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Along Main Street

POST OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Lowell Post Office lobby will be open 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on December 24. The Post Office will be closed Dec. 25. On Dec. 31, lobby hours are 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Post Office will be closed Jan. 1.

LITTLE LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

There will be a Little League board meeting Sunday, Jan. 12 at the Lowell High School at 7 p.m. Come and join us in planning the '92 season.

YMCA CLOSINGS

The Lowell YMCA will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24 at noon and Wednesday, Dec. 25, 31 and January 1.

CORRECTION FOR YMCA AEROBICS CLASS

The YMCA Step Aerobics class is being offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Bushnell School. NOT on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday as stated in the YMCA Winter brochure. Please note the correct days.

KENT COUNTY LIBRARY STORY TIMES

Kent County Library System offers a series of monthly story times for pre-schoolers, suggested age 3 1/2 to five. Registration is necessary.

For more information, call your local branch, Lowell, 897-9596 or Alto, 868-6038.

Off The Blotter

Todd Hibma, 22, of Lowell was involved in a property damage accident Dec. 17 when he lost control of the car he was driving and struck a utility pole at Hunt & Lincoln Lake St., on the slippery road.

Ivan Morse, 44, of Lowell collided with a car driven by Laura Brower, 32, also of Lowell, on N. Hudson Street just north of Main Street. The collision occurred when Morse attempted to pass Brower's car as she was turning right. No injuries were reported in the Dec. 18 accident.

Patricia Sellner, 28, of Lowell struck a parked car belonging to Joyce Boruta of Ionia on Hudson near Spring Street, Dec. 18. No one was injured.

John Muha, 27, of Lowell slid into a pick-up truck Dec. 14 at Hudson and Hunt Street. The pickup was driven by Dale Wolf, 41 of Alto. No injuries were reported.

Carl Rasch, 64, of Lowell struck the rear of a car driven by Stephanie Lemke, 27, of Saranac on S. Hudson at Bowes Rd. Dec. 6. Lemke suffered minor injuries in the accident.

Pamela Knapp, 27, of Lowell was injured in an accident Dec. 17 when she lost control of her car and skidded into a ditch on Bowes Rd. near Main Street.

Beverly Newell, 49, of Lowell collided with a car driven by Ronald Mills 28, of Boyne City, on Main Street near West when Mills attempted to exit a drive onto Main Street and did not see Newell's vehicle. No one was injured in the Dec. 20 accident.

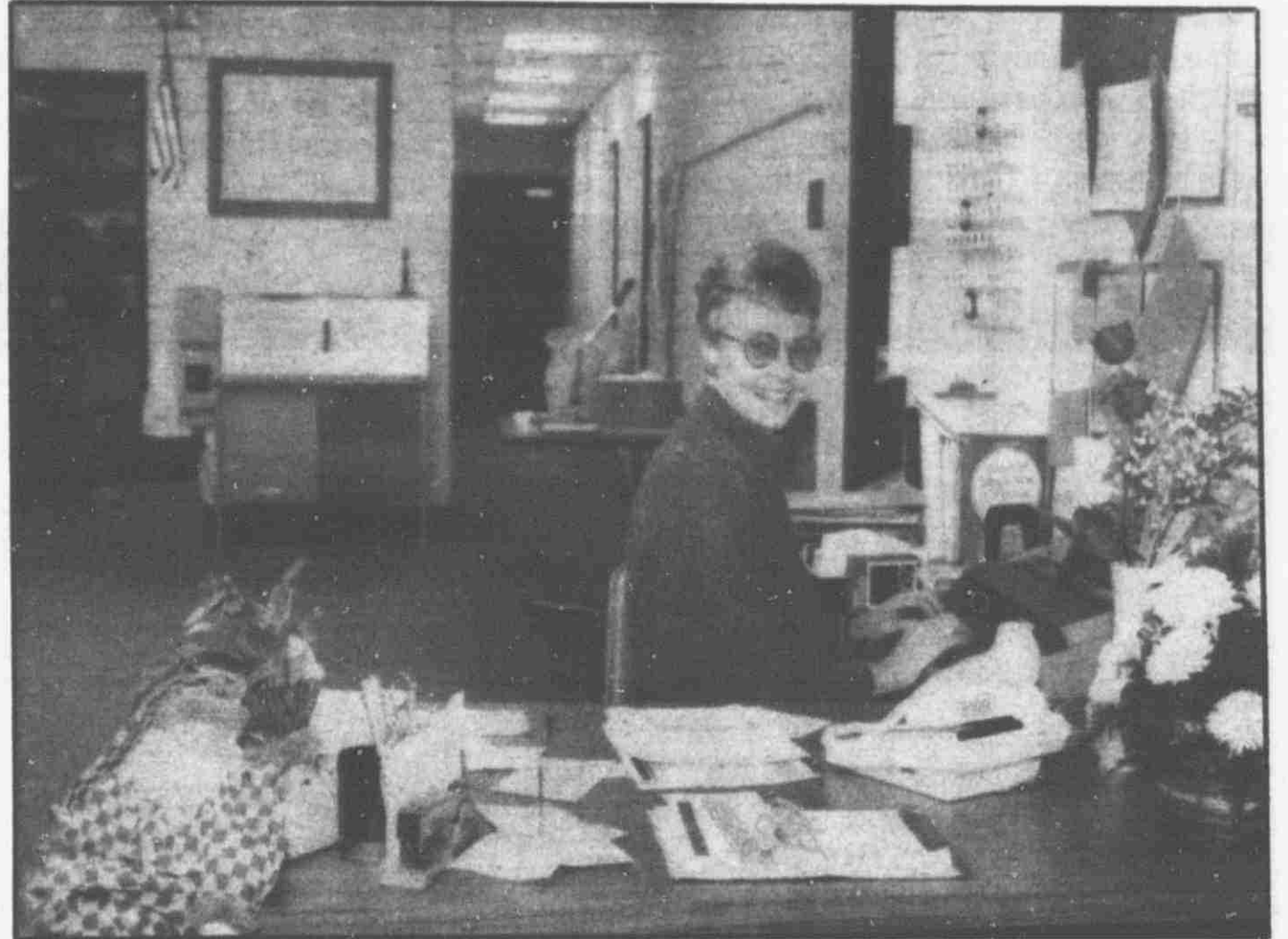
Victor Sturgeon, 24, of Belding lost control of the car he was driving and struck a parked car owned by James Sisson of

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Stormzand prepares to adjust to life after middle school

If I was to tell you as a young girl she worked for her parents at Gamble's Hardware Store in Lowell, many people may not know who I'm talking about.

But If I was to tell you she's been the secretary to the Middle School principal for the past 14 years, and an employee of Lowell Schools for Stormzand, cont'd., pg. 6



Joyce Stormzand concluded her final day of work at the Middle School on Dec. 20

1991: Year-in-Review

Read and remember about the people, places & events of the year's past

It is said that history is the sum total of information that has been told.

While the Lowell Ledger has not chronicled everything that has happened in Lowell over the past year, it believes its year-end synopsis has highlighted the good, the bad, the happy, the sad, the failures and the successes in its 1991 Year-in-Review weekly chronology of the year's events.

The year 1991 will be remembered for many things to many people. read, remember and enjoy.

January 2, 1991

Six-year old Abby Vos traveled with her grandparents, Manuel and Alice Campos, and cousin, Lenna Tomkins to the unsettled world of El Salvador. Vos experienced the vastness of the Pacific Ocean, the harshness of a country's inner conflict, political unrest, and the immense difference in cultures.

A five-year plan to give direction in developing recreational facilities in Lowell Township was formed by the Lowell Township Recreation Committee. It presented an evaluation of Lowell Township's recreation opportunities and needs. It called for the development of two new parks over the next five years.

Harry and Carol Bardwell, owners of Roll



Senator Dick Posthumus meets with the Lowell Area Arts Council to discuss cuts in arts funding.

Away, Ltd., asked that the west half of Grove Street between Main and Avery be vacated by the City.

January 9, 1991

Lowell's Kevin Hurt went before the Lowell City Council to dispute his responsibility in the City's \$2,600 water assessment. A relocation company withheld \$2,634 from the Hurts' equity in the home because of a lien placed on the property by the City of Lowell.

Michael Dumas, now a member of the National Football League as a Houston Oiler, remembered his football days in Hoosierland as fun and as a place where he grew up and matured.

After learning the school was commencing with soil and land studies of the Qua-Ke-Zik property, John Black, a 13-year member of the Qua-Ke-Zik club, stated that the Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club was not for sale. This was the start of a six month struggle between the two entities.

Lowell Light and Power announced that Poortenga Tree Service will be doing their annual tree trimming for their distribution lines.

January 16, 1991

When it comes to purchasing land for the new school, Administrators said nothing weighs more heavily than whether or not the land has access to the City sewer system. Without that, a 26-acre, \$1.6 million lagoon/pond

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Obituaries

KOWALCZYK - Mrs. Emma Kowalczyk, aged 95, of Alto, passed away Thursday, December 19, 1991. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter and sons, George and Edward. Surviving are her children, Joseph Kowalczyk, Mary and George Krebs, John and Pat Kowalczyk, and Mrs. George (Marian) Kowalczyk, all of Alto; ten grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and one great-grandson; one sister, Marie Rose of Grandville; two brothers-in-law, one sister-in-law; several nieces and nephews. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church. Memorial contributions to the Church Building Fund will be appreciated.

TOWNSEND - Mrs. Aneta May Townsend, aged 88, of Lowell, died December 16, 1991. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph; son, Ralph Jr., and three grandchildren. Surviving are three daughters, Nancy (Jerry) O'Neal of Alto, Ann Molhoek of Grand Rapids, Linda Kalin of Reed City; daughter-in-law, Ruth (Harry) Bolthouse of Alto; sister, Verma Jones

of Mason, MI; sisters-in-law, Betty Moore of Lansing, Dorothy (Alan) Clark of Howell, MI; 10 grandchildren; nieces, nephews, many friends and neighbors. Funeral Services were held Thursday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. William Amundsen of First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Memorials may be made to The Salvation Army or a charity of one's choice.

BEUKEMA - Mrs. Anne H. Beukema, aged 78, of Lowell, went to be with her Lord Saturday, December 21, 1991. Surviving are her husband, Dr. Marenus Beukema; her children, John and Caroline Beukema of Somers, NY, Richard and Maxine Beukema of Wayland, M. James and

Denise Beukema of Cuterville, Clare and William Deurloo of Grand Rapids; 15 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; her brothers and sisters, Annette Madendorp of Grand Haven, Hilda May of Grand Rapids, Arnold and June VanderWall of Lamont, Andrew and Karen VanderWall of Grand Rapids, Alberta and Jay Veltman of Grandville. The Funeral Service will be held 2:00 today at the Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 Main St., Lowell, Rev. Carl Reitsma officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions to C.R.W.R.C. or World Vision.

EUWEMA - Mrs. Grace Euwema, aged 97, a resident of The Holland Home, Fulton Manor and widow of Peter Euwema, went to be with her Lord, Thursday, December 19, 1991. She is survived by her children, Grace and Gerrit Huising of Jenison, Conrad and Tena Euwema of Hudsonville, Helen Vreeswyk of Grand Rapids and Gerard Euwema of Lowell; 11 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; one brother-in-law and two sisters-in-law, Roelf and Ida Euwema and Janke Euwema of The Netherlands; nieces and nephews. Complete services and committal were held Saturday at Kuiper Funeral Home, with her pastor Rev. Carl Reitsma of The Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Grandville Cemetery. Memorial contributions to Salvation Army or charity of one's choice would be appreciated.

WOODHEAD - Thomas J. Woodhead, aged 67, of Lowell, died unexpectedly December 19, 1991. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine, children, John Woodhead, Daniel (Bekke) Woodhead, Brian (Karen) Woodhead all of Lowell, Timothy (Ruth Anne) Woodhead of Grand Rapids, Thomas C. Woodhead and Ann Woodhead both of Mt. Pleasant; nine grandchildren; sister, Jean (Harold) DeVries of Holiday, FL; mother-in-law, Marian DeVries of Lowell; brother-in-law, Kenneth (Jeanette) Tobey of Sparta. Funeral Services were held Monday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Terry Tessari of First Congregational Church of Lowell officiating. Memorial contributions to Salvation Army or charity of one's choice would be appreciated.



DRAWN BY: Morgan Scheid, age 11 Alto Elementary, Mr. Hawkins

In the Service

James R. Clum has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class.

Clum is an apprentice electronic warfare systems specialist at England Air Force Base, LA.

He is the son of James W. Clum of Ada, and Mary B. Clum of Grand Rapids.

Clum is a 1990 graduate of Forest Hills Worthier High School, Grand Rapids.

Navy Seaman Recruit Dale C. Ensign, son of Lesley E. Vertin of Lowell, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

During the cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields. Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

He joined the Navy in June 1991.



DRAWN BY: Kenny Junglas, age 10 Alto Elementary, Mr. Hawkins

Main St., cont'd.

Lowell, on West Main near Center Street Dec. 21. No injuries were reported.

Issued appearance tickets on Dec. 19 for minors in possession of alcohol were Nathan Taylor, 19, of Lowell and two 15 year old females, also from Lowell.

Arrested by Lowell officers Dec. 16 on charges of breaking and entering and safe burglary on a warrant issued out of Grand Traverse County, was Richard Thomson, 34, of Lowell.

A car owned by Roy Olsen of Grand Rapids was struck by a hit and run driver Dec. 14 while parked in the city parking lot in the 200 block of East Main Street.

Hans Fischer, 63, of Lowell failed to yield right of way at Main and Hudson Street Dec. 20 and turned left into the path of a vehicle driven by Robert VanStee, 41, also of Lowell. No one was injured in the accident.

