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Homemade cookies to sweeten ride at annual Covered Bridge Bike Tour

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Grandmothers may not be able to join their grandchildren and/or children on the Fallasburg Historical Society's Covered Bridge Bike Tour, but they may have a few baking tips for The Best Old-Fashioned Cookie contest which will be held during the tour.

"Because of the historical society's interest in preservation, we are looking for great cookies - the kind grandma used to bake," said event coordinator, Kerry Wood.

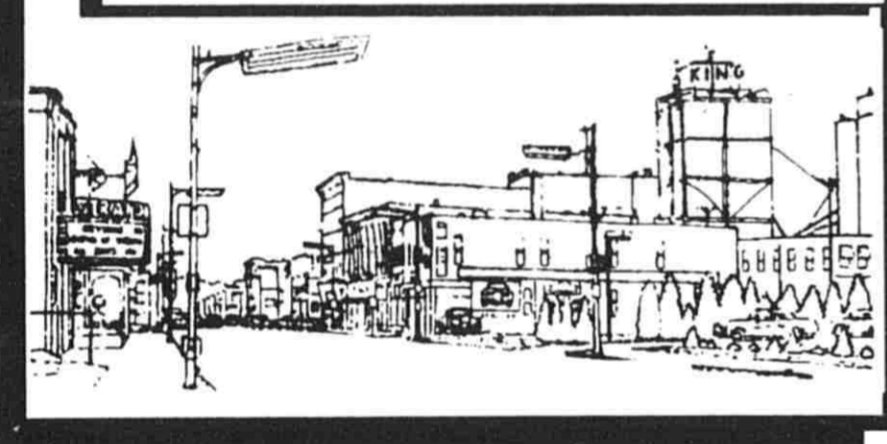
Cookies will be judged by a panel of three judges, plus a popular vote of bike riders who will enjoy those old-fashioned cookies at rest stops.

Prizes of cookie-related items will be awarded to both the winner and runner-up.

Cookies need to be brought in for judging on Saturday, July 10 to the Fallasburg Schoolhouse (Covered Bridge Road, 1/4 mile past the bridge).

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Along Main Street



SHOWBOAT ENTERTAINMENT

The First Baptist Church choir will perform this evening (Wed.) at the Showboat Amphitheater from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Next week Left of Center band will provide the entertainment from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

TEEN DANCES AT SHOWBOAT AMPHITHEATER

Teen dances will continue this year at the amphitheater every Tuesday night from 8:30-11 p.m. now through August 9. Admission is \$3 per person. Middle school and high school ID is required. Bring your friends and join in the fun!

LOWELL FIRE DEPT. BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, July 21, from 3-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson St. Appointment preferred.

LOWELL HERITAGE CELEBRATION ON CATV

The Lowell Heritage Celebration of June 26 will be shown on Lowell Cable TV on the following dates: Wed., July 7 at noon; Thurs., July 8 at 3 p.m.; Fri., July 9 at 6 p.m.; and Sat., July 10 at 10 a.m.

LOWELL SHOWBOAT PANEL DISCUSSION

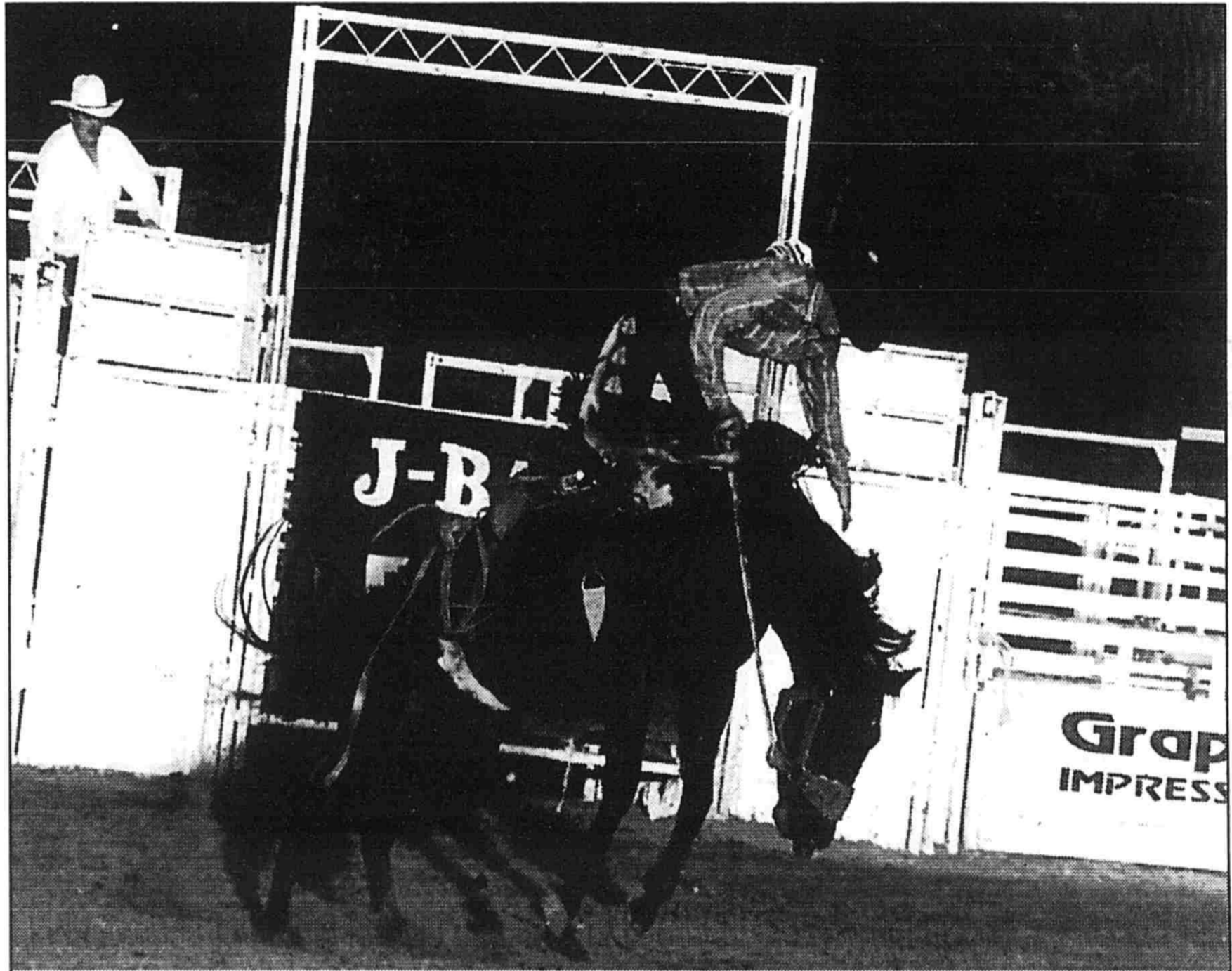
The Showboat panel discussion of June 26 will be shown on Lowell Cable TV on the following dates: Wed., July 14 at noon; Thurs., July 15 at 3 p.m.; Fri., July 16 at 6 p.m. and Sat., July 17 at 10 a.m.

