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Branch manager Sandy Graham sits on the window sill inside the new Alto Library.

Alto's new library nearly complete

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It's fourth in circulation per capita behind Grandville, Rockford and East Grand Rapids.

Its 675 square feet of library space doesn't come close to that of its neighboring Kent County branches.

However, the Evelyn Smith Alto Branch Library is about to change that.

In a few weeks, it is expected to begin moving into its new 5,000 square foot location.

It will be a big move, but the travel will be short. The new library is just a couple of doors down from its current location at 6059 Linfield SE.

The genesis of relocating to a new and bigger facility began two-and-a-half years ago. Renovation to the former Rosenburg Grocery Store began last winter. Other than carpet installation and coverings for the electrical outlets, the \$203,000 library renovation project has been completed.

The work on the building is being funded through the Alto Downtown Development Authority. The Alto Friends of the Library will provide monies for the library furnishings.

Alto branch manager Sandy Graham said federal grant

monies will fund technology throughout the system and FMB State Savings Bank made a donation toward the new shelving.

"The building renovation work was carried out by Alto's Stedfast Construction.

Stedfast came in with the low bid. If it were not for them, I don't think the new library would be nearly as nice," Graham said. "Bowne Township will provide maintenance and upkeep for the new library site."

The Alto Branch Library began in a Bowne Center home in 1937. It has moved three times since then, the last being 47 years ago (1949).

With the move, the Alto branch also stands to get an extra \$8,000 from the Kent County system for additional library items.

"Our top priority will be improving our selection in the children's nonfiction area," Graham said.

Graham is a part-time branch manager. Bonnie David serves as a library assistant and Travis Grummet works as a page.

The Alto Library circulates approximately 22,000 items a year.

Graham said it currently carries about 9,000 items.

Bennett Road residents let their "will" do the talking in hopes of paved road

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township's decision to withhold future road improvements has left 23 homeowners on Bennett Road befuddled.

"The master plan said this should be paved and the county and township were working toward it, but we were caught by surprise about their decision," said Harold Kettner, who has submitted a petition to the township on

behalf of homeowners.

The township decided to nix plans to pave the final mile of Bennett until other road issues, such as Alden Nash's possible extension, could be cleared up.

Kettner doesn't believe anything needs to be cleared up and can't understand the township's reasoning.

"They said let the will of the people decide," Kettner said. "As a group 100 percent of the citizens want it here

and 100 percent are against it there (on Alden Nash). It's an elementary thing and it's just common sense to let the public prevail."

Vergennes Township trustee Alan Baird and treasurer Jean Hoffman voted not to submit the Bennett Road project to the Kent County Road Commission in April while supervisor Jim Cook and clerk Mari Stone voted to approve the work.

Trustee Mark Weber was

not in attendance at the meeting, but had voiced his support in continuing road improvements at prior meetings.

Baird believes the township needs to prioritize road projects depending on traffic counts and the "will" of the people.

"Other people in the township pay taxes and I feel we should spread (road projects) around the town-

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Work still needs to be done before west side sanitary sewer project can be put into motion

Michigan Wire expresses concerns about design and cost.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A significant, contributing part of the community labeled the design and cost of the proposed west side sanitary sewer extension unworkable.

If the west side sanitary sewer extension is to move forward, its greatest user of the system, Michigan Wire, will need to be on board.

With that, the comments from Dean Lonick, Michigan Wire vice president, are sure to have an impact.

"Don't get me wrong Michigan Wire wants to see the extension of the west side sanitary sewer," Lonick said. "This is something we have anticipated for a long time.

tion of the northwest leg would disrupt his company's business for a fairly lengthy time. "The extension isn't any good if it puts people out of business."

Lonick proposed that consideration be given so that the northwest leg be on the same property line but east of where it is.

John LeFevre, of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, said shifting the leg further east would not benefit all the users.

Lonick also said he felt it would cost Michigan Wire less to have the line run down from M-21.

Fred Kamminga, Kamminga Development,

Michigan Wire wants to see the extension of the west side sanitary sewer. This is something we have anticipated for a long time.

Dean Lonick
Vice president, Michigan Wire

We cannot expand appreciably without the sanitary sewer extension."

