

# The Lowell Ledger

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Along Main Street

## METHODIST PRESCHOOL PRESENTS DISCUSSION ON CHILD RAISING

The United Methodist Preschool is presenting a discussion with Dan Hodgins from the Mott Community College in Flint for all interested.

The discussion centers on "What to Expect of Preschoolers." If you have ever wondered if your preschoolers are acting normally when they have accidents or can't sit still or don't share, this discussion is for you.

It will be held on Monday, October 17 at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Education Building, 621 E. Main, Lowell.

Babysitting and refreshments are provided.

## BEST JACK O' LANTERN CONTEST AND GREATEST PARTY YET. CHARLIE BROWN!!

The Lowell Area Arts Council will host a Halloween Party at the Center for children in grades 1-6 on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Entry forms for the pumpkin contest are available at the Center.

Besides the pumpkin contest, children will enjoy face painting, Halloween videos and treats. Cash awards for the pumpkin contest will also be given. Make your plans to attend the great event, Charlie Brown!!! No admission charge.

## TODAY'S THE DAY!!

Another after school special is planned for Wed., Oct. 12 at the Lowell Area Arts Council Center from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. West Michigan storyteller Sarah McCoy will be present to spin yarns, stretch the imagination and leave you with lasting impressions.

Ms. McCoy has been well received by crowds all over West Michigan. Ages 6 to 60 have enjoyed her animated way of making a story come alive. Admission for this event is \$2.

## YOU'RE INVITED!!!

The Lowell Area Arts Council wishes to invite the community to a reception for the artists of the West Michigan Regional Competition sponsored by LAAC

The reception and awards presentation will be held in the gallery on Sunday, October 16 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

## OFF THE BLOTTER

A 4 car property damage, chain reaction accident at Main and Broadway, Oct. 6 involved Mary Kyser, 31, of Gowen, when she struck the rear of a car driven by Victoria McGraw, 32, of Lowell who struck Russell Bramer, 24, of Lowell, who struck Larry Seiler, 47, of Saranac.

A 12 year old juvenile bicyclist was injured Thurs. afternoon Oct. 6 when he rode his cycle into the path of a car driven by a 16 year old juvenile female on Foreman Rd. near Gee Drive.

Injured in an accident Oct. 5 on W. Main at the railroad crossing was Tony Genung, 18, of Holland when he went around the barricades blocking the eastbound traffic and struck the torn up part of the construction area. Also injured in the accident was Barney Verhulst, 28, of Ada, a passenger in Genung's vehicle.

Rebecca Adrianse, 34, of Lowell reported to Lowell officers that her car was struck by a hit & run driver in a parking lot on West Main St., Sept. 30.

Richelle Brown, 19, of Kentwood was injured Fri., Oct. 7 in an accident at Bows Rd. and Hudson St., when she did not stop for the stop sign and struck a pickup truck driven by Alexander Kozlowski, 17, of Lowell.

Roberta Saladin, 40, had her vehicle backed into by a mail delivery vehicle driven by Albert Simon, 31, Sat., Oct. 8 on Sibley near Church St. No injuries were reported and both drivers are Lowell residents.

A 16 year old passenger in a car driven by Barbara Thayer, 38, of Ionia was injured in an accident Fri., Oct. 7 when a car driven by James Graves, 41, of Lowell, failed to stop for the intersection of Jackson & Main.

A truck driven by Russell Kunze, 38, of Grand Rapids was damaged by the railroad crossing gates that activated and struck

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## Board approves \$298,000 reductions

### Middle School athletics reduced to intramural

In addition to the \$162,000 already cut from the current school budget, the Lowell Board of Education announced an additional \$298,000 expenditure reduction at October's Board meeting. Further expenditure reductions were necessary following the defeat of the Sept. 26 millage request. Nearly all of cost reduction measures will take immediate effect.

Following the millage failure, district administrators began reviewing a list of proposed cost reductions which were presented to the Board in a workshop session last week. Fritz Esch, Lowell Superintendent, said administrators did the best they could to spread the cost reduction effect among all district programs and services to minimize a total dismantling of any particular program. "The school deliberately tried to minimize a direct negative impact on student instructional and extra-curricular programs," he said.