LHS CLASS OF 1994 REUNION SCHEDULED

The Lowell High School Class of 1994 is having their five-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 7 at 8 p.m. at the 54th Street Lounge. (Cost \$3 per person). If you haven't received an invitation, call Deb Wieland for more information at (616) 242-9948.

STREET MARKET DAYS

LACC needs Flea & Farm marketers, crafters, people who just want to clean out their treasures and have no space to go with it. We have the spot on Lowell's sidewalks, Aug. 6 and 7. Call Linda at Lowell Bed & Linen for more information, 897-7447.



Rough Ride

There were approximately 5,000 spectators at the Grand Stampede II held at the Kent County fairgrounds over the weekend. The rodeo included bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, bull riding and barrel racing. RS Rodeo Productions sponsored Grand Stampede II. Area native, Bliss Yeiter, was the winning cowboy in the bull riding event. The story and more pictures are on page 26.

Eight day road trip heightens ALS awareness

◆◆◆ Greg Hicok, diagnosed with ALS in 1995, used the eight-day trip from Tiger Stadium to Old Kent Park to raise money and to increase awareness for a disease without a known cause or cure.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Upon hearing the diagnosis that he had primary lateral



Greg Hicok arrived in Lowell around 5 p.m. on Friday. He completed his trip on Saturday, traveling in his wheelchair from Lowell to Old Kent Park.

sclerosis, Greg Hicok wanted to use his muscles before he lost them.

A common response, but one doctors advise against. "Actually they told me you only have so much energy, don't waste it," Hicok explained.

Those words alone would be enough to suck the spirit out of most people. Hicok, however, has done an amazing job keeping up the adrenaline.

"I have my bad days, but I try to keep up my adrenaline," Hicok said.

Primary lateral sclerosis is a slower progressing type of disease more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease/ALS.

The son of the late Rev. Robert Hicok and Nancy Potter Hicok Porter was diagnosed with ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) in October of 1995.

Those diagnosed with the degenerative muscle disease have a life expectancy of two-five years.

The diagnosis gave Hicok an urgency to fill his days with family and bring awareness to the neuromuscular disease with no known cure.

His wheelchair trip from Detroit (Tiger Stadium on June 26) to Grand Rapids (Old Kent Park) concluded Saturday. The 172-mile trip, traveled over eight days, did two things: in-

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INSIDE THE LEDGER

Teaching Veterans Retire,
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MONDAY - FRIDAY MORNINGS JULY 9, 1999 - JULY 15, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (5:00-11:30) and rows for broadcast channels (WVMT, WOV, WGU, etc.) and cable channels (FX, FAM, MTV, etc.).

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FRIDAY EVENING JULY 9, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for broadcast channels (WVMT, WOV, WGU, etc.) and cable channels (FX, FAM, MTV, etc.).

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SATURDAY MORNING JULY 10, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Channels (WVMT, WVTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WLX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, WZPX) and Cable Channels (FX, FAM, MTV, VH1, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CNN2, NICK, A&E, FOXDT, TNT, TBS, DISN, TNN, TRAV, TLC, SCI-FI, COM, TWC, HIST, AMC, H&G, LIFE, TOON D, MSNBC, CSPAN, EWTN).

SOCCER
ESPN Sat. 1 p.m. Women's Soccer World Cup Third Place -- Teams to Be Announced. From Pasadena, Calif. (Live)
WVTV Sat. 3:30 p.m.; WZZM Sat. 3:30 p.m. Women's Soccer World Cup Final -- Teams to Be Announced. From Pasadena, Calif. (Live)
ESPN Sat. 7:30 p.m. Major League Soccer Colorado Rapids at D.C. United. From R.F.K. Stadium in Washington. (Live)
FOXDT Tue. 8 p.m. Soccer Derby County vs. United States. From Denver. (Live)
EQUESTRIAN
ESPN Sun. 1 p.m. Equestrian Lake Placid Grand Prix. From Lake Placid, N.Y. (Taped)

SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

GYMNASTICS
FOXDT Sat. 12 p.m. Gymnastics French International. From Paris. (Taped)
HOCKEY
ESPN Tue. 3:30 p.m. Hockey Pro Beach. (Taped)
ESPNT Wed. 3:30 p.m. Hockey Pro Beach. (Taped)
RODEO
TNN Sun. 9 p.m. Championship Bull Riding Highlights from the Tunica Invitational, Tunica, Miss. (Taped)

GOLF
ESPN Fri. 1 p.m. Golf U.S. Senior Open -- Second Round. From Des Moines, Iowa. (Live)
ESPN Fri. 3 p.m. PGA Golf Greater Milwaukee Open -- Second Round. From Brown Deer Golf Course in Milwaukee. (Live)
ESPN Fri. 5 p.m. Golf U.S. Senior Open -- Second Round. From Des Moines, Iowa. (Live)
WVTV Sat. 1:30 p.m.; WZZM Sat. 1:30 p.m. PGA Golf Greater Milwaukee Open -- Third Round. From Brown Deer Golf Course in Milwaukee. (Live)
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PREMIUM CHANNELS. Grid showing programs from 7:00 to 4:30 AM for premium channels like SHOW, HBO, TMC, MAX.