The absence of sanitary sewer on the west side has limited Michigan Wire's growth in both volume of jobs and physical expansion.

"There is no sense in moving forward if Michigan Wire doesn't hook up," said city attorney Richard Wendt.

As proposed, the extension would run from Sibley Street at Ridgeview Drive directly west to the city limits to a northwest property line which would run south to M-21.

Lonick noted the installa-

said M-21 would mean curb cuts and that would add 30 percent to Michigan Wire's cost.

Kamminga is trying to clear a DNR hurdle so that he can begin his housing development (Mill Isle Estate).

"I'm in favor of the sanitary sewer extension. I think the cost-sharing program the city has laid out is fair," Kamminga said.

The city recommends that the sanitary sewer system assume one third or approximately \$58,500 of the cost of the extension.

Wendt said this is rec-
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OBITUARIES

BLACKPORT - Nancy Anne Blackport, aged 58, of Cascade, passed away July 10, 1996. Surviving are her husband Roger Blackport; three sons, Gregory (Stephanie) Blackport of Alto, Robert Blackport of Cascade, Michael Blackport of Alto; two granddaughters Crystal and Brittany Blackport; her father Harry Bairstow Jr. of Barrington Hills, IL; one sister Rose Marie Bairstow of Barrington Hills, IL; one brother Harry Bairstow III of Northbrook, IL; and her mother-in-law Marty Blackport of Grand Rapids. Mrs. Blackport was an employee of the Cascade Hospital for Animals. A family Service was held Saturday.

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Lowell Township Hall, a.k.a. Segwun Gallery provides windows to the past

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

A look into Lowell Charter Township's history and heritage will go on display as part of an open house for the new township hall and the area's fourth art gallery.

Township officials in conjunction with officials from the Lowell Area Arts Council will conduct the showing from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. this Saturday.

The arts council's Segwun Gallery is actually the open wall space of the township hall and unlike any other art shows, the theme for Segwun is to honor the area's history.

Paintings and sculptures produced by or about Native Americans dominate the show, but landscape art of the township also highlight the exhibit.

"I wasn't sure this could be done, but once I started putting out the word, it all came together," said LAAC director David Davis. "We have some super fine pieces in the show that provide a look at windows of the past and present."

The idea of display artwork relating to the township's past came from supervisor John Timpson, who contacted Davis about the possibility of capturing Lowell's past in art.

"I was very intrigued at first," said Davis. "I found that vast amounts of artists were thrilled at the opportunity to have their work seen because of the nature of the work."

One such artist was Nancy Kleeves Liszewski. Liszewski has produced many Native American artwork, which includes being a permanent part of the Grand Valley American Indian Lodge.

Liszewski, whose work "Council of Three" is among the 30-35 pieces which will be displayed, likes to paint Native Americans because of their respect for the earth and regard for all life.

"Sharing this with others and having them discover some emotion, feeling, or aesthetic reason to have one of my paintings is my reward," Liszewski said. "Somehow the need to return to these values seems necessary for the earth to survive. Maybe by painting them, it will serve as a reminder."

Besides Liszewski's painting, visitors will be greeted immediately by the work of Selene Marsteiner. Marsteiner's "Respect and Honor" is a story in circular form of living traditions and of those things of the earth worthy of being saved.

"It's an awesome piece," Davis said. Sometime in the future Davis and the township hope to display Native American artifacts found around the Lowell area.

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TOWN TALK

As a parent how did/do you deal with your children swearing? How did your parents deal with it?



Erik Gillet
I don't have that problem actually. My parents used a bar of soap. I'm not one to spank so I may do as my parents did.



Lan Hamilton
I use a time-out chair. I usually works. If it doesn't, then I take away privileges. I tried soap but my child liked it. My parents used soap.



Jacki Solon
I expect my children to follow in my footsteps and do as I do. If they do swear, I tell them we don't want to hear that kind of language.



Lila Grover
I ignored them when they first swore and didn't make a big deal of it. As a child I never thought about swearing.



Nancy McKendry
I didn't hear it at home. If I did, I told them it wasn't the polite way to do things and that they could say it better with other language. As a child, we never heard anybody swear, with the exception of my dad when he was yelling at the cows.



