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Fire destroys historic Keiser's Kitchen

Keiser's Kitchen, which started out as a truck stop in 1945, and turned into Lowell's venerable eating establishment and oldest retailer, was destroyed by a fire Friday, Jan. 8.

Blair Cahoon, co-owner, said that the state fire marshal said the cause of the fire was electrical. He adds that the state fire marshal suspects the fire started in the electrical closet.

"We haven't put an amount on the damages, but to rebuild will cost \$500,000," Cahoon said.

"We hope to rebuild just as soon as possible."

The building was not fully insured because coverage was too expensive. "Few companies are willing to insure a wood-framed building," Cahoon adds.

Cahoon estimated that Keiser's had 1/3 to 1/2 of what it needs in insurance protection.

Firefighters from Lowell, Ada and Alto battled the blaze in the bitter cold from 1:35 a.m. until 8:30 a.m.

"When we got here the fire



MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA CLASS TO PRESENT COMEDY "SQUAD ROOM"

On Thursday, January 21, at 7:30 p.m., the Lowell Middle School Eighth Grade Drama class will present the comedy "Squad Room" in the Middle School Cafetorium. The public is invited and urged not to miss this free evening of entertainment.

CHURCH CANTATAS TO BE SHOWN ON LCTV

The First Congregational Church Choir's Christmas Cantata will be shown on Lowell Cable T.V. Channel 2, on Wed., Jan. 13 at 5 p.m., Thurs., Jan. 14 at 12 noon, and Fri., Jan. 15 at 10 a.m.

The First United Methodist Church Cantata "Light of His Love" will be shown on LCTV on: Tues., Jan. 12 at 3 p.m.; Wed., Jan. 13 at 3 p.m.; Thurs., Jan. 14 at 7 p.m.; Fri., Jan. 15 at 5 p.m. and Sat., Jan. 16 at 10 a.m.

COMMODITIES TO BE DISTRIBUTED

Commodities will be distributed Jan. 28 at the Lowell Moose Club, 210 1/2 Main St. from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Involved in a property damage accident on Gee Dr. near Foreman Tues., Jan. 5 was David McGrew, 17, when he lost control of his car and slid into a vehicle driven by Pamela Sullivan, 33. Both drivers are from Lowell.

Todd Nauta, 17, of Lowell skidded on slippery pavement, Jan. 7 and struck a utility pole at Washington and King St. to avoid a collision with another vehicle that ran the yield sign at the intersection. No injuries were reported.

A semi-truck driven by Raymond Ribbens, 36, of Wayland backed over a sign post on Main near Hudson St., Monday, Jan. 4. No injuries were incurred.

Injured in an accident Jan. 7 on Allisandra and Helena in Valley Vista Trailer Park was Dawne Barnes, 21, of Lowell when she failed to stop at the intersection and struck a car driven by Brenda Timmer, 32, also of Lowell. Timmer also received minor injuries in the accident.

Involved in a property damage accident on Main at West St. Jan. 4 was Jeffrey Gross, 19, when he failed to yield right of way while making a left turn and turned into the path of a car driven by Benjie Ayers, 17. Both drivers are from Lowell.

Jon Francis, 18, of Lowell slid through the stop sign at Lincoln Lake and Suffolk, Tues., Jan. 5 and struck a vehicle driven by Linda Hamp. No one was injured.

Terence Walsworth, 47, of Ada lost control of the car he was driving on West Main near Ridgeview Dr., ran off the road and struck a culvert injuring himself Monday afternoon Jan. 4th.

Arrested and taken to Kent County Jail for driving while license suspended was Ricky Eickhoff, 27, of Lowell, Jan. 5.

Donna Onan, 28, of Grand Rapids, failed to yield the Right Of Way at Church and Main St., Friday the 8th and struck a car driven by Linda Crosby, 39, of Ada. No injuries were reported.

Colliding at Main and Broadway Sat. afternoon, Jan. 9 were Kevin Horsley, 28, of Lowell when he struck the rear of a car driven by Constance Gould, 23, also of Lowell. There were no injuries.



Blair Cahoon, right, co-owner of Keiser's Kitchen, watches in disbelief as local firefighters work to put out a fire at the family restaurant that left 40 people without work.

was already through the roof," Lowell fire chief Frank Martin said. "The roof collapsed into the 165-seat family restaurant."

The fire leaves 40 of Keiser's Kitchen employees, without work, including three of owner, Darlene Westcott's children and their families. There has been three generations of families working at Keiser's.

The freezing temperatures and water left a thick coating of ice on the sidewalk outside of the family restaurant.

"While we were battling the fire, the cold was not too bad, but now that the fire is out, the wet and the cold starts to penetrate through you," Martin said shortly after the fire was extinguished.

Martin suggested that there were 40 firefighters that battled the fire. "And one firefighter was treated for frostbite on his toes," he said.

Frank Keiser built the main building of the restaurant in 1945 next to their home on the corner of M-21 and Amity Street during World War II, with the idea that a truck stop was needed between Flint and Grand Rapids.

In the beginning, the stop was just an extension of Keiser's home. It was a very popular stop for many years, with just a counter, eight stools, and a few tables and chairs for seating, but with success came expansion.

The first addition was in 1956. The kitchen size and seating capacity was enlarged.

In 1962, Keiser's added onto the front. In 1975, the side, and in 1985, the upper half was opened up and seating was added.

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the back page



The morning after, showed the aftermath, of a fire that destroyed the building of Lowell's oldest merchant. The state fire marshal report stated that the cause of the blaze at Keiser's Kitchen was electrical.

Board approves increase in administration salaries

The Lowell board of education approved a 5.8 increase in new monies for the 1988-89 administrator and supervisor salaries which reflects an average of 5.5 percent.

The motion passed 6-1, with the only nay coming from board member Roger Kropf.

The board also agreed to ratify a food service contract for the 1988-91 school years inclusive of a 55 cent increase in hourly wage for each of the three years.

The contract also calls for some added benefits.

However, the contract did raise some questions from board member Norm Byrne.

"I question if the school can afford to give a 7-9 percent increase in hourly wage. What happens in three years when they renegotiate and we're not able to match the 7-9 percent?" Byrne asked.

Byrne, however, said he thought insurance should be added, an area he felt Lowell was

behind in.

He adds, "If Lowell is comparable with the rest of the schools in Kent County, why not stay comparable in its increases?"

The added benefits included paid holidays and vacation (two weeks); sick leave; insurance for all full time cooks (30 hours constitutes fulltime); and severance pay.

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Obituaries

BIGGS - Laurence J. Biggs Sr., aged 74, of Saranac, passed away at his residence Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1988. He was born in Lowell March 5, 1913 to his parents of Arthur and Daisy Read Biggs. He was a member of the Saranac Community Club. He owned and operated Larry's Store in Saranac from 1950 to 1975. He married Dorothy Bieri July 7, 1935 in Lowell. Besides his wife he is survived by three sons, Laurence Jr. of Saranac, David of Lowell, Virgil of Saranac; two daughters, Mrs. David (Eleanor) Talcott of Saranac, Mrs. Bruce (Marcia) Baird of Lowell; one brother, Burton Biggs of Flint; one sister, Mrs. Leo (Bertha) Bryant of Lowell; 13 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Friday at the Saranac Community Church, with Rev. Stanley Hagemeyer of Saranac Community Church officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery.

ROUSH - Robert E. Roush, aged 69, of Belpre, OH died on January 10, 1988. He is survived by his wife, Pamela; his mother, Grace; two daughters, Barbara Graham of Lowell, Shirley Anthony of Parkersburg, WV; four sons, Robert Graham Roush Sr. of Lowell, Gary Roush of Traverse City, MI, Michael Roush of Lowell, and Stephen Roush of Grand Rapids; one brother and one sister, 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Services are Wednesday at Parkersburg, WV, with his eldest son Robert G. Roush Sr. officiating.

WATTERS - Annie (Nettie) Watters, aged 72, of Lowell, passed away January 8, 1988. She was preceded in death by her son Toby. She is survived by her husband, Richard; brothers and sisters, Henry and Nel Lewis of Florida, Claudia and Jim Winn of Georgia, Violet and John Odon of South Carolina, Mary and John Arcaro of North Carolina; four grandchildren, Thomas Watters, Mrs. Susan Theel, both of Lowell, Barbara Watters of Grand Rapids, Amy Watters of Grandville; one great-grandchild, Tracie. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. William Amundsen of The First United Methodist Church, Lowell, officiating.

HEEMSTRA - Susan Heemstra, aged 87, went to be with her Lord Tuesday, January 5, 1988. She is survived by her children, Mr. Cornelius "Cornie" (Maureen) Heemstra of Gainesville, FL, Mrs. Ronald (Dorothy) Boersma of Ada, Mr. James (Sandra) Heemstra of Tallahassee, FL; a brother, sisters, two sisters-in-law, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Friday at the O'Brien-Eggen-Geest Funeral Home, Rev. Brian Bosscher of the Ada Christian Reformed Church officiating. Interment Cascade Cemetery.

The great Gothic cathedral of Milan was started in 1386. It wasn't completed until 1805.

SOWLE - Elizabeth H. Sowle, aged 77, of Grand Rapids, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 6 in Los Angeles, CA. She is survived by her children, James (Ann) Sowle of Ada, Peter H. (Jeanne) Sowle of Kansas City, Miss Janet Sowle of Los Angeles, CA, Stephen (Jan) Sowle of Kalamazoo; two brothers, and 12 grandchildren. Memorial Services were held Monday at St. Robert Newman Church, Ada, Rev. David Hawley officiating. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.



Before putting clothes in the washer, button them up and turn them inside out. Fewer buttons will be lost and there will be less fading on the right side of the garments.

New show at LAAC Center

The Lowell Area Arts Council recently installed an exhibit of drawings by West Olive, Michigan artist Marlan Winter Cotner. A reception for the artist will be held on Thursday, January 14 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to meet Ms. Cotner and view her recent drawings, serigraphs and intaglios. Refreshments will be served.

