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Relief from the heat



Stoney-Lakeside Park provided a cool activity to counter Thursday's 90 degree heat.

City Council sets public hearing on Burger King development

Burger King learned that it will do things the City's way Monday night.

Lowell's City Council decided to play out its option in regards to the re-zoning and site plan for the Burger King development project.

After hearing a brief presentation from the project's general contractor, Larry Christiansen, the Council agreed unanimously, minus the presence of Councilman Bill Thompson, to set a public hearing for its July 20 meeting.

"While views of the residents were heard by the Planning Commission, it would have appeared as if the Council was railroading something through had it not set a public hearing," Councilman Jim Hodges said.

The Planning Commission received comments from the neighboring residents primarily concerned about the anticipated traffic increase on West Street.

Christiansen said the access drive leading out onto West Street would have 20 feet of buffers between it and the residents. Christiansen said Burger King is also offer-

ing to construct a six-foot good neighbor fence, and have a light timer shut off the access drive and monument sign lights at 11 p.m. each night.

Christiansen said the idea of the access drive is to teach local residents to take West Street to Bowes Road, and then Valley Vista to the light.

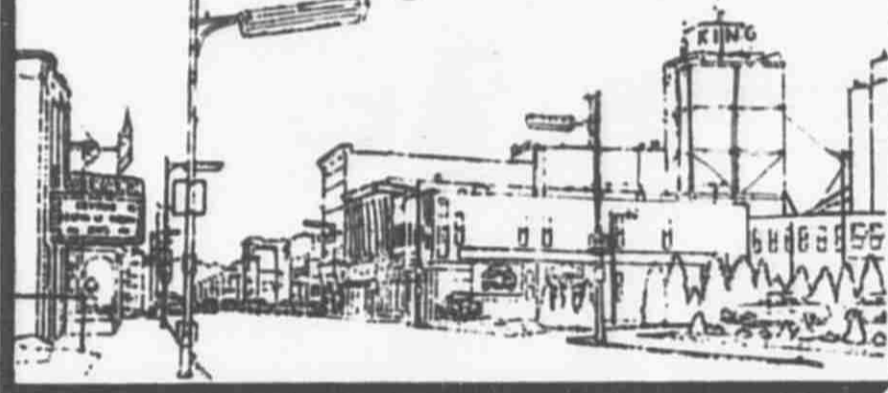
"With the use of signs, we have found that this re-training can be achieved," Christiansen said.

The general contractor said he was disappointed in the Council's decision to set a public hearing. "That's okay, though, we have time," he explained.

At its regular meeting on June 22, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding the re-zoning of three lots on the west side of south West Street (adjacent to Crystal Flash) from residential to commercial.

The request would allow Burger King the

Along Main Street



AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS

Lowell Community Education is once again selling amusement park tickets at discount prices as a community service. Call 897-8415 for information.

FALLASBURG SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM

Show the kids, or grandkids, a replica of the country school you fidgeted in the back of in the good old days. The pump in the front yard works if you need a drink, and the little house out back is a modern version of the long ago two little houses out back.

The Fallasburg Schoolhouse Museum is across the Covered Bridge from Fallasburg Park, four miles north of Lowell in eastern Kent County. Admission is free and the museum is open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Weekend to mid-October. For more information or special showings for groups, call 897-6430.

LHS 1960-65 CLASS REUNION NEWS

The deadline for your reservations to the combined LHS class reunion is almost here. If you are planning on attending, your money must be in by July 19. Please call Dennis Hawk at 868-6269 or Gay Nauta at 897-8986 to reserve your ticket now.

INFANT AND CHILD CPR CLASS

Lowell Area Fire Department will be sponsoring an AHA infant and child CPR class at the fire station on Thursday, July 30 from 6 to 10 p.m.

To register call 897-9679 before July 25. Cost is \$5 per person.

COMMUNITY ED STILL HAS OPENINGS

There are still openings in Lowell Community Ed's Summer Computer Camp and Performing Arts Workshop. Dates are July 20 through July 30, Mondays through Thursdays. Fees are \$30 per student. For more information call Lowell Community Education, 897-8434.

Cook's attempt to stop overhead lighting non-productive; denied with prejudice

A hearing on whether a restraining order requested by Vergennes Township Supervisor Jim Cook should be issued was denied with prejudice on Thursday.

The hearing for the restraining order was requested by Cook to prevent overhead utility poles from being used to run utility lines to the new school site.

Cook claimed overhead poles would cause irreparable damage to Vergennes Township and was in conflict with what Lowell Light and Power had told him.

Lowell Light and Power Interim general manager Dick Gorman said in all Lowell Light and Power's dealings with the Kent County Road Commission it was initially okay to install overhead lines, but after it was staked out it was determined the lines would be too close to the road and a grant could not be permitted.

Thus, a revision was made to bury the temporary lines going to the new high school site.

With plans for widening of the road, the overhead poles would run on the east side of Alden Nash north of Foreman with future plans to bury the lines.

A creek running under the road prevents Lowell Light and Power from burying lines without permission from the Department of Natural Resources. Instead, Lowell Light and Power altered the plans and filed for a soil erosion and sedimentary control permit which would allow it to bring cable to within 75 feet of the creek on either side. Two poles would be installed allowing the wire to go across the creek.

Vergennes believes the doubling up of utility poles along the right-of-way that will be used for traffic to and from the new high school campus is an unreasonable hazard to motor vehicle traffic

and would constitute a nuisance.

It also said that a doubling of the number of utility poles and utility lines in the area would be an unnecessary eyesore and would constitute a nuisance.

"If the County needs more space it will acquire more room for roads. Anything done on the east side will depend on the Kent County Road Commission. Anything Lowell Light and Power does will be done in the County right-of-way," Gorman said. "Other than the two poles used to go over the creek, the poles are temporary and I stated that in a conversation with Cook."

Cook said the decision on the restraining order was not productive and

actions taken up to the road would require a right-of-way or a Cook property easement. "If they (Lowell Light and Power) need an easement, they will have to come with a bended knee."

Council agrees to cut library hours to 20 Aronson: "Too much work, too little help."

The Lowell City Council reluctantly agreed to cut the Lowell Library branch hours by 15 percent for the summer months of July and August.

"In the letter stating our agreement, let's make sure the language is strong showing our unhappiness with the cutback," Lowell Mayor Jim Maatman said.

The Lowell Mayor said he has trouble cutting back the library hours (already a precious few). "I'm afraid that it will get stretched beyond just a couple of months."

Lowell Librarian Jane Aronson said that the only way that could happen is if the Council voted to do it. Aronson simply stated that there is too much work for

too little help. "The increase in checking books in and out and the shelving of books is more than the staff (Anne Pasquale and I) can keep up with."

The Kent County Library System has had a hiring freeze since 1987. "The usage of the Lowell Library has risen over the last four years and yet the Kent County Library is seeking relief," Aronson said.

The Lowell Library will close its doors on Saturday through the month of August. Saturday was chosen because that's the day used least by its patrons.

"My concern is that for some people this is the only day

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Obituaries

ABERNATHY - Corrine Abernathy, aged 86, departed this life on Saturday, June 27, 1992 at St. Mary's Hospital. Corrine leaves behind two daughters, Ozie (Melvin) Berkley of Grand Rapids and Susie (Frederick) Washington of Santa Ana, CA; two adopted daughters, Leslie A. Hunter of Grand Rapids and Lenore A. Smith of CA; 10 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Timothy Hill of Lowell; five sisters, Irene (Joe) Godfrey, Richella Manning, Ethel (William) Davis, Louise (Webster) Trimble, May Bliss (Earle) Warren, all of Grand Rapids; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins; a dedicated granddaughter, Linda Garr,

berlain and husband David, Beverly (Buss) Denick and husband Gary all of AZ; 22 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral and Committal Services were held Sunday at the Reyers North Valley Chapel. Interment Blythefield Memory Gardens. For those who wish memorials may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

BUSS - Mrs. Gertrude (Smith) Buss, aged 77, died quietly in the Hospice Care Center of Kent Community Hospital, Thursday, July 2, 1992. Gertrude (Gert) was preceded in death by her husband Ivan in 1990. She will be especially missed by her daughter Renee Schultz and husband Jerry of Montague, son Jack Smith and wife Phyllis of Alto, son Rex Smith and wife Judy of Cadillac; stepchildren, Jim Buss and wife Holly of Rockford, Bonnie (Buss) Cham-

berlain and husband David, Beverly (Buss) Denick and husband Gary all of AZ; 22 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral and Committal Services were held Sunday at the Reyers North Valley Chapel. Interment Blythefield Memory Gardens. For those who wish memorials may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

KERR - Leonard R. Kerr, Jr., aged 65, of Lowell, died July 3, 1992. He is survived by his wife, Gloria; children, Steve (Terri) Kerr, Pat Kerr, Jeff Kerr; mother, Ruth Kerr; grandchildren, Lesley, Stephen and Troy; brothers, Sid (Carole) Kerr, all of Lowell, Gordon (Char) Kerr of Sparta; mother-in-law, Margie Cantine of Caledonia; brother-in-law, Lawrence (Mary) Jensen of Kentwood. Private Memorial Services are being held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

WENGER - Joseph N. Wenger Jr., aged 81, passed away Monday, June 29, 1992 at Penneck Hospital, Hastings. Surviving are five brothers, Verne (Beatrice) Wenger of Alto, Russell (Lucille) Wenger of Byron Center, Clifford (Grace) Wenger of Alto, Gerald (Beatrice) Wenger of Grand Rapids and Howard Wenger of Dutton; many nieces and nephews. Funeral and Com-

LOWRY - Edward M. Lowry, aged 55, of Lowell, died unexpectedly June 30,

mittal Services were held Thursday morning at the Beeler Funeral Chapel. Rev. Lynn Wagner officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Grand Rapids. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

WHITBY - Mrs. O. Ilene Whitby, aged 79, of Lowell, died June 29, 1992. She was

preceded in death by her husband, Robert F. She is survived by her brother, Paul Kinyon (Sandra Fox) of Alto; nephew, Pat Kinyon of Cedar Springs; niece, Lori Meeleder of Alto. Following Mrs. Whitby's wishes there was no service. Private Burial has taken place. Memorials may be made to Nurses House Call of Grand Rapids or American Heart Association.

Libraries offer earth friendly program

The Kent County Library System offers an "earth friendly" program of special stories, songs and participation activities for children ages three to six.

The "Earth Keepers" story time is a celebration of our earth, with stories like "Mother Earth" by Luenn and "Planting a Rainbow" by Ehler. Kids will receive a turtle craft project and par-

ents can pick up a booklist of other suggested titles with the "earth smart" theme.

The program is part of an entire summer of reading clubs and special library events for children.

Programs are scheduled at the Lowell branch, Friday, August 21 at 2 p.m., call 897-9596 for information, and at the Alto branch, Tuesday, August 11 at 1 p.m., 868-6038.

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of the week they can use the library," Maatman said. Originally the library was open from 12:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The request was made by the Kent County Library system in an effort to increase book circulation.

The Lowell Library is open 25 hours a week, with the cutback it would remain open 20 hours. Aronson noted that ordinarily those using the library on Saturday constitute about half the patrons utilizing the facility on each of the other days open (Monday, Wednesday and Friday).

Burger King, cont'd.

use of off-street parking for the proposed restaurant on lots 27 and 28 (128 S. West St.). The adjoining property to the north (126 S. West) was included in the request for continuity, though not part of the Burger King site plan.

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Coming Events

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell Ada, Alto, and Saranac area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

FIRST MONDAY EACH MONTH: The South Kent 4-H group regular meetings at 7 p.m. in the Alto Elementary School cafeteria.

2ND AND 4TH MONDAY NIGHTS: Men's Life Bible study group will meet at Calvary Christian Reformed Church in the Narthex. All men in the community are welcome. Call 897-6215 or 897-7555 for more information.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education office located in the Middle School, 12675 Foreman Road.

EVERY MONDAY EVENING: Euchre will be played at the V.F.W. Post 8303 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1, prizes, Public welcome.

MONDAYS: Overeaters Anonymous New meeting. 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Hwy., Lowell. Call 361-5463. Come join us!

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Golden Swingers meet 6 p.m. at Lowell Senior Center.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and up, or completing the 5th grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m., during the school

year, in the Scout Cabin, at the end of North Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-8829.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Township Office, 6059 Linfield A. E., Alto. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, South Hudson, Lowell.

