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Family Fare has Sunday visitors

••• A steady flow of shoppers walked through Family Fare's doors on Sunday. It marked the first time Family Fare has ever been open on Sunday.



Whether it was to shop or just pick up a few items, shoppers were grateful for the convenience of a local grocery store being open on Sunday.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the first time in 50 years, Family Fare customers were able to shop on Sunday.

The opening of 13 West Michigan Family Fare stores ended a long-standing tradition of being closed on Sunday.

Public's response met with management's expectations, according to Lowell Family Fare store manager, Bob Teitsma.

The initial opening was marketed lightly. "Family Fare wanted a soft opening," Teitsma explained.

A break in the store's policy is expected to be good for business. "The customers

have been requesting that we open on Sunday for quite a while," Teitsma said.

Competition also played a role in the decision. In the main markets, stores which Family Fare competes against are open on Sunday. In Lowell, Family Fare has been the only grocery store in town for the past eight years.

That will change in the spring of 2001 when Meijer is slated to open. Family Fare's decision is expected to help it better compete against its future competitor.

Sunday brought a steady stream of afternoon traffic, according to Family Fare employee Anna Kline.

"Customers are happy

that we are now open on Sunday," Kline said. "We all knew that this day was coming."

Kline not only worked Sunday, but did some shopping of her own before punching in.

Carol Chamberlain, who doesn't normally shop at Family Fare, was picking up items for BLT's. Her basket had a few other items as well. "I found some good

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JUST DUCKY!

••• Organizers prepare for sixth annual Riverwalk Festival/duck race

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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The yellow lightbulb outline of a duck sitting atop the Lowell Showboat is a glowing endorsement of the sixth annual Riverwalk Festival duck race on Saturday, Sept. 2.

It is also symbolic of the Showboat's new role in the Lowell community.

"No longer is it 'what can the community do for the Showboat, but what can the Showboat do for this community,'" said Ivan Blough. "I believe its new status or charge is to create interest in and promote community events while also providing some enjoyment."

Blough designed the 8 by 12 foot Riverwalk duck. He created it from 150 feet of wire, a 50 foot roll of copper tubing and 75 colored lights (yellow, red and blue).

Blough has received many positive comments about the Riverwalk duck.

Other pieces of art work created for atop the Showboat are a tree for Christmas; a heart for Valentine's Day; a shamrock for St. Pat's Day and a cross for Easter.

The duck race is expected to raise between \$4,000-\$4,500 toward the operation of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office.

Last year, the race brought in around

\$4,200.

It costs \$35,000-\$45,000 to operate the Chamber office each year.

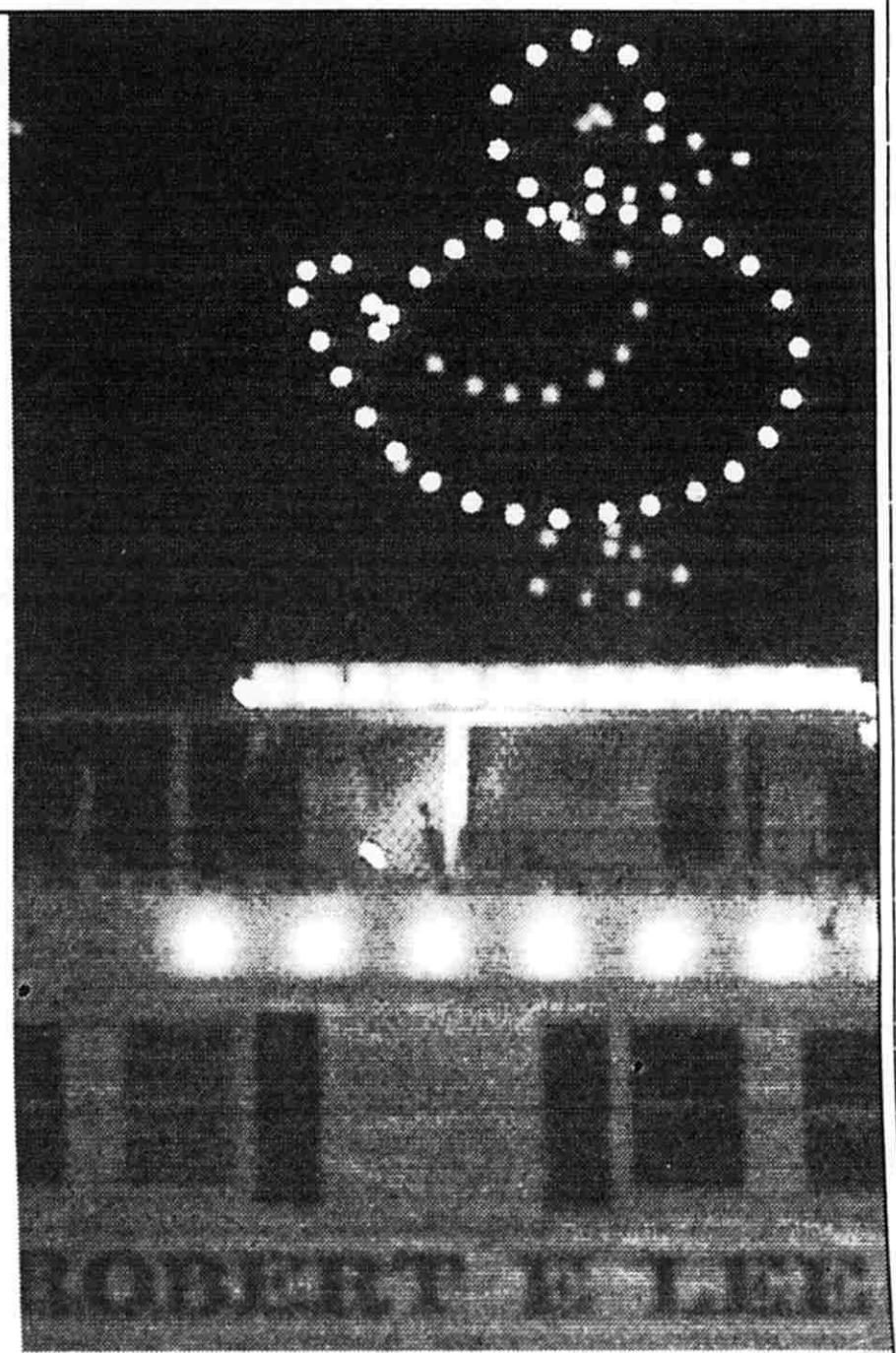
The race down the Flat River is expected to have between 2,500-3,000 entries.

This year's race is being underwritten by Huntington Banks. The owner of the winning duck will receive \$500.

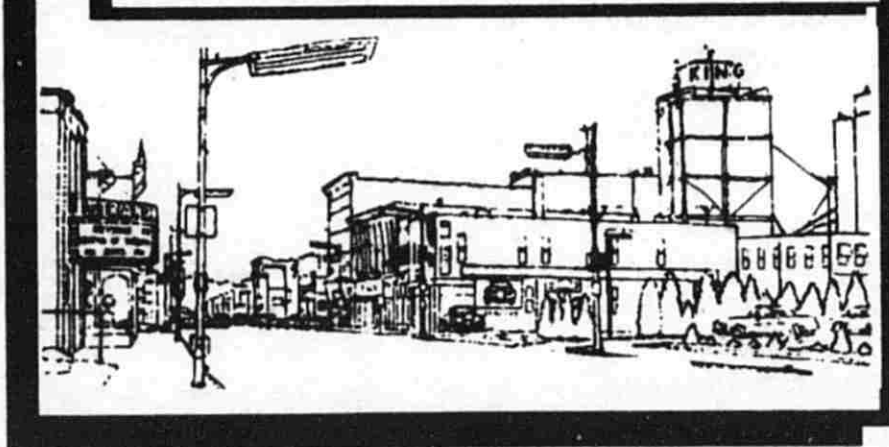
The Chamber also collects revenues from the Riverwalk food booths (five) and the arts and crafts booths (20-30).

Duck race tickets may be purchased at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, Springrove Variety, Michael's Farm Market and The Lowell Ledger office.

"It's getting to the point where drivers look to see what's up on the Showboat when they drive through town," said Chamber executive director, Liz Baker.



Along Main Street



FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES UPDATE

As of Wednesday, Aug. 16, the Thrift Shop, corner of Main and Jackson streets, can no longer accept the generous offerings which this community has been bringing to the McQueen building.

When construction of the Thrift Shop is completed, notice will be given that donated items will again be accepted.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Booster Club meeting will be at a special time, this month only, at 6 p.m. in the high school staff lounge on Monday, Aug. 21. Please come and support your athletes.

PLAYERS, PARENTS, COACHES NIGHT

Fall parents/players/coaches night will be held for fall sport athletes and their parents on Monday, Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School. Parents are expected to attend and information on participating in athletics and meetings with the player's coach will highlight the evening which should go until 8:30 or 9 p.m. Call 897-4442 with any questions you may have.

FALLSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING

The quarterly general meeting of the Fallsburg Historical Society will be held on Monday, Aug. 28 at Schneider

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School district and employees reach one-year agreements

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell School Board ratified one-year contracts of

its district employees Monday night.

Contracts were ratified for the Lowell Education Association, support staff, bus drivers, mechanics, central office support staff and non-certificated employees.

The total cost for district

salary increases in the 2000-01 school year is \$595,000.

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke called the agreement a good contract. "It's a contract that has left both sides feeling good and bad," he explained.

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OBITUARIES

BRISTOL - Mr. Irwin "Red" Ira Bristol, owner and operator of Bristol Body Shop for many years, passed away on August 12, 2000, at the age of 73. Red made his home at the Laurels of Kent, in Lowell, for the past three years, after suffering many strokes and other health complications. Surviving are his wife, Nola of Lowell and her four children Rob (Kelly) Vicki, Randy (Deb), and Eric (Kim); his six children Nancy (Robert) Tower of Alto, Terri Geldersma of Saranac, Linda (Gordon) Sharpe of Saranac, Robert Bristol, James Bristol, and Ted (Lori) Bristol, all of Lowell; his step mother Lillian Robbins; sister Kay Ann (Ron) Walker, both of Davidson; special niece Nikki Bristol of California; 18 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Mr. Bristol

and a member of South Boston Bible Church. He is survived by his wife Leora Erb of Saranac; children Edward and Janet Walter of Carson City, Rosalyn and Richard Wright of Saranac, Linda and Ron Clouse of Saranac, Allan Erb and Peg Mishler of Hastings; brothers Clair and Katherine Erb of IN, Keith and Marilyn Erb of Lake Odessa, Roger and Beverly Erb of Ionia; sisters Marcella and Tony Marines of Grand Rapids, Vada and Jack Fosburg of Mason, Joan and Irvin Lockwood of WS, Virginia and Charles Raymer of Lake Odessa; 18 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister. Funeral Services were held Monday at Saranac Community Church, Interment Saranac Cemetery.

IDA - Robert Frederick (Bumpa) Ida, aged 57, of Saranac, passed away August 12, 2000 at Spectrum Downtown Campus after injuries

made contributions to the Renucci Hospital of the Saranac Fire Department.

