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RED ARROWS DRAW EAST GRAND RAPIDS FOR FIRST DISTRICT BASKETBALL GAME

The Lowell Red Arrows will play the hot East Grand Rapids team in a home game Friday, and turn around to play them in the Arrows' first district game on Monday. Game time for the district match-up is 5:45 p.m. at the Forest Hills Northern gymnasium. All tickets for the game are \$2.00 and are available in advance at the High School. Should the arrows win against the Pioneers on Monday, they will play their next game on Wednesday at 7:30 and if they are successful, they will appear in the district championship on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. All games will be played at Forest Hills Northern. Good Luck Arrows!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that . . . all fourth and fifth graders in Lowell Scholls go roller skating and bowling to learn and practice two leisure-time skills? These activities are offered through their physical education classes.

OLD PHOTOS WANTED!!!

The Grand Valley Ledger may publish a booklet using the article written by Betty Coons concerning the various bequests left to the City. The Helen Look Daley Memorial Committee has asked us to provide them with costs and a format. We would like to include several photos of projects funded by these bequests, and of the donors themselves. We would be interested in borrowing such photos from those of you who may have them in family albums. The photos will not be harmed in any way, and will be returned to the owners. Please call 897-9261, or stop by our office at 105 N. Broadway if you can help us with this project. Thank you.

SURPLUS COMMODITIES OFFERED

Government surplus cheese will be distributed from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 27, at the Lowell Moose Lodge, 210 1/2 Main Street.

LCTV SAYS "GET YOUR DE-CODERS"

Attention HBO & CINEMAX subscribers, March 1, 1986 LCTV will begin encoding HBO & CINEMAX. For continued service you will need a decoder. Decoders are available at LCTV office 127 N. Broadway.

Cable ready TVs and cable ready VCRs are not compatible and will require a converter. Call 897-8405 for information.

OFF THE BLOTTER

A vehicle driven by Michael Dykstra, 18, of Lowell swerved left of center and collided with a vehicle driven by Joyce Wilkerson, 48, also of Lowell. The accident occurred on Foreman Rd. on Monday afternoon, February 17. There were no injuries reported.

Darroll Kelley, 39, of Lowell slid through a stop sign at the intersection of Amity and Howard Streets, and was struck by a vehicle driven by Jackie Tousley, 33, also of Lowell. The accident occurred on Monday, February 17. No injuries were reported.

John Doran, 52, of Belding was arrested by Lowell officers on Wednesday, February 19 on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Edward Harrell, 51, of Belding was arrested by Lowell Police for driving under the influence of alcohol on Saturday evening, February 22.

Clifford Watteson, 70, of Battle Creek failed to stop in time, and struck the rear of a vehicle driven by Larry Westra, 43, of Grand Rapids. The accident occurred on Main St. near Alden Nash on Friday, February 21. No injuries were reported.

Mary Jo Middaugh, 47, of Lowell struck a parked car while backing from a parking space in the Lowell Library parking lot on Friday evening, February 21.

Linda Spoor, 40, of Lowell was not injured when the vehicle she was driving was struck from behind by another vehicle driven by a 16-year-old juvenile. The accident occurred on Main St. near Church St. on Thursday evening, February 20.

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Grapplers win Regional Title; Rivers is Coach of the Year