EVERY SECOND TUESDAY: The Lowell Area Fishing Club now meets at the Flat River Snowmobile Clubhouse on Potters Road, just East of Montcalm Ave. at 7:00 p.m. All prospective members or interested individuals are cordially welcome.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY - V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell at 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #M 1372 meets every Tuesday evening at the Lowell Congregational Church basement. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING - Ladies, join us for Coffee Break Bible Study and Children's Story Hour at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell. 9:30-10:45 Nursery provided.

WEDNESDAY - Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m. 55 and over.

2ND WEDNESDAY: Men's breakfast at Lowell Senior Center, 314 S. Hudson St. Call 897-5949 for reservations.

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimers Support Groups Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-4810 for information.

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall. New members welcomed. Membership 21-39 years of age. Leadership training through community involvement.

EVERY THURS.: Co-dependents Anonymous (COCA) meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Serenity Club, 101 W. Main, Lowell.

THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #M, No. 333. Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY: The Alto Lions Club meets at Dari's at 7 p.m.

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY: Lowell VFW Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the VFW Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

2ND THURSDAY OF

MONTH: All Lowell Area Senior Citizens are invited to attend the Lowell Community Ed. Lunch and Learn at 12:15 p.m. given at the Lowell High School. Cost of lunch is \$2.10.

SATURDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #M 1493 meets every Sat. at 9:00 a.m. in the Congregational Church basement in Lowell. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. weigh-ins from 8:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.

EVERY THIRD SATURDAY: Men's Breakfast 8 a.m. at Lowell Assembly of God, 3050 Alden Nash, just south of town). Special speaker and good food. For more info call 897-7047.

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING: Royal Rangers for the boys. Missionettes for the girls for kids kindergarten and up. Christ Ambassadors for the youth (7 thru 12 grades) Christian Clubs to help our children grow through the means of achievement programs, special activities, crafts, and basic moral learning. For more info, call Lowell Assembly of God at 897-7047.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 7:30 p.m., at 18841 Potters Rd. New members and guests are welcome.

QUA-KE-ZIK Sportsmen's Club - meets

every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Club building at 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting is held the third Monday of each month, at 8 p.m.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: 149 S. Hudson St. Hours: Monday thru Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Closed holidays. Phone 897-8545.

LOWELL LIBRARY HOURS: Open Mon. 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wed., 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Fri. & Sat., 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Open Tues. 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-6038.

FALLSBURG SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM - Across the Covered Bridge from Fallsburg Park and opened from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays May - October. Admission is free.

FRI., JULY 10: Cyclamen Chapter #94 O.E.S. will hold initiation ceremonies during the regular monthly meeting, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell Masonic Temple.

THURS., JULY 16: Past Matrons of Cyclamen, Chapter 94 O.E.S. will meet at the home of Sandy Caswell at 1 p.m.

SAT., JULY 11: LHS class of 1932 60 year reunion to be held at Deer Run Country Club on Old U.S. 16. Meet at 12 noon. \$10 per person. Send reservations & check to Gladys Bieri Thome, 725 Bows Rd. G7, Lowell, MI 49331 or Richard Court, 2236 Jeanne Dr., Hastings, MI 49058 to reach us by June 30, 1992.

THURS., JULY 23: Keen-Agers will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Vergennes Methodist Church (Note date change). We will be going to Holland, to the Evergreen Commons Building. We will tour the building, have lunch, \$6 per person and at 1:00 p.m. the Travelogue of Africa. Call Evelyn Tichelaaar for reservations, 897-9195. Please reserve by July 20.

SAT., AUG. 15: Class of '72 reunion at Harley Hotel. Reservations must be made by July 1 to Cindy (Bigelow) Boyce, 2295 Fallsburg Park Road, Lowell, MI 49331.

SUN., JULY 26: Cyclamen Chapter 94 O.E.S. will be serving a Swiss steak dinner from noon to 3 p.m. in the Lowell Masonic Hall. Adults \$6, children under 12, \$3. This dinner is for the benefit of a local three year old cancer patient. Anyone that is unable to attend the dinner, but wishes to make a donation may do so by mailing it to the Eastern Star, Lowell Masonic Hall, 112 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, MI 49331.

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Legal Notices

STATE OF MICHIGAN
CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT
ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER

File No. 92-74882-DM
DONNA SAFFELL, Plaintiff,
vs.
GARY SAFFELL, Defendant
LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN
By: Leslie C. Curry (P-31222)
Attorney for Plaintiff
430 Federal Square Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
(616) 774-0672

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, Grand Rapids, Michigan on May 28, 1992

PRESENT: The Honorable DENNIS C. KOLENDA, Circuit Court Judge.

On the 24th day of March,

1992, an action for divorce was filed by the above named Plaintiff against you, the above named Plaintiff against you, the above named Defendant, in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was 501 E. Duball, South Bend, Indiana 46613 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 20th day of August, 1992.

FAILURE to comply with the Order shall result in a Judgement by default against you, the Defendant, for relief as set forth in the Complaint filed against you.

DENNIS C. KOLENDA
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Examined, Counter-signed and Entered: Marilyn Hull, Deputy Clerk
ATTEST: A true Copy

Legal Notices

STATE OF MICHIGAN
CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT
333 Monroe N. W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER
File No. 92-75165-DM

CONNIE M. STARR, Plaintiff,
vs.
DOUGLAS STARR, Defendant.

LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN
BY: SARA A. TUFLI (P-44064)
Attorney for Plaintiff
430 Federal Square Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
(616) 774-0672

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, Grand Rapids, Michigan on June 22, 1992.

PRESENT: The Honorable DENNIS B. LEIBER, Circuit Court Judge

On the 29th day of April, 1992, an action for divorce was filed by the above named Plaintiff against you, the above named Defendant, in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was 2471 Lamplighter Drive, Jenison, Michigan 49428 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 21st day of August, 1992.

FAILURE to comply with the Order shall result in a Judgment by default against you, the Defendant, for relief as set forth in the Complaint filed against you.

DENNIS B. LEIBER
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Examined, Counter-signed and Entered: CRYSTAL McCLENTON, Deputy Clerk

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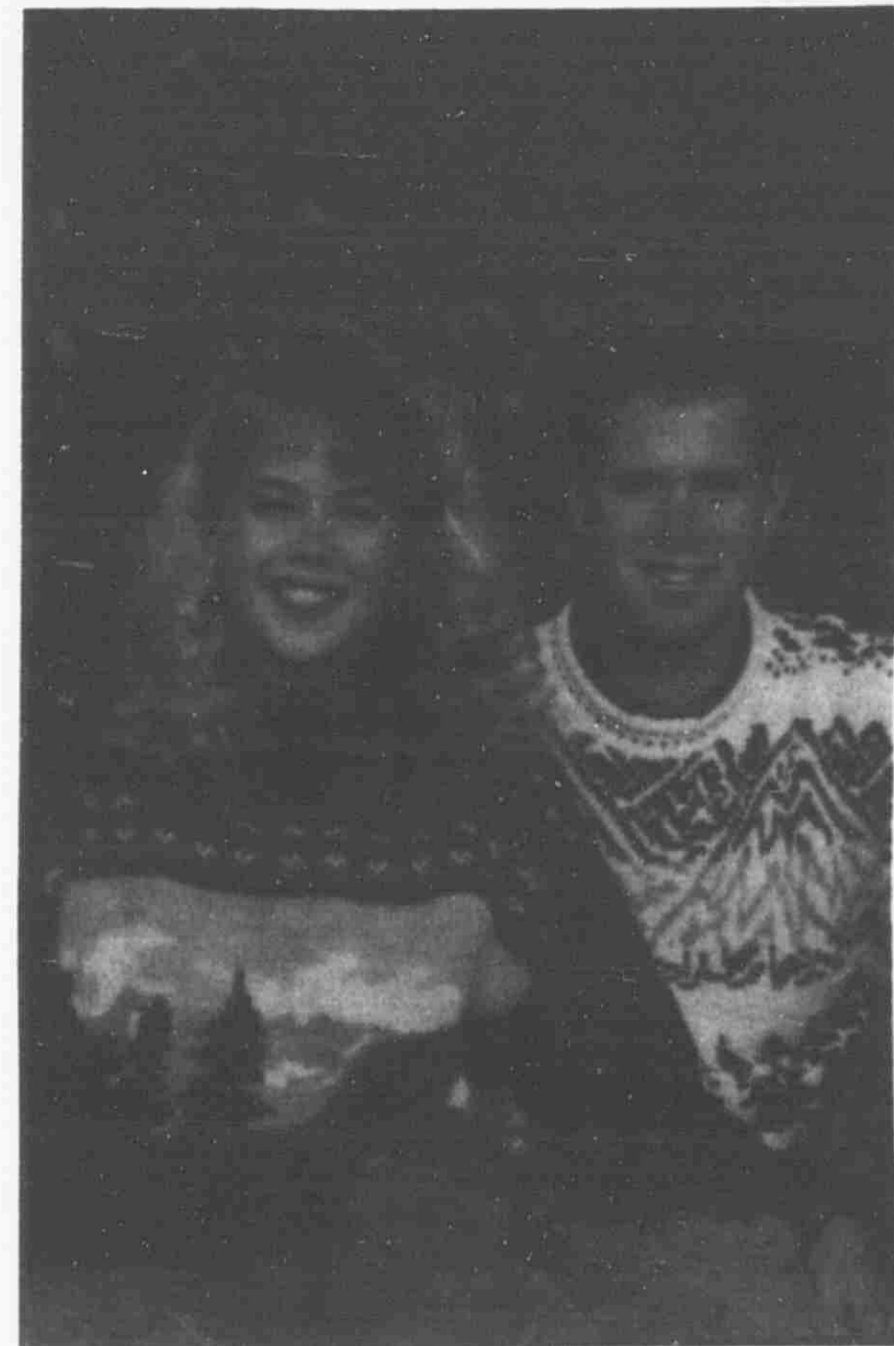
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Tammie Knottnerus and Thomas Blackport

Knottnerus and Blackport plan September wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Knottnerus are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Tammie Lynn Knottnerus to Thomas William Blackport. Tom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Blackport of Grandville.

The couple will be married on September 18 at Calvary Church in Grand Rapids.

Knottnerus is a 1989 graduate of Lowell High School and a 1992 graduate of Grand Rapids Community College in dental hygiene.

The future groom is a 1986 graduate of Grand Rapids Baptist High School. He attended Grand Rapids Community College and Bethel College and is currently working at Mary Free Bed Hospital in the orthotics and prosthetics division.

Henry Wallace, Vice President of the United States from 1941 to 1945 was also an expert on plant culture who developed a successful hybrid seed corn.

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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

And the Lord God formed man... and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul (Genesis 2:7).

It was great fun modeling clay with our fingers when we were youngsters. Then, too, I remember some of the other things we made—baskets of burdock burs, imaginary play houses with piles of leaves to indicate the rooms, purses with compacts, combs, and mirrors created out of

paper and crayons, and paper dolls, drawn by hand, then clothed with dresses cut from paper and carefully decorated. My brothers spent hours making rubber band guns out of scrap lumber and discarded inner tubes. Bits of boards and a rescued wheel or two became a cart or scooter.

God is the source of all creative ability and activity. The heavens, the moon, the stars, and all the living creatures inhabiting the earth are products of His handiwork.

He made man, and He is mindful of him. God is concerned with each affliction we must bear. He sympathizes and cares. Because we are His creation, He understands our frailties, and He knows how to comfort and strengthen us in our moments of weakness. He knows all about us because "He made us."

Prayer: O God, I am a product of Thy handiwork. Thou knowest my weak-

nesses. Thou sympathizest with me in my afflictions. When I am misunderstood, Thou understandest, for Thou hast made me. I am Thine. Amen.
He brings me thro' affliction;
He leaves me not alone;
He's with me in temptation;
He keeps me for His own.

B. E. WARREN

Area Births

Michael and Merlene (Parsons) Baker of Memphis, TN are happy to announce the birth of their baby boy, Joshua Michael, born June 14, 1992.

The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Baker of Ponchatoula, LA and Mr. and Mrs. Clark Parsons, of Lowell.

Great-grandmother is Evelyn Parsons of Lowell.

Big brother Jason, along with parents, Will and Julie Beaton, of Grand Haven, welcome home Sarah Marie born June 23 at Metropolitan Hospital.

