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## MURRAY LAKE DECORATING CONTEST

The Murray Lake Association would like to remind all lake residents their annual Christmas Decorating Contest judging will be held the evenings of Dec. 21 and 22. Get the garland and lights up!

## LIVE NATIVITY AT BOWNE CENTER

The Bowne Center United Methodist Church will hold a Live Nativity Drive-Through Dec. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Church is located on the corner of 84th St. and M-50. This event is free.

## OFF THE BLOTTER

Arrested on a warrant issued by 63rd District Court for Failure to Appear in Court was Dale Bibbler, 21, of Lowell on Dec. 12.

Arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol was Robin Bottrall, 28, of Ada by Lowell officers on Dec. 2.

Edward Dare Sr., 59, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Dec. 11 and lodged in the Kent County Jail.

Involved in a minor injury accident Dec. 17 on Main St. near West St. was Thomas Landman, 37, of Caledonia, when he struck the rear of a parked vehicle owned by Frank Renegar of Lowell.

Arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Dec. 17 was Dennis Bailey, 37, of Lowell.

A 16 year old juvenile from Alto Failed to Yield Right of Way while exiting a driveway on West Main St. near Valley Vista Dr. Dec. 14 and struck a car driven by Elaine Starkweather, 42, of Lowell. No injuries were reported.

Arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Dec. 17 was Dennis Bailey, 37, of Lowell.

Robert Passeno of Sand Lake reported to Lowell Police that his car was struck by a hit and run driver while parked in a private lot off Godfrey St. Dec. 14.

Arrested on a warrant issued out of an East Lansing Court was Bradley Sharpe, 21, of Lowell by Lowell officers Dec. 16.

## Lowell's school administration and School Board select Owen, Ames and Kimball as project construction manager

No matter which of the four firms it was interviewing, Lowell's School Board and Administrators heard the same piece of encouraging news from each - It's a buyers market. "The cream of the crop" sub contractors will be giving highly competitive bids on Lowell's \$30 million bond issue.

"A year ago we did not have any idea what the market would be like today. I think everybody is aware of where the market is today,"

Lowell School Board President Roger Kropf said. "Hopefully, Lowell Schools will be able to take advantage of this opportunity. This is very timely and nice for the school system."

At a special Board of Education meeting, the Lowell Board and administrators interviewed four firms for the construction manager position for the new high school project and renovations.

Then, on Monday, in another special Board of Edu-

cation meeting, Lowell's Administration and School Board unanimously agreed to offer the contraction manager contract, subject to negotiated fee, to Owen, Ames and Kimball.

"The chemistry with Owen, Ames and Kimball is good. I have felt good about them everytime I have talked to the firm," Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch said. "The firm has always been straight forward with the answers. Not only that, but the firm is

considered by everyone in the field to be top notch, and Lowell deserves that."

Kropf added that Ames, Owen and Kimball was direct, well versed, knowledgeable, up-front, and open minded to communication on site. "I liked the idea that Ames, Owen and Kimball president, Tom Healy said he would bring suggestions to the school whether the school agreed or not."

WBDC architect, Ralph Moxley used the words quality and integrity to describe the firm.

"I believe that their work load not being real heavy at this time played a factor in the decision," Lowell Board member, Jack Lane said. "I was also impressed with their site communication system." Ames, Owen and Kimball are currently finishing up work at Comstock and Saranac.

Ray Quada, Lowell School Board member, added that all of the engineer company he checked with had nothing but the highest compliments for Ames, Owen and Kimball.

The interviews were held at the Lowell Middle School Media Center, each lasting an hour. The first 30 minutes were allocated for the firm's presentation and the final 30 minutes were filled with questions from the Board and administrators.

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Owen, Ames and Kimball was the last of four firms interviewed by the Lowell School Board and administration.

## 1990 The year in retrospect

### A week-by-week chronology of the year's events

The 1990 Year-in-Review is a weekly chronology of the year's events. In 1990 the City of Lowell toasted the grand centennial celebration of King Milling; the presentation of Lowell's Chamber of Commerce "Person of the Year" to George and Dolores Dey for their devotion to Lowell and for their community service; the intrigue created by the skull and bones uncovered by City workers on Riverside Drive; the hard work and drive shown by Lowell High School's seven

Valedictorians: Charlie Doyle, as he announced his retirement, for his 36 years of service at the Post Office; Shela Thomson's commitment to the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. The year will be remembered for many things to many people. Read, remember and enjoy.

#### January 3, 1990

Despite temperatures in the minus 5-10 degrees below zero, a three-man crew struggled through the first week of

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Sarah Dyke, left, and Drew Roberts, right, were cast as Mary and Joseph. More pictures on page 18.

# Lowell Administration selects CM, continued...

"I was extremely pleased and comfortable with the format. I felt it left enough room for questions and interaction," Lowell School Board Secretary Linda Beers said. "I say that because I was looking to evaluate the interaction between the construction manager and architect (WBDC, Ralph Moxley). It's important that the CM and architect have a good chemistry between them. In reviewing the tapes of the interviews I will look for that."

The interviewing process started with C.D. Barnes Assoc., Inc.; E&V, Inc. was

interviewed second; following a short dinner buffet, the Barnes Construction Co. interview commenced at 7:15 p.m.; the fourth and final interview involved Owen Ames & Kimball. The interview finished right around 9:20 p.m. Following the interviews the Board adjourned to a private room where it reviewed what it heard in the interviews.

The Board carefully reviewed its interview process and questions a half-hour prior to the meeting. Questions asked of the firms included: How many bids will

you solicit for each category of work? Could your firm work within the budget and timeline outlined by WBDC? Is the firm's fee negotiable? How many schools has your firm constructed? How many school projects has your firm handled as a CM?

"Yes, the questions asked and the answers given, helped to clear up questions members of the board may have had," Kropf said.

The questions asked by the Board were taken from a six-page questionnaire written up by Moxley with help from the board members. The first

couple of pages were general questions for all four firms and then there was a page of questions for each individual firm. Not all of the questions were used, but it did give the Board and administrators a base to work from.

"I was comfortable with the interview process used by the Lowell Board of Education," Moxley said. "I thought the Board came prepared with good questions. The board members will be ones to vote on the construction manager, not me. I will only advise them on technical issues," Moxley did say he

thought the four firms were comparable.

Esch said he felt the Lowell Board and Administration could obtain an appropriate construction manager from the four firms interviewed. He did not rule out that another firm from the list of eight firms WBDC provided could be asked to come in for an interview.

"It is important that the architect and the construction manager have a good professional, working relationship," Esch said. "I don't think it's necessarily a good idea that the architect and construction manager be ex-

tremely comfortable with one another."

While the crisis with Iraq had a negative effect on the sale of bonds, its effect on the market will benefit local taxpayers.

Esch said the school paid the penalty on the money to cover itself under the albatross law as opposed to the deduction on interest earned.

Any money the school would be used for equipment not necessarily planned for. Esch did not sound convinced that there was a chance money may be saved.

# Review, continued

construction on the Lowell Airport's new six-place aircraft hangar, driving grade stakes and auguring holes into the well frozen earth.

Dave Noonon was reunited with his birth brother, Ron Kitchen, on Dec. 17 for the first time since his early childhood. Kitchen met with his brother, Dave on the 17th of December and then Noonon visited Ron on Jan. 4-5.

Lowell's Judy Tummino exhibited her landscaping watercolor exhibit at the Lowell Area Arts Council.

Lowell City officials announced the city's new five-stall, \$500,000 fire station is scheduled to be completed by the end of January.

Bryan Kimble, Lowell Rescue captain, was named the 1990 "Rescue Person of the Year." Kimble was the second recipient of the award. Paul Roderick was honored with the award in 1989.

Lowell's Red Arrow

wrestling team defeated FMB State Savings Bank's Vice President, Bob Elzinga announced he would be leaving.

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**Merry Christmas**

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Jennifer Franks, age 10  
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"YOU DON'T SAY... NO, YOU DON'T SAY... WHO WAS IT?"

"HE DIDN'T SAY!"

The first president to use the telephone was James Garfield, who had a phone installed in 1878 while he was a member of Congress.

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Brett West, age 11  
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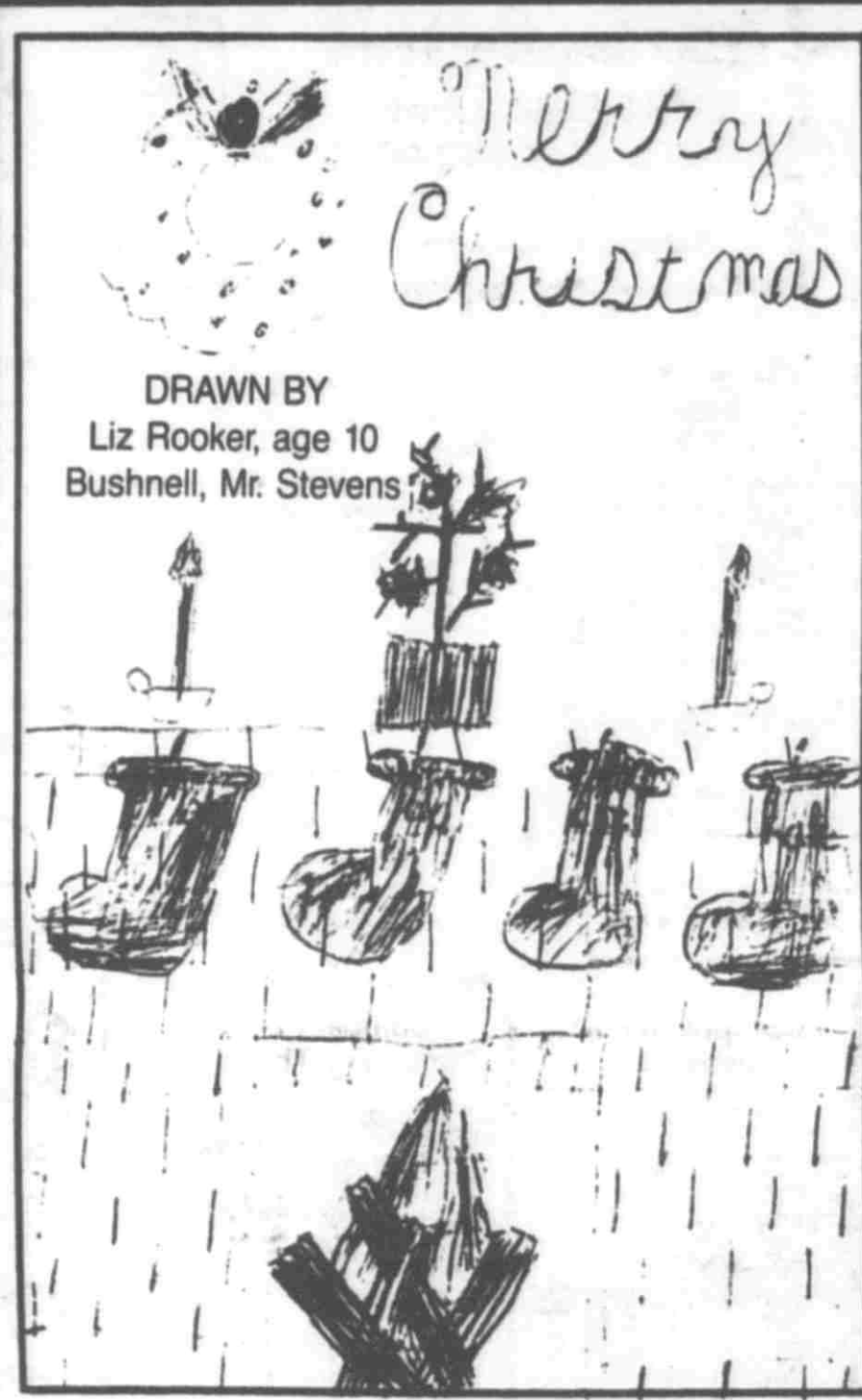
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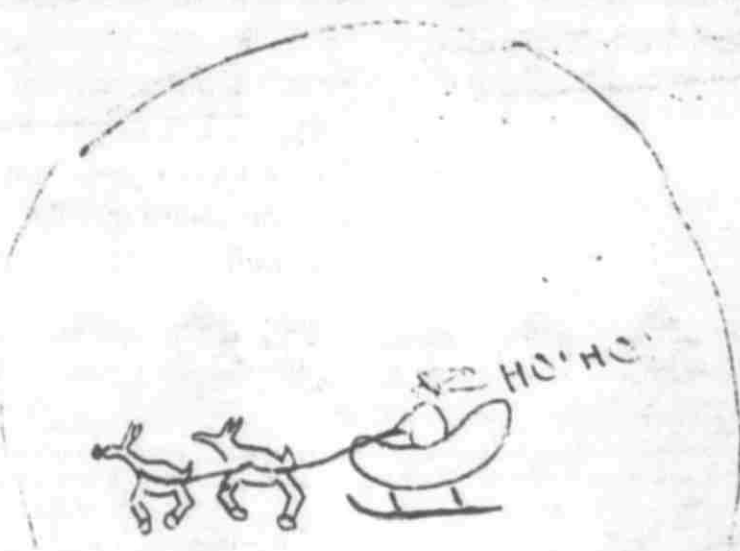
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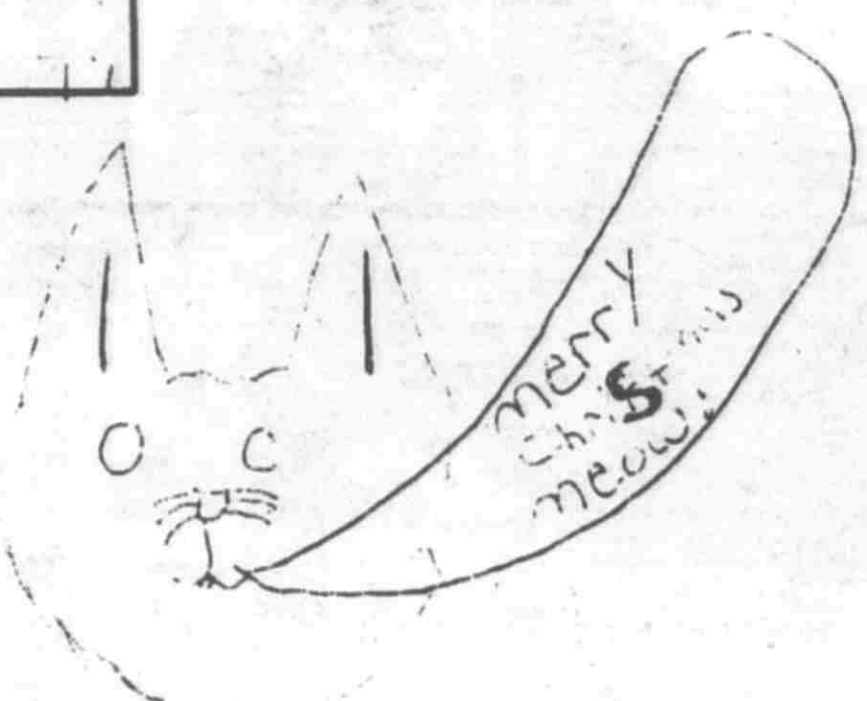
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# Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

CHURCH PAGE  
Now faith is the substance of things hoped for... (Hebrews 11.1).

Long before the season our girls began making up lists of things they wanted for Christmas. It was their way of informing their father and me of their "substance of things hoped for." In fact, I remember one time right after the holiday when one of them began, "Next year I want..."

There is something about a child's faith that brings results. A child is certain he will receive the things for which he asks. Parents will go to

full and running over. He will supply our needs and give us those "items" on "our Christmas list" which He knows we should have.

Prayer: "Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications." Give me what Thou wilt. Withhold from me what Thou seeest best: Thy will be done. Amen.

Lord, give us such a faith as this. And then, whatever may come, We'll taste, e'en here, the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.  
William H. Bathurst

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Angela Marie Abel and Bradley David Plutschow were united in marriage on Saturday, October 13, 1990 at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

Parents of the couple are Terry and Gerre Abel of Lowell and David and Sharon Plutschow of Ada. The ceremony was performed by Rev. William J. Amundsen. Organist was Bill Zinke and soloist was Carol Briggs.

Maid of Honor was Melissa Holloway, sister of the groom and Kathie Abel, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. Nicole and Taylor Jamison, cousins of the bride, were flower girl and ringbearer.

Best Man was Bill Holloway, brother-in-law of the groom, and groomsman was Adam Buck, cousin of the bride. Ushers were Al Plutschow, uncle of the groom and David Plutschow, father of the groom.

**HAVE a Merry Christmas**

DRAWN BY  
Jennifer Foss, age 10  
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# Viewpoint

## Thad's Thoughts

I took my last week of vacation what seems like eons ago, but in reality it's been just five weeks.

As most of you have probably noticed, I've also purchased a new car. I did this days before going on vacation.

When I was not roaming the Michigan countryside that week, I was slowly and deliberately removing the sticker with the name of the dealer from whom I purchased the car. One catch though, this wasn't just one sticker, this was an individual sticker for each individual letter.

As luck would have it, that meant 37 little stickers. This includes the town and MI for the state. I was not removing the letters because I was unhappy with the deal given to me by the dealer or because I didn't like the salesman.

I removed the stickers because of a personal principle shared with me by my father years ago, when I asked him why he removed the sticker on his new car.

His response, which I share, was he isn't, and I'm not, a billboard or a driving advertisement for the dealership. If people want to know where I bought the car I'll tell them, provided I'm happy with the way I was treated. If a dealer wants to put a logo on my car, then he can pay me for the advertising; or negotiate that deduction into the cost of my car.

That's absurd Thad, no dealer's going to do that. Exactly, and I'm not going drive my car around with the dealer's logo stuck to the backend of my auto.

Back to my vacation, with the help of some hot water and a rag, the 37 little stickers eased right on off.

I'm back from vacation now, and because of my urgency to have the car for vacation, I must set up a time to take the car back in and have it rustproofed.

Two Saturdays ago I took the car in at 9:30 a.m. and in return I was given a beat up Escort to drive around while I waited. It did everything except fall apart while I was driving it, in other words it was a death trap.

I was without my new car for a half day. I picked it up at 2:30 and everything was fine, except the hangover of a smell that rustproofing leaves in your car.

This story now jumps to last Thursday evening. I'm walking out of the Lowell Middle School, just having witnessed 4½ hours of construction manager interviews. Why, I'm not sure, but I circled around toward the back of the only two white cars in front of the building. As I was going past the first car, I noticed a dealer sticker on the backend of the vehicle. Immediately my mind was able to process the information that Thad's car no longer has a sticker, so the next white car must be mine.

After a couple of steps toward the second white car I realized that wasn't my car. Then it hit me, the brand new car that I had slowly and deliberately removed 37 little stickers from had magically grown them back. I turned back around and sure enough there was my car. Yes, while my car was in to get rustproofed the dealer's service department took it upon itself to put another 37 little stickers on my new vehicle.

Little things have always found a way to put me over the edge. My initial reaction was to call the gentleman who



sold me the car and let him have it. Fortunately, he was not in.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but if someone brings a new car back for some service work and the sticker has been removed, apparently there is a pretty good reason for it - he doesn't want the stickers on his car.

The dealer got what it wanted, an extra week-and-a-half of free advertising. By the time this column is read on Wednesday, the second set of 37 letters will be removed.

One other thing before I leave the new car department. At the time I bought the car I felt as if I got a pretty good deal. Roughly three weeks after I purchased the car, I saw the same new car advertised in the Buyers Guide for about \$2,000 less than what I paid. The dealer got me. When I saw the salesman that Saturday I took the car in for rustproofing. I told him "You could have at least told me the vehicle was going to go on sale. You could have saved me \$50 a month in payments."

He said he didn't know - right. Aahhh, car dealers have to make money too! But why off from me?

I should have waited and asked Santa for a new car. I bet his would have come without stickers. Hell, all of his toys come without batteries. I leave you with my best imitation of David Hartman (former host of Good Morning America) "Go out and make it a (good day) Merry Christmas, everyone."

by Hester White for parents and other adults, by popular request.

Split days at the high school and rooms in public buildings may be needed for awhile even if the school bond issue passes in January, because buildings may not be finished by September. Last June's vote went down by 16 votes.

Ada Beef Co. is brought into court for alleged withholding of back wages and child-labor violations.

**HEALTH**  
With  
Dr. Paul Gauthier  
&  
Dr. Jim Lang

**CHOKING**

With the holiday season upon us, I'm reminded of a frightening event that took place at a holiday gathering that we attended a few years ago. During a Christmas party, the hosts' young son came downstairs after having been put to bed and began helping himself to the refreshments. After shoving a handful of candy into his mouth someone noticed he was having obvious difficulty breathing. Panic soon followed, and after several unsuccessful attempts to remove the foreign object by slapping him on the back and turning him upside down, it was finally removed by manual extraction. The youngster suffered no ill effects and tragedy was narrowly averted. What is still with me after this episode was that no one, including several physicians in attendance, thought to perform the Heimlich maneuver - a simple, effective technique that has saved many lives. This episode probably lasts 15-20 seconds, but it seems much longer than that at the time. The lesson learned is that panic can prevent clear thinking and proper action.

What can you do if you are faced with a situation similar to this? First, don't panic. Second, be prepared to use the Heimlich maneuver on any choking victim. Follow the procedure outlined below and practice it in a controlled situation so you will know what to do in a true emergency.

The Heimlich maneuver should be used on anyone that is having difficulty breathing due to trapped food or any foreign body in the upper airway.

1. Sit the person upright or have them stand.
2. Stand behind the person and wrap both arms around the chest with the right hand closed into a fist and placed over the mid/lower sternum (breast bone). Grasp the fist with the left hand.
3. With a rapid forceful thrust, compress the chest and the object will dislodge. Repeat the thrust several times if needed.

If the victim is on the ground and unable to sit or stand up, the technique can be modified by rolling the person so he/she is face up. Place the hands over the lower breast bone and compress.

If you learn this technique and practice it (without the thrusts, of course) prior to an emergency, then if the situation arises in real life, you'll be able to do the right thing.

## Letters to the Editor

### Ledger Entries of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

**100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - DEC. 17, 1890**  
The Journal piano will be given to subscribers on January 1.

Frank Morton has a half-Guernsey cow making 2 lbs., 6 ozs. of butter a day--pretty good for a winter cow.

