand Rapids, MI.

Airman Stewart F. Johnson, son of Charlene J. Butler and stepson of John A. Butler of 9140 Bailey Drive, Ada, MI, has been assigned to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., 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 administration field.

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Coming Events...

FEB. 17-19 and FEB. 24-26: The LAAC Community Theatre Play "The Snow Job". Reserve seats (\$4) for Friday and Saturday nights by calling 897-8545 or by dropping in at That SPECIAL Place, 215 W. Main. Thursday tickets sold at the door (\$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens). All performances begin at 8 P.M.

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.

THUR., FEB. 24: The greater Grand Raids Area PTA Council Annual Founders Day Winter Picnic will be held in the Ottawa High School Mall. There will be a punch bowl at 6:15 followed by dinner at 6:45. The guest speaker will be Fran Anderson, 1983 State PTA Conference Chairman. For reservations call 243-5882.

WED., MARCH 2: Lowell Nature Pantry General Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Lowell Methodist Education Building, 621 Main Street. Attendance Rewarded.

WED., MARCH 2: A meeting at the Lowell Fire Dept. on Monroe Street at 7:00 P.M. for making plans for Lowell's 4th. We would like to have at least one representative from each club or organization present for input in developing this year's celebration as well as any individual.

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WED., MARCH 9: Annual Roast Beef Dinner at the Lowell United Methodist Church. Sponsored by the Senior High Youth. From 5-7 P.M. Prices: Adult 3.75, Senior Citizen 2.75, Children 1.75, Kids under 5 free.

MARCH 9, 16, and 23: Lenten Book Review Series at the Lowell YMCA on these three Wednesday mornings. Speakers will be the Rev. W. J. Amundsen, Terry Zandstra, and Betty Coons. Coffee at 9:45, program at 10:00. All book-lovers invited; no charge.

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

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 cribbage.
WEDNESDAYS 1:00 P.M. grocery shopping - 1:30 P.M. Bowling.
THURSDAYS 1:00 P.M. euchre.
FRIDAYS 1:00 P.M. Bingo.
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY
Feb. 17: 10 a.m. Legal services, and pot luck, followed by LAAC play, "Snow Job" at 6:00 P.M.

Feb. 18: All day 10th anniversary celebration.

Feb. 22: 9:30 a.m. Advisory Council, and women's tea at 1:30 a.m.

Feb. 24: 10 - noon tax assistance.

Feb. 28: 10 a.m. aerobic dance class.
Persons who have questions can direct them to Senior Center Coordinator Marj Snyder at 897-5949.

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.

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

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

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

Lowell Senior Center celebrates 9th anniversary

The Lowell Senior Center is celebrating its 9th anniversary on February 18, 1983. Do you know what goes on behind the door at 214 East Main?

Each month we provide over 3,000 services to 135-150 Senior Citizens (those 60 and over). These services include nutritious, well balanced meals in the center and delivered to a few shut-ins, transportation to the center, to doctors appointments, to banks and grocery stores, information on programs and regulations of governing bodies, blood pressure checks (with the cooperation of the Red Cross).

We are Proud of our center and invite you to stop in on the 18th for a slice of our Birthday cake and coffee or punch. We will have on display pictures taken over the years and copies of our activities calendar for those who are interested.

Marj Snyder Coordinator

recreation and other socializing events that prevent isolation and increase mental health, craft and exercise classes, etc.

Funding for these services are provided from the Federal level down to the City of Lowell and by United Way.

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Letters...

Dear Roger
I for one am truly sorry to see Showboat go. I have been a showboat person for the last 10 years.

You say you hear no out cry. Maybe because other people feel like I do. Number one, all of the showboat board are my friends and I wouldn't hurt them. Number two how do you recall the showboat board. Number three the decision was made by a select few and to all showboat people were asked for their input. We only found out about it when it was too late and the announcement was made public.

You can talk about public apathy but I was there when the amphitheatre was built, when the boat was banded, when the boat was rebuilt, painted, decorated and the like. I wasn't when the decision was made to sink it.

Roger you tell me what I can do now to save it and I'll be first in line!

Patty Elzinga

Dear Editor,
This is a response to the "Cozy Corner" on February 9, 1983. No public response to no Showboat...well...you see it's like this! Why should any one respond to something that is obviously "law"? I have worked with

Showboat for a few years but have always felt the time I spend was well worth the effort. In fact, I already have volunteered to work again.

Showboat Board of Directors are an unusual group - they call all the "shots" and have "closed meetings". When help is needed, the time frame seems to be hurry up - last minute. And last year as "board of managers" we never met together as in previous years. So as a "Showboater" of sorts I do not feel that it matters what I think or for that matter what the town thinks.

Regarding the production for 1983 - I really don't have a solution. I would hope that some style of show could be put together - wonderful! But about selling the boat and never having another Showboat or show - are you nuts? If you get rid of the "Robert E. Lee" what do you have left? No boat therefore No show! That definitely stinks. Well folks there you have MY opinion.

Terry L. Zandstra

I agree with most of Lois Eickhoff's views concerning the showboat. Why do we have to have the big name (expensive) entertainers? Why not put on a

show with more local and amateur talent? Mr. Tom Hagen of Saranac puts on some good show for Club and Fallsburg Fall Festival.

Why not get back to the basics and let Grand Rapids worry about putting out the bucks for the big (overpriced) names?

I'd rather go see an amateur night than a full blown "show" anyway. There are a lot of people who might be able to pay \$3 to go see a show with their friends or relatives in it, but wouldn't pay \$5 or more for a regular show - I'm one of them.

The figures published in the Ledger last year prove you make a better profit on the amateur shows where the prices are lower (as are expenses).

The showboat was started to give people a lift. Maybe that's what we need now. We can watch "stars" on TV; we want some basic, down-home fun, not slick entertainment.