Happy grandmothers are Marion Rutherford, of Lowell, and Eleanor Beaton of Grand Haven.

Muskets will crack, cannons will roar, July 11th & 12th

Revolutionary War encampment slated this weekend



N.W.T.A. officer relaxes between battles.

The crack of muskets, the roar of cannons and lingering clouds of gun powder will fill the air as Historic Bowns Mills host a weekend-long re-enactment of Revolutionary War battles and camp life. Troops from the Northwest Territory Alliance (N.W.T.A.) are busily preparing for their planned invasion on July 11 and 12. The hours will be from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and Saturday and from noon until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The North West Territory Alliance will make history come to life as they recreate the life and culture of the Revolutionary War. The thunder of the muskets and cannons, the sounds of the colonial fife and drum music along with watching craftsmen and camp followers making camp items by hand, will make the day most enjoyable for both young and old. 18th century

cooking and historic uniforms and ladies fashion shows will also be part of the day. There will be a British and Loyalist camps as well as American Continental and State encampments and troops. There will be two battles daily, military drills and camp life to enjoy as one steps into the past and returns to the Revolution. Sergeant David Hast, of Caledonia, the co-ordinator of the event, belongs to the 1,000 member, 47-regiment Illinois-based N.W.T.A., which covers seven Midwestern states. They are co-sponsors.

Historic Bowns Mills is a working water powered grist and cider mill. It was built in 1864 and is a Michigan State Historic Site. It ground flour for nearly 80 years, then for 40 years it sat dormant, deteriorating and decaying. Today, The Old Mill stands straight and proud, a memorial of the past. It is a four story working museum, dedicated to preserving many of the early industries of the past for future generations. All restorations have been done with donations and volunteer help and gate fees. Gate fees are \$3 adults and \$1 for kids.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thomapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>	<p>CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LOWELL Meeting at the Lowell Middle School (12675 Foreman) Sunday Morning Worship And Children's Activities.....10:00 A.M. Midweek Bible Studies and Youth Groups "LISTENING AND HELPING" 897-0077</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL REV. CARL J. REITSMA - 897-9836 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier Free</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Sun. Worship Services.....11:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Awana - Wednesday.....6:30 P.M. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-0017 Dan Nave, Youth Director, 897-6737</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. REV. KENNETH R. MCGEE, Pastor 897-5848 or 897-4273 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Eleanor Martin.....Director of Education Roger MacNaughton.....Director of Music Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....9:00 A.M. & 10:45 A.M. Church School.....9:30 to 10:30 A.M. REV. WILLIAM AMUNDSEN, MINISTER Nursery available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>FRIENDSHIP COUNTRY CHAPEL 10200 Grand River Ave. Sunday Services.....10:30 A.M. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 P.M. BOB ROUSH, PASTOR 897-7489</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Bible.....9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>	<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10601 Sattlemood Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Worship Service.....11:00 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier Free)</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 402 N. Amity MSGNR. JAMES MORAN MASSES Saturday Mass.....5:30 P.M. Sunday Masses.....9:00 & 11:00 A.M.</p>
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Viewpoint



cozy corner by Roger Brown

I have an informal list of things I want to do before I'm too old to give them a go, or die doing one of the things on the list. I want to sail my little catamaran across Lake Michigan. I want to skydive. I want to fly a sailplane. I want to navigate a small boat from Grand Haven to New Orleans. The list goes on and on. I add to it regularly, and occasionally get to scratch off an item. There is a parasail operation in business on the lake where our cottage is, and I have vowed to finally put that little adventure behind me this summer. That should give you some idea of the types of things I'm into. That should also give you some idea of what an idiot I am.

If I ever tried to physically list these little goals on paper, I'd probably have a hundred or so. Like the lists of "things-to-do-today" my wife gives me, I know in my heart I'll never do them all. But, unlike the lists my wife gives me, these things are usually fun. Big difference. BIG difference!

All of this brings me around to last Friday, and the problem I'm having trying to decide if I can scratch one of the items from my list. I've always wanted to compete in a demolition derby. You know, take all the glass out of a big old "beater", strap on a crash helmet and drive around on some fairgrounds crashing into a bunch of other idiots in old beaters. This might

not be everyone's idea of fun, but what the heck, there are some of us who aren't real keen on BINGO either.

"Tell us about Friday" you say! Okay, since you twisted my arm. It was Friday afternoon before the Fourth of July holiday. I was busy trying to get the Buyers Guide out of here and join my family at the lake. We had things buttoned up about 11:30 a.m., but there was nobody available to take the page negatives to the printers in Hastings. Being the regular prince that I am, I volunteered for the job. I found out a long time ago that I might as well volunteer for these extra details, cause the employees will tell me exactly where to go if I try to tell them to do it. That is, they'll tell me where to go when they're through laughing hysterically.

I dropped off the negatives at the plant on the north edge of town. It was about noon, so I headed toward town to score something for a light lunch... something nutritious like a Twinkie, some nacho chips and a Pepsi. It was raining lightly as I waited to make a left turn into a convenience store. I sat amid the four lanes of traffic and diligently had my left turn signal flashing. I was being as good a driver as I know how to be, but apparently it just wasn't good enough for the woman in the blue Astro van growing larger at an alarming rate of speed in my rear view mirror.

If I'd known this was a demolition derby I'd have done a few things differently. For one, I'd have worn and installed some safety equipment. For another, I certainly wouldn't be driving my six week old vehicle.

What happened next is a bit blurry, but I'm reminded most of an animated cartoon. Picture the typical scene where the cat or the coyote just nicely get their feet churning in an attempt to get away from a bomb that's about to go off. Just as they

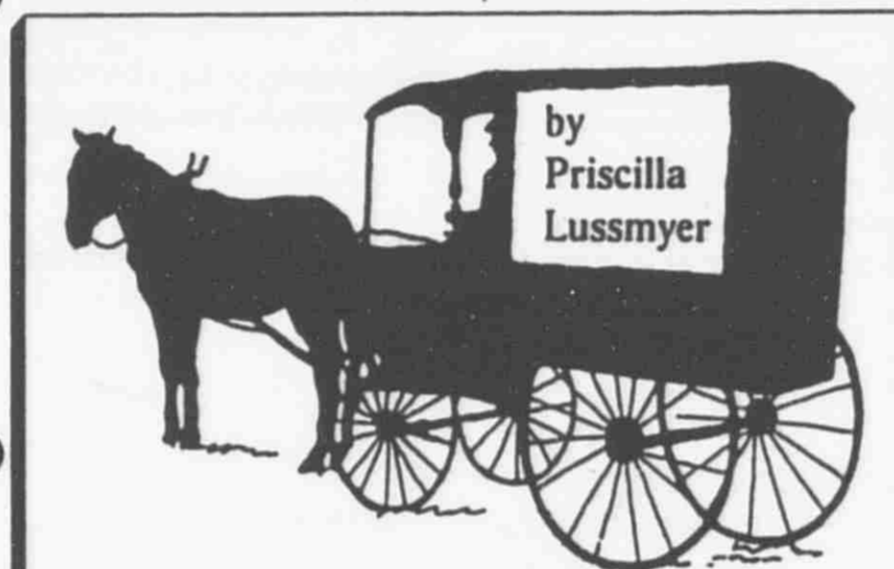
begin to get into motion the bomb blows them sky high. Well, I stepped on the accelerator, my wheels began to spin on the wet pavement and I might have moved an inch or two when she rammed into me at a speed that only NASA scientists are familiar with.

The impact, coupled with my feeble attempt to escape, launched me down the street with a hole shot that even "Big Daddy" Don Garlitti (he's the only drag racer I know) would be proud of. Oh, that reminds me, drag racing is another item on my list. No fueler or funny car, just a good old muscle car that would get me through the quarter mile at a respectable clip. Oh, how I can digress! I got stopped, turned around and headed back to the scene of the accident. She had pulled her crippled van alongside the curb.

I've decided that I will still have to enter a demolition derby, as I doubt this incident qualifies. Here's why. We parked and got out of our vehicles. She asked if I was hurt. I asked where her "bleeping" head was at. She stared at me in apparent disbelief that I might be peeved. I asked if she was asleep at the "bleeping" wheel. She stared back in even further disbelief. I rolled my eyes and went to call the police.

Now, to qualify as a demolition derby, I would have had to have done a few things differently. I had \$2,000 damage to my rear end, but I was still driveable. She had similar damage to her front end, but with radiator and brake fluid leaking all over the pavement, she wouldn't be driveable for very long. By the rules of demolition derby, I should have smashed into her vehicle repeatedly, using the rear of my vehicle to bash her so as to spare the vitals of my car. I regret now that I did not do this.

So, if you happen to see an ad in the classifieds that reads something like, "Wanted: large, solid car, cheap, must be in running condition, window glass not necessary, call 897-9261", you'll know what I'm up to. Now, if I could just get that woman that crashed into me to enter in a Yugo.



Ledger Entries of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - JULY 6, 1892
Repeated rain and windstorms have destroyed crops all over the Midwest.

The new county building is dedicated, and Mayor A. W. Weekes of Lowell, who is also head of the County Board of Supervisors, accepts the building and makes a speech.

The Lowell Lighting company's annual report lists 30 miles of wire connecting 17 street, 30 odd arc and 600 incandescent lights.

The Republicans nominate Benjamin Harrison for President and Whitelaw Reid as Vice President.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JULY 5, 1917
Hill's Shoe Store and the City State Bank are operating out of the same building until both have extensive

renovations (and some trading) of their properties.

Lowell businessmen launch a Missing Word Contest: a back page of ads contains missing words for the lucky ones who ferret them out for a prize each week.

Walter Kropf and Bruce McQueen write from Fort Omaha, Nebraska.

Legislation is underway to make the Rouge River navigable for 4 1/2 miles, to the new ford blast furnaces.

German U-Boats are said to have steel arms to push them away from trap nets.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JULY 2, 1942
Kent County 4-H clubs decide to go ahead with the fair, emphasizing victory gardens and agriculture to help the war.

C. H. Runciman is the only candidate for school district trustee.

Extension specialists explain that hot-pack methods are better than cold-pack for canning produce.

Price controls have retailers in a squeeze because of rising wholesale and farm prices and wages, which are not controlled.

A minor fire at Chris Bergin's draws all the volunteer firemen, who discover that no one brought the truck.

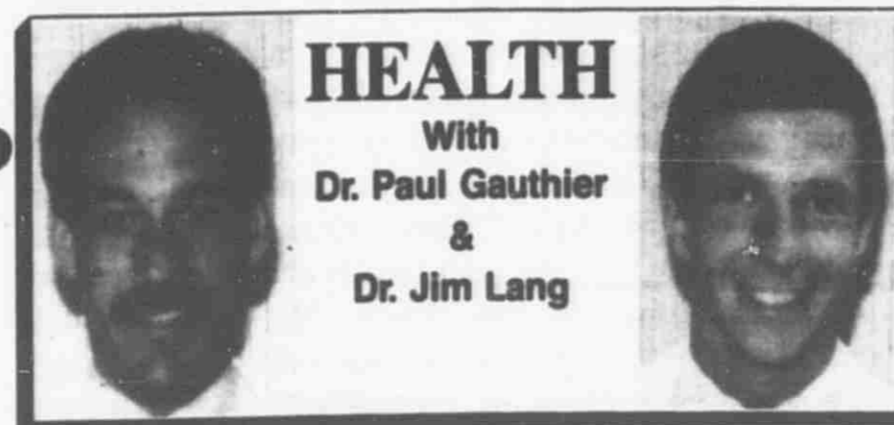
25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JULY 6, 1967
Jim O'Connor and Newell Snyder are driving Azzarello drag cars to several victories.

The mobile X-ray unit will be here next week. Tuberculosis is still a serious health problem.

Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong will be the headliner on this year's Showboat.

McQueen's proposed new garage and sales room on West Main is held up when they discover that present zoning won't permit it.

Lowell has five policemen and five volunteer reserve officers.



It's that time of year again. The hot, carefree days of summer are finally upon us. We're starting to see more cases of swimmer's ear...a sure sign of summer. Swimmer's ear is a condition that occurs when the ear

canal becomes infected with a bacteria or other organisms. The ear canal is usually protected by a thin layer of cerumen which prevents invasion by bacteria. During the hot, humid days of summer, swimming and other activities promote break down of this protective layer resulting in infection. Aggressive cleaning of the ear canal with cotton swabs can also promote breakdown of the protective lining.