Peggy Bowden
I told them to quit and not to say those words. As children, we didn't swear. We showed respect for our parents.



Ivan Wonch
We don't tolerate it. We also don't swear. We lead by example. As a child, I didn't swear. I held a healthy fear for my parents.

Sally Hacker (Madison)
I discipline them with time-outs. My parents always gave us verbal warnings.

P.I.E. looking for host families in Lowell

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic program homestays and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into

just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a huge family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Lowell area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-800-631-1818. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

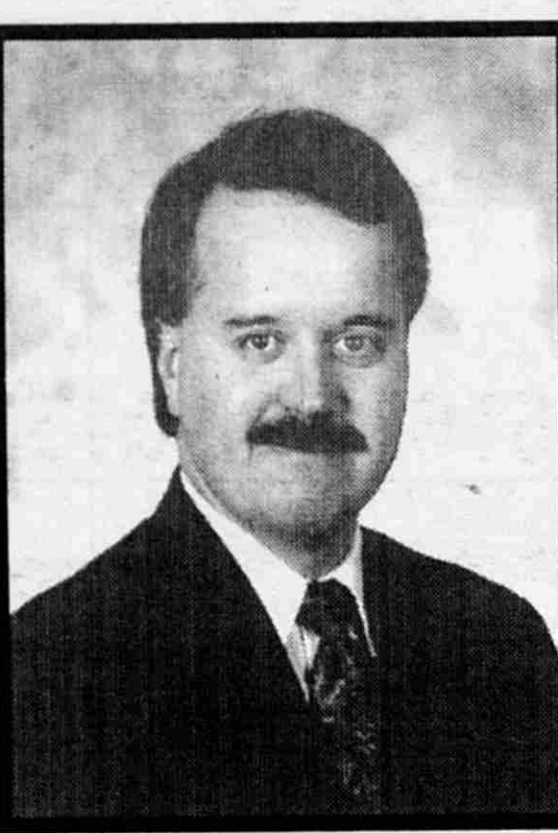
JOHN WEISS FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

A History of Leadership and Involvement

Since 1981 when he became the "Youngest City Manager in America," John Weiss has worked hard to make our community a better place to live, work, and raise a family. He has served in leadership positions on a wide variety of community activities and continues to serve many of our area's volunteer organizations.

For twenty years he has been active in the communities where he lived. Below is a list of some of the organizations he has been involved with:

- Silent Observer of Kent County-Board of Directors
- Easter Seal Society Fund Raising Committee
- Michigan Municipal League-Legislative Affairs Committee
- Michigan Municipal League-Region 5 Officer
- Rotary Club-President
- Farm Bureau of Kent County
- Grand Rapids Public Museum-Fund Raising Committee
- Kent County Republican Party-400 Club, Precinct Delegate
- American Society of Administrators West Michigan Chapter Board of Directors
- Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce-Transportation and Environmental Committees
- Greater Grand Rapids Economic Area Team-Association-Vice President



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- Technical Committee
- Redco Development Corporation-(Regional Small Business Administration Financing Corporation)-President
- Wyoming Economic Development Corporation - Board of Directors
- United County Officers

Association-Affiliate Member

- Michigan Association of School Administrators-Affiliate Member
- International, Michigan and West Michigan City Management Associations Association-Full Member
- Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police-Affiliate Member
- West Michigan Health Systems Agency-Business Advisory Group
- World Trade Week Association of Kent County-Board of Directors
- Kent County Hazardous Material Task-Force Leader
- Police Community Relations Commission-Board of Directors

City of Wyoming - Asst. City Manager

City of Coopersville - City manager

Davenport College - Instructor

EDUCATION
Hope College cum laude

B.A. Political Science/Economics Western Michigan University with honors

M.P.A., Master of Public Administration

Grand Valley State University attended graduate courses in Economics and Government

This list represents some of the activities that John has been involved in our community and our state. It serves as an example of involvement and leadership. It is this involvement combined with his work and educational background that has prepared John to be our next State Representative.