Sincerely
Pat Miller

Ionia County Historical Society holds Antique show and Sale

The annual Antique Show and Sale sponsored by the Ionia County Historical Society will be held Saturday, February 26th, from 10:30 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. and Sunday, February 27th from 10:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Steele Street in Ionia, just south of Main Street. Quality antique furniture, china, glass and collectables will be on display and available for purchase from 15 dealers. Admission will be \$1.00 with all proceeds going toward the continued restoration and preservation of the John C. Blanchard Home, a county museum.

Sincerely
Pat Miller

News from Community Ed.

Twenty-five-year-old James, (Not his real name), was a student in our American History Class last semester. After being in the class for several weeks, he told us he was dropping it as he was having too much difficulty reading the textbook. It took no little effort on his part to be able to admit that he had such difficulty reading. To give an idea of the sharing that goes on in Adult Education, two ladies, also in the History Class, learned of his intention to drop. They went to him, and when he admitted to them his problem with reading, they told him they would gladly help him with an difficult reading assignments, and that he had too much time and effort already invested to drop the class at that point. With their encouragement and help, he finished the semester with a passing grade.

Because of James' problem with reading, it gave us the incentive to start a class this semester called "Remedial Reading". We are keeping the class quite small in number so that instructor Bette Phillips is able to devote a lot of attention to each student. The students in her class are quite optimistic and enthused about improving their reading. James is in Bette's Class, and it is just fantastic how much his reading has improved since the beginning of the school year. This sharing of ideas, talents and concerns is what Community Ed is all about.

PERSONALIZED — Playing cards. Single or double deck. Grand Valley Ledger, 897-9261.

Engagement told



Oranda Kazemier and Jay Murray

George and Connie Kazemier are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Oranda Katherine Kazemier, to Jay Scott Murray. Parents of the groom are Marvin and Norma May. The wedding date has been set for July 21, 1983.

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

...he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled... (Matthew 14:19-20).

Handkerchiefs are little items, but they are important. Mom was always particular about the ones my minister father used on Sundays. When I was learning to iron, she gave me other items - aprons, pillow cases, etc. - to practice on, but she insisted on doing Dad's handkerchiefs herself. I was thrilled and felt very grown-up when I was finally allowed to iron them.

Often the Christian feels little and unimportant. He grows dissatisfied because he seemingly cannot accomplish great things for the One who has done so much for him. He grows unhappy with his work and with his lot in life and yearns to do something extraordinary and spectacular to prove his love for God. In times like these, it is comforting to know that the size of our tasks does not determine their significance - "little things are important."

Prayer: Dear Jesus, when Thou wast here on earth, Thou didst not despise small things. Thou blessed the loaves and fishes, and they fed a multitude. Bless the tasks I shall do today. Help me not to minimize the importance of the small tasks; they are essential, too. Amen.

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY 16: Todd Johnson.
FEBRUARY 17: Chris Hodges, Ken Hall.
FEBRUARY 18: Richard Claypool.
FEBRUARY 19: Jill Kloosterman, Bruce Baird.
FEBRUARY 20: Gary Kemp, Mike Rivers.
FEBRUARY 21: Cathy Kazemier, Chris Kloosterman.
FEBRUARY 22: Lynn Wilcox, Steve Ralys.

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COZY corner

By Roger Brown

I mentioned last week that I had plans to go skiing over the weekend. I think I also mentioned that it was going to be my first attempt at the sport in my 33 year existence on this planet. Unfortunately...these plans materialized. I say "unfortunately", because nearly ever muscle in my body aches like crazy, and is screaming "scintillates at me via the central nervous system. I think the only muscles in this old frame that aren't stretched, strained, pulled or bruised, are the ones that operate my eyelids, and I'm not so sure about those. I did an awful lot of wide-eyed, out-of-control careening.

Our trip took us north to Schuss Mountain. The couple we went with has a relative instructing the kid's ski school there. First thing Saturday morning we rented equipment, bought lift tickets and enrolled the kids in ski school. It was then that I realized why I had never been skiing in my 33 years; it took me that long to save up for it. The above mentioned items totalled an even \$100.00 for a family of four, for a day's skiing. When Roger Brown drops a hundred bucks on something, he's going to get his money's worth, so away we went.

We got the kids equipped and safely enrolled in ski school, then went to work at getting ourselves equipped. After considerable grunting and groaning, we had our boots and skis on and were ready for our first lesson. The people Terese and I went with are skiers, and offered to show us the ropes. After a couple of tips about the chair lift, a shakey take-off and an apprehensive ride in the thing, we were all gathered at the top of the slope. Schuss Mountain looks about forty times as high from the top, as it does from the bottom by the way.

Terese had an extremely patient instructor, and spend about an hour getting down the slope inappropriately named, "Chicken's Choice". For a beginner a more appropriate name would be "Possible Survival". All the other slopes should have names like "Certain Death", "End of the Line", and "Take Your Skis Off and Walk". By the time Terese reached the bottom of the hill, she had a fair idea of how everything worked, and was somewhat in control of her movements.

I took a different approach, and learned by the "crash & burn" method. This approach to learning is easy. You simply head down the slope, try a maneuver, if it doesn't work, you crash. If you get out of control, and it becomes apparent you're going to hit a tree, you simply crash. When you get to the bottom of the hill, and realize you're about to wipe out twenty or thirty people in line at the lift, you just crash again. By noon I was actually getting the hang of things, and only using my "crash" stop occasionally.

We picked the kids up from ski school at lunch time, and as you might have guessed, they took to it like ducks to water. Angie really had things working well. Casey's skiing was just fine, but his stops resembled mine. When asked how he did in ski school, his reply was "good, I can stop sometimes".

We spent the rest of the day skiing and crashing, until even the kids were tired and wanted to go. I honestly don't remember the last time I had so much fun, and the same goes for everyone in the family. The skiing bug really bit us. So far I haven't had the heart to tell the kids that it'll be 33 years before I save up enough to go again.