SUNDAY MORNING JULY 11, 1999. BROADCAST CHANNELS. Grid showing programs from 5:00 to 11:30 AM for various channels like WWTM, WOVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WLX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, WZPX.

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MONDAY EVENING JULY 12, 1999. Broadcast Channels: WWMW, WOTV, WGVU, WXM, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, WZPX. Cable Channels: FX, FAM, MTV, VH1, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CNN2, NICK, A&E, FOXDT, TNT, TBS, DISN, TNM, TRAV, TLC, SCI-FI, COM, TWC, HIST, AMC, H&G, LIFE, TOON D, MSNBC, CSPAN, EWTV.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING JULY 14, 1999. Broadcast Channels: Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, Dharma & Greg, Two Guys, a Girl and a Pizza Place, Drew Carey, Whose Line is it Anyway?, 20/20, News, Nightline, etc. Cable Channels: M*A*S*H, Life and Adventures of Santa Claus, MTV, VH1, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CN2, NICK, A&E, FOX, TNT, TBS, DISN, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, COM, TWC, HIST, AMC, H&G, LIFE, TOON D, MSNBC, CSPAN, EWTV, etc.

PREMIUM CHANNELS. National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1, New Screen Queens, Scream 2, Making of the Moon, Father Hood, Lethal Weapon 4, Sex and the City, Twisted Fate, Les Miserables, Tommy Boy, etc.

PREMIUM CHANNELS. When Time Expires, Senseless, Sour Grapes, Worst Witch, Happily Ever After, Arliss, The Sea Chase, Sex and the City, Sopranos, The Truth and Nothing But..., Husbands, Tricks, Caddyshack II, Valentine's Day, I Know What You Did Last Summer, etc.

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'39 Class Celebrates 60th Reunion

The Lowell High School class of 1939 held their 60th class reunion on June 19 at Larkin's Other Place in the old Strand Theater.

There was a time for visiting and a dinner served at 5 p.m. Some of the classmates from out-of-state and farther away in Michigan were given a tour of the new Lowell High School and the Englehardt Library.

There were 74 graduates in 1939 and 30 attended the reunion. Twenty-six graduates are now deceased. Special guests were Helen Burch and Bruce Walter.

Peterson recipient of Project 250 award

Albion College student Melissa K. Peterson was one of 13 recipients of the Presidential Project 250 Award.

Bernard T. Lomas, President of the Project 250 Award, presented the award to Peterson. Lomas is a senior majoring in women's studies and anthropology and sociology and is a member of the Ford Institute for Public Policy. She is the daughter of Mike and Kay E. Olinney of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell High School.

Peterson presented original research titled "The Female Experience and the Holocaust" at the college's annual Elkin Isaac Research Symposium held in April. Peterson also spent the last two weeks of May with 14 classmates and two Albion College faculty members touring sites of the greatest W.W.II atrocities and meeting in person eyewitnesses of the Holocaust.

Peterson was inducted into the college's chapter of Mortar Board, a national hon-

orary society established to honor students who have been outstanding in scholarship, leadership and service, and the Albion College chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honorary society that honors juniors and seniors who have actively contributed to campus life and scholarship.

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Albion College is a private liberal arts college located in the south central Michigan town of the same name.

COLLEGE NEWS

Alma College has named over 400 students to the dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the 1999 winter term which ended April 24. On the list was Adam Sobczak of Alto.

Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits (at least eight of which are evaluative grades), are named to the dean's list.

Diplomas were awarded May 8 to 112 students who had completed their degree requirements at Tri-State University during the 1998-99 academic year. Among them was Clayton Covell of Lowell.

Those receiving their diplomas were among approximately 230 students who participated in the May 8 commencement exercises. Also participating were students who will complete their degree requirements by the end of the fall 1999 semester.

Tri-State University is a private, nondenominational associate and baccalaureate degree-granting university with 40 programs in the School of Engineering & Sciences and the Ketter School of Business & Education. The University, located in Angola, IN, has branch campuses in

Fort Wayne, IN, and South Bend, IN.

Calvin College has announced its spring 1999 graduates - the last class of the 20th century. The school celebrated commencement on May 22 in an afternoon ceremony in the Calvin College Fieldhouse.

Graduates from this area included Dustin J. VanStee, the son of Jack and Linda VanStee of Lowell.

The ceremony marked the 79th consecutive year that Calvin has conferred bachelor's degrees to its graduates. Established in 1876, Calvin operated as a prep school for a number of years and then as a junior college before conferring its first four-year degrees in 1921.

This year's graduating class of approximately 800 students heard a commencement address from professor of education Gloria Goris Stronks who spoke on *Planning A Life*.

Calvin is considered one of the country's top Christian, liberal-arts colleges. In fact, this past fall Calvin was honored by *U.S. News & World Report* as not only one of the best regional universities in the Midwest (the only Michigan school so honored), but also one of the top buys in the Midwest.