The \$298,000 planned expenditures removed from the current school budget include the following:

- \* The Board will not buy classroom computers, furniture, and classroom typewriters scheduled for replacement this year, resulting in a \$20,000 savings. Effective immediately

- \* The planned purchase of new math, science and reading textbooks scheduled for replacement through curriculum study will not be purchased. Savings of \$75,000. Effective immediately.

- \* The Board froze remaining purchases from building instructional supply budgets and eliminated further purchase of school library books and periodicals. Savings of \$27,000. Effective immediately.

- \* Workshop and conference accounts used to update teacher instructional skills in addition to similar Board and Administration accounts were eliminated. A savings of \$6,000. Effective immediately.

- \* The high school athletic department will reduce its program by three coaching positions beginning with winter sports activities. Transportation, equipment replacement and/or reconditioning costs will be reduced. All paid supervision for athletic events will be eliminated. A savings of \$12,000. Effective Nov. 15.

- \* The Middle School athletic programs for Winter and Spring sports will be reduced from interscholastic competition to intramural status which reduces coaching and transportation costs. A savings of \$8,000. Effective Nov. 15.

Lowell Assistant Athletic Director Tom Stahr asked if a way is found to keep interscholastic sports at the Middle School level and the amount of money the board was looking to save is still intact would the board be open to discussing that possibility.

While a few board members thought keeping the discussion possibilities open was a good idea, some were not so sure.

"If money is offered to the

school to keep the Middle School interscholastic program going, I think as a board we should remain open to such ideas," Norm Byrne said. "If the boosters wants to raise money to keep interscholastic sports available at the Middle School - they should have that right."

Board member Chris VanAnterWerp had other thoughts. "Personally I'm opposed to interscholastic sports at that level. But I prefer to look at it as being for intramural sports.

- \* The district's transportation department will eliminate its scheduled preventative maintenance program on all district vehicles and will perform repairs on vehicles only to meet State Police safety requirements. Field trips with a direct cost to the district will be eliminated. A savings of \$49,000. Effective immediately.

- \* The remainder of the district's maintenance and repair accounts for building and equipment will be eliminated. Should emergencies occur, funding for repairs will come from the district's 1.4 designated millage account. Excessive funding for emergencies will negatively impact the district's scheduled energy conservation and renovation programs. A savings of \$25,000. Effective immediately.

- \* The high school driver's education program will be reduced by two instructors and students will be spending less time in supervised training behind the wheel and in the classrooms. Eligibility requirements will also

be changed. A savings of \$5,000. Effective immediately.

- \* The high school will also eliminate paid co-op positions beginning second semester. A savings of \$4,000. Effective immediately.

- \* Three teachers will not be hired to accommodate the district's additional 70 new students this year. A savings of \$67,000. Effective immediately.

The district will seek voter approval for an additional millage in the early Spring to avoid further cuts in the 1989-90 school year. Esch estimated that should additional funding not become available for next year, from the State Legislature in State Aid and/or through increased local revenue, the district would need to trim an additional \$750,000 from next year's budget (1989-90) to get it to balance. Asked what that would mean, Esch said, "The Board will have limited choices and will have to consider deep cuts of "big ticket" items such as reduced school day, instructional staff, transportation, and extra-curricular activities."

Esch said, "We attempted to run a positive, up-front campaign with residents, which explained that we have a pending financial crisis ahead of us due to reduced State Aid funding. Our request failed and what we have done here is to insulate kids as much as possible from the forced reduction of nearly \$300,000."

He continued, "Our next objective is to protect what we have from further dismantling. Given the same set of circumstances one year from now, we will need to trim an additional \$750,000 more from next year's budget in addition to the ones we have made tonight. I just don't believe our residents want that to happen. It is unfortunate that this had to happen at a time when the area is experiencing development of economic growth."

According to Esch, "Local business and property values can be adversely affected when the school district is forced into a financial crisis. It's critical that all public and private sector agencies work together in an open atmosphere to collectively guide us toward the future."

## McNab joins City Hall



Charlene McNab is the new face on the block. McNab started on the job a week ago Monday.

Lowell's City Hall has a new face working in the account clerk position. - Charlene McNab.

McNab has worked in the general office the last three years at Goodwill Industries in Grand Rapids. She comes to Lowell excited about the opportunity to expand in the area of accounting. "This position will offer a wider focus into accounting," McNab said.