The Congregational Sunday School will have an ice cave and give an entertainment Christmas Eve.

Daniel Stokes of Greenville has spent three years raising cats of the same color, and now has a fine robe of 29 catskins, valued at \$75.

Robertson & Son advertises Boy Spangers for sale, not altogether new, but they work like a charm. The ad calls them "spangers" another place, but that doesn't help much.

Dear Editor,

Several weeks ago something happened that really bothers me. In the parking lot by Hinkley Drug Store, I saw a car with two children in it. A 3 year old boy and a baby about 3 months old were all alone. My 12 year old son was with me and it really upset us. We decided to sit and watch over them. We sat there 20 minutes. We decided it was really ridiculous, so we walked toward the pay phone to call the police.

those kids alone, somebody not so nice could have spotted them too. How would she feel if somebody took them before she could do anything about it? She said she could see them the whole time she was in there. (Anybody that has ever been in Hinkley's should know, that is impossible.) She said she saw me talking to the boy. How did she know what kind of person I was. Even if somebody didn't take them, there are many things that could have happened to them.

**75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 16, 1915**  
Carl S. English writes from Vancouver that the territory is dry (no saloons), streets and roads paved, and womenfolk can vote, and suggests that the East can do the same.

The Lifesaving Scouts is organized in Battle Creek by the Salvation Army, to clear streets and roads of nails, scrap and glass dangerous to pedestrians, autos and horses.

Secretary of the Navy, Daniels proposed a five-year, half-billion dollar shipbuilding program.

The president of China is voted in as king, and American Chinese protest.

The boy asked me why we had been watching them. I told him I was afraid somebody might take them or they might get hurt. An older couple pulled up in front of the kids and I told them what was going on. They acted as if it was none of my business. Just then the mother came walking out of Hinkley's. She had a look on her face like she thought I was there to admire her cute little children.

Shirley Stevens

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 19, 1940**  
Common Council votes to buy a new \$72,000 Diesel generator for the municipal power plant.

The minimum wage under the Fair Labor Standards Act is 30 cents an hour.

Jack Fonger and Bob Ellis must take the Greyhound on the last leg of their three-month trip through the West; the trailer hitch comes loose and flips the trailer and car for a loss.

Ray Denny and Ralph Roth are living, and saving money, in the first cooperative house at Michigan State College.

Local teacher Phyllis Huston's Christmas play, presented by the schools, is applauded by 900 attendees.

**25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 16, 1965**  
Four days of rain have held up Christmas shopping a bit.

A six-session class on Modern Math will be taught

Dear Editor:

About you making mistakes in the Ledger here: why don't you print this one with out proofreading it and correcting my spelling?

I've taken my spelling beatings for years now, and have a sience of humor about it. You see, my best friend, Karen is a grad from Ferris State, and has to not only correct my grocery lists (when she goes to the store) but corrects me in my pronunciation of things like "wash" not pronounced like "warsh". So, your not alone.

I'd keep up the good work and put in a "mystery 5 mistakes" every week to see who went to Harvard or not.

Tina Cadfish

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# "Runaway Snowman" shows up at Bushnell



Under the direction of Bushnell music teacher, Rachelle Niemi, Bushnell students entertained those in attendance. Niemi coordinated the efforts of over 200 students for the production.



Bushnell Elementary performed the Christmas play "Runaway Snowman" at 10:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. last Friday for family and friends.



Bushnell's third and fourth-graders performed their annual Christmas play. Preparation for the play started in October.



Private eyes and the town police were busy trying to find the "Runaway Snowman."

## LOWELL TOWNSHIP

### LOWELL TOWNSHIP A CHARTER TOWNSHIP?

On the 19th of November, the Lowell Township Board passed a resolution of intent to approve incorporation as a charter township. The public notice has been published to inform the citizens of their options in response to this action. These options include:

1. If a petition is filed within 60 days from publication, the question of incorporation will be placed on the ballot at the next general or special township election.

a. If the question would pass, the township would become a charter township with enhanced taxing authority to levy a maximum of five mills of ad valorem (property) taxes without additional voter approval. A charter township is not required to levy the full five mills though it may be authorized to do so. A township which does not levy the full five mills available to it shows bond purchases that the township has surplus taxing authority, so consequently it could have greater ability to borrow at a reduced interest rate should the need arise. Only with additional voter approval can the Township levy more than the five mills, up to a total of ten mills.

b. If the question does not pass, the township would remain a general law township.

2. If no action is taken by the people during this 60 day period, the Township Board may then adopt a final resolution to incorporate. If the township becomes charter by resolution, it has only the authority to levy at the same rate it enjoyed at present as a general law township. Only with voter approval can the township levy an additional mills, up to a total of ten mills.

If any questions remain or additional information is desired, please call the Township Hall during regular office hours, 897-7600.

Carol L. Wells  
Lowell Township Clerk

## LOWELL TOWNSHIP

### NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REFERENDUM ON BECOMING A CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Official certification has been received from the Michigan Secretary of State that the township of Lowell has a population of 2,000 or more and the township board has the right to exercise one of three options concerning status as a charter township under the provisions of Act 359, Public Acts of 1947, as amended:

1. Adopt by majority vote a resolution opposed to incorporation as a charter township.
2. Adopt by majority vote a resolution of intent to approve incorporation as a charter township.
3. Adopt by majority vote a resolution to place before the electorate at the next regular township election the question of incorporation as a charter township.

In the event option 2 is adopted by the township board, the citizens of the township have the right to file a "Right to Referendum Petition". This petition must be filed within the 60 days which must lapse between passage of a resolution of intent to incorporate and final passage of the resolution to incorporate as a charter township.

The petition will follow, in general form, the nominating petition form as prescribed in the Michigan Election Law, and in the heading will indicate "Disagreement of Intent to Incorporate as a Charter Township". The petition must be signed by not less than 10% of the registered voters of the township based on the vote cast for all candidates for supervisor at the last election at which a supervisor was elected.

If the petition is successful, the question of incorporation will be placed on the ballot at the next general or special township election.

Carol L. Wells  
Lowell Township Clerk  
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## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

### PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

A public hearing by the Planning Commission will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road on:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1990  
AT 7:30 P.M.

at which time and place any interested person will be heard.

1. Kenneth G. and Carol G. Nelson have requested a Special Use Permit to build a house on a lot where the depth is greater than three times the width. Parcel No. 41-12-17-201-002 located at 6721 Wabasis Rd. Article 6.03 (6) also Special Use Permit for a shared driveway Section 3.33(8).

Written comments concerning the request should be received by December 19, 1990 and addressed to George Poulas, Secretary, Grattan Township Planning Commission, 11676 Old Belding Rd., Belding, MI 48809.



## Musical expressions

The Bushnell choir joined in on a number of the musical tunes.



## In search of the "Runaway Snowman"

"Runaway Snowman" is one of many school Christmas programs scheduled for December.



The word "business" comes from Anglo-Saxon *bisigian* meaning "to occupy, to worry, to fatigue."

## Review, continued

ing the Lowell bank to fill the Senior Vice President position at Caledonia State Bank.

Ron O'Connor, an adjuster with American International Adjustment Company, Inc. said his company was prepared to cover all legitimate

losses incurred during the gas leak on West Main Street on Jan. 8.

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### January 10, 1990

Residents from the Valley Vista Sub-Division, Valley Vista Trailer Park, Lowell One Apartments and the Lowell Medical Care Center were evacuated from their homes Monday, Jan. 8 at 2:30 p.m. after a 1 1/2-inch gas line was ruptured while drilling to test wells for leaks in the gas lines across the street from Action Auto on West Main Street near Ridgeview Drive.

Lowell's Board of Education moved unanimously to hire Wayne Townsend as the new Middle School Counselor at its January meeting. Townsend replaced Paula Murphy, who left the counseling position to fill the principalship at Alto Elementary.

Lowell City Council members were upset to learn of the communications snafu that resulted in a substation being installed 50-feet further into Stoney Lakeside Park than was originally approved by the council.

The perceived problems with the All Day/Alternate Day Kindergarten Program turned out to be greater than the actual problems, according to a parent survey regarding the All Day/Alternate Day Kindergarten program.

What the survey found was that the majority of the 152 responses from parents with children in the program were positive.

Following District Court Judge Joseph White's decision that the City of Lowell's junk car ordinance was not clear, the Lowell City Council revised its new junk vehicle ordinance remedy the problems experienced from the previous statute.

### January 17, 1990

In a letter to the Lowell City Council, the Lowell Light and Power Board stated that it reviewed and approved the relocation of the Bowes Road substation without any intentional or malicious intent.

The Council received and reviewed the letter and accepted the Light and Power Board explanation.



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  - 10:00 p.m. - Adult Choir
- Tuesday, December 25
  - 10:00 a.m. - Congregational Signing

Holy Family Catholic Parish 9669 Kraft Avenue, S.E. Caledonia, Michigan

# MYSTERY FARM?

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS MYSTERY FARM?

This aerial photograph was taken especially for the Lowell Ledger and is part of a series of Lowell area farms.

No one knows whose farm the aerial photographer snapped, so it's up to you, our readers, to identify the mystery farm each week.

If you can identify this mystery farm...merely fill out the entry blank below with your answer, name and address and mail or drop off at the Lowell Ledger, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

The name of the person correctly identifying this farm will be put in a drawing to be held on Monday, December 24, at noon for a **FREE DINNER FOR TWO** (excluding drinks) at Sneakers in downtown Lowell, a free gallon of Devco flat white latex paint from Lowell Paint & Wallpaper and a free subscription to the Ledger.

The owner of each week's Mystery Farm will receive **ABSOLUTELY FREE**, a 4x5 color photo of the farm merely by claiming it at the Lowell Ledger office by the following Wednesday noon.



In the 37th week of the Lowell Ledger Mystery Farm, there were only 14 correct responses. In week 38, let's see if we can increase the number of correct responses. It should also be noted, that when identifying a farm, the first and last name should be used. Also only entry forms printed in the Ledger will be accepted. Thanks for your cooperation.

Mystery Farm No. 38

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# TOWN TALK

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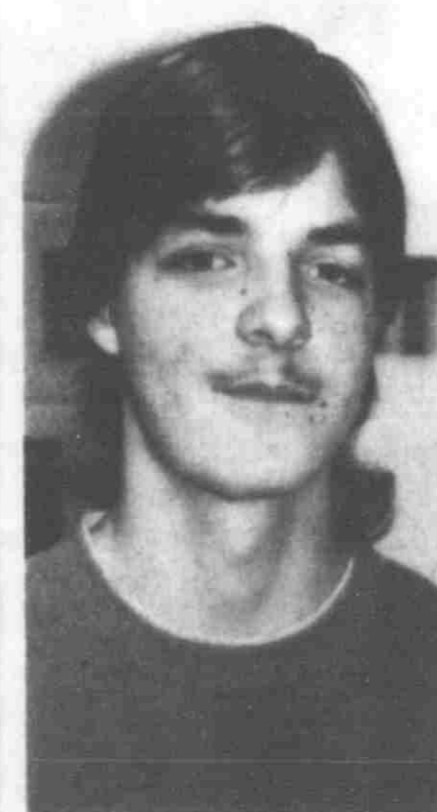
My Christmas wish is...



**Justin Anes**  
 Freshman  
 That the Lowell wrestling team qualifies for the state wrestling tournament.



**Kyle VanStee**  
 Junior  
 That the Saddam Hussein, Iraq situation will end.



**Chris Zinger**  
 Sophomore  
 To see the mess in Iraq cleared up.



**Andy Williamson**  
 Senior  
 That all the people get out of Kuwait and Iraq. I also hope that everybody stays healthy over the holidays.



**Joshua Fremer**  
 Fifth Grade  
 That my family is wealthier and healthier. And that there is no war in Iraq.



**Kerry Nugent**  
 Eighth Grade  
 That all the soldiers come back from Saudi Arabia. I am also wishing for a lot of clothes - Guess jeans.



**Andy Smith**  
 Sixth Grade  
 That all the United States soldiers in Iraq would come back home. I also wish my dog "Duner" could come with the family to Florida on Dec. 21.



**Shelly Cook**  
 Seventh Grade  
 That everyone in my family remains healthy over the holidays and that they have a Merry Christmas.

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Rockford Trooper Mike Nelson brought D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education), a drug awareness program that was initiated in Los Angeles, CA. Nelson brought the program to Bushnell Elementary. Nelson used the program to teach youngsters about the pressure put on students to use controlled substances and of the eight verbal and non-verbal ways to remove yourself from the peer pressure and to say no.

John Linton, President of Linton Distributing Inc., opened the doors of Linton farm Supply on Jan. 19.

Barry Robinson, area sales manager of LifeTouch, opened a local office in Lowell.

Northeast Gravel asked Lowell Township for an extension of its mining permit.

The gravel company was supposed to be through with its mining at 1541 Cumberland in November of 1989, but needed an extension on its permit.

Lowell's Peggy Idema was the recipient of the 1990 Arty Award.

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### Year in Review, continued

The Boston-Saranac Historical Society expressed its interest in purchasing and restoring the Grand Trunk Depot in Saranac. The price being asked for the Depot was \$3,000.

The Red Arrow wrestling team posted its eighth straight Lowell Invitational wrestling championship.

#### January 31, 1990

A draft review was completed by the Bowne Township for the construction of a new \$200,000 Alto Fire Station.

The Lowell Showboat Board announced that it would bring back the Lowell Showboat Queen Pageant in March of this year.

Brazilian exchange student, Maria Cristina Santos came back to visit her United States exchange family back in 1973, Orval and Jean McKay. This time, though, Santos brought her eight-year old daughter, Ana Cristina with her.

Drs. David Durkee and Todd Gillan announced they would be moving their practices to 1002-D West Main in late May.

#### February 7, 1990

Charles Edward Keech, a 34-year-old Lowell man, entered the plea of guilty to the charge of second degree murder in the Aug. 11, 1989 death of five-year-old boy David Dickerson, in exchange for the prosecutor's recommendation that the Circuit Judge stay within the state's sentencing guidelines, which called for 4-15 years.

The City announced that pending final approval from the state, the City of Lowell will receive \$47,000 in a matching Recreation Bond Grant. The money would be used to help assist in the development of Stoney Lakeside Park.

Jane Smit re-opened the doors to the Ranch House, hoping to change people's former opinion impression.

Michelle Lucas, Aaron Corcoran, Tracy Antcliff and Clay Pelon were named Lowell High School "February Students of the Month."

Sparta halted Lowell's conference title string at four as it defeated Lowell in the final regular season match of the season, 32-20.

#### February 14, 1990

Roughly 200 homes and businesses were without electricity for 1½ hours on Thursday, Feb. 8 following a one-car accident at the corner of M-21 and Alden Nash.

The City of Lowell and the Lowell YMCA sign a one-year agreement on the usage of the parks, and the management and leasing of King Memorial Pool.

Lowell Light and Power employee was presented his utility lineman graduate certificate by Lowell Light and Power Supervisor, Herb Haines.

Lowell's wrestling team advanced to the regionals with wins over Portland (30-27) and Ionia (49-19). A fifth place finish (117.25 points) at the Kenowa Hills Invitational qualified Lowell's gymnastic team for regional competition.

Lowell's Beer Store closed its doors a couple of days in order that owner, Gary Laux could do some renovation work.

As part of the "Neighborhood Crime Watch and "Child Watch" programs Lowell Police Chief, Barry Emmons had a speaker-phone mounted to the brick wall outside of the Lowell Police department. The phone was put up for citizen's convenience in an emergency situation.

Amway employees raised \$4,200 for easter seals through its annual Amway Easter Seal Bowl-a-Thon.

Lowell's wrestling team lost in the regional finals to Hastings, 35-22.

Lowell wrestlers, David Stouffer and Brad Whalen were the only Red Arrow wrestlers to advance to the

state meet in Battle Creek.

Lowell honored 19 of its fall/winter athletes for carrying a 4.0 grade-point-average in the fall/winter semester.

Society announced that it will use untapped fund and grant money that Vergennes Township will receive (\$30,000 Outstate Michigan Equity Fund) in 1990 for the historic Fallasburg Village. Money was also used to purchase the Betsy Fallas home.

Lowell Cable announced that it would not drop Lansing channels 6 and 10, instead it opted to block the Lansing signals only when they are duplicating programming seen in the Grand Rapids market.

Devon Capman owner of DTC, opened up his store of computer system peripheral devices and personal computer services companies in the West Michigan area.

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#### February 28, 1990

A two-day snowstorm buried Lowell residents' thoughts of a warm Spring under a foot of snow on Thursday, Feb. 22 and Friday, Feb. 23.

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Charlie Doyle locked the doors for the final time as the Lowell Postmaster.

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# LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

## NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF:

- BYRON CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Kent County, Michigan
- CALEDONIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, Kent, Allegan and Barry Counties, Michigan
- CEDAR SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Kent and Newaygo Counties, Michigan (residents of Montcalm Community College District are not eligible to vote at the community college organizational election to be held February 5, 1991).
- COMSTOCK PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Kent County, Michigan
- EAST GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Kent County, Michigan
- FOREST HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Kent County, Michigan
- GODFREY-LEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Kent County, Michigan
- GODWIN HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Kent County, Michigan
- GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Kent County, Michigan
- GRANDVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Kent and Ottawa Counties, Michigan
- KELLOGGSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, Kent County, Michigan
- KENOWA HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Kent and Ottawa Counties, Michigan
- KENT CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon and Newaygo Counties Michigan (residents of Muskegon Community College District are not eligible to vote at the community college organizational election to be held on February 5, 1991)
- KENTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Kent County, Michigan
- LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan
- NORTHVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Kent County, Michigan
- ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Kent County, Michigan
- SPARTA AREA SCHOOLS, Kent and Ottawa Counties, Michigan
- THORNAPPLE KELLOGG SCHOOLS, Barry, Allegan, Kent and Ionia Counties, Michigan
- WYOMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, Kent County, Michigan

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## Bus supervisors react to bus legislation

There is some legislation going on right here (Michigan), that's not setting well with Michigan Bus Transportation Supervisors.

State bill 1128 calls for a revision in the busing within the next five years. The revision would require schools to switch over from snub nose buses to flat nose buses.

"It may not pass this year, but Triple AAA supports it so eventually it will go through," said Lowell Transportation Supervisor Larry Mikulski.

The main reason cited for the change is safety. At some point as children are crossing in front of the bus, bus drivers lose sight of them. "The only way this could be prevented is if children would walk 18 feet in front of the school vehicle," Mikulski said. "I'm of the opinion that snub nose buses are safe provided there is proper training and knowledge."

The difference in cost be-

tween the snub nose (currently used) and the flat nose buses (recommended) is roughly \$10,000.

Lowell purchases four new buses in December each year, for the following fiscal year. This year the buses cost \$41,333 per bus. The cost totaled \$165,332.

Mikulski added that the flat nose buses cost roughly \$51,000 apiece. "It's my be-

lief that Lowell needs to increase its purchases to six buses a year so that when this legislation is passed, the change isn't all of sudden," he said.

Every seven to 10 years buses need to be replaced. "The oldest Lowell bus being used everyday is 10 years old. It will be replaced this year," Mikulski said. "Lowell does a tremendous job

keeping up with replacing old buses and safety concerns given by Triple AAA and the federal government. There are schools that have 1977 buses running full-time."

It should be noted that Lowell has four 1979 buses. They are all used as spares.

Mikulski said the cost of flat nose buses are more expensive now because not many of the flat nose buses are being produced.

"Schools will also pick up the re-tooling cost the manufacturers are going to have once legislation is passed," Mikulski said.

The flat nose bus presents a set of problems. With the engine right up front next to the bus driver, the bus gets warmer than a snub nose; mechanics find the engine much more difficult to work on (lack of space); and getting in and out of the driver's seat is awkward.

"An answer to the heat problem during the summer, since there isn't air conditioning, is moving the engine to the back of the bus," Mikulski said. "However, because of the noise it creates, students also become louder."

The legislation hasn't stopped there. There is also a state bill, Number 534 which was passed in August, that states buses must use yellow caution lights to pull over before loading and unloading students. Once the bus is stopped, bus drivers are required to turn on red flashing lights. Now movement is being made to reverse that decision. State bill, Number 1128, requests that schools pay for eight-way light sys-

tems for both the front and back of the buses. "Of course, this is all at the expense of the school," Mikulski said. "It will cost the school hundreds of dollars per bus to retrofit all of them."

The new eight-way light system would automatically turn on the red flashers once the door is opened. This is done manually now. "The school paid for the advertisement explaining to the public that the yellow flashers would be used when a bus was pulling over to load or unload students. Now the government would like us to change back. It's a classic case of the government interfering with what schools have been doing right all along," Mikulski said.

### Review, continued

#### March 7, 1990

Lowell's School District announced its plans to conduct a 50-question phone survey, addressing the overcrowded school building issue. The survey questioned 400 registered school district voters. The survey was composed by Ned Hubbell, Director of Project Outreach.

The West Michigan Historical Society celebrated its 25

years of preservation, acquisition and restoration. It was organized to help save Fallasburg Village.

After 480 hours of collective rocking, the youth church members at the First Baptist Church of Lowell and Alto raised \$2,801.46 for operating expenses at the Alpha Women's Center.

Katie Hawk, Kelly Cichon, Jason White,

Melanie Kaeb and Betsy Thaler were named Lowell High School's "Students of the Month."

The fifth-grade spelling bee winner for Runciman-Riverside was Sumer Brenner. Andy Smith was the Bushnell winner.

The Lowell community was introduced to Mary Beth Wilkowski, an independent Review, cont'd., pg. 12

#### TO THE ELECTORS OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the Boards of Education of the above named school districts, pursuant to a directive from the Board of Education of Kent Intermediate School District, have called a special elections to be held in each of the districts on Tuesday, February 5, 1991 to establish a community college.

TAKE NOTICE that at the special community college organizational election the following issues will be submitted:

- I. PROPOSITION TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
Shall a Community College District comprised of the Kent Intermediate School District, Michigan, be established in accordance with Act No. 331 of the Public Acts of 1966, as amended?
- II. PROPOSITION TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL TAX RATE**  
Shall the Board of Trustees of the proposed Community College District comprised of the Kent Intermediate School District, Michigan, be authorized to levy a tax on all property within the district not to exceed the annual rate of 1.9 mills (\$1.90 on each \$1,000.00) on each dollar of state equalized valuation of the property within the district in the manner and for the purposes provided under Act 331 of 1966, as amended?
- III. MEMBERS OF FIRST BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Three (3) members for terms of six (6) years ending June 30, 1997;  
Two (2) members for terms of four (4) years ending June 30, 1995; and  
Two (2) members for terms of two (2) years ending June 30, 1993.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERKS, IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1991, IS MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1991. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5:00 O'CLOCK, IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1991, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION.