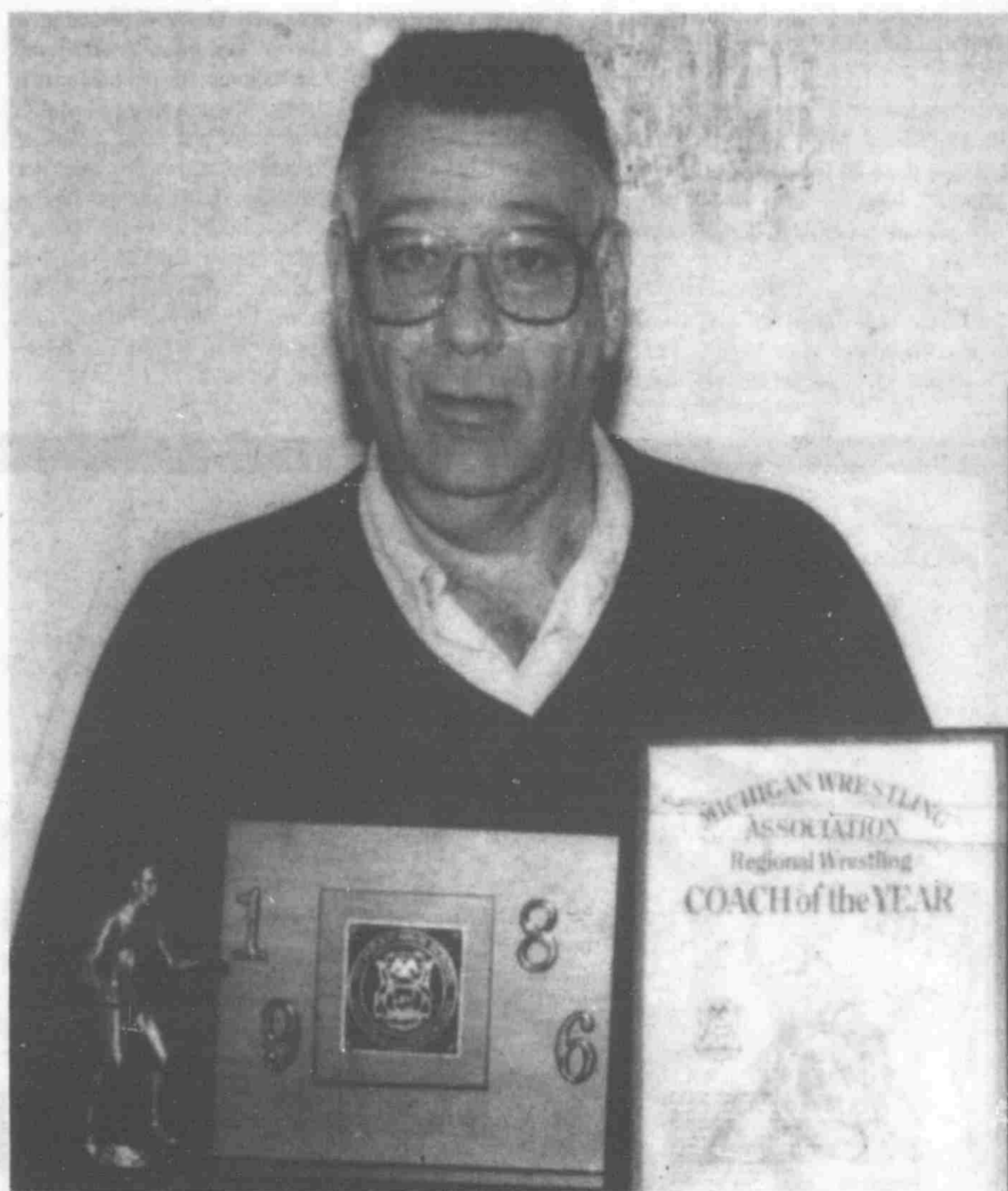
The 1985-86 Wrestling team continued their spectacular season winning the Class B Regional held at Hudsonville High School last Saturday. Led by three individual champions and one runner-up, the Arrows compiled 77 1/2 points to win their first Regional Championship since the 1964 season. Taking a close second was OK White rival, Northview, with 60 1/2 points, followed by Big Rapids with 54 1/2 points, Catholic Central with 52, and Belding with 48 points.

Lowell's three individual champs were Jim Johnson at heavyweight, Carl Pratt at 105, and Tony Huver at 138. Taking second was Brett Kirby at 155.

Johnson won his final match by a 2 - 1 decision over Caledonia's Matt Burns. Huver won by a 4 - 3 decision to Mark Meidzielec of West Catholic. Kirby was defeated by a score of 10 - 2 to Sparta's Doug Doelder.

These four Arrows will go on to the State Championships next Friday and Saturday at Charlotte High School. Wrestling begins at 11:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. The admission is \$2.00 for each session, \$3.00 for the finals on Saturday, and \$9.00 for an all session ticket. Good Luck Arrows!!

Congratulations go to Coach Rivers on being selected Michigan Regional Coach of the year. Good Job Coach!!