Symptoms of swimmer's ear are similar to those of middle ear infections and these two conditions can often occur together. The treatment for these two conditions is different so an examination is usually required to provide the correct treatment. The patient with swimmer's ear will usually experience ear pain, swelling or a fullness in the ear, itching, redness and drainage. Hearing can be



Jim Trelease, author of THE NEW READ ALOUD HANDBOOK, has a new book out with a title that spells out his ongoing enthusiasm about books for children, HEY, LISTEN TO THIS is a hook of a name, is it not?

There are 48 read aloud stories that begin with a mini-biographical sketch of its author. This in itself is inspiring. Often a child or an adult reader wonders about the person who wrote the story. What made them want to be a writer? Were they very young or older when they knew they wanted to write books? How did they get the idea for this particular story? And the questions go on. Many of them are answered by Trelease in the sketches.

As an adult reader, I was enthusiastically pulled into many books that I had never read before, and the further reading suggestions at the end of each story made me want to investigate these books, as well. It was exciting and refreshing as I got a taste of Trelease's intention.

Because this is an anthology, it is a challenging way to find out just what kind of stories might interest a child as they mature in their reading level.

This book is worth a try for family reading, as well as for teachers of this age group. The teachers that I introduced the book to said, "Oh, look that is a great story; one of my favorites," and another, "I think I'll use this in the fall to go along with the theme I've chosen for my reading time," and "I've never heard about that story or the author. It looks interesting."

I laughed when someone else cheerfully called out to me, "HEY, LISTEN TO THIS," and I did.

This book is available at your local library and bookstores.

HEY, LISTEN TO THIS
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July 9: Kelleigh Kinsky, Chris Briggs, Elaine Haines, Frank Blattner, Jim Wallin, Leo Pfaller.
July 10: Anne Hall, Mary Kloosterman, Laura LaHaye, Jenny Horian, Nancy Reinhart, Adam Buck, Angie

Mulder, Gene King.
July 11: Dina DeCator, Erica Kline, Minnie Dalstra, Carolyn Hostler, Ken Frasier, Shelley Bailey.
July 12: Sue Zimmerman, Ethel Kelly, Sara Kropf, David Biggs, Cole Burdette, Ardie Briggs, Eunice Keim, Jordan Baldwin.
July 13: Wendy Bobo, John Jones, Travis Thomet, Cheryl Doyle, Ethel Fitzsimmons.
July 14: Brian Gessler, Mindy Walling, Dick Ellison, Jennifer Glenn, Katie Stouffer, Ernestine Bundy.
July 15: Carolyn Jamison, Kyle Stone, Karen Pursley, Kyle Aksamitowski.
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It makes all the difference whether you hear an insect in the bedroom or in the garden.

—Robert Lynd

Health, continued

affected if debris collects and occludes the canal. Treatment of an infected ear canal is usually accomplished by placing antibiotic drops in the ear for several days. Oral antibiotics are often prescribed as well. Swimmer's ear can be prevented by thoroughly drying the ear after swimming and trying to shake the excess water out of the ear. Ear plugs may keep water out of the ear but they can irritate the ear canal and destroy the protective lining of the canal, so we recommend alcohol and household vinegar can be used to prevent excessive moisture in the ear canal by installing a few drops for a minute or in each canal after swimming.

Bowens Mills, continued

will be serving all kinds of apple related deserts. Their big special is an apple dumping topped with ice cream covered with caramel sauce topped with nuts. "The Village Smithie," Glen Ludwick of the Pine Lake area, will be at work in The Mills lower level blacksmith shop, demonstrating this old time art. He will be making and selling his wares and taking special orders for items that can't be found elsewhere. "The Cooper," Dick Levett of Hastings, will be in the barrel making room at work also. The largest Oxen Team in Michigan will be on hand, giving rides in an old ox cart. The oxen weigh in at well over a ton each. Their owner-driver George Kamps, will be giving a history of the ani-

mals and how they were used in the past on the rides. The festival will be held rain or shine should it rain, the Mills "Rainie Day Museum" on the 4th level will be open. The area houses an art gallery, cobblers shop and an old time sewing room, along with many of the old tools and machines.

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Lowell City Council Proceedings

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1992. The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Maatman and the Clerk called the Roll. Present: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Thompson, Fonger and Mayor Maatman. Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED BY FONGER and seconded by GREEN that the minutes of the June 1, 1992 meeting be approved as written.
 YEA: 5.
 NAY: 0.
 ABSENT: 0.
 MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by GREEN that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.
 YEA: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Thompson, Fonger, and Mayor Maatman.
 NAY: 0.
 ABSENT: 0.
 MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (JUNE 15, 1992)

GENERAL FUND:	\$ 68,352.10
MAJOR STREET FUND:	17,363.83
LOCAL STREET:	8,579.98
SEWER FUND:	20,534.15
WATER FUND:	4,089.85
EQUIPMENT FUND:	3,324.90
AIRPORT FUND:	219.99
CURRENT TAX FUND:	55,678.87
LEE FUND:	465.17

Item #1. PRESENTATION OF THE STATEMENT: THE VISION OF RACE UNITY BY THE GREATER GRAND RAPIDS BAHAI COMMUNITY. Linda Wallace of the Greater Grand Rapids Baha'i community presented to the Council copies of *The Vision of Race Unity* which was also provided to other area City Councils and School Boards. Ms. Wallace stated racism affects all of us. She hoped that this will make a contribution toward the elimination of the disease of racism that breeds into our society.

Item #2. GRINDLE DRIVE WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS - PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CREATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO MAKE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS. The City Council held a public hearing to hear comments on the creation of a special assessment district for water improvements on Grindle between Shepard and James. The City has proposed a 12" water main within the street right of way. In addition, the project has included a booster pump station by the Shepard Dr. reservoir, and piping from the booster pump to Shepard down to Grindle. City Manager Pasquale explained that establishing a special assessment district requires several procedural steps. After conducting the hearing, the Council then can consider a resolution determining to make the improvements and approving the estimated costs (\$82,000 in water main improvements, \$167,000 for the booster pump station). The City engineers have estimated a cost of \$22.17 per lineal foot for the Grindle water main and an additional charge of \$1077 per service to cover the cost of the booster pump station. The City has applied for a Community Development Block grant to offset a portion of the cost of the booster pump station. The City should know by August whether this has been cleared by the County for approval.

It was questioned if the booster pump station will impact only the people on Grindle Dr. City Manager Pasquale responded it will benefit all residents in the northeast area (capacity for 155 homes). Lonnie Collins, 701 Grindle, asked if the City could put in a tee at the City expense in front of those homes that do not wish to tap into the City water system at this time. DPW Director Tony Siciliano explained the City will put in the tee. However, when the property owner wishes to tap into the City's water system, the current charges at that particular time will have to be paid.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by FONGER to create a special assessment district for water improvements on Grindle between Shepard and James.
 YEA: 5.
 NAY: 0.
 ABSENT: 0.
 MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. JAMES STREET ROAD AND WATER IMPROVEMENTS - SET HEARING DATE ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL (7/20).

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by FONGER to establish a public hearing to confirm the special assessment roll for road and water improvements on James for July 20, 1992 and to approve the bids for these improvements.
 YEA: 5.
 NAY: 0.
 ABSENT: 0.
 MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. BUDGET

A. Consideration adoption of 1992-93 Budget and the Truth-In-Taxation hearing. Mayor Maatman opened the public hearing for consideration of adoption of the 1992-93 budget. Michael Blough, Chairman of the Planning Commission, was present to request additional funds to update the Master Plan, the main tool used to establish land usage trends for the City in the next 20 - 30 years. Blough requested an increase from \$1800 to \$4800 for input from a professional planner for the initial phase of this study.

The Council agreed with the need to update the Master Plan, but noted that the General Fund Budget is very limited. It was recommended that the Commission pursue the \$3000 through the Look Memorial Fund. Mayor Maatman stated that the City Manager will assist in the preparation of the application. If unsuccessful, the Council will reconsider the request. City Manager Pasquale mentioned the Lowell Library Board has requested an increase in their contribution for this coming year (currently \$1000) it was decided by the Council to seek a specific dollar amount from the Library Board before the donation is increased. Councilmember Green stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission has recommended that the Council redirect Lee Fund monies (\$11,000) scheduled for paving the Creekside parking lot to enlarging Stoney Lakeside Park lot due to an increase in demand and a potential for more damage if left unpaved.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to redirect the Lee Fund monies (\$11,000) for the paving of Creekside Park parking lot to Stoney Lakeside Park parking lot.
 YEA: 5.
 NAY: 0.
 ABSENT: 0.
 MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Maatman opened the Truth-In-Taxation public hearing. City Manager Pasquale explained to be in compliance with the State Act (Public Act 5 of 1982), a hearing is first held to set the current millage rate at 13.000. The levy was then reduced to 12.993866 mills, so that the same revenue is generated as in last year's

SEV. While the current millage is retained, an increase in the SEV amount to an equivalent .006134 mills. There were no public comments received.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to restore the 13.000 mill operating levy from 1991 thereby overriding the Truth-In-Taxation roll back.
 YEA: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Thompson, Fonger and Mayor Maatman.
 NAY: 0.
 ABSENT: 0.
 MOTION CARRIED.

B. 1991-92 Budget Amendments. The Council considered the following budget amendments as the City closes out the fiscal year:

- In the General Fund, the new police cruiser delivered earlier than anticipated (planned in July, arrived in May) required an increase of \$12,457. This will be offset by a reduction in the 1992-93 budget.
- The testing of police officer candidates (replacing Officer Michael Martin) necessitated an amendment of \$1335.
- Under the Water Fund, a reduction of \$11,450 in Community Development fund transfers to the Water Fund was caused by the County Community Development office paying grant money directly to the contractor for the wellhouse project.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by FONGER to approve the final amendments to the 1991-92 budget as presented.
 YEA: 5.
 NAY: 0.
 ABSENT: 0.
 MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. RESOLUTION ON WATER SERVICE RATES. City Manager Pasquale explained water service rates need to be adjusted to compensate for increased operational costs. The water readiness to serve charge (based on a residential 5/8" meter) would be raised from \$8.50 to \$9.50 per month. Other meter sizes will increase proportionately. No other changes have been proposed in the water consumption rates nor the sanitary sewer charges. The charges become effective for billings mailed to customers after July 15, 1992.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by HODGES to adopt the resolution to increase the water readiness to serve charge, as proposed.
 YEA: 5.
 NAY: 0.
 ABSENT: 0.
 MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF MERS FAC-3 AND B-4 BENEFIT PROGRAMS. City Manager Pasquale explained after reviewing fringe benefit programs and discussing the same with city employees, it was recommended that the City adopt the FAC-3 and B-4 retirement plans with Municipal Employees Retirement System. The current plan's (C-2) drawback involve a significant drop in the percentage of the employee's final average compensation once age 65 is reached (from 2% to 1.7%). The B-4 program provides a 2.5% rate without such a decrease. Also it is proposed that the City adopt the FAC-3 plan which based final average compensation on the highest three consecutive years of earnings rather than five. In an effort to defer added costs of the new program, 1% of employees' salary increases is designated for these benefits over the next three years. Thus, it was recommended by City Manager Pasquale that the Council adopt these pension programs.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by FONGER to adopt the MERS B-4 and FAC -3 pension programs as presented.
 YEA: 5

NAY: 0
 ABSENT: 0
 MOTION CARRIED

Item #7. PROPOSED POLICE CONTRACT 1992-95.

City Manager Pasquale reported that during the past two months, he and Chief Emmons have held negotiations with the Lowell Police Officers Association regarding a three year contract. The following were the major items of the agreement:
 A. Increase wages 3% for the Police Officer (excluding the starting wage and six month pay increments) and Sergeant positions during the first year of the contract. Because of the uncertainties with state referendums on property tax assessments, wage re-openers would be in place for the second and third years.
 B. Adopt the MERS Benefit FAC-3 and B-4 programs. Employees contribute 1% of their anticipated wage increases for the next three years.
 C. Increase longevity payments to \$50 per year, maximum \$500 (previously \$45 and \$450 respectively).
 D. Renew the 12 Hour Shift with language clarifications.
 E. Add Fitness for Duty language as well as revisions to the absences due to non-work related illness or injury section.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by FONGER to adopt the contract with the Lowell Police Officers Association commencing July 1, 1992 as proposed.
 YEA: 5.
 NAY: 0.
 ABSENT: 0.
 MOTION CARRIED.