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# Year in Review, continued

woman, who was born with a congenital disease and left without sight since birth. The community learned of her drive and determination to land a full-time computer programming job. She found that job in Lowell with Devon Capman, owner of DTC.

The Lowell Showboat Board announced that there would be a change in the show's format. The gala event would go from having one headliner for all three nights to having a separate headliner for each of the three nights. The Board also announced that it had selected Exile for Thursday, Myron Floren/Bobby Burgess and Elaine Balden for Friday and Ricky Skaggs for Saturday night.

### March 14, 1990

The Lowell Showboat Pageant chairmen announced that 10 young ladies would

be vying for the crown. They were Michele Chamberlain, Patsy Deans, Lorinda Esch, Laura Adams, Jennifer Cook, Jenny Horian, Tonya Stepek, Danielle Bundy, Jody Smith and Christine Kenney.

The Lowell community learned of the tragic drowning of Keith Lyons on Saturday, March 10 at Plaster Creek. Lyons slipped from a concrete culvert (pipe) while trying to cross the creek with a friend.

The Lowell Showboat Museum board announced its plans to enlarge its scope to a Lowell Area Museum.

Lowell's varsity boys' basketball team lost its district game to Catholic Central 70-65.

Lowell's gymnastic team failed to place in one of the Pageant chairmen announced that 10 young ladies would

state competition. Lowell finished fifth.

Lowell Middle School Bands received second division ratings at the District Michigan School Band and Orchestra Festival.

Lowell's School Board adopted the K-8 portion of the science curriculum.

State Representative Vic Krause announced that he would not seek a fifth term in the Michigan House of Representatives in November.

### March 21, 1990

Lowell's City Council approved the operation transfer of the Lowell Medical Rescue unit from the Lowell Police Department to the Lowell Fire Department. Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons noted that the new Look Memorial Fire Station would make a better location for the rescue vehicle.

The Lowell Ledger commenced with its new weekly feature, "Town Talk."

Lowell city residents are encouraged to take advantage of sidewalk construction program before it is dropped by the City. The program ran for three years.

Wendi Dudeck, Angie McMillen and Denise Lang of Lowell High School had their art work entered in the West Central Michigan Scholastic Art Show.

Feeling the classroom crunch, Bushnell School turns a hallway into a computer lab.



Sheila Thomson, right, accepts a service to children award from the Kent County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

Lowell's City Council approved the Kent County Youth Agricultural Association's request to plant shade trees on the fairgrounds located in Recreation Park in order to establish a shady rest area near the poultry barn.

James Hagen, son of Mrs. Carl Hagen of Lowell, received two research grants to further his studies in areas of dental and public health.

Hagen is the Associate Professor of Microbiology and Assistant Dean for Research at Loyola University Medical Center.

At the Lowell Winter Basketball banquet, Bob Adams received honorable mention status in the O-K White. Stacy Beute was given the varsity basketball cheerleading "spirit"; and Ryan Holtz was voted the team's most valuable player.

Lowell's Betsy Dommer was named the winner of the O-K White Division "Staff

ing Inc." March Madness Competition.

Lowell's Jody Smith was crowned the 1990 Lowell Showboat Queen. Smith said her mother and the Future Farmers of America organization aided her in her quest to become the Lowell Showboat Queen.

A driver's failure to notice a stopped bus resulted in a two-car collision on M-21. Renee Nugent and Jennifer Cook of the Lowell FFA were named state winners of the Michigan Alumni Association Washington Conference Scholarship awards.

Jennifer Cook won the FFA "Outstanding Junior Scholarship" award at the annual State FFA Convention.

Three Lowell area youths placed in the State Free-Throw contest in Chesaning. Amy Stouffer, 13, claimed the state title in her age bracket. Chad Dunn was runner-

up in the 14-year-old boys bracket. Kyle Aksamitowski placed third in the boys' 13-year-old division.

Approximately 900 of the Lowell area residents attended the Look Memorial Fire Station open house on March 31. The breakfast/dinner gave members of the Lowell community an opportunity to tour the new fire station facility.

Realty achieved national recognition for placing in the top 10 percentile of more than 8,500 real estate firms across the country.

Lowell High School students under the tutelage of instructors Bob Garcia and Carol Capps finished seventh in the Science Olympiad out of 33 schools.

Postmaster Charles Doyle attended a legislative forum in Washington D.C. sponsored by the National League of Postmasters.

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# Fumes ignite to burn interior of Great Escape Bar

Heavy fume build-up caused by interior cleaning at the Great Escape, located on M-21 between Saranac and Ionia, was the cause of an interior fire on Monday.

Ionia Public Safety Department Fire Chief Roger Frazee said he believes the build-up of fumes was then ignited by an inside pilot light.

The fire was started at roughly 2:12 p.m. All of the five fire units were not clear of the scene until 6:30 p.m. The fire caused severe smoke and heat damage.

Frazee said there was approximately \$30,000 worth of interior content destroyed and \$30,000 worth of interior building structure destroyed.

There were no injuries reported. Two firefighters were treated and released for smoke inhalation.

Joining the Ionia Public Safety Department were Mutual Aid of Saranac, Berlin-Orange Fire of Berlin-Orange Township; E.T.T. of Ionia and Lowell Fire.



## Feliz Navidad, Mexico

Members of Ruth Wicker's class that helped celebrated Feliz Navidad - Merry Christmas in Mexico are, kneeling, left to right, are Gene Gilmore, Jim Collins, Coby Janiga, Steve Bright, Nick Stallings, standing, left to right, are Travis Fairbrother, Joe Fontaine, Scott Price, Shanda Miller, Joel VanDerBos and Todd Johnson.



## "Santa Claus Changes his Mind"

Lowell Middle School students from the classrooms of Pam Thomas, Ruth Wicker and Mary Shulls hosted a Christmas brunch for their guests last Friday. Following the luncheon buffet of tacos, Spanish rice and a variety of desserts, friends, family and guests enjoyed the presentation of "Santa Changes his Mind." Many of the parents were also treated to Christmas in Mexico, which was a celebration of Mexican traditions. The day ended with a slide presentation of the students' school day. All students presented friends and family with reindeer ornaments.

Members of Pam Thomas' class are front, left to right, Steve Bright, Nick Stallings, Tom Mooney, Richard Morrison, Gary McKay, Gene Gilmore and Jason VanDeBos. Back row, standing, left to right, Eugene VanNorrick, Terry Heaven and Jenny Miller.

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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.

**2ND WEDNESDAY:** Men's breakfast at Lowell Senior Center, 314 S. Hudson St. Call 897-5949 for reservations.

**LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL:** 149 S. Hudson St. Hours: Monday thru Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Closed holidays. Phone 897-8545.

**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 TUESDAY MORNING** Ladies join us for Coffee Break/Story Hour at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell, 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Nursery provided.

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

**FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:** The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold regular meetings at the Old Township Hall, at Bowne Center, on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. No December meeting.

**EVERY SECOND THURSDAY:** Lowell VFW Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the VFW Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

**EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY:** GFWC - Lowell Woman's Club hold a monthly luncheon with program following at Schneider Manor. For further information call President Janet Bovee at 897-8112.

**EVERY THIRD SUNDAY:** The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. A Potluck is at 12:30 p.m. with business meeting following. New members and guests are welcome.

**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.

**EVERY 1ST WEDNESDAY -** Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7:30 p.m. New members welcomed. Membership 21-39 years of age. Leadership training through community involvement. For location of meeting, please call 897-6186.

**EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY -** V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell at 8:00 p.m.

**SATURDAYS -** Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #MI 1493 meets every Sat. at 8:30 a.m. in the Congregational Church basement in Lowell, Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. Weigh-ins from 8:30 a.m. 'til 9:00 a.m.

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**3RD SAT. OF EACH MONTH -** V.F.W. Post No. 8303 in Lowell, 307 W. Main. Steak dinner, serving 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Public invited.

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**2ND THURSDAY OF MONTH:** All Lowell Area Senior Citizens are invited to attend the Lowell Community Ed Lunch and Learn at 12:15 p.m. given at the Lowell High School. Cost of lunch is \$1.85.

**SAT., DEC. 22:** Bowne Center United Methodist Church Drive-Thru Live Nativity Scene. Corner of Alden Nash & 84th St. south of Alto, from 6 to 9 p.m.

**MON., JAN. 21:** Parents Committee for the 1991 Seniors End-of-the-Year Party will meet at 7 p.m. in Room A-1 at the high school.

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# Red Arrow grapplers dump Vikings; finish 2-0 in Quad

Lowell's wrestling team presented itself with an early Christmas gift last Thursday evening, as it regained supreme against the Vikings of Wyoming Park in a 36-28 O-K White Conference opening win.

Lowell posted wins in seven of the first eight matches. The Red Arrows in the early weight class strung together five consecutive matches during that run.

David Rottier started the match off with a 10-8 decision over Park's Neil Roelofs. The Vikings' Mike

Gaines answered with a pin at 1:08 of the first period over Justin Anes in the 112-pound weight class.

Lowell regained the lead thanks to a decision by Brad Whalen at 119-pounds. The Red Arrow defeated Shannon Sullivan 6-3.

Red Arrows' Jim Inman posted the clubs first pin of the match in his 125-pound tussle. It took Inman less than a half minute (29 seconds) to pin Rob Hoektree's ears to the mat.

Nate Nauta, wrestling at 130 increased the team pin total to two at 2:21 of the second period against Viking

Lowell lost a total of five matches in the two contests. Serving up pins in their match against the Bulldogs were Justin Anes (112) at 3:53 of the third period; Jim Inman (125) at 38 seconds of the first period; Dave Stouffer (145) recorded a pin at 3:15 of the third period; Rich Depew (171) got the pin at 2:32 of the second period; Rob McGee (189) posted a pin at 3:12 of the third period; and Joe DeJong (HWT) pinned his opponent at 1:54 of the second period.

Red Arrows recording decisions were Brad Whalen (119), 15-4; and Nate Nauta (130), 14-1. Winning by default were Dave Rottier and Steve Woodhead.

In its match against Union, Lowell posted seven pins. They were: Anes at 43 seconds into the first period; Whalen at 16 seconds into the first period; Nauta at 22 seconds into the first period; Noah Newhouse (140) at 5:54 into the third period; Stouffer (145) pinned at 40 seconds into the first period; and Woodhead got his pin at 3:15 into the third period.

The only victory posted by a decision was Depew, 3-0. Rottier and McGee both won by default.

## Lowell team ends season with honors

The Lowell High School Debate Team ended the season with honors. The team competes in both the Metro Debate League and the O-K Debate League and faced some tough competition this year.

In the Metro League, 35 teams and over 200 speakers competed for league honors. Two of Lowell's speakers won the coveted all-conference medals. Jay VanAntwerp received a medal for the second year in a row for the varsity division. First year debater, Andrew Breimayer grabbed a medal in the novice division.

The competition in the O-K League was fierce, but the Lowell team met the challenge. On the junior varsity level, the four person team of Rachel McGrew, Ray Weigel, Becky Luna and Matt Shinabarger took home first place, winning with a 16-2 record. The team will receive the prestigious Detroit Free Press Debate Award given to teams winning over 75 percent of their debates. Matt Shinabarger won an all-conference medal for being the highest scoring speaker in the league, and Ray Weigel also brought home an all-conference medal by placing third overall in the league.

Also noteworthy is the perfect 30 score achieved by O-K varsity debater Jay Thaler. Coach Jane Gillespie said, "Getting a perfect 30 in debate is pretty exceptional. It is like receiving a perfect 10 in gymnastics. It simply isn't done too often."

Season's Greetings

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# Vikings & Pioneers escape with narrow victories at Lowell

Trailing by three with one quarter to play, Wyoming Park coach Kelly McEwen decided the tempo of the game could not be picked up by sitting back in a zone.

He switched his Vikings into a straight man-to-man press to start the fourth quarter. The move ignited Park's 10-0 run in the first 2 1/2 minutes of the final stanza and lifted the Vikings to a 76-75 win over Lowell. It was Wyoming Park's first win of the year and Lowell's (2-1) first loss of the season. For both clubs it was their first conference game of the year.

"It was exactly what I expected," McEwen said. "This is a very tough place to win a basketball game. Lowell always seems to play well at home."

Park, which built a lead as big as 10 points (72-62) with four minutes remaining, withstood a late Lowell run of 13-4, to hang on for a victory.

"We got caught in a half court game in the third quarter which Lowell was killing us in," McEwen said. "I thought by picking up the tempo and making their center (Amundsen) play the full court that would diminish his effectiveness."

It worked, Amundsen scored just four-fourth quarter points. For the game, the junior tallied a game-high 27 points. "Park is short on height so our game plan was to go to Amundsen," Lowell coach Phil Beachler said. "It worked well in the first half, but Park did a good job defen-

sively in the second half, especially in the fourth quarter."

The Vikings' man-to-man pressure forced Lowell into some untimely turnovers. "I think we may have panicked a little bit," Beachler said. Lowell's John Borg netted 18 points and Jerud Mierkals scored 12. Lowell cut Park's lead to 74-70 with 50 seconds to play, when Ryan Brinks was fouled (it was called intentional), sending him to the line for two foul shots and giving Lowell the ball underneath the bucket. Brinks connected on one of two shots. After the in-

bounds pass, Mierkals put up a three-pointer to tie the game which rimmed the bucket and came out. Lowell was unable to edge any closer

until Borg drilled a three-point bucket as time expired.

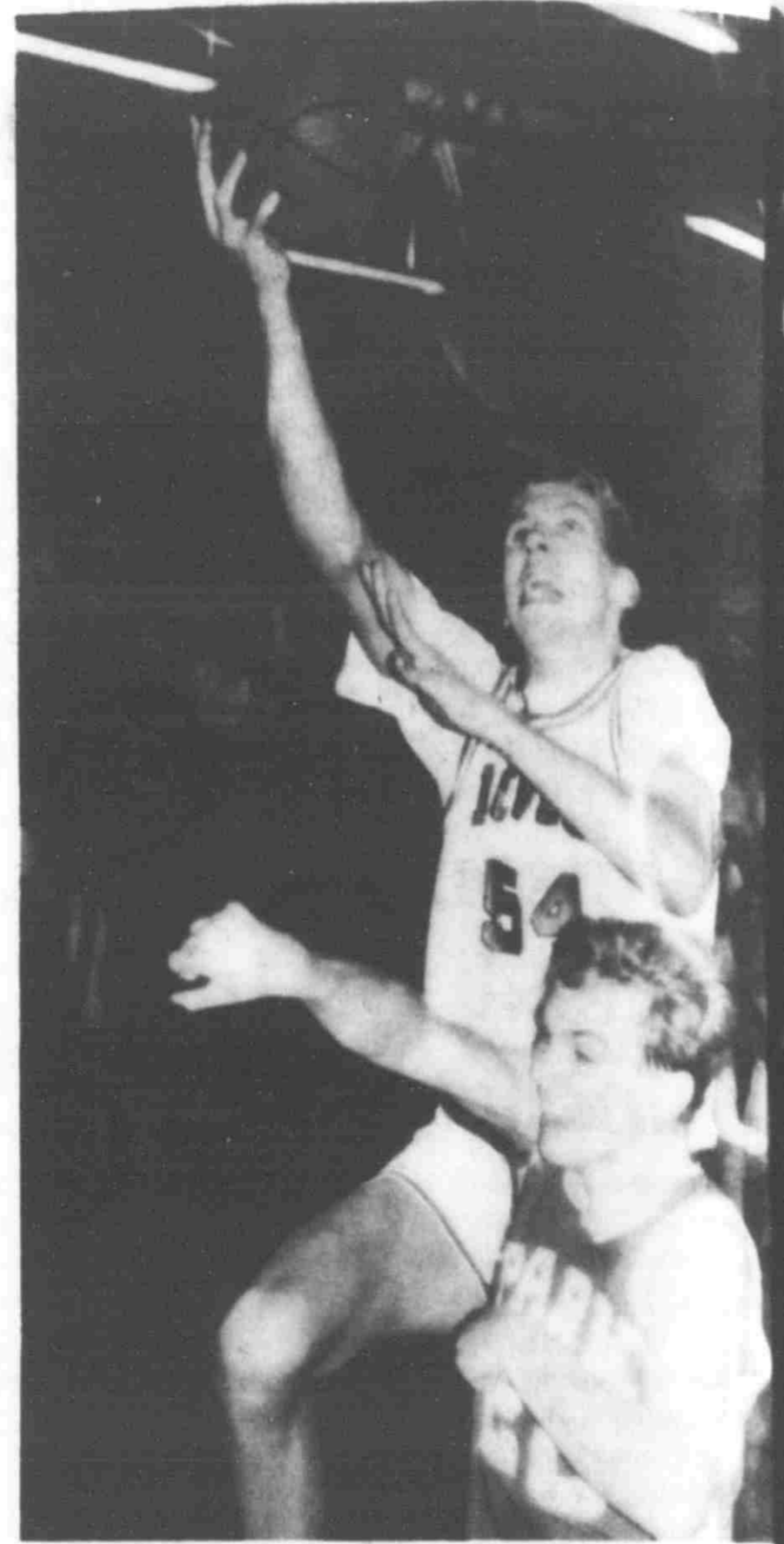
Les Williamson led all Viking scorers with 19 points. Derek Schmidt tallied 15 and Ross Bush contributed with 15.

"I didn't think Wyoming Park would shoot as well as it did," Beachler said. "I thought Malone (Steve) did an excellent job defensively on their best player (Derek Schmidt)."

Lowell's junior varsity improved its record to 2-2 overall and 2-0 in the O-K white with a convincing 76-67 win over the Vikings and a 53-52 nail-biter against East Grand Rapids.

Dave Jones led the way with 27 points and 12 rebounds. Chad Dunn netted 13 and James Manion contributed with 11 for the winning Red Arrows. Lowell's Chuck Messler grabbed a game-high 15 rebounds. Lowell out-rebounded Wyoming Park 47-19.

Nate Janes tallied a team-



Lowell's John Amundsen drives for a layup in action against Wyoming Park.

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Cincinnati/Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston
Denver/Seattle	Seattle	Denver	Seattle
Detroit/Green Bay	Green Bay	Detroit	Green Bay
Minnesota/LA Raiders	LA Raiders	LA Raiders	LA Raiders
Kansas City/San Diego	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City
Tampa Bay/Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago
Washington/Indianapolis	Washington	Washington	Washington
Record for Dec. 12	7-3/.700	8-2/.800	7-3/.700
Overall Record	89-60-1/.596	81-68-1/.543	90-59-1/.603

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# Lowell basketball, continued...

high 18 points and eight rebounds as he led Lowell to a one-point victory over the Pioneers. Dave Jones followed with 12 points and six rebounds, while Matt Craig netted nine points and grabbed six rebounds. Ray Aldridge contributed with seven points and five rebounds.

The Red Arrows came up short in their opening two non-conference games against Lakewood and Forest Hills Northern.

## Johnson, Spartans headed for John Hancock Bowl

Jim Johnson, No. 69, a 6' 5", 295 pound offensive tackle for the Michigan State Spartans will be traveling to El Paso, TX, when MSU plays U.S.C. at the John Hancock Bowl on Dec. 31.

Johnson was selected to the first team "All Big Ten" by the Associated Press and this will be his fourth bowl game. He has started at all games as

right tackle and logged more minutes than any offensive lineman on the entire team.

Johnson is a 1987 graduate of Lowell High School.

Lowell lost to Lakewood 51-38. Ray Aldridge led the Arrows in rebounding with 12 points. Chad Dunn netted a team-high 10 points.

Lowell dropped to 0-2 following a tough 58-57 loss to Forest Hills Northern. Dunn again led all Lowell scorers with 15 points. Nate Janes tallied 13 and James Manion added 12. Dave Jones was the team's leading rebounder

with 10 caroms. Janes ripped down eight boards.

John Borg's final second attempt from in front of the Lowell bench Friday hit the backboard and the rim before finally bounding away, giving visiting East Grand Rapids a 67-65 win.

The Red Arrows, who were perched on the edge all night, were never able to steady their feet in a game where the play was not always pleasing to the eye. As in all four of Lowell's games this year, it did have excitement.

"Our kids played tough. How can you not be pleased," Lowell coach Phil Beachler said. "East Grand Rapids took the ball to the boards better than we did. We had plenty of easy shots we did not put down in the fourth quarter."

The jump-shooting Red Arrows did not connect on a

high percentage of their shots, however, some clutch three-point shooting by senior Jerud Mierkals brought Lowell back from a 64-59 deficit and forged the Arrows into a 65-64 lead.

The Pioneers answered though as they were able to get their junior leader Ian Lindsay to the line three times in the final 20 seconds. Lindsay connected on 3-of-5 shots.

Mierkals nailed a three-point shot with 1:21 to play, closing the gap to 62-59. The senior hit his second trey at the 38-second marker closing the deficit to 64-62. Then, with 19 seconds to play Mierkals gave Lowell a lead of 65-64 with a three-pointer from the top of the key.

Lowell came out in the second half and built a 41-33 third-quarter lead, after trailing 23-22 at halftime.

An East Grand Rapids

press, some missed easy shots, and some poor shot selection by Lowell helped the Pioneers to a 16-4 run to start the fourth quarter. EGR outscored Lowell in the final stanza 34-24.

"This is our first win of the year. It gets the monkey off our back after losing three in

a row," said first-year coach John Cvengross. "We're still looking to find the right chemistry out on the floor, but tonight we had some kids step forward." Cvengross pointed to the play of Travis Buth and Matt Rowe.

Lowell is now 2-2 overall and 0-2 in the O-K White.

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## Life Process Center Preschool recreate "Christmas Story"



Filling the roles as the Three Wisemen in the Life Process Center Preschool Christmas program were Kyle Vanderlaan, Trevor Beach and Nicholas Duley.

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## Review continued

Storyteller, Becky Goodspeed entertained the students at Runciman/Riverside School to culminate the "March is Reading Month" activities.

Victor Shepard, a 24-year old Lowell man was killed on Cumberland Avenue between Woodbush and Foreman after losing control of his truck. Police said alcohol was involved.