McNab earned her degree in business from Grand Rapids Junior College. She started her schooling at Ferris State University.

This job will include payroll, billing for water and sewer, and helping out City Hall's treasurer Judy Noonon.

She replaces former city hall account clerk Debbie Carstens.

McNab, the Greenville native, now a Grattan resident, has been married 29 years to her husband Dave. They have three boys Bob, Ron and Don. Bob a Michigan State University graduate in turf grass management is currently a superintendent for a golf course in Phoenix, Ariz.

Not surprisingly, his mother enjoys golfing in the summer and his father repairs golf clubs.

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# Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

The Lord will give strength unto his people... (Psalm 29:11).

Many a person has been saved from despair by a word of encouragement. One day when our spirits needed lifting, my husband and I visited a friend in a neighboring town. "I'm so glad you came," he said with genuine delight and enthusiasm.

This response was exactly what we needed. Years later, we still recall the warmth of those

few words and fondly cherish them.

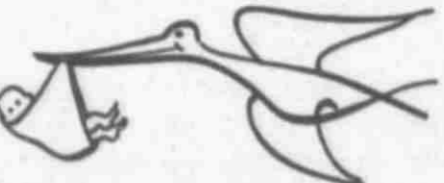
When one's spirits are low, it is easy to lose heart - to be tempted to give up, to call it quits. Discouragement and doubt are poisons which destroy personal victory. It is one thing to begin the Christian conquest with confidence and boldness; it is another thing to keep doubts away and maintain a steady and undeviating course towards heaven.

Everyone needs encouragement at times. Prayer reaffirms the faith and brings reassurance to the Christian of God's unfailing faithfulness and undying love. Communion with the Lord renews our strength and keeps us from fainting by the wayside. "It lifts our spirits" as nothing else can.

Prayer: O Lord, when I am weak and heavy-laden, reaffirm my faith. Reassure me of Thy love and faithfulness. Thy touch will lift my spirits and keep me from losing heart. Amen.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Saviour, still our Refuge-Take it to the Lord in pray'r.

Joseph Scriven



## Births...

Richard and Lisa Onan of Marne are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Deandra Leigh, born October 7, 1988, weighing 7 lbs. 4 1/2 ozs. and was 19 inches long. She is welcomed home by big brother, A.J. Grandparents are Dick and Sharon Delaney of Grand Rapids; great-grandparents, Pearl Tingley of Belding; Ruth Onan of Lowell; Charles and Gertrude Delaney of Indiana;

Bud & Becky Weiland of Indiana; great-great-grandparents Ray and Ida Onan of Lowell.

Stacy (Lippert) and Daryl Trierweiler of Fowlerville, MI announce the birth of their son, Kyle Charles Trierweiler on Sept. 21 weighing in at 8 lbs. 15 ozs. Proud grandparents are Chuck and Jan Lippert of Ada, formerly of Lowell and Kay and Clarence Trierweiler of Howell, MI.



Clay Pelon from Boy Scout Troop 102 holds his Scout of the Year Award presented to him at the May Court of Awards last spring.

## Scout of the Year

Boy Scout Troop 102 of Lowell presented Clay Pelon with the Bill Nowak Scout of the Year Award at their May Court of Honor.

This award is presented to the scout that exhibits the true scouting spirit in his everyday life and is active in scouting, the community and shows leadership and also advances in rank.

The award is in tribute to Bill Nowak, who devoted his time to scouting in the Lowell area. Pelon is a freshman at Lowell and is active in Cross Country, Band, 4-H horse showing, and other activities. He is a Life Scout, member of Order of the Arrow and has been active in Boy Scouts since 1985.



Army Private Peter P. Black

Army Private Peter P. Black, son of Robert R. Black of Alto, has completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. 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. He is a 1983 graduate of Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School.

Airman 1st Class Rodney W. Brock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell W. Brock of Clarksville, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. During the six weeks of training 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 through the community college of the Air Force. He is a 1988 graduate of Lakewood High School.

Marine Lance Cpl. Steven D. Eggleston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin H. Eggleston of Ada, recently deployed to Norway with 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC. While deployed, Eggleston will participate in Teamwork 88, a NATO exercise conducted with forces from the U.S., Britain, the Netherlands, and Norway. A 1981 graduate of Grand Rapids Baptist High School, Grand Rapids, he joined the Marine Corps in September 1986.