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Varsity basketball wins two more in Tri-River

Gymnastics team loses close one

The Lowell gymnastics team lost narrowly to East Grand Rapids Monday, February 14, by a score of 109.525 to 100.525. Judges for the competition told the team that they saw a lot of improvement from the year before.

- Results by event:
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 - 5. Lauri Brandt
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 - Vault
 - 3. Michele Shick
 - 4. Danette Brown
 - 5. Kim Schneider

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- 2. Brenda Kirby
 - 3. Michele Shick
 - 6. Grace Peters
- Floor exercise
- 3. Lauri Brandt
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Two conference wins added over the past week have combined to put the Lowell Varsity basketball team at 8-2 in the Tri-River conference as of February 11.

Lowell made the trip to Fremont on Tuesday, February 8, where they treated the host team to a 70-64 loss. Coach Ken Akers said that the team "pretty much took control the first half," giving itself a healthy 16 point lead by half-time.

A strong Fremont comeback chewed up much of Lowell's first half lead, but the host team could not work up enough momentum to put themselves by the Arrows.

High scorers Tuesday were Phil Vroma, with 25 points, and Jason Barber, with 17. Matt Baerwalde accounted for 14 rebounds in that game.

Lowell hosted the Sparta team Friday, February 11, beating them 73-70. The game Friday was similar to Tuesday's, with Lowell building a safe half-time lead and clinging to it for the second half.

Though the outcome of the game appeared to be in doubt during the closing minutes of the game, Akers said "I thought we were always in control of the game. There was never any doubt in my mind we were going to win."

Phil Vroma was once again responsible for 25 points of the team's tally. Teammate Matt Baerwalde added 13 points, and David Malek accounted for 15 rebounds.

Tim Carless and Shawn Lowry came in for special com-

mendation from Akers, who was pleased with their performance off the bench.

The freshmen basketball team has had a tougher week of it, losing to Fremont 55-53 and to Kent Occupational 65-52. Mike Dykstra scored 22 points in Tuesday's contest, and teammates Dale Eckman and Jeff Perkins accounted for 16 and 15

points respectively in Friday's match-ups. The win Friday put the JV team in a tie for first place in the league with Cedar Springs. The JV's will face Cedar Springs away on Friday, February 18.

Wrestlers finish second

The conference wrestling tournament was held Saturday, February 12, at Greenville, with Lowell pulling to a second place finish in the competition.

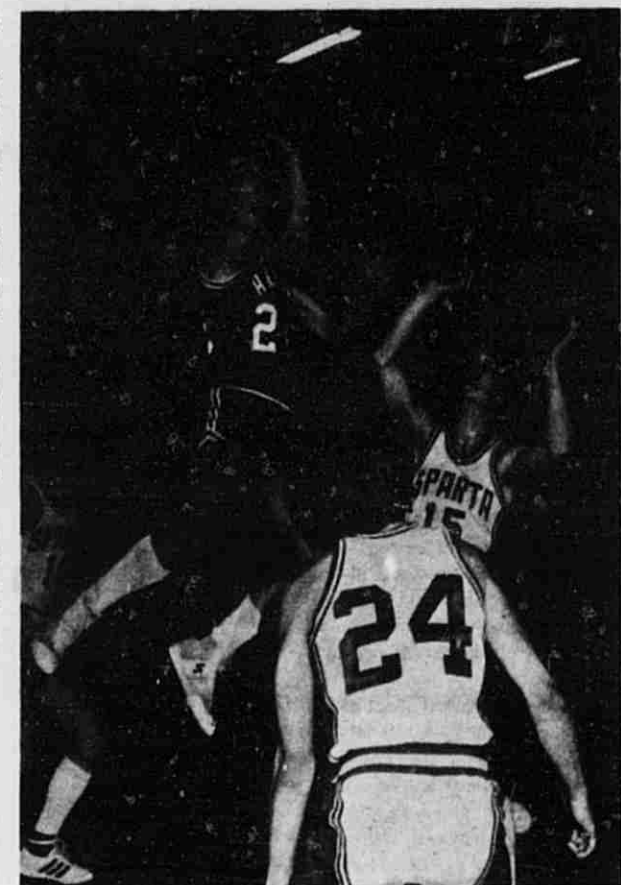
Lowell wrestlers managed to place in ten of the 13 weight classes.

Tony Huver, wrestling at 132, was the only first place finisher for Lowell.

Second place finishers were Chad Blasher, at 105; Kevin Hurt, at 126; Mark Wilcox, at 167; Ken Hall, at 198; and Greg Durkee, heavyweight.

Finishing in third place were Jerry Adams, 119; Kurt Blasher, 138; Keith Stanford, 145; and Alan Ryder, 185.

District wrestling tournament will be held at Belding Saturday, February 19 beginning at 11 A.M.



Phil Vroma puts one in for Lowell during the course of Friday's 73-70 win over Sparta.



The hummingbird's wings beat so rapidly they produce a faint humming sound.

Lowell skates passed Northview

The Lowell Hockey team defeated Northview 12-4 on Thursday, February 10, in the last regularly scheduled hockey game of the year. The win over Northview has earned Lowell a playoff berth in the Ford Cup Competition.

The win also leaves Lowell with a 10-4-2 league record and with third place in the league.

In Thursday's match, with a 3-1 lead at the end of the first period, Lowell blew the competition away in the second, adding 6 goals to its tally.

Matt Vredenburg, Paul Whaley, and Kerry Vezino accounted for 3, 5, and 2 goals respectively. Whaley also set a new single season scoring record for Lowell Thursday.

Grand Rapids Christian, which finished in second place in the City league, will be Lowell's first match-up in the Ford Cup Competition. Lowell hockey coach Rob McCormick said that he suspects "it should be a close game." Game will be played on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

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The old saying, "stubborn as a mule," will be exemplified when the local riders match wits with the donkeys. The odds are that in most cases the donkeys will win. The old rodeo days will be brought to mind when the local Gene Autrys and Roy Rogers take their spills and bounces.