Sue DeHaan, a salesperson for "Getting to Know You," introduced the program to most of the Lowell merchants.

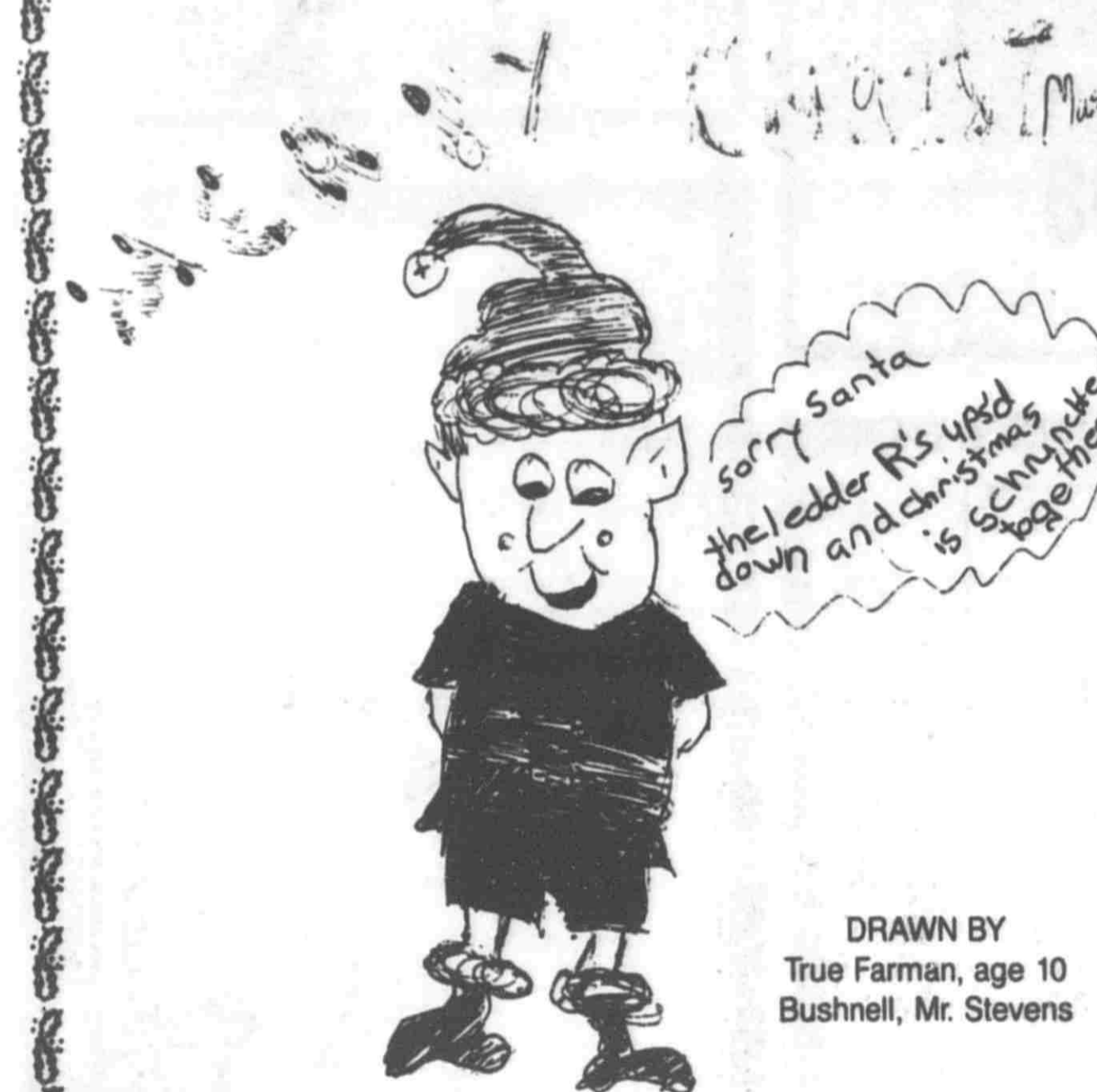
Former Lowell track and cross country star Mike Mull broke the Grand Valley State University 400-meter record with a time of 51.26, narrowly beating the previous record of 51.27.

Mike Shinabarger of Lowell celebrated his 20th year with Grand Rapids' Prudential branch.

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Shepherds in the "Christmas Story" were Nathan Annett, Duncan Seif and Stacy Fleet.



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12	DISN	Premium
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Donald Duck, Pluto and Mickey Mouse are among the Disney characters who will be marching and singing to holiday songs at the *Walt Disney World Very Merry Christmas Parade*, Christmas Day on ABC. Alan Thicke and Joan Lunden once again host the parade from the Florida theme park.

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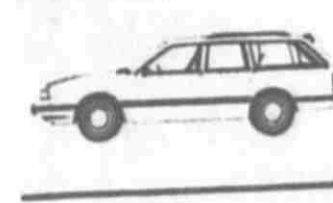
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7:00 MOVIE: Little Boy Lost
9:00 MOVIE: The Devil at 4 O'Clock
9:30 MOVIE: Starman

1:05 MOVIE: Doomsday Flight
3:30 SportsCenter
3:50 MOVIE: The Last Picture Show
11:45 MOVIE: The Adventures of Baron Munchausen

AFTERNOON
12:00 MOVIE: Eleanor, First Lady of the World
1:00 MOVIE: Father Knows Best

1:05 ABC News (CC)
1:30 CBS News (CC)
7:00 Head of the Class (CC)
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MORNING
5:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Look Who's Talking
9:30 Joy of Gardening
10:30 [MAX] MOVIE: Steered School

1:00 [MAX] MOVIE: Aloha Summer
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MONDAY cont.

- 11:30 (HBO) Fresh Prince of Bel Air (Stereo) (CC)
11:35 (HBO) It's a Wonderful Life: A small-town failure...

TUESDAY

- December 25
MORNING
5:00 (MAX) MOVIE: The Bear (Stereo) (CC)
5:05 (MAX) MOVIE: The Christmas...

WEDNESDAY

- December 26
MORNING
5:20 (MAX) MOVIE: Under the Boardwalk (Stereo) (CC)
5:25 (MAX) MOVIE: Thirteen Ghosts

WEDNESDAY cont.

- Pro Snowboarding From June Mountain, Calif. (R)
AFTERNOON
12:00 (HBO) MOVIE: The Last Unicorn...

THURSDAY

- December 27
MORNING
5:00 (HBO) MOVIE: God of God's Country...

THURSDAY cont.

- 6:00 (HBO) MOVIE: The Untouchables (Stereo) (CC)
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6:10 (HBO) MOVIE: The Untouchables (Stereo) (CC)

**THURSDAY cont.**

- 5:00 **Music Videos**
- 5:05 **News**
- 5:25 **Movies**
- 5:30 **Cartoon**
- 5:35 **News**
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**By Joan Wittenbach**  
**A DIFFERENT TREE**

This Christmas our boxes of ornaments and decorations have to stay packed away. There will be no tree. Mom, you have to have a tree. We've had one since we were little kids. We'll put it up, you won't have to do a thing," begged her pleading face. I looked at them and understood even the things that they aren't saying. No one likes things to change—especially if you're happy experiences. There will be no tree. I understand, I really do, but I have strength emotionally or physically and I must stay with what I know is best for now. My words weakened with emotion as I looked at them, but in a short time, we made changes that satisfied, even the most disappointed one. So, I leave all the old Christmas boxes of decorations and old, wobbly artificial tree in the dark corners of the attic.

**Saranac Community Church nears conclusion of remodeling project**

Construction workers at Saranac Community Church are hurrying to complete the finishing details on the new addition to their building. The exterior was recently completed with the addition of a 10 foot limestone cross placed in the front of the new entrance. Carpet is scheduled to be laid during the week of December 17-21. At that time Bill Overbeck of Overbeck Construction indicates that the building will be 8 percent complete. According to Pastor Stanley Hagemeyer, the addition brings 4,000 square feet of new space plus other renovations. The project includes: a large worship overflow and fellowship/education area, office area, library, kitchenette, four classrooms and a large nursery. Bruce Chadwick, Building Committee Chairman, indicates that unexpected savings which accrued during construction have allowed the committee to add new items to the project, such as a completely new insulated roof on the existing structure, as well as carpet for the worship area, and a number of other refinements. In addition, new stained glass windows are being designed which will be installed on the west side of the sanctuary early in 1991. These will be financed with memorial gifts. Dedication of the facility is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 27, at a special 10 a.m. service. An open house for the public will also be scheduled in the new year.

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But never think that I will not have a tree! It will be different and oddly enough, I will be the one to do the decorating and the sorting of the ornaments. Our children and grandchildren will hear the story of "A Different Tree"; I will see to that. They will not be disappointed. Someday they too, may have to have such a tree and it will be then that they will understand the time when the corner of our living room, that is the "tree place," stood empty. This year in the corner of my mind, I stand a tall and neatly decorated tree—a heart tree. It is so filled that I wonder where I can squeeze in one more heart shaped face or gift. New faces of exhilarating women that I met this year in all my speaking engagements! Oh, the excitement I still feel when I think about them. Six new friends that we relaxed with as a family whenever we could, by a quiet lagoon, in a far away land. Even then the tiredness we felt was soothed and they made us laugh when we felt we were too tired even to smile. I hang them all on my heart tree with much affection. And then there are my "kindred spirits" who have been my friends for so many, many years, that helped me celebrate another birthday in my fifties.

A purple hat borrowed from an understanding woman with a beautiful smile. I just had to have the hat to wear to a speaking engagement. It was perfect, and went right along with what I wanted to say. We really didn't know each other, but she handed it over and with twinkling eyes said, "Go for it, honey." The biggest heart almost weighs down the branches of my tree—it is so filled with faces. It is the picture of two hospitalists, and all the personnel who have become a part of my life. And I hang with smiles and gratefulness, pans of food, and treats for my husband and son. Later when I came home, friends continued periodically, to give not only their gift of food, but at our insistence they stayed to visit and eat with us. One day coming home from the doctor with a not so great report, there was a package for me. It was wrapped just like

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my mother used to wrap things—like I'd have a nervous breakdown trying to get all the tape off! In it was a tiny blond-haired angel to hang on our tree (next year). What a thoughtful gift. Around our home are planters and poinsettias from friends and family. Mentally, I make a tree skirt of all the cards that we have received and think of all the concern that made them come alive with love and gave us hope. As I write this, I am listening to a tape by Sandi Patti called "Glorious," and that's what I think I will call this lovely tree.

On the top of course, we have always had an angel. My heart tree is no different. In my mind's eye, that angel is quite different looking. I smile, as I know I must put a baseball cap on his head, and he has no need of a white robe. He wears sweatshirts and jeans most of the time, and smiles at me and reassures me when I have no strength or courage. Funny, heart-shaped, dearest angel of them all on the top of this different tree, is my husband. And rightly so, around and underneath him are our four children and grandchildren, each holding a place of special love in my heart. For the most part it is a tree of my making, but it is no longer mine alone. I just gave it away. First to those who have read about it, and then I lovingly gave it as a very special Christmas gift—to God.

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# Year in Review, continued...

**April 11, 1990**

It was announced by school officials that Chris VanAntwerp, incumbent; Ray Quada and Dennis Brown would run for the two Board seats.

The Look Memorial Fund committee approved a request by the Lowell Showboat Garden Club to initiate a \$10,000 tree planting program for Lowell residents.

Sherry Hildenbrand was selected as the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State representative.

Gerald Wisner was the initial winner of the first Lowell Ledger Mystery Farm contest.

Lowell's Gregg Peters was one of two recipients of the Robert M. Perry School of Banking scholarship.

**April 18, 1990**

City officials working on Riverside Drive came across a skull, thigh bone and a few other artifacts while putting in a new water main and fire hydrant.

Saranac man, Thomas Hauter, was arraigned in the 63rd District Court by Judge Joseph White on a four-count warrant, including assault of a Lowell Police Officer, Brian VanderHoek, with the intent to commit great bodily harm.

Lowell's City Council reviewed a document display-

ing proposed capital improvement plans over the next five years in the areas of parks, streets, water distribution and capital facilities.

Lowell Freestyle wrestlers Jim Inman and Mike Foss placed at the state competition in BattleCreek. Inman was second in the Cadet division and Foss placed first in the junior division.

Seniors Amy Tichelaar and Cheri Bruinsma, junior Jeany Veenstra, sophomore Kristina VanderMark and freshman Carrie Sadler were named Lowell High School's April "Students-of-the-Month."

**April 25, 1990**

Thomas Hauter, Saranac, was arraigned on a preliminary felony charge of assault to commit bodily harm. He was also arraigned on three high-count misdemeanor charges.

It was announced that the bones and artifacts found at the north end of Riverside Drive while City officials were working on putting in a new water main and fire hydrant appeared to be the human skeletal remains from a 19th century burial, this, according to Western Michigan University Forensic Anthropologist Consultant Robert I Sundick, Ph.D.

Tricia Erbtraut of Lowell won first place in the 1990 State MADD Poster/Essay

contest for her division (grades 10-12).

Herb Haines, Lowell Light and Power Superintendent, presented electric utility lineman employee Paul Mason his utility lineman certificate.

A group of 35 Lowell residents gathered at Ridgeview Drive across from Family Fare to pick up trash over Earth Day weekend.

Jill Warren Gertiser, Director of the Kent County Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect presented Lowell's Shela Thomson with the third annual "Service to Children" volunteer award at the L.V. Eberhard Center in Grand Rapids.

Steadfast Construction of Alto was awarded the construction bid at a special Bowne Township meeting for the new Alto Fire Station which was scheduled to be completed by Nov. 1.

**May 2, 1990**

The Lowell Showboat Talent Search narrowed its list of acts down from 45 to 30.

Charles Keech was sentenced for the second-degree murder of five-year-old David Dickerson back on Aug. 10 of 1989. Keech was sentenced to 15-30 in a state prison.

Lowell parents formed an Academic Boosters Club to stimulate, encourage and recognize academic improve-

ment and excellence among all students at Lowell High School.

Lowell High School students Chris Thompson, Nancy Wingeier, Brad Briggs, Jim Lowry, Sherene Ward and Mark Richmond participated in the Close Up program in Washington D.C.

Bushnell Elementary students displayed their environmental issue projects at the Bi-Annual Science Fair.

Brad Briggs, Lowell, was honored with the Regents-Alumni Award. He was one of 508 students selected from 375 schools throughout the state who were selected to receive the University of Michigan Regents Alumni Scholar Merit Award.

Jack Lane, Lowell Board of Education member, was honored by the Michigan Association of School Boards with a "Standard of Excellence."

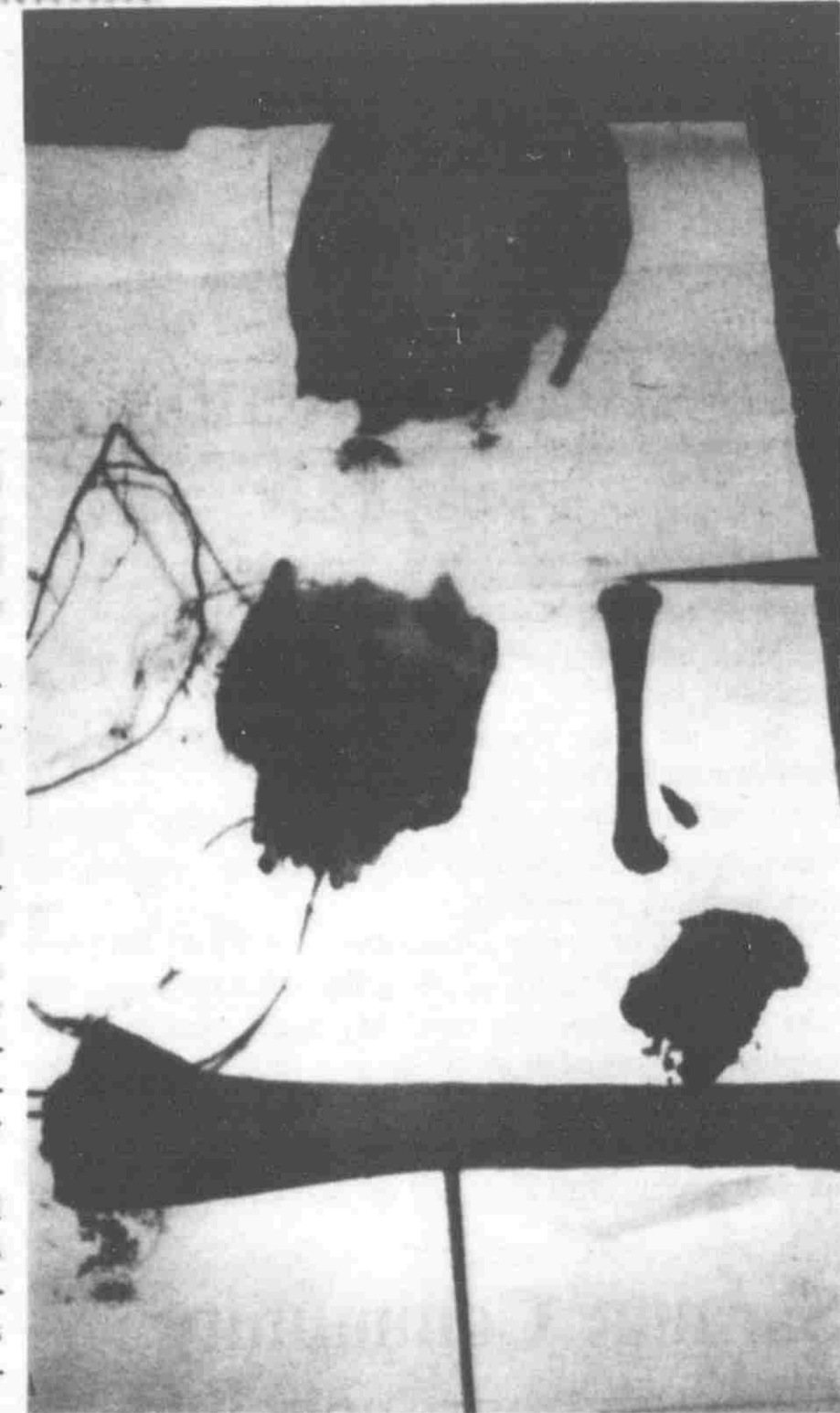
**May 9, 1990**

Tony Stormzand was the big winner of a Las Vegas poker game, as he won \$106,800.

A new City ordinance passed by the Lowell City Council will force drunk drivers to pay police costs.

A former Lowell Township Supervisor, Harry W. Yeiter, passed away on Saturday, May 5, following a lengthy bout with cancer.

St. Mary's Principal and teacher Sister Adele an-



This skull and bones were found by City workers while digging on Riverside Drive.

nounced that following the end of her 13th year she would leave the Catholic School.

Freshman Julie Fox, sophomore Brandi Phillips, junior Toni MacMillen and seniors Jennifer Afton and Steve Lenger were named May "Students-of-the-Month."

The team of Gregg Gruizenga, James Lowry,

Chris Thompson, Jay VanAntwerp and Kristina Jefferson won the second annual Quiz Bowl at Grandville High School.

Little Caesars donated \$250 to Lowell's Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect program director, Shela Thomson.

Stitchin' Pretty owners

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Venita Wheeler and Ellen Seese celebrated the store's fourth year in Lowell.

Lowell's girls track team won the Greenville Relays, beating defending champion Greenville by 18 points.

Artrain stopped in Lowell with its collection of toys and allowed everybody to stroll through the history of their own lives through the trinkets and treasures of childhood.

There were roughly 1,700 people that attended the Alto School Carnival. The Carnival crowd was the biggest ever.

**May 16, 1990**

Lowell's Showboat Talent Search '90 narrowed its list from the prospective 30 to the elite nine.

Lowell's Brad Briggs was honored with a National Honor Society Scholarship and the L.G. Balfour Foundation.

**May 23, 1990**

Lowell registered voters polled in the project Outreach Survey were not definitive as to what the school should do about overcrowded schools. However, they did tell school officials what they did not want...Options I and II. The results of the survey outlined a foundation which school officials said would help give them a definite direction in drawing up a recommendation toward a solution.

A new picnic shelter was officially dedicated in a short ceremony at Lowell's Creekside Park.

Lowell's Red Arrow girls' track team successfully captured its second consecutive regional crown at Sparta.

The American Cancer Society in cooperation with Lowell's merchants raised \$10,707 through the three-day light-hearted Lock-Up campaign.

**May 30, 1990**

The Cities of Lowell and Allegan were two of the more than 200 that participated in the state's Mayor Exchange Day. Lowell Mayor, James Maatman and Allegan Mayor, Craig van Melle took the opportunity to get acquainted and to share frustrations and successes about their demanding role in the cities.

Lowell's Board of Education with the help of the project Outreach Phone Survey conducted by Ned Hubbell,

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### Alto's "Sounds of Christmas"

From "O Christmas Tree" to "Silver Bells" were all included in Alto Elementary's "Sounds of Christmas."



Alto Elementary students presented the "Sounds of Christmas" at its seasonal program last Thursday.



Not all students just sang, some displayed their instrumental talents.



