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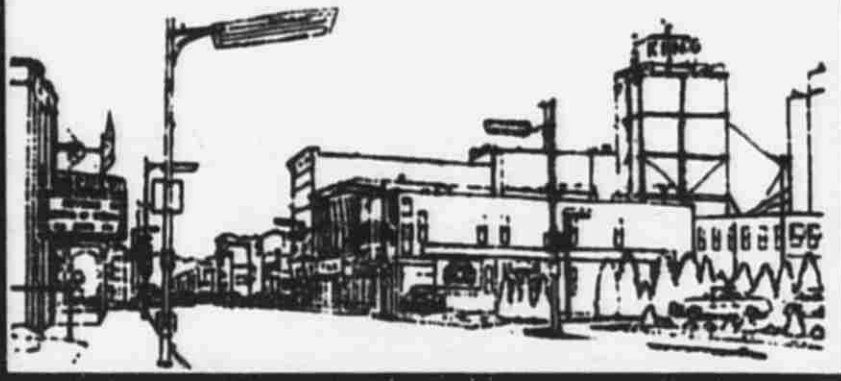
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Along Main Street



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOMINATIONS

The deadline for nominations for The Chamber of Commerce Person-of-the-Year is August 31. Send nominations to: P.O. Box 224 Lowell, MI.

MEET THE TEAM

Lowell High School's fall "Meet The Team Night" will be held Aug. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Creekside Park Committee is holding a co-ed softball tournament Sept. 11 & 12. All proceeds to benefit Creekside "Create a Kingdom" playground project. Class C elimination, first 16 teams, \$100 a team or \$90 for teams registered before Sept. 1.

For details call Dan Phillips, 897-8656.

MEN'S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Creekside Park Committee is holding a co-ed softball tournament. *Main St., cont'd., pg. 8*

INSIDE THE LEDGER

Longtime Lowell businessman dies, pg. 30

Re-enactment of life on Flat & Grand River slated for Saturday

The Kent Nature Scouts 4-H Club, with the sponsorship of the Lowell Area Historical Association, will bring history to life on Saturday, Aug. 21 at 2 p.m.

The 4-H Club will re-enact the early life on the Flat and Grand Rivers.

They will look back in time to 160 years ago. A time when Lowell was but a peaceful forest bordering on a river. A river that was so pure and fresh that the inhabitants of that time would drink of the water without fear of illness.

The event will take place in and along the Flat River by the Grand River, which lies south of the 4-H Fairgrounds.

Access to the site will be from Hudson Street south of Bowes Road.

Some seating will be available. There will not be any charge to see the show. Everyone is invited to come and be a part of the history of Lowell.

Healthy contingency fund a result of planning created by Qua-Ke-Zik delay

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Extended planning time, created by the Qua-Ke-Zik flare up, has played a key role in limiting the use of monies from the \$1.2 million contingency fund for the new high

school project.

"With 65 percent of the project completed, the amount of money spent from the contingency fund is small, compared to other projects I've been involved with," project supervisor Craig Willison said. "The delay al-

lowed for a lot of planning and more complete drawings."

Willison said the new high school project is approximately three months ahead of the schedule. "A lot of questions that are normally answered after bids come out were answered prior to the

bids coming out," he said. "The added planning time may save the school money."

Assistant Superintendent Gary Kemp credits the school's architectural firm, WBDC and its construction firm Owen, Ames and Kim-

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Grooters lets option run out on Yeiter land; stresses interest still strong

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Lowell Township citizens, wondering when the new light industrial facility will be built, may have to wait a little longer.

Although the 240-acres along I-96 and Alden Nash

has been re-zoned, not all of the land has been purchased by Robert Grooters development firm.

An estimated 100 acres is still owned by Mrs. Donald Yeiter and is for sale to the highest bidder.

"Mr. Grooters had the option on the land, but has let

that option run out, so now I'm willing to sell the parcel to the highest bidder," said Mrs. Yeiter.

Robert Grooters realizes she holds all the cards, but is confident he will be able to work with whomever owns the land when the time comes to build on the property.

"Right now we are trying to build a team that will work together to get a quality facility built in Lowell, I'm confident we will be able to work with anybody involved," said Grooters.

The team Grooters talked about will include a

Grooters Cont'd., pg. 8

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes Tommy Dorsey Band back for "Person of the Year"

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The big band sound of the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra under the direction of Buddy Morrow will highlight the Eighth Annual Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year presentation.

The evening of swing and song is scheduled for the Low-

ell Showboat Amphitheatre on Sept. 18 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Proceeds from the evening will benefit the Lowell Chamber of Commerce and the Lowell Showboat.

The general admission cost for the event is \$5. Tickets are available at Ticket Master, The Flat River Antique Mall, Pfaller's, FMB State Savings Bank and the Chamber of-

fice.

"The Chamber believes this will be a nice little change from how the "Person of the Year" banquet has been done in the past," Chamber of Commerce vice president, Laurie Puff said.

Laura McCollum, Lowell Chamber of Commerce President, said the event will also help bring more awareness as

to what the Chamber offers its members and to the Showboat Amphitheatre. "This is a way to get the community involved and bring awareness to the Chamber's existence and Showboat," she said.

The Lowell Chamber offers its 100 members health insurance, and promotional ads in Grand Rapids.

The Chamber is respon-

sible for such local activities as the Christmas Parade, visits from Santa, Sidewalk Days, the arts and crafts show along Main Street., and the Christmas lighting contest.

McCollum said the Chamber is currently working on gaining support for a full-time employee to do record keeping, answer the phone and promote Lowell.



The Tommy Dorsey Band, under the direction of Buddy Morrow, will visit the Showboat amphitheater as part of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's "Person of the Year" program on Sept. 18.

OBITUARIES

CLEMENZ - Wesley E. Clemenz, aged 86, died Monday, August 9, 1993. He is survived by his wife, Esther; son, Bruce (JoAnn) Clemenz of VA; sister, Marie Rickert of Lowell; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Funeral Services were held Friday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Gordon Berry officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

CHRISTOFF - Clinton J. Christoff, aged 76, died Tuesday, August 10, 1993. He was founder and former chairman of the board of Chadalee Farms, Inc., a food Mfg. business he started in Lowell in 1947. He graduated from Lowell High School in 1935, Western Michigan University in 1942. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Dorothy; children, Wendell (Helen) Christoff of Cascade, Noel Christoff of Ada; five grandchildren, Nathan, Ryan, Angela, Eric, and Stuart; sisters, Pauline (Robert) Eskes of Lowell, Mary Alice (Richard) Intrain of Lowell; mother-in-law, Eva Jean Nelson; sister-in-law, Helen Anderson of Houston; brother-in-law, Dr. Chadwick (Peggy) Lampkin of Keene; a wonderful family of nieces, nephews and cousins. He was a life member of Lowell Congregational Church, and served on the board of Directors, a Trustee

and Finance Chairman; past member and President of Lowell Lions Club. He preferred to be remembered for his assistance in teaching good working ethics to young men in his company. Funeral Services were held Saturday, at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Dale Charters officiating. Memorials may be made to Visiting Nurses, Grand Rapids, and Emphysema Society.