MURPHY - Elizabeth Ann Murphy, aged 72, of Lowell, passed away August 9, 2000. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald. Mrs. Murphy is survived by her children Margaret "Peggy" Murphy, Michael Murphy, Danny (Jill) Murphy; brothers Barton Folk, William (Arlene) Folk; five grandchild-

dren Jennifer, Michelle, Kelly, Kevin, Lisa (Mark) Strouse; daughter-in-law Cheryl Murphy; family friend Deborah Maynard; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home with the Rev. Gordie Barry officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurse Foundation, 1401 Cedar, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

KDL mill request receives voters' support

Kent District Library (KDL) will be busy for the next four years making several improvements to all 18 branches. Kent County voters approved a request for 0.88 mill for four years. With both questions passing, KDL has the funds needed to add open hours to 17 of the 18 branches, add 100 programs in 2001, and increase the materials budget by 50 percent over the next three years.

The proposal was split into two questions. The first question provides funds to maintain current levels of service. The second question provides funds to make necessary improvements such as more hours, more materials and more programs. Because this millage has a four-year life, Kent District Library will have to seek another renewal in about three years.

A committee of volunteers, Citizens for Kent District Library, spearheaded a campaign to support KDL. The committee produced yard signs and brochures, and also walked door-to-door dropping off literature. "The committee's efforts increased the visibility and helped make people aware of this millage request," said KDL director, Claudya Muller. Over 300 volunteers worked on the campaign with almost half being home schooling parents.

Kent District Library serves 26 communities with 18 library branches throughout Kent County.

COLLEGE NEWS

Trevor M. Land, a Lowell High School graduate, is among the prospective freshmen who have been selected to receive a share of \$2 million in academic scholarships from Western Michigan University this fall. His parents are Peter and Debra Land of Lowell.

The awards are part of WMU's Medallion Scholarship Program. The recipients were among the 723 leading high school seniors from 13 states who competed for the scholarships during events this past winter on campus. The competition included essay writing and group problem solving activities for students and information sessions for parents. To be eligible, participants had to apply to WMU by Dec. 31 with at least a 3.8 grade point average in high school and an American College test score of at least 25. The top students were awarded Medallion Scholarships. Valued at \$32,000 over four years, those scholarships are the highest honor WMU can award to an incoming freshman.

The remaining students received either Board of Trustees Scholarships, which amount to \$24,000 over four years, or WMU Academic

Scholarships, which amount to \$4,800 over four years.

Calvin College has announced its 2000-2001 scholarships for new and returning students.

Students from this area include: **Michael E. Befus, Joel W. Renkema, Erin A. Fields and Helen M. Stroo**, of Lowell and **Patrick W. Gavin, Rachael M. Koning, Sarah A. Sikma, Nathan A.**

TerBeek, and Katherine L. Sikma of Alto.

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, but also one of the top buys in the Midwest. In addition, *The Fiske Guide to Colleges* selected Calvin as one of its 21 "Best Buy" private colleges.

To help keep Calvin accessible, the college awards more than \$32 million in financial aid to its students each

year. About 62 percent of that is scholarship and grant programs. 32 percent is student loans and six percent is on-campus work study. This year 700 incoming freshmen will receive 900 scholarships worth almost \$2.5 million. Another 1,400 returning students will receive 2,000 scholarships worth \$5.2 million. And 50 transfer students will receive 50 scholarships worth \$125,000.

Megan O'Dell, of Lowell, spent her summer studying overseas through Syracuse University's Division of

International Programs Abroad. O'Dell, a graduate student majoring in law at Syracuse University's College of Law, participated in the law in London with a clinical internship program.

From Australia to Zimbabwe, Syracuse University offers 30 academic programs in 12 different countries each summer. These programs feature internships, language study, traveling seminars, career studies and art and architecture studio work and are available to undergraduate and graduate students from colleges across the United

States and Canada. "Comparative Health Policy and Law in Europe" and "Humanism and the Arts in Renaissance Italy" are just a few of the unique subjects offered each summer.

Foreign language proficiency is not required as classes are taught in English, and students and faculty form close bonds since each program enrolls no more than 25 students. Students live in hotels, apartments, or in private homes, depending upon the nature of the program. Credits earned are accepted at most American universities.

Volunteers needed to clear trails

Volunteers are being sought to clear trails and hang signs at the new Wittenbach Science Center on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 9 a.m. until

noon. For further information contact April Scholtz at the Land Conservancy of West Michigan (451-9476).

Time does not relinquish its rights, either over human beings or over monuments. —Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP AMENDMENT TO THE LOWELL TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE

Please take notice that the Lowell Charter Township Board has adopted an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance at a special meeting held on Monday, August 7, 2000. A copy of the amendment and/or the complete zoning ordinance may be obtained at the Township Hall during regular business hours.

Section 1. SPECIAL USES IN AG-2 ZONING DISTRICT. Article III, Section 4.1.1 of the Zoning Ordinance and the Table of Use Regulations set forth therein shall be amended by adding and allowing the following use in the AG-2 zoning district as a Special use requiring Planning Commission approval

Home Based Business

Section 2. DEFINITION OF HOME BASED BUSINESS. As used in this Ordinance, the term Home-Based Business shall be defined as follows and such definition shall be added to Article II, Section 2.0 of the Zoning Ordinance:

Home Based Business - A business operation which: (a) is incidental to a person's ownership of property; (b) is clearly subordinate and secondary to the use of such property for residential or agricultural purposes; (c) involves the providing of labor, materials and services at locations away from such person's property; (d) does not involve more than three full-time employees or independent contractors, and such seasonal employees and independent contractors, which must be dispatched from their homes, in addition to the resident(s) of the property in the conduct of the business operation as shall be reasonably necessary; and (e) does not have a material adverse impact upon the public health, safety or welfare of the Township and neighboring properties, including, but not limited to, overuse of streets and roads, change of character of the area, reduction in property values, blight, excessive noise, odors or electrical interference and other criteria applicable to the granting of a Special Use Permit. The home based business may be conducted on the lot area containing the dwelling unit and on any adjacent and contiguous property to such lot owned by the owner of the dwelling unit. An accessory building meeting the requirements of the zoning district in which it is located may be used in conjunction with the home based business and only minimal storage of vehicles, equipment or material used in connection with the home based business shall be allowed outside the structural confines of the residence and any accessory building if properly screened from public view. Any special use permit granted to a Home Based Business shall require an annual review by the Planning Commission to assure strict compliance with any conditions imposed in the special use permit. The Township Supervisor, on written notice to the owner of the home based business, shall have the authority to immediately suspend the special use permit for a period of up to (20) days pending a hearing before the Planning Commission in any case in which the Supervisor determines after personal inspection that the conditions of the special use permit are being violated.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This amendment shall take effect 30 days after publication.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC NOTICE

Wednesday, August 23, 2000
Bowne Township Historic Hall
8240 Aiden Nash Ave SE

At which time and place the following request will be heard:

Daniel Higley of 6330 Snow Ave has made application for variance from Article 3.02 (B) to construct an accessory building in front of the front line of the home.

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the Hearing and addressed to: Pete Siler, Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals, PO Box 35, Alto, MI 49302

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TO MY DEAR FRIEND who was killed August 11, 1994. Dedicated to the one I love, Theresa Jean Ignasiak.

What is a friend?

What is a friend? I will tell you. It is a person with whom you dare to be yourself. Your soul can be naked with him. He seems to ask of you to put on nothing, only to be what you are. He does not want you to be better or worse. When you are with him, you feel as a prisoner feels who has been declared innocent. You do not have to be on your guard. You can say what you think, so long as it is genuinely you. He understands those contradictions in your nature that leads others to misjudge you. With him you breathe freely. You can avow your little vanities and envies and hates and vicious sparks, your meanness and absurdities and in opening them up to him, they are lost, dissolved on the white ocean of his loyalty. He understands. You do not have to be careful. You can abuse him, neglect him, tolerate him. Best of all, you can keep still with him. It makes no matter. He likes you - He is like fire that purges to the bone. He understands, he understands. You can weep with him, sin with him, laugh with him. Pray with him. Through it all - and underneath - he sees, knows and loves you. A friend? What is a friend? Just one, I repeat, with whom you dare to be yourself. To my friend: Theresa Jean Ignasiak. From your friend Marian Rose Runnels Guastavino. Aug. 18, 1994.

It was an honor to read this at Lowell's class of 1977 20th high school reunion on July 12, 1997, at Charlevoix Club. Also named at the dedication were classmates: Steve Babcock; Bruce Barnes; Mary Reagan; Barry Blasser; Bob Cook, friends of classmates Sue Timpson, Marc Jacmain, Dick Beach, Bobby Shafer, Jack Runnels, Nancy Runnels, Tim Kehoe. That's what friends are for.



The family of **Bob & Velma Perry** wish to extend an invitation to join with them in a celebration of their **40th Anniversary**
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Reflections

Of Faith

Bob Roush, Pastor
Friendship Country Chapel

We camp in Mecosta at a place called School Section Lake. This campground has massive old trees all over and it's a great place to camp. I have seen some awesome storms in that area. On one particular night the warnings were up and the sky was churning with an eerie darkness.

When the storm finally blew in, it was the worst I had ever seen. Those big old trees

a ball, oblivious to the surrounding circumstances. Like Alfred P. Newman on the old Mad Magazines. "What? Me Worry?" The Bible tells us about the end times when people will be just like those dancers, oblivious to the gathering storm clouds on the horizon.

We can't help but notice that we're running out of clean air, farm land, and fresh water ... to say nothing of little things like where to stash our garbage, since the landfills are filling up. As the times intensify and we face these situations, the Bible gives the only viable solution to the problem and it is the coming of Jesus Christ to redeem the world that He created and restore it to its original state. Yet you'll find many people today just like those dancers, oblivious to the surrounding situation. What? Me Worry?

The Bible talks about this in II Peter 3:4: "Knowing this first that there shall come scoffer in the last days saying where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." But as sure as the Bible is true, it

tells us that some day, and I believe it's going to be soon, Jesus is coming again. Until that day those of us who are looking for Him are to hunker down in the storm and wait for the lights to come back on.

"Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God ... believe also in me. I go to

prepare a place for you and if I go I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am, there you may be also."

We call it the blessed hope. Are you dancing in the pavilion, or hunkered down for the storm? May the lights come on soon.



ROTHS REUNITE

The annual Roth reunion with descendants of Godfrey and Rose Roth and Ernest and Lena Roth was held Aug. 6, 2000 at Creekside Park in Lowell. Godfrey and Rose came to America in 1909 and Ernest and Lena in 1916 from Switzerland. Godfrey farmed north of Lowell and Ernest farmed south of Lowell.

There are now 71 direct descendants from this family which began when two brothers decided to leave their native country and try their luck in a country with more opportunity.

AREA BIRTHS
Joseph Ketola of Hastings and Renee Peters of Lowell are proud to announce the arrival of their son Jesse Ray Ketola. He was born Wednesday, June 28, 2000 at 10:12 p.m. weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 18 1/2 inches long.
Grandparents are Leo and Roselynn Peters and Robert and Susan Schultz of Lowell.
Special aunt is Kim Padgett of Lowell.
Welcoming him home are big brothers Chris and Tory DeBold and big sister Kim DeBold.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST 17: Brittany Essich, Jordan Harding.
AUGUST 18: Matthew D'Agostino, Sandy Dykhuizen, Sean Pawloski.
AUGUST 19: Peggy Idema, Joseph Thaler, Lois Boonstra.
AUGUST 20: Emily Boss, Mattie Dalziel, B.J. Rittersdorf, Alex Holloway, Andrea Bryant.
AUGUST 21: Madelyn Pfaller, Charlene DeShane-Dalga, Tim Aksamitowski, Joshua Hobra, Tom Barnes.
AUGUST 22: Mike Blough, Shane Teelander, Austin Goos.
AUGUST 23: Kacy Anderson, Rhea Bundy Anes, Stephen Rhodes, Brandon Taylor, Ron Kennedy, Jesse Carr.