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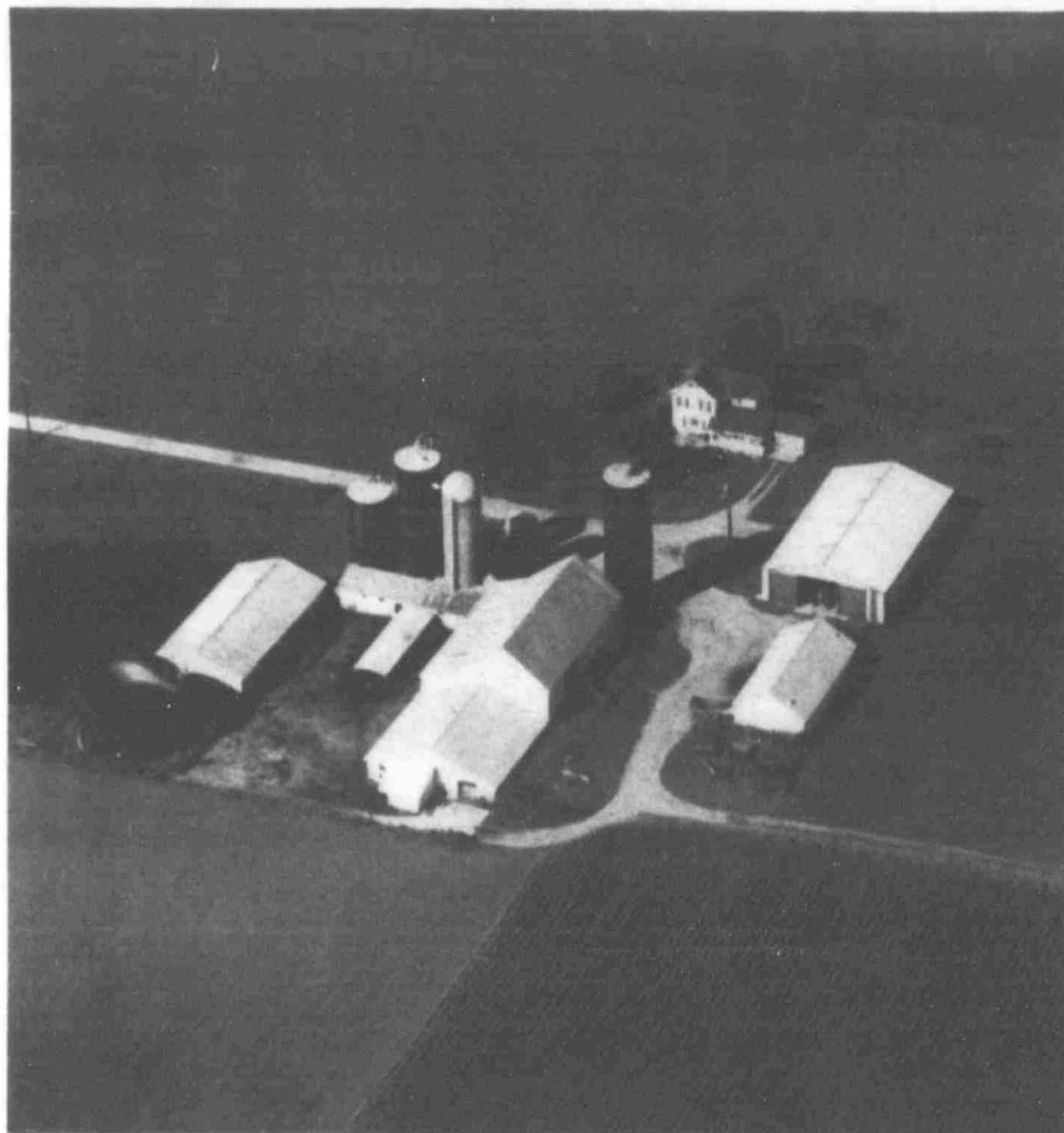
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## Runciman/Riverside announces Students-of-the-Month for Dec.



December Students-of-the-Month at Runciman/Riverside are; from left to right, front row: Aaron Hall, Katie Heeringa and Vern Sturdavant; back row, left to right: Jacob Baker, Roslee Hostetler, Adam Maynard and Jennifer Wagner.



The largest paper money ever issued was the one kwan note of the Chinese Ming dynasty issue of 1368 to 1399. It measured nine by 13 inches.

## Kennedy wins 37th farm contest

The Lowell Ledger's 37th Mystery Farm belongs to Truman Stahl of 11966 RR 1, Keim Rd, Freeport. The winning entry in the 37th week of the Mystery Farm contest was turned in by Connie Kennedy of 3980 Alden Nash.

Kennedy's entry was one of only 14 correct entries. Kennedy will receive dinner for two from Sneaker's, a free gallon of Devoe Flat White Latex paint from Lowell Paint and Wallpaper, and a year's subscription to The Lowell Ledger for correctly identifying the farm.

The now-extinct ancestor of the horse *cohippus*, had a short neck and stood no higher than a medium-sized dog.

Christmas and a little night

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## Middle School seventh grade choir sings for seniors



Christmas Carols, lunch and a visit from Santa were all a part of the Senior Citizen's Christmas Program/Luncheon.



Lowell Middle Schools seventh-grade choir sang a medley of Christmas carols for the Lowell Senior Citizens, under the direction of Paul Balaam.



The purpose of the Program/Luncheon is to serve senior citizens better and to enhance their educational and leisure time programs.

## Year in Review, continued...

decided on the option it will put on the bond issue before the community on Sept. 25.

Harold Zeigler Ford, Inc. of Lowell was selected as one of the nation's outstanding Ford Dealerships and has received Ford Motor Company's Distinguished Award for the third consecutive year.

Bushnell Elementary's Library was named after Ethel Anne Rivette in dedication of her love for reading and for the impact she made on many of her students.

After a long wait TNT and the Arts and Entertainment channels were put on line for the entertainment pleasure of Lowell cable subscribers.

John Saboo, Tracy Antcliff, Kevin Goggins, Bob Adams, Shawn Smith and Brett Knoop all qualified for the state high school track meet.

### June 6, 1990

Charlie Doyle locked the front doors of the Lowell Post Office for the final time as its Postmaster. Doyle served as the Lowell Postmaster for 25 years.

Lowell High School held its 112th Commencement. The 1990 Class honored its seven Valedictorians and a Salutatorian. Unique, in that Lowell had seven valedictorians and one salutatorian, the class decided as a group

to present a singular speech with one important theme - "Keys to Success."

Lowell's City Council concurred with Lowell Light and Power's approval of the Power Pool Power Supply and Capacity Purchase Agreement between the Michigan Public Power Agency and the City of Lowell.

Lowell boys' track team earned medals at the state track meet in Jackson.

Bob Adams and Kevin

Goggins were the recipients of the 1990 Lowell Lions Club Most Valuable Player award for boys' track.

Heather Gowen was the recipient of the girl's track team's Most Valuable Player.

Laura Kropf was the recipient of the gymnastic team's Most Valuable Player Award.

Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale was happy to announce that since the requests

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Peace on Earth

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Cheryl Herweyer, age 11  
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# Year in Review, continued...

for city residents in need of replacement sidewalk or new sidewalk to take advantage of the final year of a three-year sidewalk construction program, 50 residents made the commitment for the new and replacement sidewalks.

Lowell Cable received a couple of inquiries as to the possible purchase of Lowell Cable, the Lowell City Council appointed a committee to study the possibility of selling the local cable company.

**June 13, 1990**  
A 29-year old Matherton woman, Tracy Ann Silvermail was killed in a 5:35 a.m. head-on collision Friday, June 8 on M-21 1 1/2 miles west of Hawley Highway in Boston Township.

Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch breathed a sigh of relief after hearing that Lowell voters approved a waiver of the Headlee Amendment so the district can maintain its operational millage at 37.6 mills for the 1990-91 school year.

Lowell Area Historical Association announced it will be holding a membership drive to help raise money and to increase its membership.

The second annual Children's Love Festival raised \$1,787 in its effort to help further the public's education and awareness toward the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Gordon Gould announced he would be leaving his position as Director of Student Services at LHS at the end of the 1989-90 school year to fill the full-time morning news anchor position at radio station WOOD.

John Haggai stepped away from the Lowell Board of Education after serving the district for eight years. Three of those years he was president.

Mark Thomas resigned as Lowell boys' varsity basketball coach so he could take an assistant coaching position at Aquinas College.

Dave Organek was named Most Valuable Player of the Lowell baseball team for the 1989-90 season.

**June 20, 1990**  
The Lowell Board of Education approved a recommendation put forth by Superintendent Fritz Esch to set the bond at \$29,887 million. The bond for the pool was set at \$2.315 million.

Lowell's Knights of Columbus assumed control of the Showboat City Hoop Classic after its founders, Tom Scheidel Jr., Chris Briggs, Matt Baerwalde and Tom Baerwalde decided it was no longer feasible for them since only one of the four still lived in Lowell.

Jim Bossard was appointed the new Senior Vice President at FMB State Savings.

Alto's Legionnaires from Post 528 attended a leadership college in Alpena.

**June 27, 1990**  
Lowell and surrounding communities weathered wet and cold for fun and entertainment at the 1990 Lowell Showboat.

Those in attendance the three nights were entertained by "Exile" on Thursday night, "Myron Floren - Bobby and Elaine" on Friday night, and Ricky Skaggs on Saturday evening.

An art exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the King Milling Company was opened to customers, suppliers, employees and other City diplomats at the Lowell Area Arts center on Tuesday, June 20.

Lowell's Board of Education adopted a new reading curriculum. The focal point of the curriculum will be constructing meaning from the written word using the reader's existing knowledge.

Marilyn Bovee retired from her Food Service Director position at Lowell Schools after 27 years of service.

C. J. Christoff and Sons

changed its name to Chadalee Farms.

**July 5, 1990**

Lowell business owners questioned the approach used in enforcing and in interpreting the written codes for zoning permits, building, electrical and plumbing codes. Michigan Township Services, responsible for inspection, said it thought the merchants were not dissatisfied with Michigan Township Services as much as it was with the job the service has to do.

The Orlin Douglass Farm of 13923 Covered Bridge Rd. in Vergennes Township was listed in the State Register of Historic Sites by the Michigan Historical Association.

Lannie Rice's first-grade classroom at Bushnell Elementary discovered the wonderful things about other people in other lands through its "Around the World" in 80 Days studies.

Dr. Robert Sundick of Western Michigan University and his students identified the skull, bones and fragments found by City Officials while working on Riverside Drive on April 16. They stated the bones are believed to be those of a minimum of six early, 19th century Native Americans.

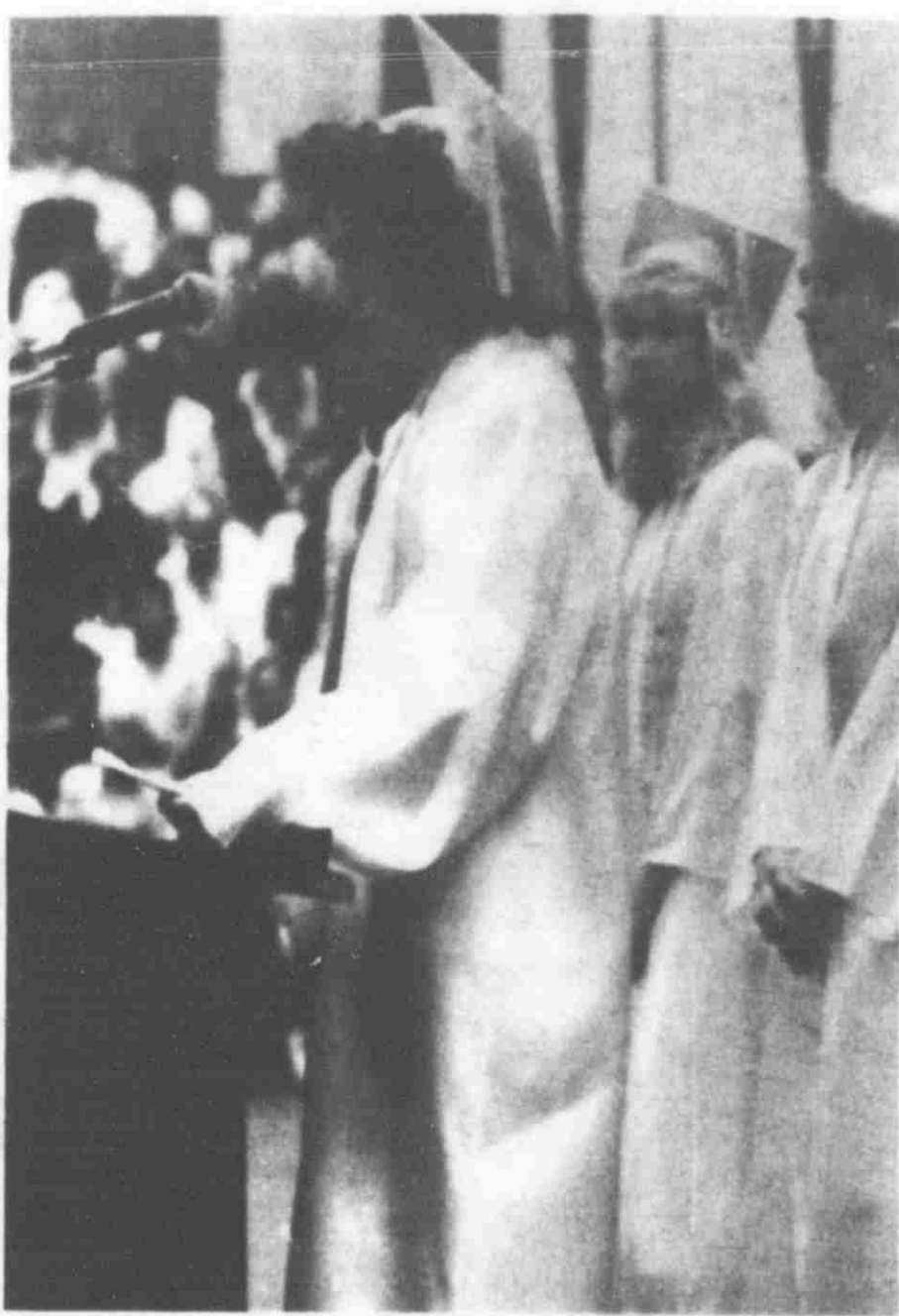
**July 11, 1990**

Discussion was held at the July Lowell City Council meeting whether the City should contract out an engineering firm in regards to ownership, operation and worth of the Lowell Cable Television System.

Following a lengthy discussion the Council voted 3-2 to hire R.W. Beck and Associates to perform the task for a fee of \$2,500.

Friends and family gathered to help Ray Fulington celebrate his 100th birthday at Schneider Manor.

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Jennifer Murphy was one of seven valedictorians named from the Class of 1990.



Ricky Skaggs closed out the 1990 Lowell Showboat on Saturday night.

# Review, continued...

Lowell students Ray Weigel, Gregg Gruizenga and Tami Eldridge were selected to participate in the Michigan State Board of Education Summer Institute for Arts and Sciences.

Lowell's Class of 1940 celebrated its golden anniversary as 35 class members gathered at the Forest Hills Golf and Country Club to celebrate its 50th class reunion.

Pete Wills was chosen "Scout of the Year" by Troop No. 102 of Lowell.

In conjunction with the Michigan Department of Transportation Lowell's Area Jaycees adopted M-21 from

Cumberland Avenue to Montcalm. Once a month throughout the summer, the Jaycees were responsible for collecting litter and "treasure" strewn on both sides of the highway through town.

Richard Cole opened the doors to Lowell Paint and Wallpaper at 219 E. Main St. **July 18, 1990**

Grattan Township residents showed up in droves to levy their disapproval with a development proposal that was brought forward by developer, Thomas Byrne of Rolling Meadows, Ill. The development called for the addition of 69 lots and 30-35 slips.

Lowell Showboat Board officials announced that while the three-day gala lost roughly \$660 it may have also turned the bend toward financial stability. Ticket sales totaled \$52,500, its highest mark in three years.

Lowell Lion's Club President Jim Doyle presented the Lowell Athletic Boosters Club with a check for \$1,666. Lowell's City Council approved the use of a collection agency regarding delinquent personal property taxes in lieu of seizure and sale.

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## Santa visits Runciman/Riverside

Students at Runciman/Riverside had an unexpected visit from Old St. Nick himself last Thursday and Friday. Once the Jolly Old Elf was assured that all had been very good throughout the year, youngsters were rewarded with a candy cane. Teachers and support staff got a hug along with their candy cane. Word has it that some of them got in line for seconds. (No Mary, it wasn't Louie).

Thanks to Barb Tindall for making the arrangements and our PTO for providing the candy canes, but especially to Santa, better known as Larry Heffren, a professional clown from Grand Rapids who volunteered his time to make our holidays brighter.



Noel Dudes

DRAWN BY  
Joshua VanAlstine, age 11  
Alto, Russ Bacon

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Game Boy

DRAWN BY  
Beth Cummings, age 11  
Alto, Mr. Bacon

**INAPA**

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Lowell, MI

DRAWN BY  
Lucas Grummet, age 10  
Alto, Mr. Bacon

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JAMES C. LANG, DO.

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Amy Meiste, age 10  
Bushnell, Mrs Martinsons

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DRAWN BY:  
Steve Howard, age 11  
Alto, Miss Kelley

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DRAWN BY  
Charlie Johnson, age 10  
Riverside, Mr. Blodgett

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Laurie Barton, age 10  
Alto, Mr. Bacon

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# Year in Review, continued...

The office of Doctors' Orval McKay and Donald Gerard announced the addition of Mark Evenhouse, M.D. to their staff. The Kent County Sheriff's Department was looking for information leading to the apprehension of the culprit(s) who broke into the Fallsburg Park office sometime between 11 p.m. Friday and 6-7 a.m. Saturday morning.

**July 25, 1990**  
At a special Board of Education meeting, a 4-1 vote approved the high school attendance policy and adopted the high school student handbook for the 1990-91 school year. The approved motion not only increased the expectations of students but may have also helped give validity to the school improvement process.

City officials announced that the downtown parking project should start on July 29 and be completed by mid-August.

Jerry Roth, Lowell, was the first local farmer to drop off wheat at King Milling. He dropped off the first load of wheat on July 19.

After soliciting food donations from local merchants and selling 1,800 boxes of candy, Lowell wrestlers attended the Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia to participate in the Granby School of Wrestling.

Sean Wheeler, Lowell freestyle wrestler, claimed the Greco-Roman state champ.

Lowell Township residents donated a set of three Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation mannequins to the Lowell Fire Department. The cost to Lowell Township was roughly \$800-\$1,000.

**August 1, 1990**  
A young Lowell woman, Angela Kathleen Roll, was killed while swimming on the backside of the island behind Pebble Beach Apartments in the man-made lake at Stony Lakeside Park. According to Lowell Police Chief, Barry Emmons, alcohol consumption played a factor in the drowning mishap.

The five 63rd District

Lowell rescue and fire volunteers (15) participated in a Saturday morning training session in an effort to hone its rescue skills.

Lowell's Barbara Brown was the lucky winner in Cousin's Gift Shoppe "Snoopy" drawing contest.

After giving consideration to four bids, Lowell's City Council followed its recommendation and awarded the new dump truck contract to Woodland International.

**August 8, 1990**  
Lowell's Council awarded the contract for the widening of Boves Road from M-21 to Hudson Street and the construction of an extension of Valley Vista Drive from Main Street to Boves Road to Ken Shaler and Son of Saranac.

Lowell's Knights of Columbus Showboat City Hoop Classic three-on-three basketball tournament is set for its Aug. 10 tip-off. Hoop officials work hard over a two-month period to organize the 1990 basketball tournament after its original founders stepped down in early June.

Lowell Area Schools' administrative portable offices

were delivered by McFadden Corporation.

The administration's move to portables was necessitated by the need for additional classroom space come Fall.

John Adgate, "Mr. Saranac" reflected on the painfulness of World War I over a euchre game with friends.

Bennie Vinton and Gladys Fritts of Fritts' Bait Shop announced their intention to put an addition onto the Lowell bait store.

Lowell Lion's Club donated a second ram (emergency tool used in accidents) to the Lowell Fire Department.

Lowell FFA members Renee Nugent and Melanie Kaeb attended the 1990 Washington Conference Program in the nation's capitol.

# Year in Review, continued...

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**August 15, 1990**  
Roger Southland and Larry Mikulski smiled as they sat at the registration table which sat underneath the canoe, also known as tournament headquarters, reflecting back on the Third Annual Showboat City Hoop Classic. There were 112 teams that participated in the event.

Pete Wills completed his Eagle Scout community service project which involved painting house numbers on the curbs of 100 residents living along North Hudson and Lincoln Lake.

**August 22, 1990**  
The State Boundary Commission heard from all three sides at a public hearing on the proposed annexation of Atwood's 19.3 acres. After hearing all sides the commission will use 10 months to make a decision.

A slew of downtown merchants voiced their dismay with the new Main Street parking system. Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said the alternative given to the City by the State was no parking along Main Street at all.

Lowell High School assistant principal Donn Start announced he would accept the middle school principalship

at Harbor Springs. Start said that in taking the job he was fulfilling a dream.

Rick Stevens, Sparta, brought his abstract, fine art painting to the Lowell Area Arts Center Gallery. His

work was inspired by words and the challenge of its over-Review, cont'd., pg. 36



Charlie Doyle participated in the great Grand River expedition.

Phil Beachler was named the new Lowell varsity basketball coach. He replaced Mark Thomas who stepped down to take an assistant basketball coaching position at Aquinas.

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George and Dolores Dey were named the 1990 Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's "Person of the Year."

DRAWN BY Louie Dauser, age 10  
Riverside, Mr. Blodgett

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Santa and Me

The holiday program was planned under the Lunch and Learn agenda which is put together every year by the Lowell Community Education and its Lowell Senior Citizen Coordinator.

Seasons Greetings

DRAWN BY Rachael Huisman, age 10  
Alto, Mr. Bacon

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Riverside, Mr. Blodgett

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Happy Holidays

DRAWN BY Julie Wisner, age 10  
Bushnell, Mrs. Young

Merry X-mas

DRAWN BY Liz Janes, age 10  
Runciman, Mrs. Roth

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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DRAWN BY Amber Bolen, age 10  
Bushnell, Miss Martinsons

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HAVE A Nice Christmas

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Bushnell, Miss Martinsons

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DRAWN BY Angie Janes, age 10  
Alto, Mr. Fillman

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Seasons Greetings

DRAWN BY Nickie Darling, age 12  
Riverside, Mr. Blodgett

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# Year in Review, continued...

lapping of space, light, and forms that the woods presented.

### August 29, 1990

Members of Expedition '90 stopped off in Lowell for Lunch amidst part of their 13-day, 250-mile journey on the Grand River. Not all of the participants were expert canoeists, but they all loved the river.

An agreement between the City of Lowell and Pitsch Sanitary Landfill was approved by the Lowell City

Council at its August meeting. Pitsch needed the availability to discharge 10,000 gallons of waste per week (two truck loads) since the Belding wastewater facility had disrupted service.

Melvin Rogers provides wheels for Lowell's senior citizens. Roger's 23-hour a week job gives seniors transportation to dinner, the doctor, Shipshewana, the mall, grocery shopping and lunch.

The Lowell Board of Education passed a plan which

would set up guidelines for Lowell Schools over the next five years for arts education. The plan was put together by the Local leadership for education and Arts Planning committee.

