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Wednesday, August 1, 2001

Stolen truck culprits easy tracking for state canine, "Yago"

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The truck, River City Auto Service, 1425 W. Main, reported had been stolen on July 22 surfaced again last Wednesday (July 25).

This time officials got the truck and the culprits who stole it.

Lowell police officer Dave Ashton was on patrol Wednesday when he responded to a suspicious situation call at the 200 block of N Center Street.

As the officer pulled up behind a truck and ran the plate numbers, identifying it as the stolen truck, the two suspects standing near the truck took off running.

Both Ashton and officer Chris Hurst, who was patrolling nearby, searched the area for a short time before requesting a tracking dog from the Rockford State Police Post and assistance from Kent County to patrol in the area.

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Planning Commission decides not to pursue farmers market idea

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

After three years of consideration, the Lowell Planning Commission has decided to drop the issue of a farmers market.

A variety of reasons caused the commission to end discussions on the proposed market including visibility and interest.

"It was a good idea at the time, but the more I have thought about it, it would be a hard thing to get off the ground," said Commissioner B.J. Thompson.

Commissioner Dan Pipe, who had been looking into the idea with former Planning Commissioner Gordon Barry, said

he believed the biggest obstacle would be finding a spot that was visible enough for the market to be successful.

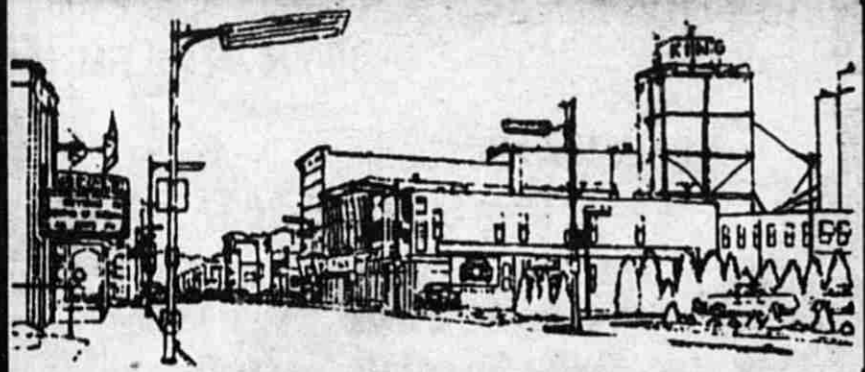
"We thought about tying it in to the Thursday night event," Pipe said, adding that the problem was finding a place where people could see it from the Showboat, the location of the Thursday night Summer Series concerts.

Another concern the commissioners had was that people knew of the Grand Rapids' farmers market and tended to make plans to go there because of the number of vendors in one spot.

"There is spot in front of the Ada Coverbridge and there is

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Along Main Street



GIVE BLOOD - THE GIFT OF LIFE

Give blood - the gift of life at Lowell First United Methodist Church Monday Aug. 6 from 4 to 8 p.m.

The Grand Valley Blood Program Mobile Blood Bus will be located in the church parking lot on the corner of Main and Jackson.

RIVERWALK GALLERY

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present the photography of Lowell resident and artist Todd Roy. The exhibit will be on display through August 17. Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call ahead for viewing 897-9161.

LHS CLASS OF 1961 LOOKING FOR CLASSMATES

The LHS Class of 1961 is looking for addresses for the following: Elsie Backstrom Harrington, Carol Beckett Worden, James Bax, Maribeth Debakey Stapley, Sheran Flynn, Thomas Frieling, John Haraburda, Kay Hawk, Raymond Kelly, William Smith, Sherrie VanderWarf Onstwedder, Kenneth Witherall, Dennis Howe, Sandra Mosher Kroll, Rick Rickner, Tom Evans.

Please call Linda at 897-9924 after 5 p.m.

LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL/FLAG FOOTBALL, 78ers & CHEERLEADING SIGNUPS.

Sign-ups will be held at Cherry Creek cafeteria Aug. 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Aug. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. No late signups.

Flag football: ages 5-7 (must be 5-7 yrs. old by Nov. 1); Youth & 78er football and cheerleading (must be 8 yrs old by Nov. 1, 2001 thru the 8th grade) Questions 897-7896.

FALLSBURG ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE

Free admission to the Fallasburg one-room schoolhouse on Covered Bridge Rd. between Fallasburg Park Drive and McPherson/Potters Road. Open Sundays 2 to 6 p.m. through Oct. 21.



Big Band Closes Out Summer Concert Series

From Jimmy Stagger to the Dixieland Praise Band; from the Rockin' Reunion to Edye Evans Hyde, the first annual Lowell Showboat Summer Concert Series provided a quality, yet diverse mix of music for its patrons. The Grand River Big Band will close out the free Thursday night series with swing music from the 30's to the 70's. The band was formed in May of 1991 for the purpose of presenting a six song "swing era" concert in conjunction with the Grand Rapids Symphonic Band. With the success of that concert, the band has stayed together and played over 100 programs. It has increased its repertoire from its first six songs to well over 200 songs from the 30's, 40', 50's, 60's and 70's, including background music appropriate for dinner, to a swing era dance celebration. Each program always features well known area soloist Carol Bronson, who can croon her way through some 20 ballads and jazz standards. The Grand River Big Band ranges in size from a full 20 piece big band to a smaller 13 piece big band. The Grand River Big Band is directed by Chris R. Hansen and managed by Kris McKay. The big band sounds will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday and conclude at 8:30.

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 Fair Supplement,
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OBITUARIES

HASKINS - Harold C. Haskins died Thursday, July 26, 2001. He was born in a farmhouse in Saranac the son of Alpha and Mary (Baird) Haskins. He entered our world as quietly as he departed it. But his life's journey touched many hearts in Ionia County. This lifetime educator graduated from Saranac High School in 1927. He obtained a bachelor of science degree from Western Michigan University in 1939 and late in his

professional career completed his masters degree at his alma mater in 1961. He applied his evenhanded teaching style at several local schools-Lyons, Hesperia and ultimately returned to his own Saranac High School to serve as principal 1950-58. The gentleman farmer and full-time educator later served at Saranac as a counselor (1959-1975), where he shaped, molded and advised the impressionable youth of Ionia County. He

was a member of the Saranac Community Church as well as the Valley Presbyterian Church in Green Valley, AZ. Mr. Haskins was a member of the Masons, a charter member of the Saranac Lions Club and most recently the Sabbar Temple of Tucson. Green Valley Shrine Club, Hi-Twelve and Men's 260 Club. He is survived by his wife, Faye (Carter) Haskins of Green Valley, AZ, his two sons, Lionel and Chuck of Saranac, his daughter, Rosemary (Haskins) Healy of Stevenson Ranch, CA, stepson David Strand and stepdaughter, Antonia (Strand) Adams - both of Marietta, GA, as well as, 19 grandchild-

dren and many great-grand-children. Funeral Services for Mr. Haskins were Monday at the Saranac Community Church with the Rev. John Madvig officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make a memorial contribution to Saranac Community Schools.