The Christian Crusaders of the article, in front of the Fallsburg Schoolhouse. The Fallsburg Schoolhouse Museum, as it looks now is located across the Covered Bridge from Fallsburg Park, in eastern Kent County.

## Fallsburg School remembered

What follows is an excellent example of the kind of letter, notes or taped recollections we are looking for to make the restoration of some of Fallsburg's buildings complete-to know the personalities who lived, worked or passed through this little village in its heyday (at one time Fallsburg was bigger than Lowell). We'll copy and give back originals to you if you prefer. Vergennes and Lowell happenings are very acceptable. Others, we can usually point you to the group that would be interested.

THE FALLSBURG SCHOOLHOUSE  
A Reminiscence  
By: William P. Laux  
June 23, 1964

My first visit to the Fallsburg Schoolhouse was in the summer of 1895, to attend Sunday School and a preaching service, with Henry Scott as Superintendent. In 1899 I had the privilege of serving as Supt. of the Sunday School, along with Albert Steketee, Asst. Supt. Henry

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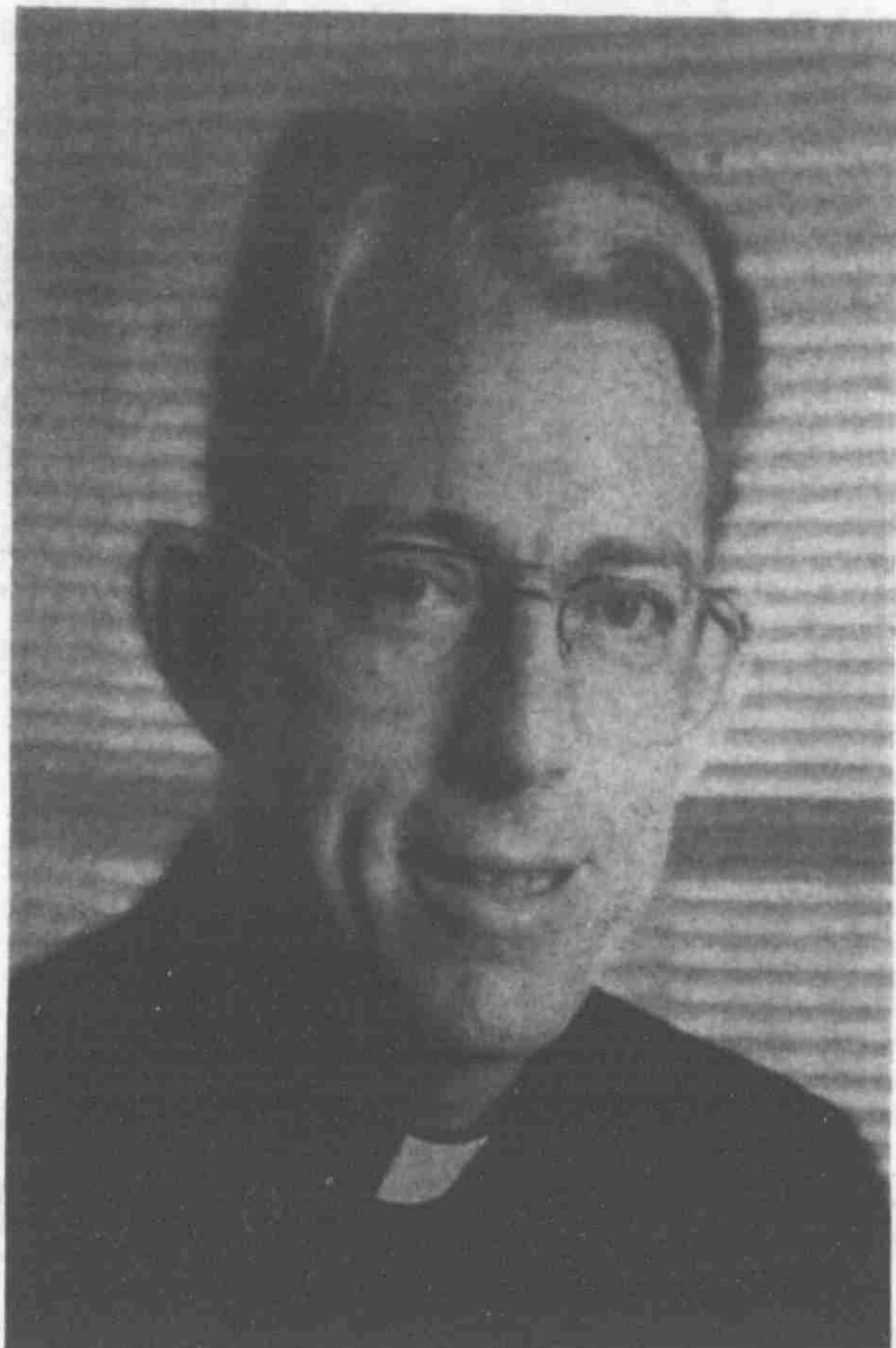
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## Malloy to address social concerns