There will be plenty of laughs for the entire family during this fun-filled evening. You haven't witnessed basketball until you have seen it played on donkeys. It is really a little different than regular basketball. Taking a shot at the basket, when the donkey decides to go the other way, or decides you have been on his back too long, can be very difficult. Every shot at the basket must be taken while sitting on the donkey. If you are looking for a fun-filled evening for the entire family, come out and watch the local "cowboys" challenge Phyllis Diller, Dynamite, Elvis, Mighty Mouse and the rest of the donkeys that will be in the big game.

Donkey ball is not a laugh-a-minute sport, but rather a laugh-a-second sport. You won't want to miss this fun-fill evening. Tickets will be sold at the door - Adults, \$2.00 - Students, \$1.50 and pre-school \$1.50

DNR Report

Fishing Information

Kent County: Some nice Bluegills and a few Muskies are being caught at Campau Lake using waxworms and mousies. The larger Bluegills are being taken at Hamlin Lake near Ludington.

Ottawa County: Reports of Crappies being taken at Stearns bayou.

Muskegon County: Good reports of Perch and a few walleye and northern Pike at Muskegon Lake. The perch are being caught with shiner minnows. Golden shiners are used for Pike and loco spoons for Walleyes.

The Bluegill catch seems to be good around the smaller lakes near Hesperia. The ice condition is good.

Not too much to report for hunting. A few rabbits have been taken around the Ravenna area.

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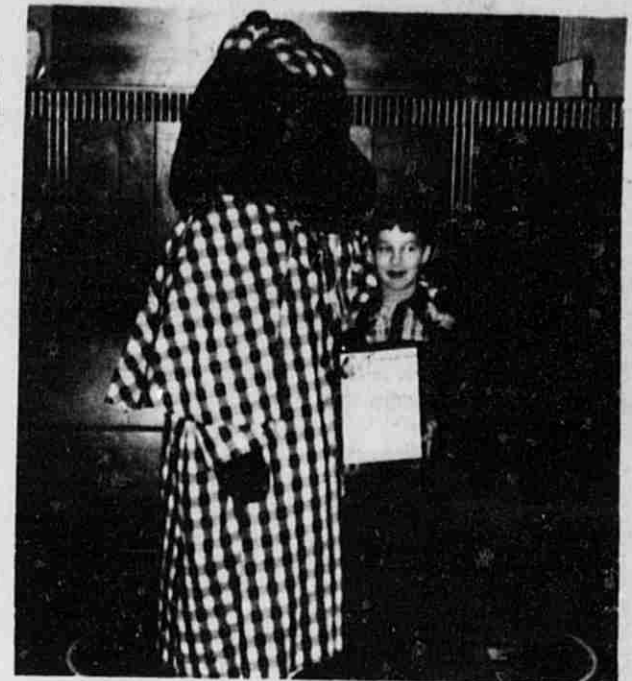
Russ King top MS fund raiser

A third-grade student at Alto area school has been named honorary co-chairperson of the 1983 MS READaTHON, sponsored by the Michigan chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Russ King was appointed to his position in recognition of his outstanding performance in the 1982 MS READaTHON.

As a second grader, Russ was named the "Top Fundraiser" in last year's state-wide program after raising over \$500.00.

As co-chairperson, Russ will lead students all over Michigan in this year's MS READaTHON, held to encourage reading and to raise funds to fight Multiple Sclerosis.



Russ King and the Famous Mystery Sleuth (mascot of the MS READaTHON) display the plaque presented to Russ in the Chambers of Michigan's House of Representatives.

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Drug/Alcohol offenses down at LHS

The flood of substance abuse problems which has plagued schools for years appears to be subsiding at Lowell Area Schools, according to LHS Assistant Principal Dick Korb and Guidance Counselor Barb Pierce.

Korb said that he has noticed a significant drop in drug-related school suspensions, particularly during the past semester, but also over the past few years. In fact, the drop is large enough that Korb feels a bit uneasy.

"I almost feel that the suspensions for drug-related offenses are not equal to the problem we are having," Korb said. For a time he wondered if school administrators and faculty were just missing or overlooking apparent drug offenders.

But Korb's suspicions that substance abuse seems to be on the decline were confirmed Thursday of last week when the NBC Nightly News featured a report discussing the results of a Health and Human Services survey of 18,000 high school seniors.

Among other things, this survey indicated that regular marijuana use has declined 41 percent from its 1978 peak, and that regular use of alcohol has declined 16 percent over the past three years.

Statistics available from Lowell High School corroborate the trend indicated by the national survey. Suspensions for marijuana influence or possession have declined from peaks in school years 1977-78 and 1978-79. The number of suspensions so far this year for influence or possession of look-alikes or alcohol are zero and four, respectively.

Last year 25 students were

suspended for alcohol-related offenses alone.

Korb believes parents and teachers can be cautiously optimistic that the drug problem is at last on the decline. Prompted by the NBC report and his own hunches, Korb talked individually with "street-wise" students at the high school, sounding them out on substance abuse in the Lowell area.

Students indicated that drug or alcohol use on school grounds is infrequent, that students who do use controlled substances generally use them on weekends, and that students are concerned enough about school that they avoid drugs for fear of suspension or poor grades.

Students at Lowell also confirmed the NBC report that drug abuse is becoming socially unacceptable. The government survey of high school seniors indicated that three-quarters of them believed their friends would disapprove of regular drug use.

Guidance Counselor Barbara Pierce said that regular drug users "are not getting the reinforcement from their peer group" they received in the past. The expression "burn-out" is a term of derision for the regular user.

Korb added that he is aware of at least one couple in the high school who quit dating over the problem of drug use. One girl told Korb she was no longer dating a former boyfriend because he was a "burn-out". She added that "he doesn't understand why he's losing friends."

The apparent decline of drug and alcohol use -- at least use on school grounds and at school activities -- is attributed to a number of things.