Ms. Cotner holds a BFA degree from Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH and has several gallery affiliations as well as having participated in many competitions in Michigan and Ohio. She has a commission in progress of botanical studies to be published by Prentice-Hall.



Artist Marlan Winter Cotner

Register now for LAAC winter workshops

The Winter Workshops are about to begin at Lowell Area Arts Council Center, 149 S. Hudson. The first workshop to get underway is life drawing, an eight-week session, beginning on Monday, February 1st. The workshop is held on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. and is designed to provide area artists with the opportunity to work from professional models and to work with media of

their choice. Fee for the eight-week session is \$32.00 for LAAC members and \$36.00. Checks may be mailed to the center at 149 S. Hudson, P.O. Box 53, or phone 897-8545 for further information. This workshop is limited to 12 participants. Early registration is recommended.

A six-week workshop for young artists, ages nine to fourteen, will be conducted by Ionia artist and instructor, Danna Fuller. The basic drawing course is designed for students with some drawing experience. Personal style is encouraged to be incorporated with the basic mechanics of drawing. Areas to be covered are: positive and negative shapes, spatial relationships, shading, highlighting and perspective. This workshop will meet on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for six weeks beginning Feb. 20. The workshop is \$18.00. Workshop is limited to 12 students.

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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.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE Chapter night meeting is held the first Monday of each month, at 8 p.m.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE Business Meeting is held the third Monday of each month, at 8 p.m.

EVERY SECOND TUESDAY The Lowell Area Fishing Club now meets at the Flat River Snowmobile Clubhouse on Potters Road, just East of Montclair Ave, at 7:00 p.m. All prospective members or interested individuals are cordially welcome.

LADIES: Join us for coffee break/story hour and interfaith Bible study at Calvin Christian Reformed Church, Tues. mornings at 9:30 a.m.

FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold regular meetings at the Township Hall, 6059 Linfield, Alto, on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

QUA-KE-ZIK SPORTSMEN'S CLUB meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. at the Club building at 11400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

Free trees given by Arbor Day group

The National Arbor Day Foundation is giving ten free trees to each person who becomes a Foundation member during January, 1988.

The free trees are part of the Foundation's effort to promote tree planting throughout America.

A Sugar Maple, White Flowering Dogwood, Pin Oak, White Pine, Red Maple, Birch, American Redbud, Silver Maple, Red Oak, and Colorado Blue Spruce tree will be given to members joining during January.

These trees were selected to provide benefits every season of the year: lovely spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors, and winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds, according to the Foundation. The six to twelve inch trees will be shipped postage paid with enclosed planting instructions at the right time for planting this spring. The Foundation makes its spring shipments between February 1 and May 31, depending on the local climate and this year's weather.

The National Arbor Day Foundation, a nonprofit organization, is working to improve the quality of life throughout the country by encouraging tree planting. The Foundation will give the ten free trees to each member contributing \$10 during January.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, a \$10 membership contribution should be sent to TEN TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Av-

enue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 1988.

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY: Lowell Woman's Club meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at Schneider Manor at 12:00. Luncheon and program.

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY: Lowell VFW Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 8:00 p.m. at the VFW Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

WED., JAN. 13: Lokemo District - District Commissioner and Staff Meeting, 7:30 p.m. First Methodist Church, Greenville.

SAT., JAN. 16: 1988 Grand Nordic Kent Kick Cross Country Ski Race. It will be held at Palmer Park. Deadline for registration is January 8, 1988. Sponsored by Grand Rapids Press, Kent County Parks Commission, East Grand Rapids Recreation Department, Kentwood Recreation Department, Grand Rapids Recreation Department and Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department. Applications available from sponsors or at your local sporting goods store.

SAT., JAN. 16: Lokemo District - Klondike Derby, Flat River Conservation Club, 10:00 a.m., Registration, 12:00 Noon Kick-off, all Scout units, all Scouters and public.

TUES., JAN. 19: The Grand Rapids Mothers of Twins

Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Cascade Christian Church, 2829 Thornapple River Dr. The club is a self-help group which provides information and support to any mother or guardian of multiple born children. A slide program on twin infant care will be shown to new or expectant mothers at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call 691-8557 or 457-3376.

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THURS., JAN. 21: West Michigan Shores Council - Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Dinner Meeting, Fingers.

THURS., JAN. 21: Keen Agers will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Vergennes Methodist Church. We will have a pot luck dinner. Bring a dish to pass and your table service. We will play Euchre and Set-back.

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Do you need an SSN

Over 160,000 persons in Michigan still need to apply for social security numbers to be claimed as dependents on parents or other taxpayers' federal tax returns, according to IRS.

As a result of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, a taxpayer claiming a dependent who is at least 5 years old must include that dependent's taxpayer identification number on his or her tax return. This new law is effective for 1987 federal tax returns filed between January and the April 15th deadline.

If the dependent has a social security number, but the taxpayer does not know what it is, the taxpayer should contact one of 53 Social Security Administration offices located throughout Michigan.

To get a social security number, a dependent must have evidence of: 1. date of birth, 2. U.S. citizenship or legal alien status, and 3. identity. A birth record from a public authority, hospital, or religious organization is generally sufficient for the first two items. A school record and certain other documents can be used for proof of identity. For more information, taxpayers may ask at any Social Security Administration office for the free leaflet, "Applying for a Social Security Number," and can also request a Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Number Card, to apply for an identification number.



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Ford is new manager at Huckleberry's Restaurant



Mary Ford, shown above, pours a cup of coffee for one of her customers at Huckleberry's. Ford was named the new manager of Huckleberry's by its owner Bret McManus. With Ford, will come other changes: Huckleberry's will add BBQ's, homemade brownies and cookies, salads, specials of the week and cheesecake to its menu.

L&P will begin major project

Lowell Light & Power is scheduled to start its first phase of a 3-5 year project in May or June which will update the voltage distribution in the city of Lowell and the two adjoining townships, Vergennes and Lowell.

This project will serve to alleviate the overloaded circuits that already exist. Lowell Light & Power superintendent, Herb Haines, said that the peak loads come in the summer.

A feasibility study done in 1969 increased the voltage from 2,400 to 4,160. This study set a precedent for future years as to how high the voltage should be.

A recent study completed by Greiner Associates stated the same thing, that the city should go to a higher voltage. With the new system, the 12,480 volts will be released through the express lines to the sub stations, which will then release 7,200 volts out into the city lines.

Haines said the project will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to complete.

"Greiner will tell us what needs to be done and prioritize the needs for us, tell us what steps are urgent," Haines said. "Then we will bid out the project."

"A need for an upgrade in our system was apparent last summer when one of the circuits at the post office burned off, due to an overload," Haines said.

Library storytime

The Children's Services Department of the Kent County Library System announces a series of monthly story-times for preschool children ages 3 1/2 - 5. The programs will be presented at the Lowell branch, 325 W. Main Street, at 1:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: January 13, February 10, March 9, and

April 13, 1988. The Story-times are also offered at the Alto branch, 6059 Linfield, at 10:30 a.m. on the following Thursdays: January 21, February 18, March 17 and April 21, 1988. Registration is required, either by stopping at the branch or calling 897-9596, Lowell or 868-6038, Alto.

Although there has been no rate hike in electricity since 1975, Haines would not rule out a rate hike in order to help cover the costs of the fees for the study and project and for the cost in energy.

Haines added that another transformer (10,000 KVA) would be needed in behind the power house in an existing sub station to increase capacity for current and future demands.

Births

Paul and Ann VanderZiel of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kristi Lynn, on Dec. 30th. She weighed 9 lbs. and was 21 inches long.

Welcoming her home is her big sister Dawn. Grandparents are Henry and Yvonne VanderZiel of Lowell and Claude and Nancy Smith of Marne, Great-grandparents are Marion and Gladys Navis of Wyoming, Charles and Gertrude Smith of Grand Rapids, Amy Smith of New York and Betsy VanderZiel of Minnesota.

Gary and Suzanne Roth of Grand Rapids announce the birth of their daughter, Alison Paige, on Jan. 10, 1988. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 ozs. Proud grandparents are Al and Joan Roth of Lowell, and James Roth of Lowell, and James and Sue Holwerda of Grand Rapids.



Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry (Psalm 34:15).

"Mama, are you listening?" my children often asked when they wanted to tell me something. Two chubby hands would reach up, take hold of my face, and turn my head around until my eyes looked straight into the ones of the questioning child.

"Yes, I'm listening." I would assure the children. When we pray we are sometimes prone to wonder if our Heavenly Father hears our petitions. Is He listening? Is He, the Great Master of the universe, paying attention to this one frail

mortal? The Psalmist tells us that the eyes of our Heavenly Father are upon the righteous and His ears are open to their cries. If we believe this, we need question no longer. "Are you listening, Father?" For "...this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that he has the petitions that we desired of him."

"He is listening." Prayer: Gracious Heavenly Father, I know Thine eyes are open to my needs and Thine ears are open to my cries. I thank Thee for the privilege and the blessing of prayer. I trust Thee to hear me and to answer my petitions according to Thy will. Amen.

...The Father waits to hear every prayer of faith, to give us whatsoever we will, and whatsoever we ask in Jesus' name... If there is one thing I think the Church needs to learn, it is that God means prayer to have an answer, and that it hath not entered into the heart of man to conceive what God will do for His child who gives himself to believe that his prayer will be heard.

Andrew Murray

Administrator salaries, continued

The total cost for the insurance will be \$25,000 a year and the 55 cent increase will cost the school \$10,000 a year.

"To help cover the costs, there

will be a minimum of a 10 cent increase in both the elementary and secondary schools next year," board member Gary Kemp said.

Superintendent Fritz Esch added that even with the increase, Lowell would still be one of the lowest in the Kent County area.