Viewpoint . . .

Sharing The Vision

BERT R. BLEKE
Lowell Schools
Superintendent



On Tuesday, September 26, the Lowell community will vote in a school bond election. This vote is extremely important not only for the children of our community, but for all citizens. Whether you currently have children in our public schools or not, our entire community is impacted by the quality of our schools.

Human nature is fascinating. Each of us tends to ask the same question, "What is in this for me?" For each, the answer will be a bit different. However, I think there is a common thread in each of the answers.

For those with children in our schools, the answer is a quality education for your children - an education that is essential in today's world. What greater investment can there be than to invest in a quality and enduring education for your children?

As a community member, there is an investment in the quality of your community. Excellence in a community cannot be separated from quality schools. It is all but impossible to imagine a quality community without a quality school system. An investment in your schools is an investment in your community.

For all, it is an investment in your future. For most, our homes are our most important financial investment. Realtors will tell you that the value of your home and land is directly related to the quality of schools. Clearly, quality schools are directly related to increased property value. A small investment in your community schools will result in an excellent long-term return. This is particularly true since Proposition A has reduced our property taxes. Additionally, there exist avenues for senior citizens and low-income individuals to protect themselves against increased property taxes. An investment in our schools is thus one of the best personal investments that we can make for our future.

What, then does this election mean to each of us? It means an opportunity to invest in your children, your community, and your future. It means an excellent investment at a very small price.

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.

Harold & Rose Ball

Will Be Celebrating Their 50th Anniversary



SATURDAY, AUGUST 19
at the Lowell Township Hall.
The Islands & Hawaii Theme Open House Buffet Party Will Be Held From 2 to 5 PM

Friends are invited to come and help celebrate. The party will be given by their children Cindy & the late Glenn Kenney, Colleen & Darwin LaLone, Jim & Kim Ball, Greg & Beth Ball & Patrick & Bonnie Ball.
Harold & Rose have 12 grandchildren (1 deceased) & 2 great-granddaughters.
The actual wedding date is September 9, 1950.
A Mass will be said at 5:30 PM at St. Patrick's Church in Portland at the same location as the wedding.
- No gifts please-

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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8/11-8/16

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11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- THE REPLACEMENTS (PG-13)
11:30, 1:55, 4:20, 7:00, 9:25
- HOLLOW MAN (R)
11:50, 2:00, 4:15, 6:50, 9:15
- SPACE COWBOYS (PG-13)
11:10, 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10
- HUTTY PROFESSOR 2: THE KLUMPS (PG-13)
2:30, 4:45, 7:10, 9:35
- POKEMON 2000 (G)
11:00, 12:45

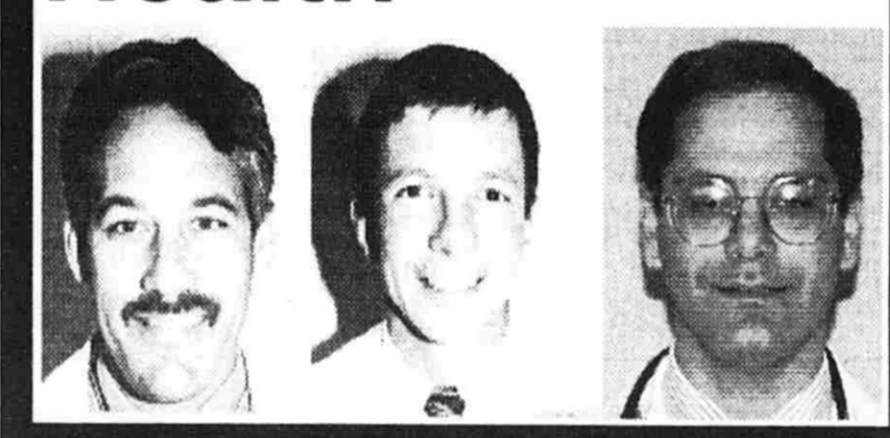
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Medicine is in a continual state of change. Treatment for various conditions evolves as advancements are made in research. One such area is in the treatment for patients who suffer strokes. A stroke is characterized by a blockage in the

flow of blood within the brain. The area beyond the blockage is deprived of blood resulting in cell death from lack of oxygen. In some strokes the blood flow is interrupted by a clot and in others, the vessel carrying blood breaks. The difference is indistinguishable based on symptoms and only by evaluation in the hospital can proper treatment be established. Only a few short years ago treatment for stroke victims changed. The development of TPA (tissue plasminogen activator) brought new hope that the devastating effects of "clot" or ischemic strokes could be lessened or even reversed.

The treatment advance, while promising, has some restrictions which must be sorted out within a narrow span of time after onset of symptoms. The key to treatment then is getting a patient to the hospital as soon as possible after the first sign of stroke. Many people have a general idea of the symptoms a stroke victim may suffer, but many do not, causing needless delay in evaluation of patients and the loss of newer treatments.

Depriving a portion of the brain of oxygen can affect any area of brain function, i.e., speech, strength, coordination, memory, or a combination. Usually changes are sudden in onset, often without warning. As well, symptoms affecting the body are normally confined to one side of the body or the other. A facial droop, a limp arm or leg, tingling in an extremity without an obvious cause are signs of a possible stroke. Slurred speech, amnesia or nonsensical language may be more subtle signs of a problem. The common denominator is that the person has a noticeable change and may not be aware of it themselves. The patient with any of the symptoms described above may have had a stroke and if the full benefit of medical treatment is to be applied, then evaluation must be done as soon as possible. Waiting, in the hope that the symptoms will go away, only eliminates options if the problem persists.

By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL AUGUST 18, 1875; THIS ISSUE IS MISSING; WE SUBSTITUTE AUGUST 16, 1871.

Michigan law now requires children between the ages of eight and fourteen to attend school at least 12 weeks in every school year.

Prof. C.E. Gregg is in town, offering classes in handwriting at the Union School. Classes are two hours in length; 26 lessons for \$3. Call at Franklin House.

There are about a dozen cases of smallpox in Grand Rapids.

The new Agricultural Society is looking at properties to buy or lease for a fair.

Phil Powers, a stage driver between Flint and Lapeer, is said to have traveled 69,000 miles in the last 5 1/2 years.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 16, 1900

The shirt and overhall (sic) factory should be running within 60 days in the old woolen mill building.

The village council grants a street railway franchise to promoter Louis Howard, as part of the proposed electric railway from Ionia to Grand Rapids. The ordinance runs to 28 sections and several columns.

D.T. Bush has his express office in the post office and will assist in distributing mail.

A new, mysterious disease that causes cucumber plants to wilt and die in less than an hour is wiping out Kent County crops.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO AUGUST 13, 1925

C.W. Parks writes the Ledger that he invented the Parks Fountain Compressed Air and the Parks Glass Tank sprayer in 1899, and owned 49 percent of the Lowell Sprayer company formed by D.G. Look and W.A. Watts, later selling out and moving west.

A note from Supt. McVean to the Ledger states that Lowell High School athletics do not cost the taxpayer anything, but are paid for out of gate receipts. Coaches volunteer their services.

Poland deports 50,000 Germans because in 1920 they favored Germany retaining Polish territory. At the same time, French troops finally leave Germany's industrial Ruhr region, seven years after war ended.

A large ad proclaims the advantages of attending Lowell High School, including lower tuition for out-of-town students. Seventh and eighth graders are encouraged to enter also.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 17, 1950

Dr. Quick complains about the telephone company's charging high prices for extension lines wired separately in a house because they have old equipment which cannot handle

OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis

WALLEYE NIGHTS

Last spring, while visiting in the Little Bay deNoc area of the Upper Peninsula, I was invited to fish with a local fishing legend; one they call the Doctor. He must have a Ph.D. in walleye fishing or something. I first met the Doctor on a dark and stormy night a few years ago when he waded in from the bay with three large walleyes dangling from a rope stringer on his belt.

The plan this night was to meet just before dark at a rock

extensions.

Rep. Gerald R. Ford explains the new federal wage and price controls, deemed necessary to control recent high prices and panic buying.

Watson's Drug Store, successor to Henry's Drug Store, announces their formal opening this week.

The Smilers Club, a group that started in 1914 as high school tenth-grade girls, holds their 35th reunion.

The Kent County 4-H Fair opens next week with horse-pulling, tractor-plowing and machinery rodeos added.

25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE AUGUST 14, 1975

Seven candidates file for City Council seats, necessitating a primary to eliminate one candidate.

The new foster-home care training required by the state will be given at Lowell High School three hours per week by Grand Rapids Junior College instructors.

Maps of the seven major tributaries of the Grand River have been printed and are available from the Grand River Watershed Council. The Flat River has been recommended to become a "Natural River."

Adult High School Completion classes are new this year at Alto Elementary School.

New water rates will nearly double in two stages, September 1 and December 1, to pay for the new water treatment plant to be built next year.

strewn point on the bay. When I arrived, the Doctor was already accompanied by several friends. Because I had no idea I would be fishing that evening when I left camp, I was dressed in street shoes and a light jacket and didn't have a pole.

The Doctor directed me to his truck to select a rod from the assortment that I would find there. I chose a 5-foot graphite rod with a clown color Husky Jerk attached. By the time I cautiously picked my way back over the rocks to the water, the group had grown to a dozen fishermen.

The Doc had predicted that the walleyes would arrive at 9:35 p.m. When 9:35 came and went without a strike, the Doctor started taking heat from the line of unsuccessful fishermen. When a passing boat rolled a wake toward shore, we all scrambled to high ground as the waves broke over the rocks. You had to keep your eyes peeled or get wet. The whole scene was taking on a carnival-like atmosphere. Then at 9:45 it happened. The call of "fish on!" echoed down the line. After a short tussle, a fat walleye was pulled onto the rocks—then another and another. The only angler who had a net would stop

TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

I just received a newsletter from Superintendent Bleke that discusses the upcoming bond issue vote. I'd like to thank the superintendent and follow up with some questions.

What is the design of the new schools? Will it be an open floor plan like Alto Elementary? What is the exact cost breakdown for each item, i.e., new elementary school, addition on the high school and technology?

I'd like an explanation on how technology will be used in the lower grades such as kindergarten and first grade. Is the computer for teacher research or student research? If more and more lessons are pulled from the Internet and less and less from

text books, how are parents informed of classroom content?

It seems to me that if the taxpayers are asked for \$27,000,000, then they should be provided with more details.

How was September 26 chosen as the date to hold the vote? Why not when voter turnout is higher in November?

I know vouchers are a touchy subject, but if the voucher proposal passes in November and voters in the district vote for them at a later date, it may slow down the rate of growth of the student population. Wouldn't it make sense to trim back on the plans until this issue is resolved?

How is the new housing and increased assessments that come along with new students going to affect the district tax base? How much of the requested \$27,000,000 will this offset?

Best regards,
Mark Johnson
Lowell Township

To the Editor,

Regarding the Vergennes Township voters/neighbors ads (pg. 14 in the 8/7/00 Buyers Guide). Has anyone else reading over the Buyers Guide noticed these are the only items in the paper difficult to view? Has anyone noticed that there are several ads with smaller print but more readable than these two letters paid for (\$100 each) by Mr. Wood and Mr. Mueller?

These ads contained information us voters needed to know regarding issues that have taken place within the "group" already on the Vergennes Township Board. To Mari and Jean: Define "hidden agenda" and "integrity" when you both have strategically placed your family members to work toward your benefit in various positions/committees at Vergennes Township. To Buyers Guide: Make it right with Mr. Wood and Mr. Mueller, either reprint their respective ads so we can easily read them or refund their money.