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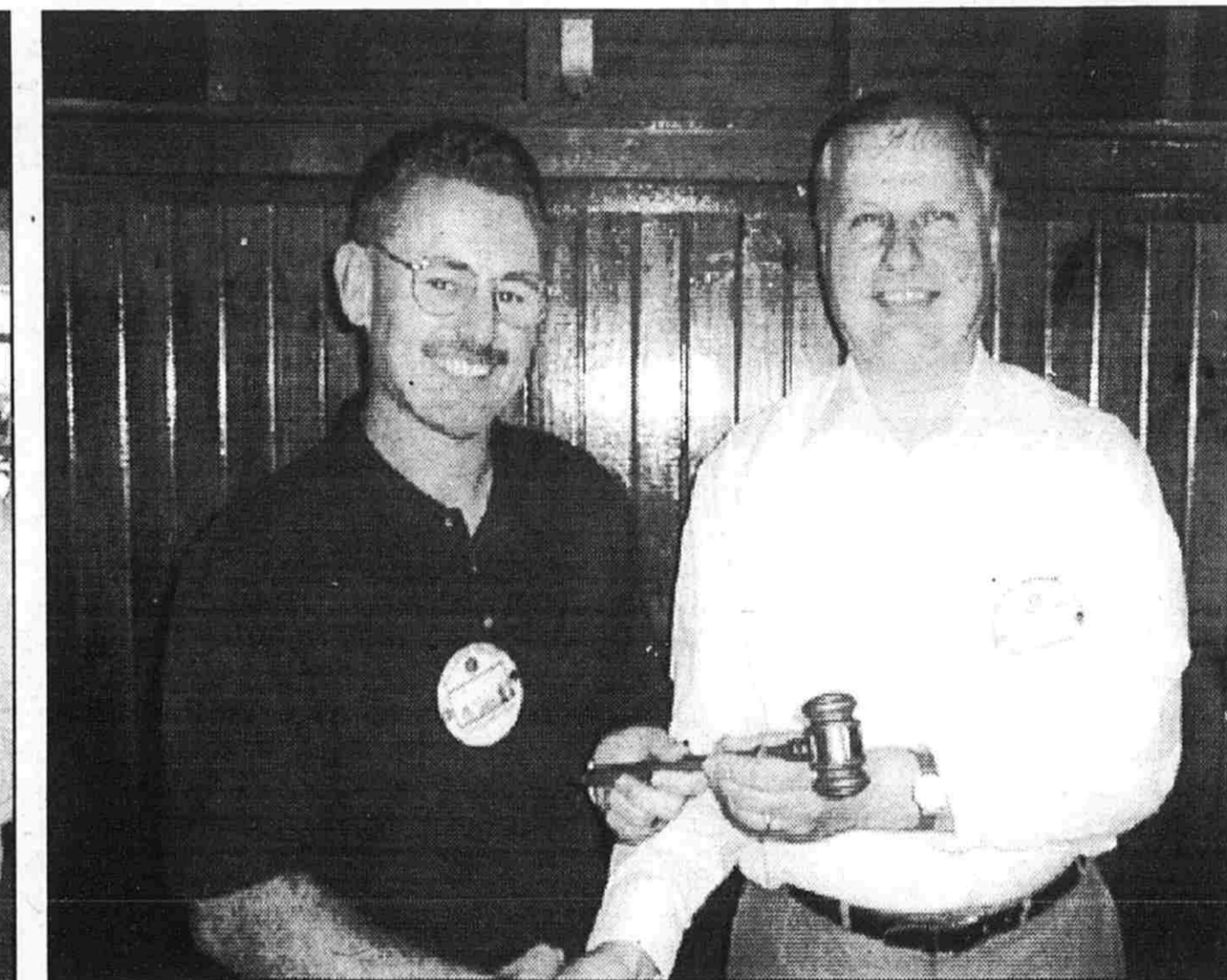
you read this, you too can claim the same thing. Sit back - be still, and realize the constant, very tangible, and glorious way God is and will continue to be in your life as well. I have no doubt that we will continue to work, celebrate, enrich and improve our community, and I praise and give thanks to God for bringing me and my family to share life with you.

Have a glorious summer with your families and friends, and take some time to be in God's presence. Who knows where that will lead?

Uphaus and Timpson honored with Paul Harris Fellowship Award



Bruce Walter, a Lowell Rotary member since 1938, presents the Paul Harris Fellowship Award to fellow Rotarian and Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpson. The club will make a \$1,000 donation to the Rotary Foundation in Timpson's name to help fund charities throughout the world. Pictured with Timpson is his wife Judy.



The Lowell Rotary Club installed its new officers and presented two of its members with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award at the annual club picnic in Fallsburg Park. Incoming Rotary president Dave Pasquale presents a gavel to outgoing president Scott Carpenter.

IN THE SERVICE



Cadet George Rollins III was bestowed with a number

of honors at the Valley Forge Military College Academic Awards Convocation.

Rollins was selected as a distinguished military student and military graduate. He was selected by the professor of military science for possessing outstanding qualities of leadership, high moral character and an aptitude for an interest in military service.

He was also recognized for achieving academic excellence by the College Board Talent Roster program at Valley Forge Military College Academic Awards. Rollins recently graduated with an associate's degree from Valley Forge Military College (VFMC) in Wayne, PA.

Rollins was one of 16 cadets recognized for scholastic and community achievement during his time at VFMC.

The National Guard Association of Pennsylvania Award for demonstrating high military proficiency.

Army Pvt. David A. Kerker has arrived at Fort Knox, KY, to complete basic combat training.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Kerker is the son of Barbara E. Schweb of Alto. He is a 1992 graduate of Caledonia High School.

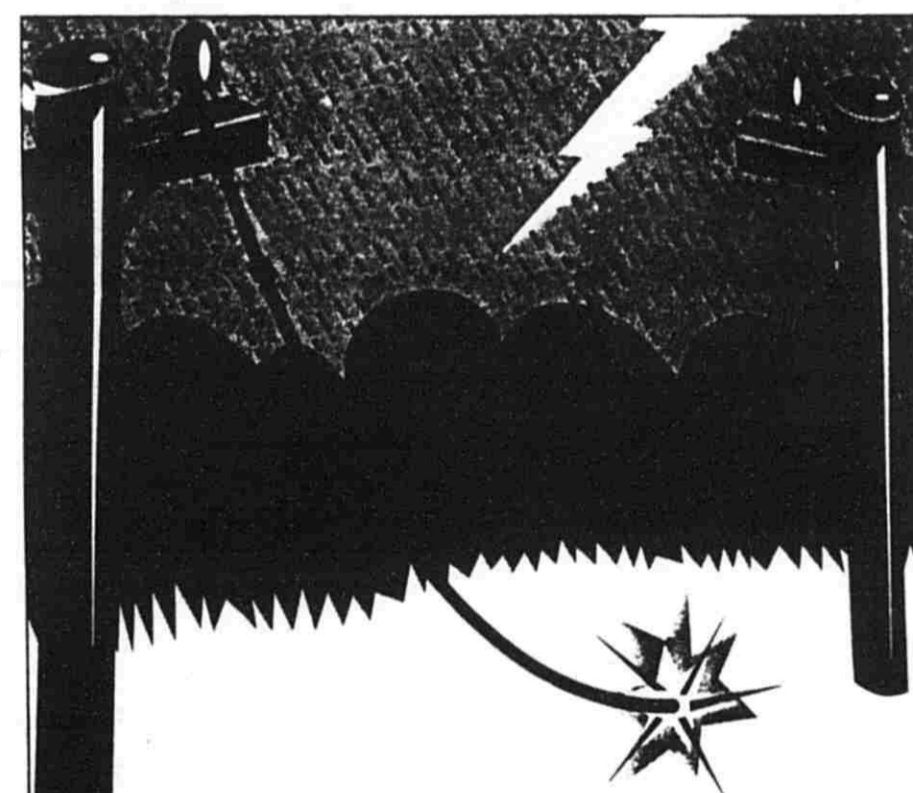
SYNOPSIS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD
JUNE 21, 1999 - 7 P.M.