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Conviction of the mind does not always bring conviction of the heart.
—Vauvargues

Coming Events

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

FIRST MONDAY EACH MONTH: The South Kent 4-H group regular meetings at 7 p.m. in the Alto Elementary School cafeteria.

2ND AND 4TH MONDAY NIGHTS: Men's Life Bible study group will meet at Calvary Christian Reformed Church in the Narthex. All men in the community are welcome. Call 897-6215 or 897-7555 for more information.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education office located in the Middle School, 12685 Foreman Road.

EVERY MONDAY EVENING: Euchre will be played at the V.F.W. Post 8303 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1, prizes, Public welcome.

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

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 interested individuals are cordially welcome.

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.

TUESDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #M 1372: meets every Tuesday evening at the Lowell Congregational Church basement. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING - Ladies: join us for Coffee Break Bible

Study and Children's Story Hour at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell. 9:30-10:45 Nursery provided.

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

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

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY - Lowell Area Jaycees: meet at 7 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall. New members welcomed. Membership 21-39 years of age. Leadership training through community involvement.

EVERY THURS.: Co-dependents Anonymous (COCA) meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Serenity Club, 101 W. Main, Lowell.

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

FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Histori-

cal Society will hold its regular meetings at the Old Township Hall, at Bowne 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.

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 \$2.10

SATURDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #M 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. to 9:00 a.m.

EVERY THIRD SATURDAY Men's Breakfast: 8 a.m. at Lowell Assembly of God, 3050 Alden Nash, just south of town. Special speaker and good food. For more info call 897-7047.

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING: Royal Rangers for the boys. Missionettes

for the girls for kids kindergarten and up. Christ Ambassadors for the youth (7 thru 12 grades) Christian Clubs to help our children grow through the means of achievement programs, special activities, crafts, and basic moral learning. For more info, call Lowell Assembly of God at 897-7047.

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 18841 Potters Rd. New members and guests are welcome.

QUA-KE-ZIK Sportsmen's Club: meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Club building at 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

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

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.

LOWELL LIBRARY HOURS: Open Mon. 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wed.,

12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Fri. & Sat., 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

MUSEUM NOW OPEN: Admission is free to the Fallsburg Schoolhouse Museum - Across the Covered Bridge from Fallsburg Park, 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. 4 miles north of Lowell in eastern Kent County.

TUES., DEC. 24: Christmas Eve Candle Light Communion Service at 7:30 p.m. at the Saranac Community Church. The whole church is decorated with pewter candle stands. The traditional symbolic warmth of God's love given in the birth of Christ is celebrated. The Chancel Choir will sing. Pastor's message is "Do You Dare to Look When God is Revealed?" Everyone welcome.

SUN., JAN. 12: Little League Board meeting at 7 p.m. at the Lowell High School. Come and join us in planning the '92 season.

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Happy Holidays

DRAWN BY: Rochelle Krueger, age 10 Bushnell Elementary, Mrs. Young

DRAWN BY: J. R. Cramer, age 11 Bushnell Elementary, Miss Martinsons



Judy Ellison, left, and Joyce Stormzand, right, have worked at the Lowell Middle School for the past 13 years.

Stormzand, continued

the past 22 years, well then just about everybody knows I'm talking about Joyce Stormzand.

The Ionia native, who graduated from Lowell High School in 1948, first started working at Lowell schools baking bread at Runciman Elementary.

From there, she was elevated to high school study hall supervisor for one year; secretary to the high school assistant principal from 1971-77; and then, secretary to the middle school principal from 1977-91.

"I've enjoyed my work at the Middle School. It's a likable age group," Stormzand

said. "The kids are also a challenge. They are busy all the time. I'm proud to have been just a small part of their education. I've enjoyed them immensely and will miss not being around them. I'm sure it will be a difficult adjustment."

The adjustment period will be eased by the fact that Joyce and her husband, Ed, will spend three months in Venice, FL after the holidays.

"Ed's been retired for three years now and I thought it was time we start to do some things, such as traveling," Joyce said. "Retirement will also give me time to catch up on what I haven't been doing."

Stormzand may be the last

of a dying breed, the days of loyal and dedicated service to one company, business and/or institution are fading.

"I'm not sure that's so good. Where's the stability in moving around. Today people move around - come and go," she says. "It's been nice working at Lowell Schools for 22 years. So nice, in fact, I feel guilty in leaving."

Stormzand adds that the people at Lowell Schools are tremendous. "They are wonderful, giving and caring people," she says. "I also believe Lowell has a wonderful school system. I think most people in this area believe that."

Central Michigan University offers class at GRCC

Central Michigan University is offering classes for credit in Grand Rapids, Kentwood and Ionia this winter and spring.

Students should be enrolled at least 14 days prior to the beginning of the courses they select. Enrollments is limited, and paid registrations will determine priority.

All courses will be taught for three credit hours. For registration information and course locations, call the extended degree programs office at CMU, (800) 688-4512.

In Kentwood, "Reading Guidance for Adolescents" (ENG/LIB 580) will be taught Fridays from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. the four weekends of Feb. 7-8, Feb. 28-29, March 20-21 and April 10-11.

Courses offered in Grand Rapids: "Public School Law" (EAD 666) will be taught Wednesdays from 6 to 10 p.m. for nine weeks beginning Jan. 22.

"Strategic Planning" (EAD 731) will be taught

Tuesdays from 6 to 10 p.m. for nine weeks beginning Jan. 21.

"Methods and Materials for Teaching the Gifted and Talented, K-12" (EHS 606) will be taught Mondays from 6 to 10 p.m. for nine weeks beginning Feb. 17.

"Seminar in Children's Literature" (ENG 681) will be taught Fridays from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the four weekends of Feb. 7-8, Feb. 21-22, March 6-7 and March 20-21.

"Instructional Materials

and Curriculum Production" (SED/LIB 639) also will be taught. Dates and times will be announced.

Courses offered in Ionia: "Survey of Computer Science" (CPS 501) will be taught Fridays from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. the four weekends of Jan. 24-25, Feb. 14-15, March 6-7 and March 27-28.

"Identification of the Gifted/Talented/Creative Student" (EHS 568) will be taught Fridays from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3

p.m. the four weekends of March 20-21, March 27-28, April 3-4 and April 10-11.

"Early Childhood Concept Development Through Integrated and Creative Activities" (ELE 644) will be taught Fridays from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. the four weekends of Feb. 7-8, Feb. 21-22, March 6-7 and March 20-21.

"Application of Industrial Management Principles" (IET 501) will be taught Tuesdays from 6 to 10 p.m. for nine weeks beginning Feb. 11.

"Applied Behavioral Analysis in Education" (PSY 586) will be taught Fridays from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the four weekends of Feb. 7-8, Feb. 21-22, March 13-14 and April 3-4.

"Criminology" (SOC 421) will be taught Tuesdays from 6 to 10 p.m. for nine weeks beginning Jan. 28.

"Communication in Leadership" (IPC 461) and "Human Resources and Administrative Effectiveness" (MSA 620) also will be taught. Dates and times will be announced.

Empty bowls are a reminder of the needy

Many people feasted on turkey, dressing, cranberries, yams, pumpkin pie and all the trimmings on Thanksgiving.

But for some 550 million people worldwide, Thanksgiving was not a day to feast. It was a day of hunger like any other. Bread for the World estimates that 18 to 20 million people in the United States, half of whom are children, are so poor they do not get the nutrients they need each month.

According to the World Bank, 1.1 billion people live on less than \$1 per person per day, and nearly all of them are at risk of being hungry.

What can be done? That's what Lisa Blackburn and John Hartom asked. And that's why they founded Empty Bowls, a project of the Bloomfield Hills School District.

First, the national project coordinators agree, there must be increased awareness of the hunger problem.

Americans as a society tend to respond to crises," they said. "When there are famine and disaster in the world, Americans are generally very quick to respond with much needed food and medicine. Yet, we have a crisis in this country every day with millions of children hungry or at risk."

The two have enlisted the help of educators, students

and potters to bring the message of hunger to the forefront.

Students at Aquinas High School, under the direction of art teacher Donna Potter, a Lowell graduate are doing their part to raise the consciousness about hunger by making pottery bowls for the Empty Bowls project.

The bowls made by Aquinas students were among those presented last week to President George Bush, Vice President Dan Quayle and members of congress.

The presentation took place during the Mickey Leland Memorial Hunger Banquet in Washington D.C. In addition, students from schools in Ann Arbor, Bloomfield Hills, Brandon, Buchanan, Dearborn, West Bloomfield, Three Rivers, White Pigeon, Detroit,

Milford, Oxford and Romeo made bowls for presentation that day.

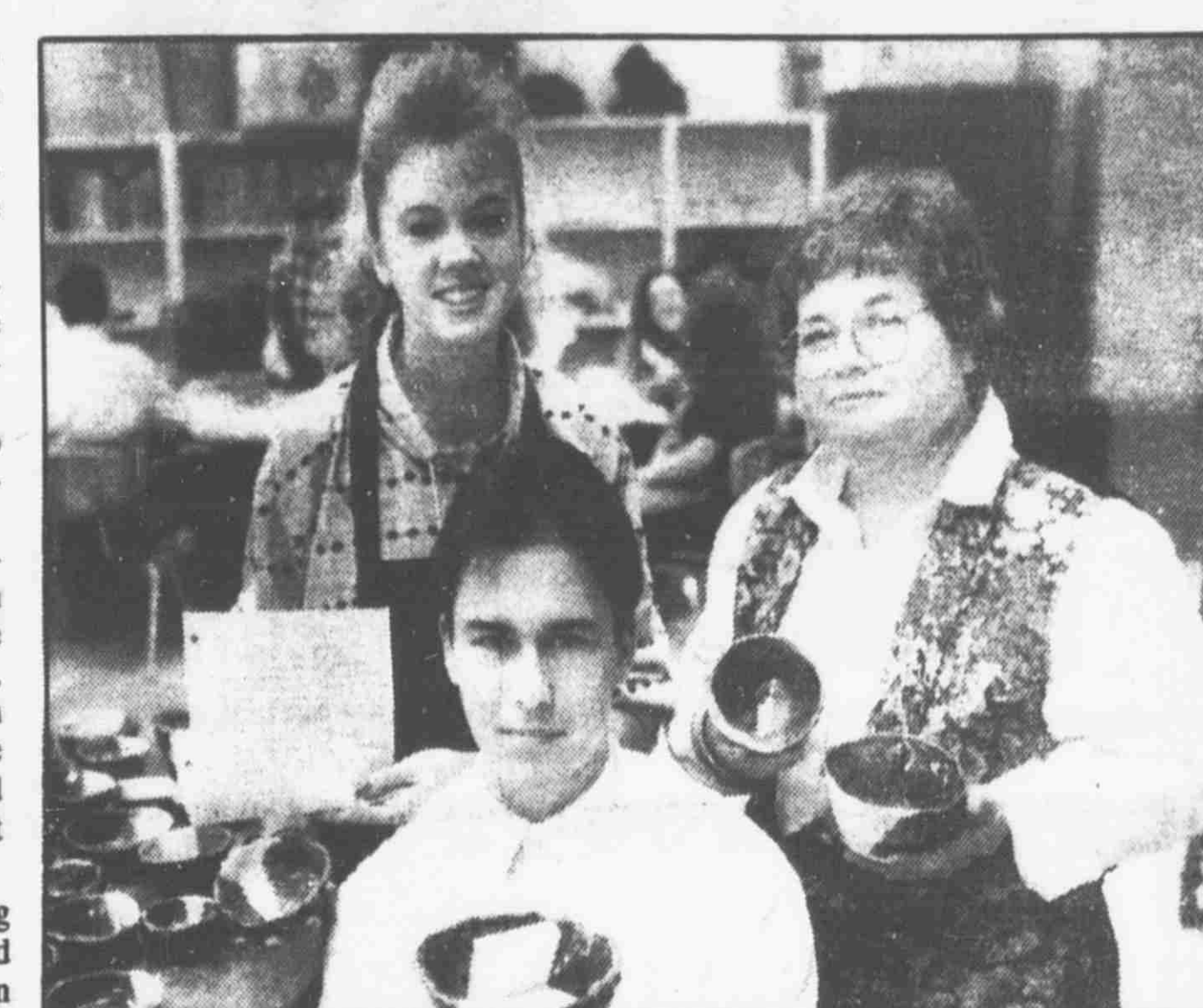
The message to legislators is a simple one: Make hunger a priority.

"We're asking the legislators to look at this and see how they can help the hungry," Potter said.

"We are asking them to fill the bowls through legislation."

Each bowl was accompanied with a letter written by the student who made the bowl. The letters, Potter said, were personal, although many of the students told the legislators they understand hunger is a real problem that must be dealt with now.

Aquinas students taking part in the project included Melissa Bateman, Edwin Blackburn, Jennifer Borg, Kim Carter, Ryan Chaney,



Jeff Hughey (front), Lori Stahura and art teacher Donna Potter, a Lowell graduate, show off the empty bowls they made and sent to Washington, D.C. as a reminder of the hungry.

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\$2,918 Total Savings



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DRAWN BY:
Amber Petersen, age 10
Runciman/Riverside, Mrs. Roth

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Year-in-Review, continued...



It took what seemed like forever, but in 1991 Lowell finally got that second light.

people's willingness to make everyday financial decisions. Following Jack Fonger's complaint about the Department of Public Works snowplowing policy, Lowell's City Manager, Dave Pasquale, and DPW director, Tony Siciliano, presented the Council with a snow and ice removal policy for its approval. In his annual plea, Lowell Director of Special Education and Instruction, asked the press not to compare last year's scores with this year's scores.