Lowell Wrestling Coach Gary Rivers displays his team's Regional Tournament trophy and the Regional "Coach of the Year" award which was presented to Rivers at Saturday's tournament. The veteran coach won the same award in 1964.

Johnson wins Farm Bureau award



Dale Johnson

Dale Johnson, 74th St. S.E. Alto, local agent for Farm Bureau Insurance Group, has earned the National Quality Award for the high standards of his life insurance sales and service.

The award, one of the most prestigious in the life insurance industry, is a national honor reserved for agents who maintain superior standards of client service.

The award is presented by the

National Association of Life Underwriters in conjunction with the Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association.

Johnson, a four-time recipient of the award, is a member of the

Grand Rapids Association of Life Underwriters.

He is part of an agency force of 450 Farm Bureau Insurance agents serving over 300,000 Michigan policyholders.

Last chance for "Creeps!"

The cast of "The Creature Creeps," this year's LAAC play, worked hard for laughs and were rewarded by an appreciative audience last weekend as the three-act comedy by Jack Sharkey was staged at the Lowell Middle School. A very realistic set and pleasing special effects combined to set the eerie mood needed to aid the cast in presenting this horror story farce, set in, of course, Transylvania. Tick-

ets for Thursday night can be purchased at the door for \$3 or a special price of \$2 for students and Senior Citizens. All tickets for Friday and Saturday nights are \$4 and must be reserved before the performance. To reserve tickets call or visit Box Office chairman Dolores Dey, between 1 and 5 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council Center, 149 S. Hudson, 897-8545.

Lenten Review offered

The Lowell YMCA and Lowell Library invite you to attend the 24th Annual Lenten Book Review Series. The programs will be presented in the YMCA Lounge with coffee being served at 9:45 a.m. and reviews beginning at 10:00 a.m. The reviewers this year are Mrs. Stanley Forkner, from Grand Rapids and Ver-

genes Methodist Church, Mrs. Joan Wittenbach from Lowell, who is a mother and a homemaker, and an active church member, and Mrs. Christine Vogler from Lowell, who is the local Branch Librarian. We hope you reserve March 5, 12 & 19, consecutive Wednesdays, and join us for coffee, conversation.

IN THE SERVICE



Brian C. Hutson, a sophomore at Howe Military School located in Howe, Indiana was recently awarded the "academic wreath of achievement" and promoted to Cadet Sergeant. The award is given only to the top 10% of each academic class of the R.O.T.C. Cadet Hutson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rocheleau of Lowell.

In 18th century England eyeglasses were often worn purely as fashionable accessories, not as aids to vision.

LEGAL NOTICES



STATE OF MICHIGAN
County of Kent
Probate Court
JUVENILE DIVISION

TO: JERRY KALMAN AND DAVID WARING
In The Matter Of: Melissa and Tiffany KALMAN and Jeffrey ROBINSON
Hearing: April 8, 1986, at 9:00 a.m.

TO: LYNN THOMAS HARTER AND JACKIE WILKINS
In The Matter Of: Catherine WILKINS and Lynn Trenton HARTER
Hearing: March 18, 1986, at 4:00 p.m.

A neglect temporary wardship petition has been filed in the above matter. A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the Court on the date and time stated above in Kent County Juvenile Court, 1501 Cedar NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan. It is therefore ordered that you personally appear before the Court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in a temporary or permanent loss of your rights to the children).

Dated: February 19, 1986
JOHN P. STERETTE
JUDGE OF PROBATE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE
COUNTY OF KENT
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Case No: 86-57216-DO
GLENN L. WESTFALL,
SSN: 385-01-9350, Plaintiff,
vs. ROBERT WESTFALL, a/k/a OWEN DALE, SSN: UNKNOWN, Defendant.

At a session of said court held in the Circuit Courtrooms in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, County of Kent, State of Michigan, on this 19th day of February, 1986.

Present: HONORABLE GEORGE R. COOK, Circuit Court Judge.

In this cause an action was filed on the 19th day of February, 1986, by Glenna L. Westfall, Plaintiff, against Robert Westfall, a/k/a Owen Dale, Defendant, for an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony.