Christine M. Baird

Outdoors, cont'd... From Page 5

fishing to net fish for nearby companions. When the guy fishing next to me snagged his lure on a rock, a young man waded into the cold water fully clothed and without boots to retrieve the lure. Concerned that I would get a hook in my hand from a fish flopping on the slippery rocks, someone came over with a light and unhooked one of my catches. The commotion eventually drew the attention of a passing police officer. After assuring himself that all was well, the officer came down and used the beam of his large flashlight to assist in netting a fish and later spotlighted an angler struggling with a particularly stubborn fish while we all cheered.

What a blast! The hoots and barbs echoed through to damp night air as the walleye attack continued. Within 40 minutes the wind swung to the east and it was all over. Throughout the whole affair I never heard an inappropriate comment or saw any alcohol. It was just a bunch of good friends enjoying a rare moment in sport-fishing. The names and places, however, will have to remain anonymous in order for me to retain my current good health.

On this particular trip my wife, Gwen, and I were putting

in long hours during the day to catch only one or two keepers. I am not a night fisherman, but I just had to know if the walleyes were running in the shallows after dark in other locations. We walked to a rocky shoreline near where we had caught a fish offshore during the day. Casting a floating Rapala shortly after sunset, I quickly caught and released two

fish - one was a dandy.

Remember that walleyes have a slight advantage over their prey in the dark and, therefore, tend to feed at night. Don't overlook the shallows after dark if you are struggling to find biters offshore during the day.

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

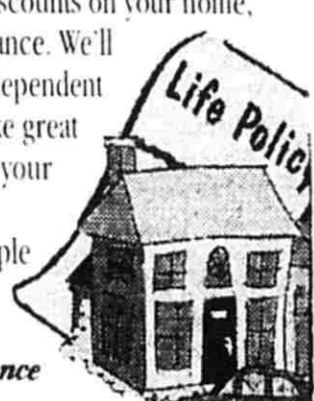


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BUSINESS MATTERS

City of Lowell Cable TV announced that the new release of TV Guide Interactive is set to launch on Lowell digital cable. TV Guide Interactive is the on-screen program guide that puts digital cable customers in control of their television viewing and helps them get the most out of their television time.

"We believe that our customers will find TV Guide Interactive to be an invaluable tool for navigating the nearly 125 channels we offer on our cable service," said Tom Richards, general manager of Lowell Cable TV. "This new version offers digital cable customers even more innovative features."

New features include descriptions for more types of programs; interactive graphic advertising; local weather conditions and a three-day forecast at the touch of a button; and enhanced parental controls enabling parents to "lock out" objectionable programming and to prevent Pay Per View

purchases without their approval. TV Guide Interactive will also support user-selectable languages, including French, Spanish and Canadian English in addition to U.S. English.

The complete installation of the updated interactive program guide will occur on Friday, Aug. 25 at noon. For ordering information or questions, please call 897-8405.

Lowell Light & Power/Cable TV recently announced that Debbie Deane has been appointed to the position of Marketing & Programming director. Formerly, she worked with CableRep Advertising supporting marketing efforts in several small communities in West Michigan including Lowell. Previously, she managed an award-winning multi-media communications firm. Deane is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Public Administration at Grand Valley State University.

"Debbie's marketing experience and creativity will help us enhance our levels of service and communication with our



Debbie Deane

Electric and Cable TV customers," said Tom Richards, general manager of Lowell Light & Power/Cable TV.

Serious injuries avoided in E. Fulton accident

Fatal injuries were narrowly avoided in a Tuesday morning (Aug. 8) accident in the city of Lowell.

Daniel Bilski, 53, of Grand Rapids, was driving his vehicle on M-21, east of James Street, when he crossed the center line hitting a north embankment and striking a utility pole.

On impact, the car rolled and the pole snapped, falling into the path and onto a westbound vehicle driven by Gary Winslow, 47, of Saranac.

Winslow saw Bilski's vehicle cross over his lane before hitting the pole.

The utility pole fell on top of Winslow's hood just above the windshield.

Winslow incurred minor injuries. Bilski incurred possible internal injuries and head trauma. He was transported to Spectrum Health Downtown by Lowell Ambulance.

Lowell Police Chief James Valentine said the accident is still being investigated to determine if Bilski dozed off or if medical reasons were responsible for his vehicle leaving the road.

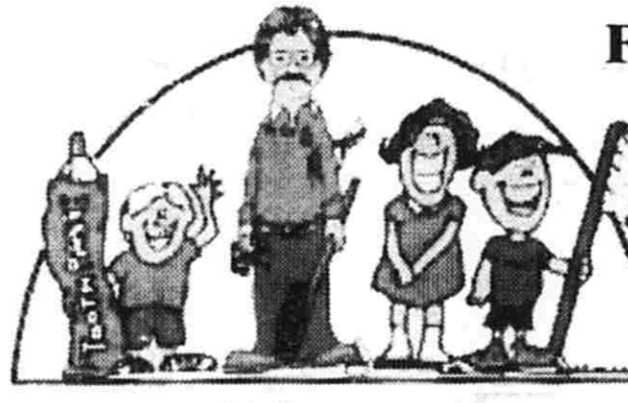
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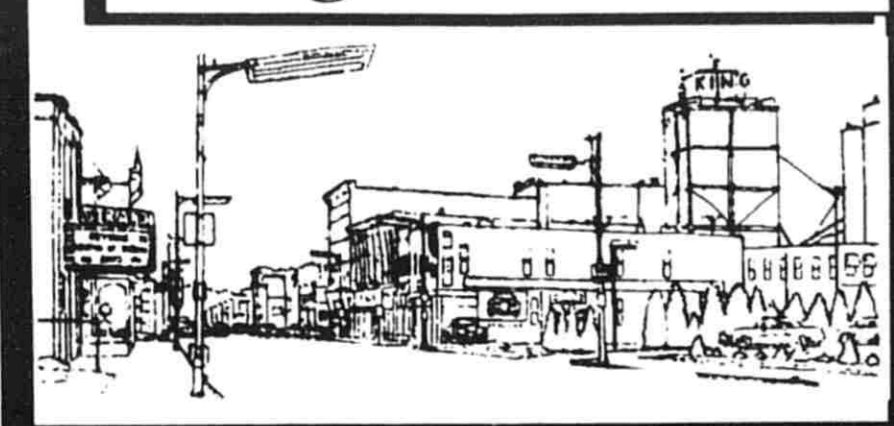
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Manor at 7 p.m. Program by members of the 3rd Michigan Volunteers Co. F: Preview of the Civil War Re-enactment at the Fallsburg Fall Festival in Fallsburg. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome.

YMCA SOCCER REGISTRATION

The Lowell YMCA is still taking soccer registration for grades K-8 and 3, 4, and 5 year olds. For more information please call 897-8445.

YMCA SOFTBALL TEAMS ARE STILL NEEDED

The Lowell YMCA is still taking Adult Fall League softball teams for Wed., Thurs., and Fri., night men's league and Monday night Co-ed League. Call 897-8445 if interested.

RIVERWALK PARADE

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for the Riverwalk Parade, Sept. 2. Downtown Historic Lowell. Call Liz at 897-9161 to sign up.

RIVERWALK FESTIVAL

Riverwalk Festival will take place on Saturday, Sept. 2. Downtown Historic Lowell from 10 a.m. -5 p.m. Don't forget the Duck Race - buy a duck for \$1 or six for \$5 at participating businesses. For more information, call 897-9161.

LAAC AUDITIONS FOR HARVEY

The Lowell Area Arts Council is accepting auditions for "Harvey," a three-act comedy by Mary Chase. The play requires six women ages 25-60 and six men ages 30-60.

Auditions are being held at the LAAC, 149 S. Hudson St., on Aug. 16 at 7 p.m.

Performance dates for the play are Oct. 19-21 at the Lowell Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School. For more information call 897-8545.

WITTENBACH SCIENCE CENTER IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed at the new Wittenbach Science Center to clear trails and hang signs on Sat., Aug. 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. Please contact April Scholz at the Land Conservancy of West Michigan 451-9476.

Family Fare, cont'd... From Page 1

sale items, so I'm getting those as well," she said. Chamberlain fit a trend recognized by Family Fare staff member Linda Willard.

"I've seen a lot of people here that I haven't seen shop at Family Fare Monday through Friday," Willard explained.

While Willard realized that opening up on Sunday was going to happen, she was somewhat sad the day had come. "I gave up my other job so I wouldn't have to work on Sunday," Willard said.

Melissa Holloway, with her two-and-a-half-year-old daughter Maranda, could not have been happier. "I've complained about Family Fare not being open on Sunday since the day I arrived here," she explains. "Sunday is usually the day I end up doing my shopping."

Charlie Knudstrup agreed. "We always seem to do a bit of grocery shopping on Sunday. Family Fare being open makes it more convenient."

Contracts, cont'd... From Page 1

The Lowell Education Association was given a 2.98 percent increase plus a step increase for the upcoming school year. Support staff also garnered a 2.98 percent increase in their wages.

Bus drivers' salaries were increased by 2.2 percent while mechanics (two) received a 4 percent increase.

"We compared our mechanics' salaries with other schools in the Kent Intermediate School District, and they ranked at the bottom," said Connie Gillette, assistant superintendent for finance and personnel.

There was a 4 percent total increase in the wages for the central office support and non-certificated people.

Williams & Works contracted for engineering services

Familiarity and cost made Williams & Works the choice to complete engineering services for Bowes Road improvements.

The engineering firm has some history with Bowes Road. Williams & Works designed improvements on both the east end (Hudson Street) and west end (Fulton Street/M-21) of Bowes.

This year the city will continue with the upgrade of the street for roughly 1.275 feet from approximately 150 feet east of Pleasant Street to 175 feet west of West Street.

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COMING EVENTS

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

EVERY MONTH: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and times please call, 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

EVERY SUN.: Misner House and Fallsburg Schoolhouse museums open from 2-6 p.m. in Fallsburg Historic Village, across the Covered Bridge from Fallsburg Park.

SECOND SUN. EACH MONTH: 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all the residents. Interested persons are welcome to meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

FIRST MON.: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at the High School during lunch periods in the cafeteria for updates on coming events and information.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallsburg Historical Society will hold its monthly board meeting, to which the public is invited, in the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

MON. OR TUES.: Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, in Alto or in Lowell. Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more information.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 10210, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th-grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers are meeting at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

TUES.: Summer play group for 3-year old/preschool age children. They meet weekly in the mornings and rotate houses. Also field trips. Interested in some summer fun with your little one? Call Kim 897-5257. Space limited - call soon.

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

EVERY TUES.: Ladies Coffee Break Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time. Calvary Christian Reformed Church across from Burger King. 10 to 11:15 a.m. For information call 897-6462 or 897-7555.

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

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (at 4 Mile and East Bellline) at 7 p.m. For info., call Linda at 874-5662. Forteen group info, call Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY 1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

EVERY OTHER WED.: 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club at Calvary Christian Reformed Church.

Girls ages 8-13 are welcome. Call 897-8694.

WED.: Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m., 55 and over.

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement.

EVERY WED.: Rotary meets at noon at the Masonic Temple. Programs for July include: Pam Nation, exec. director Habitat for Humanity; Clarence Underwood, athletic director for MSU & A Michigan Outdoors program. Members plan on attending & bring a guest.

FIRST WED. EACH MONTH: Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 for information.

EVERY SECOND WED.: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY OTHER WED.: 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club at Calvary Christian Reformed Church. All girls ages 8 to 13 are welcome. Call 897-8694 for information.