WORK EXPERIENCE
Bella Vista Daycare Center/Preschool - John and his wife Angie own this facility serving 97 children and employing 20 staff.

Cannon Township Supervisor - John is Supervisor of this community of almost 10,000 residents.

Design plus - John is a Senior Manager at this architecture, engineering, planning firm.

The WBDC Group - Vice President

City of Wyoming - Asst. City Manager

City of Coopersville - City manager

Davenport College - Instructor

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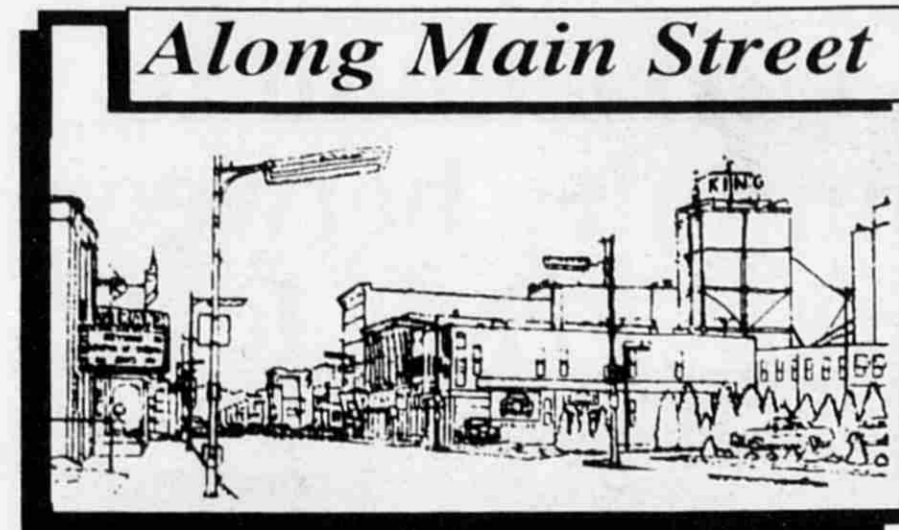
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FALLSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING
The Fallsburg Historical Society meeting is on Monday, July 22 at 7:30 p.m. After refreshments and a brief business meeting, guest Russell Gregory will talk about Whites Bridge. The Fallsburg Covered Bridge and Whites (covered) Bridge, two of only three original covered bridges left in Michigan, were both built by Jared Brazee or Brasee in 1871 and 1867, respectively. They have a unique structure, the "Brown truss" and have both been restored within the past few years. Visitors welcome.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Frank Bristol, 34, of Belding, lost control of the car he was

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commended because of the economic development benefit to the city, the recognition that the sue of additional available sanitary sewer capacity will tend to stabilize system costs and rates and charges to all users, and the extension will provide and permit further extension and sanitary sewer service to other property on the west side of the city.

The remainder of the cost will be borne on a comparative footage basis by property owners who can expect to benefit from the extension. They are A & C Company (Mill Isle Estate), Donna Gerard, Michigan Wire, Todd Landman, Dr. John Wellman and the Ionia County National Bank.

The property owners could enter into an agreement to pay cash or enter into a 10-year instalment agreement at 10 percent interest.

Each year a payment is deferred would result in a 3.5 percent per annum compounded increase in cost.

Based on the proposal, the six immediately benefitting property owners would pay 62 percent of the \$234,000 cost

driving June 27 on Monroe near North St. and struck a utility pole. No injuries were reported.

Joseph Dyer, 36, of Lowell, was released June 20 after posting bond on a warrant out of 63rd District Court.

Floyd Boyce, 83, of Lowell, and Stephen Ebel, 33, of Grand Rapids, were involved in a minor property damage accident in the McDonald's restaurant June 20.

Gregory Jannenga, 21, of Ada, was arrested June 23 for driving while license suspended, second offense.

A 15-year-old juvenile, from Lowell, was picked up and transported to detention June 26 on a court order for failure to appear in court.

Charlene Esterline, 28, of Lowell, was cited into 63rd District Court June 26 for retail fraud from Family Fare store on West Main.

A 16-year-old juvenile, from Belding, reported to Lowell police that his vehicle was struck by a hit and run driver, June 27, while parked at Keiser's restaurant in the 700 block of E. Main.