IT IS ORDERED that the Defendant, Robert Westfall, a/k/a Owen Dale, answer to take such action as may be permitted by law on or before the 24th day of May, 1986. Failure to comply with this Order will result in a default judgment against the Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

GEORGE V. COOK
Circuit Court Judge of
Entered, countersigned, and examined by me:
Nancy Sietsema
Deputy Clerk

Attest: A true copy
C15, 16, 17

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

The Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance. The Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 1986 at the Vergennes Township Hall, 12625 Bailey Drive at 8:00 P.M.

Purpose of the Hearing will be the proposal to amend "R-A" Rural-Agricultural to clarify the intent to include all types of livestock and poultry production and to adopt requirements for Satellite Dish Antennas in the township.

Jean Hoffman
Vergennes Clerk
C13&15

Freshman basketball up-date

The Red Arrow Freshman basketball team has been successful just once in their last four outings. Their only win came on Friday, February 14 in a 55-37 game with Sparta. The losses included a February 18 game with Rogers 83-61, February 11 with Ionia 60-50 and February 21 with Wyoming Park 52-39.

In the win against Sparta, Pete Kemp got hot in the second quarter, and scored eight of his 16 points to lead the frosh team to their sixth win of the season. Tim Westrate helped the cause with 13 points, six steals and four assists. Eric Fulkerson worked the boards, pulling down nine rebounds.

Fulkerson was high point man in the Rogers game scoring 16 points. Jason Douma came off the bench to score 15 points, hitting nine of ten free throws. Ben Richmond and Tony Nauta were tough under the boards, grabbing 19 rebounds between them. A total of 21 turnovers wiped out the Arrows' best offensive effort of the season.

Westrate led the arrows with a season high 21 points in the Ionia game, but the Bulldogs put four men in double figures to chalk up the win. Twelve Lowell players scored in the game.

Fulkerson was high point man for the Arrows in the Wyoming Park contest.

James Fitzpatrick wins Olivet Award

James Fitzpatrick, a 1982 graduate of Lowell High School, and a senior at Olivet College was among 17 students at the college to be selected as a national outstanding leader. Fitzpatrick will be listed in the 1986 edition of "Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges."

Kent County Library System sponsors photo contest

Put down your book, pick up your camera and take a shot of America reading. Enter "A Community of Readers," a county-wide photo contest sponsored by the Kent County Library System. Photographs are to show the importance of reading and may be in black and white or color. Photos will be grouped and judged in two categories: young adult (17 years and below) and adult (18 and older).

Complete rules and entry forms are available at all 17 branches of the Kent County Library System and winners will be announced during National Library Week, April 6-12. First place prizes of \$50 and second place prizes of \$35 will be awarded in both categories.

For additional information, visit your local branch of the Kent County Library System or call Patricia MacDonell at 774-6812.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of Grattan Township will meet at the Grattan Township Hall, 11682 10th Old Belding Rd., in Grattan on

MONDAY, MARCH 10TH

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. also on

TUESDAY, MARCH 11TH

between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

- 1) by letter addressed to the Grattan Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 11th, 1986; or
- 2) appearing in person on one of the dates the Board of Review meets

The tentative Real Property assessment and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are

Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.00

Patrick G. Malone
Supervisor, Grattan Township
C14-15-16

BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of Bowne Township will meet at the Bowne Township Office, 6059 Linfield, Alto on

MONDAY, MARCH 10TH

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. by appointment.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11TH

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon, and from 1 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

- 1) by letter addressed to the Bowne Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 11th, 1986; or
- 2) appearing in person on one of the dates the Board of Review meets

The tentative Real Property assessment and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are

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Fred Moss
Bowne Township Supervisor
C14-15-16



News From 5th District Congressman...

Paul Henry

Congressman Paul B. Henry today co-sponsored legislation to name the ten newly discovered moons of the planet Uranus after those astronauts who have given their lives for space exploration, the seven Challenger Space Shuttle crew members who recently died, and the three Apollo crew members who lost their lives just over 19 years ago. Roger Chaffee, a native of Grand Rapids, was a member of that ill-fated Apollo crew.