### September 5, 1990

Lowell Schools "Growing Together" campaign meeting for community communicators focused in on Lowell's growing problem as it enters the 90's - increased enrollment. Charlie Kohler, Chairperson for the Lowell

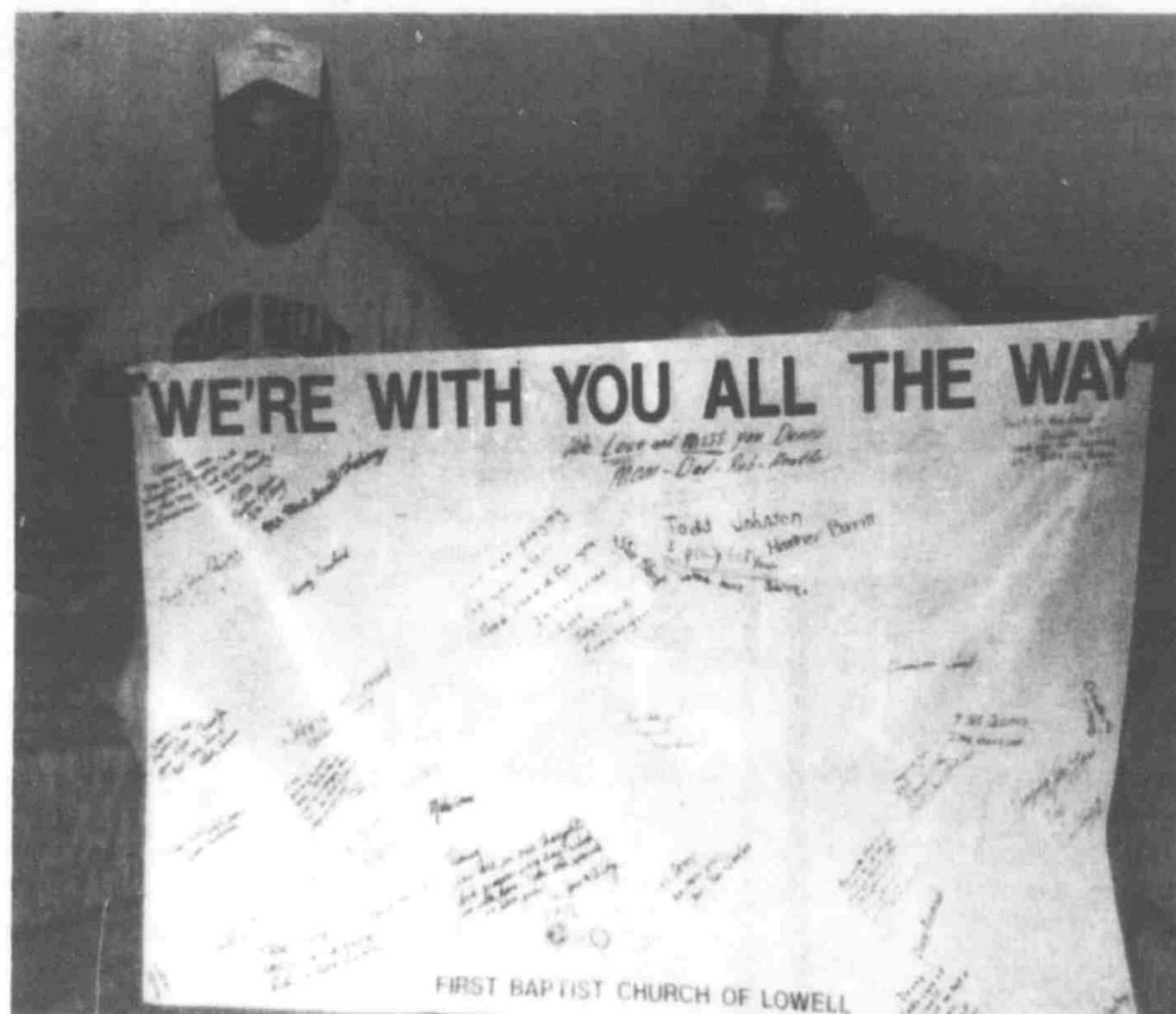
Area Schools Citizen's Steering Committee monitored the meeting.

Concerned Lowell citizens questioned the necessity of

sounding the siren during some emergencies. In answering the questions raised, Lowell Fire Chief, Frank Martin said the only

time a siren is necessary is in case of a tornado or for civil defense. Martin added it's a human error if it is set off for

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Dennis Grzeskowiak, stationed over in Saudi Arabia, has received a lot of support from family and friends. Pictured are his father, Dennis and mother, Sally.



"Pretty Little Girls"

"Pretty Little Baby" solos were performed by Jennifer Williams, Elizabeth Koopman and Melissa Hubenet.

DRAWN BY  
Erin Gannon, age 10  
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# The true spirit of Christmas can be found at home

Suddenly, days are getting shorter. Twilight comes early, mistily, and the deep, translucent blue of the evening sky is frosted, as snow hovers over. Christmas is indeed coming, and the winter chill in the air is almost unnoticed in the merry bustle of the holiday season.

Buildings don their Yuletide finery, as garlands in red and green and innumerable evergreens festoon lighted windows and welcoming doorways.

Shoppers return home, day after day, laden with mysterious packages. And, indoors, boxes of ornaments are brought down from the attic and lovingly uncrated, as the tantalizing aroma of home-

baked cakes and cookies fills the air.

Indeed, the traditions of Christmas are many and varied, and each is an immutable part of the season. Yet, each individual family has its own traditions, too, and it is these that are often the most treasured.

While one family trims its tree with heirloom ornaments, brought over from Europe generations ago, another brings memories to life with homemade ornaments saved from year to year, the collection growing as the family does.

Yet another family ties special ornaments to beautifully wrapped Christmas presents. After the gifts have

been opened, the new decorations, symbols of both givers and recipients, are hung on the tree, where they will appear again and again in following years.

In one family, it wouldn't be Christmas without Grandma's buttery spritz cookies; another schedules an afternoon of baking that they can enjoy together. While mom lights the oven and oversees the process, the kids happily roll and cut, and later decorate, their own gingerbread men.

Some families go out each year to a tree farm, where they can select the perfect evergreen, chopping it down themselves. Others make a ritual of decorating living

trees in their own front and back yards, with garlands of lights to beguile the eye, and birdseed balls to encourage those birds that haven't migrated to visit throughout the winter.

Some families keep a living tree indoors during the holiday season, then plant it after all the Christmas decorations have been taken down. Others dry the branches and trunks of their cut trees, saving them to throw on the fire the following Christmas. Both achieve a sense of continuity, something that is very much at the heart of the Christmas spirit.

Stuffing the stockings is the centerpiece of one family's holiday festivities. Each

Christmas Eve, after Midnight Mass and a late supper, everybody hurries about, hiding treasures in the long, bulging stockings that have been hung carefully on hooks over the fireplace.

Another family, in a modern home without fireplaces, has made it a tradition to lay already-filled stockings at the foot of each child's bed during the night, to be opened first thing in the morning.

Some families organize skating parties each Christmas; others have evenings of caroling, culminating around a steamy bowl of wassail. And, while some go out for

innumerable visits to family and friends, others take joy in staying home with those dearest and closest to them.

Above and beyond the customs that have been handed down through generations, individual family traditions make the holiday season truly special. These are personal expressions of the Christmas spirit, a spirit that lives and flourishes in an atmosphere of loving and giving, caring and sharing, a spirit that is as old as Christmas itself, yet forever new.

# Year in Review, continued...

accidents or a medical. Winners of the Family Fare coloring contest were Nichole Darling, Mike Spino, and Dan Topping.

Bill Dommer shared his "Country Mole Trap" with Ledger readers. Dommer's trap eliminated the mole-made dirt puffs in his yard, improving the looks of his lawn.

### September 12, 1990

George and Delores Dey became the fifth recipients of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce "Person of the Year" award.

Linda Moon's School of Dance Arts, 505 W. Main in the Lowell Plaza, twirled its way into Lowell. The dance school offers instruction on tap, ballet, jazz, pointe, acrobatics, and baton.

Ottis L. Jones, a partner and manager of R.W. Beck and Associates made a presentation to the Lowell City Council and Lowell Light and Power Board concerning the future options involving cable television in Lowell. The presentation encompassed the evaluation of the city system, regulations, and the advantages and disadvantages of ownership to a franchise.

Lowell students grades 1-8

tested above average on the Metropolitan Achievement Test in math, science and social studies. The results showed that Lowell students are above average in many of the other 11 areas in which they were tested.

The Red Arrow football team came from behind to defeat Wyoming Park 7-6 in its 1990 Homecoming contest. A fourth-quarter Brett Knoop touchdown run gave Lowell the victory.

Sponsored through the American Heart Association, the Lowell Fire Department held an adult CPR certification class at the Look Memorial Fire Station.

Amendments to the downtown parking and left turn lanes provided some area merchants more store front parking and have helped calm the waters that were roughed up at a public hearing.

Frank Miller, 91, completed his 20th consecutive Mackinac Bridge walk.

Thomas Hauter Jr., 20, of Saranac was found guilty of a felonious assault in Circuit Court on Lowell Police Officer Brian VanderHoek.

### September 19, 1990

Lowell Air Force man Dennis Grzeskowiak received

his moving papers to Saudi Arabia. Grzeskowiak was stationed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton when he received the news. Dennis' mother and father, Sally and Dennis Grzeskowiak did not know of his location in the Middle East or what their son is doing, they did learn through a letter he is working seven days a week, all hours of the day.

A possible abduction of a 10-year old Lowell girl was averted at the 1700 block of Sibley. After the young girl was picked up, she began screaming and kicking. Police believed the subject saw an approaching vehicle and let the little girl loose.

The Kent County Drug Enforcement Unit with the assistance from the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Kent County Sheriff's Department, turned the tables last Tuesday on nine West Michigan residents who harbored intentions to possess and distribute a large quantity of marijuana.

Cathy Iteen showed her support for U.S. servicemen over in Saudi Arabia by posting banners at businesses in the area for people to sign. The banners, once filled with

signatures were mailed to the servicemen.

Lowell High School named Scott Vashaw as its new assistant principal. Vashaw had been a mathematics teacher at Lowell for 14 years.

Lowell Middle School band students (38) attended Calvin College Knollcrest Music Camp.

Lowell's soccer team pushed its unbeaten record to 7-0 with a 1-0 win over rival, East Grand Rapids.

The Red Arrow football team finished out the week with an inspiring 13-12 overtime victory against EGR.

Lowell Little League swung and missed in an attempt to land property for a new field. The parcel of land which was owned by the City however was nearly impossible to develop. The only way to access the property is by boat from one of the two rivers or crossing the railroad tracks.

### September 26, 1990

The Lowell School District voters did not turn out in droves but the result on the \$30 million high school bond issue was rewarding for school officials.

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Michelle Oliver finished 10th at the state cross country meet

**CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Lowell City offices will be closed on Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25, 1990 in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

The Lowell City offices will also be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 1991 in observance of the New Year.

The Tuesday and Wednesday garbage pickup will be picked up on Wednesday for the weeks of December 24th and December 31, 1990.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

DRAWN BY  
Brian Haan, age 11  
Runciman/Riverside, Mrs. Roth

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Here comes Santa Claus

DRAWN BY  
Nick West, age 11  
Riverside, Mr. Blodgett

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# Oren "Jack" Frost has exhibition in Washington D.C.

Oren "Jack" Frost, a local artist who resides at 4-Mile Road on the family orchard, recently held a premiere exhibition of his artwork entitled "Early Harvest" in Washington DC.

Frost is one of the foremost designers of our time. His works include the look of numerous political campaigns, including the Republican Elephant. His name is also synonymous with corporate images such as RCA, Pan Am, Ford and Eastman Kodak.

Frost is a native of Lowell. He was born and raised on the apple orchard on which he resides with his wife, Dodie. He graduated from Lowell High School in 1935 and from Michigan State University in 1939. He then began a long career of painting, instructing and creative directing.

As Creative Supervisor for the International Department of the J. Walter Thompson Company, he directed many artists and photographers, travelling the world to shape the image of companies like Pan Am, Ford, RCA and Eastman Kodak.

He opened Jack Frost Design in Washington DC, where he created logos and campaign images in political and corporate circles.

Frost is widely recognized in the field of commercial visual art. He is a life member of the New York Art Directors Club and was appointed Chairman of the 44th Annual Show for the New York Art Directors Club. He is the recipient of over 100 awards for his contributions and influence to corporate imagery.

In 1989, Frost ended his work in commercial graphics to devote all of his time to painting. His work draws inspiration from the environment of the orchard and incorporates the clean, provocative dynamics of graphics with abstraction painting qualities.



The sun is 1.41 times as dense as water.

## Name That Christmas Carol

Match the song description in the left column with the song title in the right column.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 1. My Sole Desire For The Yuletide Season Is Receipt of A Pair Of Central Incisors. | A. I'm Dreaming Of A White Christmas              |
| 2. From Dark 'Til Dawn, Soundless And Sanctified                                    | B. Away In The Manger                             |
| 3. Celestial Messengers Orations Delivered From Splendid Empires.                   | C. O Come All Ye Faithful                         |
| 4. The Antlered Quadruped With The Cerise Proboscis                                 | D. Santa Claus is Coming To Town                  |
| 5. The Event Occurred At One Minute After 11:59 P.M With Visibility Unlimited       | E. Silver Bells                                   |
| 6. Ornament The Enclosure With Large Sprigs Of A Berry Bearing Evergreen            | F. Silent Night, Holy Night                       |
| 7. Personal Nocturnal Hallucinations Of An Alabaster December 25th                  | G. Little Drummer Boy                             |
| 8. Anticipation of This Noel's Momentos: Nil                                        | H. Deck The Halls With Boughs of Holly            |
| 9. Clattered Inverted Cups, Electroplated                                           | I. All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth |
| 10. Testimony Of Witness To Maternal Parent's Infidelity With                       | J. While Shepherds Watch Are Keeping              |

- Kris Kringle
- 11. In A Distant Bovine Diner
  - 12. Universally Elative Greeting
  - 13. O Miniature Nazarene Village
  - 14. The Approach Of The Holiday Commemorating The Birth of Christ is Becoming Evident
  - 15. May Jehovah Grant Unto You Hilarious Males Retirement
  - 16. Those Of You Who Are True, Come Hither!
  - 17. Are You Detecting The Same Aural Sensations As I Am?
  - 18. The Diminutive Male Of Less Than Adult Age Who Plays A Percussive Instrument.
  - 19. Heavenly Cherubs Announcing In Song, Listen!
  - 20. Reigning Monarchs Of The Far East
  - 21. Who's The Mystery Kid?
  - 22. Proclaim It To The Hills
  - 23. Pastoral Woolies Nocturnally Observed In Vigilance
  - 24. Village Expectations Of A Yuletide Emissary.
- K. Go Tell It On The Mountains
  - L. O Little Town of Bethlehem
  - M. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
  - N. Do You Hear What I Hear?
  - O. God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman
  - P. Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer
  - Q. Angels We Have Heard On High
  - R. What Child Is This?
  - S. I'm Getting Nothing For Christmas
  - T. It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas
  - U. It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
  - V. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
  - W. Joy To The World
  - X. We Three Kings

# Year in Review, continued....

The bond issue passed 327 to 1,218. Proposal II, the pool bond issue, was defeated 718-640.

Lowell's Area Jaycees baked and baked 70 pounds of cookies for U.S. servicemen. The 1,300 cookies were mailed from Lowell to a Fleet Post Office in Miami. From there, the home baked goodies were put on a cargo plane to Bahrain, Saudi Arabia.

Bowne Township Supervisor, Fred Moss, asked Lowell Township to consider donating some funds to the new Alto Fire Station. Bowne Township needed \$80,000 so it could finish the new fire station.

Moss also sought the help of Lowell Township for support of the Alto Library.

An Arizona woman was rescued from a sinking vehicle in the Flat River by three civilians and Lowell Police officers after the woman missed the turn at Avery and Lafayette and drove into the Flat River.

October 3, 1990

At a time when oil company refineries' fuel oil inventory was as high as it had been in three years, many Lowell motorists were finding it odd that the prices per gallon of gas was soaring. But that's what happened when the leader of a Middle East country (roughly 16 million) decided to invade a neighboring country on Aug. 2.

School officials were counting their blessings following the passage of the high school bond issue. Of seven bond issues voted on in West Michigan on two were passed, West Ottawa and Lowell.

Lowell's Greg Evans was promoted to Director of Product Development at Amway Corporation.

The Kent Special Riding Program's 12th annual Ride-a-Thon exceeded expectations as it raised \$25,515, beating its goal of \$22,000.

Dave Pabon opened his mobile Advanced Auto Glass business in Lowell.

Not only was the weather

great at the Fallsburg Fall Festival, but there were record crowds to match. Fallsburg Park Fall Festival Steering Committee member Jill Van Antwerp said she believed the Festival drew over 20,000 people in the two days.

Lowell's Heather Nauta, a student at Western Michigan University, became a member of the school's Precision Flight Team.

October 10, 1990

Lowell High School welcomed aboard three student teachers for the fall semester, Ann Dickerson, Mike Monette and Tama Jones.

A Saturday morning blaze destroyed a Lowell home at 191 S. Pleasant. There was roughly \$40,000 worth of damage. The home was being lived in by Roy Aitchison.

Controversy about the Metropolitan Council stirred among governmental units and concerned area residents. Proponents said the Council would allow for better planning, and more help from the state government.

Lowell's Township Board denied Alto its request to contribute toward the rental of the Alto Library building. However, it did agree to make a \$350 contribution toward utilities.

Lowell High School celebrated a week-long slate of homecoming activities under the theme of "Enchantment Under the Sea."

Lowell Township announced it would give \$30,000 toward the Alto Fire Station.

October 17, 1990

Lowell Township and School officials discuss the possibility of the school leasing 5,000 square feet of the proposed new Township hall edition. The School administration was in need of space for its business office operation. The Township was asking for \$9 a square foot or \$45,000 a year.

Lowell's City Council voted to trim the walnut trees on Riverside Drive. All property owners were notified and their opinions sought before a vote took place.

The Council also decided to leave the trees along Main Street alone until April.

Rhonda Kropf and Sheryl

Korn provided Lowell with a much needed service, a child care center - "Helping Hands Child Care Center."

Lowell's top doubles team of Heather Tap and Allison Zillmer finished fourth at the Class B regional in East Grand Rapids.

Honeycreek Christian Homes announced that in December it would start the construction on classroom renovations and a new gymnasium. This construction would be the beginning of a major 2-3 year capital campaign at Honeycreek Christian Homes costing approximately \$2 million.

Lowell's boys golf team placed third at the Class B regional at Saskatoon.

Deficit budgeting provided Lowell with excess revenue. Anticipating a tough year, Gary Kemp, assistant superintendent, deficit budgeting had Lowell operating in a \$264,117 deficit, but it ended the fiscal school year with revenues totaling \$117,018.

Lowell's Mike Shinabarger was just one of 90 applicants randomly drawn out of 30,000 names, to be given an elk permit. Shinabarger put it to good use as he dropped a 615 pound (dressed out) elk near Gaylord.

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Three civilians and Lowell police Sergeant Al Eckman and officer Jim Valentine rescued an Arizona woman from her car after she accidentally drove into the Flat River.



Sylvia Taylor, middle, with members of her family beside her, took the oath of office as the new Lowell Postmaster.