Rev. Edward (Monk) Malloy, C.S.C., President of the University of Notre Dame will give the keynote address at the first Social Concerns Forum of the 1988-89 season on Thursday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Saint Jude Family Center, 1110 Four Mile Road, N.E. in Grand Rapids.

Father Malloy, a 1963 graduate of Notre Dame received his doctorate in Christian ethics in 1974 from Vanderbilt University. Since then he has taught in the Theology Department at Notre Dame until he was named the University's sixteenth President in June, 1987. Fr. Malloy is author of two books and numerous articles and reviews in a wide variety of theological and secular journals. His areas of specialization include: questions of ethical methodology, particularly in an ecumenical context; matters of social justice, specifically violence and its control; the quality and distribution of health care; substance abuse; economic ethics, and sexual morality.

The Forum lectures are open to the public for a \$5 fee. The Catholic Diocesan Secretariat for Social Concerns and the Notre Dame Club of Grand Rapids co-sponsor the Social Concerns Forum each year for the purpose of raising consciousness on social issues and encouraging people to work together to address these issues effectively.



Rev. Edward Malloy

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	<p><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 10305 Bluestwater Highway Morning Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Class 9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>	<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 621 E. Main Street 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship 9:00 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. Church School 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. W. J. Amundsen Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free Entrance</p>	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson 897-5906 Worship and Church School 10:00 A.M. Barrier-Free Nursery Provided Rev. David Hagens Minister Eleanor Martin Director of Education Marilyn Ossentjuk Director of Music</p>
<p><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 402 N. Amity MSGNR. JAMES MORAN NEW HOURS Saturday Mass 5:30 P.M. Sunday Mass 9:00 &amp; 11:00 A.M.</p>	<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street 897-7168 Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship Services 11:00 A.M. &amp; 6:00 P.M. Awana-Wednesday 6:50 P.M. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR 897-0017 DAVID COBB, YOUTH PASTOR 897-6348</p>	<p><b>FRIENDSHIP COUNTRY CHAPEL</b> New Address 10200 Grand River Ave. Sunday Services 10:30 A.M. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 P.M. BOB ROUSH, PASTOR 897-7489</p>	<p><b>FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST</b> 48 Lafayette SE (1 block S. of Fulton) Grand Rapids, MI Sunday Service &amp; Sunday School 10:30 A.M. Wednesday Evening Service 8:00 P.M. (Child Care Provided) Reading Room at 24 Division N. Weekdays 9 to 5:00, Saturdays 10 to 4:00 First 2 Mondays of month - 7:00 - 9:00 ALL ARE WELCOME</p>

## BIRTHDAY SPECIALS...

THURSDAY, OCT 13th

### CHOP SUEY NIGHT

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FRIDAY, OCT. 14th

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FRIDAY

October 14

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MORNING

5:00 Action Outdoors with Julius Boros
6:00 MOVIE: Kill the Umpire
6:30 SportsCenter
9:00 MOVIE: The Little Prince
9:30 MOVIE: The Dresser
10:05 MOVIE: The Long, Hot Summer

EVENING

6:00 MOVIE: Little Shop of Horrors
7:30 Sanford and Son
8:00 Top 20 Video Countdown
9:00 MOVIE: Crossing the Mob

AFTERNOON

12:00 MOVIE: The Seguebus
12:30 MOVIE: The Roaring Twenties
1:00 MOVIE: Harlow

MORNING

7:00 Remote Control
7:30 Music Videos
8:00 Top 20 Video Countdown
8:30 MOVIE: The Searchers

SATURDAY CONT.