"These ten new moons were recently discovered by the Voyager II space probe, a product of the U.S. space program, and I can think of no better way to honor those courageous Americans who gave their lives for the advancement of that program," said Henry. "It is most appropriate that this nation and the world honor the lives of these brave and courageous space pioneers. To have their names 'etched in space' in this way would serve to remind us all of both the promise and the peril of space exploration."

The bill, House Concurrent Resolution 277, was introduced by Congressman Al McCandless of California. A similar resolution has been introduced in the Senate, and both Houses of Congress must approve the bill.

Boosters to vote on proposed amendments to the by-laws

The next meeting of the Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters will be Monday, March 3, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. in the K-Quad of the high school. Booster members will vote at the March meeting as to whether or not to accept these amendments.

A committee of Denise Dommmer, Sue Lindhout and Tom Stahr reviewed the constitution and recommended some amendments to the by-laws. Anyone desiring a copy of these proposed changes may pick one up at the



Most of us spend a total of two whole years talking on the telephone during a lifetime.

Showboat Restaurant Will Re-Open March 21st

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- Special Sports Listings
- Special Daily Movie Listings
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CONTAINS LISTINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 THRU THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1986

The hair color is lighter and the body is thinner, but Valerie Harper is still a familiar small-screen favorite. This week, the actress returns to TV in "Valerie," a new sitcom officially premiering Monday, March 3 on NBC. Jason Bateman co-stars as Miss Harper's eldest son David.

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FRIDAY

Table of TV programs for Friday 2/28/86, including Morning, Afternoon, and Evening slots with channel and program details.

Table of TV programs for Friday 2/28/86, continuing from the previous table with various news and entertainment programs.

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FRIDAY'S MOVIES

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MONDAY

MONDAY 3/3/86

MORNING
5:00 All American Wrestling (R)
6:15 Sports Review
6:35 [MAX] MOVIE: 'The Never-Ending Story' (CC)

MONDAY'S MOVIES

6:15AM [MAX] - 'The Never-Ending Story' (CC)
6:30AM [HBO] - 'A Piano for Mrs. Cimino' (CC)
10:00AM [HBO] - 'The In-Laws'

AFTERNOON
12:00 [HBO] MOVIE: 'Breitbart'

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1:05 [HBO] MOVIE: 'House of Wax'
2:00 [HBO] Separate Tables

EVENING

6:00 [HBO] News
6:30 [HBO] News
7:00 [HBO] News

NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT
1:35 Nightly Business Report

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1:50 [HBO] MOVIE: 'Passage to India' (CC)
2:00 [HBO] Separate Tables

WEDNESDAY 3/5/86

MORNING
5:00 All American Wrestling (R)
6:15 Sports Review

WEDNESDAY'S MOVIES

6:15 [MAX] - 'Sword of the Valiant'
6:30 [HBO] MOVIE: 'Jack and the Beanstalk'

AFTERNOON
12:00 [HBO] MOVIE: 'Max Dugan Returns'

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TUESDAY

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MORNING
5:00 Sports Review
6:00 [HBO] MOVIE: 'The Camel Boy'

TUESDAY'S MOVIES

6:00AM [HBO] - 'The Camel Boy'
6:15AM [MAX] - 'Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger'

AFTERNOON
12:00 [HBO] MOVIE: 'Old Enough'

12:00 [HBO] MOVIE: 'Old Enough'
1:05 [HBO] MOVIE: 'The Charge at Feather River'

NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT
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1:50 [HBO] MOVIE: 'Passage to India' (CC)
2:00 [HBO] Separate Tables

THURSDAY

THURSDAY 3/6/86

MORNING
5:00 Sports Review
6:00 [HBO] MOVIE: 'The Camel Boy'

THURSDAY'S MOVIES

6:15 [MAX] MOVIE: 'Unfaithfully Yours'
6:30 [HBO] MOVIE: 'Without a Trace'

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West Michigan Farmer's Day to discuss future trends in the food system

Many of the problems being experienced by Western Michigan farmers can be directly traced to changes in consumer demand and preference; and changes in how our food is processed and marketed. This year's West Michigan Farmer's Day is designed to help farmers take a look at these changes and how they affect agriculture in West Michigan. In spite of the present crisis, there are still opportunities for Michigan farmers. This year's program will look at some of the success stories and at some of the markets farmers will be producing for in the future.