Matthew Bishop, 19, of Lowell, was lodged in the Kent County Jail June 28 on a warrant for failing to appear in court.

Patrick Rittersdorf, 33, of Lowell, was arrested on a warrant issued by 63rd District Court on June 29.

Lowell officers investigated 23 accidents in the month of June, one involved injuries. The total so far this year is 128 compared to 106 at the same time last year.

Terry Babcock, 26, of Kent City, struck a parked vehicle on S. Water St. July 1 belonging to Carroll Construction Co. out of Barryton. No one was injured.

Linda Schumaker, 52, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident June 10 when the car she was driving collided with a semi-trailer on S. Hudson and Ottawa St. driven by Jack Reed, 60, of Lowell.

A 16-year-old juvenile, from Lowell, experienced brake failure with the car he was driving and struck a parked car on spring near Amity, then a stop sign at Amity and Main, July 9.

Robert White II, 19, of Lowell, reported to Lowell police that his vehicle was struck by a hit and run driver while parked in the municipal lot off Monroe St. July 3.

Randolph Christensen, 33, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident July 3 on Main St. near Lafayette when his vehicle was struck in the rear by a car driven by a 16-year-old juvenile from Lowell.

Scott Mitchell, 29, of Lowell, was arrested July 2 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Laura Tindall, 47, of Belmont, was taken to the Kent County Jail and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol July 7.

A 16-year-old juvenile, from Lowell, will be petitioned to juvenile court for domestic assault that occurred on July 3.

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ship," said Baird.

Cook contends that the county will not be able to get to Bennett for several years because they are behind in projects and by the time it comes to fruition, many of today's issues will be resolved.

"We need to schedule future projects or we won't get roads built in Vergennes," said Cook.

Kettner and several of his neighbors plan on attending next week's board meeting to discuss the future of the one-mile stretch.

"It just makes sense to pave it. All the other roads around us are paved and they have sparse population," Kettner said. "We have had several fatal accidents during the past five years and we have the highest density in the area. Paving the road will make it safer for our children and motorists."

Alto's New Library

with the system bearing 38 percent of the cost.

Mayor Bill Thompson raised the concern as to whether the city would be able to recover its cost.

Wendt said it is possible in the future the sanitary sewer system may recover some or all of its cost if it is initially bearing by additional unanticipated connections and extensions.

Ionia County National Bank, a most interested property owner, would like to begin construction in August. It will need to know if the west side sanitary sewer project is a go. If not it will have to put in its own septic system.

The cost of the extension will be financed by the sanitary sewer system enterprise fund, thus the city will not have to borrow externally.

City manager Dave Pasquale was going to meet with property owners to try to work out an agreement so the project could begin this construction season.

If an agreement can be reached, the city council will hold a special meeting so that the project can be approved.



Above Jim Bosserd, right, presents a check to Alto librarian Sandy Graham for the purchase of shelving in the new library. Standing next to Graham's right are Marj Harding and Chuck Myers.

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MONDAY EVENING JULY 22, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

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TUESDAY EVENING JULY 23, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING JULY 24, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

WEDNESDAY LATE NIGHT JULY 24, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

THURSDAY EVENING JULY 25, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations. Includes programs like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, 48 Hours, and various news and entertainment shows.

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT JULY 25, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations. Includes programs like Top Cops, Charlie Rose, and various news and entertainment shows.

Family Fest success to serve as catalyst for other July 4 activities

Approximately 300 people took part in the first July 4 Family Fest on the grounds of the Lowell Wesleyan Church. "It went smoother than we thought," said Lowell Wesleyan Church pastor Bill Price. "The turnout was even better than we expected."



Singing a song from the musical "Hans Bronson's Gold Medal Mission," from left to right, are: Rachel Bender, Andrea Kropf, Evangeline Bender and Robbie Bender.

Price and Rhonda Kropf co-ordinated the event. "We hope the Family Fest will grow and what we'd really like to see is other community groups pick up on this. That way, there could be something going on at the church, maybe at the Showboat and then fireworks in the evening." Price said. "If this serves as a catalyst to get other things started, that would be great." Plans for a second Family Fest have already begun. The Lowell Fire Department also had the fire safety trailer on display.