JOHNSON - Erin Charles Johnson, aged 34, of Clarksville, went to be with his Lord July 23, 2001. Erin served as a loan officer and branch manager for Union Bank in Mulliken, and previously in Freeport. He is survived by his wife, Debby; his parents, George and Lucille Johnson; his sister Jami (Todd) Voshell; his nephew, Gordon; his parents-in-law, Keith and Jeanne Newton; his brother and sister-in-law, Chris (Kari) Newton; and many other loving relatives and friends. Visitation will be at the Koops Funeral Chapel in Lake Odessa on Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday at the Calvary Grace Brethren Church in Alto. Memorial contributions may be made to Bethany Christian Services to support adoption services.

COLLEGE NEWS

Seven students from Kent County were among the 97 talented high school juniors and seniors who stayed at Adrian College for two weeks beginning July 8 during the Michigan State Board of Education Summer Institute for the Arts and Sciences.

At Adrian the program is called SEEKS (Sustaining the Environment through Education, Knowledge and Skills). To investigate the relation-

ship between humanity and the environment, the students choose a study area to concentrate on, such as improvisational theatre or environmental science.

Included on the list was Tory O'Haire, the son of Thomas and Patricia O'Haire. He is a student at Lowell High School where he is active in theatre, forensics, choir and art/drama club. His study area at SEEKS is musical theatre.

Never express yourself more clearly than you are able to think.

Niels Bohr

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 01-171-909-DE

Estate of JULIE ANNE OOM, decedent SSN: 262-75-2960

RONNIE L. SMITH, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Avenue N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

7/30/01

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JULIE ANNE OOM, who lived at 17637 Westbrook Drive, Casnovia, Michigan died 7/9/01. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to

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RONNIE L. SMITH 416 Mills Road S.W. Cave Spring, GA 30124 (706) 777-1077

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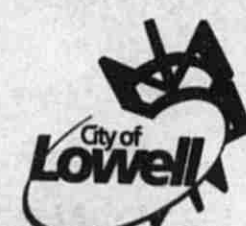
CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 6, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following variance request:

906 N. Washington - Randy and Becky Wieland petitioned to construct a four-foot high fence in their front yard at the northwest corner of N. Washington and Sherman. Under Section 4.07B of the Zoning Ordinance, fences in the required front yard (first 30 feet) must be no higher than three feet.

Interested persons may submit comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street prior to the meeting or appear in person at Englehardt Public Library.



Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

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Interactive painting wall a creation of many folks and a multitude of strokes

Lowell Area Art Council's Art Explosion is visual art works by children and adults, as well as, art samplers and interactive painting wall.



YMCA preschool children add a few brushing touches to the evolving art work. Pictured above, front to back, are: Nick Patterson and Maya Aalsburg.

"The interactive painting wall is an everyday picture which visitors will see changes in the evolution of the art," said Loraine Smalligan Lowell Area Arts Council's executive director, Loraine Smalligan.

Visitors to the art gallery will explore the world of abstract expressionism through art-in-motion; a continuously evolving and changing 9-by-12-foot canvas painting at the

Lowell Area Arts Council. The continuously changing painting will be photographed each day to show visitors the changes made to it. The participatory experience is open to all ages.

Children from the YMCA's preschool program put their brushing touches on the work in progress on Thursday. The 13 three-five year olds splashed, grazed, swept and brushed an array of colors onto the canvas.

"Any visitor or group of visitors to the gallery can add to the art in motion canvas," said David Davis, who is also hosting two drop-in art samplers through the month of August.

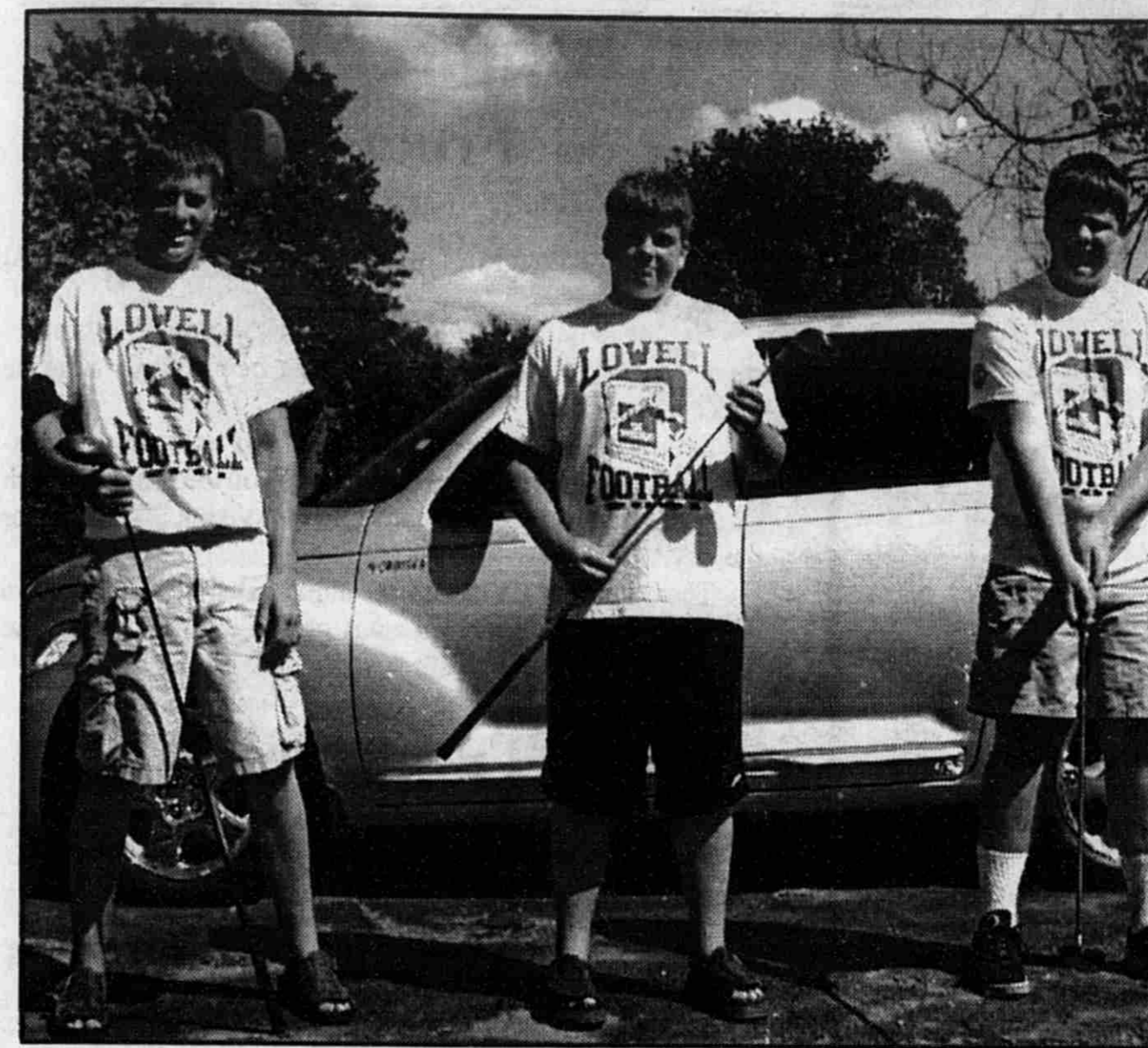


The interactive painting wall will be open to public participation through Aug. 30.