Mariyn Bovee said only one out of 20 elementary schools and four out of 20 secondary schools would have a lower lunch cost, despite the increase.

The board also decided to terminate the services of teaching aides Linda Copron, Ellen Rietzke and Gail Wallace.

The school has decided that the classloads at Runciman/Riverside have climbed to an unacceptable level for teachers and teacher aides to provide a quality, instructional program in an acceptable classroom environment.

Instead, the school has decided that smaller classloads will provide more direct teacher-pupil instructional time.

In other news: -- It was agreed that Tim Carigan should be employed as the middle school in-house supervisor beginning Jan. 11, and that he be placed on the appropriate step of the support staff aides contract.

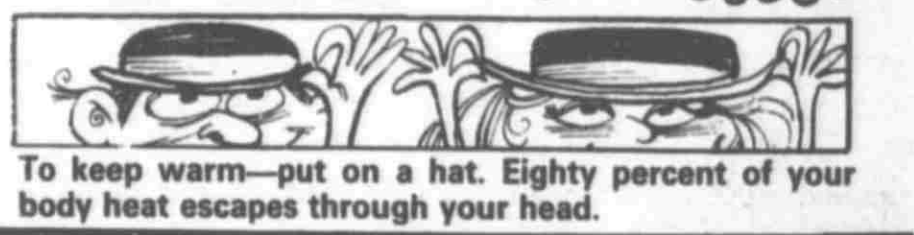
-- The board also approved the payment of athletic, food service, trust and agency, and construction funds in the amount of \$33,335.75.

-- A budget workshop meeting was set for March 7, at 7 p.m. -- An evaluation of Superintendent Esch will be done Jan. 25, in a closed session.

NOTICE TO LOWELL LIGHT & POWER CUSTOMERS

Lowell Light & Power will be starting a tree trimming program on Jan. 18, 1988. We will be trimming our primary distribution. This will insure less outages during ice & wind storms. The trimming will be started on the East side of town, North of M-21. C9

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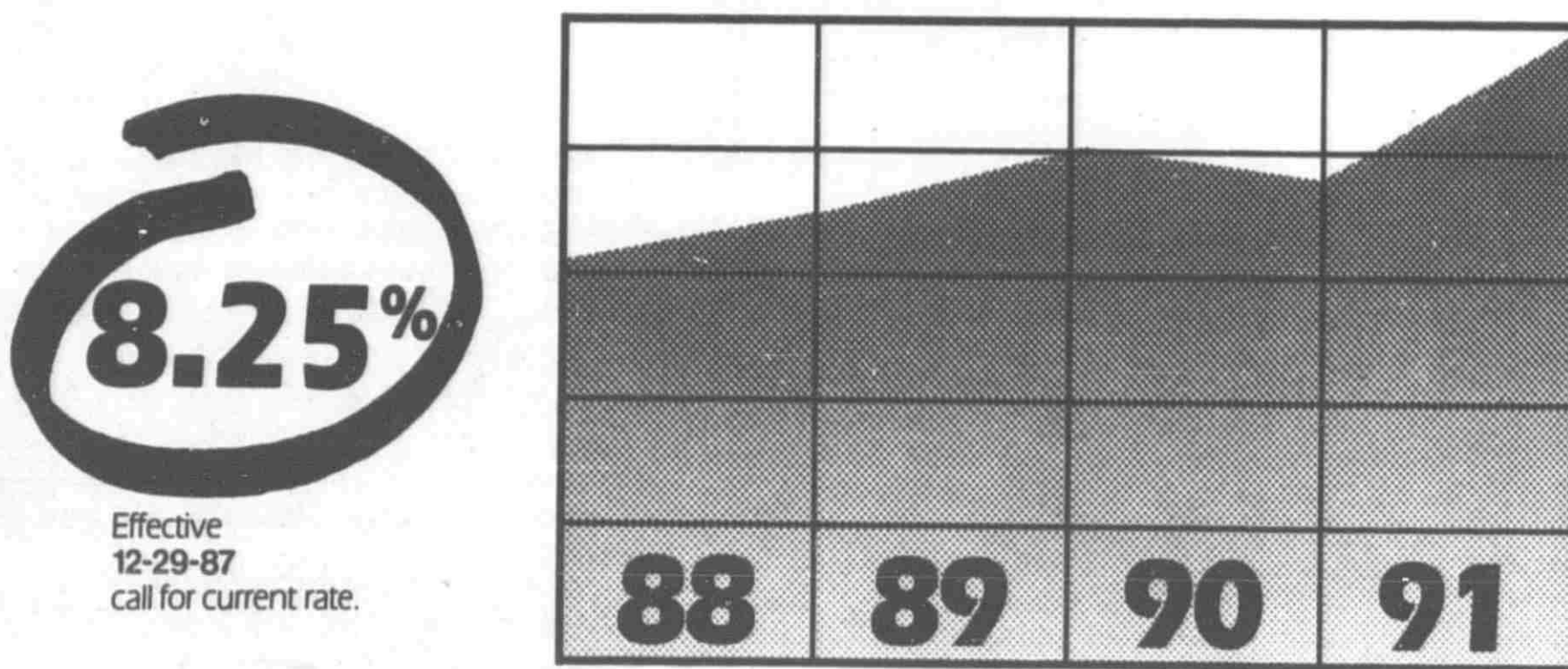


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Ford is new manager at Huckleberry's Restaurant



Mary Ford, shown above, pours a cup of coffee for one of her customers at Huckleberry's. Ford was named the new manager of Huckleberry's by its owner Bret McManus. With Ford, will come other changes: Huckleberry's will add BBQ's, homemade brownies and cookies, salads, specials of the week and cheesecake to its menu.

L&P will begin major project

Lowell Light & Power is scheduled to start its first phase of a 3-5 year project in May or June which will update the voltage distribution in the city of Lowell and the two adjoining townships, Vergennes and Lowell.

This project will serve to alleviate the overloaded circuits that already exist. Lowell Light & Power superintendent, Herb Haines, said that the peak loads come in the summer.

A feasibility study done in 1969 increased the voltage from 2,400 to 4,160. This study set a precedent for future years as to how high the voltage should be.

A recent study completed by Greiner Associates stated the same thing, that the city should go to a higher voltage. With the new system, the 12,480 volts will be released through the express lines to the sub stations, which will then release 7,200 volts into the city lines.

Haines said the project will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to complete.

"Greiner will tell us what needs to be done and prioritize the needs for us, tell us what steps are urgent," Haines said. "Then we will bid out the project."

"A need for an upgrade in our system was apparent last summer when one of the circuits at the post office burned off, due to an overload," Haines said.

Library storytime

The Children's Services Department of the Kent County Library System announces a series of monthly story-times for preschool children ages 3 1/2 - 5. The programs will be presented at the Lowell branch, 325 W. Main Street, at 1:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: January 13, February 10, March 9, and

Although there has been no rate hike in electricity since 1975, Haines would not rule out a rate hike in order to help cover the costs of the fees for the study and project and for the cost in energy.

Haines added that another transformer (10,000 KVA) would be needed in behind the power house in an existing sub station to increase capacity for current and future demands.

April 13, 1988. The Story-times are also offered at the Alto branch, 6059 Linfield, at 10:30 a.m. on the following Thursdays: January 21, February 18, March 17 and April 21, 1988. Registration is required, either by stopping at the branch or calling 897-9596, Lowell or 868-6038, Alto.

Births

Paul and Ann VanderZiel of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kristi Lynn, on Dec. 30th. She weighed 9 lbs. and was 21 inches long.

Welcoming her home is her big sister Dawn. Grandparents are Henry and Yvonne VanderZiel of Lowell and Claude and Nancy Smith of Marne, Great-grandparents are Marion and Gladys Navis of Wyoming, Charles and Gertrude Smith of Grand Rapids, Amy Smith of New York and Betsy VanderZiel of Minnesota.

Gary and Suzanne Roth of Grand Rapids announce the birth of their daughter, Alison Paige, on Jan. 10, 1988. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 ozs. Proud grandparents are Al and Joan Roth of Lowell, and James Roth of Lowell, and James and Sue Holwerda of Grand Rapids.



Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry (Psalm 34:15).

"Mama, are you listening?" my children often asked when they wanted to tell me something. Two chubby hands would reach up, take hold of my face, and turn my head around until my eyes looked straight into the ones of the questioning child.

"Yes, I'm listening." I would assure the children. When we pray we are sometimes prone to wonder if our Heavenly Father hears our petitions. Is He listening? Is He, the Great Master of the universe, paying attention to this one frail

mortal? The Psalmist tells us that the eyes of our Heavenly Father are upon the righteous and His ears are open to their cries. If we believe this, we need question no longer. "Are you listening, Father?" For "...this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."

"He is listening." Prayer: Gracious Heavenly Father, I know Thine eyes are open to my needs and Thine ears are open to my cries. I thank Thee for the privilege and the blessing of prayer. I trust Thee to hear me and to answer my petitions according to Thy will. Amen.

...The Father waits to hear every prayer of faith, to give us whatsoever we will, and whatsoever we ask in Jesus' name... If there is one thing I think the Church needs to learn, it is that God means prayer to have an answer, and that it hath not entered into the heart of man to conceive what God will do for His child who gives himself to believe that his prayer will be heard.

Andrew Murray



Administrator salaries, continued

The total cost for the insurance will be \$25,000 a year and the 55 cent increase will cost the school \$10,000 a year.

"To help cover the costs, there

will be a minimum of a 10 cent increase in both the elementary and secondary schools next year," board member Gary Kemp said.

Superintendent Fritz Esch added that even with the increase, Lowell would still be one of the lowest in the Kent County area.

Marilyn Bovee said only one out of 20 elementary schools and four out of 20 secondary schools would have a lower lunch cost, despite the increase.

The board also decided to terminate the services of teaching aides Linda Copron, Ellen Rietzke and Gail Wallace.