Both Korb and Pierce felt that students generally were taking

school more seriously, knowing that their performance in high school could later affect their ability to secure a job. Students recognize that a foggy mind is no asset in the classroom.

Students also seem to be concerned about the effect that drug use (including alcohol) will have on their bodies, particularly their reproductive capabilities.

Korb and Pierce also thought that students had a greater awareness of the physical and psychological effects of regular drug use as a result of high school health classes (required of all freshmen) and special substance abuse programs (the Minors-in-Possession Program, one-on-one counseling by staff members of Project Rehab, films, substance abuse programs for parents).

Korb stressed, however, that statistics indicating an apparent decline in drug-related offenses should be interpreted cautiously. Statistics for the school indicate only that students are not bringing controlled substances to school, and not that the drug problem has magically evaporated. Continued substance abuse education and vigilance by school administrators will be necessary to keep drug abuse under control at the school.

Korb and Pierce and interested not only in keeping substance abuse from increasing but also in seeing that students with substance abuse problems get help.

Pierce said that many parents feel guilty for suspecting their teenager for drug abuse, and so, rather than act on their suspicions, they ignore the problem.

Pierce said that if parents notice changes in a son's or daughter's behavior -- a lack of concern about appearance, continual fatigue, suddenly poor

grades, a new set of friends -- they should confront the problem immediately. Drug abuse problems seldom improve over time.

Often parents suffer along with the drug abuser. Both Korb and Pierce reported that they have received tearful phone calls from parents who feel responsible for their child's problem and who are at a loss for a solution to the problem.

The school is anxious to do more for substance abuse offenders than kick them out of school. Last fall the school instituted the Minors-in-Possession Program, a program whereby a student found in possession of marijuana or alcohol can reduce suspension time and eliminate police records for these offenses by participation in a multi-session counseling program by staff members of Project Rehab. The M.I.P. Program requires the participation of both parents as well the student.

So far four students at Lowell High School have successfully completed the program.

Parents calling the school can also be referred to a variety of agencies for one-on-one counseling for themselves and their children. According to Pierce, one mother, who hesitantly made a counseling appointment for her daughter, was surprised to discover that her daughter was actually relieved to be confronted with her problem.

News from women's Club

The Lowell Women's Club met at Schneider Manor on Wednesday, February 9, with Pauline Johnson as sponsor. The thirty-seven members present enjoyed a talk by Jenett McPherson Patrick on "Opportunities for Women in the Eighties". Mrs. Patrick, who teaches in the Saranac schools and sells real estate in her spare time, stressed the fact that "Realizing your own limitations, you can do anything you really want to do!"

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The school also plans a local substance abuse presentation to be held at the end of March at the high school. Last year's substance abuse presentations were attended by over 200 parents who were informed of resources available to them and the extent of drug and alcohol use/abuse in the Lowell area.

Parents who are concerned

about their son's or daughter's drug/alcohol problem, or potential problem, are encouraged to call the high school (897-9202) and speak to Korb or Pierce. Parents can be assured that any communications with the school will be kept strictly confidential. (See box for special drug education program for parents).

SEMINAR FOR PARENTS WITH QUESTIONS

In connection with his remarks on drug education, Korb announced a program being offered to parents by Project Rehab. The program consists of 10 two-hour seminars offered on Tuesdays, from 7-9 P.M.

Participants will meet at 822 Cherry St. in Grand Rapids, beginning February 15. There is no charge for the program. Parents interested are urged to call the high school (897-9202) or Project Rehab (458-8521) immediately to enroll.

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tax package, or by writing to P.O. Box 6950, Florence, KY 41042, or by calling the IRS forms only number, 1-800-462-9910. The local telephone number for Tele-Tax also appears in a free Tele-Tax brochure, available at many local banks and libraries.

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FOCUS ON LEGAL EDUCATION NOTICES

This column, written by teachers, focuses on the happenings, both ordinary and special, which fill the days in the five buildings of the Lowell Area Schools. The logo atop this weekly column was designed by high school art student Klaas Kwant. Klaas, and over 70 other students, belong to the LHS Art Club.

Art club sponsor and high school art teacher, Robin Przewdzik says the club promotes the arts in the school and community, and experiences the arts through observation and participation.

The students have demonstrated at the Fallsburg Fall Festival, put up displays in some of the schools and for special events, such as Parent Teacher Conferences, and have decorated the high school for special seasons and holidays.

The students earn money for trips and special projects through school dances and other such fund raisers. They are helping redecorate some of the walls at the high school, currently working in the restrooms, and if that proves successful, they plan on painting in the Health Clinic. They have worked at special arts days in the elementary schools and will participate in the Young Authors Program by helping the children with their book designs.

They visited the El Greco exhibit in Toledo on a one-day bus tour. They will also visit the annual Grand Rapids Festival, the Grand Rapids Art Museum, and the studios of some area working artists. Whenever possible, parents are encouraged to join the students in these experiences.

Officers of the art club are president, Sue Weeks; vice-president, Colleen Jamenga; treasurer, Heidi Blattner; and secretary, Tina Frank. The club has been active for four years, with this year's membership the largest ever.

CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS

The Board of Review will meet as provided by the City Charter, to receive and review the Assessment Roll for 1983.

The first meeting will be held at 9 A.M.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1983

for the purposes of receiving from the assessor, considering and correcting said rolls.

The second meeting will be held to hear all persons having filed appeals with said Board.

Forms on which to make an appeal are available at the City Hall and are to be filed on or before March 2, 1983.

Dates and times for the second session will be as follows:

MARCH 14, 1983
MARCH 15, 1983

from 9 A.M. to 12 noon 1:30 to 5 P.M. each day.

MARCH 16, 1983

from 5 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

As provided by Act 165, PA 1971, the following ratio and multiplier information is published:

Property	Ratio	Multiplier
Real	50%	1.00
Personal	50%	1.00

Alex J. Orlyk,
City Assessor
Cert. No. 1265
C14,15,16

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.