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Golf Proceeds to Benefit 78er's

The first annual Lowell football Pig "Skins" Shoot Out will reside at the Deer Run Golf Club on Friday, Aug. 10. Proceeds from the event will support the Lowell football 78'ers, a non school funded sport program. There are still limited foursome openings. The cost is \$70 per person which includes golf and a cart, beverages, dinner, and gifts for all. If golf is rained out, golf vouchers will be provided. Prizes will be awarded for a number of contests, including closest to the pin, longest drive and best score. A hole-in-one will win a lucky golfer a year's lease on a PT Cruiser from Vennen Chrysler Dodge. The contest is being sponsored by Vennen and Speerstra Insurance Agency. Questions or if interested in donating door prizes or sponsorships, call Perry Beachum 897-7768. Pictured left, from left to right, are: Brock Graham, Tony Adrianse and Joseph Woodhead.



Art, cont'd... From Page 6

Watercolor and Gouche is Sunday, Aug. 12; and Drawing Techniques is Sunday, Aug. 26. Both will run from 1 until 4 p.m.

The visual and literary responses to the Search for Community exhibit are also on display. Visitors to Summer Art Explosion will have an opportunity to compare and contrast the individual interpretations of the template questions. Art supplies and template sheets are available for visitors to fill out their own questionnaires to hang in the exhibit.

The Lowell Area Art Center Gallery is open from noon until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 1 until 4 p.m. on Saturday. Morning appointments can be made by calling the LAAC at 897-8545.

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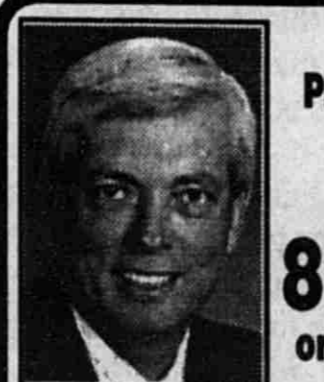
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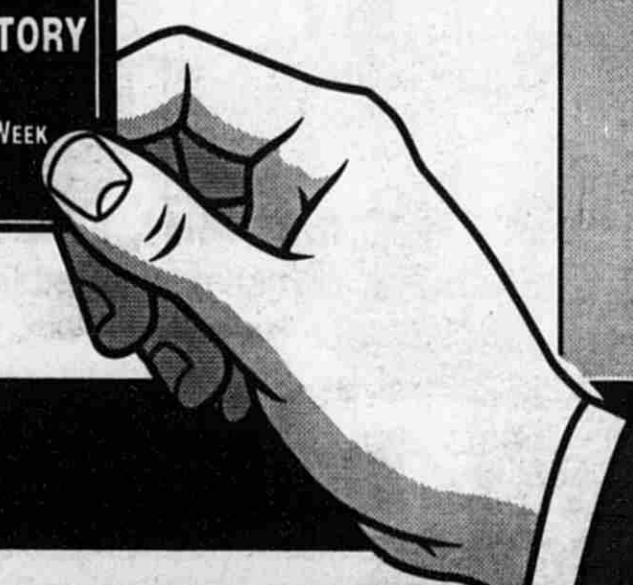
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TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN:

Notice is hereby given that an election on o special Township proposals will be held in the Township of Grattan from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on August 7, 2001. The special Township proposals to be voted upon are a follows:

PROPOSAL NO. 1

.2818 MILL FOR TOWNSHIP GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES RESTORATION OF PAST HEADLEE REDUCTIONS

Shall the Township of Grattan property tax rate limitation be increased, and shall said increase be levied on taxable property in the Township, in the amount of .2818 mill (\$.2818 per \$1,000 of taxable value), subject to reduction as provided by law, for the years 2001-2004, both inclusive?

This proposal is for new millage levy, the purpose of which is to offset decreases in the Township's allocated millage levy as a result of the Headlee Amendment. Property tax revenues generated by this millage levy will be used for general Township operations so that Township residents may continue to receive the benefits of Township government. It is estimated that a levy of .2818 mill would provide revenue of \$27,989 in the first calendar year. Revenues from the millage would be distributed to the Township of Grattan.

____ YES
____ NO

PROPOSAL NO. 2

0.85 MILL FOR TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SERVICES

Shall the Township of Grattan property tax rate limitation be increased, and shall said increase be levied on taxable property in the Township in the amount of .85 mill (\$.85 per \$1,000 of taxable value), subject to reduction as provided by law, for the years 2001-2004, both inclusive?

This proposal is for new millage levy, the purpose of which is solely to provide community services in the Township such as cemetery maintenance, public street improvements, and enforcement and legal defense of the Township Zoning Ordinance. It is estimated that a levy of .85 mill would provide revenue of \$84,425 in the first calendar year. Revenues from the millage would be distributed to the Township of Grattan.

____ YES
____ NO

Voting shall take place at the following polling location:

Grattan Township Hall
12050 Old Belding road
Belding, MI 48809

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

STATEMENT OF KENT COUNTY TREASURER AS TO VOTED INCREASES

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)SS.
COUNTY OF KENT)

I, KENNETH D. PARRISH, Treasurer of Kent County, hereby certify that as of June 20, 2001, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan, is as follows:

Unit	Voted Increases	Years Effective
Kent County	.84 Mills .25	1990 to 2009 Incl. 1998 to 2005 Incl.
Grattan Township	1.00 Mills .50 Mills	1999 to 2003 Incl. 1999 to 2003 Incl.
Belding Area Schools	18.00 Mills	1999 to 2018 Incl.
Lowell Area Schools	None	
Rockford Public Schools	18.00 Mills	2000 to 2004 Incl.

Date: June 20, 2001

Kenneth D. Parrish, Treasurer -Kent County

This Election Notice is given by authority of the Township Board of the Township of Grattan, County of Kent, State of Michigan.

Lana F. Green, Township Clerk - Township of Grattan

Farmer's Market, cont'd... From Page 1

usually only a couple of vendors," said Commissioner Al Mathews.

Commissioners noted that Ionia has a spot for a farmers market as well. Pipe said few cities have been able to make the concept work.

Seeing no support for the project at this time, the commission decided to postpone continued work on the project, which Chairman James Hall said came out of a vision 2000 plan for the city.

The Planning Commission indicated that if the public should ask for a farmers market or something similar, the commission would be willing to revisit the subject.

Stolen Truck, cont'd... From Page 1

State Police trooper David Fast put his tracking dog "Yago" to work after arriving on the scene.

After sniffing around the truck for a short period of time, Yago needed just 15 minutes to track the suspects down who were walking north on the railroad tracks behind the middle school.