January 30, 1991
Governor John Engler's proposed cut of \$36.6 million in cultural programs painted a grim picture for the Lowell Area Arts Council and other local arts organizations. The LAAC members met over breakfast with Senator Richard Posthumus to discuss the state's cuts in arts. The George and Ruth Summerfield family uses work to help relieve them of tension and concern for their son and brother, Jeff, who is stationed in Saudi Arabia. Greenridge Realty, Inc., announced the introduction of

a corporate-wide recycling program. Former University of Michigan basketball star, Cazzie Russell, got back onto the basketball court again, this time to share the importance of education with youngsters at Runciman Elementary School. Lowell's wrestling team lost its chance at the O-White Conference title as it lost to Sparta 39-24. Lowell's YMCA branch recognized the hard work and efforts of five of its volunteers at the third annual local YMCA Recognition Dinner. They were Mary Roth, Pinky McPherson, Dianne McNaughton and Dan McAllister.

February 6, 1991

Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable Television zapped Lowell residents with rate increases. The residential electric usage rates jumped by 15.13 percent. Residential gas usage was hiked by 13.4 percent. Ray Quada, a member of the Lowell Light and Power board said the rates still compare favorably with other municipal rates and electric co-ops. Lowell cable also got approval for a \$2.70 increase over the next nine months.

Superior Furniture Co. founder, William S. Lee died on Wednesday, Jan. 30. He was 85.

Lois White VanderVeen was the new member elected to the Lowell Area Historical Association board. Judy Straub and Virgil Roudabush were re-elected as incumbents.

The City of Lowell refused to accept fault in a Jan. 11 accident involving a City snow removal truck. The City did offer Melissa Lorentz \$400 to help cover vehicular repair cost as a matter of good faith.

February 13, 1991

Lowell's City Council after accepting a plan calling for the new downtown parking and for the installation of a light at Valley Vista and M-21 in October of 1989, heard from the city manager that the light should be put in at the end of February or early March.

The Lowell School Board accepted the appraisal on the Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club Property as submitted by appraiser, Chuck Green. The appraised value of the land, inclusive of the property on the site and based on the potential development, was set at \$442,000.

1991 school spelling bee champions were Jamie Marciniette, Bushnell; Jennifer Bourcier, Runciman/Riverside; and Jessica Winsor, Alto.

Five Lowell wrestlers qualified for regionals. They were Nate Nauta, David Stouffer, Cory Kirkbride, Rich Depew and Andy Wester.

Flat River Post 8303 VFW and Harold Zeigler Fo

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Runciman/Riverside, Mrs. Roth

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Rachael Fredline, age 11
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undertook a co-project to support American troops and dependents in the Lowell area.

The Lowell Area Arts Council prepares for its presentation of "Take A Number Darling."

Lowell's Nate Nauta was second in the 125-pound weight class at the state meet in Battle Creek.

The City announced that the M-21/Valley Vista light delay would reach April.

Lowell Township approved and then sent in its application to the department of Natural Resources for state matching funds before the April 1 deadline.

Mike Mull, Lowell, set a 400-meter Grand Valley State University record. The previous mark was 51.2, Mull's new mark was 51.17.

An 11 percent across-the-board hike in property assessment values left many City

residents asking why some property owners incurred an increase in their assessment and others remained the same. City Manager Dave Pasquale explained that it was an across-the-board hike and not per house. The re-appraisal of property was done to bring older homes closer to market value.

Alto Library received a new dropoff box from the Alto Downtown Development Authority.

Claudia Raber's second-grade Bushnell class wrote pen pal letters to Heath Fetting and other sailors aboard the "Coronado" stationed in the Persian Gulf. March Students-of-the-Month at Lowell School were Kelly Breimayer, Kevin Copeland, Alicia Richmond, Marc Briggs and Adrian Schuster. Lowell gymnast, Laura Kropf qualified for regional

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The 1991 Lowell Showboat Court.

Lowell High School's February Students of the Month were Neille Stephens, Jay Thaler, Brett Knoop, Heidi Kaeb and Andrea Richmond. Lowell Middle School, in an attempt to apply track principles to interscholastic competition, offered all students, physically endowed or not, the opportunity to experience the thrill of interscholastic competition on a team basis through its "Academic Track" program.

February 20, 1991

The Lowell Showboat announces that Wayne Newton will head its list of performers for the 1991 Lowell Showboat. Newton was scheduled to perform on Saturday, Gary Puckett was inked for Thursday and Gary Morris was signed for Friday.

Lowell VFW Post 8303 and the Kent Optimist Club join together to provide Lowell classrooms with flags.

Harold and Harvey Koning bought back controlling interest in Wittenbach - Pontiac - Oldsmobile and GMC Trucks from Bob Joldersma.

"Vicki Valentine" joined students at Bushnell Elementary to help them celebrate "Heart Smart" week.

Alto students discovered that math really does matter through "Math Matters Day." The day-long event illustrated to students the importance math plays in their lives and how much fun and informative math education can be.

Lowell's Nate Nauta and David Stouffer advanced to the state individual wrestling tournament in Battle Creek.

Jay VanAntwerp was recognized as a National Merit Finalist.

Lowell Schools struggle over who has the right to the debt retirement.

A startling request was made of the Lowell City Council, it was asked to aid in the support in the Congressional funding of two more Stealth Bombers. City Manager, Dave Pasquale said he thought national defense issues were best left up to the federal government.

Lowell Assistant Superintendent Gary Kemp planned for an eight percent increase in operating costs, but what Kemp and other school officials were not sure of, is what would happen to state aid.

With the completion of a new well being drilled to the area west of the water treatment plant, Lowell's City Council approved the posting of bids and the construction phase of a well house.

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Lisa Bristol, age 11
Bushnell Elementary, Mr. Stevens

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NOTICE
GRATTAN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Grattan Township Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing to hear citizens' comments regarding proposed text amendments to the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance. The public hearing shall be held on January 8, 1992, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road. All interested persons are invited to attend.

- The proposed text amendments include revisions to the following sections:
- 2.20 Institutional or Public Uses (Definition)
 - 3.33 Private Roads and Driveways
 - 3.46 Walls and Fences
 - 6.02 Uses Permitted (Agricultural District)
 - 7.02 Uses Permitted (Lake-Residential District)
 - 8.02 Uses Permitted (Residential District)
 - 9.02 Uses Permitted (Rural Residential District)
 - 10.02 Uses Permitted (C-1) Commercial District)
 - 11.02 Uses Permitted (C-2) Commercial District)
 - 12.02 Uses Regulations (Industrial District)
 - 13.06 Institutional or Public Uses (Special Use Section)
 - 15.06 Parking in Residential Districts
 - 16.05 Signs Permitted in Agricultural Districts
 - 16.06 Signs Permitted in Residential Districts

- The proposed text amendments include the addition of the following new sections:
- 2.62 Agricultural Processing (Definition)
 - 2.63 Farm Products (Definition)
 - 13.17 Agricultural Processing (Special Use Section)
- The proposed zoning amendments may be examined at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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competition. Bushnell fifth-graders participated in a four-week water safety instruction class at the Southeast YMCA in Forest Hills Central.

Lowell Township, Vergennes Township and the City of Lowell work to coordinate the employment of an ordinance that would help protect the health, safety and general welfare of persons and property within the three municipalities.

Following a closed session with legal council, Lowell's Board of Education resumed its regular meeting on March 11 and voted unanimously to offer the Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsman's Club \$442,000 for its 121 acres of property on Foreman Road, which the district identified as the prime location for the new high school complex. The bonafide school offer was met by the Club's attorney's office with the statement "The land is not for sale."

Pageant announced its four contestants for the 1991 pageant. They were Rebecca Hovey, Erica Hackenbruch, Laura Trowbridge and Megan Odell.

Lowell Schools agree to a new district-wide logo.

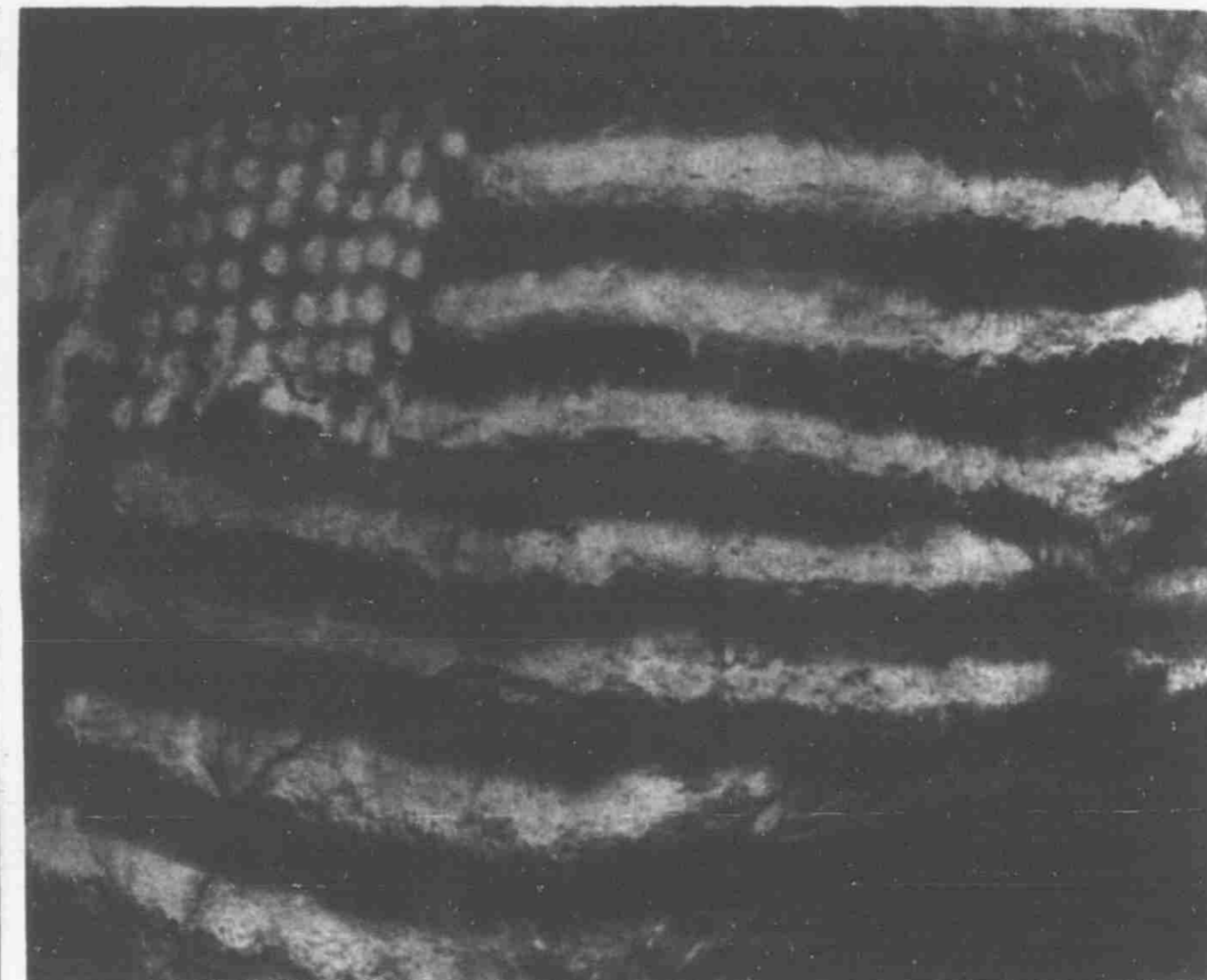
Lowell Township passed an ordinance offering \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the culprit(s) bashing mailboxes.

Lowell's Chamber of Commerce and the City of Lowell have a heated discussion at a March City Council meeting, as to if the trees along Main Street should stay or go.



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"Honey there's a deer in our house! The Ray Befus family had extensive damage to the inside of their house after a deer found its way into their home.



For many Lowell residents the Kissing Rock holds many "Kiss and Tell" memories.

March 13, 1991

LOWELL FAMILY HAIRSTYLING

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Off the Council - Doyle to keep a watchful City eye

Charlie Doyle, what are you going to do after 40 years of public service in the City of Lowell?

"I'm going to Florida," the outspoken Doyle chuckles.

In reality, Doyle's golf game probably could use some warming up. While the Lowell man may have stepped away from a seat at the City Council table, he still intends to continue to speak loudly on key issues facing the City.

"Just because I'm no longer a council member, doesn't mean the Council won't hear from me," Doyle said. "I've stepped away in order to open it up for some other people. It's hard to run against incumbents. Serving on the Council wasn't stressful." He added that the fact nothing was recently getting done perturbed him.

Doyle continues to push for the sale of the Lowell Cable Company. "Lowell Cable will never make the money needed for capitol outlay to improve the system to the standards coming down the pike in a couple of years. I was told just recently fiber optics is coming. Soon our system will be outdated and its value won't be the same."

Doyle contends the City could make millions of dollars by selling the cable company to a major cable outfit. "A trust fund then could be set up where only the interest made from the capital could be spent. The possibilities this would offer the City of Lowell is endless."

Doyle is also in favor of the Highland Hills Condominiums, but doesn't think the plan will fly. "I think the Highland Hill Condominium idea is a good one, but I don't think the people in that area are going to go for it," he said. As to whether it should be done anyhow, is a decision Doyle seemed glad he didn't have to make. "It is a good idea if the City of Lowell is to grow," he explains.

Has the City Council done a good job over the last five years? "We've kept the taxes down. Check any other City of comparable size, it's not at 13.1 mills like Lowell's. Many of them are closer to 20 mills," he states.