The school has decided that the classloads at Runciman/Riverside have climbed to an unacceptable level for teachers and teacher aides to provide a quality instructional program in an acceptable classroom environment.

Instead, the school has decided that smaller classloads will provide more direct teacher-pupil instructional time.

In other news: -- It was agreed that Tim Carigan should be employed as the middle school in-house supervisor beginning Jan. 11, and that he be placed on the appropriate step of the support staff aides contract.

-- The board also approved the payment of athletic, food service, trust and agency, and construction funds in the amount of \$33,335.75.

-- A budget workshop meeting was set for March 7, at 7 p.m.

-- An evaluation of Superintendent Esch will be done Jan. 25, in a closed session.

NOTICE TO LOWELL LIGHT & POWER CUSTOMERS

Lowell Light & Power will be starting a tree trimming program on Jan. 18, 1988. We will be trimming our primary distribution. This will insure less outages during ice & wind storms. The trimming will be started on the East side of town, North of M-21. C9

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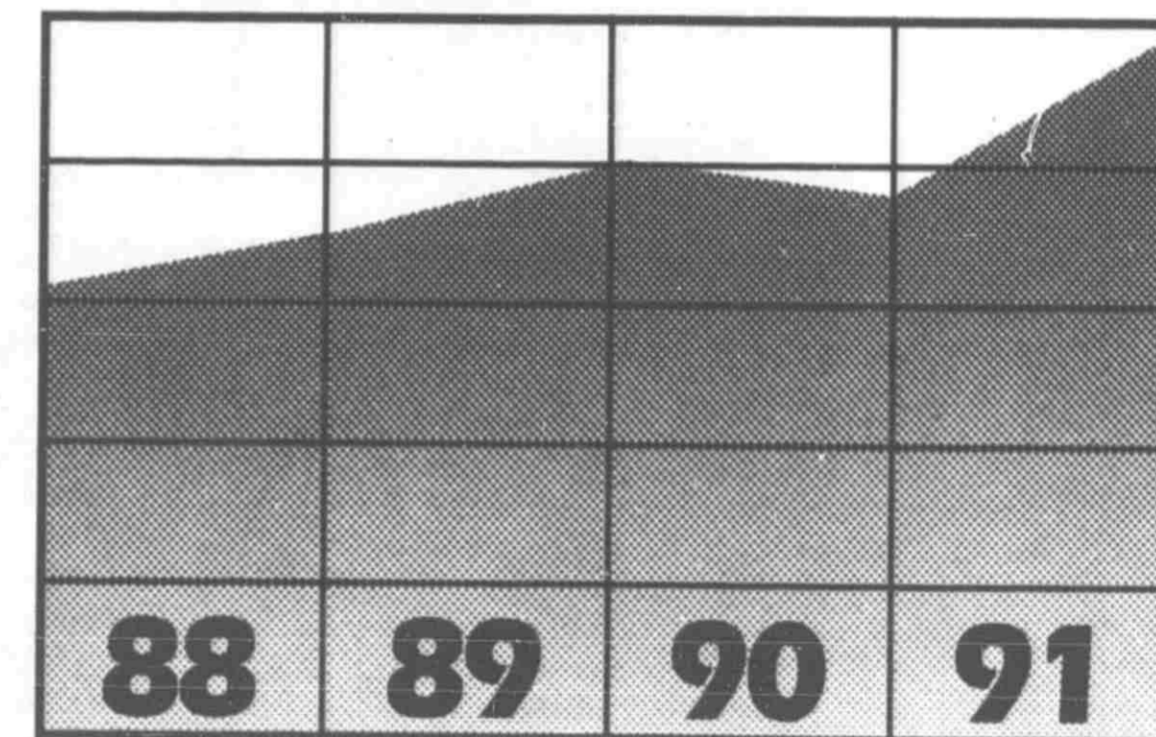
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Dari's scheduled to open in February



An employee of Dan Vos Construction helps do his part in getting Dari's Restaurant and Banquet Hall ready for its February opening.

Virginia Schutte's family is calling it a retirement adventure for their mother.

Dari's Restaurant and Banquet Hall will serve as more than just an adventure. Dari's will open its doors for the first time on Feb. 4, for a banquet. It will be used for wedding receptions, class reunions, family reunions, anniversary parties, business luncheons, club parties and will also serve breakfast and lunch.

"Our dad (Derry) always said with the way mom could cook, that the family should open up a restaurant," Susan Daniels said.

The Schutte family named the restaurant and banquet hall after their father, who passed away in 1973. "We changed the spelling of the name because we felt Derry's looked too much like Denny's," Daniels said.

Dari's will be run by Daniels, her mother, Virginia Schutte and her sister, Marilyn Schutte. Other members of the family include Steven, Rudy, Darrel, Brenda and Louise.

Dan Vos Construction was contracted to do the work. Vos, the same construction company that built the Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids, started construc-

tion work in October of '87. The Schutte family, through personal requests within the last five years, has been catering wedding receptions and doing mother and daughter banquets.

"I don't remember having a bad experience," Daniels said.

"We worked for three years to get to the point of actual production," Daniels added.

Daniels said the family had

studies done to see if there's a need for a place like Dari's.

"We're a little nervous and scared, but this will stop mother from getting bored in retirement," Daniels said.



Dari's Restaurant & Banquet hall, above, was named after Derry Schutte. Dari's will open its doors on Feb. 4, for its first banquet.

Local man to compete in \$100,000 pool championship

Dave Hurley of Lowell is one of ninety-six of the nation's top amateur poolplayers who will square off January 29-30 in Orlando for the finals of the second annual \$100,000 Busch Pool League National Singles Championship.

Each of the 96 players - 64 men and 32 women - have staved off elimination in two qualifying rounds to advance to the finals of the tournament, the nation's richest and largest amateur pocket billiards competition. The finalists will be battling

for big prizes - \$10,000 and \$7,000 respectively for first place in the men's and women's divisions. In all, \$100,000 in cash and merchandise will be awarded in the championship.

The Busch Pool League is sponsored nationally by Busch beer in cooperation with local Anheuser-Busch wholesalers. The league also sponsors year-round team play.

MICHIGAN FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
7-17	Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular	Plymouth
9	Great Buchanan Ski Race	Buchanan
14-17	Grand Rapids Camper and RV Show	Grand Rapids
14-17	International Silver Stick Finals	McMoran Arena, Port Huron
15-17	World Sno' Challenge	East Tawas
15-16	Winter Festival	Jackson
16	Lumipallo Ski Race and Winter Carnival	Hastings
16	Gran Travers	Traverse City
16	Moose Jaw Safari	Harbor Springs
16-17	Snowshoe Race	Munising
16-17	Spirit Of Winter Carnival	Bay City
16-17	Tip-Up-Town USA	Houghton Lake
23-24	Detroit Auto Show	Cobo Hall, Detroit
20-24	Boat, Sport and RV Show	Silverdome, Pontiac
22-23	Dogsled Races	Gun Lake
22	Wineboozho Winter Festival	Marquette
23	Snow Sculpturing Contest	Cadillac
23	Winter Festival	Portage
23	Polar Ice Cap Golf Tournament	Spring Lake
23-24	Dog Show, State Fairgrounds	Colliseum, Detroit
25	Winter Carnival	Sault Ste. Marie
27-28	U.P. Winter Special Olympics	Marquette County
29-31	International Open Figure Skating Championships	Marquette
29-31	Winter Carnival	Petoskey
30	Challenge, Huron National Forest	Tawas City
30	Winter Festival	Boyer City

Ledger Entries ... of 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

by Joan Wittenbach

CONFUSED

The last few years I make a resolution in November, not the customary January 1. I talk to myself many times during November, and on into December. I write notes to myself. One of these notes I top with the word--WARNING! It looks like this, and I mean it is serious stuff...

WARNING!!
do not hide Christmas presents around the house. (esp. if you shop early)
If you do--you risk not finding them on the 25th.

It is serious because I hate to find a present in February or July that I had bought for someone special in December. It's disgusting too, because I had forgotten I bought it. I try to rationalize this dilemma, but it comes to this--my mind isn't what it used to be. But then, it never was great in the memory department.

The Beetle Bailey comic strip was so sympathizing that I yelled out, "Hot Dog! Somebody else understands!" The old colonel is having a talk with his doctor and concerned, he says:

For several years
I've worried
I'm becoming
senile, doctor.

You should
have called
me sooner.

I couldn't
remember
your
name.
12/09/87

It happens to us all, at one time or another. You begin to feel uneasy about remembering dates, lists, appointments, names and where you put things, or don't put them.

It may sound strange to you, but there even was a time that I thought that getting a new pair of glasses might help my mind. WRONG! It didn't--but my eyes sure appreciated the change.

And then when I began to think the worst about my mind, something happened. I laughed and I laughed, relieved when a friend called and said, "I can't find my glasses. Did I leave them at your house?" Comradie soothed my soul. I wasn't alone after all.

Happy New Year to you friends, and may your lists be few - your memory invigorating.

Ledger Entries ... of 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

By Priscilla Lussmyer

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JANUARY 13, 1888
The Alert Hose Co., Businessmen's Association and Lowell National Bank elected officers and directors last week.

The Masonic Lodge room has been redecorated with velvet carpet, upholstered and caned chairs, and eight shades of gold wallpaper.

The Alton Church organ fund gained \$16.20 with the drama "Driven from Home" or "The Father's Curse" presented at the church.

Firemen from the Alert Hose Co. throw streams over the Methodist and Congregational steeples while testing the new waterworks.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JANUARY 16, 1913
The girls' basketball team wins against a nameless team which "plays all the important high schools of the state." The boys' team plays Zeeland and the game is in doubt until the last minute of play--but no score, or winner, is printed.

Lynchings are down in the U.S. but suicides are up.

A barrel of flour will go to whoever buys the most groceries at John Clark's store Saturday.

Dancing classes are offered at City Hall Wednesday evenings.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JANUARY 13, 1938
The Secretary of State warns motorists not to wait until the last minute (March 1) to buy license plates.