Tara Kropf, far left, and Susan O'Conner, second from the right, paint faces of the youngsters.



The Lowell Fire Dept. took children and adults through the fire safety house.



The term "red tape" originated in England during the 1700's when people used red string to tie official and legal documents together.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATтан County of Kent, Michigan ELECTION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATтан. Notice is hereby given that an election on a special Township proposal will be held in the Township of Grattan from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on August 6, 1996, the same day as the State Primary Election.

Shall the Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan, (1) borrow a sum not to exceed Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000) and issue its general obligation bonds secured by the faith and credit of the Township for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and furnishing a new Township Hall and Community Center and related improvements; and (2) increase the tax rate limitation on general ad valorem property taxes within the Township in an amount sufficient to make debt service payments on the bonds, but not to exceed one (1) mill on each dollar (\$1.00 on each \$1,000) of taxable valuation for the period of 1996 through 2011, both inclusive, or until such bonds are repaid in full, whichever occurs first, and levy such increase in millage? (If approved, such increase is estimated to provide revenue of \$70,264 in the first calendar year of the increase.)

List of polling place locations: Precinct 1: Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, NE

The following is the statement of the Kent County Treasurer, given as provided by Act 62 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1933, as amended:

STATEMENT OF ALL VOTED INCREASES IN THE TOTAL TAX RATE LIMITATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN) SS COUNTY OF KENT)

I, John K. Boerema, the Treasurer of the County of Kent, hereby certify that the records in my office indicate that there are the following voted increases in the total tax rate limitation for taxing units which levy property tax within Grattan Township:

Table with columns: UNIT, VOTED INCREASES (mills), YEARS EFFECTIVE. Rows include Kent County (.84), Kent District Library (.68), Kent Township (.8431), Lowell Area Schools (18.00), and Rockford Public Schools (18.00).

/s/ John K. Boerema, John K. Boerema, Kent County Treasurer

Dated: July 9, 1996. This Notice is given by the Township of Grattan. Peggy Gurney, Clerk, Township of Grattan

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Lowell and other KISD schools opt for county schools of choice plan

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Intermediate School District voted to adopt the county's version of schools of choice.

The Lowell School Board voted 5-1 to opt for the countywide plan.

The vote sends the message that the board agrees in principle on schools of choice. It doesn't mean the board believes it is the ideal model.

"If you're pursuing schools of choice as an appropriate goal than I think to make it work those schools perceived as most attractive would have to be open to all," said Lowell School Board vice president Pete Gustafson. "The ideal model is one where the schools perceived to be the best would be open to all. Neither the state or county plan achieves this."

Gustafson was referring to the decision made by Forest Hills Central, Rockford and Caledonia to not admit any new students. "When schools vote not to take any students, that creates a fundamental flaw in the schools of

choice plan," Gustafson said. The Kent Intermediate School District office said there are five schools which will not be accepting new students.

Because of construction to accommodate the growing number of resident students, Forest Hills will only accept students outside the district if the family moves into a new home after the school year begins, if the family moves out of a district before the student's senior year or, in special cases, because of hardship.

Lowell's superintendent questioned why schools would want to let students cross the border when their nonresident parents wouldn't be supporting the issue.

Board trustee Ann Mulder was concerned that neither plan would help the students who need it. "The students who really need to transfer

won't be able to because schools won't accept them, or they don't have transportation," Mulder said. "I think the plans will hurt the inner-city schools the most."

Mulder's thoughts coincide with Forest Hills superintendent J. Michael Washburn. "Students who most need a chance to change schools will probably never get to do so because they lack transportation," he said.

The county plan limits movement from one school to one percent. Schools are

not required to meet the one percent maximum allowed under the local plan. They can choose a number less than that.

One major discrepancy between the county and state plan is the local plan sets state aid at the new district's level, whereas the state plan sets its aid level at the lower of the home district or new district.

KISD schools must decide by mid-July whether to join the local plan. Families must apply for a new district by July 31, by 4 p.m.; districts must respond by August 12.