Motions Approved:

- Minutes of May 17, 1999 Meeting
- Treasurer's Report/Invoices, including Williams & Works Comprehensive Plan
- Motion to Amend Fee Schedule
- Motion to Approve Agreement to Provide Cemetery Services
- Motion to Rezone Property located at 775 Alden Nash SE and owned by John and Fran DeVries from R-A to R-1.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Mari C. Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk



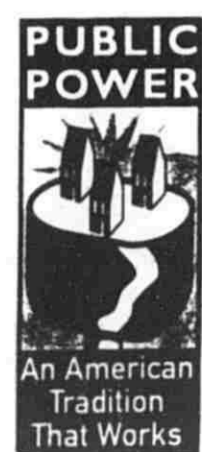
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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Please take notice that there will be an organizational meeting followed by a special meeting of the Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools, Lowell, Michigan
DATE OF MEETING: Monday, July 12, 1999
PLACE OF MEETING: Administration Building, Board Room, 300 High St., Lowell
HOUR OF MEETING: 7:00 p.m.
TELEPHONE NUMBER OF OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION: 616-897-8415

BOARD MINUTES ARE LOCATED AT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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July 17, 1999
Foreman Building
Lowell Fairgrounds

Registration at 8 a.m. bidding starts at 9 a.m. All property sold "as is" and must be removed by end of auction. All sales final, no returns or refunds will be given.

CITY OF LOWELL ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St. Lowell, Michigan 49331 until Monday, July 12, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. where they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the construction of a 30'x24' unheated storage garage. The garage will be constructed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the City of Lowell.

Contact Mark Mundt at 897-8135 for specifications.

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 bids, if the City's best interest will be better

Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Donette Bish



PARKINSON'S DISEASE

Parkinson's disease is a progressive disease of the neurological system in which the brain cells that control your muscles are damaged. This will typically result in symptoms such as:

- shaking (tremor), usually of the hands, at rest.
- stiffness (rigidity) of the arms and legs
- shuffling, slow walk
- balance disturbance.

Parkinson's disease is much more common in people over 50 years of age, but it can happen in people as young as in their 20s. It usually develops slowly, and is slightly more common in men than in women.

While the true cause of Parkinson's is unknown, we do know that it can be inherited, and environmental substances (i.e., chemicals, solvents) may be linked to its beginnings.

Most people who develop Parkinson's disease can have a productive life. Newer medicines have been developed to treat the underlying chemical imbalances associated with this disorder. Good diet and exercise are both very important also. Advances in therapy include special injections, and even certain neurosurgical procedures which can be performed to lessen symptoms.

The following group can offer more information on Parkinson's Disease:
Parkinson's Disease Foundation
710 W. 158th St.
New York, NY 10032
1-800-457-6676

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to support new ideas-as well as his always congenial personality - will be missed on our school board.

Ann Mulder, a resident of Vergennes Township, spent her career in the nursing field, and her children were successful graduates of the Lowell school system. Ann served on the board for more than five years, after being appointed in 1994 and later elected to a four-year term.

Ann acted as board secretary over the past few years, and throughout her board service, also has demonstrated an exemplary record of attendance at meetings and board functions. She has been a stalwart supporter of the true egalitarian principle of public education-providing an equal opportunity for students of all social, demographic and economic backgrounds to learn, succeed and share in the American Dream.

Ann's support for our teachers, staff and educational institutions has been rooted in a strong sense of fairness, tolerance of diversity, and respect for the value of each

individual. She has been a voice of compassion on the board, and she brought a valuable perspective as a working woman and mother to our deliberations on important issues. She is a good listener, a thoughtful decision-maker, and a wonderful person. She too will be missed.

Please join me in thanking Jack and Ann for their distinguished service to our community and our schools. Their shoes will be difficult to fill.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331.

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Land use & urban sprawl among top MUCC concerns

Adopting statewide land-use goals and reforming Michigan's law on concealed carry of firearms remain top priorities for the state's largest conservation and outdoor recreation organization.

Michigan United Conservation Clubs delegates, at their recent annual conference in Kalamazoo, voted to seek measures to slow the loss of forest and farmland to urban sprawl and to encourage incentives for "smart growth."

The resolution states that the largest threat to hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities in Michigan is the loss of habitat and access to land and water as a result of uncontrolled and inadequately planned development. Delegates also noted the 1992 Relative Risk Report commissioned by Gov. John Engler ranked the "absence of land-use planning that considers resources and the integrity of ecosystems" as one of the higher risks to Michigan's natural environment.

Specifically, MUCC convention participants voted to work with the Legislature and the Governor's office to establish the statewide land stewardship principles of conserving natural resources; ensuring an adequate land base for agriculture, forestry, min-

ing and recreation; and safeguarding clean air, water and habitat.

In a separate resolution, the delegates urged that state and local governments be given the necessary tools and techniques to fight urban sprawl, including programs for transfer and purchase of development rights, land donations, conservation easements and open-space or cluster zoning.

On the firearms issue, MUCC delegates voted unanimously support of the shall issue language of a proposed amendment to Michigan's concealed carry law. A related resolution called for MUCC to make the maximum effort to restore full civil rights to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by both the Michigan and U.S. constitutions.

Among other resolutions, conference participants voted to:

- Seek the adoption of a preference point system for hunts requiring a permit (elk and bear) and work with the Department of Natural Resources and Natural Resources Commission to achieve that goal.
- Urge the DNR and NRC to continue allowing the limited feeding of deer and other wildlife in the Upper Peninsula even though prohibitions may be deemed necessary elsewhere in the state to fight bovine tuberculosis.
- Support public acquisition of Sugar Island at the Detroit River mouth on Lake Erie and the addition of the large, uninhabited island to the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area.
- Michigan United Conservation Clubs, with nearly 100,000 members and more than 500 affiliate clubs and groups, is the nation's largest state-based conservation organization. MUCC has provided unified effort on behalf of Michigan's natural resources and the environment for 62 years.