5:00 Varied Programs
5:30 Dingo Riders
6:00 U.S. Farm Report
6:30 Between the Lines
7:00 Music Videos
7:30 Popeye
8:00 GUNSMOKE
8:30 Club MTV
9:00 Celebrity Outdoors

6:30 Varied Programs
6:55 Night Tracks (Stereo)
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10:05 MOVIE: The Long, Hot Summer
11:00 NWA Pro Wrestling
11:30 Science Technology Week
12:00 Club MTV

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12:30 Celebrity Outdoors
1:00 SportsCenter
1:30 SportsCenter
1:55 Night Tracks (Stereo)
2:00 Night Tracks (Stereo)

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MONDAY

October 17

MORNING

5:00 Sports Review
6:00 [MAX] MOVIE: Miss Grant Takes Richmond
7:30 [MAX] MOVIE: Ice Castles
8:00 [HBO] MOVIE: The Princess Bride (CC)

EVENING

8:00 MOVIE: Witch's Sister When woodoo dolls, people rising in the air and a strange old lady suddenly appear...

AFTERNOON

12:00 MOVIE: Mountain Rhythms Autry helps a group of ranchers protect their land from the raising of a resort hotel...

MONSIEUR

5:00 [HBO] MOVIE: The Heart is a Lonely Hunter (CC)
Major League Baseball's Greatest Hits
[M] Family Feud
[1] Family Feud
[2] Family Feud

World Monitor

1:30 MOVIE: Mountain Rhythms Autry helps a group of ranchers protect their land from the raising of a resort hotel...

WEDNESDAY

October 19

MORNING

5:00 [HBO] MOVIE: An Officer and a Gentleman
Auto Racing
[M] MOVIE: The Great Train Robbery

EVENING

6:00 MOVIE: A Disney Halloween From Trick or Treat at Donald's house to a terrifying night on Bald Mountain...

AFTERNOON

12:30 [HBO] MOVIE: The Jazz Singer A young man in the fifth generation of Jewish cantors decides his real love is to sing his songs...

MIAMI VICE (CC)

5:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Hannah and Her Sisters (CC)
Thoroughbred Digest
[1] USA Today
[2] USA Today

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TUESDAY

October 18

MORNING

5:00 Action Outdoors with Julius Boros
6:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Pennies from Heaven
6:15 [HBO] MOVIE: The Story of Fifteen Boys

EVENING

6:00 [HBO] MOVIE: The Turning Point
[M] MOVIE: The Slug-Whore
[1] MOVIE: Professor Poppa's Problems

AFTERNOON

12:00 MOVIE: Young Bill Hickok A young man uncovers a scheme to separate California from the rest of the country during the Civil War...

MacNeil/Lehrer

9:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Silver Bullet Tom Tyler, Jane Bryan, 1935.
[1] Walking Through the Fire A young mother, pregnant with her third child...

Best of Carson

1:30 [HBO] MOVIE: Peggy Sue Got Married (CC)
Scholastic Sports America
[1] USA Today
[2] USA Today

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MORNING

5:05 [HBO] MOVIE: Danger Zone
6:05 [MAX] MOVIE: Father is a Bachelor
8:00 [HBO] MOVIE: The Thief Who Came to Dinner

EVENING

6:00 MOVIE: Snoopy, Come Home A lonely little girl asks Snoopy to live with her...

AFTERNOON

12:00 MOVIE: Man from Music Mountain Lively western adventure with old Roy lighting and singing his way into our hearts...

Family Feud

7:30 Music Videos
[1] USA Today
[2] USA Today
[3] USA Today

MOVIE: Superman II

5:00 [HBO] MOVIE: The Long, Hot Summer (CC)
Major League Baseball's Greatest Hits
[1] USA Today
[2] USA Today









# Summer drought may have lasting effect on apple production

The heat and dryness may be gone, but their effects on the apple crop may linger on into next year.

This year's Michigan apple crop production will drop by 28 percent compared to prior years, according to Roger Kropf of Kropf Orchards.

Kropf added that of the 72 percent of apples remaining, 15-20 percent of them will be under-

sized and damaged fruit, causing a higher percentage of apples to be used for cider and fruit juices. The dry weather and heat caused apples to become sunburned, split and cracked.