EVERY WED.: Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. (at 36th St.) No fees, no dues, no weigh-ins.

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

THURS.: Weight Watchers meets in Lowell at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 7 p.m. Registration is a half hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational-help for pregnant women and ado-

lescents at the school. From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on Mondays from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Phone 897-9393.

FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club meeting. The club examines theater related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held once a month at Lowell Middle School choir room. For more information call 897-1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

FIRST AND THIRD THURS.: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

EVERY 2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

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

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Please call 752-7524 for more information.

SECOND THURS. OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 7 p.m.

THIRD THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in the high school cafeteria during seminar time for planning sessions for activities.

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

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Open Tues., Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs., noon - 7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL REGISTRATION: for 2000/2001 school year. Call 691-8833. For more information check our website at www.stpatrickparnell.org.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Please call 752-7524 for more information.

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MON., AUG. 21: The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Booster Club meeting will be held at 6 p.m. (special time this month only) in the high school staff lounge.

TUES., AUG. 22: 2nd annual Lowell YMCA and Lowell Masonic Lodge golf outing at Deer Run Golf Course. Proceeds benefit youth programs in Lowell community. Call 897-8445 to register.

SAT., AUG. 26: Volunteers are needed at the new Wittenbach Science Center to clear trails and hang signs from 9 a.m. - noon. Call April Scholz at 451-9476 if interested.

SAT., SEPT. 2: The Riverwalk Festival will take place in downtown Lowell from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Don't forget to buy your ducks for the Duck Race!

SAT., SEPT. 16: Lowell Athletic Boosters 5th annual Golf Outing, 8 a.m. Shotgun start. Quail Ridge Golf Club 8375 36th St., Ada.

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MON.: 8:30 a.m., Walking, Woodland Mall. **THURS.:** 9 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. **FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking-Woodland Mall.

Special Events

WED., AUG. 16: 10 a.m. Advisory Council. **WED., AUG. 23:** 9:15 a.m., Grand Princess Cruise/lunch Lansing.

THURS., AUG. 17: Noon, Dance-Westside Complex. **FRI., AUG. 25:** 12:40 p.m., Gerontology Network.

FRI., AUG. 18: 12:40 p.m. Shop - Grandville Mall. **MON., AUG. 28:** Noon, Back to school potluck.

MON., AUG. 21: 12:40 p.m. Sam's Club. **WED., AUG. 30:** 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.

(Dinner reservations should be made 5 working days in advance.)

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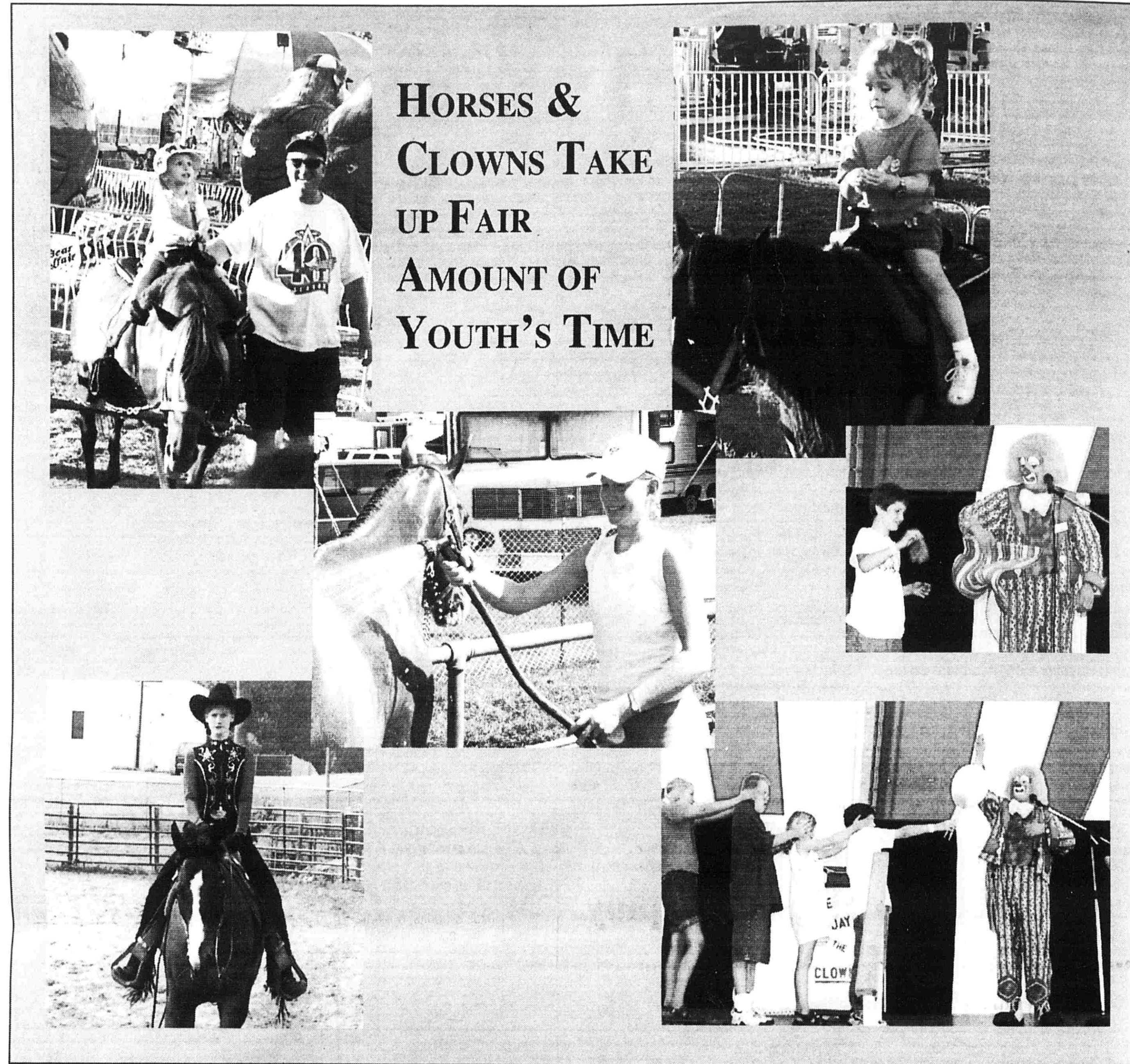


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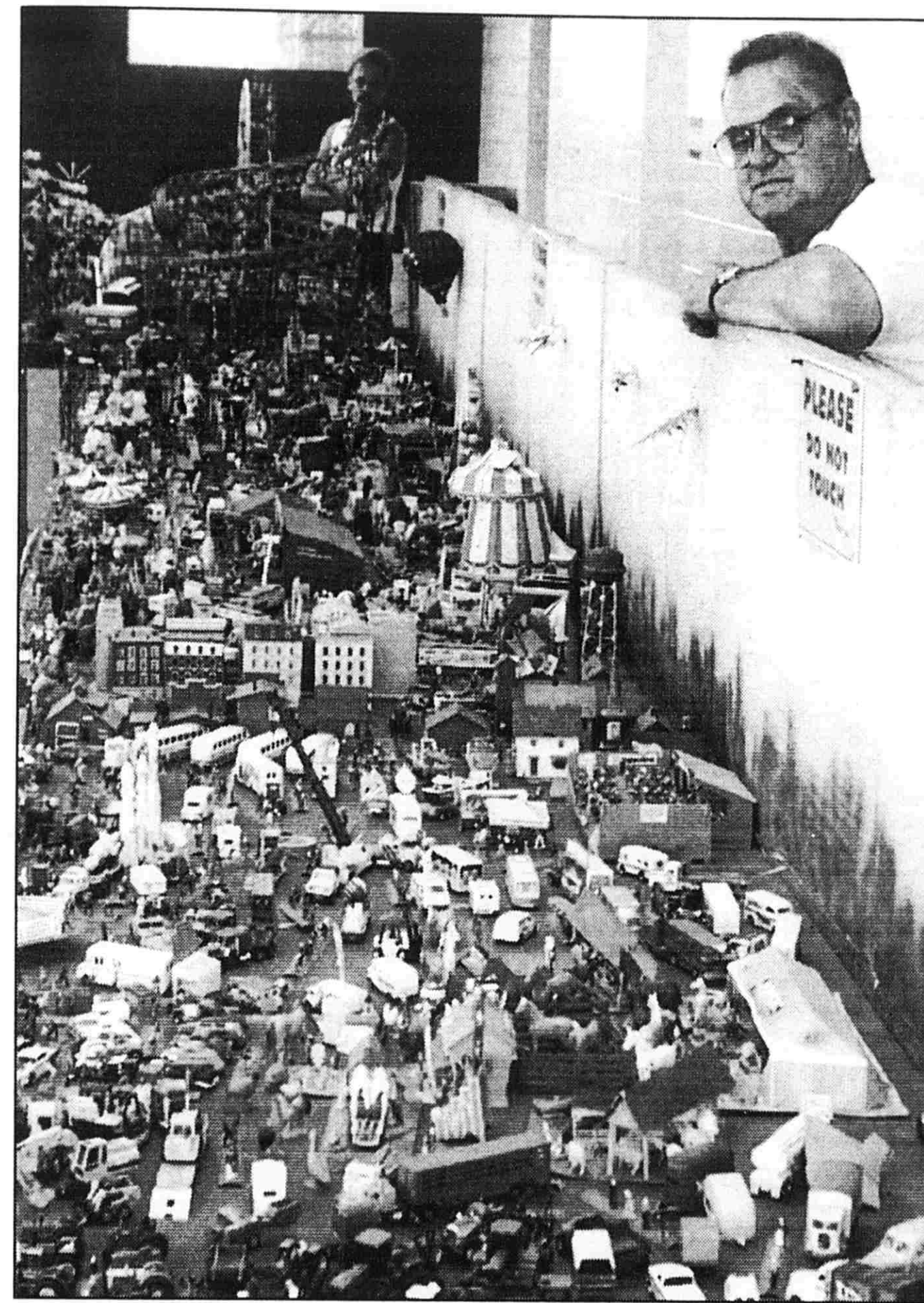
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It took Fred Heckman 14 1/2 years to build the miniature carnival/circus.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It's touted as the smallest show on earth, but it may very well be the largest miniature carnival and circus Kent County Youth Fair patrons have ever seen.

Fred Heckman's one-of-a-kind carnival features over 62 miniature rides, including a hand-crafted log ride with actual running water plus a fully animated circus. All of the rides were hand-built by Heckman.

The carnival/circus has over 3,000 people, many of which were created from micro soldiers. "I would go to dollar stores and buy a bag of 1,000 micro soldiers, snip off their guns and then hand paint them in bright festival/carnival colors.

The 42-foot display takes three people nine hours to set up. Heckman shows the carnival/circus at approximately 10 fairs a year. His display in the Kent County Youth Fair building was a popular site for fair-goers last week.

Heckman's enthusiasm and love for fairs started as a worker at the Allegan County Fair.

"I worked 21 years at the front gate letting people in," he explains. "Over that time I became a carnival nut."

During this time he also became a 14 1/2 year odyssey

collecting and buying items for his carnival.

The creating and building of new rides and miniatures is a continuous process.

"I'm currently in the process of building four new rides," Heckman said.

The carnival/circus enthusiast is paid \$200 a day for his display. But the reception and reaction from viewers is what Heckman says is reward enough.

Reminiscent of days past are old town features, old-fashioned storefronts, horse-drawn trollies, wagons, and many antique cars.

"For so many people, this brings back so many memories. The smiles on the people's faces are worth millions to me," Heckman explains.