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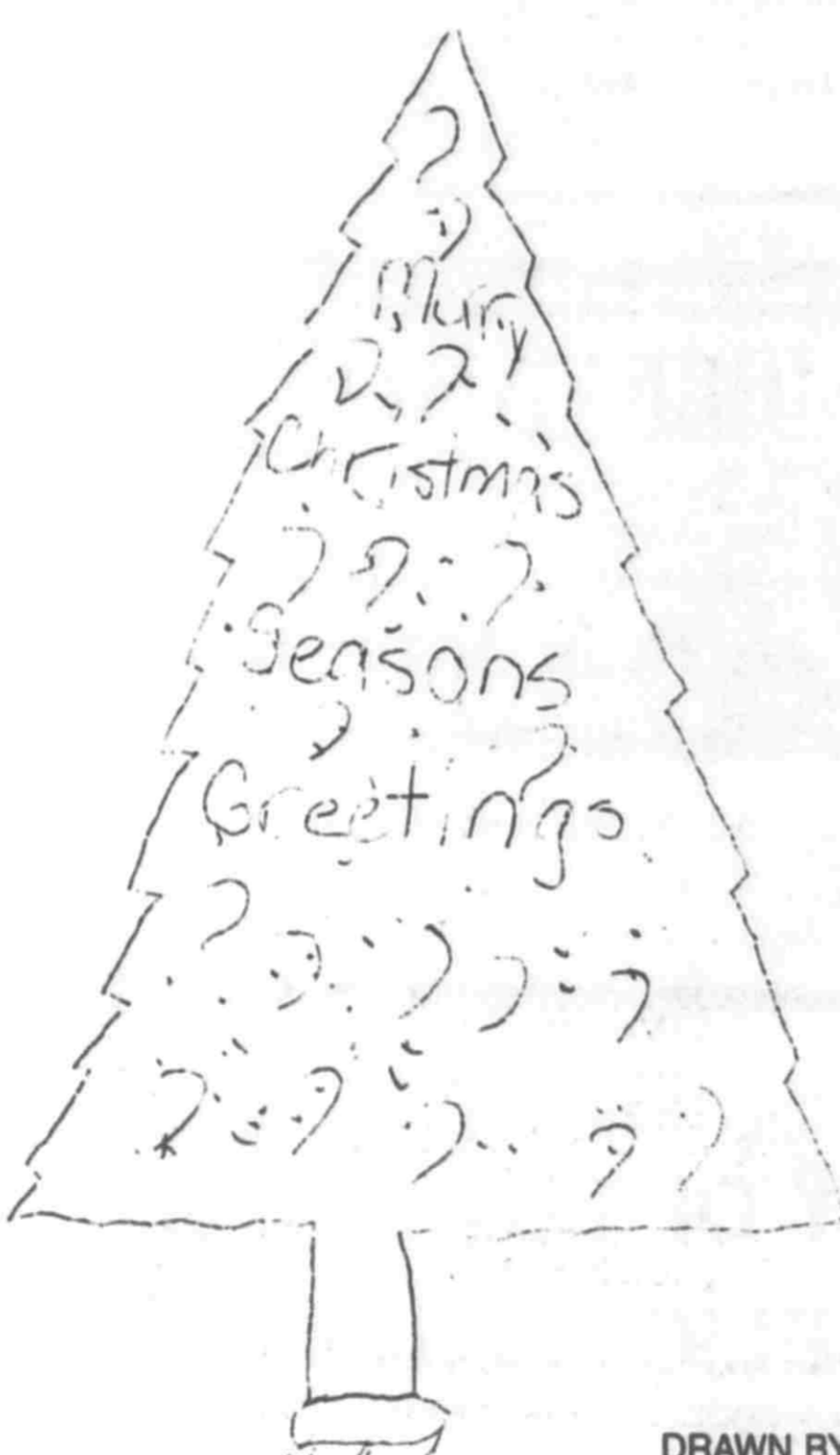
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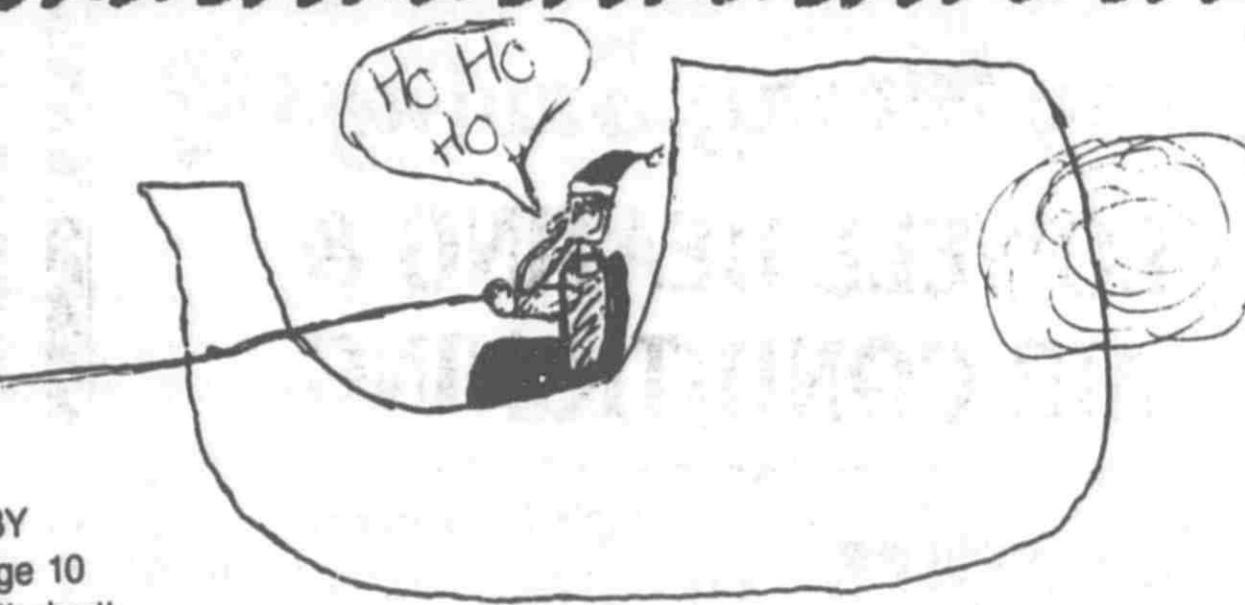
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# Year in Review, continued...

ell came to a 12-hour shift agreement. St. Mary's began work on a new asphalt all-purpose court. The court would be used for basketball, tennis and volleyball.

Two change orders were approved by Lowell's City Council in the \$30,328 Police Department renovation. The work was scheduled to be completed by December.

Lowell Police Officer David Carey was honored by M.A.D.D. for his work in helping to curb drunk driving.

Lowell's School Board approved the owner/architect agreement with WBDC.

Debb Chaption and Sue Johnson opened the doors to "Crafters Corners" at 109 W. Main inside the Rivertown Mall next door to Music Master.

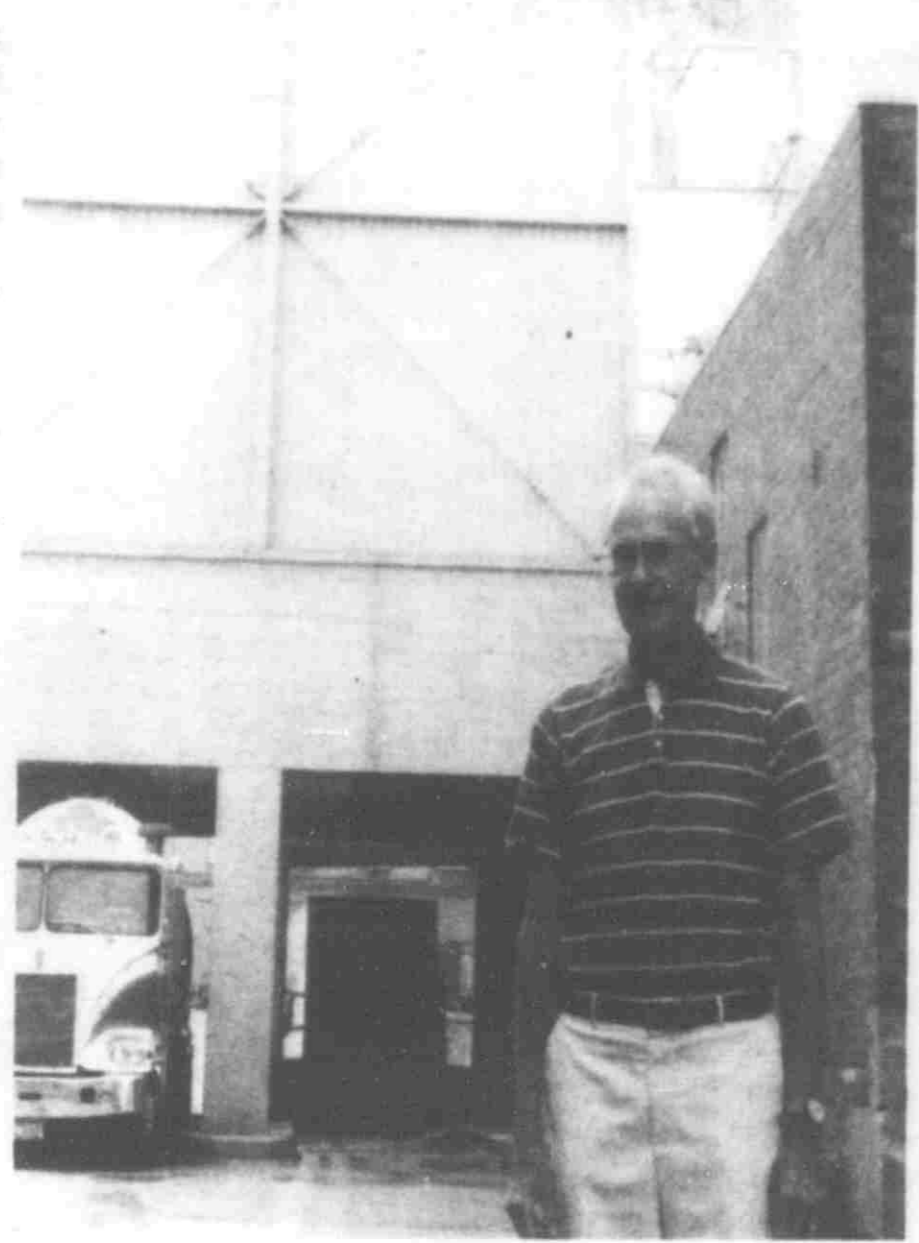
### October 31, 1990

Lowell City Council's charge to pursue bids on the sale of Lowell Cable raised the concern of some, the ire of others and left the Lowell Light and Power Board one appointed member short.

Ray Quada resigned from the board because he did not

feel it was appropriate for the appointed Board to read about the council's decision in the newspaper.

Lowell Township hired Sani Sweep to vacuum leaves at Eastgate. The charge to the Township would be \$95 an hour.



King Doyle celebrated the grand centennial of King Milling.

The City of Lowell swore in its new Postmaster, Sylvia Taylor. Taylor brought 14 years of post office experience with her. She came to Lowell from Kansas City.

Dr. David Durkee was elected President of the Optometric Association. Jay VanAntwerp was cited as a 1990 achievement award winner in writing. Both the Lowell boys and girls cross country teams qualified for state competition. Both clubs finished second at the Class B Regional at DeWitt.



Pete Wills, middle, used putting house numbers on the curbs as his Eagle Scout service project. With Wills is, far left, scout leader Rick Briggs, and far right, Wills' father, Roger Wills.

## Lowell City

### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS of the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN

For the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 3, 1990.

PRESENT: Councilmembers Doyle, Fonger, Thompson, Hodges and Mayor Maatman. ABSENT: None.

IT WAS MOVED by Hodges and seconded by Doyle that the minutes of the November 19, 1990 meeting be approved as written.

YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED by Doyle and seconded by Thompson that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

YEA: Councilmembers Doyle, Fonger, Thompson, Hodges and Mayor Maatman. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

### BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS (12-3-90)

General Fund	\$47,548.48
Major Street Fund	4,080.27
Local Street Fund	6,118.00
Sewer Fund	18,884.07
Water Fund	1,941.39
Equipment Fund	3,557.06
Current Tax Fund	3,548.68

**ITEM NO. 1. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT - LOCAL LEADERSHIP FOR EDUCATION AND ARTS PLANNING (LLEAP) PROGRAM.** The Lowell Area Schools requested the Council's approval to support the five year plan for nourishing a life long appreciation of and interaction with the Arts for the Lowell community. City Manager Pasquale and Councilmember Hodges attended a meeting at the Arts Center on a presentation by the LLEAP Group. Hodges stated that this was an impressive idea, it would bring art and appreciation into the community at all age levels. LLEAP's main objective is to get support from various groups for developing art cultures and happenings over a five year period plan.

During the time of Council discussion, concern was expressed whether a formal motion of support is needed; also, if a question of financial support was intended. City Manager Pasquale said the LLEAP was merely asking for general support.

IT WAS MOVED by Hodges and seconded by Thompson to support the five year plan of the Local Leadership for Education and Arts Planning (LLEAP) program. YEA: 4 (Doyle, Thompson, Hodges, and Maatman). NAY: 1 (Fonger). ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

**Item No. 2. STREET VACATION - WEST HALF OF GROVE STREET BETWEEN MAIN AND AVERY STREETS - SET PUBLIC HEARING (12/17).** Harry and Carol Bardwell, owners of Roll Away Ltd. at 805 E. Main, have requested that the west half (33') of Grove between Main and Avery be vacated. This portion of Grove is not within the paved roadway and lies within a grassy area. The Bardwells said that they have maintained this right of way. City Manager Pasquale noted that the street right of way is not where the paved road is. In fact, the pavement and the designated right of way do not match. The current roadway must be in the designated right of way. The Council stated its concerns as to where the street right of way is. City Manager Pasquale mentioned that more research should be done with such information available at the December 17, 1990 meeting. This is necessary before any decision would be made.

IT WAS MOVED by Thompson and seconded by Doyle to set a public hearing for Monday, December 17, 1990 to consider vacating the west half of Grove Street between E. Main and Avery Street. YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

**Item No. 3. REQUEST TO REMOVE NAME FROM RESORT LIQUOR LICENSE LOCATED AT 109 W. MAIN (FORMERLY LEE'S LANDING).** A letter from the Liquor Control Commission was received petitioned by Nancy L. Lilly to remove Muriel S. Dilley as a partner from a resort liquor license located at 109 W. Main. Barry Emmons reported on this, and stated that this is merely a paper transfer with the Liquor Control Commission. The license is currently under the ownership of

Mrs. Lilly, who has bought it outright from her partner. The license cannot be used by anyone other than the owner.

IT WAS MOVED by Fonger and seconded by Doyle to recommend to the Liquor Control Commission to remove the name of Muriel S. Dilley from a resort liquor license located at 109 W. Main (formerly Lee's Landing). YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

**ITEM NO. 4. PETITION FROM SHOWBOAT BOARD CONCERNING BLEACHER LOAN.** Gordon Gould, President of the Lowell Showboat Board, sent a letter requesting forgiveness on the outstanding loan balance of \$13,303 from the City, regarding the purchase of portable bleachers for the Showboat amphitheater made in 1973. Councilmember Doyle mentioned that the action should be a trade off, not a forgiveness of the debt, for the two sections of bleachers that are not being used at the present time. By trading off, both the City and the Showboat should have access to the bleachers. The Council instructed that the City staff and Showboat Board write an agreement between the City and the Showboat Corporation for the access and maintenance of the two sections of the portable bleachers for review and approval at the December 17, 1990 meeting.

**Item No. 5. AUDIT PRESENTATION ON THE LIGHT AND POWER AND CABLE TV FUNDS.** Virgil Biggs of Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson presented his firm's findings on the Light and Power and Cable TV funds.

**Lowell Cable TV remarks:** Mr. Biggs emphasized the monitoring of the growth in the Basic program costs because as a percentage these costs continue to increase faster than revenue does. This has eroded the profit margins in the Basic program area.

Cable TV's loss for the year ended June 30, 1990 was \$3,142 compared to a \$20,321 profit last year. This has represented a total shift in profits of \$23,463. Of this increase, \$17,656 is attributed to the category of technician salaries. Over the last two years, this category has increased \$35,846. Mr. Biggs noted that operating revenues have also increased significantly.

# Year in Review, continued...

girls cross country teams qualified for state competition. Both clubs finished second at the Class B Regional at DeWitt.

Lowell's Red Arrow soccer team brought home the school's first ever district soccer crown as it defeated Hastings 1-0.

Some Lowell residents find the deer whistle alarming for horse and carriage riders. Cindy Lohr and a group of Lowell Ruchiman Elementary students questioned some of the supervision and safety regulations practiced at school.

**November 7, 1990** Lowell's City Council decided to fine tune the picture it was transmitting as to what it wants to do with the Lowell Cable System Monday night. The Council decided to rescind a previous motion to pursue bids in order that it could more clearly clarify what it was looking for.

Fallsburg Village residents balked at the proposed creation of a new commission to preserve the historical nature of the Fallsburg Village. Fallsburg Historical Society President Priscilla Lussmyer said the commission would

protect the historical area's appearance rather than restrict home owners in the Village area.

**November 14, 1990** Lowell's School Board recognized and endorsed the LHS Academic Boosters Club.

Following controversy, Lowell Cable television reviewed its guidelines for public access. Lowell's equestrian team placed second in its state competition.

LHS senior golfer, Jerud Joyn was named to the first team All-State Class B while Lowell's coach, Jack Ogle was named Coach of the Year in District Seven.

Duane McIver rolled a 300 game at Lowell Lanes. **November 21, 1990** Jack Bartholomew was the Lowell Ledger's "First Buck" contest winner. Bartholomew arrived at the Ledger office at 7:30 a.m. with his six-point 150-pound buck.

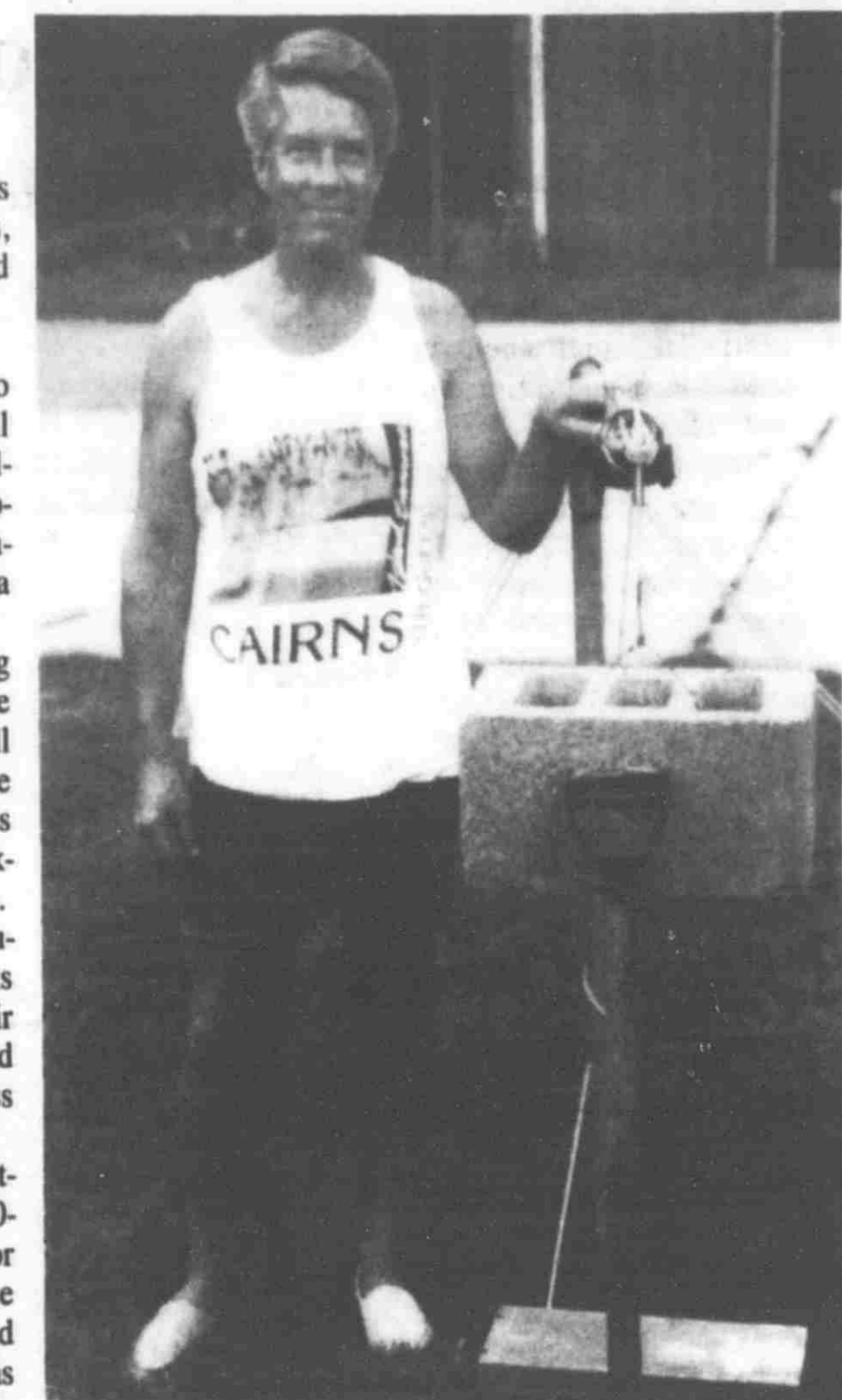
Ray Quada re-thought, and then took back his resignation from the Lowell Light and Power Board. A possible leasing agreement between the school and Lowell Township was nixed after the school decided it would only need space for a couple of years. The Township was asking that the school lease space from its proposed new addition to the Township Hall.

Sandi Thompson of Twin Traditional Farms won the Get of Sire class with the get of her horse Indelibles Image at the Michigan Quarter Horse Breeder's Futurity. The City of Lowell received a clean audit from its accounting firm of Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson.

**November 28, 1990** Lowell Township agreed to donate \$1,950 toward Lowell Ambulance's new defibrillator. The new piece of equipment allowed Lowell Ambulance to help people with a complete heart block. Dale Posthumus, visiting from the Soviet Union, came back home to the Alto/Lowell area. During his visit he spoke to the Lowell Lions Club about the changes taking place in the Soviet Union. Lowell High School students actively showed thanks for the good fortune in their lives by collecting canned goods to aid the area's less fortunate.

Bob Grooters, in presenting his proposal for a 240-acre light industrial park for the northwest corner of the Alden Nash Avenue SE and interstate 96 Expressway, was met with heated opposition. So hot in fact, Grooters decided to pull the plug on his light industrial park development. Lowell High School inducted 19 members into the

**Item No. 10. MANAGER'S REPORT.** City Manager Pasquale reported on the following: 1. Marv Anderson of MDOT was contacted concerning



Bill Dommer shared his secret to success in his battle against the gopher.

In India, it was once believed wearing copper earrings would ward off sciticia.

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## Council Proceedings

MOTION CARRIED.

**Item No. 7. REQUEST TO PETITION THE KENT COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSION TO PERFORM WORK IN THE CHERRY CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT.** Wes Adrianse of 114 Smith St. stated that he has experienced flooding problems on his property from the overflow of Cherry Creek. He requested that action be taken. City Manager Pasquale said that Cherry Creek is a county drain within the city from Foreman Rd. to M-21, when it goes to the south of M-21. He mentioned that in consultation with the Kent County Drain Commission, improvements to Cherry Creek could be initiated through a petition of property owners within the drainage district or from a council resolution. Both require Kent County Drain Commission to study the drainage area and decide what steps will be necessary to improve conditions. The City would be liable for a percentage (typically 10 percent) of the cost, while the rest would be placed as an assessment and taken care of by the property owners. City Manager Pasquale stated that the cost would not be determined until the study is completed and a necessity hearing conducted. Mr. Adrianse asked the Council for their support in petitioning the Drain Commission with this problem.

**Lowell Light and Power remarks:** Mr. Biggs said that the 1990 revenue was \$352,256 with the percentage rate of profit at 8.7 percent. He noted that 1989 has \$413,083 in revenue while 1988 was \$459,057. There are two factors for this: first, \$1,900,000 was extended to expand the system during the past year. Mr. Biggs said that \$1,300,000 of that came out of investments. Therefore, those investments were not available to earn interest. Interest-investments accounted for \$178,268, while the prior year provided \$233,563. Thus, a \$56,000 decline in the investments resulted. The other factor was the \$1,900,000 expansion gave \$36,000 more in depreciation which again represents a non-cash outlay. Also 1989 had more revenues in both the commercial and residential than in 1990.

In reviewing the balance sheet, Mr. Biggs pointed out that the assets the Light and Power possessed were \$5,585,736 in 1990, while \$5,169,957 in 1989 and \$5,695,893 in 1988. He noted that assets are a constantly growing number. The composition of those numbers has changed. Before the expansion project it was primarily investments. Now, this is more of a fixed asset nature and that is why the system has to generate a profit.

**Item No. 6. LOWELL AMBULANCE REQUEST TO CONSIDER FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR THE CARDIAC MONITOR/DEFIBRILLATOR.** Roger Morgan, General Manager of Lowell Ambulance, requested that the Council provide \$1,950 in City funds to assist in the purchase of a new \$10,150 cardiac monitor/defibrillator. This monitor would enhance quality care and be of great benefit to Lowell Ambulance. Funds have been already committed from Look Memorial Committee and Lowell Township.