Michigan Bell is ordered to stop charging 15¢ per month for handset telephones and 10¢ for rural desk telephones.

Dr. H.E. Wood, astronomer, asserts that a "baby planet Reinmuth 1937" came within 400,000 miles of colliding with the earth last October.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JANUARY 10, 1963
The old Light and Power garage is torn down preparatory to building a big new one on Riverside Drive.

Winter takes its toll as seven persons are injured in five accidents on slippery roads.

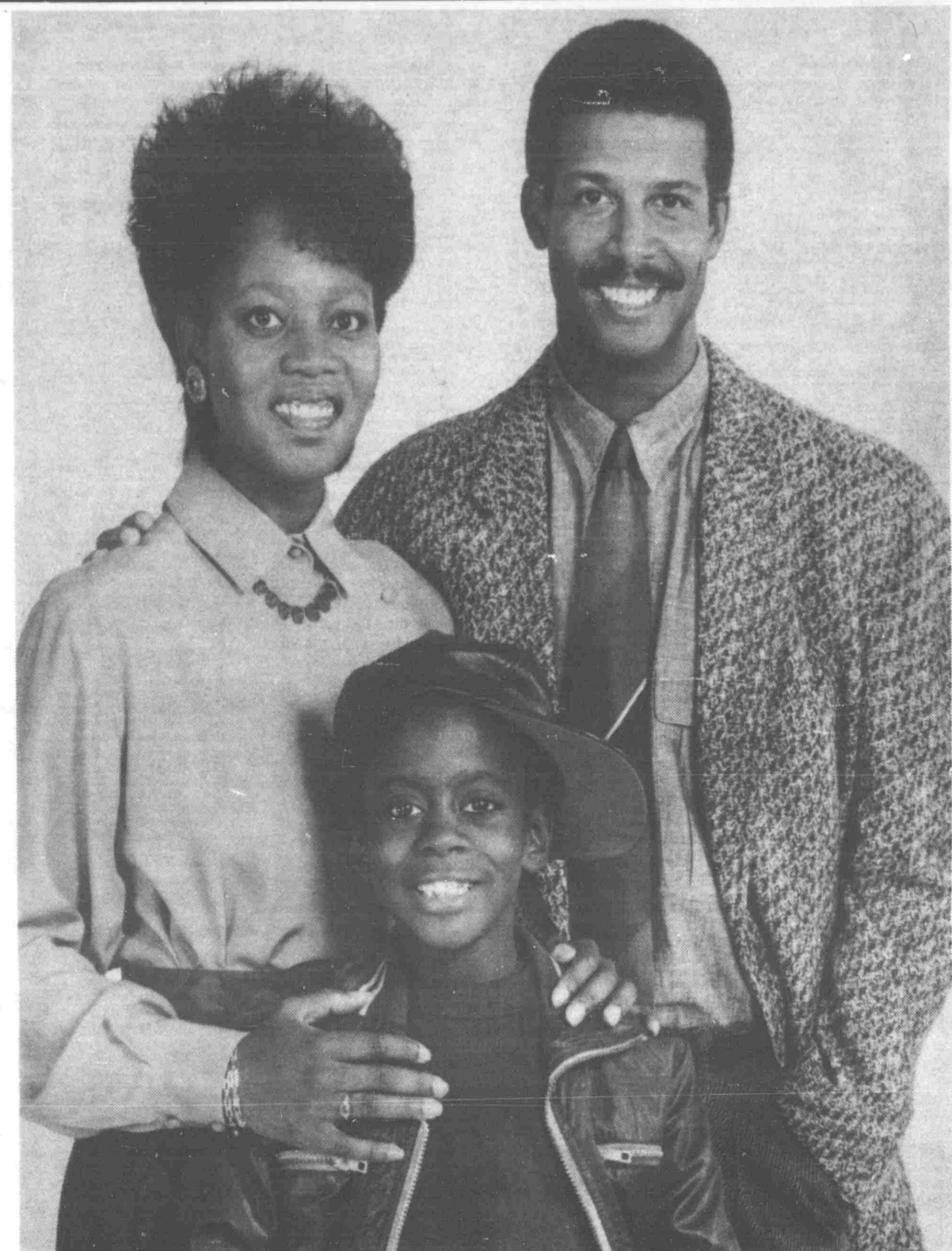
The senior class is holding a lightbulb sale.

Herb and Virginia Elzinga are leading in the YMCA bridge club standings. The Y is also starting men's volleyball.

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CONTAINS LISTINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 15 THRU THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1988

ALFRE WOODARD, Michael Warren and Deon Richmond star in Child Saver, Monday, Jan. 18, on NBC. Woodard portrays an advertising executive who risks her career to save the young child from a life of drugs. Warren portrays her co-worker.

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U of M professor helps analyze goals & objectives

Barry Checkoway, professor of social work and planning at the University of Michigan, directed a group of 55 people, including community leaders and interested community members in a Strategic Planning Workshop entitled "Getting it Together."

The workshop was to help facilitate a strategic planning process for the school, and to help bring an understanding of goals and objectives in key areas.

These specific objectives will be consistent with general goals but more specific than some tasks.

The 55 people in attendance were split up into six sub-committees. They were community

service, technology, administration, facilities, instructional programs and related services, and staffing and staff development.

Some of the concepts and questions these sub-committees discussed included trends, changes, critical issues, general strengths and weaknesses, facilitating limiting factors, and plan development using force field analysis.

Strategic Planning chairman Ray Quada went over some of his perceived strengths and weaknesses with the sub-committees.

Some of the strengths Quada pointed to included wealth of resources, education-curriculum,

community leaders; the availability of people and Lowell's location.

Quada's list pretty much coincided with some of the strengths put forward by the sub-committees.

The community services group had leadership and commitment as one of its leading strengths. Administration added a clearer statement of the curriculum. The staffing and staffing development inserted a core of caring people willing to make a commitment.

Some of the weaknesses that were agreed on included lack of money, the high cost of facility use, a failure to develop, plan and to communicate to the community, and apathy.

"A lot of people just don't care what happens tomorrow," Quada said.

On the subject of money, a member of the technology committee added that "we have champagne taste, but a beer budget."

Another committee member added that he felt there was a need for a separate committee on finance.

Lowell High School principal Dick Korb stated that he did not feel this was a school problem but a community problem. "As a community, we need a task force to give direction and to attract economic business and industry, which in turn will help with our financial problems," Korb said. He adds, "Lowell needs to go out and actively re-

cruit technology and business which will then help create funds."

Lowell superintendent Fritz Esch in reviewing the district mission statement, added that the bottom line of the whole thing, is in the goals, objectives and philosophies of Lowell High School as agreed to by the board of education. This will serve as the basis for anything and everything the school does in the area school district.

The list includes critical thinking, developing skills and work habits in youngsters, respect for others, citizenship, health, science education, career education, cultural values, continual education for life long learning.

In contrast to that, Esch shared a report entitled "State and its Educational System" by Harold Hodgkinson, summarizing the demographic changes that it sees occurring by the year 2000.

"Somewhere, in all of this, is our basis of our philosophy of education and the demographics of what they see as happening to us in the future. How we handle it, is the basis for why we are here today."

Hodgkinson states in his report that -- some of the demographic and educational problems facing the area and other areas in the state are that the minority middle classes are not as stable as in other states.

-- The nature and benefits of services will have to be more clearly specified if the aging

white population is to support new programs for improving the educational achievement of minorities as well as younger whites.

-- The need for some additional coordination of the various educational levels within the state still exists, particularly in the necessity of developing a strategic educational plan for all levels of education in Michigan, including the sophisticated education and training activities of Michigan's corporations and businesses.

"I hope this is the first in a series of similar events that will help the board of education identify the direction and desires of the school district through the input of its citizens," said Esch of the strategic planning workshop held Saturday, Jan. 9. "I'd like to stress that this was not just another citizen's advisory meeting. It is designed to be proactive and not reactive."

Board member Roger VanAntwerp expresses his thoughts during a discussion at the board of education Strategic Planning Workshop.

Thirteen years ago Roger VanVleck, owner of Modern Photography, left his vocation, teaching, in order to devote all of his time to his hobby, photography.

VanVleck was an elementary instructor for seven years in the Saranac school system.

VanVleck's teaching cohort during this time was Lowell Mayor James Maatman, who was a Mathematics and English instructor.

Both men developed an interest in photography. "It's ironic that both of our photography interests developed while teaching at Saranac," VanVleck said.

The interest festered into what is now known as Modern Photography, as the two men formed a partnership in 1975.

"I always had a desire for my own business, and I figured now was a good time, since if things did not work out I could go back into teaching," VanVleck said.

He continues, "The relationship and the business went real well." So well in fact, that five years later the two some started a second studio in Lake Odessa, which eventually led to a studio being opened in Ionia.

"Although after a business recession hit in 1984-85, we de-

Photographer turns hobby into lifetime vocation



Roger VanVleck, owner of Modern Photography, in a change of roles, is on the opposite side of the flash in this picture. VanVleck started out as a teacher in Saranac, but for the last 13 years has been the photographer for Lowell and other outlying areas.

decided to close our studios in Lake Odessa and Ionia," VanVleck said.

Maatman, pursuing some political aspirations, got elected to the city council and then in 1980 was elected Mayor of Lowell.

He left Modern Photography in 1986 to work at ITT. Maatman kept controlling interest until the first of the year, when VanVleck purchased his share of the studio.

Two skills that have been helpful to VanVleck in both education and photography are his communication skills and the ability to direct.

"As a teacher you direct your students somewhat, and a key to being successful in photography is being able to direct people," VanVleck said.

VanVleck, an Ionia graduate, spent four years in the Air Force after high school before earning a bachelor of science in 1969 at Western Michigan University. He also has 25 hours of credit toward a masters in audio visual at WMU.