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6920 Morse Lk Rd. Baby - adult clothes, toys, & misc. July 8 & 9- 9 6pm

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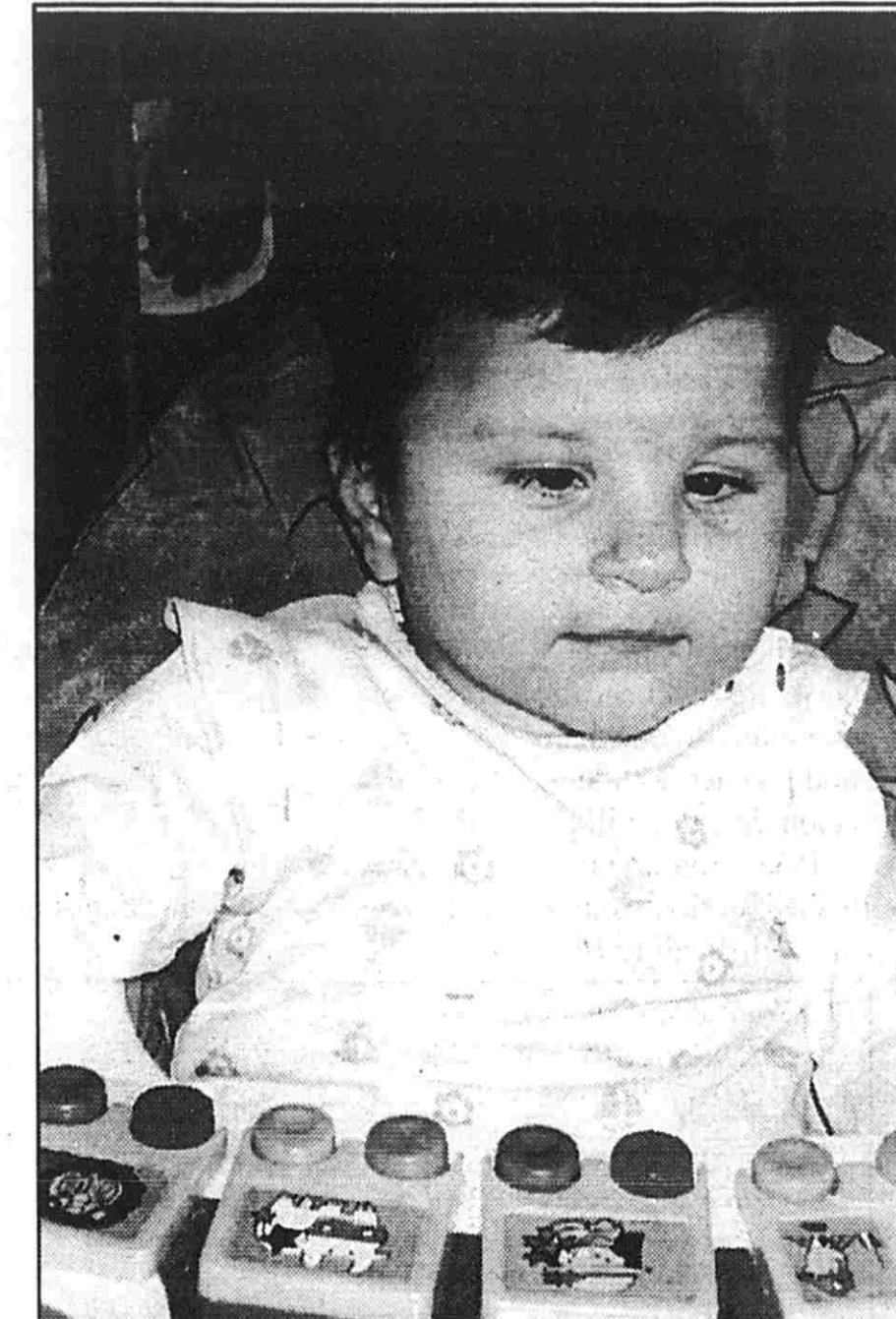
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Ana, of Albania, was abandoned at birth. She was born with no legs, and arms which extend only to her elbows.

Zuidemas pushing to expedite process which will bring Ana into their home

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

If Marty and Michele Zuidema, of 9081 Conservation Rd., had waited until it was convenient to adopt Ana, the time may have never seemed right.

Time is pretty much all the two-year-old congenital amputee, from Albania, Yugoslavia, has.

Ana, who was abandoned at birth, was born with no legs, and arms that only extend down to her elbows where three fingers account for her makeshift hands.

Ana currently resides in a Bethany Christian Services group home in Albania.

Zuidemas have started the adoption process to have Ana join their family in Ada.

"We're just waiting for the immigration papers to clear," Michele Zuidema explained. "Then we have to go through the process in Albania which they say will take nine months to a year."

The Zuidemas are hoping the process can be expedited. "We're saying our prayers."

Prayer plays an important part in the lives of a family of faith.

The international adoption process is one Zuidemas are familiar with... in October of 1996, they adopted Joshua, a Korean congenital amputee who was born without a left hand. He is now three and doing extremely well. "He is just marvelous. There is nothing he can't do on his own," Zuidema said. His stepbrother and stepsisters will attest to that. Zuidemas

have three birth children: Allyson, seven; Lane, five; and Luke, 11 months.

"We are people of faith and believe this is a calling God gave us, and we love to answer," Zuidema said.

With that calling come challenges and expenses.

The process in getting Ana to their home will cost \$18,000. Through the help of Bethany Christian Services, Ada Community Reformed Church and Zuidemas, that financial burden has been lowered to \$12,000.



Ana currently resides in an Albanian foster home.

The prosthetics and training Ana will require bring great additional costs.

Zuidemas do, however, qualify for benefits medical health benefits through the children's special health service.

"We tried adopting an American special needs child, but the process is so frustrating. You have to become a foster parent first. I could never put a child back into an abusive home," Zuidema said.