"The drought will have a tremendous effect - one-third of the apple crop will not make size or will be considerably smaller, hurting both the processor and the fruit shipper," Roger Kropf

said.

Kropf's brother, Ken added that the heavier the crop of fruit on the tree the smaller the fruit was. "This is due to the lack of moisture," Ken Kropf said.

The state of Washington has one of the best climates for producing apples, according to Kropf, because of its arid climate and irrigation. "Experiments done in Washington show we're not sure

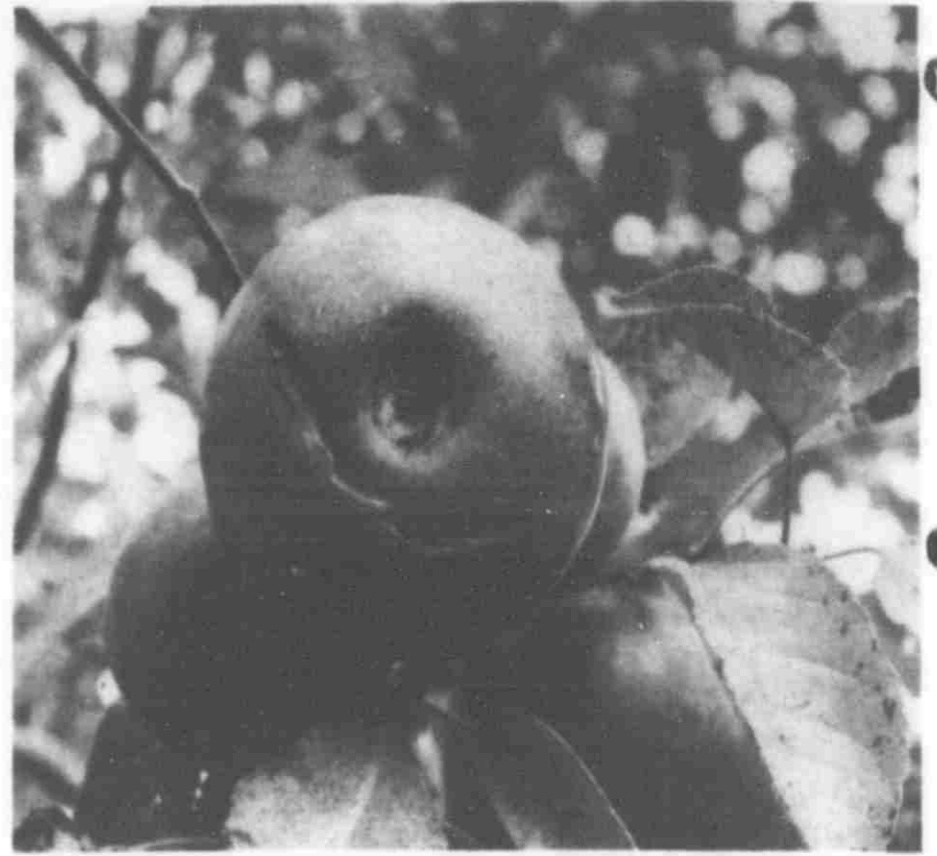
under these type conditions what it will mean for next year. The crop will be short this year," Roger Kropf said.

According to Kropf, studies show that 90-120 days of water are needed to bring on fruit; 60 days of water will bring a yield, but at a reduction in size; 30 days or less of water and there will be no crop.

While the drought may affect the apple price locally and throughout the state, the national world market won't change. "The net effect will fall on the growers," Kropf said.

Kropf Orchards ships a majority of its fruit out of state to all areas east of the Rockies. "The Michigan harvesting problems do not affect the national crop.

"Mother Nature has a funny way of trying to even things out," Kropf explained. This cold weather is a positive. It is helping the apples. This weather is ideal for apple harvest time. "The cold helps create solids and more color."



This apple started to grow again when the wet weather started, but like 15-20 percent of the apples, the second growth caused cracking.

Kropf added that the proper cultivating and fertilizing will help the trees rebound back to their natural state.

"The smaller trees did all right, because they were watered all summer long. Their roots are just 8-12 inches deep," Kropf said.

He added the larger trees' roots are spread out over a wider area, and their fiber roots take in the morning moisture.