GUTTING - Spc. Mark E. Gutting, aged 25 or Cascade died August 8, 1993 while serving in Somalia. Surviving are his parents, Eugene J. and Barbara Gutting of Cascade, Diane (Doug) Seals of Shoreham by Sea, England, Karen (Mike) Mankel of Lowell, Gene (Lisa) Gutting of Grand Rapids, Catherine (Paul) McDonagh of Grand Rapids; two grandmothers, Marge Gutting and Bernice Nonie of St. Louis, MO; aunts, uncles; six nieces and nephews. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday at St. Roberts Catholic Church, Msgr. Ernest Schneider Celebrant, Memorials: Catholic Relief Services, 209 W. Fayette St., Baltimore, MD 21202.

HOLTZ - Belle Ruth Holtz, aged 93, went to be with her Lord August 10, 1993 at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids. She was the wife of

the late Herbert. Surviving is her daughter, June Hart of Saranac and a son Royal (Irene) Harvey of Marne. Many grandchildren, great grandchildren and one great grandchild. Mrs. Holtz was a resident of the Lowell Medical Care Center. Services were held Thursday at Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Home. Interment was in Kent Memorial Gardens. Contributions are suggested to the Billy Graham Evangelical Association.



Kristin Bliss, Friends of the Library, left, Jane Aronson, right, show off the new encyclopedia set now available to patrons of the Lowell Library.

The work of "Friends of Library" produces encyclopedia set for kids

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Through the work of Lowell's Friends of the Library and Kristin Bliss, a Dis-

covery Toys home based representative, the Lowell Library now has a new encyclopedia set. The Lowell Friends of the Library began the project in January and raised roughly \$500 through contributions from large corporations and small businesses.

The "New Book of Knowledge" encyclopedia set is printed exclusively through Grolier. It is geared toward elementary age children. Bliss said the 22 volume set is written at various reading levels depending on when the subject is introduced to students in school. "Updates will be available to the library each year," Bliss said.

Contributing to the Sponsor Volume Program were: Kristin Bliss, Keiser's Kitchen, Speerstra's Insurance Agency, Sneaker's Bar and Grill, Modern Photographics, Hahn Hardware, Family Dental Care, Cousin's Card and Gift Shoppe, Subway, Curtis Cleaners, First United Methodist Church, Lowell Friends of the Library, Mikel Unlimited, Blue Ribbon Feed, Lowell Family Hairstyling, 7-Eleven Food, The Lowell Ledger, Little Caesar's Chadalee Farms, Dirt Cheap Excavating, Pfaller's Clothing and Faro's Pizza.



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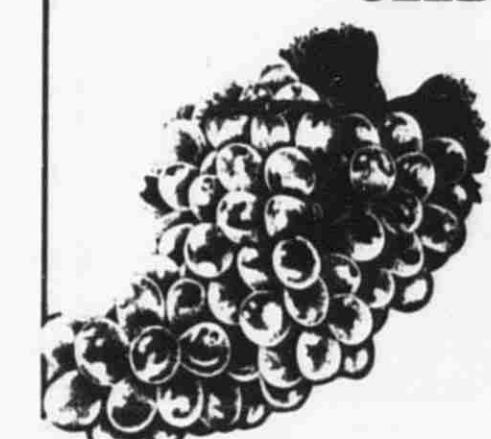


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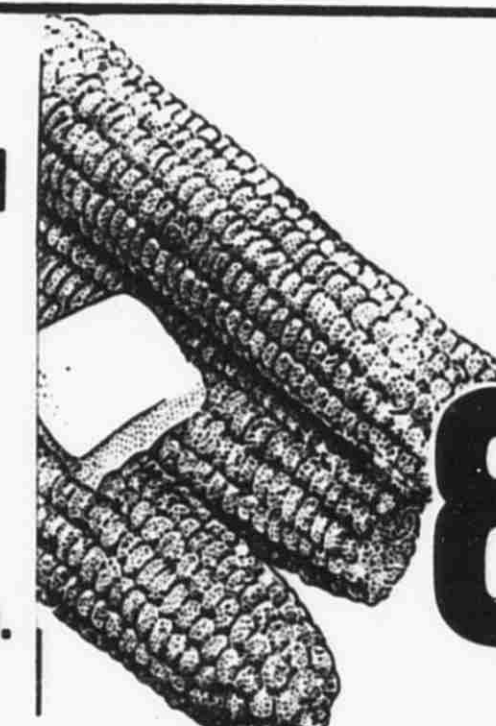


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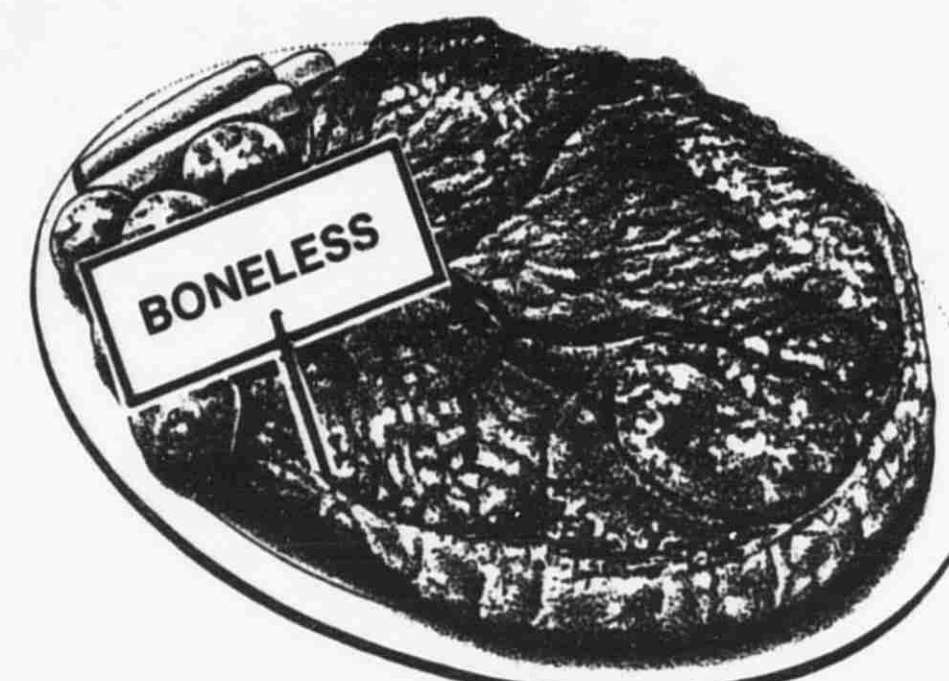


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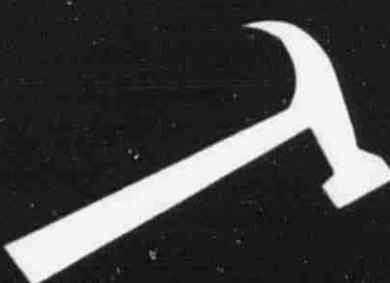
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Fear Injection's heavy metal intensity carries a message

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It's thrash!
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It's distortion!
It's crunch!
It's rock with a heavy metallic covering!

It's music with a message?
On Saturday, Aug. 28, it will be Fear Injection, a grass roots band from Ionia, sharing its message with the Showboat Band Jam patrons.