Item: Blood Chemistry Profile. Must be received by Thurs., February 24, 1983 at 10:00 a.m.

Item: Trash Removal. Must be received by Thurs., March 3, 1983 at 10:00 a.m.

Item: Outstanding Service Award Plaque. Must be received by Tues., February 22, 1983 at 10:00 a.m.

Item: Draperies for Airport. Must be received by Tues., February 22, 1983 at 10:00 a.m.

Item: Wrecker Service. Must be received by Tues., March 1, 1983 at 10:00 a.m.

JACK STANDLEY, CPPO
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING
Date Mailed: 2-10-83
Date of Publication: 2-16-83

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: Estella Prater & Shonrea Bell
Hearing: March 17, 1983 at 9:00 a.m.
Petitioner: Keith Kohl

Child: Americo & Marisol Calderon & Jose Arriaga
Hearing: March 9, 1983 at 10:00 a.m.
Petitioner: Leon Hale

Child: William Tucker
Hearing: March 10, 1983 at 9:30 a.m.
Petitioner: Leonard Blauwkamp

Child: Elizabeth Cook
Hearing: March 11, 1983 at 2:00 p.m.
Petitioner: Leonard Blauwkamp

Child: Nia Malika Pettis
Hearing: March 17, 1983 at 10:00 a.m.
Petitioner: Chuck Audy

Child: Rachel Ray
Hearing: March 16, 1983 at 3:00 p.m.
Petitioner: Patricia Parish

Child: Laura Munn & Angela Horton
Hearing: March 25, 1983 at 3:00 p.m.
Petitioner: Maryann Podolak

Dated: February 2 & 9, 1983
JOHN P. STEKETE
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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

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PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT RATIOS AND ASSESSMENT MULTIPLIERS

Kent County, Michigan

Act 165 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1971 requires that I publish tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for each class, by the third Monday in February each year. I expect assessors will make the necessary adjustments so that assessments will represent 50% of True Cash Value thereby eliminating the need for factoring assessments after the March Board of Review for the 1983 tax year. State of Michigan action could change this.

TENTATIVE RATIOS

UNIT	AGR.	COMM.	IND.	RES.	PERS. PROP.
TOWNSHIPS					
Ada	NC	47.70	48.63	47.41	50.04
Algoma	NC	47.04	42.70	46.57	48.21
Alpine	46.67	47.85	49.17	46.61	49.79
Bowne	46.56	49.23	42.69	46.69	47.97
Byron	48.02	49.82	49.33	48.06	49.57
Caledonia	NC	49.97	49.08	46.35	49.87
Cannon	47.84	47.13	49.59	46.93	50.03
Cascade	NC	49.50	48.16	46.98	49.16
Courtland	46.58	48.10	49.04	46.68	50.01
Gaines	NC	48.42	48.45	47.50	49.27
Grand Rapids	NC	48.65	46.73	47.94	49.71
Grattan	46.65	48.22	NC	47.12	50.01
Lowell	45.54	49.16	47.10	44.90	49.97
Nelson	46.12	48.44	47.99	48.01	48.86
Oakfield	43.86	44.59	46.31	44.70	49.99
Plainfield	NC	48.14	48.21	47.90	50.12
Solon	44.73	45.51	49.88	46.00	49.92
Sparta	47.99	46.85	46.94	47.79	49.97
Spencer	45.52	46.40	48.77	45.86	49.99
Tyrone	46.69	46.78	47.74	47.14	50.01
Vergennes	45.59	45.58	46.60	46.28	50.00
CITIES					
Cedar Springs	NC	46.12	49.41	46.52	49.85
E. Grand Rapids	NC	48.85	NC	47.24	49.76
Grand Rapids	NC	49.39	49.20	46.89	50.14
Grandville	NC	47.13	48.79	48.51	49.48
Kentwood	NC	48.88	48.58	48.67	48.15
Lowell	NC	46.86	48.56	47.10	50.19
Rockford	NC	47.52	48.56	46.85	49.94
Walker	NC	47.47	48.31	48.53	49.93
Wyoming	NC	49.42	48.93	47.16	50.04

TENTATIVE RATIOS

UNIT	AGR.	COMM.	IND.	RES.	PERS. PROP.
TOWNSHIPS					
Ada	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Algoma	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Alpine	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Bowne	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Byron	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Caledonia	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Cannon	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Cascade	NC	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Courtland	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Gaines	NC	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Grand Rapids	NC	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Grattan	1.0000	1.0000	NC	1.0000	1.0000
Lowell	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Nelson	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Oakfield	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Plainfield	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Solon	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Sparta	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Spencer	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Tyrone	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Vergennes	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
CITIES					
Cedar Springs	NC	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
East Grand Rapids	NC	1.0000	NC	1.0000	1.0000
Grand Rapids	NC	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Grandville	NC	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Kentwood	NC	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Lowell	NC	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Rockford	NC	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
Walker	NC	1.0000	1.0000		

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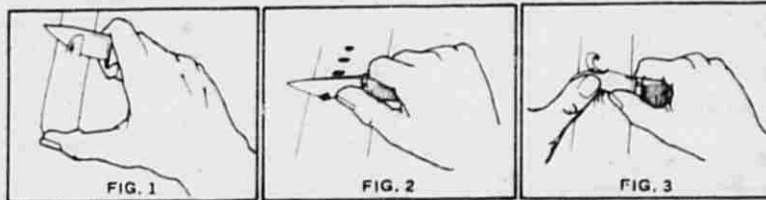
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WHITTLING

Almost anything you can cut—peach pits, seeds, bone, soapstone, soap—can be whittled. However, the most common (and the most versatile) medium of all is wood. If you're a beginning whittler, it's best to stick with a species such as basswood, ponderosa pine, or northern white pine since each of these is soft, light colored, close grained, and unlikely to tear or split. But, of course, you can work with almost any type of wood.