Doyle believes a good council member is someone who takes in the facts and then makes up his mind. "I don't like the idea of councils spending \$2,500 to have an expert tell them what to do. I don't think you get your money's worth from engineers. Council members should be knowledgeable of what's happening," Doyle said.

Year-in-Review, cont'd.

March 20, 1991

Erica Hackenbruch is crowned 1991 Miss Lowell Showboat.

Lowell's School Administration received a letter of denial from the Qua-Ke-Zik Club on its bonafide offer to purchase the Qua-Ke-Zik property.

Anne Arnold, Betsy Nugent and Roxanne Hiser were named as delegates to Girls' State.

The \$140,000 first phase in the development of Stoney-Lakeside Park received environmental encouragement as the Lowell Rotary Club donated \$9,000 over a three-year period toward planting of trees and shrubs at Stoney-Lakeside Park.

The Lowell High School Symphonic Band received a first division rating at the District Band Festival.

A \$500 "Freddie Oesch Memorial" Scholarship was set up for what was to be his graduating class. Oesch was killed at the young age of 10, after tragically being struck by a car in front of his Bowne Township home in 1983.

Potter, continued

Nicole Houston, Stephen Kowalchik, Daniel Molnar, Susan O'Brien, Michael Pease, Amanda Peterson, Holly Poremba, Lori Stahura, Jennifer Steele and Casey Thayer.

Potter first became aware of the project through her membership in the Michigan Pottery Association.

The project is a simple one, much like its message. Bowls have been made and fund-raisers held at which soup and bread were served in the handmade bowls. In exchange for a donation of money, the guests choose bowls to use that day and to keep as reminders that someone's bowl is always empty.

Also contributing bowls were Amy Bell, Courtney Butkowski, Scott Festerman, Sheryl Gregoire, Lisa Henley, Jeff Hughey, Tonya Mascaro, Justin Paglio, Chris Perkins, Jeff Pizzo, Becky Polianchick, T. J. Emerick, Mia Vignola, Becky Wrona, Imari Jackson and April McCall.

Others who made bowls were Janet Bergerson, Lori Czelatka, Mesha Dow, Bridget Raboczkay, Melissa Swinson and Terry Tuczec.

All of the money raised is donated directly to local, national or international hunger organizations of the group's choosing.

For more information on Empty Bowls, call 851-5406.

March 27, 1991

Two days after receiving a letter of denial on its bonafide offer for the Qua-Ke-Zik property, Lowell Schools hand delivered a complaint and de-

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

A REMINDER: If you have not as yet returned your citizen opinion questionnaire, please do so. Answer the questions, include remarks you wish to share on any subject; now is your last chance for some input! Thank you.

Carol L. Wells
Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25, 1991 in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

The Lowell City offices will also be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 1992 in observance of the New Year.

Garbage pick up for Wednesday, December 25, 1991 and January 1, 1992 will be on the following day with the regular Thursday pick up.

Happy Holidays

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mand letter to the Kent County Circuit Court for a jury trial. The letter also included a notice of taking, a statement of estimated compensation, and an order of hearing on the complaint.

Lowell Township agreed to give \$3,000 to the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center provided the funds could be obtained through the Community Development Fund.

Lowell Township, pleased with its service, agreed to a 30-year agreement with Lowell Light and Power.

Lowell residents com-

plain about the Fun Street and Grindle intersection; City says fault lies with Vergennes Township. The City made it clear that Vergennes Township is the governmental unit that has refused to take part in Fun Street road improvement.

Dale Johnson, Alto, was honored by farm Bureau insurance for his 30 years of service.

Lowell's Laura Kropf places seventh in state meet on the uneven bars.

April 3, 1991

It must have been one great issue, the Lowell Ledger sold all of its copies. One small problem, there wasn't anything to refer to for the "Year-in-Review."

April 10, 1991

A correction in the Kent County Road Commission record absolved Vergennes Township of all responsibility for Fun Street improvements. It was learned that a 1935 document absolved Ver-

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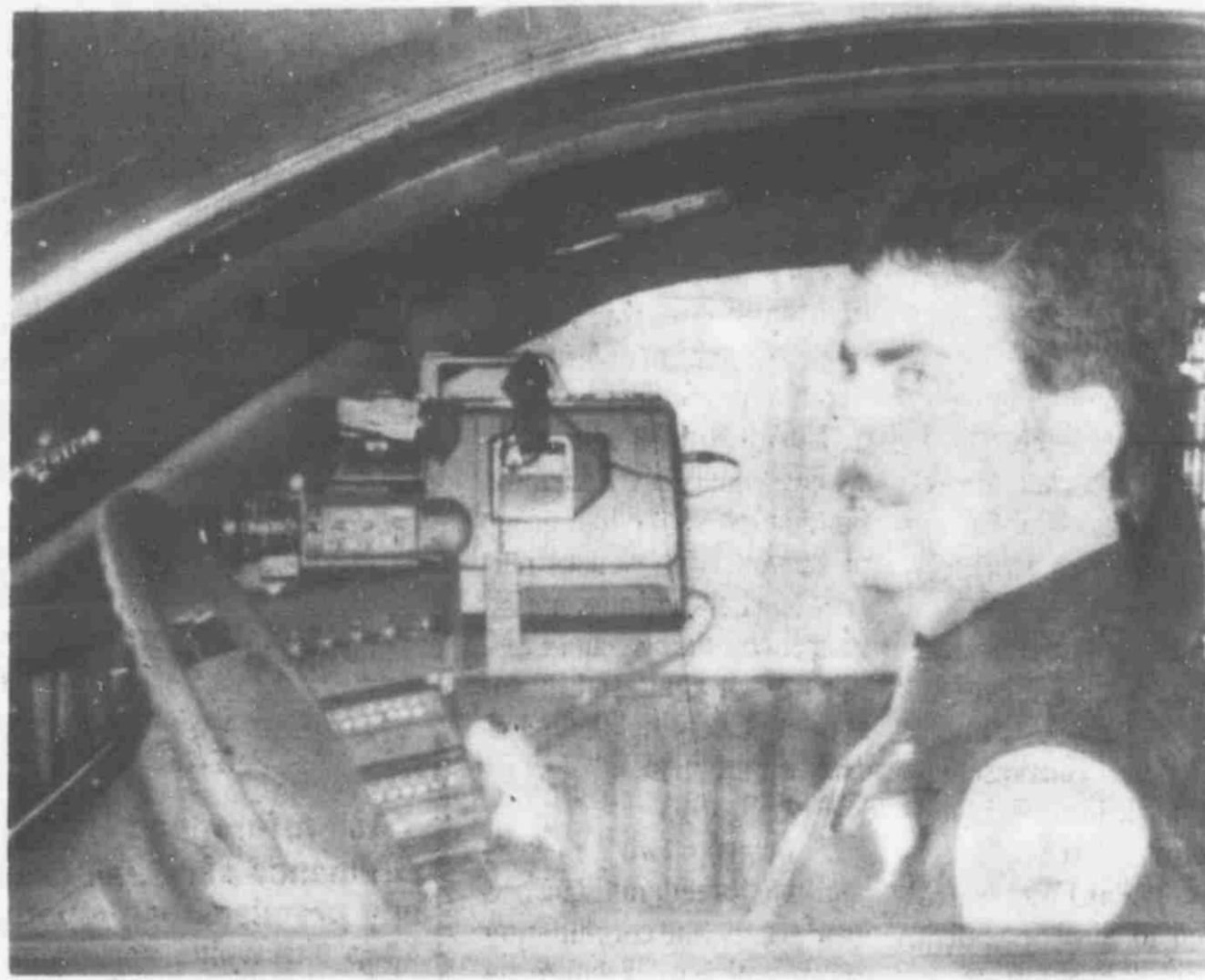


Tammy Huisman shared some touching moments with her children at the Kent County International Airport following her flight home from the Denver Hospital.

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Lowell police officer Jim Valentine displays the new police car video camera.

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Genes Township of Fun Street responsibilities.

Richard Schlernitzaur, former owner of "Frank's 5 Cent and \$1 Store," died following an extended illness.

Groundbreaking is scheduled for early May in the 1,925 square foot expansion of the Lowell Family Medical Center.

Lowell High School's April "Students-of-the-Month" were Laura Kropf, Vince Videan, Jim Moore, John Roudabush and Magali Ramirez.

April 17, 1991

Lowell High School embarks upon the Renaissance program. The program was designed to provide positive recognition - incentives and rewards to a large portion of the student body. It also provides a framework for the school to reward positive academic and social achievement in much the same way as the business community rewards positive performance.

After a long wait, the M-21/Valley Vista light was installed by Feyen-Zylstra Electric, Inc.

Lowell area car dealers presented Lowell's Police Department with a video camera for its new unit. The presentation was made in cooperation with Aetna and MADD.

Lowell's Pat Fonger was promoted to Superintendent of the Lowell Post Office.

April 24, 1991

Lowell's City Council reviewed and then approved the Capital Improvements program proposed for the next five to six years. All improvements would be subject to the contingency of sufficient funds. The proposed projects were in the areas of parks, streets, water distribution and

capital facilities.

Lowell's Eva and Carlton Fairbrother celebrated their 70th year of marriage.

Carol Johnson entertained students at St. Mary's School with her "Music with a Message."

Beverly Zandstra was honored as Lowell's "Postal Volunteer of the Year."

May 1, 1991

Attwood employees and other volunteers pitched in to clean up a dump site on the west bank of the Flat River. The trash was visible from the Attwood plant on the east bank.

Lowell Showboat makes one last pitch for amateur acts to sign up to participate in the Lowell Showboat Talent Search.

Joe Segar completed a canoe landing near the Boy Scout cabin at the north end of Washington Street. The completion of the project helped Segar fulfill his Eagle Scout requirements.

Larry Biddle of the National Renaissance Education Foundation spoke to a group of Lowell High School parents, teachers and administrators, encouraging school districts to set goals and incentives and helping their students attain them.

May 8, 1991

Following two years of applying for federal, state and local grants, and coordinating its restoration work within the parameters of these agencies, the Fallsburg Historical Society started the initial stages of the John Wesley Falls House restoration project.

Lowell's City Council agreed to charge a higher fee to those looking to discharge into the local Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Lowell High School administrators and staff honored

100 high school students for their academic achievements at Lowell's seventh annual Academic Honors Recognition Dessert.

Marge Ferguson retired from the Kent County Library System after 15 years. Ferguson spent the last number of years as Bowne Township Librarian.

A crew of about 18 volunteers, including Lowell Jaycee members, showed up at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheater to clean up and paint the Lowell Showboat.

Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse earned his 200th career softball win with an 8-7 win over Lakewood.

As a contingency of acquisition for a portion of the new Valley Vista Drive extension, the City agreed to move two existing pole signs on the Curtis Cleaners property to accommodate construction.

The Lowell City Council agreed to separate the Lowell Cable and Lowell Light and

Power Boards.

Bushnell, Alto and Runciman/Riverside students received 8-10" Colorado spruce trees for planting.

Alto's Fire Department raised over \$2,000 at its Pancake Supper. The proceeds went toward the fire station and equipment.

Charles R. Myers was appointed to the Board of Directors of the First Michigan Life Insurance Company.

May 15, 1991

Lowell's Tammy Huisman learned, that because of lack of financial funds, she may be denied treatment for her life-threatening bout with recurring breast cancer.

Lowell's Gould Rivette survived a crash in his Ultra Light replica WWI Fokker-D7. Rivette had come across Grand River Drive out of the southeast when he began having problems with his elevation because of the wind at his tail. Rivette said he was flying 300-400 feet over a wooded hilltop, when he couldn't find

a hole to land. His fabric wing caught a branch of a wild cherry tree before falling to the ground amidst the trees. Gould was not injured.

Lowell mothers continue to raise concerns about the All Day Alternate Day Kindergarten program adopted by Lowell schools. The lack of educational consistency, calendar confusion, long bus rides some young tots must endure, and the wear a full day of school puts on a child, were concerns still held by some Lowell mothers.

Lowell's City Council approved a resolution to consider selling water to Lowell Township. It would be contingent on the Township users covering the City capital costs to bring the water to the corporation limits.

Children's Love Festival sets its goals and sights on opening a fully operated safe house for women and children to go to during times of crisis.

Lowell's girls' golf team claimed its first O-K White Conference Championship with a victory over EGR and Forest Hills Central.

The Lowell boy's track team finished tied for first with Forest Hills Central in the O-K White. Lowell won the regular season conference dual meet and Forest Hills Central won the conference meet.

Lowell's girls claimed their first O-K White title in track at the O-K White Conference meet championship. The Red Arrows went 7-0 in

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CITY OF LOWELL SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

As referenced in the Snow Removal Ordinance #86-1, all occupants or owners of any premises or property are responsible to keep sidewalks and areas adjacent to existing sidewalks clear of snow and ice within twenty-four hours of snow fall.