Along with raising awareness of special needs children, Zuidemas have opened a Michele Zuidema trust account for Ana at Bank One in Ada.

For more information on the adoption process, people may call Bethany Christian Services at 224-7610.

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Yeiter harnesses success at Grand Stampede

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Grand Stampede II, its first appearance in Lowell, was a blissful homecoming for a local bull rider.

Bliss Yeiter's 76 point total won him the bull riding competition. His eight second ride garnered him a check for \$960.

"I'm getting there," Yeiter said when asked about his skill level as a bull rider. "It's just nice to win here close to home. I got lucky."

Yeiter, as a member of the Pro Rodeo Cowboy Association, travels around the country throughout the year to different events.

Yeiter is ranked in the top 20 in the Great Lakes region.

Winners in the other five categories were Scott Jones, bareback riding, \$1,047.60; Tim Robertson, Clarkston, MI, and Cody Zinser, Clare, MI, steer wrestling (four sec-

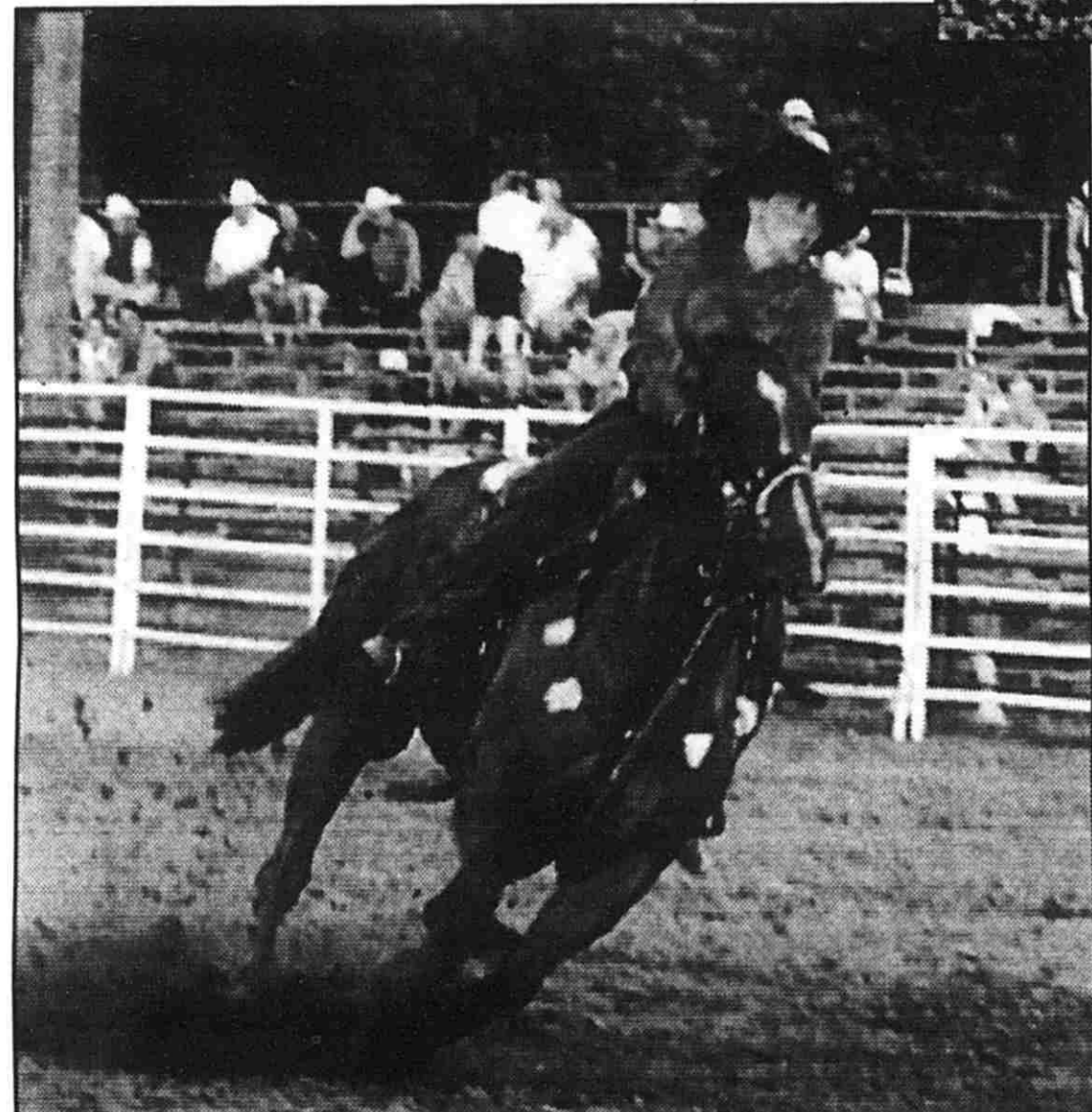
onds), \$1,092.47; Lori Wilcox, barrel racing, 17.19 seconds, \$692.92; and Paul Rodriguez, Clayton, MI, \$984.55.

The Grand Stampede II coordinator, Ron Silverman, Rodeo Productions Inc., was pleased with the inaugural event. Based on attendance, Friday and Saturday were the stronger of the three nights. Saturday brought in a full house and Friday was slightly less than that.

"We got great cooperation locally," Silverman said. "Lowell Light & Power, Low-ell police, the Kent County 4-H Youth Fair board and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce were all great."

Fair board president Ron Wenger said the event was good for the fair and for Lowell. "I hope it becomes an annual event."

Silverman said he plans on returning for a second year.



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A young man listens to music wearing headphones and walks on the railroad tracks, where a train strikes him and amputates his left leg below the knee.

A 14-year-old girl walks across a railroad bridge trestle, loses her footing, and plunges 60 feet into the Grand River. Miraculously, she survives.

Each story is true, senseless—and avoidable, this is why the Michigan Railroads Association, the Michigan Department of Transportation, and Michigan Operation Lifesaver is joining forces for their annual campaign encouraging people to "Know the Facts, Avoid the Tracks."

Careless, irresponsible railroad trespassing results in far too many deaths, injuries, and close calls in Michigan each year. In 1998, five people died and seven people were injured while trespassing on railroad property. Although we've made significant progress in reducing the number of trespassing deaths and injuries, one death or injury is one too many.