Upon fleeing officer Ashton, the suspects hid in an area of brush around the Center Court Apartments. When the Lowell Police officer did not leave the scene right away, the suspects fled.

Chris Wolfe and Robert Stiles both of the Lowell area were charged with unauthorized driving away of an automobile and with receiving and concealing stolen property.

GARAGE SALE SECTION



GARAGE SALE

Aug. 2 & 3, 11537 36th St., 1/4 mile W. of Alden Nash, 9-6. 2 China cabinets (1 antique) butcher block table, pitcher & bowl with stand, antique ox yoke, Little Tikes, lots of items.

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BACK YARD SALE

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CENTER COURT APARTMENTS 3RD ANNUAL

YARD SALE

August 4, 8 am -5 pm. 219 -317 N. Center.

YARD SALE

August 3, 9 am. - 5 pm., 126 N. Hudson, table saw, bike rack & much more.

BARN SALE

August 1, 2 & 3, 1920 Hawley Hwy., lots of everything. Rain or Shine, includes toys, books, tools, clothes, baby items and misc.

HUGE GARAGE SALE

Sat., Aug. 4, 9-3 p.m. Multi-family, dishwasher, elec. range, lots of misc. 13274 Vergennes.

ESTATE/GARAGE/MOVING SALE

104 Vizsla Point, off Whites Bridge, N. of Potters to Sparks to Vizsla. Men's tools, furniture, upright freezer, building materials, plumbing, electrical, some new in boxes, lights, several guns, 1989 Ford 4x4 F250, needs motor work, large variety of misc. items. Everything must go. Come rain or shine. Starting Aug. 2, Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 10-6 p.m. Call 897-7608 w/questions or directions.

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Nugent's role in the fair changes; but her enthusiasm remains unaltered

•••Kerry Nugent fills her summers away from her science classroom at Forest Hills Northern High School as a fair board assistant for the Kent County Youth Fair Board.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Kerry Nugent is a prime example as to why the success of the Kent County Youth Fair continues into its 67th year.

Gleaning participatory, social and community service benefits from a 14-year association with the Kent County Youth Fair, Nugent serves the organization through her role as fair board assistant throughout the summer.

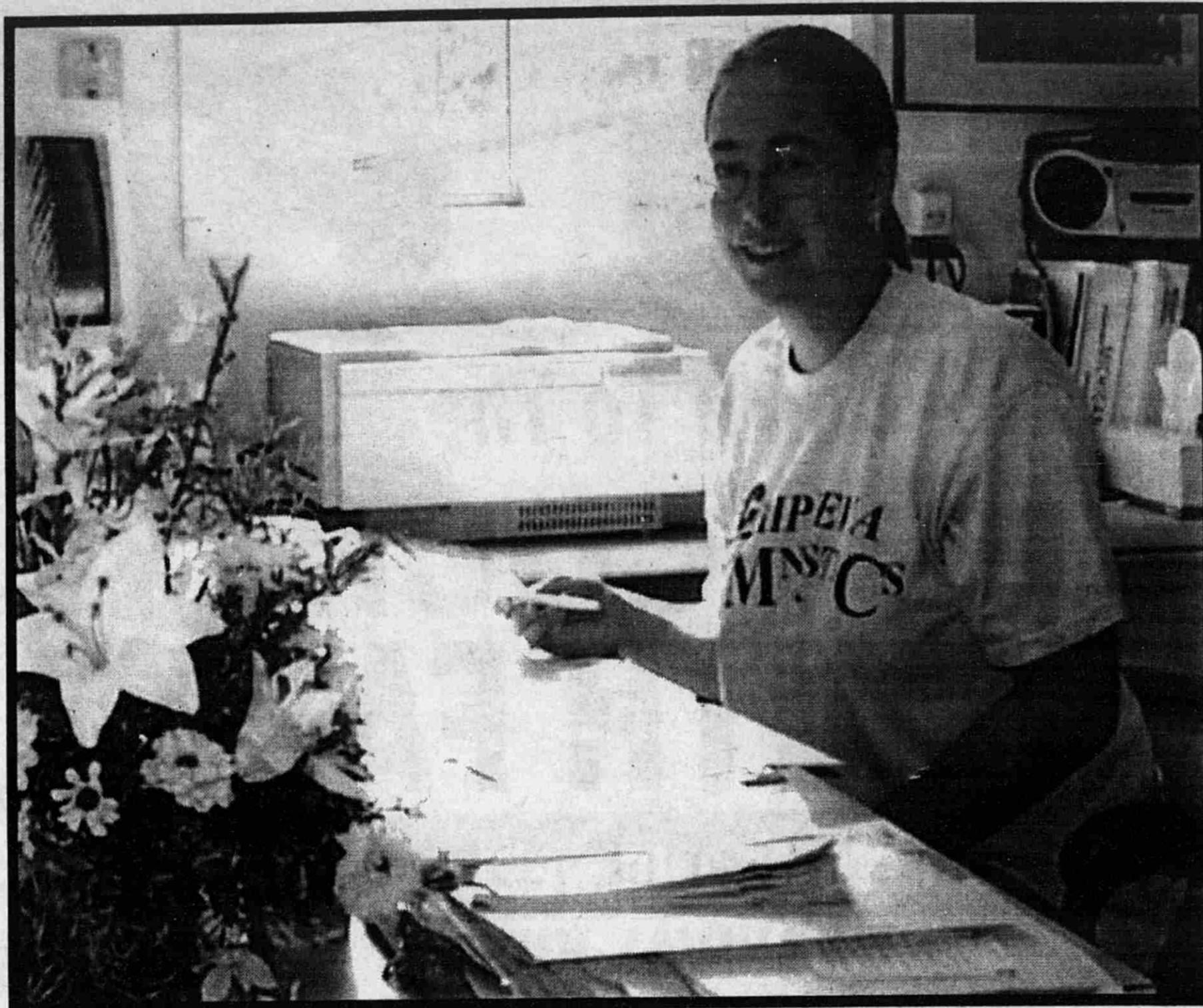
The second-year Forest Hills Northern High School science teacher helps run and organize non fair-related events, (e.g., tractor and horse pulls and horse, rabbit and trailer shows) as well as helps to organize fair commercial exhibits, the truck raffle, fairground setup, orders tents, and other odds and ends.

"I'm also here to answer questions about project areas and any other questions parents may have," Nugent said. "It keeps me very busy, but I enjoy it."

The fairground renovation, which has evolved over the last 3-5 years, has been instrumental in increasing the amount of year-round traffic which passes through the fairgrounds.

For most, Nugent is that friendly voice and/or face that helps make the experience a pleasant one.

In between her roles as fair participant and fair board assistant, Nugent served as a program assistant which involved her in Grand Rapids community center character education programs and urban gardening.



Kerry Nugent answers many questions and completes much of the organizational/paper work that goes into preparing for the Kent County Youth Fair.

Through it all, Nugent is much more cognizant of the work involved in putting the Kent County Youth Fair together. "I know it's a lot of work. As a Participant you show up for week and then leave, not realizing what all goes into it," Nugent explained. "There are a lot of people who put in many volunteer hours; and it takes a lot of money. The fair also receives a great deal of community support from the city of

Lowell and the Chamber of Commerce."