"When kids see this exhibit, their eyes bug out."

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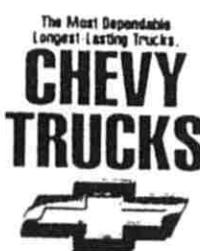
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5 families. Aug. 16 - 18, 9-6 p.m. 10975 92nd SE, 1 1/4 miles West of M-50. Lots of everything.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE

Aug. 17 & 18, 9-4 p.m. 7700 Knapp NE, Ada. Exercise equip., Little Tikes, men's & boy's clothing, kitchen items, boy's bikes & much more.

A LARGE 3-FAMILY GARAGE SALE

Aug. 17, 18 & 19, 9-5 p.m. 9148 84th. Alto, W. of Campbell Lake. Microwave stand, telephone stand, golf clubs, new golf pull-cart, hot tub, table & chairs, 3 spd. bike, '99 Tahoe, nearly new couch & loveseat, 2 blue rocking chairs, men's, ladies & kids' clothes, knick-knacks, Beanie Babies.

MOVING SALE

Lots of baby & kids clothing, toys, 6 person hot tub, furniture, household items, adult clothing & much more! It all needs to go! 11133 Foreman SE (2 houses West of Cumberland) Aug. 25 & 26.

GARAGE SALE

Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 17 & 18, 9-5 p.m. 10821 Bennett (bet. Parnell & Cumberland). Lots of things including canning supplies, desk, chairs, glassware, children's books. Good stuff - priced to sell.

SALE

6215 Bancroft. Alto. Boat, ATV, snowmobile parts, toys & misc. Fri. & Sat., Aug. 18 & 19, 8-5 p.m.

YARD SALE

Two families, lots of goodies. Freezer, furniture, clothes & much more. Fri. & Sat., Aug. 18 & 19, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. 3601 Pratt Lake SE, Lowell, corner of Pratt Lake & 36th St.

BIG SALE AT PERRY'S

Back to school clothes, winter coats, bikes, furniture, snow blowers, household items, patio door & misc. Fri. & Sat., Aug. 18 & 19, 6939 Alden Nash Rd. 7 miles S. of Lowell on M-50.

GARAGE SALE

Aug. 17 & 18, 9-3 p.m. Stereo, sewing machines, clothes (kids & adults) & other misc. 800 Bowes Rd.

YARD SALE

Aug. 18 & 19, 171 Valley Vista. Lots of everything.

GARAGE SALE

Sat., 8/19 from 9-4 p.m. 6988 Hastings Rd. 1st house north of Jimmy's Grill. Lots of good quality girls & boys clothing size 8-14. Girls junior size clothing, & adult clothing, kitchenware, Kitchenaid dishwasher, lots of misc. items.

HUGE BARN SALE

287 Lincoln Lake Rd. SE. Maternity clothes, business & casual; boys & girls clothes all namebrand. Little Tikes/Fisher Price toys, Fisher Price picnic table, baby stuff, carpet remnants & vinyl all sizes. Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 17 & 18, 9-6 p.m.

MULTI-FAMILY SALE

Thurs., Aug. 17, 101 Rivertop Dr. off Burroughs bet. Lincoln Lake & Flat River 9-3 p.m.

GARAGE SALE

10490 Settlewood 8/17 & 8/18; 8-4 p.m. RC cars, trucks & boats, dehumidifier, lawn mower, boys school clothes sz. 12-14 like new, other clothing, toys & misc.

GARAGE SALE

Aug. 18 & 19, Fri. & Sat., 8-5 p.m. 10 years of accumulation 228 Roberta Jayne, Lowell.

AUG. 17 & 18

9-5 p.m. 11169 Ware Rd. Adult & kids clothing, waterbed, humidifier, bassinets, car seats, baby items, toys & more.

AUG. 17 & 18

Clothes for everyone, winter coats, household items, furniture. 8 a.m. 826 Grindle Dr.

SALE

All goes in 1 day. Sat., Aug. 19, 10-6, 3550 Segwun. Rain Date 26th. Everything is quality stuff, jr. girls size 5 to 9 & everything else imaginable.

ESTATE SALE

In artistic Fallasburg Park area. Fri., Aug. 18. Quality art, antiques, tools, picture frames, drafting board & much more. No prior sales. Numbers at 9 a.m. Lowell, Fallasburg Park, follow signs to 11955 Potters Rd.

YARD SALE

Kids clothes, odds & ends. Sat., Aug. 19, 9-5 p.m. 11090 Woodbushe.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Lowell Township Board approved the Planning Commission's recommendation and rezoned Tammy Brown's property at 11826 Fulton Street, Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-04-476-001, from Ag-2, Rural Agricultural, to General Commercial. This rezoning will become effective thirty days from date of publication of this notice.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

Last Day that this ad will appear is in the Sept. 6 issue

FRI., AUG. 18 & SAT., AUG. 19

9-5 p.m. Misc. household items, baby items & clothes, also adult & children's clothes, kid's deluxe pool, wicker furniture, 35 gal. aquarium plus more. 915 N. Washington.

Vanderlaan takes "Sonny" memories to Alma College from Kent County Fair

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Kent County Youth Fair week for many is a culmination/celebration of many months and years of hard work and preparation.

The 66th annual youth fair marked Brandi Vanderlaan's fifth and final appearance as a participant.

"This is my last year for showing Sonny," Vanderlaan said while hosing down her American Painter Horse.

The 2000 Sparta High School graduate has been riding Sonny's Attraction (full name) for nine years.

Saturday was the last time the two competed together. In fact, following Saturday's competition,

Vanderlaan had the unenviable task of driving Sonny to his new home.

"I've cried every day thinking about it," Vanderlaan explained. "I'll be heading off to Alma College in the fall and my time spent with Sonny will be limited."

From a purely fiscal standpoint, Vanderlaan says the sale of Sonny will help with her college expenses.

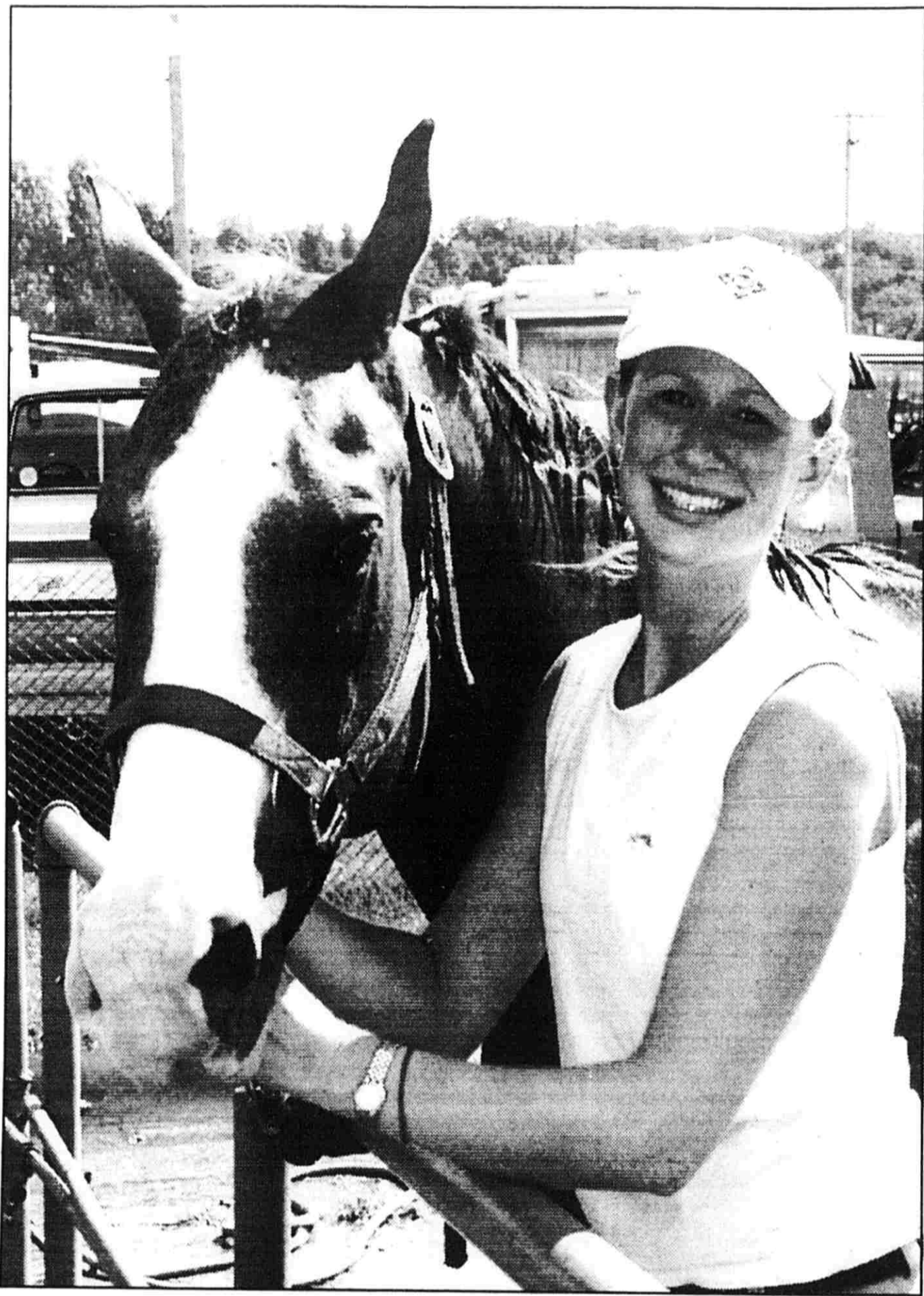
Sonny was sold to a 4-H friend (Sarah) in Cedar Springs. Sarah originally sold Sonny to the family from which Vanderlaan bought Sonny.

In celebration of working their final fair together, Vanderlaan and Sonny competed in familiar and new events. "It made the week

kind of fun. Sonny did quite well," she says.

In her last year of competition, Vanderlaan and Sonny earned six second place ribbons (horsemanship/English, horsemanship/Western, showmanship/English, Western pleasure, suitable to be a dressage horse and trail), a couple of thirds (showmanship/Western and pro am class) and one fourth (English pleasure).

Vanderlaan points to participating in the state show at MSU as her favorite 4-H moment. "Riding into the pavilion was a proud moment for me," Vanderlaan said. "As a young kid I always watched shows at the pavilion and looked up to the people participating in them. It's an honor to participate and be among the top riders."



Brandi Vanderlaan and her horse Sonny's Attraction competed in their fifth and final Kent County Youth Fair last week. They did okay, garnering six second place ribbons, a couple of thirds and a fourth.

Schut named Lowell's new agri-science, FFA leader

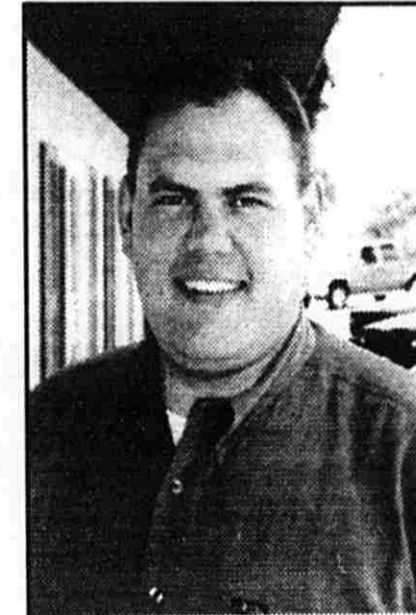
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By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Cognizant of past performance, John Schut begins a new agri-science/FFA era in Lowell.