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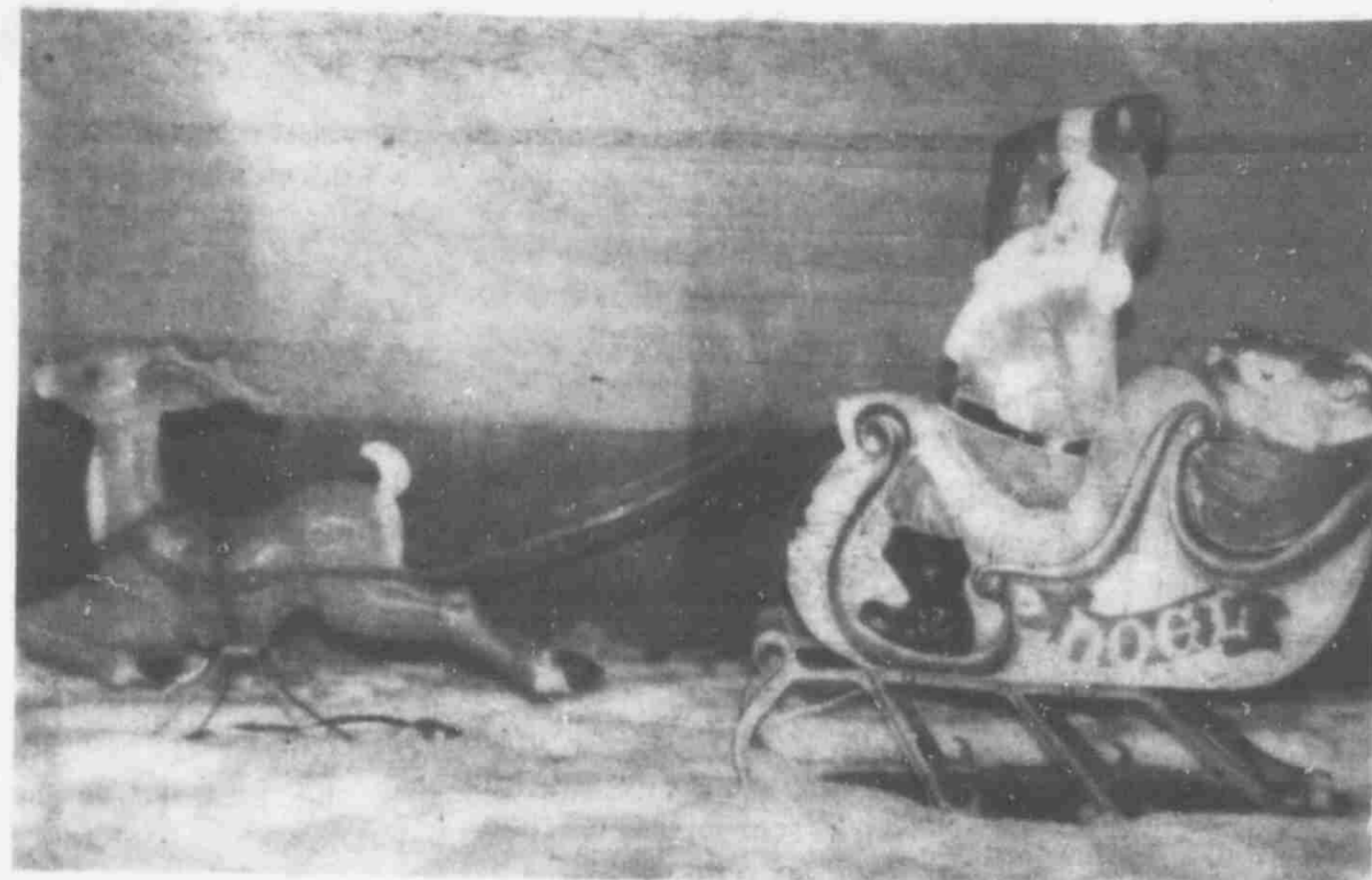
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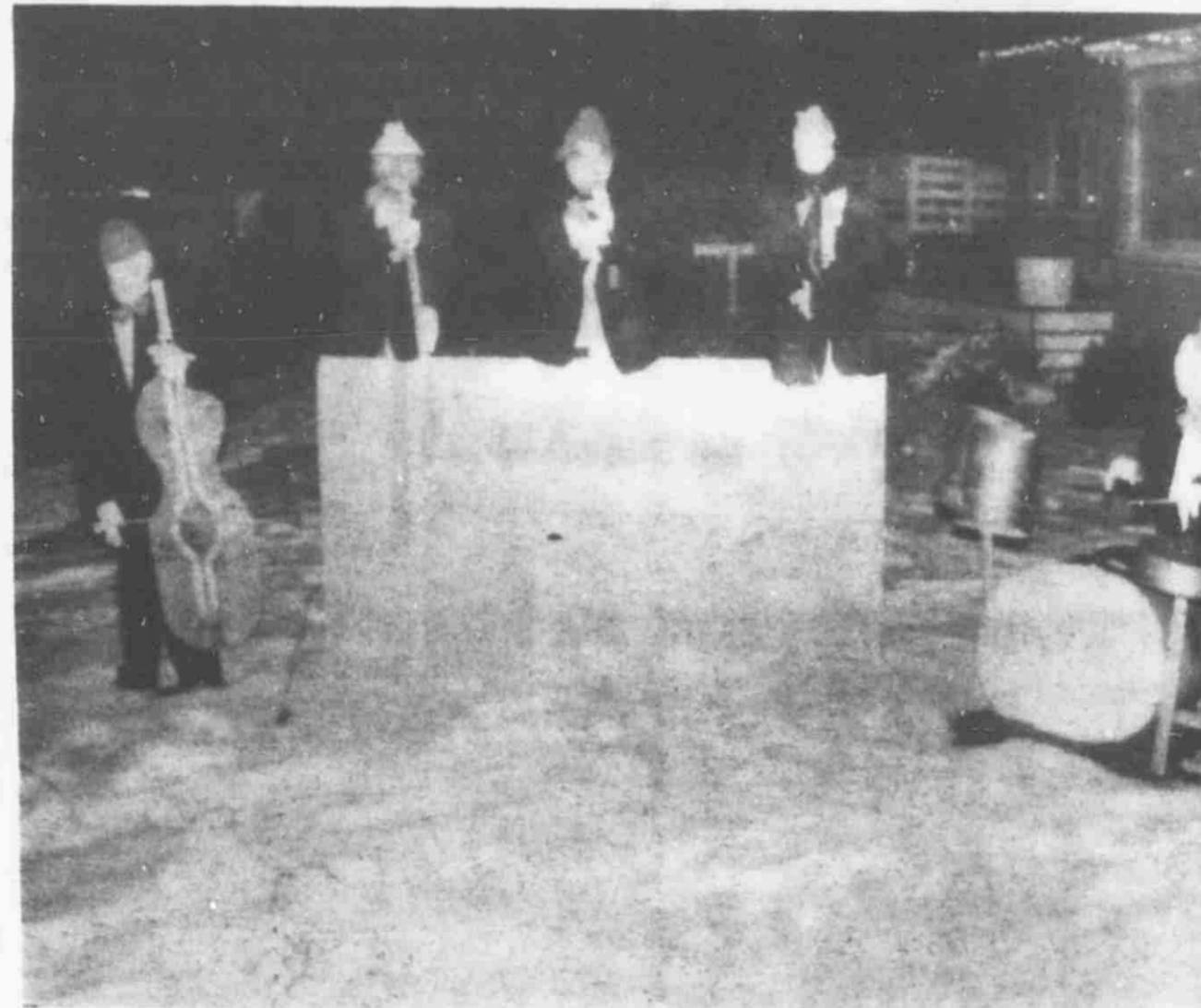
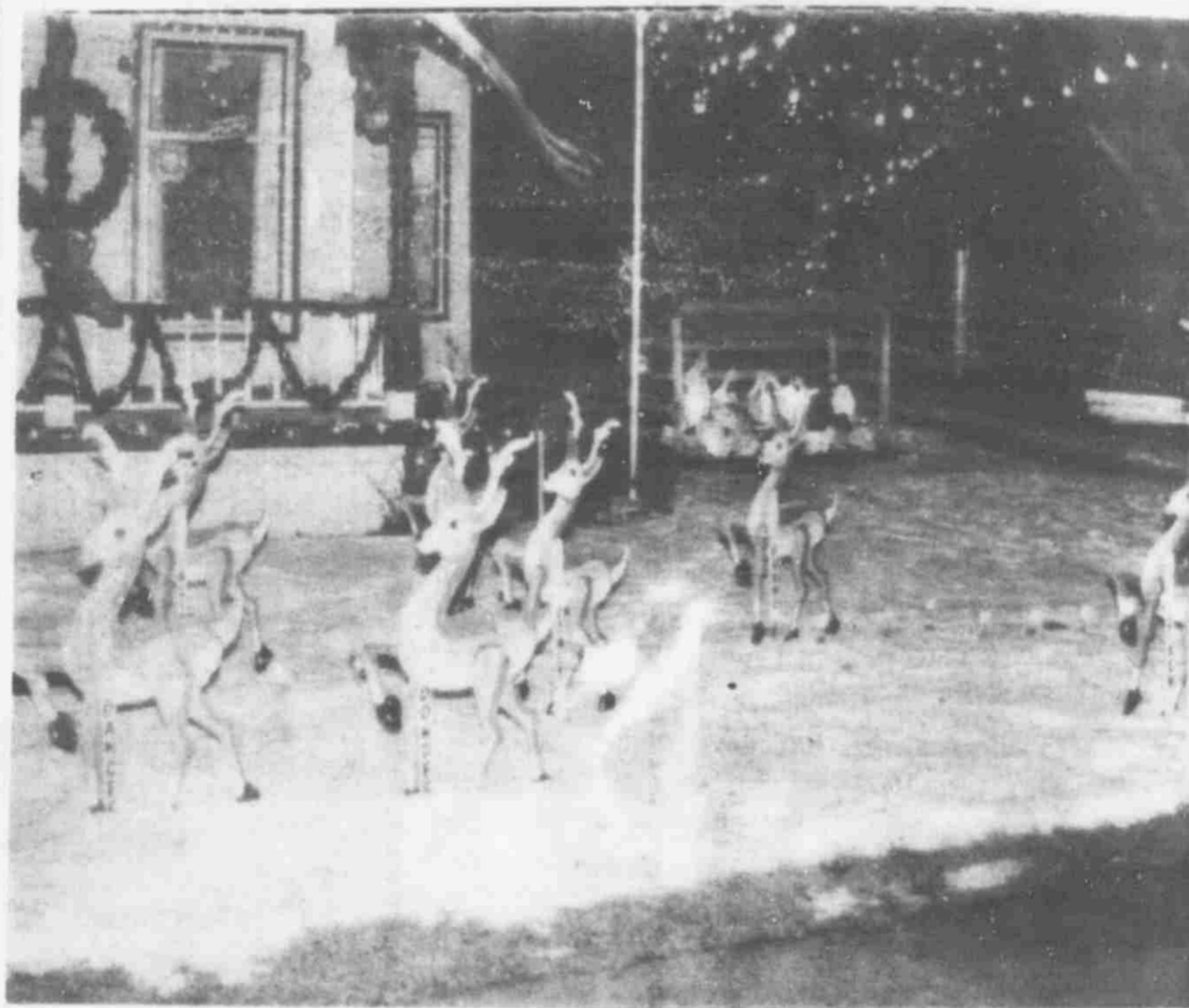
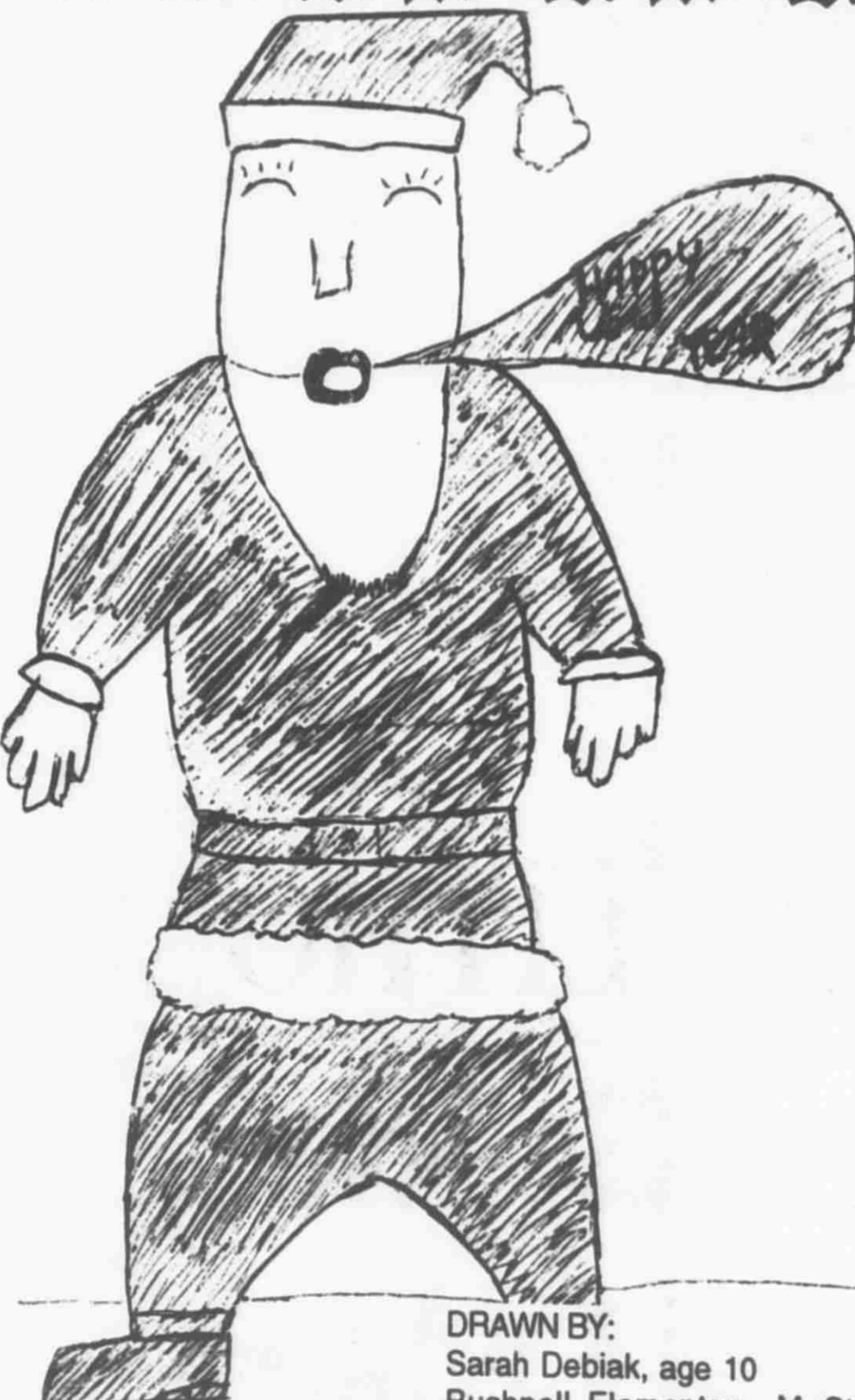
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the league during the regular season and easily won the conference meet by 25-1/2 points.