Kropf said one positive from the summer is that the warmth helped increase the sugar content, helping make the crop one of the sweetest.



These apples reflect the damage that the heat of the summer had on them. The apples on the bottom are a result of the summer's heat. Many of them quit growing. Above are apples that matured to full size.

## Medals given to 4-H teenagers

Fifteen 4-H medals in various project areas during the 1988 Leader Recognition Festival at John Ball Park, Sept. 17 were awarded. Youth are nominated by their 4-H leader, and selection is based on their involvement in county and state 4-H activities, as well as their leadership experiences.

The next step for them in the awards process is to compete on a district level, and then a state level. With all their great efforts, it is hoped that some of them will be selected to represent Michigan at the National 4-H Congress in Chicago in 1989.

Kent County Medal Winners for 1988 are: Melanie Kaeb, Poultry and Rabbits; and Heidi Kaeb, Environmental Education, both from Lowell.

Melanie Kaeb is 14 years old and a 6 year member of the Alto Active Achievers 4-H Club. Kaeb is a well rounded 4-H'er with lots of enthusiasm and ideas. Last year she was selected to be a district winner in Entomology and competed at MSU with other 4-H'ers from Michigan.

Heidi Kaeb is 13 years old and a 4 year member of the Alto Achievers 4-H Club. She exhibited 32 projects at fair this year and attended a State 4-H Natural Resources Camp. Kaeb says, "4-H is a neat experience. It's never boring. I've learned a lot and hope to learn more."

## Lowell Board Notes

While much of the October Board meeting focused on the \$298,000 worth of recommended cuts (see related story), other areas were discussed and acted on.

Ed Timmer of Helmholtz and Company presented the board with the audit report on examination of financial statements year ending June 30, 1988.

After hearing the report, the board voted favorably to accept the 1987-88 report as prepared.

The board agreed to allow the Lowell YMCA to rent the high school or middle school gyms for a Saturday Youth Basketball program on a deferred payment basis for 1988-89.

A Board of County Canvasers report on the Sept. 26, 1988 school election as submitted was agreed on by the board.

The board approved the hiring of Phil Beachler as the junior varsity boys' basketball coach beginning with the 1988-89 season.

The board approved a paid leave for maternity purposes for Cynthia Pierce to begin on Nov. 14, with the leave converting to an unpaid leave at the

exhaustion of her sick days and that the leave terminate on Dec. 23.

Finally, the board approved the hiring of the following coaching positions for middle school girls' basketball; Donna Lenneman for the eighth-grade white team; Kathy Talus for the seventh-grade red team; and Cindy Young for the seventh-grade white team.

## Main St. cont.

the roof of the trailer at the South Hudson St. crossing Oct. 4. Kunze was not injured.

No one was injured Fri., Sept. 30 in an accident at Main & Hudson St. when Layle Childs, 25, of Lowell failed to stop for the blinking red light and struck a car driven by Chris VanDyke, 40, of Lowell.

Issued an appearance ticket into 63rd District Court for Possession of Marijuana, Oct. 3 was Brian Marentette, 20, of Ada.

A 13 year old juvenile will be referred to Probate Court for Destruction of Property (breaking vehicle windows) in the parking lot of Metric Manufacturing Co. on Foreman Rd. Sept. 27 & 28.

Six juvenile residents of Riverview Treatment Center on Riverside Dr. will be referred to Probate Court for Breaking and Entering a residence in Lowell after running away from the residence Oct. 3.

Philip Traver, 24, of Lowell reported his car damaged in a hit & run property damage accident Sat., Oct. 8 while it was parked in the FMB parking lot on East Main.

Lowell Fire Department reported it responded to 19 dispatches in the month of Sept.

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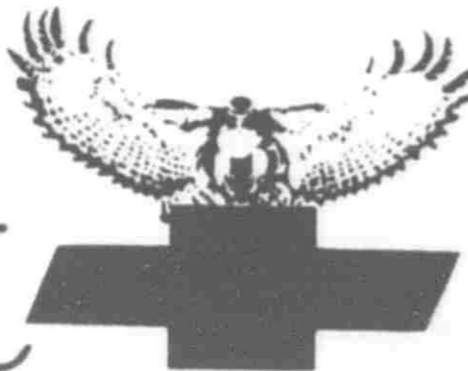
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