## The Grand Valley Ledger

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ment negotiated by the Board of those three had been on the Education with resigning Board the longest, backed Kelly Superintendent Donald Kelly in the past, and negotiated the has given Lowell resident Pat severance agreement with him. Dressel reason to renew her recall drive against Board members Linda Beers, Roger Kropf, and Wayne Dowling.
Dressel said Monday that she was "going to go for it." She added that she doesn't "see a logical reason for pay
not doing his job." rot doing his job.
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her recall drive against
ducting the recall -- Dressel esti- tha
mated that the information sig
amounted ot four days worth of sig reading.
If an individual still desires to go ahead with the recall, he or she may formulate a petition and submit it to the County Election Commission, which has 21 days to set a hearing date for the petition and notify the persons being recalled.
If the Commission judges that the petition is clearly worded and that the petitioner has sufficent grounds for a recall drive, then and that if the Board had fired signatures. When enough valid his salary for the next two years. signatures have been collected, Kropf added that Kelly's reshe seats of recalled come up for election. Dressel is at the point of formulating a petition. Should her petiton be looked upoa favorably, she would be required to collect 1,371 signatures to force an election.
School Board President Roger Kropf said Tuesday that Kelly' ignation was a "mutual agreement."

Board Member Linda Beers said that though the resignation was Kelly's decision, the fact that the Board agreed to accept it indicated that they were not opposed to it.
The severance agreement appears to have riled members of the teachers union (see Letters to the Editor). Tom Stahr, presi-
dent of the Lowell Education As-
sociation, said that the amount of money granted to Kelly would also cover retroactivity for teacher salaries, a major sticking point in contract negotiations. Stahr said, however, that if the severance agreement seemed fair and equitable to the Board, that was their business. But he felt that if money were available for a severance payment of this size, then it ought to be available for teacher salaries.


## ALONG MAIN STREET SPRING I PROGRAM

The Lowell YMCA will begin its Spring I program February 28. 1983. The following classes will be offered for youth: Dance Class, Indoor Y-Swim Lessons, Kiddy Gym, Elementary Tumbling and ning and advanced). Men's Basketball and something new Aerobics with Ease. Those classes offered for youth and adult are: Aerobics with Ease. Those classes offered for youth and adult are
Guitar lessons and Karate. For more information contact the YMCA at $897-8445$.

YMCA YOUTH SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION
Attention youth soccer players! The YMCA Youth Soccer registration will begin at the Lowell YMCA March 1st, 1983. The deadline for registration will be noon March 18, 1983. Boys and girls in the lst thru 8th grades can register for the program on a first come, first serve basis. The YMCA is also looking for adult soccer coaches. If interested please call the YMCA at 897-8445.
ALONG MAIN STREET
j) SKILL CENTER INFORMATION NIGHT

The Student Services Center is sponsoring a Skill Center information night for students, and parents of students, in the tenth and eleventh grades. The meeting will serve as an introduction to the
Skill Center and as the firs step in the Skill Center sign-up for the 1983.84 school year. The meeting will be 7P.M. Thursday, March 3, in the K-quad at the high school.

LAST WEEKEND FOR "SNOW JOB"
This weekend, February 24-26, is your last chance to see the LAAC weekend, February 24-26, is your last chance to see the P.M. each night. Tickets may be reserved by seeing Dolores Dey or Shirley Smith at "That Special Place" or by calling them at 897. 8545.

## DONKEY BASKETBALL

Don't miss the chance the opportunity to see staff from the high school and middle school sitting on their donkeys during the Donkey Basketball game to be held Wednesday, February 23, at $7: 30$ P.M. Tickets for the game will be $\$ 2$. for adults, $\$ 1.50$ for everyone
else Procceds from the game will benefit the Lowell Athletic Booselse. P
yers.

OFF THE BLOTTER
Hubert Blough of Freeport lost control of his car early Saturday morning on S. Hudson St near Grand River Dr. Blough struck a guard rail and rolled over No injuries resulted from the accident. Arrested and lodged in the Kent County Jail on charges of fleeing and eluding a police officer was Robert Reedy of Lowell. Reedy was arrested Saturday evening by Lowell officen after a 7 -mile chase

Christopher Martinez of Grand Rapids was taken to the Kent County Jail early Sunday morning on charges of driving while 4) Hicense suspended. He was released on bail Sunday evening pending a later court date.
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## New restaurant to open soon in Rivertown Mall



The Afterdeck manager Beth Scully.
offer a wide variety of sea food weekends.
items such as crab legs, salmon fillet, stuffed sole. and shrimp. n addition, The Afterdeck will also offer a variety of beef entrés such as prime rib and New York strip steak.
The restaurant tentatively plans to be open Tuesday through Saturday, serving lunch at 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. and reopening for dinner at 5 P.M. The Afterdeck will be open until I P.,M. Tuesday through Thurs-
day, and until 11 P.M. on day, and until II P.M. on

The restaurant management also plans a Sunday truch for the near future.
The Afterdeck has obtained a liquor license, and consequently will feature a small bar with seating for about 20 patrons.

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News from Community Ed.