"I first started building a reputation as a photographer, taking people's wedding and senior pictures," VanVleck said. He adds, "Once the reputation is there then you're able to sell your service and compete."

An area in which VanVleck and other studio photographers can't compete, is with the children's portraits that K-Mart, Sears and J.C. Penney's take. "They're child kidnappers," VanVleck jokes. "With the low prices they charge there's no way we can compete."

He adds, "But we're able to offer customers, time, creativity, better lighting compensation and quality."

In his 13 years as a photographer, VanVleck has captured many special, unusual and humorous moments on film. He says, "I've taken pictures of the bride and groom walking down the aisle on crutches and of the bride fainting."

These moments are not just restricted to the party having its picture taken.

"I've had my camera fall off the tripod while at a wedding. Another instance my camera quit working, broke," VanVleck said.

Both of these situations would spell disaster for most, but not VanVleck. "A golden rule that all professional photographers follow is you bring two of everything with you," he said.

Two proved to be better than one earlier this year while VanVleck and his father were out hunting. "We were out hunting and spotted an 11-point buck. We both shot at the same time, hit it and dropped it," VanVleck said. "I was shooting buck shot and dad was shooting slugs."

News from those in uniform



Pvt. John W. Little

Pvt. John W. Little, son of Karen I. Dunn of Ada, MI, has completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1987 graduate of Lowell High School.

Airman Jeffrey L. Konkle, son of Nicholas R. and Leona M. Konkle of 470 Adapointe S.E., Ada, MI, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force avionics communications systems course at Keesler Air Force Base, MS.

Graduates of the 20-week course learned how to install and repair airborne communications equipment, and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is a 1986 graduate of Forest Hills Central High School.

Yale University was named in 1718, after Elihu Yale, a governor of the British East India Company.

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WHEREAS, the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage as of the date of this notice is the sum of TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN & 65/100 dollars (\$22,477.65), for principal and interest and,

WHEREAS, no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, and default having been made whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on THURSDAY, the 18th day of FEBRUARY, 1988, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, local time, said mortgage will be foreclosed at a sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the main lobby of the Hall of Justice in the City of Grand Rapids, County of Kent and State of Michigan (that being the place of holding Circuit Court in said County), of the

premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage with the interest thereon at eight and one half percent (8.5%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises described in said mortgage are as follows:

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A part of the Southeast 1/4, of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 9 North, Range 9 West, commencing at the Southwest corner thereof; thence East along said South line of Section 12, 10 rods; thence North parallel with the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 12, a distance of 32 rods; thence West parallel with the South line of said Section 12, 10 rods; thence South along the West line of said Southeast 1/4, Southeast 1/4 of said Section 12; a distance of 32 rods to the point of beginning, Oakfield Township, Kent County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: JANUARY 6, 1988

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Legal Notices

STATE OF MICHIGAN DISTRICT COURT 61ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO ANSWER File No. 87-SP-3243

MARY ANN GREENHOE Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT A. and TERESA GREVE, Defendant.

At a session of said Court held in the 61st District Court, County of Kent, State of Michigan, on the 4th day of January, 1988

PRESENT: The Honorable DONALD A. JOHNSTON District Court Judge

On the 4th day of November, 1987, an action was filed by MARY ANN GREENHOE, Plaintiff, against ROBERT A. and TERESA GREVE, Defendants, in this court for summary proceedings; Land Contract forfeiture, concerning the property located at 1046 Helen Street, N.E., and more fully described as:

Lot 14, Block 2, McKee and Morman's Addition to the City of Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 9 of Plats, Page 25, except the South 10 feet thereof.

Upon hearing and consideration of the verified Motion of Plaintiff, attesting to the fact that the whereabouts of the Defendant, ROBERT A. GREVE, are unknown, that therefore service upon the Defendant, ROBERT A. GREVE, of the Summons and a copy of the Complaint in this action cannot be otherwise effectuated, and it appearing to the court that the Defendant, ROBERT A. GREVE, can best be apprised of the pendency of this action by the publication of this Order in a newspaper,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

that the Defendant, ROBERT A. GREVE, shall serve his answer on John D. Mitus, attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 410 Bridge Street, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 10th day of February, 1988 at 9:00 a.m. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against this Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week with three consecutive weeks (or for such further time as the court may require) in Kent County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the first publication of this Order be made within ten (10) days from the date of entry of this Order and that prior to the date of the last publication of a copy of this Order, a copy of this Order be enclosed in a properly sealed envelope, with postage fully prepaid, bearing the return address of Plaintiff's attorney, and same be deposited in the United States Mail addressed to the Defendant, ROBERT A. GREVE, at 1046 Helen Street, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, the Defendant's last known address.

GEORGE R. COOK CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Examined, Countersigned, and Entered: SALLY MODDERMAN, Deputy Clerk ATTEST: A True Copy

LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN By: Richard J. Duffey, Jr. (P-39823) Attorney for Plaintiff 430 Federal Square Building Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 774-0672 C8-10

Examined, Entered, and Countersigned: ANNE PERKINS, Deputy Clerk ATTEST: A True Copy

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HEALTH

By Dr. Paul Gauthier Dr. Jim Lang

SNORING: NOT A VERY FUNNY PROBLEM

Snoring is very familiar to us all, but to the loved ones of a "Snorer" and to the snorer himself, this problem can be a significant detriment to domestic harmony.

Snoring is the lay term for obstructive breathing during sleep. It can disrupt family life, and often makes the person who snores the object of ridicule and cruel jokes. The incidence of snoring increases with age. In people from 30 to 35 years of age, 20 percent of men and 5 percent of women snore. Snoring is related to weight: the disorder is three times more common in obese patients than in thin ones.

Several physical possibilities exist which may contribute to snoring, but the most common is the presence of space-occupying masses within the airway - i.e. tonsils, adenoids, cysts, tumors. These may obstruct free breathing and cause snoring. While the diagnosis of the cause of snoring is not difficult, therapy can be very elusive.

An examination by your physician is the first step in the diagnosis. If there is an upper airway obstruction, many times this is surgically correctable. In children, tonsillectomy, and/or adenoidectomy sometimes relieves the problem. If the snoring is persistent and disruptive, and no anatomical reason can be found, maybe some of these suggestions may be useful:

- 1) Exercise more and eat better. This may promote weight loss and reduce snoring.
- 2) Abstain from alcoholic beverages within three hours of retiring
- 3) Sleep sideways rather than on your back
- 4) Tilt the entire bed so that the head of the bed is raised. (Place a brick under each bedpost at the head of the bed)
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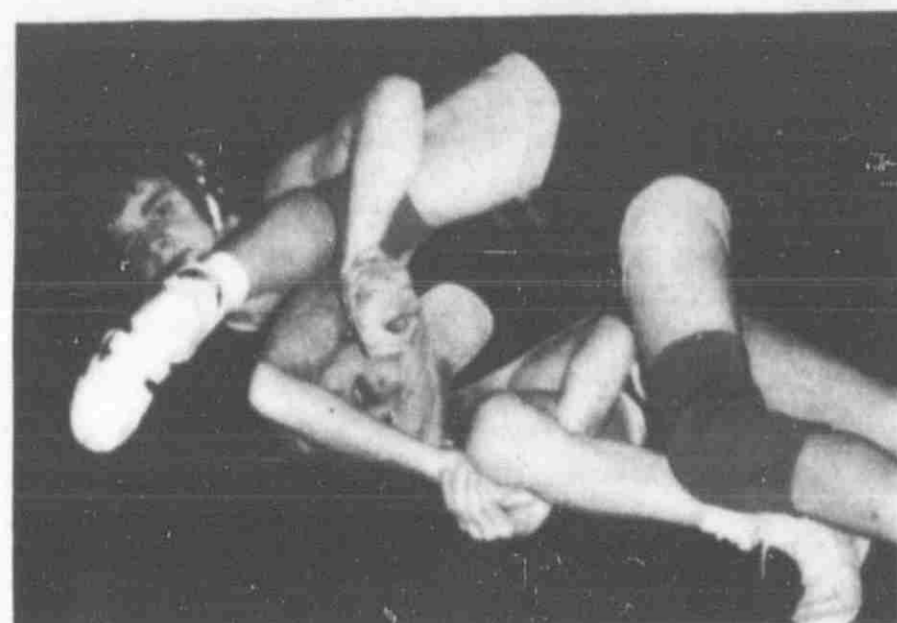
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Lowell grapplers; 12-1



Brad Whalen, Lowell wrestler, puts his Creston counterpart in an unenviable position.

(155) 2-0; Nugent (167) 5-0; Stepek (198) 5-0.

Overall, Lowell wrestlers were 58-6-1 in the tournament. "Not too bad a showing," Rivers adds.

Mike Rivers broke three team records during the week. The senior broke the most career falls (47) set by Jim Johnson (1984-87), he now has 53.

Rivers now owns the career takedown record with 83. Brett Kirby (1982-86) previously held the mark with 71.

Rivers also claimed the record for the most two points near fall in a career. He now has 59. The record was held by Dale Dawson (1970-73) with 48.

On Friday, Jan. 15 Lowell will host a group of Canadian wrestlers in an exhibition.

The Lowell Invitational will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16.

Lowell's wrestling team is rolling right along. No, not the rolling you do on a mat.

Since losing to Belding, the Red Arrows have not lost a dual meet, as they have run their record to 12-1.

The Lowell grapplers started the week with victories over Creston (61-9), Greenville (35-30) and Rogers (76-0) in the Yellowjacket double dual meet.

The best match of the meet was posted between Lowell and Greenville. Quite possibly it's the closest the Red Arrows have come to losing a match since its defeat to Belding on Dec. 2.

Lowell fell behind 24-0 in the match as Greenville won the first five matches. The Yellowjackets posted three pins and two decisions.

The pins came against the Red Arrows' Brad Whalen (98), Trevor Tyler (112) and Aaron Adams (119).