While large-scale farm families are being replaced by the hobby farmers, Nugent says the enthusiasm and knowledge gained from the fair is still present.

For Nugent, the only way to witness and experience this is to get out and enjoy the fair.

There's plenty for everyone at this year's youth fair

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As patrons visit the 67th annual Kent County Youth Fair, they may ask what are the big tents for?

There are record number of sheep and horses registered to for show at this year's fair.

There are enough stalls to house 200 horses. There will be 212 horses on display by youth fair participants at the judging exhibits.

The other tent will be home for 121 sheep for the six-day event.

The 67th annual Kent County Youth Fair officially gets underway on Monday Aug. 6. at 6:30 p.m. The fair's opening ceremonies will be held on Sunday, Aug. 5 at the stage tent. The royal court coronation will follow.

The fair will showcase over 3,000 exhibits and over 900 exhibitors.

Opening day highlights will feature a youth talent contest at 7:30 p.m. in the stage tent; and a antique tractor pull at 7 p.m. in the track area.

On Tuesday, Aug. 7 Rich Eddie's Rockin' Oldies Band will be the featured entertainment at 7:30 p.m. The day will

also include Whitecap's "Crash" autographs from 1-1:30 p.m.; a mini mule pull at 4 p.m. and an open class mule pull at 7 p.m.; the strolling quartet Goldmine will perform from 4 until 7 p.m.

Ventriliquist Moo Mania will visit the fairgrounds on Wednesday, Aug. 9 from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m.; Jammin' Jim performs from 7 until 8 p.m.; and the National Championship Light Weight Horse Pull also begins at 7 p.m.

Grand Rapids Griffins' "Griff" will sign autographs on Thursday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the community tent.

The much successful livestock sale begins at 2 p.m. Friday night (Aug. 10) in the horse arena the always popular NBHA Speed Horse Show will start at 7 p.m.

The John Ball Zoological Society brings its traveling zoo to the fairgrounds from 2 until 4 p.m. The animals will be shown inside the community tent.

On the fair's final day (Saturday Aug. 11), there will be a puff the dragon pedal pull (midway area) at 2 p.m. and a celebrity donkey race at 3 p.m. in the horse arena.

The drawing for the new 2001 Chevy Silverado 4X4, 1/2 ton extended cab will take place immediately following the donkey race.

Success found for all at livestock auction

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The success of some fair livestock auctions are judged based on what price the grand champion brings in.

That would not be true when speaking of Kent County Youth Fair's livestock auction.

"That's what I like about the support our livestock auction receives," said fair board treasurer, Seymour Gould. "The grand champion may not get the super big dollars like that of some fairs, but the average price at our fair for everyone is greater than most. The support we get is for everybody not just one."

In each of the last two years, the livestock auction has averaged \$300,000. "The board gets a four percent commission to cover auction expenses. The rest is all for the kids,"


Gould explains. "The overall support (county wide and locally) for the auction is excellent."

Much of that success can be traced back to the kids, their leaders and parents. "The leaders and parents make sure the kids bring in quality animals each year. It's a reflection of their dedication and work."

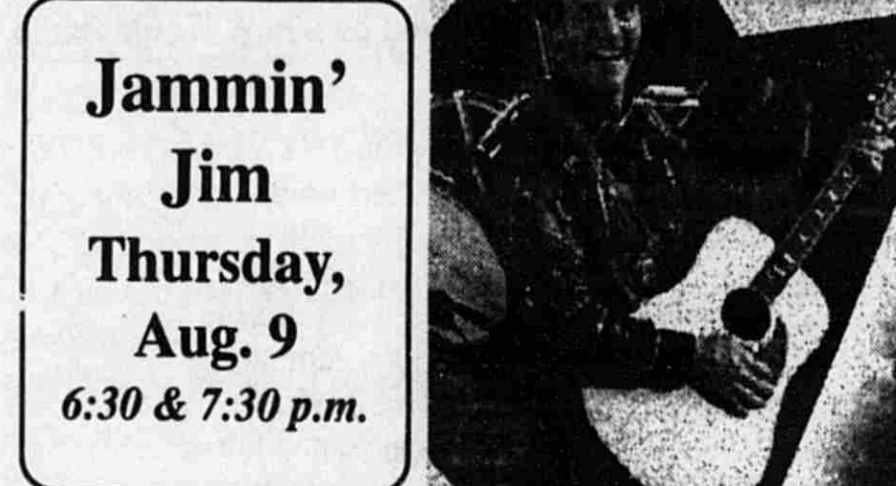
The livestock auction starts at 2 p.m. on Thursday (Aug. 9).

The small animals (rabbits and chickens) are sold first, followed by hogs, lambs, feeder calves, gallon of milk, and beef.


The gallon of milk enables the youth fair participant showing the highest production cow to sell two gallons of milk. The first sale is for the exhibitor and the second gallon goes toward a dairy development fund.



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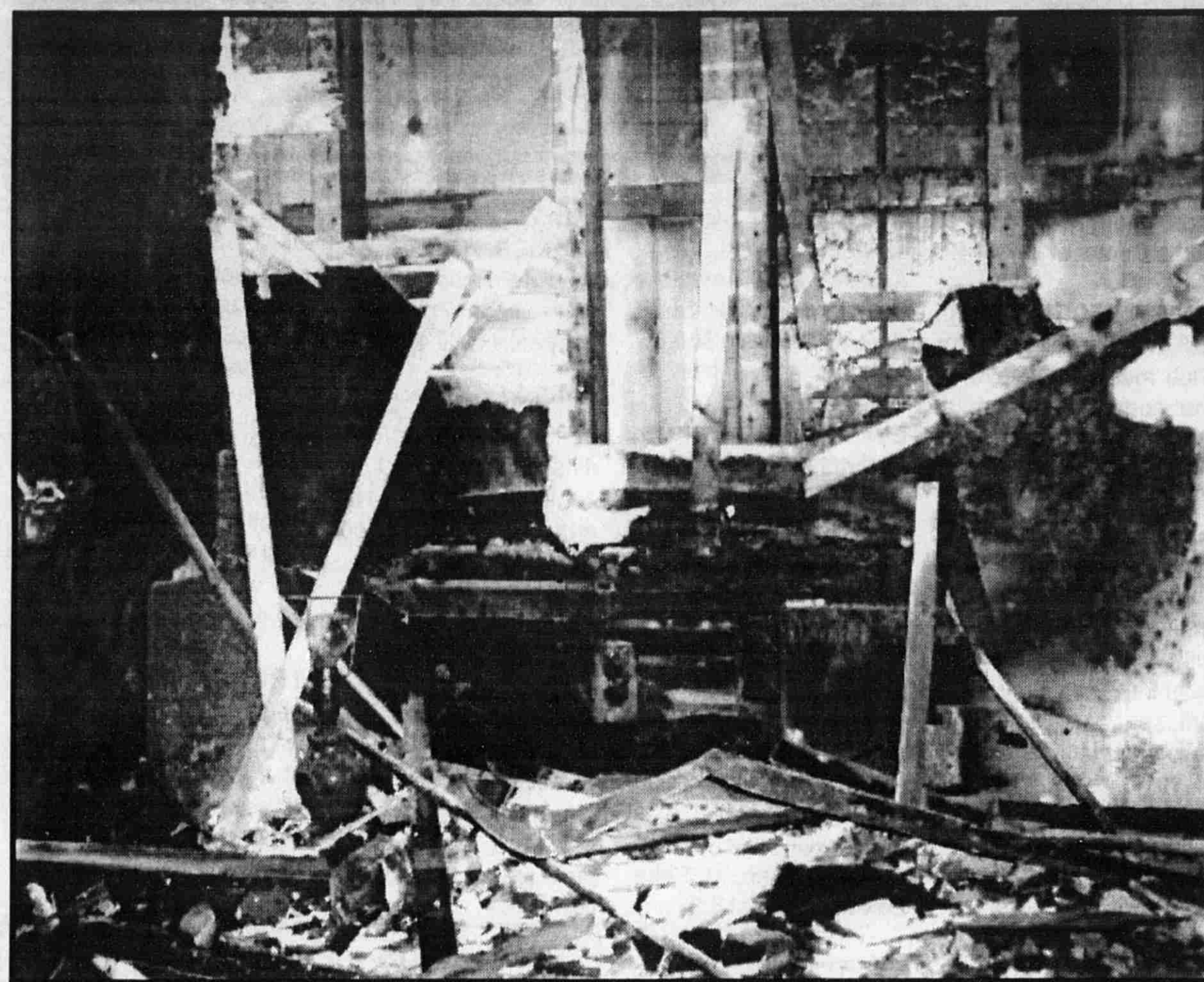
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Eight-year-old's watchful eye saves neighbor's home