This upbeat theme will be kicked off by this year's keynote speaker, Morley Fraser, Assistant to the President of Albion College. Mr. Fraser, a highly respected, inspirational and motivational speaker, will discuss his "Eight Steps to Happiness" and talk about keeping a good outlook on life in spite of present problems. The keynote address will be followed by a panel discussion of future consumer and marketing trends by a representative of the Michigan Dairy Association, the president of Bil-Mar Foods, Inc., and a director of Michigan Fruit Canners, moderated by Dr. Jack McEown of Michigan State University's Department of Agricultural Economics. The morning session will conclude with lunch.

Afternoon sessions will be broken into three separate sessions. The crops and dairy session is designed to emphasize the high efficiency that will be so important in surviving in all future food production markets. Entitled "Is Tomorrow Here

Today for West Michigan Agriculture?" it looks at some of the high technology, but low cost procedures that can be used to compete in today's markets. Topics include: Food and Security Act of 1985 (1985 Farm Bill), Remote Sensing Possibilities for Agriculture, Infra Red Crop Diagnosis, Experiences with Radar Sprayer Calibration, and Integrated Pest Management.

For the vegetable grower there will be a West Michigan Pickling Cucumber Program. Topics will include: The Pickle Market Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow- Produce Demand, Inventories, and Market Trends; Comparing the Cost of Producing Hand Harvest Cucumbers vs. Machine Harvest Cucumbers; Fertilizer and Irrigation Techniques to Insure High Quality Hand-picked Pickles; Honey Bee Management Strategies for Optimum Pickle Production; Pest Management Strategies for Optimum Pickle Yield; Diseases; Weeds; and Insects.

For the first time there will also be a program for West Michigan Agricultural services entitled, "The Future of Agri-business Services". The topics will be Agriculture's Future, Selling with Limited Credit Extensions, Inventory Management, and Credit to Your Customers in the Future.

This year's West Michigan Farmer's Day will be held Wednesday, March 5, at the Muskegon Community College. Registration and exhibit viewing will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the program itself will begin at 10:00 a.m. Pre-registration is not necessary, but there will be a \$2.00 registration fee payable at

the door. Lunch is provided compliments of the exhibitors. For more information call Kent Cooperative Extension Service,

**IRS tax tapes
available at local library**

Most libraries, in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, have audio cassettes available to help individuals prepare their federal income tax returns. Some libraries also have video tapes available for persons who have access to video cassette players.

The audio and video tapes contain simple, line-by-line instructions for filling out federal Forms

(616) 774-3265, or your local Cooperative Extension Service for a detailed program.

1040EZ, 1040A and Schedule I; and Form 1040 and Schedules A, B, and W. They also have useful tax tips and special rules for veterans, the self-employed, and military personnel and their families, according to the ITS.

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Card of Thanks
We would like to thank the Lowell Medical Center for their care, Roth-Gerst Funeral Home and Rev. Amundsen for the words of comfort, ladies of the Methodist Church for the luncheon, and all who sent cards and flowers. Your kindness will not be forgotten.
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Keith Avery, cowboy artist & poet, attends festival

Keith Avery, a noted western painter and former Lowell resident was recently featured in the following article from the "Roswell Daily Record", a newspaper published near Avery's current residence in New Mexico.

A Roswell man reacquainted himself with friends from his past recently, while helping the National Endowment for the Arts save a dying art form - the cowboy poem.

Keith Avery of south of Roswell represented New Mexico at the second Cowboy Poetry Gathering last weekend in Elko, Nev.

Avery, 64, said his trip to the festival was most memorable because "I saw more of the old cow-

boys that I hadn't seen in years," as well as hearing about some old friends who have died.

He said the gathering was not a contest, then amended himself to say the only competition was "one eagle against another."

In addition to being the state's official representative in Elko, Avery was also one of few people chosen to display his paintings there.

He said he enjoyed meeting cowboys who had seen his paintings in calendars.