The knife you choose for your woodcrafting efforts might very well determine how happy you are with your new pastime. First off, many whittlers still swear by the good old folding jackknife. They're not too costly, are pretty darn sturdy, and can be closed up and carried almost anywhere. If you do choose this kind of tool, be sure to get one with a good-quality carbon steel blade rather than a stainless one... because carbon steel can be sharpened more easily than can the shinier metal.

You might choose to buy a less expensive craft knife, such as an X-acto or Warren brand. These are generally sold in the form of handles that will accept a variety of disposable blades. Although not as sturdy as a jackknife or a wood-carver's cutter, such a tool is perfectly adequate.



You'll find that, generally speaking, there are three basic kinds of cuts used in the art of whittling. By far the most important technique is the thumb, or paring, stroke (this is a familiar motion for anyone who's ever peeled an apple). To do this, simply rest your knife-hand thumb against the side or end of the piece that's closest to you and pull the blade toward you, through the wood, by squeezing your fist (Fig. 1). You'll use this particular action more often than any other because it gives you excellent control and can be applied in a wide range of situations.

Next is chip carving, a traditional method in which—instead of trying to slice a smoothly contoured surface with long, single strokes—you make a series of short, precise indentations that, together, bring out the rough-hewn shape of the object you're creating (Fig. 2).

The last style, called guided cutting, is almost automatic to many people. Just hold the tool in your knife hand with your thumb against the back of the blade and direct the cut forward into the wood (Figs. 3 and 4).

No matter what kind of design you attempt, always strive to keep a clear mental picture of the image you're trying to create. Most figure-carvers actually draw the side and top views of a subject directly on the wood.

And just what sort of whittling projects should you attempt? Well, keep your first ones simple... maybe you can shape the wood into a triangle or a ball. Perhaps you could make a shillelagh... or some handcrafted wooden spoons. Sooner or later you'll want to try relatively ambitious designs. And if you can't find a skilled practitioner (or a crafts class) in your area, you can get your lessons in book form. Author E.J. Tangerman is generally regarded as the expert in this field. His book *Whittling and Woodcarving* (Dover) is available at bookstores or you can order it from Mother's Bookshelf, 105 Stoney Mountain Road, Hendersonville, N.C. 28791 for \$4.00 plus 95¢ shipping and handling.

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JACKPOT BINGO
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Upstairs over Moose

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Every Sat. Night 7 p.m. Upstairs at
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Early Bird Bingo 6 p.m.

SUDDENLY SINGLE? — Then you will want to attend the first meeting of "Re-Singled". A group for widowed or divorced persons, male or female, of any age group, church member or not.
Sunday, February 20th, 3:00 P.M. at the First Congregational Church (897-5906) Guests are welcome.

ANNUAL ANTIQUES SHOW — Sale - Feb 26, 10 to 8 and Feb. 27, 10 to 5, K.C. Hall, Ionia. Sponsored by Ionia County Historical Society.

ODE TO BOYNE 1983
We told them it would be just a bunch of lies, but it all came true right before their very eyes.
Whoever thought we could be so wise, to take off to the Great White North, just us and a bus of 90 "single" guys.
They say that lightning doesn't strike twice, but Babbling Brook had to pay the price.
One year, the next year, wood. She'll pass on it next time - she should if she could.
Bam Bam graced the group with a pure touch of class. Racked with pain after a day on the trail - she learned fast!
Skip kept telling her to remain flexible. More work on the block and her form will be acceptable.
Frogs was dubbed our Bi-American Girl. Up and down those slopes she did whirl.
Her absence from skiing caused her confidence to lag, but her spirits soon soared and she flew like the flag.
They called her Fire Fly - a name she may not permit. A Dutch handle is one she'd much rather admit.
One night, or was it morning? - she fell thru the door, and said she'd play Good Samaritan no more.
A Birthday Ballroom and a fetish for flannel, objects around which Slash's weekend did channel.
A cake and champagne as she displayed nerves of steel. All things considered, the trip was unreal.
M & M did her part to keep the gears in high, but group lessons left her feeling high and dry - Oh my!
With Wonder Woman's rope, she managed to cope. That saved the day we knew there was hope!
Chocolate covered cherries and health bars never failing us. Only one in the group couldn't use the alias.
Skip-a-dee-do-da still quite a sight. He won't forget, never fear, we'll be here - Same Time Next Year.
Oh for those who couldn't be there, you missed unending fun and laughter.
Somehow we managed to select, the best group of crazies you ever could expect!
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In loving memory of our dear parents, Emma Kropf, who passed away February 24, 1958.
Bertha Weir, who passed away March 20, 1968.
James Weir, who passed away March 20, 1973.
In our hearts memories are kept.
Of the ones we loved and will never forget.
Lovingly remembered by,
Their Family
P15

In loving memory of our wife, mother, and grandmother, Nedra J. Bristol who went to be with the lord one year ago the 19th of February.
You only have one mother Patient, kind, and true
No other friend in all the world will ever replace you.
The one from who we all did learn
The rolling stream of life goes on.
We recall the voice, the smile, and face
If all the world were mine to give
I would give it all and more
To hear your voice, and see your face
Come smiling though the door.
Our hearts still ache and we still shed so many tears
Only God can tell you how much
We miss you, at the end of this long year
Sadly missed, and lovingly remembered by —
Husband Irwin (Red) Children, Nancy & Mike, Terri & John, Linda & Gordy, Bob & Sue, Jim & Bonnie, Ted & Diane.
Grandchildren - Carol, Scott & Jenni, Melissa & Mandy, Angie & Nikki, Charlie and Jimmy

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"Main Street, cont'd. . ."

Issued an appearance violation to 63rd District Court was Michael Fizer of Lowell for transporting open container of Alcohol in a motor vehicle Saturday morning.

Injured in an accident early Saturday morning on Main St. near Monroe was James Freeman of Lowell. The car Freeman was driving struck a parked vehicle. A passerby of the Freeman vehicle, Vicky Thuston of Belding also sustained injuries.