Tickets for the event are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the gate. They are available through the Showboat ticket office (897-8280), the Lowell Ledger office and RIT Music in Grand Rapids.

Tom Hansen, Fear Injection's lead singer, describes the Ionia group as an adrenaline driven, hook laden, machine, which is determined to make its mark on the metal map.

The group has been in the area for 1-1/2 years, with the current lineup having played the last four months together. Hansen is joined by lead

guitar man, Tom Bell; lead drummer Buck Hampshire; and Andy Cusack at lead bass.

"Tom Bell and myself have been playing together about 4 years," Hansen said. "Buck brings a world of experience to the band and Andy majored in music at Olivet. We're real pleased with our current lineup."

The group has written roughly 12 songs. Hansen notes the songs have been there and now they're just coming to life. "I started writing lyrics before we started playing them. Actually it is helpful to me to have the lyrics and then come up with an arrangement," Hansen said.

Hansen said their show will be filled with songs they have written. Their music has been inspired by DRI, Kreator II, Slayer and Iron Maiden.

"Our music is intense and has super speed," Cusack said. "Yet, it is diverse enough and spread around enough to make it catchy."

A misconception about heavy metal rock is that there is no message and it doesn't say anything. "One of the things that attracts me to heavy metal rock is that intelligent bands do get the message out," Hansen said. "I think our songs are real to life and carry messages about drinking and riving, drugs, politics, history and war."

Fear Injection played before its largest crowd at the Ionia Free Fair Stage a week and a half ago.

Hansen said the group is thankful to Renee Simon and Simon Electric in Ionia, who have allowed Fear Injection to practice in the upstairs of their barn.

Other than Cusack, no other member reads music. Hansen doesn't see this as a deterrent. "For me, it allows me to be a little less nervous about if I'm playing every note correctly. It allows me freedom. I don't always have to stay within the limits and follow the traditional guidelines."



Fear Injection will share the Showboat stage on Aug. 28 with the bands, Critsize and Eruption. Pictured from left to right are, Tom Hansen, Andy Cusack, Tom Bell and Buck Hampshire.

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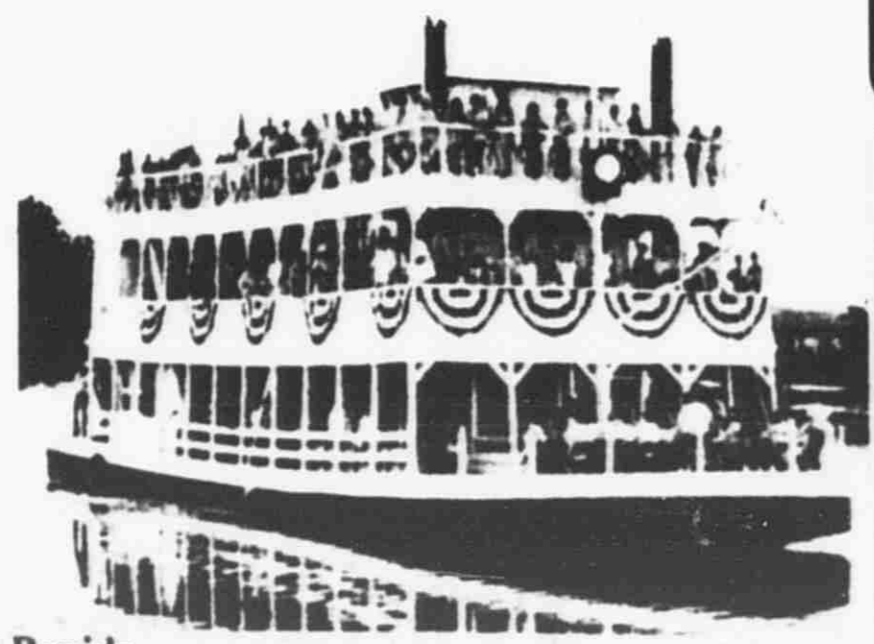
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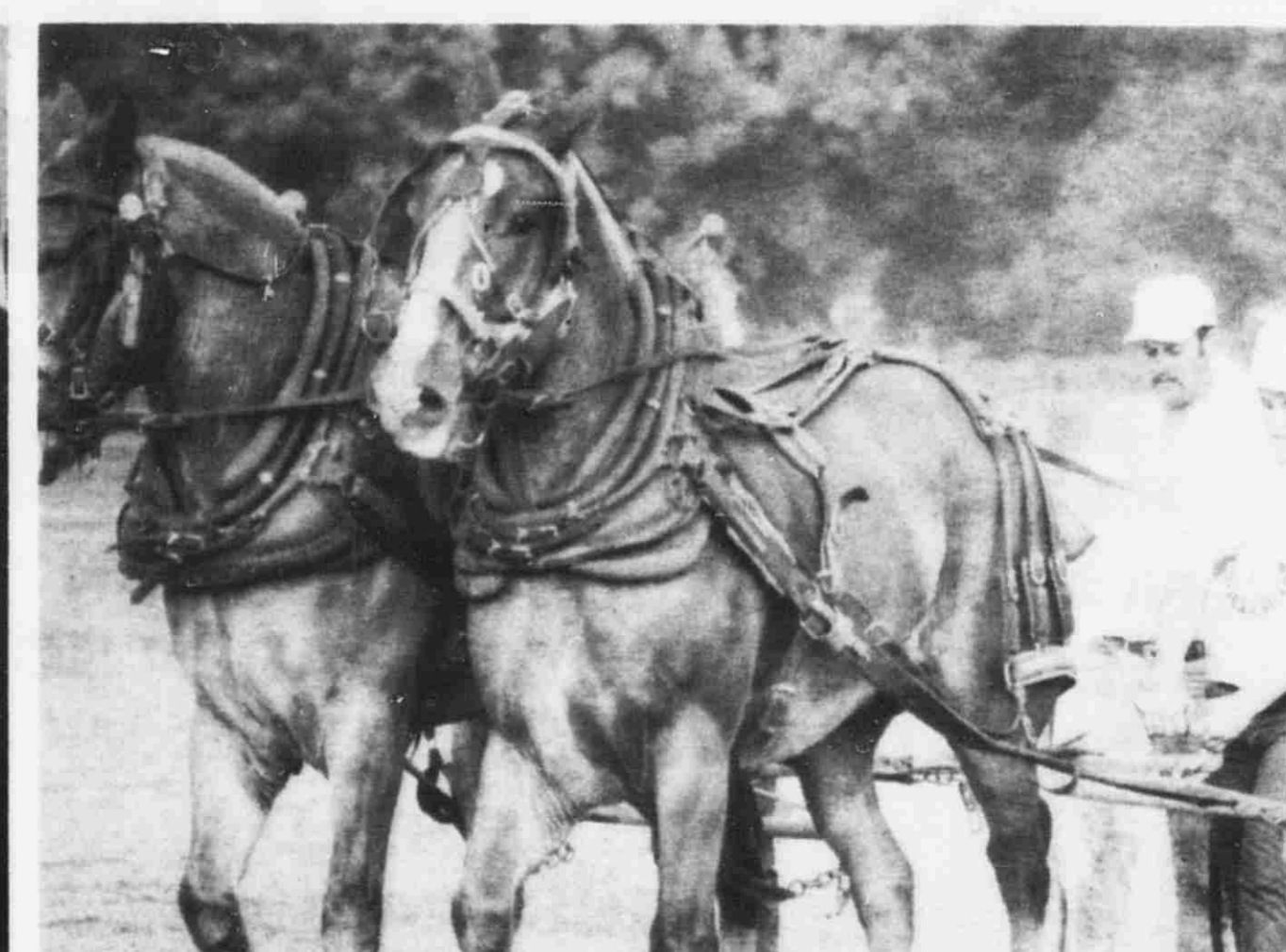
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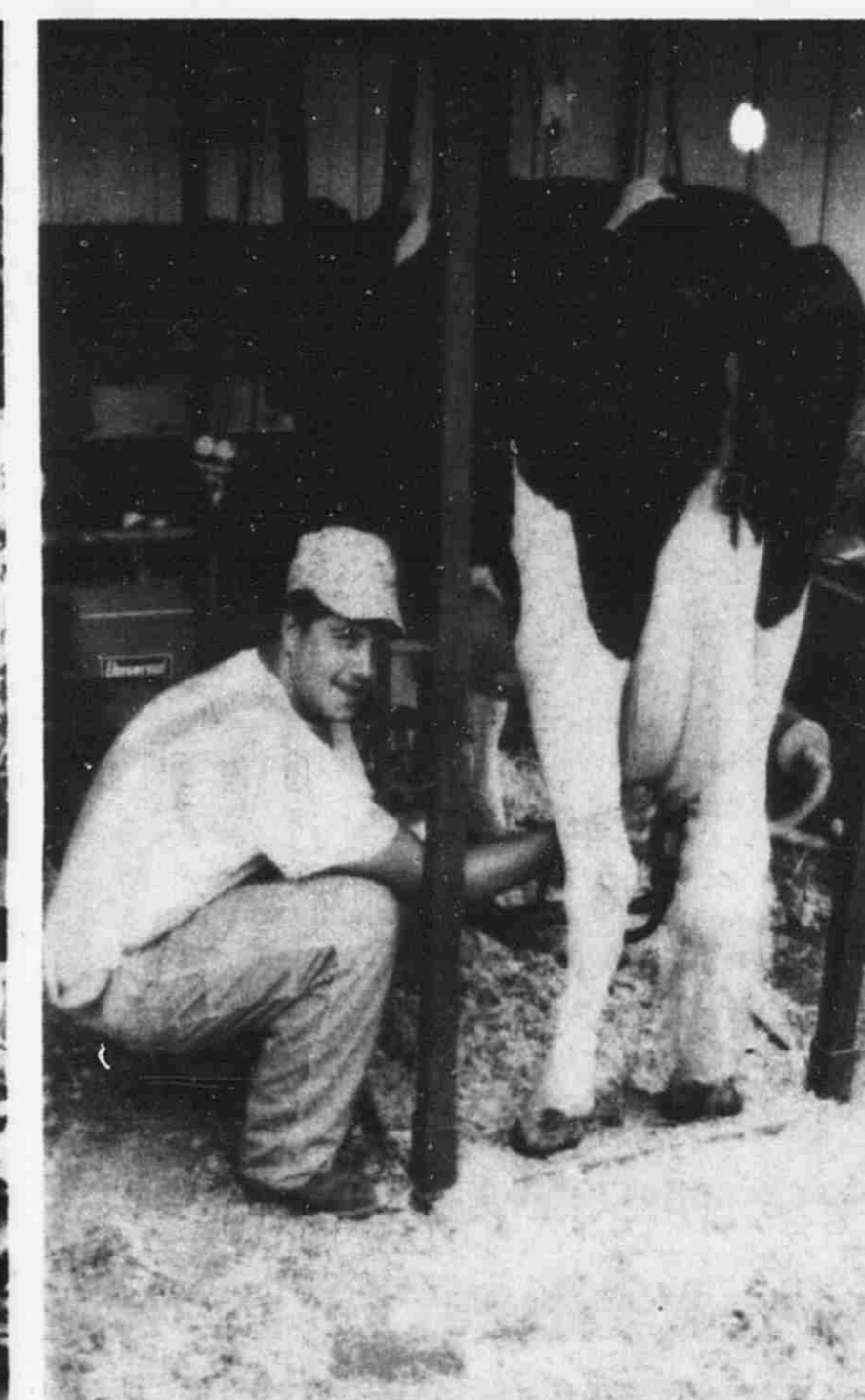
Members of the 1993 Kent County 4-H Youth Court are from left to right, the 1993 Queen, Renee Nugent, Jennifer Brown, Rebecca Oliver and Lori VanOtteren.