Over 250 Lowell children were assessed in Lowell's Kindergarten Roundup.

The City divides Broadway intersection in hopes of stopping northbound traffic.

May 22, 1991

Believe it or Not, it has happened again. This issue of the Lowell Ledger was completely sold out, leaving its editor with no copies to look back on for the "Year-in-Review."

May 29, 1991

Kenneth VanderWerff was killed when he was thrown from the vehicle which he was riding. The vehicle was south-bound on Segwun.

In an accounting move, the Lowell City Council approved a budget amendment to loan money from the general fund instead of the major street fund to cover part of the cost to construct the Valley Vista Drive Extension.

Emma Herron, of Lowell, was named "Woman of the Year" by the Lowell Woman's Club.

Jon Scieszka, an author of children's books, visited second-grade students at Lowell elementary schools. The visit marked the culmination of the "Young Authors" program.

June 5, 1991

The 113th annual Lowell High School Commencement was held at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheatre.

The Lowell Showboat Corporate Sponsorship committee presented Lowell Showboat President, Gordon Gould and Lowell Showboat Vice President Laura McCollum, with a check for \$22,000. The check represented cash value and services and materials donated.

Pete Siler's Landscaping class worked on the grounds surrounding the new Alto Fire Station.

Lowell's City Council approved a resolution to increase Lowell's water and sewer rates. Water consumption increased from \$1.15 per one thousand gallons to \$1.20. The cost for sewer will go from \$9.06 per residential equivalent unit per month, to \$10.50.

U.S. Army Staff Sergeant David Decker visited with Linda Bussman's second-grade Alto students to discuss and answer questions about the time he spent while stationed in Dammam Port on the Persian Gulf while in Saudi Arabia.

1991 Woman's Club Scholarship winners were Heather North, Kris Stremmer, Elizabeth Shelby, Tami Eldridge.

Lowell's girls' golf team finished sixth at the Class B state golf meet at Fort Akers in Lansing.

Shawn Smith placed fourth in the Class B state 100-meter dash.



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June 12, 1991

The Lowell School District voted by nearly a 2-to-1 margin against the renewal of the 27.5 operational millage, 815-425. School Superintendent Fritz Esch conceded that the controversy the school had

been surrounded by because of its pursuit of the Qua-Kerik property for the new high school had an impact on the vote.

After 40 years of loyal and dedicated service to Lowell Schools, Lowell Athletic

Director, Bob Perry, announced he would not return for year number 41. Perry said, in 40 years of teaching he never reached burnout. "I still haven't. I guess I'm getting out while things are still good," he concluded.

Rob Stevens, Lowell Middle School teacher, received a rousing comeback following his return to the classroom after his return from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he helped out during Operation Desert Storm.

June 19, 1991

The Henry and Teri Melton family of Lowell lost their home in a Father's Day blaze at 612 N. Monroe. Meltons were not home at the time of the blaze, the family was visiting Melton's father.

Lowell administrators attended to their wounds following the defeat of the millage renewal and then started planning for a September election to collect the millage renewal that the school was denied in the June vote.

Robert Dalziel's Pinewood Derby car (number 831) earned the Lowell youth a close second in the state competition.

June 26, 1991

Lowell Showboat patrons were treated to three stirring nights of entertainment. Gary Puckett, Gary Morris and Wayne Newton delighted fans throughout the three-day extravaganza. The only blemish

was a Saturday rain that forced the Newton performance inside at the Gerald Ford Fieldhouse. The end result was people holding reserved tickets in some cases got general admission seats and some even had to stand. Some had their vision blocked by double tiered speakers on both sides of the stage.

Lowell's Harley Davidson Biker group, a member of ABATE, spent a couple of hours picking up trash along Hudson/Lincoln Lake Road from Grand River to Vergennes Road.

The \$350,000 restoration work on St. Patrick's Catholic Church continued. The three-month restoration project of the 114-year old church was awarded to Dan Vos Construction.

There were 106 teams who participated in the third annual Knights of Columbus Showboat Hoops three-on-three basketball tournament.

July 3, 1991

Harry and Carol Bardwell's persistence in asking the City of Lowell to reconsider its decision not to vacate any portion of Grove Street, led to concerns which eventually led to a payoff for both sides. Bardwells and the City agreed to a \$500 price tag for the vacated portion of Grove Street. The \$500 covered the survey costs.

Because of the millage Year, cont'd. pg. 25



A nasty 80 mile-an-hour wind peeled this tree, in front of the Senior Neighbors home, like a banana.



Norm Byrne, Lowell School Board member, presents a diploma to a member of 1991 graduating class.

Happy Holidays

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LISTINGS FOR FRI., DEC. 27 THRU THURS., JAN. 2

Emmy and Tony Award-winner Tyne Daly (left) stars as Dollie, a homeless woman alone on the streets of Seattle, in the made-for-television drama, *Face of a Stranger*, airing Sunday on CBS. The film is directed by Claudia Weil, from a script by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Marsha Norman. Gene Rowlands co-stars.

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FRIDAY

December 27

MORNING

6:00 MOVIE: Casey's Shadow... 7:00 SportsCenter... 8:00 MOVIE: Where the Boys Are...

MORNING

1:30 MOVIE: Memphis Belle... 2:00 MOVIE: The Sea Shall Not Have Them...

AFTERNOON

10:00 SportsCenter... 10:05 MOVIE: The Three Stooges Go Around the World in a Daze...

AFTERNOON

2:30 MOVIE: Fast Forward... 3:00 Golf Long Drive Competition...

EVENING

8:00 MOVIE: One Little Indian... 9:00 SportsCenter... 9:05 MOVIE: Ride the Wild Surf...

EVENING

4:00 Global Supercard Wrestling... 4:30 MOVIE: Gay Purr-ee...

EVENING

12:00 MOVIE: One Little Indian... 12:05 MOVIE: The Three Stooges Meet Hercules...

EVENING

6:00 Club MTV... 6:05 MOVIE: Swing Shift...

EVENING

1:00 MOVIE: Sesame Street... 1:05 MOVIE: D.O.A. A Businessman...

EVENING

6:05 Gilbey's Hibillies... 6:30 Remote Control...

[MAX] MOVIE: Looker

8:30 Big Picture Xmas Edition... 8:55 Andy Griffith... 9:00 Half Hour Comedy Hour...

3:00 Crook and Chase

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4:00 Night Games

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FRIDAY cont.

SATURDAY

December 28

MORNING

5:00 Music Videos... 5:25 [MAX] Sessions... 5:30 Highway to Heaven (CC)...

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MONDAY cont.

10:05 MOVIE: The Longest Yard A former football player imprisoned for minor charges is assigned to train a group of convicts for a game against the prison guards. Burt Reynolds. Eddie Albert. 1974.

11:00 [HBO] Kids in the Hall (CC) [HBO] Kids in the Hall (CC) [HBO] Kids in the Hall (CC) [HBO] Kids in the Hall (CC) [HBO] Kids in the Hall (CC)

Best of SportsCenter '91 MOVIE: The Wanderers A gang of high-school buddies fights their parents, their lovers and rival gang members. Ken Walt, John Friedrich. 1979.

3:00 [MAX] MOVIE: All Dogs Go to Heaven (Stereo) (CC) [HBO] Kids in the Hall (CC) [HBO] Kids in the Hall (CC)

6:00 [MAX] MOVIE: It Takes Two (Stereo) (CC) [HBO] Kids in the Hall (CC) [HBO] Kids in the Hall (CC)

TUESDAY

5:00 [HBO] MOVIE: In the Cold of the Night [MAX] MOVIE: A Tale of Two Cities [Up Close] SportsCenter

1:00 [HBO] MOVIE: The Wild Women of Chalet 4 The barroom belles of a Missouri mining town are forced into an explosive alliance with self-righteous women when their husbands go to war. Patricia Barne. Lee Horsley. 1982.

1:05 [HBO] One-Night Stand (CC) [MAX] MOVIE: A Dry Year Season (Stereo) (CC) [HBO] Kids in the Hall (CC)

6:00 [HBO] Kids in the Hall (CC) [HBO] Kids in the Hall (CC) [HBO] Kids in the Hall (CC) [HBO] Kids in the Hall (CC)

WEDNESDAY

5:30 [HBO] MOVIE: The Curious Female In the year 2177, two couples escape their totalitarian society to watch a 1969 movie about three women in a computer lab.

WEDNESDAY cont.

6:00 [HBO] Kids in the Hall (CC) [HBO] Kids in the Hall (CC) [HBO] Kids in the Hall (CC) [HBO] Kids in the Hall (CC)

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THURSDAY

5:30 [HBO] MOVIE: Blind Fear [MAX] MOVIE: David Copperfield [Up Close] SportsCenter

1:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Love at First Bite [MAX] MOVIE: The Love at First Bite [MAX] MOVIE: The Love at First Bite

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE grid with clues for 1-30 across and down.

High School choir and band Christmas Concert

Lowell High School's concert choir and symphonic band exulted in holiday songs of celebration at the annual Lowell High School Christmas Concert last Wednesday.

Directed by Paul Balaam the Concert Choir performed

"Nous Voyons Que Les Hommes," "The Three Ravens," "Cold Wind Blows on the Valley," "Blues in the Night," "Seal Our Fate," "It's the Most Wonderful Time of Year," "A Very, Very, Merry, Merry Christmas," and "Light Up the Tree, It's Christmas." The Symphonic Band, directed by Robert Rice, closed out the concert with "Winter Holiday," "The Little Mermaid," "Wenceslas Variations," "Unchained Melody," and "A Classical Christmas."



A highway sign warns: "Take notice: when this sign is under water, this road is impassable."

A thing long expected takes the form of the unexpected when at last it comes.

— Mark Twain



Year-in-review, cont'd.

millages, even with renewals," he said.

Fallasburg Park was dedicated as the home of the Fallasburg Cubs from 1930 through 1948.

July 17, 1991

The storm that ripped through Lowell and West Michigan shut off the electric in 335,000 homes. Five days later 3,000 homes were still without electricity.

Enough financial funding was secured so that Lowell's Tammy Huisman could undergo intensive chemotherapy treatment. After nearly two months, Huisman was able to gain the funds (\$100,000 of the \$160-\$200,000 cost) through fundraising efforts in the Lowell and surrounding communities and through a \$55,000 personal loan.

Lowell's City Council

awarded the construction contract for work at Stoney Lakeside Park. The work included placement of sand to create a beach extending underwater for a swimming area. Also, a rest room changing facility building along with a parking lot, entrance way and seed mulch - black dirt for grass.

Joyce Wilkerson was honored by the Lowell Area Fire Department comrades for her 13 years of service with the rescue division.

Starting with the 1991-92 school year, it was announced that all students in the adult education program Lowell, Caledonia, Thornapple Kellogg (LCTK) Consortium will be required to earn 20 credits to qualify for a diploma.

July 24, 1991
The City of Lowell and

Year, cont'd. Pg. 27

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Year-in-Review, continued...

ergennes Township agreed water/sewer formal agreement to discuss a possible

Lowell's Jeremy Barber designed and constructed a viewing bench for the Lowell Area Arts Gallery.

Alice Mitchell got off the Lowell School bus after 31 years in the school system. Mitchell drove an average of 25,000 miles a year, or 775,000 miles in 31 years and never once was in an accident.

At a community meeting regarding the September millage ballot issues, residents made it clear they wanted four separate issues on the ballot.

When school officials uncovered a 5,000 gallon tank that was supposedly emptied,

filled with sand and capped back in 1966, they discovered that there was still 960 gallons of fuel in the tank and that the corrosion at the bottom of the tank, caused by condensation, had caused seepage.

In an exercise in safeguarding the school district and in abiding with the current contracts, Lowell's Board of Education approved issuing layoff notices to administrators and supervisors (effective Oct. 21). The Board would meet the night of the millage election and call off the layoff if the millage was passed.

Jim Hodges was named "Neighbors Who Care" steering committee chairman.

July 31, 1991

Lowell Township received a letter from the Kent County Road Commission managing director, Jim Porritt, asking that it would pay \$11,495 for the widening and graveling of Fun Street. It was also acknowledged that the Township would not again have to share in the costs of Fun Street improvements.

Lowell High School's Class of 1930 reunited at Keiser's for a noon luncheon.

Year, cont'd. pg. 28



Wayne Newton entertained a packed Showboat house at the Ford Fieldhouse.



Gould Rivette landed softly in a nest of trees in this WWI Fokker-D7 replica.

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Mayor Exchange Day brought about an exchange of ideas.

Year-in-Review, continued

There were 12 members present of the original 49 class members.

Gary Eldridge, Lowell illustrator, had a piece of his art accepted in the Society of Illustrators Show in Los Angeles.