1st Annual Lowell Snowball Tournament
The first Lowell Snowball Tournament was held las Saturday with the Larkins Sallon Team
taking top honors. Second place went to Gary's Country Meats, third place Thomet Cheverotet, and fourth opacres. Kneopnd place ent to to The weather was almost too nice creating more mud than snow at the High School Field. Recre-
tion Park held up a lititle better and stayed slick through the day YOU DEHDE WHIGH IS GONNGTO BR NUMBHRONE. GHIGGAN MACNOR



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Names of the top ten students of the class of 1983 were announced friday, February 11. Member
of the top ten pictured are: (front row $1-1$ Pr) Pam Post, Lorrayne Althaus Laur



On February 4, 1983, School Board members Roger Kropf, Linda Beers, and Wayne Dowling negotiated a settlement with Superintendent Don Kelly, which called for his resignation, effective June 30, 1983.

On February 14, 1983, at the regular Board Meeting, the Board Members, after hearing the letter of resignation read publicly by President Roger Kropf, voted 7-0 to accept the resignation.

WHY WASN'T IT ALSO STATED TO THE PUBLIC AT THIS TIME THAT THE SETTLEMENT THEY‘D JUST UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED CALL FOR A $\$ 38,000$ PAY OFF IN EXCHANGE FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RESIGNATION????

Why was the community made AWARE OF THIS $\$ 38,000$ SETTLEMENT BY A REPORTER FROM THE GRAND RAP. IDS PRESS, AND NOT BY THE BOARD ITSELF???

WAS THE BOARD TRYING TO HIDE SOMETHING??


Selena Werdon, an honors student from
members of a Bushnell third grade class.
 NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing of the Lowell Township Planning Commission will be
Monday, Feb., 28, 1983 at $8: 00$ P.M. at the Lowell Township H
Nash, SE to consider the tollowing: Nashh SE to consider the tollowing:

1) rezoning approximately 64 acres in Section
Four in rezoning approximately 64 acres in Section
Four from the present Residential 1 to Residential 3 tor senior housing, and
2) rezoning approximately 28 acres in Section
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Carol L. Wells
Lowell Township Clerr
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 Financial Aid

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years beginning April , 1983, through March 31. 1988.

 $M-46$ and $M-72$ in the Lower Peninsula

The Board of Review of Grattan Township will meet at the Grattan Township Hall.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1983
between the hours of 9 A.M. to 12 NOON and 1 P.M.
to 4 P.M. and on
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1983
between the hours of 3 P.M. to 6 P.M. and 7 P.M. to P.M. tor purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hear ing all claims. Two from Low make NMU's Dean's List

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Lowell Elementarys' participate in Press Spelling Bee




Flat River
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## Bushnell students are enthralled by "Madcat" Ruth



Madcat encouraged students to participate, and these two youngsters are participating heartily.

Students at the Bushnell Arbor-based musician whose Madcat showed skeptical stuElementary School were treated visit was paid for by a grant from dent how a jaw harp, a shampoo Friday to the musical talents of the Michigan Council of the Per-botie filed with colored water, Peter "Madcat" Ruth, an Ann forming Arts. and even a toothbruch could be

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ised to make pleasing -. though musual -- music. He also amused them with his ability to stuff musical insturments into his mouth and replace them with others without slowing the reckless tempo of his songs.
After the performance Firday morning, Ruth said that he has been a musician most of histife, been a musician most of his ifie,
normally performing for adults at music festivals, colleges, and night clubs. Through an association with the Grand Rapids Arts Council, Ruth has appeared beCouncil, Ruth has appeared be--
fore elementary students all fore elementary students all
across Michigan, and finally here in Lowell.
During the performance at the Bushnell School, Ruth encouraged his young audience to clap aged his young audience to clap
and sing along with songs in folk, blues, and jazz styles. He also taught students the words to a simple Swahili tune and asked his audience to contribute topics for a blues tune Ruth improvised or a blues tune Ruth . Students suggested on the spot. (Students suggested "Starcoon,
Madcat's appearance is part o Madcat s appearance is part of being brought this year Bushnell through a year to tained from the Michigan obcil of the Performing Ants. cil of the Performing Arts. Accordive with the Bushnell PTO representatives from represenalives from the Bushnell Parent-Teacher Or ganization and the teaching staff at Bushnell last fall formed an in formal Arts Committee, which applied for and received a $\$ 2,200$ grant to be used for art education.
Biggs said that Madcat's performance is the second in a series of art assemblies. Appearing in
January was Teresa MacKraz January was Teresa MacKraz,
who introduced students to folk who introduced students to folk dances and body movements.
Yet in store for Bushnell stuYet in store for Bushnell stu-
dents is a performance by Billy dents is a performance by Billy Vits, a percussionist with the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra, and a presentation by the United Stage Theatre Group from Grand Valley State College. Special Programs are also planned for April (Young Artist Month) and May (Folk Art Month).
Students will conclude these art emphasis progams with a folk arts festival in which students will be the featured artists. That festival is planned for the evening of May 20.


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Performer Peter "Madcat" Ruth amuses Bushnell students with

"Hands" on patriotism is a visable theme at Bushnell Elementary School. Each student was asked by the Student Council to trace his or her hand on construction paper. This was done several times and then cut out by the students. The red, white and blue hands were then stapled together in the form of an American flag.
Fifth graders, who study United States history, made the fifty tars on which they worte individual state names and Admission dates.
The
The February birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington were the initail motivators for the project. However other ideas for continuing the patriotic theme are being explored. One such project involves students help raise money for the renovafion of the Statue of Liberty.
Vitstors are welcome to see Bushnell's "Hand" made flag.


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