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Michelle Fyan, 318 Lincoln Lake, left her home at 12:30 Wednesday (July 25) afternoon.

Eight-year-old Andrew Cline, 324 Lincoln Lake, noticed smoke coming from his neighbor's window as he watched his stepfather work on a computer on from their front porch.

"He alerted me to it. I looked and then saw smoke coming from the vents by the windows and thought that's a fire and that's when I called for help," said Cline's stepfather Paul Bieri. The call went out at 12:48 p.m.

Cline's alertness and the telephone call that followed saved Fyan's house. "Another five minutes, the windows would have been popping and Fyans probably would have lost their home," said fire chief Frank Martin. "When we entered the house the temperature inside had to be 800-900 degrees with the way some things had melted."

While the inside of the house suffered roughly \$60,000 worth of damage, the house fire was hardly noticeable from the outside, according to Martin.

With the exception of a front and back window the fire department had to break and a door it kicked in, there was no sign of fire damage on the exterior of the home.

Martin said electric is believed to have been the cause of a fire which started in the kitchen.

Lowell's Hanson named an All-American scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced that **Ben Hanson** of Lowell has been named an All-American Scholar.

All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average and only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted. Once awarded, the students may be recognized by the USAA for other honors.

Hanson, who attends Lowell Middle School, was nominated for this national award by Sara Guile. He will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Hanson is the son of Dale and Jan Hanson of Lowell.

State Mobile Branch Office to visit Lowell in August

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller announced that the secretary of State Mobile Branch Office will be providing full branch office services to residents in Lowell in August.

"The Mobile Branch office consistently earns excellent customer ratings from residents throughout Michigan," Secretary Miller said.

"It provides prompt, courteous and efficient service in a variety of locations, making it even easier for residents to do business with the Secretary of State. I am pleased it can be in West Michigan this month and in August."

The Mobile Branch Office schedule for Lowell is Thursday, Aug. 9 and Friday, Aug. 10, Kent Country Youth Fair, 225 S. Hudson, Lowell. Mobile Branch Office hours will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

The Mobile Branch Office will also be in Lake Odessa, downtown Detroit,

Wixom, Westphalia and at the Michigan State Fair in August.

The Mobile Branch Office Provides all of the services found at any Secretary of State branch office. Driver licenses and license plates can be renewed up to six months early without penalty at the Mobile Branch Office. No forms are necessary, however,

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Planning commission opts to go on a case by case basis for floor area

••• Commissioner Clark Jahnke will seek opinions of the council.

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

After several months of discussion, the Lowell Planning Commission decided it would rather go on a case by case basis when determining if a proposed home's floor area should be reduced.

The Planning Commission had been considering a proposal by Planning Commissioner Clark Jahnke that suggested decreasing the minimum usable square footage in the R1 district from 1,500 to 1,000 with 700 of that being required on the ground floor. In the R2 and R3 zones, Jahnke recommended that the minimum requirement be reduced from 1,000 to 850 with 700 of that being on the ground floor in R2 and 500 of it being on the ground floor in R3.

"When we have a reoccurring nature such as this it needs to be addressed in the ordinance," Jahnke said.

However, the rest of the commission didn't feel that way. "I would rather address this on a case by case basis," said Planning Commissioner B.J. Thompson, who objected to the change.

Other commissioners discussed whether a new zoning district would be more appropriate, something that Jahnke said he was willing to consider but that a previous Planning Commission decided it did not want to do.

The issue came to light when the Planning Commission discovered that it appeared it was approving a number of variances for house that didn't quite fit the current minimum usable floor area. Jahnke was appointed to look into the issue and he studied primarily the area of James and High streets. On those streets, there are two Habitat for Humanity homes and one HUD home, all of which had made variance requests

to reduce the amount of usable square footage.

Jahnke spent about seven months looking into the issue and decided that what really needed to be done was to modify the wordage for the zones of R1, R2, and R3, all of which deal with single family housing. Jahnke's proposal would only have changed the usable floor area, nothing else, which means that current lot sizes and setbacks would remain as is.

The Planning Commission unanimously voted down the proposal from Jahnke, who in turn asked that he be allowed to present the issue to the Lowell City Council at its next meeting, Aug. 6. Jahnke said he wanted to get the council's opinion on the matter.

"Well I don't want him going there presenting this like it happens all the time, when it doesn't" Thompson said.

Planning Commission Chair James Hall said he would be at the meeting and felt Jahnke and he could present a fair picture of what was taking place.

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Cammy Lou Phillips of Jenison and Richard Daniel Ayers of Lowell are engaged to be married. The bride-elect is the daughter of Brian and Bona Beckley of Alma. The future groom is the son of Bill and Jeri Ayers of Elkton, Maryland. The couple is planning an Aug. 17, 2001 wedding.

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ents can actually cultivate this in their children? Yes, according to Seligman, a well-known psychologist and author, optimism can be learned. How do we do that? Here are some helpful guidelines:

1) Help your child find the "funny" side of life. For instance, if he/she is upset by a pencil breaking while drawing, just say, "Oh, well it won't take more than six hours to get that pencil sharpened. Exaggeration of something can often bring out the giggles.