Lowell English teacher, Mark Thomas, announced he would be leaving the school to take the athletic director/assistant principal position at Forest Hills Northern.

The City of Lowell in its commitment to provide a community airport for the recreational, economic, and educational betterment of its residents, received an unanimous recommendation from the Lowell City Airport Board to reject the idea of an offer to use the airport as a possible site for the new high school.

August 7, 1991

The Kent County Road Commission received a resounding "no," from Lowell's

City Council, when it asked the City to split the cost of asphalt paving the street with the Road Commission. The Council questioned why the City should blacktop the street, when the County released the Township (Lowell) of further financial responsibilities for the road.

Lowell Schools announced that it will break the Sept. 23 ballot down into four different proposals, in response to complaints from school district voters.

Lowell's Knights of Columbus announced it would support the school board and the educational system in Lowell by printing advertisements in the Buyers Guide in the six weeks leading up to the Sept. 23 election.

A Grand Rapids man got away with \$27, a pack of cigarettes, \$10.12 worth of gas and a bullet wound to his hand, after attempting an armed robbery at Lowell's Admiral Gas Station. The assailant fled to a swamp, where eventually Kent County tracking dogs caught up to him.

Lowell Superior Furniture was asked to display its product at the first import sample fair to be held in Tokyo. It was sponsored by the Japan Trade Organization.

The Bull Pen Batting Co. (Kraig Stull, Eric Potter and Pete Brown) opened its batting cages to the Lowell public.

August 14, 1991

Lowell's School Board announced, after a closed session hearing, that Jim Cook's proposal to sell 108 acres to the school was not acceptable.

The Racine Drum and Bugle Corps from Racine, WI., the oldest junior Drum and Bugle Corps, stopped in Lowell for four days as it performed at the Kent County Youth Fair.

Lowell's Melanie Kaeb won the Senior Showmanship Sweepstakes trophy at the 1991 Kent County Youth Fair.

August 21, 1991

Lowell's School Board was expected to keep all its land options open in a closed session meeting. The options it was considering were; acquiring a substantial northern portion of land from Richard and Shirley Cooper, and the 108 acres adjacent to the Cooper property owned by Dora Cook. The second option available was appealing Judge Kolenda's ruling on the Quake-Zik condemnation hearing.

Lowell's American Cancer Society Lock-Up raised \$6,500 toward cancer research and education.

Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch warns that the problem the school faces in splitting the September ballot up into four issues, is it creates a sacrificial lamb. It provides people with something to vote "no" on. Esch said all four proposals were significantly important to the school.

Lowell's fall football practice opened in the August heat.

Lowell City Council said

Year, cont'd. pg. 29

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Year-in-Review, continued...

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ey Cooper property, pro-
the school agreed to run
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it is willing to cover the
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elopment falls under City
and provided terms can
agreed on price with the
pers and with Jim Cook.
Bob Myren, Keith
guson and Kevin Ferguson
ened the doors to Fergie's
y Store at 209 W. Main.

August 28, 1991

Lowell's Kathy Paroff
s recognized for her life-
ing CPR application on her
band, John Paroff. Jon
ohmer, Medical Director of
nt County, presented Kathy
roff and the Lowell Ambu-
ce and rescue personnel a
tificate of recognition for
eir work in such a traumatic
uation.

Michael Ray Smith, a
raplegic, found himself
ipped in his car for three
urs, before someone found
d reported the accident, on
rnell Road to the Kent

County Sheriff's Department.

Reductions totaling
\$201,000 were approved by
the Lowell School Board. It
was explained that the reduc-
tions would go into effect if
the .55 additional millage re-
quest and the Headlee both
failed on Sept. 24.

Money raised through the
annual Tom Fonger Memo-
rial Golf Tournament was
used to purchase 20 umbrel-
las donated to the Lowell High
School golf teams.

Lowell High School's
math department announced
it would test out, what it be-
lieves to be, a fail safe net for
all students, especially for the
lower and middle level math
students. The approach was
designed to help all students
reach a higher level of under-
standing.

September 4, 1991

Tammy Huisman, Low-
ell, returned home after un-
dergoing nearly 50 days of
chemotherapy at Denver's
University Hospital. Family
and friends were waiting for
Huisman at the Kent County

International Airport North-
west Terminal.

Lowell Police Chief Barry
Emmons was riding his Honda
Gold Wing on M-21, when he
failed to notice that the ve-
hicle in front of him had ac-
tivated its left turn signal. Em-
mons' bike then struck the
vehicle in the left rear quar-
ter panel. Emmons incurred
many abrasions to the knuc-
kles, elbows, knees and face.
He required several stitches
above the right eye to close a
laceration, and he also suf-
fered a facial bone fracture
below the right eye.

Members of the Lowell
YMCA Leaders Club attended
the training school in Alli-
ance, OH. The school pro-
vided personal development,
parent/teen relationship, and
morality classes. Members
were also put through classes
on sign language, alternative
games, teaching aquatic
classes, coaching, creative de-
votions, performing arts and
teaching games.

September 11, 1991

Lowell's Board of Edu-
cation announced that it had

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A \$300,000 renovation project, was started on St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Parnell.

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with Mary Wittenbach Dewey
and Stephen James Witten-
bach to acquire a building site
for its new high school project.
The school agreed to purchase
the land for a sum of \$450,000.

The City of Lowell agreed
to delete a section of Creeks-
ide Park from its Master Plan
in order to have the half-acre
appraised, put the land up for
sale and accept bids on it. The
land was being sought by
Chadalee Farms for future ex-
pansion.

Art cutbacks paint a bleak
future for state's small home-
town art galleries. Many small
town art galleries had to close
their doors because of the cuts.
The Lowell Area Arts Center
was lucky, in that it received a
little less than 20 percent of its
\$60,000 budget from state
funding. Governor John
Engler had asked that local art
centers depend on the private
sector for more of their funds.

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Ray Quada, left, presents the Chamber of Commerce "Person of the Year" award to Lowell's DDS Robert Reagan.

Merry Christmas

DRAWN BY:
Shelby Corrina Williams, age 10
Runciman/Riverside, Mr. Blodgett

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Year-in-Review, continued...

Congressman Paul Henry addressed educational reform at a Lowell Rotary noon luncheon.

Lowell City Treasurer/Finance Director, Judy Noon received the Certificate of Merit.

Municipal Finance Administration honor. She was one of just 46 nationwide to receive the honor.

Marlene Klap, 15, Lowell, was crowned Miss Alto at the Alto Festival.

September 18, 1991

Lowell's City Council said it is ready to proceed with the acquisition of the Richard Lampkin property, by eminent domain if necessary. Lowell City Manager Dave

Pasquale said the City has been waiting for Lampkin to propose a price for the property. Lampkin said it was up to the City to make the next move. Lampkin added, that unless the City made a move, he'd put up a fence to mark off

his property. The quarter-acre was currently being used as part of the extension of 12/30 runway at the Lowell Airport.

Herman Stukkie was honored for his 44 years in the banking business by FMB

Stukkie, with 30-1/2 years at FMB, announced his retirement as Mortgage Department Manager.

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TOWN TALK

What's your favorite and/or worst Christmas memory?



Darlene Rasch
My two girls are very important to me. They have made my Christmas' memorable.

Cindie Kline
My favorite Christmas memory is as a child. I was surprised Christmas morning with a Schwinn bike under the tree. It was my first 5-speed.

Mildred Opie
My favorite Christmas memory was having my Dad hang his stocking up next to ours. We then filled it with a newspaper because he liked to read and with a ring of bologna.

Leath Ann Eichberg
After I got married, we went to my family's for Christmas down in Southwestern Michigan. We had a snow-affect blizzard. My brother, who was working on a farm, could only get home by tractor. He used a piece of cardboard to shelter his face.

Connie Tindall
I've liked all of them. I just enjoy Christmas.

Ashley Hendrick
A bad Christmas for me, was when my sister gave me a pair of her used earrings. My favorite Christmas was when my Dad was in the service and was stationed in Germany and he was able to come home for Christmas.

Rick Atchison
We always go to my Grandmother's house. It's the only time during the year the whole family can get together.

Wanda Stinchcomb
My worst Christmas memory was four years ago when my husband died 10 days before Christmas. My favorite Christmas memory is when my children were under the age of five. That's the best to celebrate Christmas.

Because of darkroom difficulties some of the Town Talk pictures are not available

Merry Christmas

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Jennifer Sytsma, age 10
Alto Elementary, Mrs. Schneider

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Maxwell Heiman, age 12
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DRAWN BY:
April Metternick, age 11
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Year-in-Review, continued...

Lowell seniors recognized as National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists were Paul Stukkie, Jon Amundsen and Steve Stepek.

September 25, 1991

Lowell Schools were able to keep its train on the track as voters passed proposition I and IV. District voters passed the proposal by more than a 2-to-1 margin. Voters defeated the .55 additional mill proposal and the Headlee override. Voters approved the

energy and maintenance proposition.

Lowell's City Council adopted an ordinance regarding special planning commission meetings. The fee recommended for a special meeting by the planning commission was \$250.

Lowell's School Board approved increasing pay for substitute teachers by \$5. Substitutes would then receive \$45 instead of \$40. If a substitute is at the school for 15 consecutive days the pay

would increase to \$60 a day.

Barbara J. Laskey opens a total human resource consultant firm in Lowell. She joined Keith Lambert, President of Alton David Associates, to form a working alliance.

Lowell Schools holds a special "Thank You" get-together for B.J. Thompson, school reading consultant, and Jane Blough, reading consultant, following the announcement of their retirements.

October 2, 1991

Lowell's Fallsburg Fall Festival enjoyed its finest year in 1991. The weather was delightful all three days, and financially, the Lowell Area Arts Council netted its best year ever, as the Festival brought in approximately \$10,700. Roughly 5,000 quilt raffle tickets were sold, another all-time high.

Lowell Rotary's annual blood drive produced 74 pints of blood for Kent County Hospitals.

Forest Hills Central powers past Lowell in football, 40-9.

Lowell Township seeks the guidance of its residents before considering the adoption of the proposed land use plan.

Bernard and Betty Kropf celebrate their 50th year of marriage.

Jason White, a 1990-91 Lowell graduate, received the Carl A. Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management for the 1991-92 academic year.



Monuments were dedicated in honor of area men and women who served in war at Veteran's Park.

Peter M. Wege, Chairman of the Development Center Expansion Program spoke at

Durkee joins the American Academy of Optometry fellowship

Dr. David G. Durkee of Lowell, was admitted to fellowship in the American Academy of Optometry at the organization's 1991 Annual Meeting in Anaheim, California.

The recognition followed an extensive examination of clinical competence and scientific approach to eye and vision care. Dr. Durkee joins 10 percent of the practicing optometrists in the United States and Canada who have become fellows of the Academy, and who are committed to its professional standards.

The five-day meeting featured greater than 180 hours of educational seminars, workshops, lectures and more than 400 original research papers on vision science. Papers dealing with laser technology, ultraviolet radiation, long term contact lens wear and glaucoma were highlights of the combined research educational meeting.

Founded in 1922, the American Academy now has a membership of over 3000. Academy Fellows maintain and enhance excellence in optometric practice by fostering research and dissemination of knowledge in vision science.

DRAWN BY:
Amber Metternick, age 11
Runciman/Riverside, Mr. Blodgett

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Tim Raymor, age 11
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Emergency kit aids stranded motorists

It costs about \$65 to provide a winter survival kit for your car, but it'll be money well spent in a crisis situation, according to AAA Michigan. Contents for a winter emergency kit take up little space in the trunk and can be bought at many stores or auto part outlets.

"Being stranded in a snowstorm or stuck in an isolated area is a possibility for drivers in winter," said Gerald Gutowski, AAA Michigan Emergency Road Service manager. "Carrying this equipment in your car can help prevent a life-threatening situation."

The kit should include a thermal blanket or newspapers; extra gloves, hats and boots; snow shovel; cat litter for traction; dried fruit and candy; jumper cables; ice scraper/brush; first aid kit; flashlight; tool kit; and a candle, matches and coffee can for heat.

"The snow shovel and cat litter from the kit, along with floor mats from the car, may help clear a path and provide enough traction to get you unstuck if you run off the road," Gutowski said. "But if the car remains stuck or a blizzard is raging, the remaining items can make being stranded a great deal more comfortable."

Motorists caught in a blizzard should stay with their car unless they can see shelter within a few hundred feet of

the vehicle. It's too easy to become disoriented walking farther.

To stay warm, put on the extra clothing, wrap up in the blanket or use newspapers as insulation between skin and clothing, Gutowski said.

If the car's exhaust pipe is free of snow, run the engine and heater for about 10 min-

utes every half hour. Make sure to crack the windows to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

If the tail pipe cannot be cleared, light the candle and place it in the coffee can to create a small-scale furnace. Again, crack the windows slightly. Keep snow away from

windows, doors and tail pipe and tie a brightly colored piece of clothing to the antenna to alert rescue workers to your location.

Motorists who must drive in heavy snows also should consider purchasing tire chains. However, tire chains are prohibited on dry pavement.

WINTER EMERGENCY KIT CHECKLIST

- Jumper cables
- Thermal blanket
- Cat litter
- Flashlight
- Dried fruit, candy
- First aid kit
- Gloves, hat, boots
- Flares/reflectors
- Tool kit
- Candle, matches and coffee can
- Ice scraper/brush
- Snow shovel

1991-92 AAA Michigan

AAA Michigan recommends motorists carry these items in the car during winter.

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Year-in-Review, continued

October 9, 1991

Lowell School officials discussed with prospective neighbors of the new high school, ideas on how the complex would best fit onto the site, causing the least amount

of disturbance to those neighboring the school.