Writing and reciting poetry, the real-life cowboy, he said, has been a part of the American West for 100 years or more, evolving much like Civil War songs, with guys sitting around the campfire telling stories.

"My first piece was written during World War II," Avery said, adding that while it was not a cowboy poem, it suited the moment when a good friend was being shipped overseas.

The poem, titled "An Artist's Prayer," was written in 1942 in a Chicago hotel after painting a picture for the friend to carry with him. Here it is:

An Artist's Prayer
 Far beyond that blue horizon
 Like some beacon in the sky
 Is the wish for slight achievement
 May I never cease to try.
 Spare the love of simple beauty
 Keep my vision clear and high
 For if God has granted wishes
 May mine be to nobly live
 So some joy to all of mankind
 From my soul may humbly give.

While the National Endowment for the Arts spent \$75,000 to fly representatives from 17 western states to the gathering, about 1,200 people in all attended, paying their own way for an opportunity to hear others' poetry and read their own.

During the weekend, Avery said, national television coverage was provided by ABC and pre-gathering publicity was generated when two cowboy poets appeared on Johnny Carson's "The Tonight Show."

Some of those attending, he said, went just so they could stand in line at a microphone for an opportunity to read a poem then get back in line.

The poems presented by the delegates will receive more permanent attention, he said, with the official poems saved by the

National Endowment for the Art in a permanent record of this unique art form.

Switching from prose to poetry as naturally as breathing, Avery recited some of his favorites, then showed off some others he has written.

One poem, he said, came about in a unique way as a result of a Christmas card he made.

Avery said every year for 23 years he has written a poem and drawn a picture and had them made into Christmas cards.

One year, an old friend of his died after a long battle with cancer.

The man's wife, Avery said, called him for a poem to be used at the memorial service and, after reciting one for her, he wrote the following poem, titled "Yonder," in his friend's memory:

Yonder
 A voice which only he could hear
 Whispered "come," close to his ear.
 He saddled up and rode away
 To find somewhere a fairer day.
 With meadows green from gentle rain
 Away from earthly strife and pain.
 His favorite horse, his trusted pal,
 Stands with empty saddle in the corral.
 And though we're sad he's gone away
 We know we'll meet again someday
 On some high ridge where things are fair
 We know that he'll be waiting there.

At that last roundup God has planned

We'll meet there in the Promised Land.

With tireless horse of faultless stride

We'll make that last, eternal ride -

Together

The most memorable part of the gathering, Avery said, was "reminiscing with the old buddies I hadn't seen."

With the nation's economy the way it is, Avery said he is afraid the traditional cowboy is a dying breed, with isolated pastures far from plowing and tilling machines becoming the only places left for cowboys to ply their trade astride their horses.

Accompanying that death, he said, is the fact that the older cowboys who have carried on many of these poems are dying, losing forever the work that shaped this nation's history.

Avery wrote the following poem recently about the relationship between a man and his horse:

A Rare Commodity
 You'll note something sorta special, of course
 That's shared by a cowhand and his favorite horse.
 But if you study you soon will discover
 He's not what we call the common horse lover.
 He may just be ridin' a ewenecked cayuse
 But he'll never deal him unfeeling abuse.
 If all hell breaks loose while he is astride him
 He'll let out a yell and ride him and slide him
 But there's nothing mean that you'll see him do

He'll grease a sore back, or nail on a shoe.

He'll never give "Dobbin" a kiss on the nose

Or allow him to slobber all over his clothes.

However hidden, it's there for detection -

They really do share a sort of affection.

Still what they have may be better by far

It should be spelled out with a Capital "R";

For if you study, in time you'll detect

The thing they have here is still called respect!


Varsity loses to Wyoming Park in O-T

The Lowell Varsity basketball team dipped to 4-9 in the O-K White Conference and 5-14 overall last Friday in a 59-56 overtime loss to Wyoming Park.

The game went into overtime with the teams knotted at 52 points each. The Vikings outscored the Arrows 7-4 in the overtime period to post the win. Mike Dumas paced the Arrows with 20 points while Jeff Phillips tossed in 10. Wyoming Park led by a healthy 31-24 at halftime, but the Arrows were tenacious and came back in the second half make a close game of it.

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