Item #8. APPROVAL OF THREE YEAR WW CONTRACT. City Manager Pasquale explained that since 1989, WW Operation Services has provided quality management of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mark Mundt, acting as Superintendent of the Plant, has conducted himself well in the management position. The annual cost for each of the three years has been proposed to be \$235,380. The increase (from \$218,400) takes into account required testing, maintenance, a part time employee and cost of living. Councilmember Thompson questioned if 4% was a reasonable cost of living increase at this time. City Treasurer Judy Noonon felt it was a fair rate considering the period of time that had lapsed. Also, the increase does not require an increase in sewer rates.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to adopt the three year WW Operation Services contract as presented.
 YEA: 5.
 NAY: 0.
 ABSENT: 0.
 MOTION CARRIED.

Item #9. 1991 STREET IMPROVEMENTS - APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2. ADDED ENGINEERING COSTS AND FINAL PAYMENT. City Manager Pasquale explained street work involving Kent, S. Monroe, Lafayette and Avery has been recently completed. A final change order of \$3,691.18 has been brought forth for approval because of unanticipated added costs. Also, the addition of the cemetery drive pavement to the project, relocation of the drainage outfall by S. Monroe and added costs due to extension of construction into the 1992 season have increased costs. An increase of \$4803.29 in engineering fees (totaling \$17,903.29) for OMM Engineering was requested to complete the project. Lastly, authorization of the final construction payment of \$31,933.97 to Lee's Trenching was needed to close out the streets project.

Mayor Maatman questioned if the City requested the additional construction materials (\$3,691.18) or if OMM just added these costs on its own. Department of Public Works Superintendent Tony Siciliano responded that

these items were a necessity and that the City did request them.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by FONGER to approve the final change order of \$3,691.18 to Lee's Trenching for the additional costs regarding the 1991 Streets Improvement Project.

YEA: 5.
 NAY: 0.
 ABSENT: 0.
 MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by HODGES to approve the final construction payment of \$31,933.97 to Lee's Trenching needed to close out the 1991 Streets Improvement project.

YEA: 5.
 NAY: 0.
 ABSENT: 0.
 MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Fonger stated when another street improvement project is started such as James St., the construction company have some liability to maintain the street until the job is finished. Mayor Maatman questioned why the project went into the 1992 season. City Manager Pasquale responded the City felt with some break in the weather, the job could have been completed last Fall. However, the winter weather came in November. When good weather arrived some time later, the ground was very wet. With the concern over the quality of grading and paving with these conditions it was determined to postpone the job and wait until the spring. Councilmember Thompson added he would not approve of the additional engineering costs due to extension of construction into 1992 season. He would like a further explanation and a breakdown of costs. The matter of approving the added engineering fees was deferred until the next meeting.

Item #10. CREATION OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT - RETAIL SIGNSYSTEMS 2533 W. MAIN - PUBLIC HEARING. City Manager Pasquale stated the application for tax abatement regarding the proposed industrial building at 2533 W. Main from Patrick Mangene has been withdrawn.

Item #11. MONTHLY REPORTS. The following monthly reports were presented:

Police	Building	Public Works
Fire	Animal Control	Ambulance
	Budget	

Item #12. CITIZENS COMMENTS. Don Clark, Member of the Lowell Jaycees, mentioned the Jaycees had requested to use the Stoney Lakeside Park for a 4th of July parade and festivities. But, the Parks and Recreation Commission turned down the proposal for this year. However, he wondered if some assurance could be given to the Jaycees to use the park next year. Councilmember Green responded the reason the Jaycees were turned down for this year was lack of parking area. The cars would be tearing up the grass that has just started to grow. Councilmember Hodges questioned what type of event was proposed. Clark responded a 4th of July parade was planned along with festivities during the day at the park featuring childrens games. Councilmember Green mentioned that the Jaycees could go to Creekside Park. However, Clark responded it is very warm there with no shade. Mayor Maatman expressed his concern that the park is intended to be used for this activity. With an organized event, the City could have solved the parking situation, possibly shuttling or allowing parking along Bowes Road. Mark Baughman (410 James) questioned if the City will pave the Stoney Lakeside Park parking lot expansion now. Mayor Maatman responded that has been approved. Baughman wondered if the City couldn't temporarily use a gravel base at Stoney Lakeside Park instead

of taking money away from Creekside. He stated 50 cars can be parked on a gravel area much more inexpensively than paving. Pasquale responded that, within budget constraints, the plan is to complete Stoney Lakeside Park parking with a gravel overflow and then proceed to Creekside.

Item #13. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Thompson stated there are many pot holes on Grindle Dr. Furthermore, he wanted to have more people aware of Stoney Lakeside Park by advertising it in the local papers. Councilmember Hodges stated the Lowell Cable TV is doing very well and is operating within their budget. He further said Cable ran a successful campaign promoting the Disney channel during May. In addition, Councilmember Hodges informed the Council that the Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV Boards have hired Paul Christman, from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania as Superintendent starting in July. Councilmember Green stated the Lowell Showboat is starting this week and wants everyone to attend.

Item #14. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:
 A. The minutes of the May Light and Power and Cable TV as well as the May 20 Look Memorial Committee meeting were presented.
 B. An information update on the status of drunk driver reimbursement Ordinance was provided, in terms of arrests (148 made to date), total billed (122 invoices at \$9,109.89) and total paid (\$4,504.36).
 C. At a June 3 special meeting of the Planning Commission, a preliminary site plan review of the proposed Burger King restaurant was given. A hearing on the zoning (to commercial) regarding lots abutting West Street for the restaurant's parking use is scheduled for June 22 along with final site plan approval. A recommendation will then be forwarded to the City Council.
 D. Pasquale presented a concern from James Sowle, owner of the Lowell Water Works Car Wash, who noted a number of volunteer groups that use the Family Fare parking lot for car washes while his facility is not being utilized. The Council felt that volunteer group car washes are quite common. There is nothing wrong with these activities. No further action was taken.
 E. The Department of Public Works has sent out for bids for a dump truck which is a budgeted item.

Item #15. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Maatman mentioned he is having difficulty filling Planning Commission and Lowell Cable TV Board vacancies. He stated his openness to any suggestions for anyone interested.

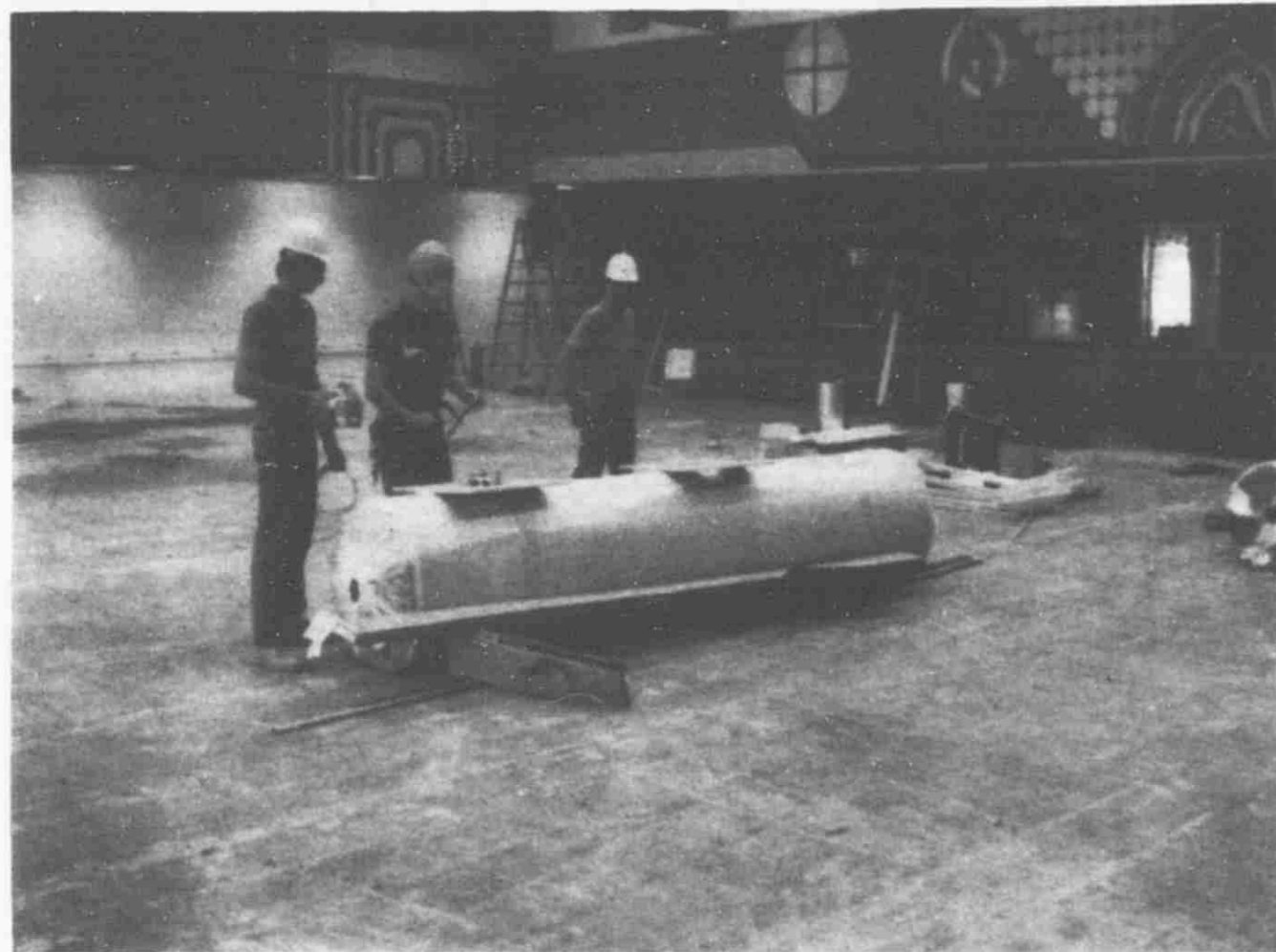
IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES to adjourn into closed session at 8:53 p.m. The Council reopened to its regular session at 10:15 p.m. Mayor Maatman stated that the reason for the closed session was to discuss the job performance of the City Manager. He said that the Council was pleased with City Manager Pasquale's performance. Based on the proceedings of the closed session, the following motion was presented:

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to establish the salary of City Manager Pasquale at \$50,000 per year beginning July 1 with 25¢ per mile travel allowance.
 YEA: 5.
 NAY: 0.
 ABSENT: 0.
 MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES to adjourn at 10:16 p.m.
 DATE APPROVED: July 6, 1992

James D. Maatman, Mayor
 David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

Renovation work at elementary & high school on schedule



Come August 31 this room will again serve as a library.



Tiling an Alto Elementary floor.