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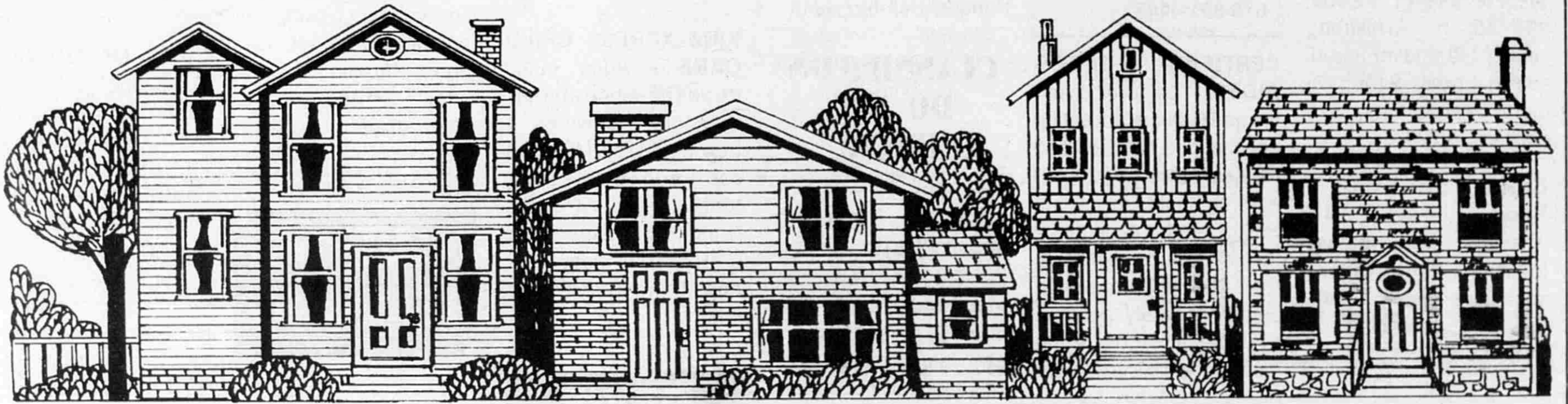
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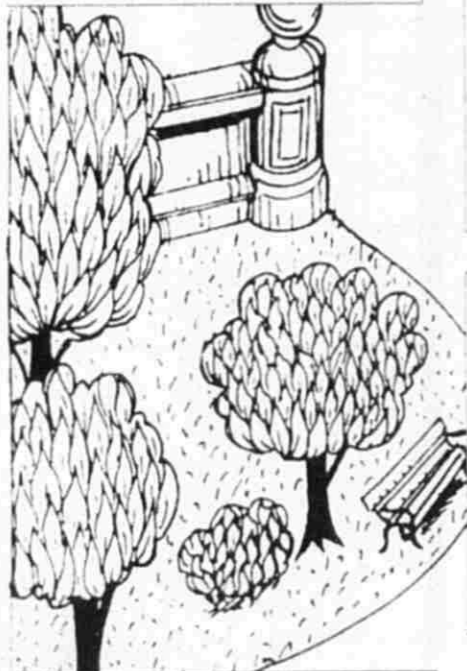


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Household items, exercise bike, sewing machine, coffee table, rototiller, toys, automotive parts, some children & adults clothing. Many more items too numerous to mention. Something for everyone! 9932 E. Fulton (W. of Settlewood Dr.) Thurs., Fri. & Sat., July 18, 19 & 20, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.



3-FAMILY GARAGE SALE

Fri., July 19, 9-3 p.m. Household, clothing, toys & books. Watch for signs. 944 Grindle.

YARD SALE

Several families, everything must go! Prices negotiable. 250 Brook near Schneider Manor. Follow signs. 9-dark, Tues., July 16 & 9-5, Wed., July 17. Free appliances, need repair...just haul away.

GARAGE SALE

Thurs. & Fri., July 18 & 19, 9-5 p.m. 11386 4 Mile Rd (bet. Lincoln Lake & Whites Bridge) Kids-adult clothing, baby items, toys, kitchen items & more.

BARN SALE

Sat., July 20, 9-4 p.m. Antiques, furniture, tools, air conditioner, dishes, windows, books, oil heater, clothes, crafts supplies & home decor items. 2751 LowellView.