Now, with school out for the summer, it's time for

parents to take an active role in keeping children away from railroad tracks and railroad bridge trestles. Children need to know the facts about railroad trespassing to help them avoid the tracks.

Walking along railroad tracks, playing on railroad property, and swimming or fishing from railroad bridge trestles is both dangerous and illegal. Trains are enormous, lumbering, unforgiving machines that cannot stop quickly. Usually, there's no second chance when someone is struck by a train. Sometime, kids fail to understand that trains can kill. Parents need to explain to their children that death or great bodily injury results from playing on or near railroad tracks.

Railroad tracks and bridge trestles are private property. Police will arrest trespassers. Courts will sentence trespassers to jail terms and force them to pay fines. For kids, that's a criminal record that could affect their future.

Know the Facts, Avoid the Tracks. It's simple. More importantly, it saves lives.

If you need more information, please call the Michigan Railroads Association 517-482-9413, or if you'd like a Michigan Operation Lifesaver presenter to speak to your group or association, contact Stuart Lindsay at 517-373-3980.

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Lowell teacher drafts refreshing retirement plan

.... With the school year no longer in direct conflict, Dave Stegehuis is ready to conform to nature's schedule.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Serious about academic performance, focused and works hard at meeting the challenges of rigorous academic standards.

It's what lured Dave Stegehuis to Lowell High School students and vice versa.

"I have had the privilege of knowing some great kids and being a part of their lives," Stegehuis said.

His students have written to express their gratitude for the important role Stegehuis has played in their lives.

"To receive letters from students after they have graduated that say, 'thanks for your help - you made a difference' is an emotional kind of thing," Stegehuis explains.

Saying good-bye to something he has done for 34 years (32 at Lowell) is also an emotional thing. "Stegehuis, with the help of

his wife, has decided not to be at home that first day of school in August.

"I think it would be difficult for me to sit and watch

the buses go up Foreman," Stegehuis said. "I have gone to school every fall since the age of five."

What will the former

Lowell High School drafting teacher do or where will he go? Stegehuis may be found on Arbutus Lake, Burt Lake or somewhere in the Upper Peninsula fishing or hunting.

"Hunting and fishing go beyond recreation. It is not what I do, but who I am," Stegehuis explains.

Now in retirement, Stegehuis' school schedule will not conflict with mother

nature's schedule. "All the things I do are dependent on nature. They have to be done when nature is ready - on its schedule," Stegehuis explained. "School and it were at odds."

The 1960 Creston High School graduate, with a degree from Western Michigan University and a master's degree from Grand Valley State University, would not change a thing.

"Teaching has allowed me to get personally involved with kids and still work in an area of interest," Stegehuis says. "Drafting is an individualized work. It enabled me to get around and talk one-on-one with students."

It is that sense of closeness and family that Stegehuis may miss the most. "It is hard to give that up," he explained. "Teaching has been natural for me. I love working with students and helping them form ideas as to what they

might do in the future and I like to talk."

Stegehuis' plans for the future are flexible. He has no definite plans, but it is a possibility he could take in a wildlife job or something in manufacturing. It would have to be something that is flexible and would allow Stegehuis to take in the wild-life seasons.

In his 32 years, the drafting teacher has worked with seven different superintendents and seven different high school principals.

In general, Stegehuis has always sensed community support. "It's been here in Lowell since day one.... that is refreshing from a teacher standpoint. When people care, you never feel as if you're toughing things out by yourself," he explained.

Now, the retired drafting teacher will be roughing it out with mother nature... he finds that refreshing too.



Former Lowell High School teacher, Dave Stegehuis, prepares for his next fishing or hunting sojourn.

Seniors, targets of easy credit lures

Senior citizens are unfortunate targets of easy credit offers. It is not uncommon for them to receive 30 or more pre-approved credit card solicitations through the mail each year. Some include a check for \$5,000 to \$10,000 as an advance against their credit limit. All that is required is to deposit or cash the check. Simple enough until the payments start coming due.

For many senior citizens on a fixed income with little savings and the need to pay medical bills or make home repairs, this offer of immediate money can seem like a blessing. But it can lead to trouble!

These offers take advantage of seniors by promoting a low introductory rate—like 4.9%—and then in the hard-to-read small print disclose that the rate will adjust to as high as 22%. All that most senior citizens can afford to very little going to reduce the balance. Seniors can find themselves making payments the rest of their lives. So, what started off as a blessing quickly turns into a nightmare.

Increasing numbers of seniors are filing bankruptcy to escape their growing debts. "We have helped many senior citizens who took advantage of easy credit to pay for medical care for an ailing spouse, and then were forced to file bankruptcy when they could no longer afford to make the high interest payments," said Lyn R. Link of the American Senior Enrichment Society.

For many seniors, there is another option. A Feder-

ally-Insured Reverse Mortgage enables homeowners 62 and older to turn part of their home's value into immediate cash for any purpose, and with no repayment for as long as they live in their home: a program designed to help seniors maintain their independence and stay in their home. Since there are no payments, there is may customize their reverse mortgage to best meet their needs.

Unlike high-interest credit cards or consolidation loans, the reverse mortgage program offers a very low interest rate. Past credit history and income are not used in qualifying for the program, and the money received is tax-free and does not affect Social Security of Medicare benefits. Seniors may use this money to pay off debts or an existing mortgage to eliminate the payments. Also, they may get the extra money they need for medical expenses, home repairs or to put in savings to meet unex-

pected financial needs.

In May 1998, the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) released the results of its survey of reverse mortgage borrowers. The survey found that 93% were satisfied with their decision to do a reverse mortgage, and 90% said they would do it all over again.

"Once senior citizens start taking credit card debt they quickly find themselves trapped. Their monthly payments decrease the money they have to live on, causing them to fall deeper and deeper into debt. Some even find themselves using one credit card to make payments on another. With a reverse mortgage they have no monthly payments to worry with, so they are able to get the money they need without falling into a trap. Plus, seniors retain ownership and control of their home. It's smart money for many seniors homeowners!" Link said.

For a free informational package on the reverse mortgage program, call the American Senior Enrichment Society toll-free at 1-800-708-8118.

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