Jim Ruehs, Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. project manager for renovation of the high school into a middle school is a three-part project. The first part, which is currently being completed includes adding six new rooms to the west end of the building to help house fifth-graders from Bushnell and Runciman. The rooms may also be used for some high school classes. Work still needed to be completed includes asphalt-

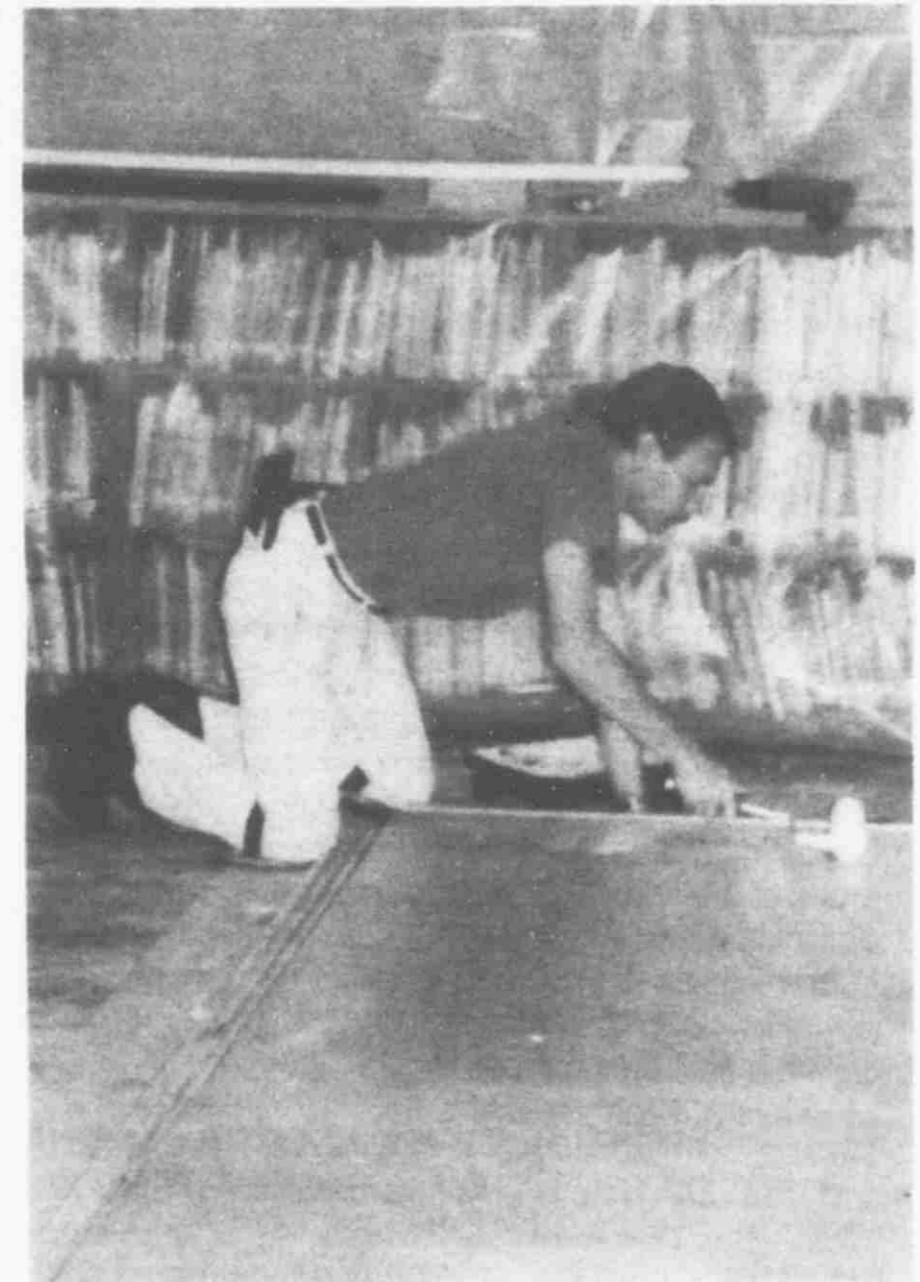
ing on the west and east sides of the building, installing hollow metal frames and doors, painting inside of renovated rooms, electrical and mechanical work. Work is also being done on the girls' locker room and the athletic office. Next spring the middle portion of the high school will be renovated. That will include renovating the cafeteria, the kitchen, the auditorium, the administration of-

ice, and the boys' locker room. "We started on June 8 and in the four weeks of work we have not had any problems," Ruehs said. "We've completed almost all of the demolition. We also have most of the block walls in place." Ruehs said painting and carpeting must be completed in seven classrooms and the

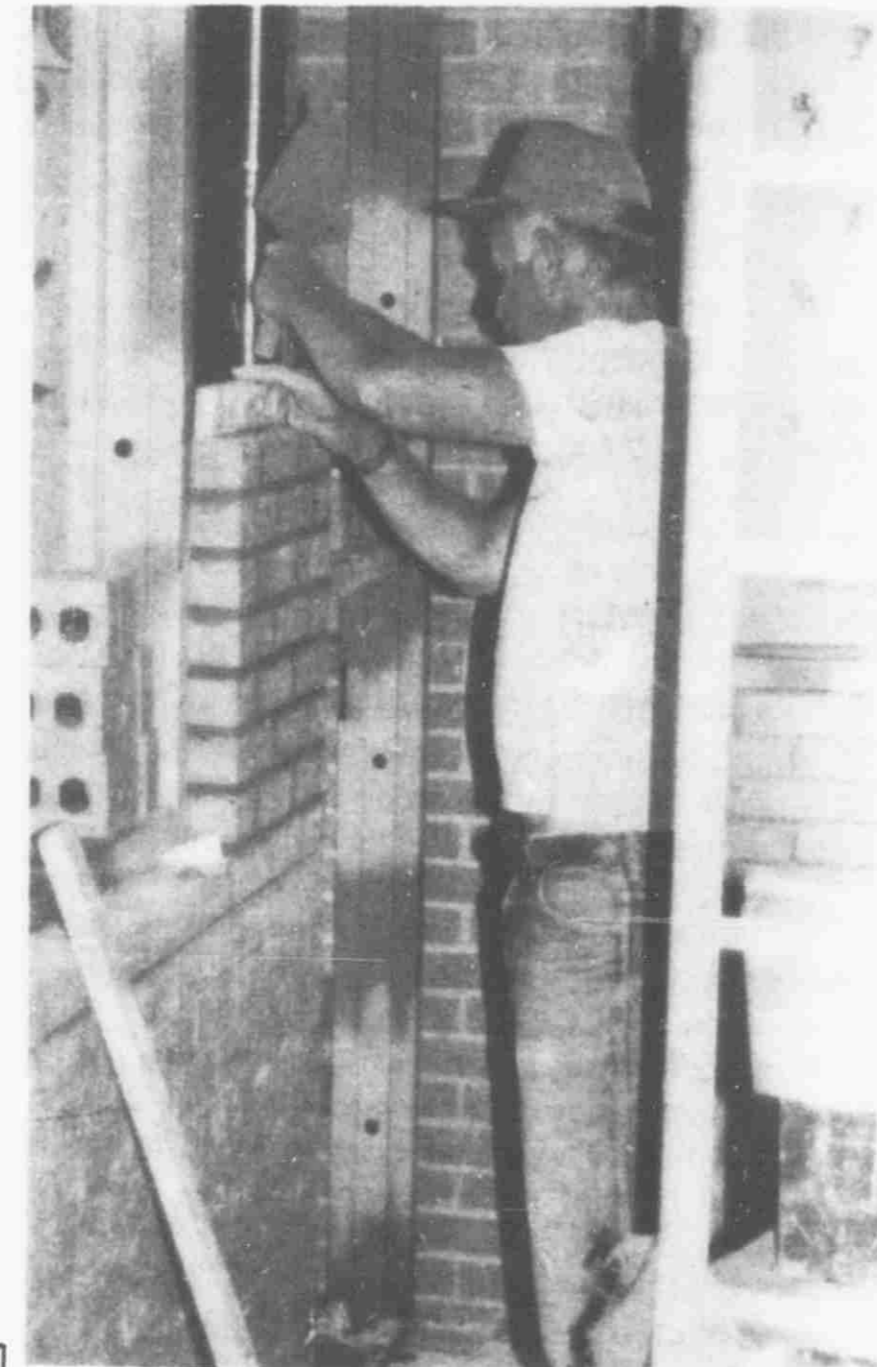
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Renovation work at Bushnell is expected to be completed in August.



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The Democratic National Convention begins on Monday in New York and so will the television coverage. In a rare move, NBC's Tom Brokaw (left) will join newsmen Jim Lehrer and Robert MacNeil in the PBS broadcast booth for nightly coverage. Brokaw will also anchor a one-hour nightly recap on NBC. The convention runs through Thursday.

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Lowell Lions Club inducts new officers



The Lowell Lions Club installed new officers at its recent summer outing. The new officers are front, left to right, Bob Ford, Rance Bennett, Mark Lessens, and Earl Pothumus. Back row, left to right, are Kelly Holst, David Drain and Bucky Curtis.



Lowell Lions Club installing officer, Earl Posthumus, middle, and out-going president, Dave Gerst, far right, present incoming president, Mark Lessens with the gavel to help him oversee the 1992 Lowell Lions Club.

Lowell Community Education nears agreement with Honey Creek

State Aid that has been earmarked for Adult Basic Education in Caledonia will now stay in Lowell following an agreement between the Lowell School District and Honey Creek Christian Homes.

Lowell Community Education has been trying to identify

an appropriate location which would allow the school to bring back to Lowell from Caledonia approximately six Adult Basic Education students.

Dick Korb, Director of School and Community Services, says the school has had conversations with the administration of Honey Creek

Christian Homes and feels that it is close to entering an agreement with Honey Creek Christian Homes which would enable it to lease one of Honey Creek's empty buildings for the 1992-93 school year.

By returning the Adult Basic Education foster care program to Lowell, Korb says the school would be able to keep state aid dollars local and would decrease the traveling distance that these foster care adults must go.

The funds received would go towards rental, teacher costs, education supplements, administration costs, food and transportation.

Foster care adults were

being bussed due to lack of facilities in Lowell. Korb said the lease will allow Lowell to serve 5-7 foster care adults.

Korb added anything over seven would require an aide.

According to the school and community service director the challenge for Lowell is

to run a quality program and to convince foster care home owners and case workers Lowell is providing a worthwhile educational experience, one that benefits its clients.

"Foster homes and case workers don't have the same boundary restrictions as

schools. So if they are not happy, they can move their adult students elsewhere," Korb said. "I am hopeful that after all the construction and remodeling is completed we will be able to run this type of program at the Runciman/Riverside site.

Lowell Board of Education to deal with athletic policy changes Monday

Editors Note: This is a tentative report on what will be discussed at the July 13 Lowell Board of Education meeting. There is a possibility,

that between the time the Ledger goes to press and the meeting, that some items may be added and/or some items may be deleted from the agenda.

Lowell's Board of Education will be asked to approve a 10 cent lunch fee hike for the 1992-93 school year.

The 10 cent increase will bring elementary lunches to \$1.35 from \$1.25.

The Middle School and High School lunch prices would jump from \$1.40 to \$1.50.

Adult lunch prices would

inflate to \$2.20 from the current price of \$2.10.

The Board will also be asked to look over and then approve the general athletic policy changes for Lowell High School.

Policy as to how athletes will be dealt with when there is reasonable doubt that the athlete engaged in conduct which is in violation of criminal statutes or which would reflect poorly on the athletic program or school.

Changes in the wording of

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TOWN TALK

Did Monday's (June 29) U. S. Supreme Court ruling on the controversial Pennsylvania abortion law favor "Pro Choice" or Right to Life?"



Ann Czlonka
I don't think the ruling hurts or favors one side more than the other. There's nothing wrong with a waiting period. I think such an important decision should be thought about. I think the reason both sides were disappointed with the ruling is because they wanted all or nothing.



Claude Datema
I'm against abortion. I have six children, 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Both sides are disturbed with the decision, but you can't please everybody. I favor the restrictions.



Vicki Gessler
I think the ruling favors the side of pro life. I agree if your under 18 a person should have parental guidance. And if you're married you should tell your husband. Yes, a woman should have to wait 24 hours before going ahead with the abortion. Help and counseling should be sought. I also agree with showing women a film on the abortion procedure.



Randy LaBerge
Abortion is a personal matter. The Supreme Court has no right to judge on personal matters. It's solely the individual decision. It's another example of people having their rights taken away again.



Bertha Bryant
The ruling favors pro life. I agree with the restrictions that were placed by the Court.



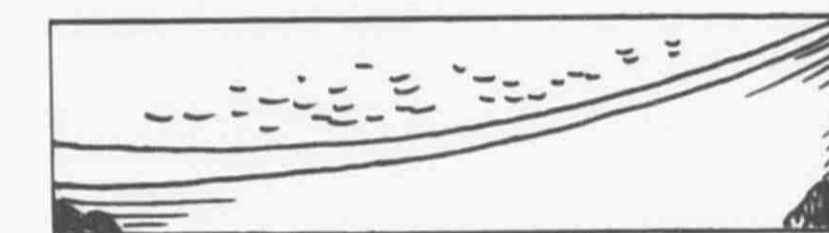
Glenda Parker
I think the ruling is more in favor of pro life. I'm glad to see they are providing clinics to explain the options to women. I agree with women under 18 needing parental consent. I think this ruling will go a long way in determining what other states do.



Carolyn Yonker
The ruling favors the pro life side. I am in favor of the restrictions. They make the women think about what they are doing to their bodies and babies.



Bill Yoder
I don't favor the restrictions. I favor pro choice. If a woman wants to have an abortion she should be able to get it. It would save us money on welfare and Aid to dependent Children.



The highest dam in America is the Oroville on the Feather River in California. It's 754 feet tall.

Board, continued...

reporting violations will also be considered.