Clay VanderWarf (105) and Jon Pratt (126) were decided 7-4 and 9-4 respectively.

However, Lowell's power and depth then took over. With an injury to Bart Olin, Jeff DePew was inserted into the 138 pound class, dropping Nauta and Gildea down one weight class. "People don't realize it, but that's

pretty significant, we're talking 10 pounds," Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers said.

The Red Arrows posted six consecutive wins. Starting with decisions by Mike Rivers, 13-2; DePew, 16-8; Tony Nauta, 19-3; and Kyle Gildea, 11-5.

Tom Nugent and Mark Anderson followed those victories up with back-to-back pins.

Tony Stepek (198) was then defeated 17-2, leaving the outcome of the match hinged on the heavyweight contest.

Dallas Kirkbride carried the load on his shoulders, just fine, thank you, as he pinned his Greenville counterpart to win the match for the Red Arrows.

In the Muskegon Big Red Team Tournament, Lowell easily handled the five-team field.

Its conquests came this way: 69-3 over Montague; 56-9 over Grand Haven; 70-6 over Ravenna; 67-6 over Muskegon; and 72-6 over Muskegon Heights.

Individual records on the day were: Whalen (98) 5-0; VanderWarf (105) 3-0; Scott Nagy (105) 2-0; Adams (119) 5-0; Pratt (126) 5-0; Rivers (132) 5-0; Nauta (138) 4-0-1; Gildea (145) 5-0; Olin (155) 3-0; Glen Rozich

Red Arrow gymnasts win

The Red Arrow gymnastic team got off on the right foot in the season opener at East Kentwood.

The Lowell Red Arrows, led by freshman Laura Kropf's 28.05 all-around score dominated a young and inexperienced Kentwood squad with a 104.65 - 88.90 victory.

"I think we did very good considering it was our first meet and we haven't had too much time to spend on routines," said Lowell Coach Tammy Fitzpatrick.

Kropf led Lowell's scoring in the vault with a 7.05 resulting in a first place. Sophomore Carrie Lipkea placed a 6.95 second and senior Sherry Wilson captured third (6.5).

In the uneven bars, Lipkea took first with a 7.75 mark and senior Lisa Kidder and Kropf tied for second (7.5).

Kidder took second on the floor exercise with a 7.1 and Kropf finished third (7.05). Lipkea and Wilson added points with fourth (6.85) and fifth (6.8).

Lowell was very consistent on the balance beam with Kropf's 6.45 second, Lipkea's 6.25 third and Kidder's 5.0 fourth. Sophomore Jody Smith turned in a fifth (4.95).

The Arrows travel to Rockford Wednesday, January 13 to compete against the state-ranked Rams.

Red Arrow hoopsters drop two league games

It had been 18 days since Lowell had taken to the hardwood against a O-K White league foe, entering into the Wyoming Rogers contest.

Layoffs can affect a club one of two ways. It can make a team hungry for action and aggressive, or it can leave them lethargic and rusty.

It took a little less than 10 minutes for the Red Arrow faithful to see how the layoff affected Lowell, as the Golden Hawks took apart the Red Arrows 83-60.

"You saw the game, no need

Dan Byrne, Lowell center, puts up a short jumper in a contest against Rogers. Byrne had 18 points, despite the Red Arrows losing the game 83-60.

to talk to me," said a discouraged Lowell head coach Ken Akers. "It was very simple out there, Rogers played real well and we played poorly."

How well Rogers would play became evident in the first 2-1/2 minutes of play, as it opened up a 7-0 lead, one the Golden Hawks would never relinquish.

As a team, the first quarter was probably Lowell's best eight minutes. The last five minutes of the first stanza saw the Red Arrows play Rogers to a 15-15 tie.

It looked as though Lowell

might make a game of it as it scored the first two buckets of the second quarter to pull within three at 22-19, but then a slender, slim, sharp-shooter not mentioned in the Lowell scouting report entered the fray, named Steve Hendrickson.

"I don't know where he came from, that's the first we've seen of him," Akers said. "He sure can shoot."

Hendrickson came in and immediately did three things for Rogers: He connected on two three-pointers within 30 seconds of one another; started a 24-2 Golden Hawk spurt; and helped put an end to anything resembling a coast.

While Hendrickson's performance off the bench played an important role in the game, so did the Red Arrow's lack of shooting and/or poor shot selection.

"We did not have wise shot selection," Akers said. "Rogers shot 72 percent in the second quarter compared to our 16 percent."

And yes, despite Lowell's poor play, there was a silver lining, it came in a 6-3 frame.

Senior center Dan Byrne had his finest performance of the year. Byrne tallied 18 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead the Red Arrow charge.

"It's by far his best game of the season. He was the only player doing his job out there," Akers said.

Paul Stroosnyder was the only other Red Arrow in double figures with 14.

Rogers leading scorer was Hendrickson with 22 points, followed by Bart VerHulst with 15 and Steve Moore with 12.

"We need to regroup and get ready for the tough contests coming up," Akers said. "We have a lot of work on defense and rebounding to do."

It was also announced that the Greenville basketball game has been reset for the 30th of January. Tipoff at 7:30.

Wyon. Park 73, Lowell 56
Lowell's travels to Wyoming Park proved one thing, problems you've had at home are magnified on the road.

The Red Arrows, who were looking to put 32 minutes of consistent basketball together after a poor performance against Rogers, showed signs of good play, but still had some lapses.

Lowell fell behind early (26-10), before coming to life and closing the gap to four, at 42-38.

"It was an important game for both clubs, but we just couldn't sustain an effort," Lowell basketball coach Ken Akers said.

The senior trio of Ken Nelson, Jeff Phillips and Dan Byrne accounted for 49 of Lowell's 56 points. Nelson tallied 18, Phillips added 17 points and pulled down 13 cars while Byrne had another fine performance with 14 points and eight rebounds.

"Byrne played as fine a game as he has all season," Akers said.

Icers drop a pair

Its play improved, but the tallies in the win column did not increase.

The Lowell Red Arrow hockey team, 2-6, put together back to back quality performances against O-K White foes Ottawa Hills and Kenowa Hills. However, the effort fell a few goals short of posting victories.

The Red Arrows lost to Ottawa Hills 6-4 and Kenowa Hills 1-0.

"Being that I attended Ottawa Hills, I would have really liked to have won the game," Lowell coach Richard Graham said.

Lowell took a 1-0 first-period lead when Taylor Buckley found the net on assists from Scott Whaley and Pete Davidson.

That lead vanished in the second period as the Indians posted two unassisted goals of their own, taking a 2-1 lead into the final stanza.

The Red Arrows tied the score in the first 2-1/2 minutes of the

third period. The puck, off of Davidson's stick, with assists from Whaley and Buckley, found home, tying the score at the 12:40 marker, 2-2.

The goal was Davidson's first of his career.

Ottawa Hills grabbed the lead back at 8:55 with an unassisted goal.

Then with 5:20 remaining, Marty Vredenburg assisted Buckley, notching the scoring at 3-3.

The Indians then netted three unanswered goals in a four-minute span, opening a 6-3 advantage.

Lowell's final goal of the game came by Buckley, his hat-trick, was assisted by Davidson. Earlier in the week the Red Arrows lost a 1-0 heartstopper to the Knights of Kenowa Hills.

The only goal of the contest was scored by Kenowa's Steve Devlaemink at 6:34 of the first stanza.

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THE FAMILY OF - Wally Benedict sincerely appreciates all the expressions of sympathy in the time of our sorrow. The beautiful flowers, cards, foods, visits and prayers all meant so much. Special thanks for the comforting words of Reverend Coon and Reverend Sickler. We are grateful for the wonderful luncheon provided by the Afto Baptist Church. God bless each of you. C9

WE WISH TO THANK - all who made our golden wedding anniversary such a beautiful day! Our children and grandchildren, our relatives and friends for all the lovely flowers, cards and gifts. Truly, it was the most wonderful party. May God bless each and every one of you. Cecil and Esther DeRushia P9

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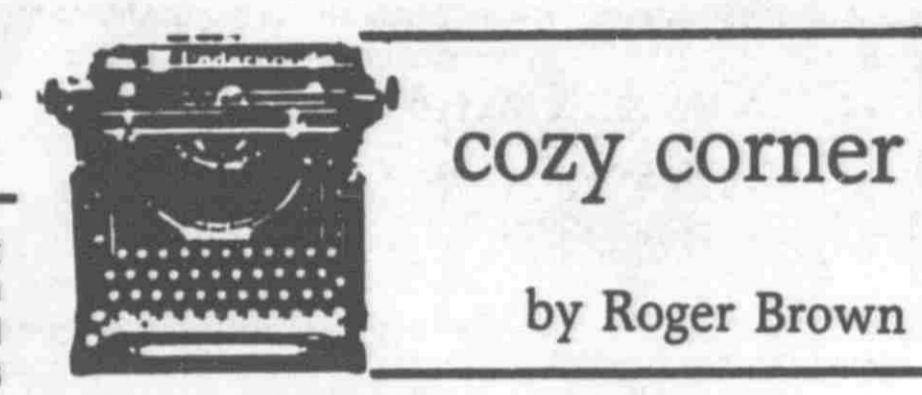
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cozy corner
by Roger Brown

If you've paid a visit to our offices lately, or even if you have simply driven by, you probably noticed that there have been a lot of changes going on here. Our acquisition of the Buyers Guide necessitated a remodeling project because of the added equipment and personnel. Two months ago, the sans everything warehouse between the Ledger and Larkins was nothing more than a home for my boat and a truckload of junk that we never had the heart to throw away.

Now the warehouse is three offices, a reception area, a ladies room and a mail room. The area where our offices used to be is now a composition room for the Ledger and Buyers Guide. The area where the mailing equipment used to be is now an office for the print shop foreman. The area that used to be our composition department is now full of stripping and plate making equipment. The old ladies room (no pun intended) is now a utility room. The letterpress department has been organized, and is now where the stripping and platemaking equipment was. This left a hole in the middle of the print shop that is rapidly being filled with new shelving, bindery equipment and possibly a couple of new presses in the near future.