Horse pulling is always a favorite event.



The excitement of carnival rides!



Aaron Lamoreaux, Belding, takes some time to milk during fair week.



Ben Velthouse and Kellee Nelson shared in the fun of the Karaoke Machine.



Nicole Gibbs, five, spends some time feeding her favorite goat.



Michelle Harring (right), age three, of Hudsonville, and Tyan Roelands, three, of Grand Rapids, pet a holstein.

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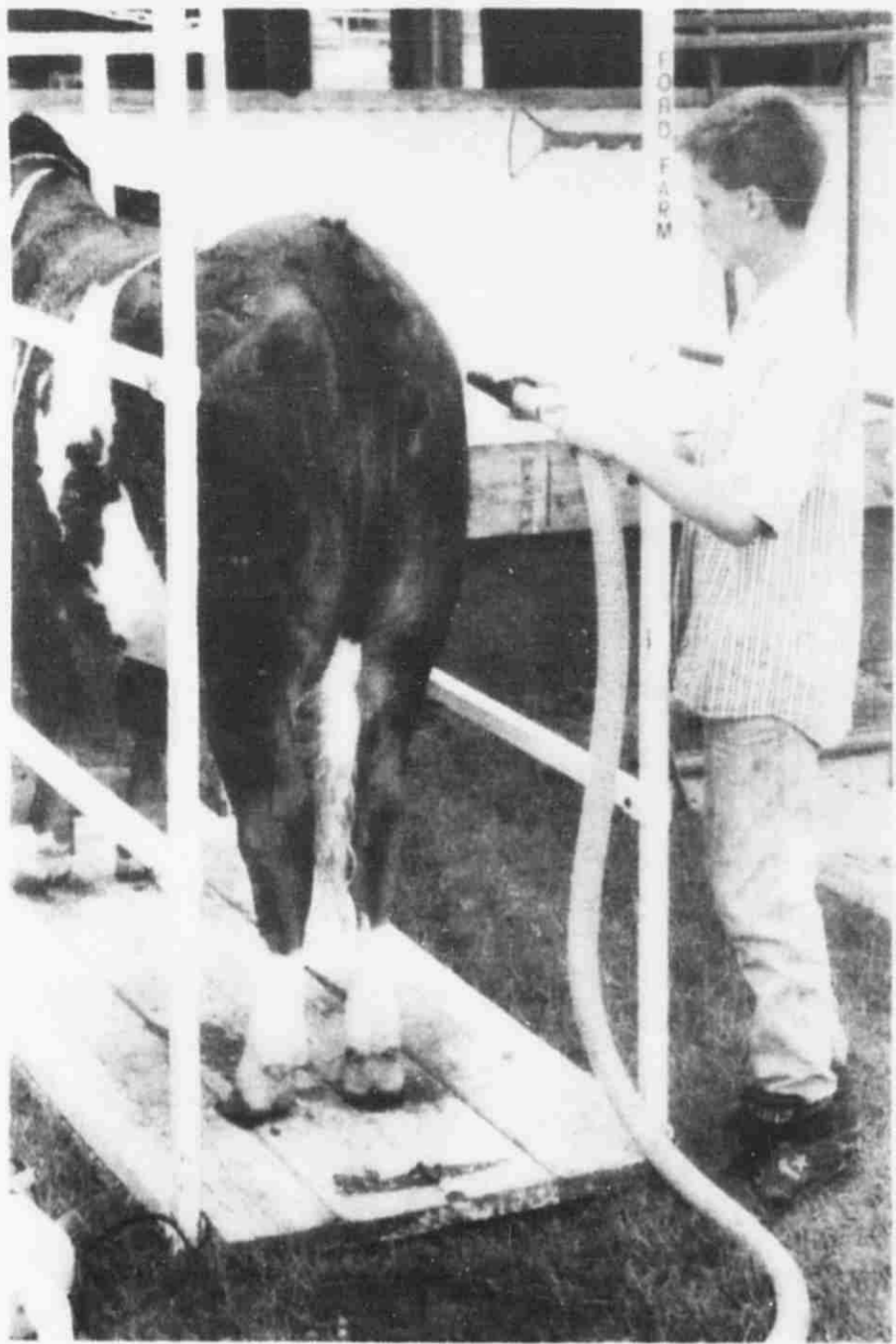
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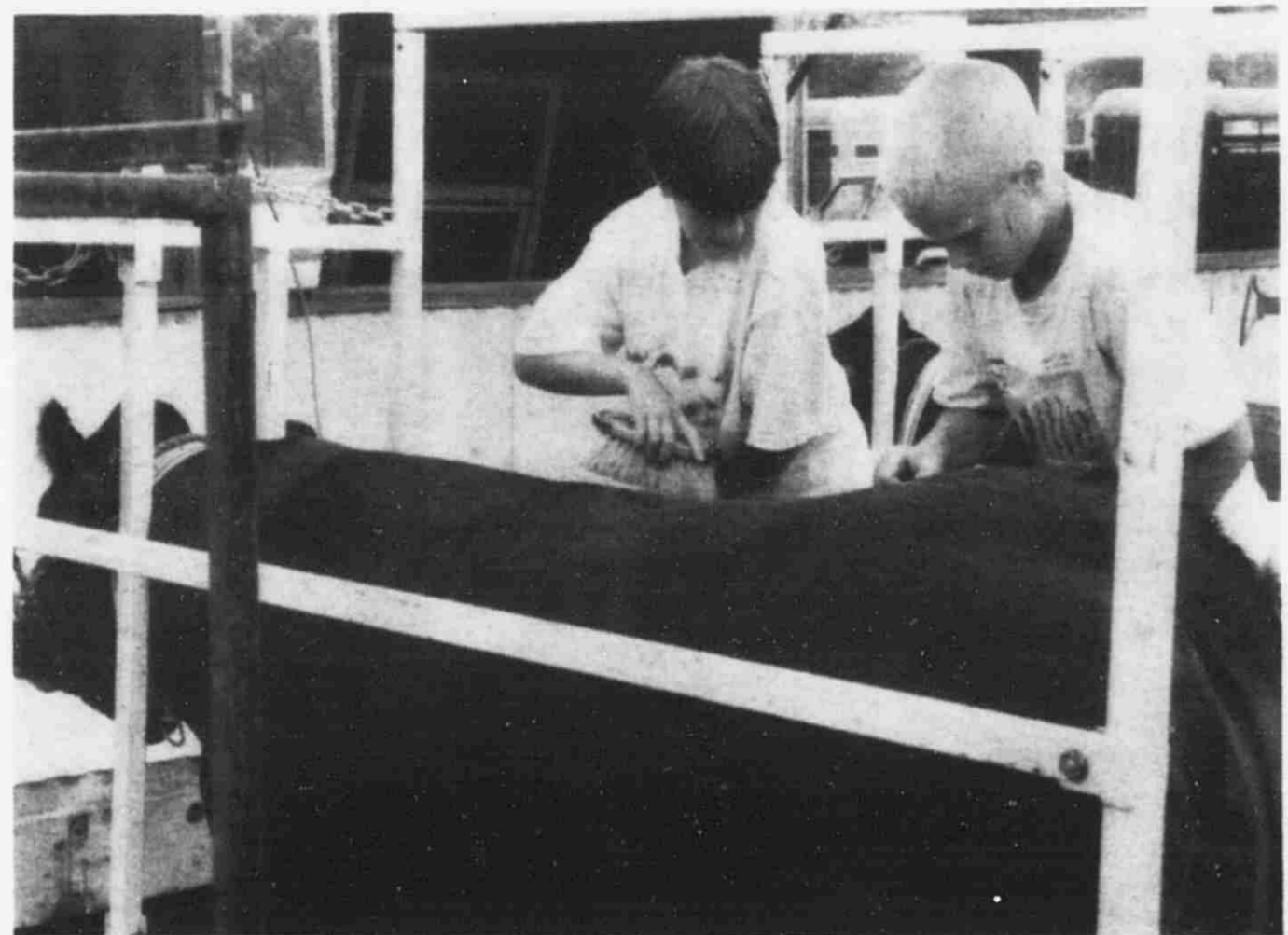
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Competitive brothers still take time to help one another prepare for the Fair



Bob Ford blow dries a family steer.



Doug Ford, right, and his cousin, Michelle Ford, left, clean their livestock.

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

While their friends may have found a watering hole to swim in to relieve them from the heat of the spring and summer, often Doug and Bob Ford were out in their family's 20-acre field practicing and preparing for the Kent County 4-H Youth Fair.

Last week, that hard work paid off, as Bob Ford, 12, earned a third in the cross breed category with his steer, Rolling Thunder. His limousin heifer, "Lady Luck," earned reserve champion status.

Younger brother Doug, 11, also experienced success at this year's fair, as his cross breed steer, Dakota, was the reserve champion. His limousin heifer, Classy Lady was named Grand Limo Heifer Champion. All of this in just his second year of showing at the Fair.

Asked to share some of the tips to finding success at the fair, Doug summed it up for both of them with one word, "Practicing."

"I think we practiced about 45 minutes a day. There were times when Mom and Dad had to remind us," he smiles, as he looks up at his mother, Karen Ford.

Practice includes work on holding the livestock's head up, keeping their eyes on the judge, squaring the animal up, grooming them, and maneuvering the livestock around.

While they live together, practice together, and help one another, when it's time to enter the fairground ring, the competitor in each of them comes out. "We're competitive, we both want to do better than the other," Bob says.

They both show the same type animals, but they reserve different opinions on which is easier to show. "I think steers set up easier. Heifers move around more," Doug explains.

Bob responds, "heifers are easier to show because they are smaller."

Both of the Ford boys are members of the East Kent Beef Club and Vergennes and Friends.