Other items on the agenda will include election of officers, standing committee assignments, a resolution to adopt times for regular sched-

uled board meetings, acceptance of Board of Canvasser's report, adoption of courses for consortium adult high school completion curriculum and adoption of the student handbook will also be considered.

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Legislative cuts force Lowell to cut another \$100,000 from budget

There may be a few less pens and pencils to dot them "I"s and cross them "T"s at Lowell Schools following legislation passed Thursday in the State's Capitol.

The measure that was passed will hold the amount of state aid schools receive based on the Fourth Friday per pupil count, to the 1991-1992 totals.

Lowell will have 95-100 more students come Aug. 31 (first day of school) but will receive state aid based on last year's figures.

The state aid formula calls for schools to receive \$3,400 per pupil. Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch said the measure will cost Lowell Schools roughly \$386,000.

"I'm very disappointed in Senator Dick Posthumus' lack of support for K-12 education," Esch said.

The end result for Lowell Schools is that it will have to cut another \$100,000 from its budget; a budget that has seen cuts that have already totaled \$850,000.

Esch claims that instead of a 2.3 percent increase over last year, the school will take a cut of roughly \$380,000 because of state cuts.

Posthumus claims that simply is not true. "Lowell will get an increase, granted, it will not be much, but it is an increase," Posthumus said.

The increase the Senate Majority leader speaks of is \$230,000. That includes roughly \$100,000 in retirement which is money the school never sees. Posthumus believes that schools should include that in its budget.

"That's the same analogy that would ask car companies to take into effect the amount of money the consumer will have to spend to maintain a vehicle after purchasing it from the company.

The reason for the measure, according to Posthumus, is the State's zero-growth budget. This simply means the state is spending the same money as last year.

"Fritz is basing his figures

on money he thought the school was going to get," Posthumus said.

Lowell's pupil count in 1992-93 will show an increase, but the money given to it by the state to educate the pupils will remain the same.

"I wanted more money put into K-12 education," Posthumus said. "Last year cuts were made in social services and I argued to cut more from that area."

Asked if the zero growth budget plan will go beyond two years, Posthumus said he thought there would be a significant change in the tax structure.

This would include a cut and cap measure which will be on the November ballot. "It would change how schools are financed. The cut and cap proposal would call for property taxes to be cut 30 percent over the next five years with assessments being froze at three percent," Posthumus explained.

While the property tax would be reduced with such a

plan, it would lower the school's tax base and would put the burden on the State to provide the difference. Posthumus said this would be done through cuts in other areas.

"Fritz has reason to be concerned, but with the difficulties the state faces, any new money sent to Lowell is a victory," Posthumus said.

The Senator pointed out that over the last two years,

the state legislative salaries have been frozen.

The bill which was supported by Governor John Engler passed in the House 56-49 and had already been approved by the Senate.

"When there are 500 school districts screaming they are getting less money, they can't be wrong regardless of what two Senators are saying," Esch said.

Lowell's Superintendent points to two issues that need to be addressed. "School Boards and Administrations do not have the power to negotiate and/or the control over labor," Esch said. "Also, there is the issue of finding an alternative way to pay for education; which is a political issue. We all know that this is a problem, but in a political year Lansing is not willing to deal with it."

Eric Anderson named "Scout of the Year"

Boy Scout Troop 102 held its annual potluck dinner and end of the year Court of Honor on Monday evening, June 1, at the Lowell United Methodist Church.

Eric Anderson was awarded the 1992 William Nowak "Scout of the Year" Award.

This was the culmination of a year that saw the Scouts involved in many camps and activities. It all starts with the Scout Leaders annual planning meeting in August. The troop has 16 registered adult committee members.

Some of the activities the troop participated in this last year were: Mackinac Rendezvous II at St. Ignace State

Park and Mackinaw Island, canoe trip and campout at the Flat River Dam, two food drives to benefit the Lowell Food pantry housed in the Methodist Church, in which over \$3,100 worth of food was collected, the Christmas and Memorial Day Parades and two winter Polar bear camp outs. There were three patrols of boys at the District Klondike Derby, in which they took first, fourth and seventh places out of 30 patrols.

Their first place team, consisting of: Marc Briggs, Pete Wills, Clay Pelon, Ron Williams and Ben Knudstrup was then invited to the Council Klondike Derby that consisted of the top three patrols

scouting and a chili dinner fund-raiser to benefit the van/transportation fund at the Methodist Church. There were also three boys, Chris Alward, Jason Haybarker and Ron Williams elected to the high honor of Order of the Arrow.

In addition, there was camp out at Camp Gerber, in Twin Lakes, in which the boys did all of their cooking in tin can stoves, ovens and frying pans that they had made while working on their metal working merit badge.

They attended the Spring Camporee in Greenville and had two chicken BBQ fundraisers that were both very successful. They also had a camp out with the Webelos of Cub Scout Pack 3188 where the boys all built their own shelters, no tents, and did some of their cooking on rocks that were heated in their campfires.

The boys also helped the ladies at the Lowell Library set up tables and carry all the books down for their annual book sale during Showboat.

This summer the troop will be attending a week long summer camp at Camp Gerber, from June 28 to July 4 where they will be working on advancement and merit badges. The older High Adventure Scouts will be backpacking and camping in the Upper Peninsula's Pictured Rocks in July.

During the year the troop had seven boys earn their first award in Scouts, the Scout Badge; two boys earned Tenderfoot; three boys earned Second Class; three boys earned First Class, five earned Star, one earned Life and they currently have three Life Scouts working towards Scouting's highest award, Eagle Scout. The 20 boys registered also earned a total of 96 merit badges this past year.



Eric Anderson, Scout Troop 102's 1992 William Nowak "Scout of the Year," holding his award.

from each district. The "Survivalists" patrol then took second place, out of the 30 patrols attending, missing first place by only one point.

They competed in events which included wilderness survival, pioneering, orienteering, first aid and fire building and were judged on leadership, team effort and problem solving.

The scouts also participated in Scout Sunday, which celebrates the anniversary of

College News

The movies "Frankenstein" and "Coma" With all the images of biomedical science gone mad and the Joffrey Ballet's shaping, molding and fusion movements will help high school students explore "Biomedical Sciences: The Wonder, Horror and Respon-

sibility" during an intensive two weeks at Alma College June 14 to 27.

Instructors of Alma's Summer Institute, one of six institutes sponsored by the Michigan State Board of Education, will utilize poetry, medical diagnostic proce-

dures, two-dimensional art, computers, dance, philosophy and the college's new Ronald O. Kapp Science Laboratory Center to give students a hands-on experience in the biomedical field. The Summer Institutes were initiated in 1982 by the Michigan State Board of Education in conjunction with Michigan's universities and colleges.

More than 95 gifted and talented high school students, including DeAnna Grillette, a junior from Lowell High School, will spend their mornings in a biomedical-related intensive session of their choice followed by an exploratory activity with a daily menu of interdisciplinary classes designed to broaden participants' horizons. "Luck and the Lottery," an actors' workshop, English handbell ringing and "What Do Grown Children Owe Their Parents" are some of the topics the students will explore.

Counselors will lead peer group discussions aimed at sharing institute experiences and adult biomedical professionals will lead an evening group activity about the career field. Speakers include Alma alumnae and Ypsilanti health clinic physician Dr. Deloisteen Brown, New York actor and writer Peter Josyph and Dr. Robert LeVier, technical director of health care businesses for Dow Corning Corporation.

Off campus trips, recreational activities and social events round out the program. The institutes are a unique learning experience using unconventional methods in some of the state's best educational facilities.

Chad Sayen of Lowell, has been named to the Dean's List for Spring term at Northwood Institute. The announcement was made by Dr.

Sayeren is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sayeren of Lowell.

To achieve Dean's List recognition, students must earn a 3.0 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Northwood Institute is a private, accredited college specializing in practical career preparation and offering two and four year degrees in the fields of business and management. The college emphasizes the importance of the free enterprise system and the relationship between business and the arts.

Northwood operates three residential campuses in Michigan, Florida, and Texas; the Margaret Chase Smith Library Center in Skowhegan, Maine; eighteen external plan of study centers throughout the United States; and international study programs abroad, principally in Europe.

Central Michigan University's spring semester honors list includes students from the Lowell area who placed in the top 10 percent of their classes.

In all, 989 CMU students were named to the honors list, and 161 earned straight "A"s. About 16,000 students attend CMU in Mount Pleasant.

For the fall semester, 193 freshmen, 247 sophomores, 253 juniors and 296 seniors were named to the honors list.

Honor list students from this area are: Rebecca L. Price, sophomore; Cara L. Jackson, freshman, both from Lowell, and Carrie A. Hill, sophomore, from Alto.

Main St., cont'd.

CYCLEMEN CHAPTER 94 O.E.S. DINNER

Cyclamen Chapter 94 O.E.S. will be serving a Swiss steak dinner on Sunday, July 26 from noon to 3 p.m. in the Lowell Masonic Hall. Adults \$6, children under 12 \$3.

This dinner is for the benefit of a local three year old cancer patient. Anyone that is unable to attend the dinner, but wishes to make a donation may do so by making it to the Eastern Star, Lowell Masonic Hall, 112 Lincoln Lake, Lowell MI 49331.

MARKETPLACE MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church of Lowell, July 27 through 31, Monday through Friday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Any questions call 897-7168.

YMCA SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

The Lowell YMCA is still taking registrations for Summer Sports Camps the weeks of: July 13-16, track and field; July 20-24, bowling; July 27-30, cheerleading. Call the Y office, 897-8445.

SHOWBOAT CORPORATION AUCTION

The Lowell Showboat Corporation will be sponsoring their 1st annual auction on Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Showboat Amphitheater, 10 a.m.

Anyone interested in making a donation of antiques, collectibles or treasures (no clothing please) may drop them off at the Flat River Antique Mall or contact Lu at 897-9850.

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It will be held July 13 through 17, 9:30 to noon. Fee is \$35 for LAAC members and \$40 for non-members. All materials furnished. To register for this and other workshops phone the Arts Center at 897-8545, 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION FORMING

Attention all persons interested in the preservation of the natural beauty and tranquility of the Flat River from Fallsburg Park to the Fallsburg Power House (Lowell Pond)! There is a movement to form a Flat River Association for the protection of this unique natural resource!

If you live in the area and want to have something to say about future conditions, we urge you to attend a meeting on July 15. For details please call Mike Armstrong at 897-6817. Don't delay - Act today!

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Legal Notices

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate FILE NO. 92-154,203-IE

Estate of MILDRED DE RUITER, Deceased SSN: 380-01-7528

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 2207 Horton Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507 died 5/30/92.

An instrument dated 11/8/86 has been admitted as the will of the deceased. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims

against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Peter Fulvi, 4766 Bowdoin Pines NW, Comstock Park, Michigan 49321, or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, 320 Ottawa, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

CRAIG A. BRUGGINK ATTORNEY-AT-LAW (P29358) 1526 McKay Tower Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 456-5048

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate FILE NO. 92-154,271-IE

Estate of ROBERT R. CULLIN, Deceased SSN: 386-10-9201

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 3610 Michael, Wyoming, Michigan, 49509 died May 31, 1992.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless pre-

sented to the independent personal representative, James W. Cullin, c/o John D. Mitus, 410 Bridge Street, N. W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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Michigan rivers rated highly for canoeing

For the canoeist, Michigan is utopia with nearly five million canoe trips taken annually on primitive rivers. "With some 100 canoe liveries, Michigan is considered one of the best canoeing states in the U.S.," said AAA Michigan Member Services Director Peter Erickson. "The surroundings are among the most scenic, with sparkling rivers winding through national forests and parks." Most of the two dozen rivers that offer canoe livery rentals are relatively narrow—the best type of waterway for canoe enthusiasts to avoid windy conditions. State waterways are attractive for year-round canoe buffs because of the many creeks in forested areas that feed into the rivers, keeping them open in winter. Canoeing in Michigan also ranges from tame to exhilarating. Paddlers in search of relaxation can drift lazily down serene waterways while the more adventurous can choose faster waters with jutting rocks. Most canoe liveries open in early spring and remain open until October or November. Reservations are recommended on weekends. Rental rates depend on the length of the trip. Safety is an important consideration when canoeing.

Some safety tips for paddlers are:

- Wear a personal flotation device and keep it buckled at all times.
- Wear footwear to avoid glass, fishhooks, etc. that could be on the river bottom when wading.
- Bring insect repellent and a change of clothing.