BIG GARAGE SALE

Fri. & Sat., July 19 & 20, 3750 Country View, off 36th St., between Snow & Kissing Rock. 9-5 p.m.

GARAGE SALE

Fri., July 12 - 19th. 8-5 p.m. 6230 Grand River Dr., Ada.

YARD SALE

July 18 & 19, 9 to 5. 1328 Sibley, Lowell. Lots of clothes, shoes, household items, toys.

WE MISSED THE GRAND SLAM-BUT WE'RE READY NOW!

Sat., July 20, 9-3 p.m. 1607 & 1672 Stonewood. Child-adult clothing, computer equipment, Scanman, keyboard & more. Pacesetter storm windows, typewriter, too much to list.

GARAGE SALE

Tues., July 16, 9 a.m. to ?, microwave, furniture, lamps, books, boys & girls clothes-sizes 5 to 10, toys, games, & many more items, 10085 36th St., between Snow & Kissing Rock.

BIG SALE

11909 Vergennes, air conditioners, apartment refrigerators, couch, sports equipment, July 17, 18 & 19.

GARAGE & DECK SALE

Fri. & Sat., July 19 & 20, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Boys & girls clothes 11-14, also adult clothes, household & misc. 1395 Egypt Valley Rd, off Pettis at gravel area.

MOVING SALE

10685 Settlewood, Eastgate. Fri. & Sat., July 19 & 20, 9-?

GARAGE SALE

July 17 & 18, 800 Bowes Rd. 8:30-3 p.m. Lots of goodies & clothes.

MOVING SALE

Everything goes! Antiques, books, clothes, furniture, riding mower, dog, albums, snowmobile. July 18, 19 & 20, 10 to 5 p.m. 3409 Pratt Lake Rd., Lowell.

GARAGE SALE

July 19 & 20, Fri. 8-6 p.m. Sat., 8-1 p.m. Women's & girls clothing, toys, misc. Low prices. 418 High St., Lowell.

ADA GARAGE SALE

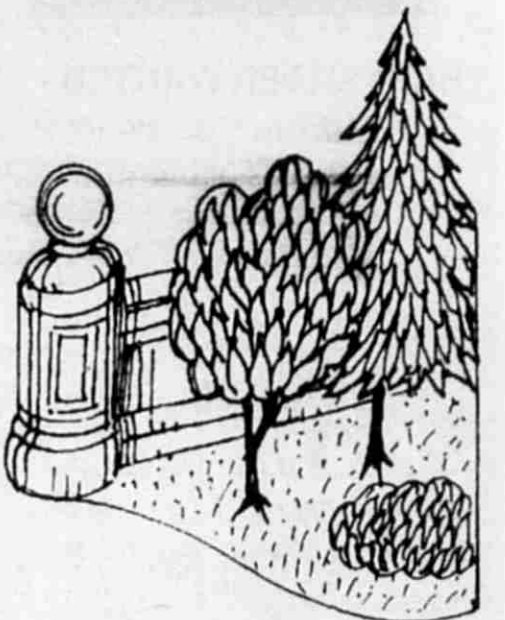
Clothes, baby through adult, lots of misc. items, some old Sat., July 20, 9-3. No prior sales. 8127 E. Fulton.

GARAGE SALE

Kids & women's new boots, furniture, china cabinet, freezer, lots of new stuff. Sat., Sun. & Mon., July 20, 21 & 22. 11660 Bluewater Hwy., Lowell.

POLE BARN SALE

July 18 & 19 (Thurs. & Fri.) 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Smaller Kenmore upright freezer, 3 pc. redwood lawn furniture, salt & pepper sets, 25 inch console TV, canning jars, cast iron bath tub & many odd, unique & useful items. 5394 Conklin Rd., 2 miles North of Jimmy's Grill, on the blacktop.



YARD SALE

Fri., July 19. Something for everyone. 9-6 p.m. 10388 Grand River Dr., Lowell.

GARAGE SALE

2 miles E. of Lowell on Tower Rd. Lots of misc. Sat., July 20, Sun., July 21.

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