His vision is to expand what many already consider to be a model program. "I have high expectations. They certainly aren't any lower than what the Lowell community has come to expect," Schut said.

Schut was hired to replace Pete Siler, an agri-science



John Schut

teacher/FFA advisor who retired in June after 26 years in the Lowell School District.

"Certainly there are expectations, but we have high expectations for John," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said. "John has excellent experience, a wonderful relationship with kids and the political savvy to work within the community."

Schut takes over the Lowell program after spending three years at Montague High School as its agri-science teacher/FFA advisor. The

Hopkins native was an accomplished FFA member throughout his four years of high school.

He served two years ('92 and '93) as the state FFA president.

"I served with former Lowell FFA state officer Renee Nugent. My wife (Kara) was a state officer with Lowell's David Hildenbrand (president) and Randy Grieser (vice president)," Schut explains.

He is currently completing his graduate work at Purdue.

Lowell offers Schut a strong program with a tradition of excellence in agri-science and leadership; a supportive community; and good families and students with high expectations.

Schut will be working closely with Tammy DeBaar, Lowell Schools' director of outdoor education for the Wittenbach Agri-science Center.

Through a cooperative effort, Schut believes they will be able to expand the scope of the FFA and agri-science programs.

He identifies hands-on learning opportunities in agri-science, a nature area which will allow students to learn how ecosystems interact.

marketing agriculture and aquaculture.

"John was an excellent choice to succeed me," Siler said. "His strong FFA background will serve him well in Lowell. He has the energy and enthusiasm to do a great job and continue the tradition."

Schut's wife is a crop consultant for Wilbur Ellis and the couple has a four-year-old daughter named Alexandria.

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- Pete Siler

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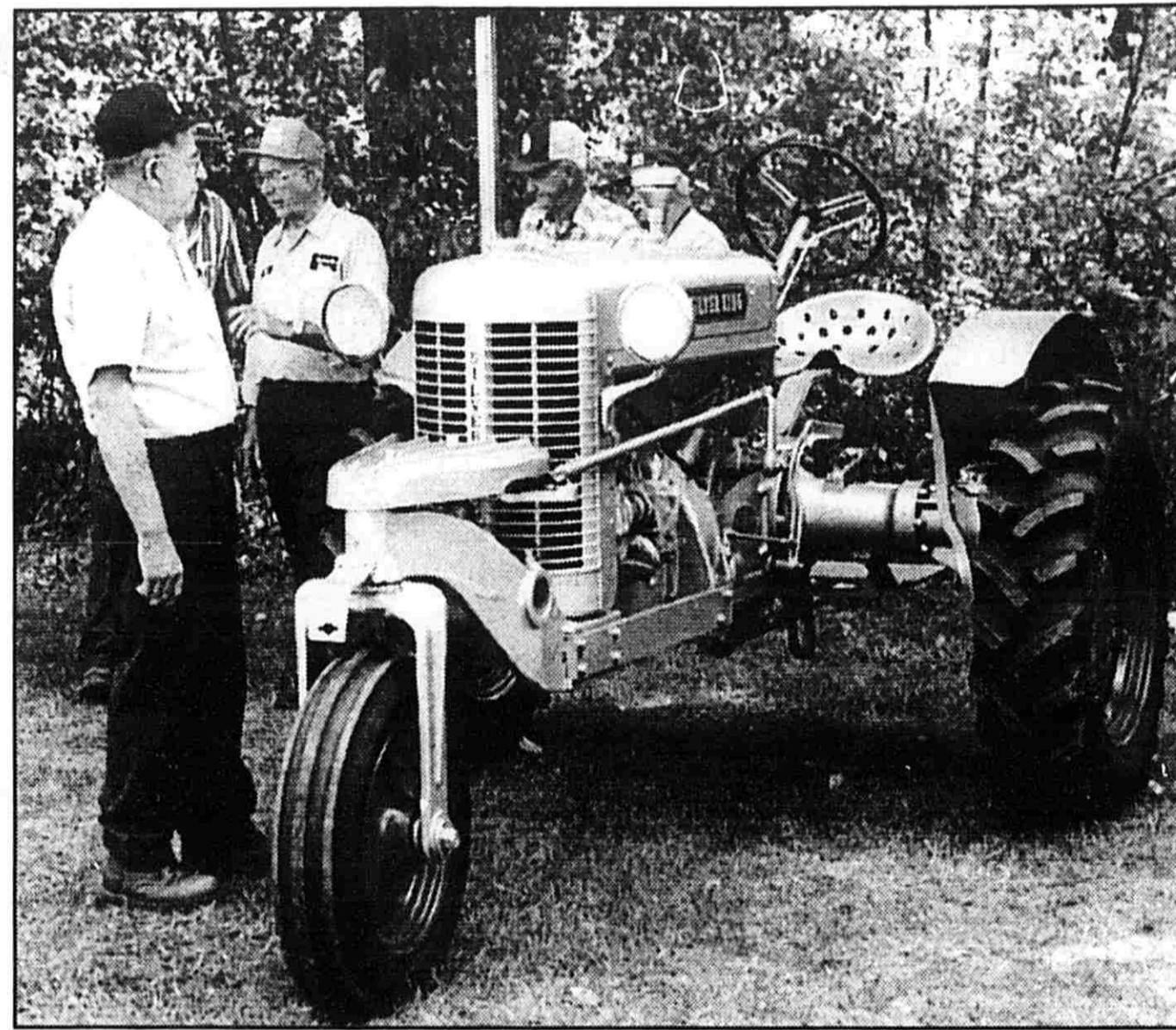
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Whether you used this type of equipment in the past or simply have an interest in equipment of bygone days,

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The show begins Friday, Aug. 25 with the Opening Ceremonies, followed by many activities throughout the weekend, including a parade of tractors and steam engines



Phil Seese, owner of the Silver King tractor, and friends talk shop at the Clarksville Steam & Gas Engine Show.

each day.

An abundance of live demonstrations will entertain and inform many about threshing, bailing, corn husk-

ing, silo filling, shingle milling, and blacksmithing. In addition, there will be kettle-popped popcorn, a flea market, and a craft show. Even

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan, has called a special election to be held in the school district on Tuesday, September 26, 2000.

TAKE NOTICE that the following proposition will be submitted at the special bond election:

BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Seven Million Five Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$27,505,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in two or more series, for the purpose of erecting, furnishing and equipping two new elementary school buildings and additions to existing school buildings; partially remodeling, refurbishing and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring and installing educational technology improvements; acquiring additional land for site purposes; developing and improving playgrounds, play fields, athletic facilities and sites?

The following is for informational purposes:

The bonds are expected to be outstanding for a maximum of 30 years, exclusive of refunding. The estimated millage rate for the first year is 1.56 mills (\$1.56 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) and the estimated simple average annual debt millage rate for the repayment of this bond issue is 2.38 mills (\$2.38 for each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2000, IS MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2000. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2000, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan.

Pat Nugent
Secretary, Board of Education

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Listeners make Anchors second choice in X-Isle contest

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Deanna Anchors survived her month-long stint as a member of 104.5's Survivor-like contest "WSNX-Isle."

Surviving did not mean winning. The final tally on Friday had Anchors finishing second to her roommate Jason.

The 22-year-old Lowell resident tallied 888 votes, roughly 60 behind Jason's 946. Chad was third with 648.

The final tally was announced Friday night at The Bob.

"I definitely would do it again. All the people I roomed with were totally cool. We all got along, which is amazing," Anchors explained.

The Central Michigan student believes lasting friendships were formed. "Friday, we're (all six roommates) getting together and going to drive down to Cedar Point for the day."

As for relationships, Anchors said Kami and Chad were the only two who hooked up.

The positive experience left Anchors with no disappointment about not winning.

"I would have liked that \$1,500 gift certificate from Meijer, but other than that, winning really didn't matter to me. I really enjoyed the experience," said Anchors.

That's not to say there wasn't some controversy. A fan of the radio show put together a compute program which enabled him to tamper with the voting process.

"He didn't want Jason to win so he rigged it so Chad and I were getting most of the votes," Anchors explained.

WSNX caught on and corrected the problem.

Not being in contact with friends and family was the most difficult aspect of the contest for Anchors.

With the exception of the final week, X-Isle contestants



Deanna Anchors

were kept busy. They were in the Coast Guard Parade and at the Ionia County Fair as well as a number of other venues.

When they weren't busy, the X-Isle crew conjured up ways they could cheat. "We got away with quite a bit," Anchors said. "It kept things fun."

Anchors said by Wednesday of last week, she was ready for the contest to be over. "Most of the last week we were stuck in the apart-

ment. That got old pretty quick," she said. Anchors has a week to recoup before returning to a familiar college life in Mt. Pleasant.

Superfan tickets available for upcoming school year

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell High School golf and tennis teams begin play this week. Soccer, football, and cross country follow a week later... all of which come before the opening day of school on Aug. 28.

The Lowell girls' basketball season opens on Tuesday, Aug. 29.

With this in mind, fans may purchase a superfan ticket to all home 2000-01 sporting events.

Superfan tickets are available to Lowell spectators for a sixth consecutive year at a cost of \$50 for adults and \$35 for students.

"While no one will be able to attend all the home events, a superfan ticket holder can still see a considerable savings," said Barry Hobla, Lowell athletic director.

To attend all home athletic events would cost an adult in excess of \$200 and a student in excess of \$150.

A football season ticket is also available. It allows admittance to all levels of home football contests (varsity, junior varsity and freshmen) at a cost of \$20 for adults and \$15 for students.

Reserved seating will be offered in the stadium for superfan and season ticket holders in the section in front of the press box (between the 40 yard lines).

Returning superfan and season ticket holders will have until Aug. 18 to retain reserved seats from the 1999-00 season.

Season tickets may be purchased at the high school. Reserved seats must be paid for at the time of their purchase.

Questions can be directed to Hobla at 897-4442.

RNs, LPNs, CENAS/HHAS needed for home care cases in Ionia and Greenville, to work with persons with mild brain injuries, spinal cord injuries.

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2000

Called to order at 7:45 P. M. 7 Board members present.

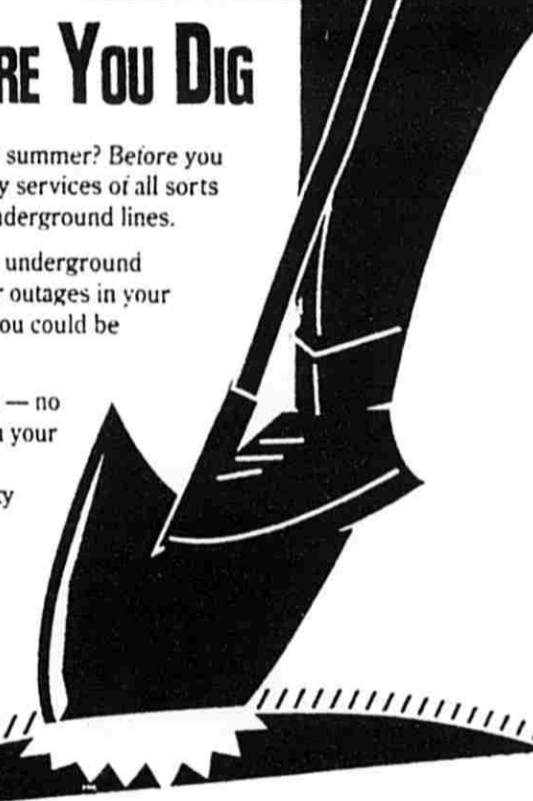
Business Conducted: Moved to rezone Tammy Brown's property (PP# 47-20-04-476 001) from AG-2 to Commercial; Moved to rezone Whispering Hills Associates properties (PP#41-20-04-401-027 and 41-20-04-100-015) from R-1 to R-3 with the exception of the first 600 feet of 41-20-04-100-015 from Cumberland Ave. to the east which was rezoned from R-1 to R-2 moved to support a permit to close the road for the Alto 5K Walk/Run on September 23, 2000; Moved to adopt an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for Home-Based Business; discussed setting an opening date for the Township Park.