IT WAS MOVED by Thompson and seconded by Hodges to grant the request of \$1,950 through the General Fund as a budget amendment to assist in the purchase of a cardiac monitor/defibrillator. YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

**Item No. 8. CITIZENS COMMENTS.** None.

**Item No. 9. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Thompson wanted to make note of Santa Claus sitting outside in front of Erickson's house. He said that children come and wait in line to visit with Santa at the Ericksons and receive a candy cane. Councilmember Fonger asked if it was in the plans to flood the picnic shelter at Creekside Park again for ice skating. City Manager Pasquale said that it is planned and will be done as soon as weather permits. Councilmember Doyle requested that if weather conditions meet freezing conditions, the ice skating rink be ready for the kids while they are on their Christmas vacation.

**Item No. 10. MANAGER'S REPORT.** City Manager Pasquale reported on the following: 1. Marv Anderson of MDOT was contacted concerning the work order for the new traffic light. Mr. Anderson said that the work order should be available by December 10, 1990, at an estimated cost for the light of \$21,000 to \$22,000. City Manager Pasquale stated that the cost would be split on a fifty-fifty basis between the City and the State. Pasquale had continuing discussions with Grand Rapids City officials concerning the scheduling of the light installation and was informed that it will be carried out in January, barring any severe weather problems. 2. At the November 26, 1990 meeting of the Planning Commission recommended to the City Council to allocate funds for engineering plans to initiate improvements at the Hudson and Main Street intersection. This is in response to a continuing problem involving difficulties in truck turns. Michael Jones of MDOT said that he would undertake the planning process at State cost. Once the agreement is reached on the layout, costs can be shared. James Porritt of the Kent County Road Commission was contacted about the County participation, since Hudson is a County road. He stated his willingness to do so. 3. The minutes of the October Light and Power and Cable TV Board were attached. 4. A letter from Nyal Deems, Mayor of East Grand Rapids, was enclosed inviting the City to attend the Metropolitan Council meetings to gain familiarity with the organization. 5. The Airport Board met on November 27, 1990, had its first meeting with the Michigan Aeronautics Bureau to initiate work on the master plan. This will take approximately nine months to complete. Councilmember Fonger pointed out that the right lane of M-21 going east across from the Hobby Shop has a noticeable hump. He said that this should be investigated. City Manager Pasquale stated that the Police Station renovation is complete and invited the Council to view. Dr. McKay stated that the Planning Commission is extremely happy to see Council is proceeding with resolving the Hudson and Main Street intersection problem. The Planning Commission is also in the process of updating the master plan and zoning. He noted that this is a long term project and there may be a need for a consultant. McKay complimented the Council on selecting a competent group of people for the Commission. IT WAS MOVED by Doyle to adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

Approved: December 17, 1990  
James D. Maatman, Mayor  
David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

# Year in Review, continued...

National Honor Society. Having made 40 traffic arrests involving drivers who were operating the vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances since May 16, Lowell's Police Department began executing an ordinance to collect the expenses relating to the emergency responses.

Pippi's Playhouse makes a splash in Lowell as it displays its dolls and Teddy Bears at Strawbasket.

### December 5, 1990

Lowell's School Board administration sets Dec. 13 as the date it will interview four West Michigan firms interested in landing the position of construction manager for the \$30 million school bond project. The four firms were C.D. Barnes; E & V; Barnes Construction; and Owen, Ames and Kimball.

Lowell Township approves the purchase of the Gateway service which will allow it to more easily access the Kent County computer system.

Tim Dimmick is hired by Lowell Schools as the new high school math teacher.

Pending approval by the Showboat Board, an agreement by the City and the Lowell Showboat to remove a 17-year old Showboat loan from the books was agreed to in terms by the Lowell City Council.

Lowell Rotary members met at Chadalee Farms to assemble gift packs. The money made from the sale of the 900 gift packs is used to fund Rotary causes and projects both in the community and throughout the world.

Residents lined Main Street for the Lowell Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas Parade.

Jason White became the first Lowell soccer player to be named to the Class B All-State team.

The community sing and tree lighting activities sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce went well with the exception of there were no lights in the trees.

Lowell's City Council gave the clearance for a study on the Hudson and Main Street intersection. For a number of years trucks have had difficulties with turns.

Lowell's Gary Eldridge received four merit awards for his commercial dimensional illustrations at the Dimensional Illustrators Award Show in New York.

### December 12, 1990

Members of the Qua-Kezik Sportsman's Club urged the school administration to consider using undeveloped property for its new high school rather than trying to obtain the 120 acres currently owned and being used by the Sportsman's Club.

Lowell's City Council agrees to donate \$1,950 to Lowell Ambulance in an effort to help in the purchase of a defibrillator.

Patton-JRB in cooperation with the Lowell Middle School starts a "Students-of-the-Month" program.

The audit report on Lowell Cable and Lowell Light and

Power reflected a possible need to hike the rates of its users.

Lowell Little League requested and received permission from the Board of Education to utilize school property for league activities during the 1991 baseball season.

Lowell's boys' basketball team opens the season with two wins against Lakewood and Forest Hills Northern.

The Lowell Area Fire Department hosted an American Heart Association Pediatric Basic Life Support Course.

Lowell High School December "Students-of-the-Month" were senior, Jennifer Videan; junior, Matt Kemp; sophomore, Karla Gerst; and freshman, Heather Pelon.

## Rudolph's origination

One of the most beloved figures in modern Christmas lore, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, was born when a Montgomery Ward advertising copywriter named Robert L. May was told to create a booklet which could be given to children at Christmastime.

That was in 1939, and "Rudolph with his nose so

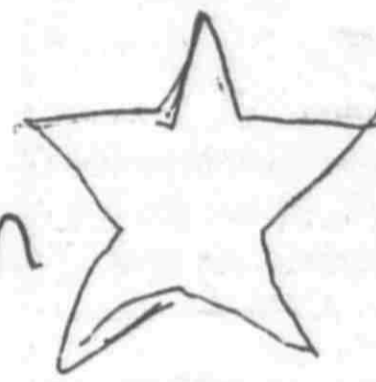
bright," the nose which made him a laughing stock among the other reindeer, has charmed generations of children for over 50 years.


Interestingly enough, the words of the song, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," were not included in the original booklet that told Rudolph's story, and were not written by May.

Rather, ten years after May's original creation, his brother-in-law, composer Johnny Marks, put Rudolph's tale to music, and wrote the lyrics with which we are familiar today.

Cowboy-singer Gene Autry recorded the tune, which was released in the fall of 1949 and quickly became a smash hit.

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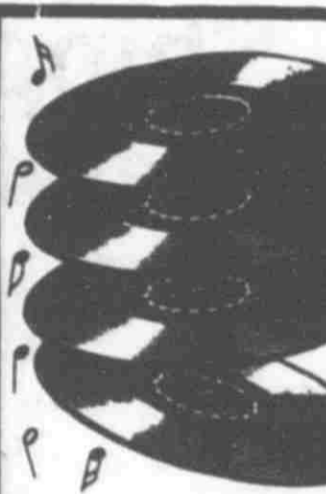
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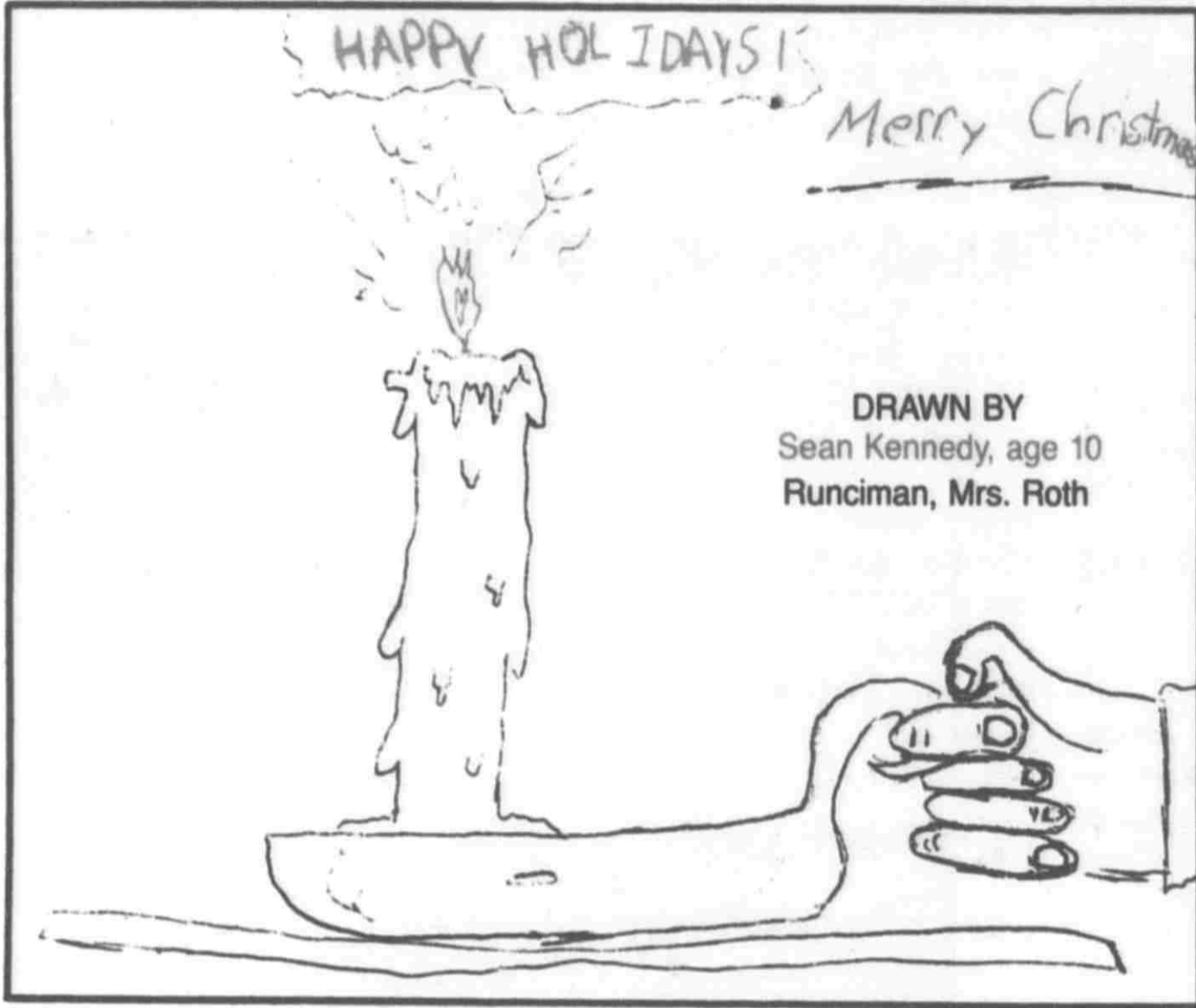
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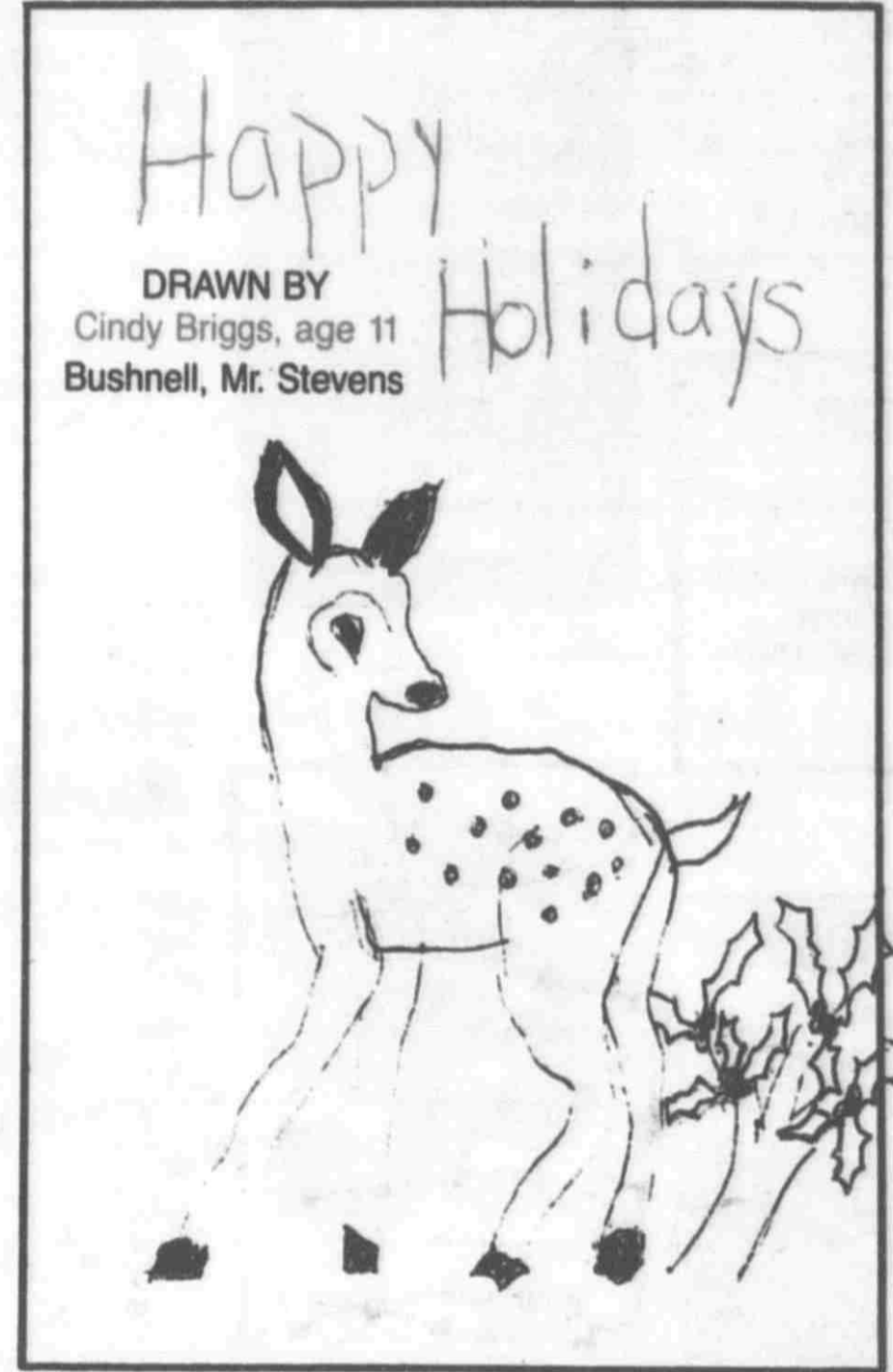
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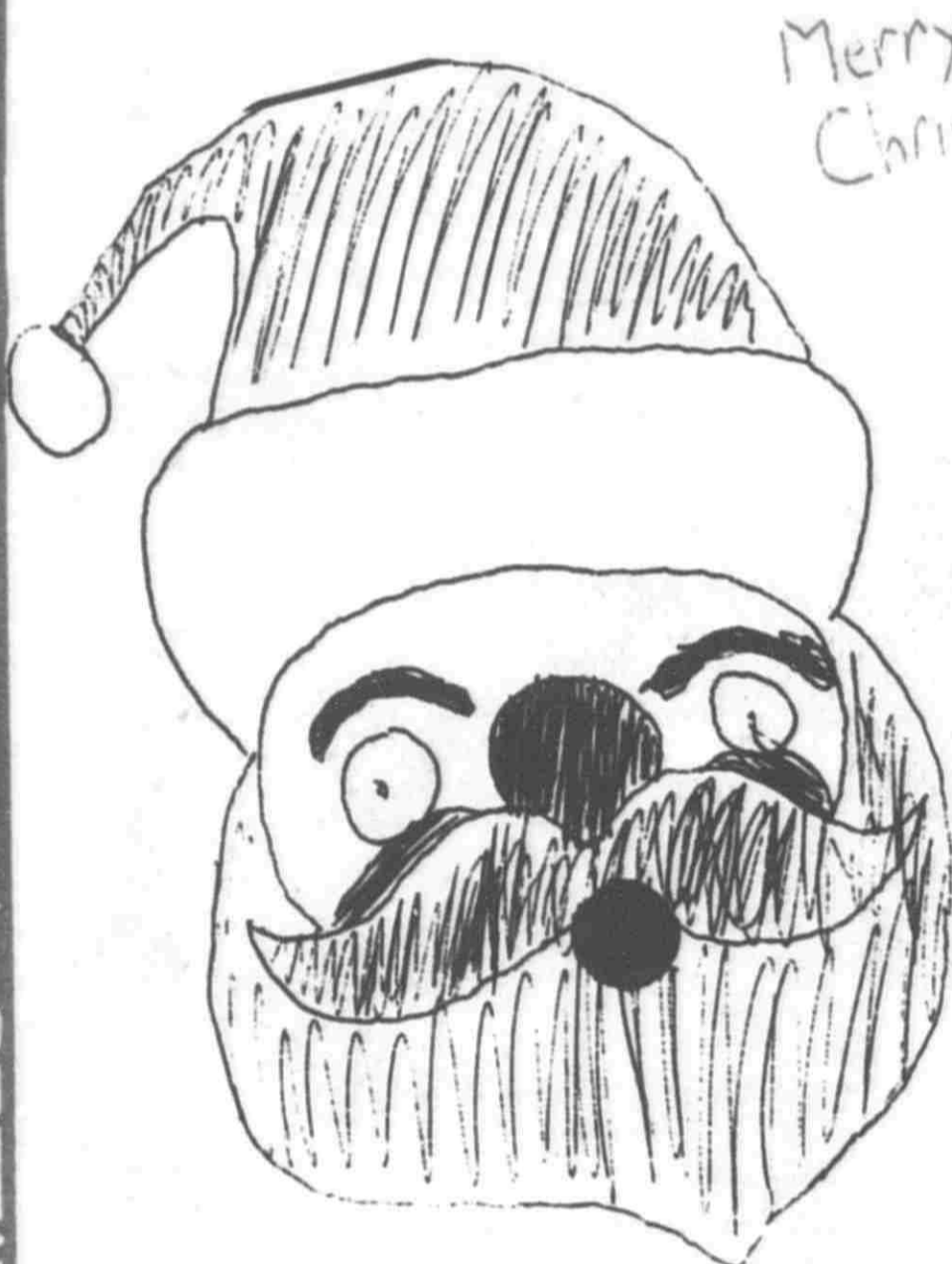
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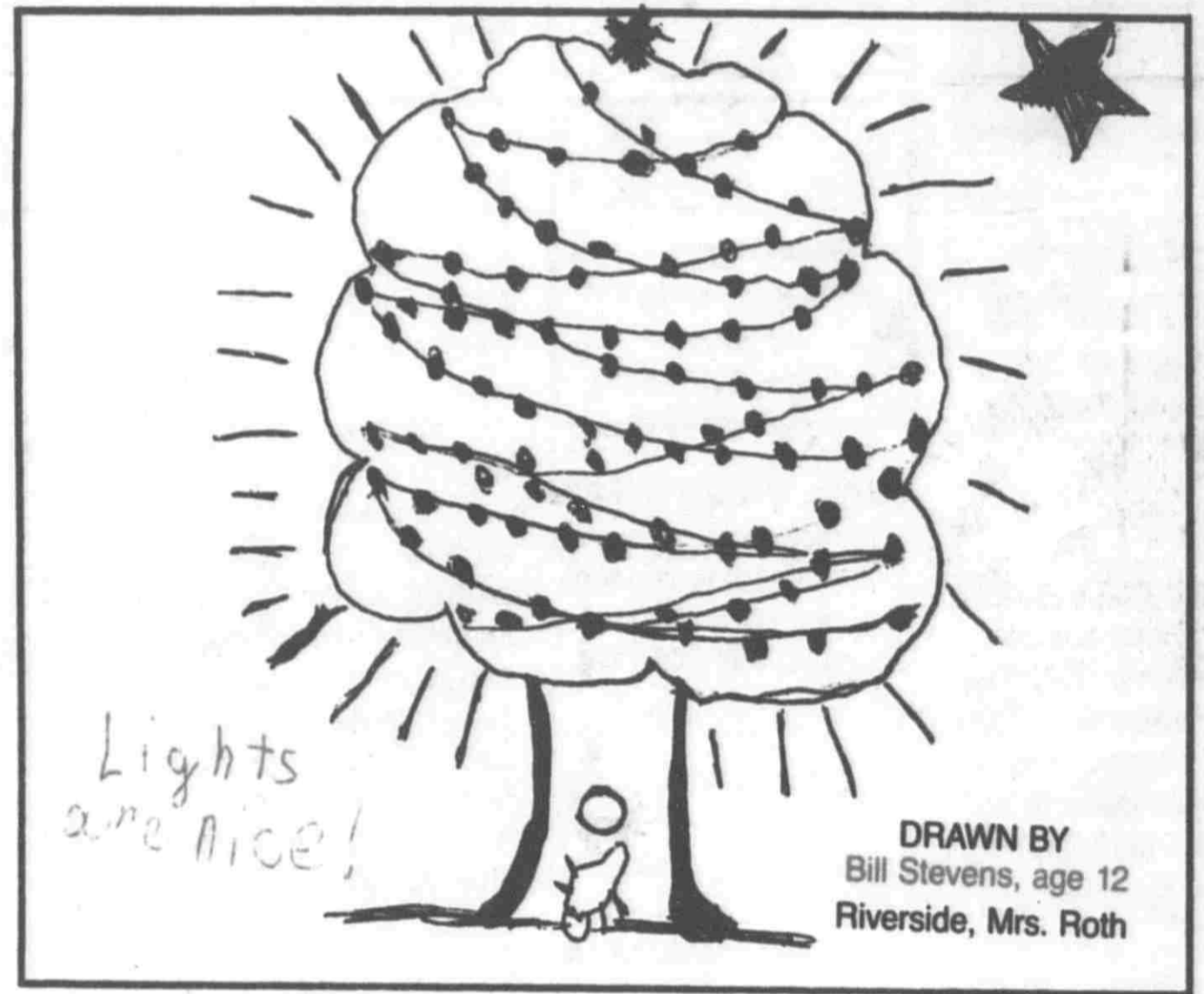
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