"The idea of joining 4-H was brought up by my Dad (Doug Ford)," Doug said. "It's been fun, we've met a lot of friends through 4-H. The other nice thing about it is that those who were in 4-H, but are now out come back as advisors and help you out."

One area that neither of the Ford boys finds fun is selling their steers. "We don't like selling our steers that much," Bob Ford explains.

College News

Randy Grieser has been awarded the Tabor Scholarship by Tabor College for the 1993-94 school term.

Grieser is the son of Dan and Norma Grieser of Lowell and is a 1993 graduate of Lowell High School.

Tabor College is a four year Christian, liberal arts institution, founded in 1908 and located in Hillsboro, Kansas.

Lowell threesome grapples Japanese culture, food & wrestlers

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Wrestling was to be the focus of a two-week cultural exchange program in Japan for some of Michigan's finest wrestlers.

While wrestling was a large part of their stay, the lasting memories for Lowell's Jim Inman, Rich Stouffer and Dan Spicer will be of the people of Japan, their culture, their food and their land and not anything to do with wrestling.

A wrestling tournament in Duran, MI housed wrestlers from Class A, B, and C Schools to compete and qualify for the trip. The winner of each weight group had an opportunity to make the trip to Japan. If the winner declined the opportunity, then the opportunity was offered to the grappler who finished second.

Inman (154 pounds), and Spicer (114 pounds), each placed first. Stouffer was second in the 167-pound class and jumped at the opportunity, after hearing the winner had declined.

"All the wrestlers at Duran were tough, most of them were state qualifiers and/or placers," Inman said.

That was quite a departure from what Inman and Stouffer faced in Japan. "The lower weights were tough, but as

you move up into the higher weights their wrestlers were average," Inman said.

Both Inman and Stouffer posted records of 7-0. Inman allowed just one point to be scored against him in the seven matches.

Spicer was 2-5, but all three Lowell wrestlers agreed his competition was much tougher. "I think what made the lighter weights better was there were many more wrestlers at those weights and the competition among them was greater."

Inman added that they were technician style wrestlers, who executed well and had good technique.

Physically, Spicer said his competition was short, small and quick.

"Dan's weight class was more competitive because there was 10 times more competition," Stouffer remarked.

During the two-week stay, the Lowell boys traveled all over Japan wrestling, what would be equivalent to conference champions in the United States.

Unlike most cultural exchange wrestling programs where U.S. wrestlers are asked to put on clinics, in Japan, they were asked to wrestle instead of putting on shows.

Just being there was enough of a show for the young Japanese natives.

"You know how in the old

Elvis movies the girls stared and screamed, we got a lot of that. Because of our size they would ask us to flex our muscles and the boys always wanted to arm wrestle," Stouffer said.

The change of culture meant adjustments, not all of which could be met.

"I never completely adjusted. The most difficult part was communicating. I also had a difficult time with the food. Other than the steak, everything was fish, and most of it was raw. They serve you the whole fish, head, guts, everything," Inman said. "If you didn't eat everything, they were offended. Then if you did, they always wanted you to eat more."

Stouffer was taken by the Japanese candor. "They are very open minded and they tell you what they think. You never knew what was coming next," he explained. While he was impressed by their candor he was not overly impressed with the classroom settings. "You always hear Japan has the best education. The classes I was in, there was no discipline and the students talked a lot. Their machine rooms did not have high tech equipment.

Spicer seemed least affected by the food. "The food was okay. I actually got used to the sushi, he said.

The trip cost each wrestler

\$1,700. Monies were raised through the Lowell Wrestling Club and individual efforts.

"We would like to thank everyone who helped raise

money and who made donations," Stouffer said.

The Lowell wrestlers added a special "thank you" to their parents.

They were all glad they made the trip, but celebrated their landing back in the good ol' U.S.A., by kissing the ground.



Three Lowell wrestlers spent some time in Japan recently. Pictured from left to right are Jim Inman, Rich Stouffer and Dan Spicer.

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"BOWNE CENTER DAYS CELEBRATION"

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21ST

Corner of Alden Nash (M-50) and 84th Street

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00 • DEDICATION OF MUSEUM

- Arts and Crafts Booths Open
- Book Fair in Town Hall Begins
- Museum, Town Hall, School and Church Open to Tour
- Quilting Demonstration in Museum (2nd floor)
- Lions Club Booth Opens

11:00-12:00

- Musical Program in Church
- Becky Dine and Rick Krueger
- Music of the 30's and 40's

12:00 (NOON) •

SALAD LUNCHEON IN THE LADIES AID HALL
(\$5 per person)

1:00-3:00 • BOWNE CENTER SCHOOL REUNION
(Everyone Welcome)

1:00 - 2:00 • MUSICAL PROGRAM IN CHURCH
The Smith Family - Country Gospel (Al Smith, Composer)

2:30 • MICHIGAN TWO-STEPPERS
(near canopy)

3:30 • DRAWING FOR ROCKING COW, ROCKING HORSE
(made by David Caswell, Alto)
& Donated gifts from various merchants

4:00 • CLOSING

SCHOOL BEGINS ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

OPENING DAY SCHEDULE:

ELEMENTARY GRADES (Kindergarten thru 5th Grade) - One-half day only. If schools are on a 5-hour day, dismissal will be at 12:40 p.m. for Alto and Runciman-Riverside and at 12:50 p.m. for Bushnell. If schools are on a 6-hour day, dismissal will be at 11:40 a.m. for Alto and Runciman-Riverside and at 11:50 a.m. for Bushnell.

SECONDARY GRADES (6th Grade thru 12th Grade) - Full day for students.

NOTE: Wed., Sept. 1 will be a full day for all students.

Daily Schedule If "Headlee Waiver Passes," Resulting In 6-Hour Day

| School | Students Report/Classes Begin | Students Dismissed |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Alto/Runciman-Riverside | 8:55 a.m. | 3:05 p.m. |
| Bushnell | 9:05 a.m. | 3:15 p.m. |
| Middle School | 7:45 a.m. | 2:10 p.m. |
| High School | 7:50 a.m. | 2:15 p.m. |

Daily Schedule If "Headlee Waiver Fails," Resulting In 5-Hour Day

| School | Students Report/Classes Begin | Students Dismissed |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Alto/Runciman-Riverside | 9:55 a.m. | 3:05 p.m. |
| Bushnell | 10:05 a.m. | 3:15 p.m. |
| Middle School | 8:45 a.m. | 2:10 p.m. |
| High School | 8:50 a.m. | 2:15 p.m. |

NOTE: Under a 5-hour day, teachers will be available to confer with parents 70 minutes prior to students reporting to school.

CUTS ARE COSTLY FOR OUR KIDS

At the present time, without a "YES" vote to pass the HEADLEE, the following programs and personnel for Lowell Area Schools are to be cut.

ELEMENTARY

PROGRAM CUTS - All Music and Physical Education

STAFF Layoffs and Reassignments -

Bushnell - Rachel Niemi - Music, Mark Russell - PE, Trina Allen - 1st Grade, and Martha Meade - 2nd Grade.
Runciman - Sue Stouffer - Music, and Nancy Anderson - PE (reassigned to Bushnell as a classroom teacher)
Alto - Barb Gumina - Music, Bill Stouffer - PE and Pam Westfall - 1st Grade.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

PROGRAM CUTS - All Music, Physical Education, Art, Life Skills, Tech Ed., and Industrial Arts.