Adjournment at 8:45 P.M.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

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Planning yard work this summer? Before you do, remember that utility services of all sorts are often provided by underground lines. Damaging or disturbing underground utilities can cause power outages in your neighborhood. Worse, you could be seriously hurt. Call us if you plan to dig — no matter how deeply — on your property. We'll help you avoid underground utility surprises. We're your hometown utility, working to keep you safe.



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Horizons of Michigan, West Lake location, 11652 Grand River Avenue, Lowell, MI 49331. Fax Number (616) 897-5954. You may also call (616) 897-5900, ext. 21 to schedule an interview. H/V/M/F, Affiliate of Hope Network.

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Lowell Township Board approved the Planning Commission's recommendation and rezoned Whispering Hills Associates property at 16667 Fulton Street (PP#41-20-04-401-027) from R-1, Rural low density residential, to R-3, High density residential. They also approved property located at 1600 Cumberland Avenue (PP#41-20-04-100-015) to be rezoned from R-1 to R-3 with the exception of the first 600 feet from Cumberland Avenue to the east which will be rezoned from R-1 to R-2, Medium density residential. This rezoning will become effective thirty days from date of publication of this notice.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

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'97 CHEVROLET LUMINA
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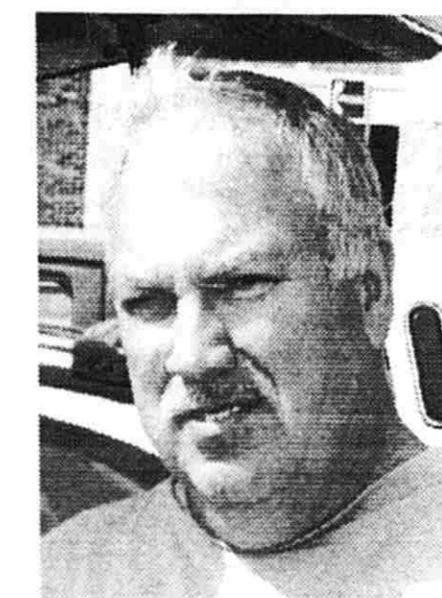
Do you favor or oppose school vouchers?



Karyn Moulten
I'm opposed to vouchers. I think they will mess with the integrity of our public schools.



Kathleen Reintges
I definitely am in favor of school vouchers. I think choice is needed.



Bill Gill
I'm against vouchers. I think it will negatively impact public schools.



Dan Bergeon
Gov. Engler says "no"; Dick and Betsy DeVos say "yes" - therefore I'm against school vouchers.

Pam Davenport
I'm in favor of school vouchers. I think it will be good for public schools to have a bit more competition.

Tina Csolkovits
I'm for school vouchers. I like the concept of having a choice of where your kid goes to school.

Doria Bannen
I favor vouchers. They are good for the students, and parents can send students to the school they want to.

School district, Neighbors Who Care ready to take bond message to electorate

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Neighbors Who Care will hold its bond campaign kickoff meeting Thursday (Aug. 17).

Lowell School District Superintendent Bert Bleke used August's board meeting

to get an earlier start.

Bleke condensed the Sept. 26th bond down to four core issues. In doing so, he gave a preview of the campaign that lies ahead.

The four core issues are: Why is the bond issue necessary? What will it build?

Where will it be built? What will it cost?

The superintendent explained that all of the district's schools are filled or very nearly filled to capacity.

Student enrollment in 1999-2000 was 3,762. It is projected to grow to 4,215 by

2005 and 4,926 by the year 2010.

Phase I of the two-part \$27.5 million bond issue will build a new elementary building, provide new technology and add to the southern end of the Alto Elementary gymnasium. Phase I will cost

one extra dime until it is absolutely necessary," Bleke explained. Phase II will cost approximately \$14 million.

"Buildings are built on bonds but run on general funds," Bleke said. "A second phase protects the general fund so there is money to

be built depending on where growth dictates.

"We believe building small elementary schools is what's best economically and educationally," Bleke said.

The last bond issue passed in the Lowell Area School District was in 1990.



AWANA

BEGINS AUGUST 23rd

**at First Baptist of Lowell
2275 W. Main (897-7168)**

REGISTRATION & ORIENTATION

for Parents & Clubbers from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

Also, Registration for Bus Riders. (Bus will not be running this night.) Please fill in the form below (duplicates can be made) and bring it with you for a prize.

REGULAR AWANA Club Night will begin Aug. 30 from 6:15-8:00 pm. The JV program begins Aug. 30 from 6:30 - 8 pm



REGISTRATION FORM:

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Emergency Phone _____
Age _____ Birthday _____ Grade _____
Parents or Guardian _____

What will the bond issue cost taxpayers?

HOME MARKET VALUE	ADD'L. YEARLY TAXES FOR PHASE 1	YOUR COST PER WEEK	YOUR COST PER DAY
75,000	\$ 69.38	\$ 1.33	19c
100,000	\$ 92.50	\$ 1.78	25c
150,000	\$ 137.25	\$ 2.64	38c
200,000	\$ 185.00	\$ 3.56	51c

HOME MARKET VALUE	ADD'L. YEARLY TAXES FOR PHASE 2*	YOUR COST PER WEEK	YOUR COST PER DAY
75,000	\$ 36.75	\$ 0.71	10c
100,000	\$ 49.00	\$ 0.94	13c
150,000	\$ 73.50	\$ 1.41	20c
200,000	\$ 98.00	\$ 1.88	27c

*REMEMBER: PHASE 2 WILL NOT GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL STUDENT GROWTH NECESSITATES IT.

roughly \$13 million.

Phase II calls for a second elementary building and an addition to the high school. It would not go into effect until student growth meets projected numbers. "It protects taxpayers from paying

run programs."

The elementary building proposed in Phase I would be built in the northern end of the district (Murray Lake area).

The elementary building proposed for Phase II would

"It is important for citizens to understand that issues such as a community swimming pool and salaries for teachers and staff are not included in the bond issue," Bleke noted.

Attention All Coaches, Proud Parents, Athletes & Others Who Wish To Submit Photos In The Ledger...



It is important that the subject's face not be shaded in order to print your photo clearly in the paper.

All group pictures should be taken **WITHOUT** caps, visors, etc.

Photos will no longer be accepted if faces are too dark.

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Wednesday, the 30th day of August, 2000, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's Office, 1500 Scribner Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, Roger G. Laninga, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "COLDWATER RIVER DRAIN", and the apportionments thereof will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Also on this date, the computation of cost for said drain will be open for inspection by any interested parties. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 336-3688.

WHEREAS, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionments within ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionments. The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

AS A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN THE DISTRICT, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THIS PROJECT.

The following government units and permanent parcel numbers of the parcels of land within the Special Assessment District of said drain will be assessed:

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NOW, THEREFORE, All unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you: Terri L. Land, Clerk of Kent County, Christian Wenger, Bowne Township Supervisor and Jon Rice, Managing Director, Kent County Road Commission, that at such time and place, as stated above, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Coldwater River Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

AND EACH OF YOU, owners and persons interested in the above referenced parcels of land, are hereby given the opportunity to appear at the time and place noted above to review the apportionments and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation to them, if you so desire.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2000.
Roger G. Laninga,
Kent County Drain Commissioner



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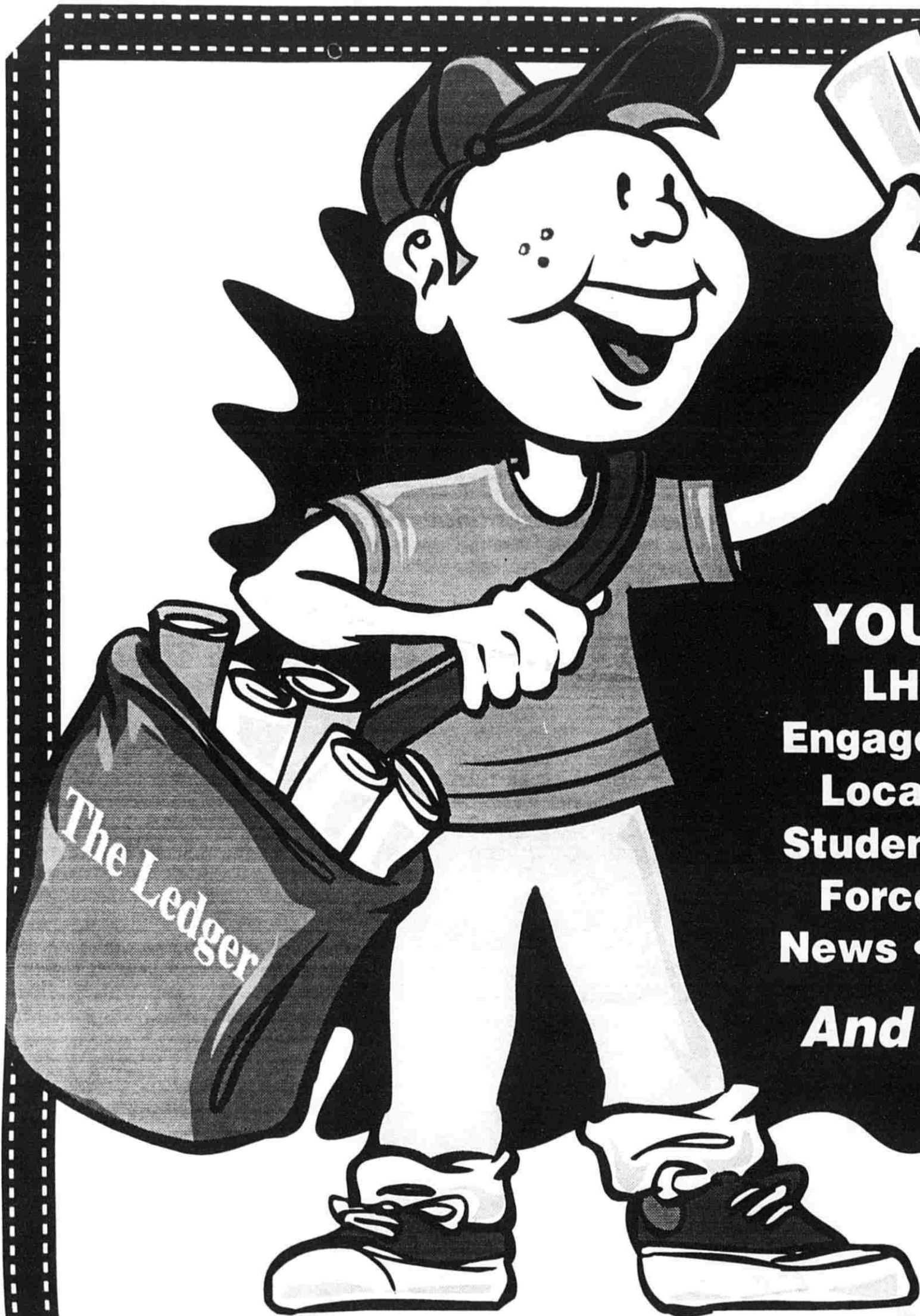
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