If you followed all that, you are light years ahead of me! Like I said, all this has taken place in the last two months. On top of the remodeling we had the problem of operating with two separate staffs, two separate groups of equipment out of two separate locations. Sometimes we were working here at the Ledger, and sometimes we were working over at the old Buyers Guide office. Sometimes we were working on the Ledger, the Buyers Guide or a print shop project. Other times we were painting, hanging wallpaper, staining trim, scraping up old carpeting, etc.

Throughout all this, we have been working around carpenters, plumbers, electricians, heating contractors, roofers, etc., who in turn, have all been trying to work around us. Did you ever try to compose a news story with a contractor working next to you driving nails into concrete using bullet powered ram set gun? "The City Council met Monday to (POW!) finalize work on a (BANG!) new project that will effect the (POW!)..." Let me tell you, don't work around one of those things if you are a non-drinker, because I'm sure it'll drive you to it.

On top of all this we had to deal with Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year, the physical move of the Buyers Guide equipment, the bosses' two week vacation, a crashed computer, year-end book-keeping, large Christmas issues, and a line of credit at the bank that is about double to original projections. The one thing we haven't done much of is sleep.

We still have a way to go. The electricians aren't quite done, there is some floor covering yet to be installed, the heating and cooling people have hardly started and there is still a little painting and wallpapering to be done. When the new rooftop heating and cooling units are on line, the old boiler will go, and that room will become a workshop. That will be a sizeable project. We plan to install a suspended ceiling in the print shop and paint the walls there. In the spring we will paint the front of the building and pour some concrete. When that's done, this old dump ought to look like a real place of business. The only thing left to do after that is pay the bank back.

Needless to say, it has been two months to remember (or forget, depending on one's point of view). The staff has shown few signs of mutiny. My two week vacation in the middle of all this would certainly be considered justifiable grounds for tossing my personal items out in the snow and changing the locks on the doors, but they didn't do it. I guess I owe them all a big thank you. So here it is... "Thanks, gang".

PUBLIC NOTICE OFFICE OF THE DRAIN COMMISSIONER

NOTICE OF MEETING OF LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

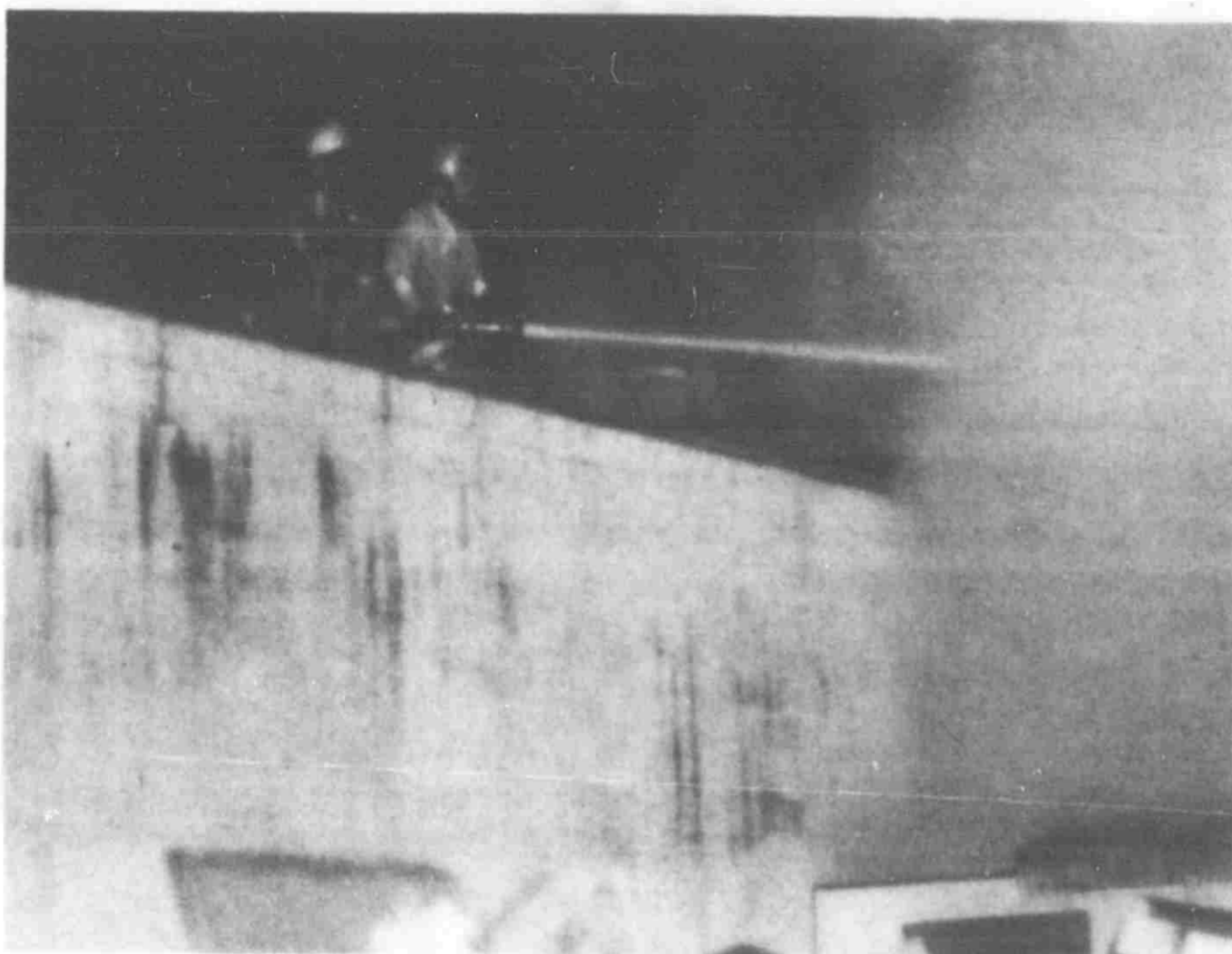
There will be a meeting of the Big Pine Island Lake Improvement Board, on the 26th day of January, 1988, at 7:30 p.m. at the following location:
Grattan Township Hall
11676 Old Belding Road
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Ruth A. Harte
Deputy City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizens Advisory Commission will conduct a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on January 25, 1988, for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on a request from Wayne Lemmen, Lemmen Oil, Coopersville, Michigan, to rezone a parcel (41-20-02-408-009) 310 W. Main, Lowell, from C-3 (local business) to C-2 (general business). Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI.

Fire destroys Keiser's Kitchen . . . continued



Firefighters stand atop the roof of the Lowell Plaza in an effort to put out the fire coming through the roof of Keiser's Kitchen.

The Lowell community in cooperation with FMB State Savings Bank have started a Keiser's Kitchen rebuilding fund. For those interested in donating, money can be dropped off at the bank and/or mailed to FMB. Mailing address: Keiser's Kitchen Rebuilding Fund/ FMB State Savings, P.O. Box 158, Lowell, MI 49331.

Avoid post-holiday depression

With all of the holiday cheer, giving and receiving, family get togethers, parties, excitement and anticipation, how can people suffer from the post holiday blues? Tiredness, yes, but the blues?

Easy, within all of those festive activities lie the factors that cause great numbers of people to become afflicted with post holiday depression.

Psychological consultant Art Jongsma of Grand Rapids explains that this problem is quite common. He adds that "this affliction usually lasts 2-3 weeks and then begins to pass."

Some of the major causes of this problem include the anticipa-

tion and unrealistic buildup that the holidays get.

Jongsma suggests that for some, this is a very stressful period, for it requires some individuals to get along with a family member he/she may not get along with throughout the rest of the year. He adds, "It forces people to put on a happy face."

Depression can also come from the sudden stop of all the holiday hustle and bustle from a person's busy schedule. All of these factors plus the help of fatigue factor and one can begin to understand how the post holiday blues exist.

"New Year's Day is difficult for people. Especially for those

grieving the loss of a loved one," Jongsma said. "People reflect on the loss and project into the new year. Coping with grief, especially at this time of the year is not easy to deal with."

Jongsma says some of the things he does to help people cope with their depression problem is to have them look back over their unrealistic expectations and bring those expectations to a realistic level.

"I also try to help people bring their disappointments into perspective and help remind them of the good so they don't just concentrate on the bad," Jongsma said.

Jongsma suggests that people find tradition such as taking down their tree, having a family dinner and writing, to help give them structure and to provide distraction from their grief on New Year's Day.

Jongsma says that people going into the holiday season depressed can become severe (suicidal) cases since they're already vulnerable.

Psychologist Paul LaBerteaux of the Cornerstone Mental Health Center in Grand Rapids adds that the amount of crisis phone calls toward the end of December and beginning of January goes up, but the intakes are usually down.

"Family and friends can also help keep depressed individuals busy with activities and exercise to help keep their minds distracted from problems," LaBerteaux said. He adds that holiday time can also lead to substance abuse. "Alcohol only makes a person's depression worse."

Jongsma concludes that there is no magical statement or activity for the mild post holiday blues, but concentrating on the good in one's life and keeping active can help one through this affliction.

Vergennes Historic Commission receives state grant

Judy Baird, of the Vergennes Township Historic Commission, said that it received a \$28,000 from Michigan Equity Grants, which is part of the \$500,375 Governor James Blanchard announced will be used for several Kent County Projects.

The money will be used to help purchase the Fallsburg Pioneer Village historic site.

"We will not do anything with the grant money until we find the other \$20,000 of the \$49,000 the township asked for," Baird said.

Baird added that the historic commission has an option to buy on the John Fallas estate historic site and on the boarding house and barns.

"Once we've got the money, it will be used for restoration and preservation of the historic sites."

Donations toward the purchase can be sent or taken to Vergennes Township Historic Commission at the Township Hall.

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