Staff Layoffs and Reassignments -

Paul Baalam - Choir (reassigned to High School only)
Jack Misner - Band (reassigned to Alto as a classroom teacher)
Bob Rice - Band
Julie Niemela - PE
Craig Smith - PE (reassigned to High School PE only)
Karen Lambert - Art (reassigned to Bushnell as a classroom teacher)
Bill Ingraham - Art
Gary Butts - Tech Ed. (reassigned to Middle School math)
Ron Grody - Industrial Arts (reassigned to Middle School math)
Kris Kropf - 8th Grade Math (reassigned to High School math)
Donna Hansen - Life Skills (reassigned to High School Life Skills)
Anna Beird - Special Education
Wayne Townsend - Counselor
Ellen Anker - 7th Grade Reading
Heather Kohtz - In-House Suspension Room Supervisor

HIGH SCHOOL

Staff Layoffs and Reassignments -

Paul Baalam - Choir (reassigned to all High School Band and Choir)
Bob Rice - Band
Bob Rodenhous - Physical Education
Laurie Summerfield - Physical Education
Tim Dimmick - Math
Julie Lich - Science
Marsha LaHaye - Life Skills
Christine Beaschler - Business
Dave Eichberg - Business
Tim Antel - Science
Shelley Stoude - English
Susan Ross - Social Studies/Spanish
Maureen Dorough - Counselor (reassigned to Middle School Special Ed.)
Ingrid Baird - French (reduced to part time)
Mary Malone - Spanish - (reduced to part time)
Paula Murphy - reassigned from Alto Principal to High School Science
Tom Stahr - Athletic Director (reduced to part time AD and Social Studies)
Bob Van Belois - Counselor (reassigned to part time Counselor and Business)
Sue Phillips - In-House Suspension Room Supervisor

BUS DRIVERS

Gary Stuart - Driver and Mechanic
Linda Barle - Driver
Tami Griffith - Driver
Carol Maynard - Driver
Barb Roth - Driver

CUSTODIANS

Scott Rollins - High School
Ron Kryger - Bushnell
Jim Hodges - Alto
Walt Batt - High School
Bill Childs - Middle
Kamm Carpenter - High (reduced to part time)

PARAPROFESSIONALS

Toni Blough - High School
Ellen Lietzke - Runciman
Carol Mandie - Runciman
Bonnie Mieste - Runciman
Bette Phillips - High School
Barb Tindall - Runciman
Mary Beth Wade - High School
Shirley Briggs - Bushnell (reduced assignments)
Donna Oesch - Alto (reduced assignments)
Linda Smit (Middle School (reduced assignment)
Cindy Triplett - Runciman (reduced assignments)
Nan Zeeuw - Alto (reduced assignments)

OUR COMMUNITY CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE VALUABLE TEACHERS AND PROGRAMS.

VOTE "YES" August 24th

Paid For By The Lowell Education Association

MADD awaits State Supreme Court ruling on sobriety checkpoints

It has been a long wait for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). It has been years in fact since the use of sobriety checkpoints first became an option and then, an issue here in Michigan. Now MADD is anxiously awaiting the latest ruling in a series of court battles, challenging the use of these life-saving, anti drunk driving countermeasures.

Sobriety checkpoints are a method used by the police to enforce laws against drunken driving. They involve stopping all cars (or a predetermined sequence of cars) at a selected location (usually at night) and conducting a brief interview to determine if the driver is impaired by alcohol. If the officer finds evidence that a driver is impaired, the driver is asked to submit to a chemical test. If the driver refuses or fails the chemical test, he or she is charged with the appropriate provisions of the state law.

Sobriety checkpoints are considered an effective way to deter as well as detect and apprehend alcohol-impaired drivers. Cleared by the U.S. Supreme Court on constitutional-ity concerns, it is up to the state courts to determine if the practice meets safe constitutional requirements.

The Michigan Supreme Court is now reviewing the

Court Of Appeals decision that denied the use of the 15 to 30 second stops on Michigan's roadways. A decision is expected this fall.

This latest court action stems from the 1986 Michigan State Police sobriety checkpoint set up near Bridgeport on Dixie Highway. The checkpoint resulted in two drunk driving arrests and years of legal controversy.

The U.S. Constitution guarantees protection from unreasonable searches and seizures, a very valuable safeguard of privacy. However, courts across the country as well as the U.S. Supreme Court have also recognized the need to balance that right with the protection of public safety. Sobriety checkpoints have been likened to the security checks necessary at airports for passenger safety.

U.S. Supreme Court rulings have also established a set of guidelines for balancing the individual right to privacy with protecting the public, and many states have added to these rules. The sobriety checkpoints are carried out according to detailed guidelines established by the Federal and State courts. Today, as many as 40 states and the District of Columbia use sobriety checkpoints to combat the impaired driving problem.

MADD supports the use of sobriety checkpoints as a way to detect and apprehend alcohol- and drug-impaired drivers, and as a visible deterrent to drinking and driving. MADD endorses using sobriety checkpoints especially in high-risk areas and times to make streets and highways safer for all citizens. The potential inconvenience of a checkpoint stop is a trifle compared to the value of preventing an unnecessary crash and possible loss of life.

Checkpoints have been used effectively in many states, such as New Jersey, where their use has been credited with increasing OUIL (Operating Under the Influence of Liquor) arrests and reducing alcohol-related traffic fatalities. However, the benefits of sobriety checkpoints cannot be measured solely by the number of arrests because a major part of their value is in deterring drunk driving.

Drivers report that they are less likely to drive after drinking when they know checkpoints are being conducted in their area.

In the nation, each year some 1.8 million arrests are made for drunken driving. In Michigan alone in 1991 a total of 65,571 arrests were

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LOWELL YMCA SOCCER

A lot of what rubs off on kids at the YMCA doesn't wash off.



Fall Program Begins Week of September 13th

- Mini-Kickers (ages 4-5 yrs.)
- Kindergarten - League/Instructional
- 1st - 8th Grade Leagues

Coaches Meeting Saturday, Sept. 11

REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 9

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If ever there was a time when adults needed a high school diploma, now is that time! Lowell Community Ed. offers adult high-school completion classes in a convenient, relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Classes begin Thursday, September 9. Each class runs for 17 weeks, 6:30-10:00pm in the Lowell High School. First semester schedule is as follows:

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| U.S. History | Science | English Classes | Consumers Ed. |
| Mac Computers I | Mac Computers II | Reading (Remedial) | Word Perfect 5.1 |
| IBM computers 1 | IBM Computers II | Government | |
| Math | | Word Perfect 5.1 | |
| Algebra | | | |

Classes are FREE to adults who were not able to graduate; others may take classes for a \$70 fee. To register, or for more information, call Marge at 897-8434 or visit the Community Ed. office in the Lowell High School.