Cited to appear at a later date in 63rd District Court Tuesday, February 8, was Richard Anderson of Lowell for loitering, a violation of the City Ordinance.

Charles Tichelaar of Alto was arrested and lodged in the Kent County Jail early Wednesday morning. Tichelaar was arrested by Lowell officers on charges of reckless driving, fleeing and eluding police officers and driving while license revoked. Tichelaar plead guilty to all the violations in 63rd District Court. Tichelaar received \$275 fine and costs, plus 3 days in the County Jail.

Lodged in the Kent County Jail Early Sunday morning for driving while license suspended was Michael Shaw of Ionia.

Receiving an appearance citation for minor in Possession of alcoholic beverage was Robert Anderson when he was apprehended by Lowell Police Saturday evening.

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Congregational Church receives award

The First Congregational Church of Lowell was presented with the Church Recognition Award for outstanding Christian Community Service by the Grand Rapids Area Center for Ecumenism at an honorary dinner Tuesday, February 8.

Presentation of the award was made by the GRACE for church sponsorship of the Alternative Education for Pregnant Teens Program.

The Rev. Dr. Richard Greenwood, High School Counselor Barbara Pierce, and Community Education Consortium Director Linda Zaczek were on hand to receive the award.

The Alternative Education for Pregnant Teens program is a state-funded program designed to keep pregnant students working toward a high school diploma until they have come to term. Students who have not completed their schooling are then encouraged to return to a regular classroom setting.

In addition to the regular educational curriculum, the students are given practical schooling in nutrition and child care.

The Congregational Church provides a classroom area, kitchen, and nursery for the program. So far, because of a shortage of state-aid funds, the church has provided these facilities rent-free.

Five students are presently enrolled in the alternative program.

Students turned the tables on Monday, February 14, and put together a special thank-you lunch for the persons helping to make the alternative program possible.

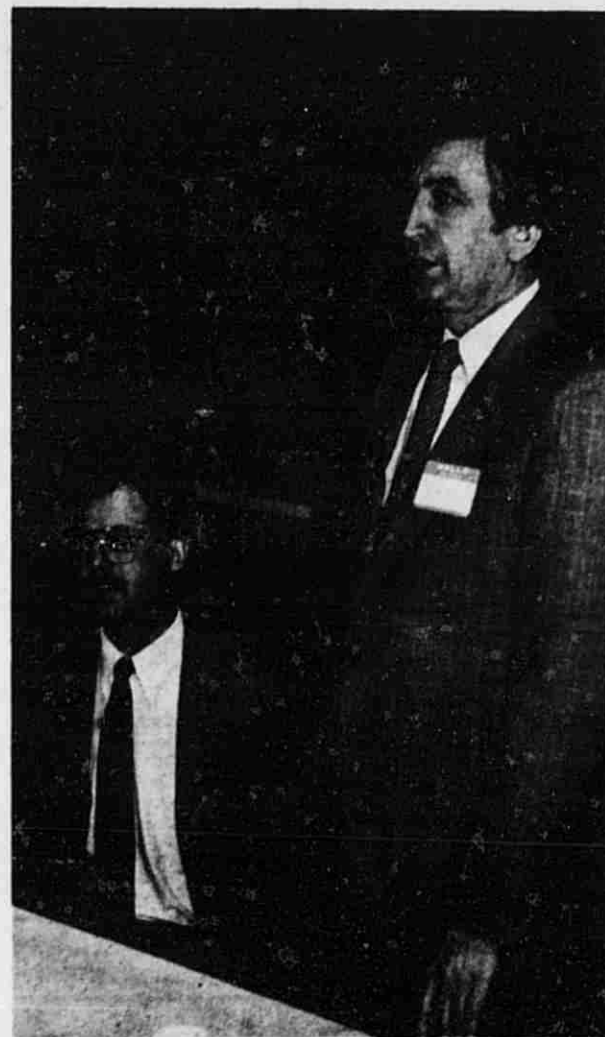
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Community Education Consortium Director Linda Zaczek, the Rev. Dr. Richard Greenwood, and High School Counselor Barbara Pierce are shown here with the plaque awarded by the GRACE and with two of the student's babies, Robbie and Michelle.

Rotarians host Community Day

Rotarians and their guests at their annual Community Day Luncheon enjoyed a fine meal served by members of the Lowell First United Methodist Church. Following lunch, those in attendance heard speaker Ed Heffron, Chief of the Food Services Division of the Michigan Department of Agriculture address the subject of food packaging, and how "things are not always as they seem". The annual luncheon has grown from a former Rotary project called Farmers Day, into what is now an event where the business community and area farmers are invited to get together annually. Cost for the luncheon was paid by the King Milling Company and State Savings Bank.



"Community Day" chairman, Brian Doyle (seated) and speaker for the event, Ed Heffron of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Jupiter is the largest planet and it has the shortest day. It completes a rotation in nine hours and fifty-nine minutes.

"Second City" at Aquinas

"Second City," the renowned improvisational comedy troupe from Chicago, will appear at Aquinas College on Wednesday, February 23, at 8 P.M. in the Wege Student Center Auditorium.

The six-member troupe specializes in spontaneous routines and stresses that humor has to come from character and situation, not from one-liners. The result is a group of actors who enliven an empty stage with topical comedy sketches lampooning modern life.

The Second City comedy troupe was founded in 1959 in a defunct Chinese laundry on the fringe of Chicago's Old Town. Two decades later, "Second City" is still turning out some of the most gifted comedy stars around. Included in its impressive alumni list are Mike Nichols, Elaine May, Alan Arkin, Paul Sand, Dan Aykroyd, Gilda Radner, John Belushi, Valerie Harper, David Steinberg and Joan Rivers.

In 1976, "Second City" began production of its own television series, "SCTV," a satirical look at a day in the life of a "typical" television station. "Second City" now consists of a satellite resident company in Toronto, two flourishing touring troupes and workshops to train hopeful young actors in the techniques of improvisational theatre.

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