2) Be a memory aid to your child. When he or she is devastated by a loss, help remind him about the times when he or she came out on the winning end. Also, it's important not to overstate the importance of winning, and create a philosophy of, "you win some and you lose some." That's life.

3) Promote good emotional control. This can be done by allowing some cry time or whine time. Tell your child that he or she has five

minutes in which to let out all of the negative emotions, then once that time is up, they have to become task focused and more upbeat and positive.

4) Provide time to let your child beam with pride. Children who feel appreciated are more confident and self assured. Let your child show you something new that he learned on the computer. Also, when you are with your child, minimize the interruptions (i.e. choose not to pick up the phone when you are

with your child because this says to your child that they are important.)

5) Parents need to handle the ups and downs of life with finesse. Also, let your children know how you cope with frustrations. (i.e. Mom - "I work in the garden when I get grumpy." Dad: "I go for a walk when I'm feeling frustrated.")

Finding a silver lining is a challenge for all of us. This is especially true for children because they have so little control over what happens to them. The adults in their environment need to point out the silver lining. Make a habit of recalling one good memory from each day even if it was just not being picked on during the noon hour. Optimism is a patterned way of thinking. It is learned behavior. So, helping your child train their brain to be optimistic is a wonderful gift that you can give.

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FINANCIAL FOCUS WHEN SHOULD YOU "REBALANCE" YOUR INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO?

Once you create an investment portfolio, it's important to keep track of it on a regular basis. Over time, you'll have to make adjustments in response to changes in your life and the marketplace. If you do a good job, your vigilance will be rewarded with a portfolio that reflects your personal and financial situations at every stage of your life.

When you first build your portfolio, you need to factor in three key elements:

Your investment personality—All of us have different investment personalities. Some of us are comfortable accepting a larger degree of risk in exchange for potentially higher returns. Others would rather know that our principal is fairly secure, even if it means accepting little or no growth. As you put various investments into your portfolio,

you'll need to make sure that you are comfortable with the cumulative level of risk.

Your time horizon—What you choose to invest in depends a great deal on how long you plan to invest. If you're just starting out, you may want to tilt your portfolio more heavily toward growth stocks. These stocks are also the most volatile, but, with many years to go before you retire, you will have time to "ride out" these ups and downs.

Your investment goals—What you plan to do with your investments is also a key factor in selecting them. For example, if you need to accumulate a lot of money in 10 years to pay for your 8-year-old's college education, then you're probably going to choose some different investments than you would if you're primarily saving for your retirement in 30 years.

Your first challenge is to accommodate all these factors and build a diversified portfolio. Your next challenge is to "rebalance" this portfolio when needed, in response to changed conditions—either in your life or in the financial markets.

What types of changes could cause you to rebalance your portfolio? The possibilities are numerous. If you have a new child, you may need to reposition some assets to build savings for college. If you start a new job with a bigger salary, you may be able to allocate more money among a wider array of investments. If you're entering your retirement years, you may want to shift some (but not all) growth assets into income-producing vehicles.

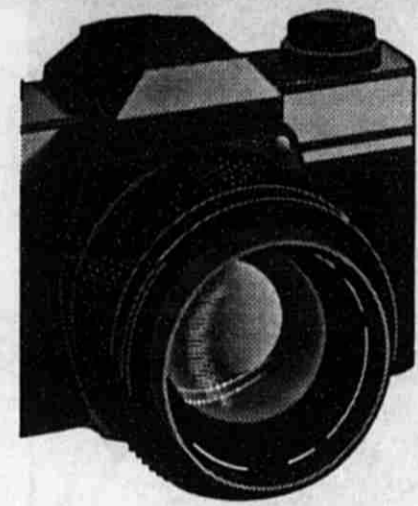
Changes in the financial markets also can lead to the need to rebalance. If your holdings are somewhat heavily weighted toward a particular sector, and that sector is poised for an extended rough spell, you may want to make some adjustments. Or, if you have some international investments in one particular region, and that region has lost its luster, you may want to shift some dollars to another area.

However, you'll want to be careful not to overreact to short-term market events. Ideally, you want to buy quality investments, hold them for the long term and ignore

short-term price fluctuations. It may be time to rebalance if you sense a significant "sea change" is under way—but

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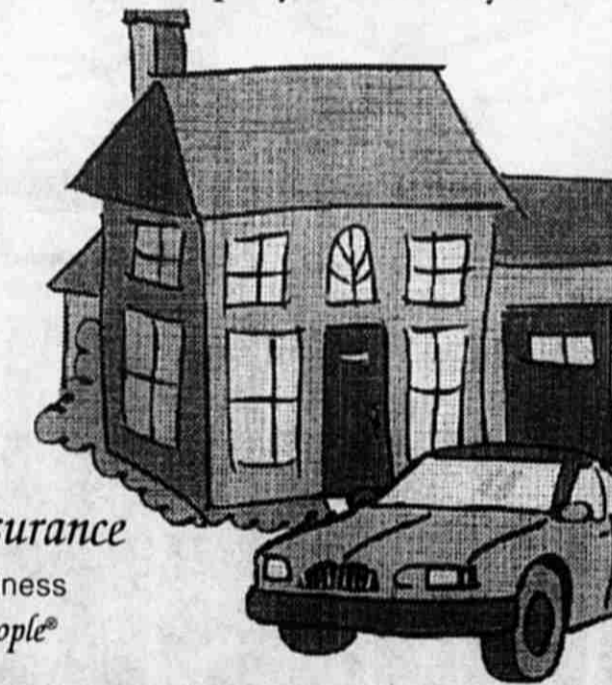
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Contemporary jazz artist hits all the right notes in an evening of jazz standards at the Lowell Showboat Summer Concert Series. Eyde Evans Hyde was accompanied by Lowell's Roger MacNaughton. The 10th and final week of the series will feature the Grand River Big Band.



CLASSIFIEDS

The Kent County Youth Fair Starts August 6!

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FOR SALE

FISHING BOAT/ MOTOR and TRAILER - for sale. \$800 firm. Call David for details after 4 pm at 897-2170.

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GREAT FAMILY HOME - 3+ acres, surrounded by 100 acres DNR reserve property. Great neighbors, lots of bedrooms & baths, 2 large covered porches, 2,300 sq. ft. finished + 420 sq. ft. walk out, family room ready for carpet & available now. Lakewood Schools. Price \$186,000. 616-367-4807.

BEDROOM SET - real Cherry sleigh bed, dresser mirror, chest & night stand. Retail \$5,800, sacrifice \$2,250. Can deliver. 293-7430.

FOR SALE - 6 person hot tub, 8 years old, \$1,350. Call 897-6016, moving & need to sell.

FOR SALE BY OWNER - 3 bed, 1 bath home, close to park & schools, finished basement, 2 stall garage, 6x8 shed, fenced back yard with patio. \$110,000. Call 897-1517. Open House Sunday 12-3 p.m. 1445 Carol Lynne, Lowell.