KENT CAREER/TECHNICAL CENTER

Adults can earn credit towards a high school diploma by attending classes at KC/TC. Registration for adult non-grads begins on August 9; Open registration begins on August 16. Call 897-8434. (Classes are free to adult non-grads)

| Class | Day | Time | Weeks | Class | Day | Time | Weeks |
|--|-----|---------------|-------|---|-----|---------------|-------|
| AGRICULTURAL | | | | Heating & Ventilation-Burner Service | | | |
| *Floral Design I | M | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | Industrial Electricity-Direct Current | TH | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| *Floral Design II | TH | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | Machining I | M | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| *Prerequisite Floral Design I | T | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | Machine Set-Up And Inspection | TH | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| *Floral Design III | W | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | Machining-CNC | W | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| *Prerequisite Floral Design II | T | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | Manufacturing Basics (Shop Floor Management) | W | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| Landscape Design | W | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | Mechanical Blueprint Reading | T | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| Plant Identification | T | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | *Professional Auto Body I | M | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| BUSINESS | | | | *Professional Auto Body II | TH | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| Accounting I | M | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | Refrigeration I | T | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| Accounting Applications | W | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | Small Engine Repair | M | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| On The IBM Personal Computer | T | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | | TH | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| Banking-Teller Training | T | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | TECHNICAL | | | |
| DCS 5.0 | W | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | Architectural Design And Drafting | W | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| Database File | T | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | Drafting-Basic | T | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| Management On Personal Computer | T | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | Drafting-Computer Aided | T | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| Entrepreneurship | M | 6:00-10:00 pm | 12 | Design-Advanced (CAD) | W | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| Establishing A Small Business | TH | 6:00-10:00 pm | 12 | Drafting-Computer Aided | M | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| Keyboarding Skills For Employment or College | TH | 6:00-10:00 pm | 8 | Design-Basic (CAD) | W | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| Perfecting Word Perfect | M | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | Drafting-Computer Aided | TH | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| Prerequisite-Keyboarding Skills or typing skills of 40 w.p.m. | M | 6:00-10:00 pm | 8 | Design-Intermediate (CAD) | TH | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| The Power Of Lotus | W | 6:00-10:00 pm | 8 | Electronics | T | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| CONSTRUCTION TRADES | | | | Technical Maintenance-Fluid Hydraulics | T | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 |
| Architectural Design and Drafting | W | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | | | | |
| Residential Construction-Basic Wiring | T | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | | | | |
| Residential Construction-Finishing | TH | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | | | | |
| Residential Construction-Plumbing | TH | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | | | | |
| Residential Construction-Roughing | T | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | | | | |
| | TH | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | | | | |
| GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS | | | | | | | |
| Advertising Art I | M | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | | | | |
| Commercial Photography I | T | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | | | | |
| Commercial Printing/Offset | T | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | | | | |
| Printing-Typesetting | M | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | | | | |
| Composition(Desk Top Publishing) | T | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | | | | |
| HEALTH OCCUPATIONS | | | | | | | |
| *Graduate Nurse Aide Training | | | | | | | |
| Starting date September 7 T & TH | | 5:00-10:00 pm | 8 1/2 | | | | |
| Starting date November 9 T & TH | | 5:00-10:00 pm | 8 1/2 | | | | |
| (85 hour program plus an additional 15 hours to be arranged with instructor) | | | | | | | |
| HOME AND COMMERCIAL SERVICE | | | | | | | |
| Commercial Baking | M | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | | | | |
| Culinary Arts-Introduction | M | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | | | | |
| INDUSTRIAL/MECHANICAL | | | | | | | |
| Auto Mechanics-Tune-Up/Electrical | T | 6:00-10:00 pm | 15 | | | | |

COLLEGE CLASSES

Davenport College and Grand Rapids Community College offer off-campus classes during the evening in the Lowell High School. Call the college to ask about registration and what classes will be offered this fall.

NEW DAWN

If you are a pregnant teen, or school-aged mother, NEW DAWN, an alternative high school, may be just the school for you! To register, or for more information, call Marge at the Community Ed. office: 897-8434 or visit our office in the Lowell High School. (There is no cost to students.)

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

Lowell Community Ed. offers reading, spelling and/or math classes to adults who need help in these areas. Classes are FREE to non-grads.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Lowell Community Ed. offers Senior Citizens classes, trips and activities all through the school year. We also send out the Searcher, a newsletter especially for Seniors. If you would like to receive the Searcher, or get information on activities, please call Marge at 897-8434.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL "SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP" TRIP - Saturday, November 13, relax on a motor coach trip to Gurnee Mills, with coffee and rolls served on the way. Bus will leave the I-96/M-50 car pool lot at 6:00am and you will return at approximately 11:00pm. Cost is \$38.00 and you must sign up in advance by calling Marge at 897-8434.

FINANCIAL ADVICE SERIES:

- Thursday, September 23; "SINGLE AND FINANCIALLY SOUND"
- Tuesday, October 5; "MONEY PRINCIPLES TO TEACH YOUR CHILDREN"
- Thursday, October 28; "CHANGING EMPLOYERS; HOW TO TAKE YOUR MONEY WITH YOU"

Fee for each class is \$5; each will run from 6:30-8:00pm in the Lowell High School. Please call 897-8434 to register.

ANNUAL LCTK ARTS & CRAFTS BAZAAR - This year we're moving to the Lowell Middle School for this wonderful bazaar. To be held on Saturday, November 20, 10:00am until 3:00pm, this is a great place to do some Christmas shopping, have lunch, and participate in our raffle. (All proceeds go to Lowell, Caledonia & Thomapple Kellogg Senior Citizens programs.)

NOTE: There are still spaces available for exhibitors. Call 897-8434 for information on reserving space.

KENT REGIONAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MINI CLASSES

Location: Kent Career Technical Center, 1655 E. Beltline

ORGANIZE YOUR LIFE - Tim Fletcher
Thursday 7:00-9:00 p.m. One night 10/21 \$30/\$45
Discover how to seal money leaks and find hidden cash. Mr. Fletcher's book and other materials \$99 (optional).
Class fee: singles \$30-couples \$45. \$20 of seminar fee for singles/\$30 for couples will be applied toward materials.

WINTERIZE YOUR BIRDS - Dr. Mary Jane Dockeray
Tuesday 7:00-9:00 p.m. One night 10/28 \$7
What to feed winter birds - how to feed them - variety of suitable feeders to attract winter birds.

GREENS FOR CHRISTMAS - Kathy Weisner
Wednesday 7:00-9:00 p.m. One night 10/6 \$7
Use of evergreen materials to decorate for the holidays. Wreaths, garlands, and arrangements - inside and outside.

WANT TO HIKE THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL? Norman Tubbs
Thursday 7:00-9:00 p.m. One night 10/18 \$7
Hike the longest foot trail in the U.S., stretching 2,000 miles over mountains and beautiful scenery from Georgia to Maine.

Location: G.R. Tech Center, 1625 Leonard, N.E.

HOW TO BUILD YOUR OWN HOME
Saturday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Two days 10/23 & 10/30 \$160
Avoid costly mistakes and work confidently on your own or with a contractor. Basic information on buying property, site planning, financing, codes/permits, estimating, inside and outside construction, insurance needs and much more. \$20 textbook included.

BUILDERS PRE-LICENSING SEMINAR
Friday & Saturday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Two days 10/8 & 10/9 \$150
Basic information needed to pass the state building licensing exam. Covers builder laws, codes and math, blueprints, construction lien law and required insurances. All materials included.

Call 771-2362 for more information or registration