• Don't drink alcohol which impairs judgment and boating capabilities.

• Leave valuables safely locked in the car. If the canoe tips, a fast current can sweep away possessions.

• Attach a garbage bag to the canoe for litter.

• Store cargo in the bottom center of the canoe. Don't overload the canoe.

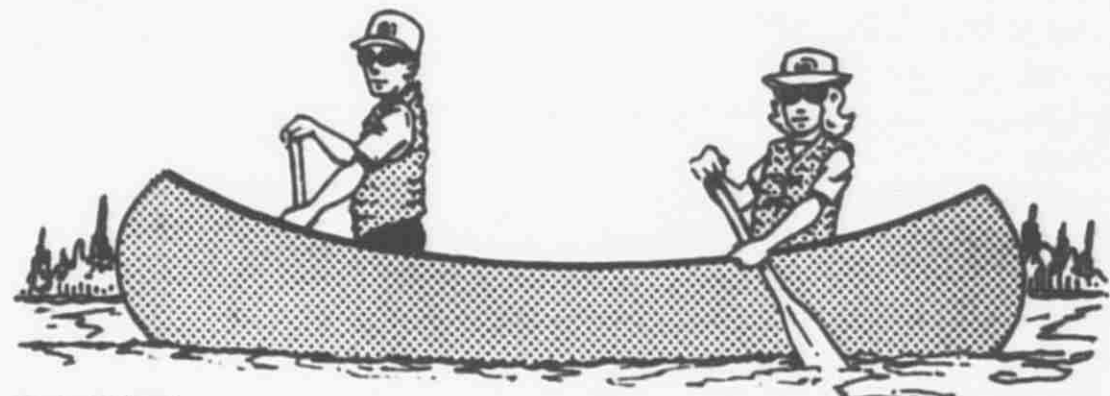
• Don't canoe during a storm or high winds.

Finally, paddlers should take the time to enjoy nature. Most of the canoe trips offered by commercial liveries travel through areas where nature stands waiting to be admired.

How To's for Canoes

DO.....

- wear a personal flotation device.
- keep gear dry by packing food and clothes in watertight containers. Put them inside two garbage bags sealed separately, one inside the other.
- bring a change of clothes—a hat and sunscreen if it's sunny, a wind-breaker and long pants for cool weather. Wear tennis shoes for wading.
- Strap eyeglasses or sunglasses in place.



DON'T.....

- overload. Keep cargo to a minimum and store in the bottom center of the canoe.
- litter. Attach a garbage bag to the canoe.
- canoe during a storm or high winds.
- drink alcohol which impairs judgment and boating capabilities.



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Rachel Neile-McGrew, daughter of Robert and Florence McGrew, Lowell, is a student at Lowell High School, where she is active in debate, forensics, varsity tennis, National Honor Society, student council, art club and international club. She will study theater and writing.

Peter Wills, son of Roger and Nancy Wills, Lowell, a student at Lowell High School, where he is active in cross country, the Young Republicans, science olympiad and Philmont Boy Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM. He will study landscape architecture.

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TEAM	W	L	TEAM	W	L
Capt' Jacks	9	1	Lowell Vision	7	0
Jimmy's Grill	8	2	GMAC	6	1
Alto Baptist	6	4	Bogies	4	4
Country Gardens/Wilcox	6	4	King Milling	2	5
First Congregational	1	9	Attwood	2	6
St. Mary's	1	9	T.H.E.M.	1	6

TUESDAY - MEN'S OVER 30			THURSDAY - MEN'S		
TEAM	W	L	TEAM	W	L
Larkins	6	1	Benedict Drywall	7	2
Alto Gas	6	1	Larkins	5	2
Central States	3	3	Ball Busters	5	2
Vans	1	6	King Milling	3	5
Bob's Body Shop	1	7	Lowell Engineering	0	6

TUESDAY - WOMEN'S			FRIDAY - MEN'S		
TEAM	W	L	TEAM	W	L
Driftway Inn	6	1	Burrygabe Masonry	8	1
Peppers/Larkins	5	1	Lena Lou's	7	2
Hinkley Drug Store	5	1	K & M Outlet	6	3
Topping Drywall	4	3	Sneakers	5	4
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YARD SALE - 417 High St. Saturday July 11th 9 to 4. Toys, table and chairs, sink, doors, and more.

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FEMALE ROOMMATE WANTED - within 1 mile of Grand Valley State University to share 3 bedroom mobile home. Rent \$185 per month plus utilities, ref. & deposit. Inquires respond to P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI., 49331.

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FOR SALE REPOSSESSIONS

FMB State Savings Bank 414 East Main is offering the following vehicle for sale by sealed bids that must contain your name, address, phone, bid amount and signature. This is effective immediately, and the bids will be accepted until noon, July 14, 1992, upon opening the sealed bids, FMB State Savings Bank will reserve the right to final bid to protect our interests: 1981 Honda Silver Wing, 500 cc. Loaded with touring equipment. If and when this vehicle is sold, the conditions are as is, and without warranty, either expressed or implied. Contact person is Tom Kinney, 897-3225, between the hours of 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

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Pointers For Parents

Teaching Gentleness in a Violent World

In a world where violence and cruelty seem to be common and almost acceptable, a lot of parents wonder what they can do to help their children develop a sense of caring and compassion for others. While parents can't completely control all of the things that affect their children's lives—and children have their own personalities and characteristics that parents can't change or control—there are some things a parent can do to help encourage children to become caring, just and responsible.

Actions speak louder than words. If you're caring and compassionate, your children are more likely to be that way.

If you treat your children with respect for their dignity, you help them understand that all living creatures should be treated with dignity and concern.

Give youngsters books that promote compassionate behavior and limit their viewing of violent television programs and movies.

What most inspires a child to grow up caring about others is the caring that child receives. Experts point out that when children feel a secure base at home, they're more likely to venture out and pay attention to others; it's when they feel deprived of love and nurturing that they focus on themselves and their own needs.

Let youngsters know how much it means to you that they behave with kindness and responsibility. When you catch your child doing something you think is thoughtless or cruel, let them know right away that you don't want them doing it.

Beware! 800 numbers may have hidden charges

Be careful calling 800 numbers. They are not always free anymore.

Some advertisers are promoting a service and listing an 800 number for consumers to call. Once the company gets your call, they may tell you to stay on the phone. Or, they may ask you to press certain numbers on your phone if you want more information.

Sometimes there is a charge from that point on. It is possible the service provider has switched the call to a long-distance number or to a number outside the United States. In that case you may get long-distance or international long-distance charges on your telephone bill.

Another possibility is that the call is referred to a 900

number. Customers can call 900 numbers to receive a service or get information on a variety of things. These may include the weather, the stock market, or car values. A call to a 900 number always costs money. The charges, ranging from 75¢ to \$50 or more, may appear on your phone bill. If not, you will receive a direct

billing from the provider of the service.

For your protection, the Federal Communications Commission has some rules on 900 numbers.

- Companies must tell customers up front there is a charge for a 900 call.

- Calls costing more than \$2 must have a short intro-

ductory message stating how much the call could cost. Callers get a chance to hang up and not pay for the call after hearing the message.

- If you don't want 900 numbers called from your telephone, call your local telephone company about a free "blocking" service. Most companies have it. You can

still make other long-distance calls even though you block 900 calls.

- Local or long-distance service cannot be shut off if you do not pay disputed charges from 900 calls.

Contact your local telephone company for more information.

Petition to lower auto rates circulating to Michigan homes

Petitions detailing a proposal that would lower auto insurance rates an average of 20 percent are going into the homes of more than 1.5 million AAA Michigan members.

A "Lower Rates Now" petition is inserted into the

May edition of the Auto Club's Michigan Living magazine, along with a message from retiring AAA Michigan President Robert A. Alkema explaining why the organization launched this unprecedented statewide campaign.

To help win a spot on the November 3 election ballot, AAA Michigan asks that the petitions be signed and mailed by May 18. To be placed on the ballot, 210,000 valid signatures must be gathered.

In his message to Michigan Living readers, Alkema said: "On March 31, Michigan's lawmakers pushed through legislation that promised to reduce auto insurance rates by 15 percent. The legislation did not correct the abuses that have crept into the state's no-fault auto insurance system, and cost savings to support the 15 percent reduction were inadequate. Wisely, Governor John Engler vetoed the bill. "We agree with the governor's veto, and we applaud his courage. The bottom line is that this bill is bad for the citizens of Michigan."

Those opposed to responsible no-fault reform represent special interest groups who are profiting from flaws in the current system. They fail to accept the idea that a balance must be struck between an insurance system that is affordable for all motorists and benefit levels which are, by far, the most generous in the country."

EXHIBIT C CITY OF LOWELL

Kent County, Michigan NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, having resolved its intention to make certain public improvements consisting of the resurfacing of James Street between East Main and Grindle Streets and the construction of a watermain along James Street between East Main and Grindle Streets (the "Improvements") in the City, has made its final determination of the special assessment district known as the James Street Road and Water Improvements Special Assessment District 92 RWA ("SAD 92RWA") to consist of the following described lots and parcels of land and against which all or a portion of the cost of said improvements shall be specially assessed:

Street Address	Permanent Parcel Number
430 James Street	41-20-01-151-017
410 James Street	41-20-01-151-018
268 James Street	41-20-01-151-019
224 James Street	41-20-01-151-020
823 High Street	41-20-01-151-021
432 James Street	41-20-01-151-024
411 James Street	41-20-01-152-002
229 James Street	41-20-01-152-003
215 James Street	41-20-01-152-004
905 High Street	41-20-01-152-005
433 James Street*	41-20-01-152-007*
431 James Street	41-20-01-152-008
114 James Street	41-20-01-154-004
112 James Street	41-20-01-154-009
130 James Street	41-20-01-154-011
1019 E. Main Street	41-20-01-155-001

* This is the only parcel to be assessed a portion of the water main improvements in addition to the road improvements.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the City Manager of the City of Lowell has made and certified a special assessment roll for said SAD 92RWA which roll sets forth the relative portion of the cost of the said Improvements which is to be levied in the form of special assessments against each benefited lot and parcel of land in SAD 92RWA.

TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Lowell will hold a public hearing on the 20th day of July, 1992, at 7:30 p.m., local time, at the City Hall located at 301 East Main Street in said City to review the special assessment roll and to hear and consider any objections thereto.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the James Street Road and Water Improvements Special Assessment District Roll No. 92 RWA as prepared has been submitted to the City Council and is on file with the City Clerk for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a person must either appear and object at the public hearing or submit a letter of appearance and objection to the City prior to the public hearing in order to protect his/her right to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to appeal a special assessment the record owner of land must file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after written confirmation of the special assessment roll.

This notice was authorized by the City Council of the City of Lowell.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,
PLEASE CONTACT

David M. Pasquale, City Manager
301 East Main Street
Lowell, Michigan 49331
Telephone: (616) 897-8457

Dated: June 15, 1992

David M. Pasquale,
City Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS

Sealed bids for the excavation of the Number One Lime Sludge Pond will be accepted at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell MI 49331 until July 21, 1992, at 2:00 p.m. where they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Please mark envelope "LOWELL WATER TREATMENT AND FILTRATION PLANT BID." Parties interested may inspect the pond area by contacting Water Treatment Plant Superintendent George Regan at 897-5234.

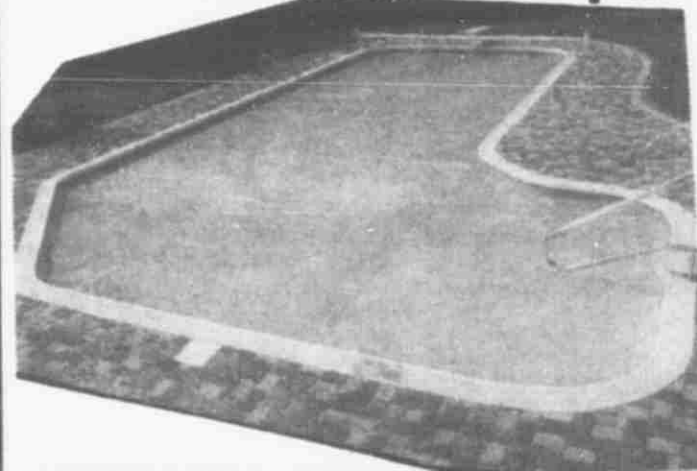
The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the City's interest will be better served.

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