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DINING SET - Cherry table, 8 chairs, lighted china hutch & buffet. Never used. Retail, \$8,000. Sell \$2,250; sideboard server \$395. Must sell 293-7430.

FOR SALE - 2000 14ft. deep V, aluminum fishing boat & trailer, \$1,200. Call 691-8923 after 5 pm.

LINCOLN LAKE - 2 bedroom year round lakefront home, awesome view. Walking distance to golf course, land contract terms, \$229,000. Call 616-754-4737.

FURROWING & GESTATION CRATES - and other hog equipment too. Call 897-9440.

3/4 ACRE LOT IN TANGLEWOOD ESTATES - Perfect for walkout or mtg. home. Close to new expressway, \$19,900. Westdale BH&G 616-538-8500 or JoAnn Church, 616-534-8945.

1999 SIERRA TRAILER - 37 ft. two slide outs, two bedrooms, four bunks, king bed, smooth siding. Extra storage used as seasonal \$18,500 o.b.o. 616-868-9947.

ADA SECLUSION - 11 acres, barn, 3 bedroom ranch overlooking in ground swimming pool! Property borders Purple Creek. Don Reedy Jr. 897-0444 REEDY REALTY, INC. www.reedyplace.com.

HOME FOR SALE - Ada, 7 acres + pond, 3,400 sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 fireplaces, living/family/rec rooms. A must see. \$265,000. Also 3 wooded acres, \$70,000. Call 676-9035 or 874-7697.

QUEEN MATTRESS SETS - Double shipped wholesale order. Prices starting at \$199. Still in factory plastic. Also fulls & kings. 293-7430 can deliver.

FOR SALE - 2 story, 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home on 1 country acre. Located on blacktop road between Saranac & Ionia. New roof, septic system & water heater - family room with fireplace, central air, water softener & appliances included. 2016 ft. of living space. Large 2 stall garage 576 ft. plus additional storage add on. \$139,000 For info call (616) 642-9919.

1996 DODGE CARAVAN SPORT - 7 passenger, well maintained, much new. \$5,700. Must sell 897-1289.

FOR SALE - 1985 Pace Arrow, 30 ft. motorhome. 454 with Banks headers, twin beds, rear bath, generator. Available with purchase August Michigan Race infield passes. \$13,500. Call 616-794-2154.

WANTED

WANTED - facility. Apostolic Lighthouse. Phone Pastor Robert Hubbard, 616-241-1739; e-mail aplighthouse@yahoo.com.

WANTED TO BUY - Twin canopy bed. 897-7389.

LOST BLACK LAB - "Reiley" 3 years old, Murray Lake area. Call 897-8496.

LOST - A black and grey tabby cat named Tigger. He is an outdoor cat and not a stray. Loves people. Please find him and call 897-0099 or take him to 219A Center Court Apartments, Lowell.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT - 1 bedroom house in Lowell; also large 1 bedroom apt. in Saranac. Call 897-7441.

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Lowell YMCA



Have a Kickin' Time with Youth Soccer

MINI KICKERS - BOYS & GIRLS AGES 3-5 & KINDERGARTNERS

MINI KICKERS (3-5 year olds)

These instructional programs are held at Creekside Park and teach the fundamentals of the game and begin building teamwork skills.

Program runs Mid-September thru October

Mini Kickers #1 (ages 3 & 4): Saturday • 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.
(Instructional) Sept. 8 - Oct. 13

Mini Kickers #2 (ages 4 & 5): Saturday • 12:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
(Instructional with games) Sept. 8 - Oct. 13

Mini Kickers #3 (ages 4 & 5): Mondays • 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
(Instructional with games) Sept. 10 - Oct. 15

YMCA Facility Members: \$25 • Program-Members: \$30 • Non-Members: \$40
• Registration Deadline: September 4

KINDERGARTEN (League Play)

Held at Creekside Park.

We'll play a total of 6 Saturday games beginning September 8.
Practice begins in late August.

Coaches will notify players of dates and times of first practice.

YMCA Facility Members: \$26 • Program-Members: \$31 • Non-Members: \$45
Registration Deadline: August 14

YOUTH SOCCER - BOYS & GIRLS GRADES 1-8

1st and 2nd GRADE (League Play) Games will be played at Township Park

3rd and 4th GRADE (League Play) Games will be played at Township Park

5th and 6th GRADE (League Play)

7th and 8th GRADE BOYS (League Play)

7th and 8th GRADE GIRLS (League Play)

Games will be played at
Township Park or
other area YMCAs and schools.

Practices start after the Coaches Meeting on Tuesday, August 21. 7th and 8th grade league will be co-ed if not enough players sign up for separate teams. Coaches will notify players of dates and times of first practice. Games will start on Saturday, Sept. 8 and end Oct. 20 for grades 1-6. Each team will meet twice a week - once for practice and once for a game. Games for 1st-6th grades will all be played on Saturdays, except for make-ups.

7th-8th graders play on week nights and Saturdays. NOTE: We WILL have away games!

1st - 6th grade fees - YMCA Facility Members: \$29 • Program-Members: \$34 • Non-Members: \$45 • Registration Deadline: August 14

7th - 8th grade fees - YMCA Facility Members: \$36 • Program-Members: \$41 • Non-Members: \$51 • Registration Deadline: August 14

THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO REGISTER...

1. IN PERSON: Stop in the Lowell YMCA Office 323 West Main Street, 49331
2. BY MAIL: to the above address.
3. BY PHONE: 897-8445 with VISA, Mastercard, American Express or Discover

Financial assistance is available for those in need. Deadline for assistance is August 3.

COACHES, we need you! YMCA Youth Sports depend on volunteer coaches.

Please check the box on the registration form or call the Lowell YMCA to volunteer.

Coaches Meeting: Tuesday, August 21: Grades K-2, 6:00 p.m. & Grades 3-6, 7:00 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary School, YMCA Child Care Room

* No refunds or credits will be issued after teams are assembled without medical confirmation.

**LIMITED SPACE!
REGISTER NOW!**

Deadline Monday, Aug. 14.
After August 14, Add \$5 For Late Fee.

2001 Registration Form Return form to: Lowell YMCA, 323 West Main, Lowell, MI 49331 One child per form. Fee must accompany the form.

PROGRAM: Mini-Kickers #1 Mini-Kickers #2 Mini-Kickers #3 Kindergartner 1st-2nd 3rd-4th 5th-6th Boys 7th-8th Girls 7th-8th

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Phone (h) _____ (w) _____ Birthdate _____ Sex _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ YMCA Member? Yes No

T-shirt Size 6-8 10-12 14-16 AS AM AL AXL Seasons Played _____ School _____

I hereby certify that the above child is in normal health and capable of participating safely in this program. I also understand and agree that the Lowell YMCA may use my child's name or pictures of him/her participating in this program without compensation or liability to me or my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

I would like to volunteer as: Coach Assistant Coach Other Coaches Preferred Practice Night _____

Amt. Paid _____

MC/Visa/AMX/Discover# _____ Exp. Date _____ Name (as it appears on the card) _____