Lowell Schools was one of 20 Kent County programs to question the reading portion of the MEAP test. The districts feared that the year's test appears to be destined to

promote feelings of failure and inadequacies among fourth-grade students taking the test.

Ron Acheson, Stephanie Brown, Cathy Pasquale and Gary Pacher were named Lowell High School Students-of-the-Month.

The 13th annual Kent Special Riding Program Benefit Ride-A-Thon raised \$24,700.

October 16, 1991

Robert Reagan, D.D.S., was the honored guest at the

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce "Person of the Year" banquet. Reagan's 38 years of service in the Lowell community at a number of levels, earned him the award.

Heather Gowen was crowned the 1991 Lowell Homecoming Queen and Rich Depew was crowned Homecoming King.

The City announced that

improvement work on downtown streets could begin as soon as Nov. 15. The bid for the work was awarded to Lee's Trenching Service at a price of \$62,360.80.

Pete Siler, Lowell, was selected as one of the top three agri-science teachers for the 1991-92 school year.

Two Lowell Board of

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Holiday fire precaution saves lives

A natural Christmas tree is as much a part of the holiday season as Santa Claus for more than one million Michigan families, but carelessness can make that tree a dangerous addition to the festive scene.

"Last year, there were 29 reported Christmas tree fires in Michigan, costing seven lives," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services Manager. "Families can buy and enjoy a natural tree, but should follow the proper safety tips to make sure it doesn't turn into a fire hazard."

Last year's fires also resulted in two injuries and \$368,500 in property damages.

"A faulty set of lights, an electrical arc at a nearby outlet or cracks or frays in electrical cords can all cause a tree to ignite," Basch said.

AAA Michigan suggests the following tips to avoid Christmas tree and other household fires during the holidays:

- Make a fresh cut at the base of the tree immediately after bringing it home. Keep plenty of water in the stand and check it daily.

- Check wiring in light strands and throw away any that show signs of wear or fraying. Also, throw out any old or burned out lights and

replace with new "cool burn" bulbs.

- Do not use candles to decorate a tree. If used anywhere else in the home, keep them in sight at all times.
- Keep lights away from

children and do not leave children alone with a tree.

- Do not overload outlets with several plugs.
- Turn off all decorative lighting before leaving home.
- Keep a fire extinguisher

handy and know how to use it. Check smoke detectors monthly to make sure they are working.

- When needles become dry and brittle or begin to fall, it's time to remove the tree.



Runciman/Riverside Students of the Month

Runciman/Riverside Elementary students who were named December Students of the Month are above left to right: Adam Maynard, Eddie Boeve, Jennifer Sherman, Jackie Niles, Jacqueline Bennett, Hollie Topping, Lindsay Koehn, and Nicole Ryan.

In 1783 it took Thomas Jefferson five days to travel by public transportation from Philadelphia to Baltimore.

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Alto Elementary, Mr. Bacon

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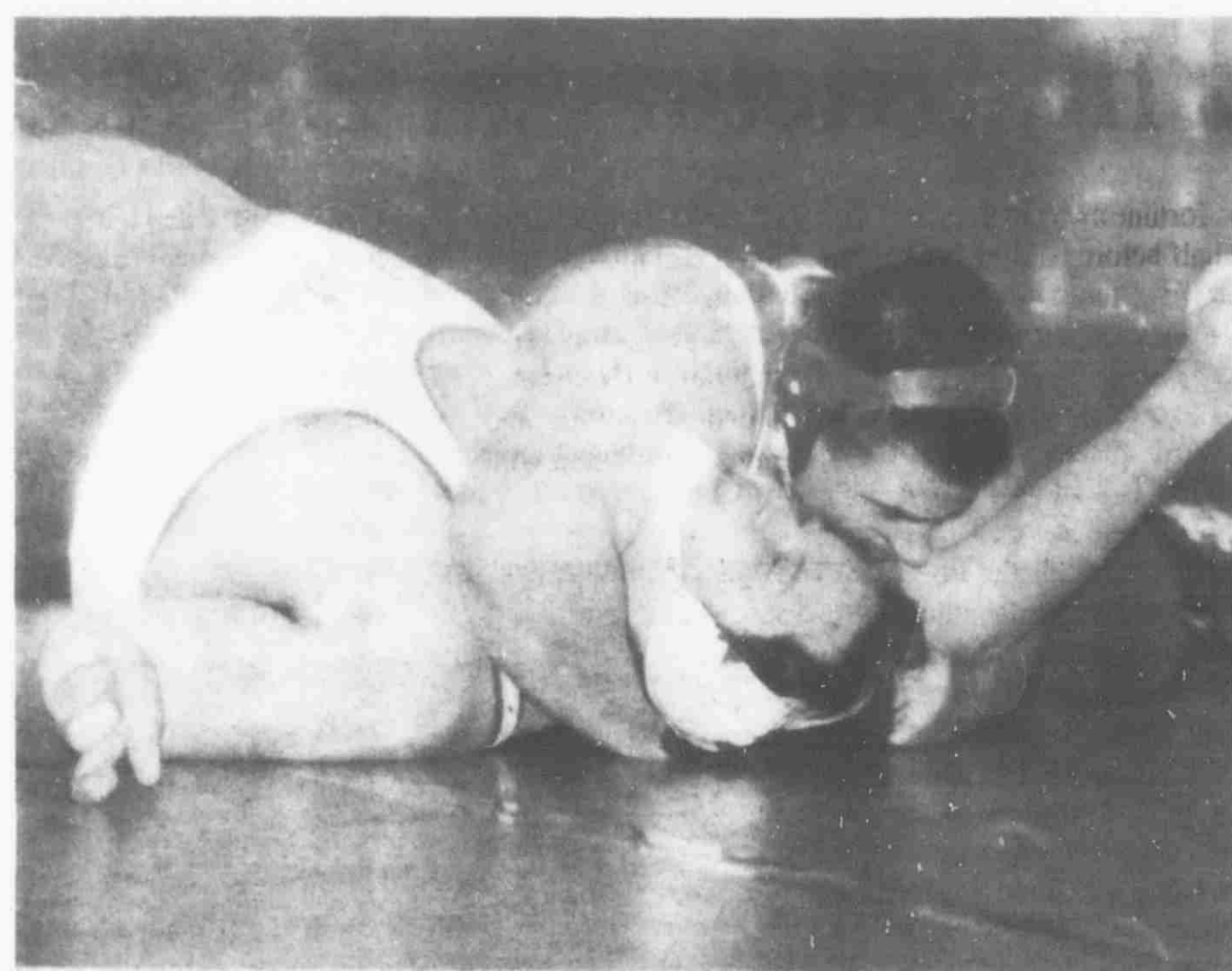
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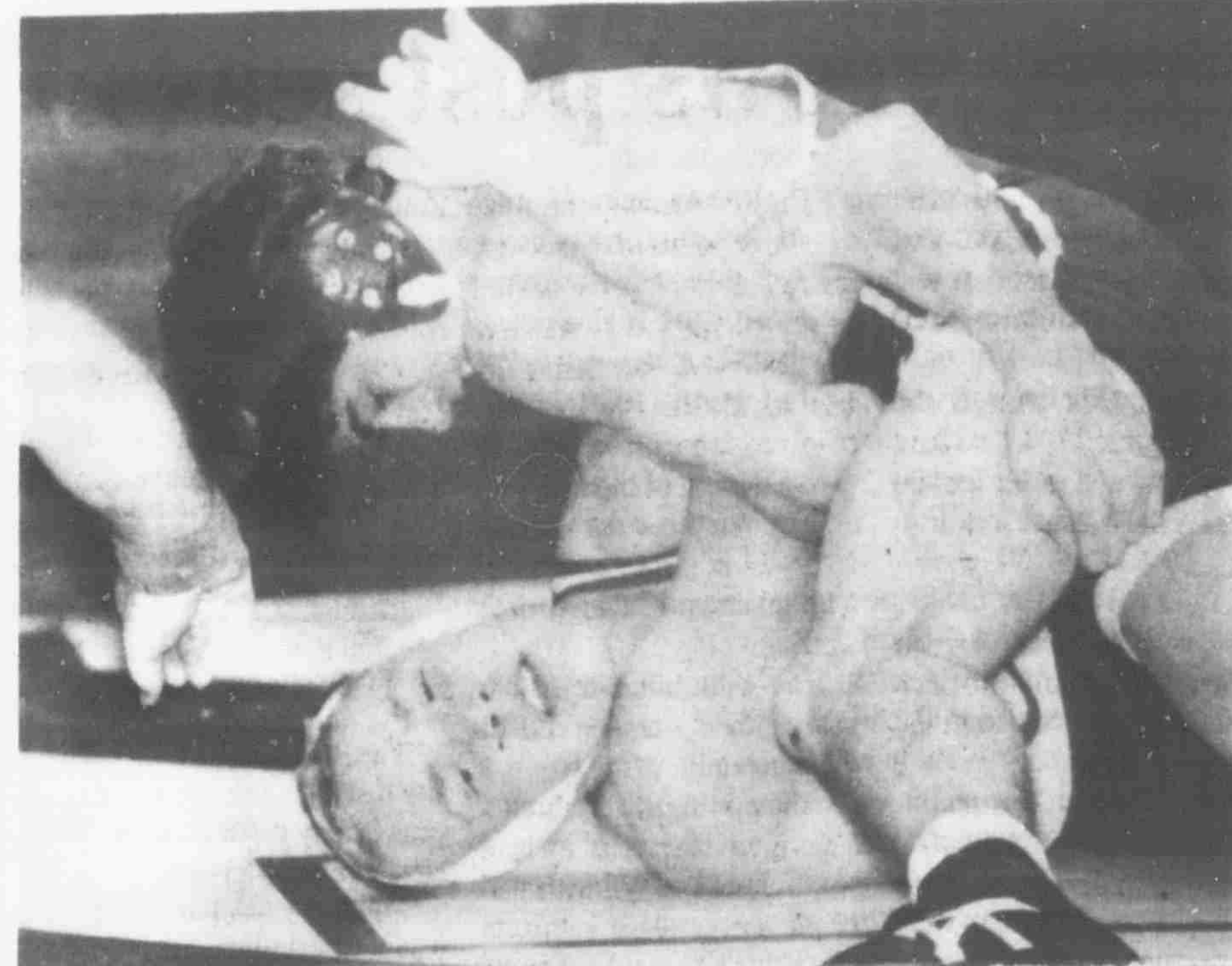
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Andy Wester records a pin at the heavyweight class to rally Lowell to a 34-30 victory.



David Stouffer gets ready to apply the pin.

Lowell wrestles away a victory from league foe, Northview

In typical Northview/Lowell wrestling fashion, the two schools swapped cradles for grandies, pin for pin, decision for decision in a donnybrook of a season-opening O-K White Conference wrestling match, which saw the Red Arrows pull out a 34-30 victory.

For many wrestling fans in attendance the match wasn't decided until Lowell senior, Andy Wester, pinned freshman Greg Jarou 30 seconds into the first period, allowing Lowell to erase a 30-28 deficit.

Northview coach Bob Dailey and Lowell Coach Gary Rivers acknowledged that the pivotal point in the match came at 152 pounds, when Cory Kirkbride decided Jeremiah Kossen, 13-8. "That was the key match," Dailey said. "I didn't think Kossen wrestled as well as he can."

Despite leading 30-25 with two matches to go, Dailey was not comfortable. "I was sending out a junior and a fresh-

man against two Lowell seniors."

Dailey's concerns were realized as Rich Depew decided Jeff Thon 9-5. Depew was moved up to 189 from his normal spot at 171. "I felt we stood a better chance of splitting the matches at 171 and 189 by moving Depew up. That's a lot of weight to fiddle around with (18 pounds), but I had confidence in Rich."

Ryan Scott was thrown in at 171 in Depew's place against Don Pierce. The Wildcat was all over him as he pinned Scott in 36 seconds. "Pierce is an excellent wrestler," Dailey said. "I think Pierce and Depew have probably split their matches over the years. I'm sure they will meet down the road."

The action was fast paced to start, as Lowell's Rotter brothers both recorded pins within a minute of the first period.

Mike Rotter, 103 pounds, pinned Northview's Dung Nguyen at 54 seconds into the first period.

David Rotter, wrestling at 112, increased the lead to 12-0 as he pinned Ken Padilla at 53 seconds into the first period.

"Mike has really come around," Rivers said. "He's done great for a freshman." Northview's Aaron Jacobs (119) sliced the Lowell lead in half at 12-6 with a pin

Year-in-Review, continued

Education members questioned the procedure used to fill the athletic director position and assistant athletic director position.

The Franciscan Sisters held a dedication ceremony for their new \$1.8 million Life Process Child Development Center.

October 23, 1991

Gail Roderick shared the distressing plight of the greyhounds following their racing days. Roderick was taken so

against Lowell's Doug Weeks at 2:54 of the second period.

Red Arrow Justin Anes (125) major decided Jeremy Dalstra 12-4, increasing Lowell's lead to 16-6.

The Wildcats strung together three consecutive victories at 130, 135 and 140 to gain a 21-16 lead.

Matt Prinz decided

Chris Kamphuis 6-4 at 130 pounds; Clark Edson pinned Lowell's Jim Inman at 2:30 of the second period; and Dan Elliott pinned Lowell's Noah Newhouse at 2:52 of the second period.

Senior co-captain David Stouffer stopped the Red Arrow skid with a third period

pin of Dan Williams at 5:35, regaining the lead for Lowell 22-21.

Eric Shelby, wrestling at 160 was decided by Brandon Norkus 9-3, following Kirkbride's victory.

"It was a good match by two class programs," Dailey said.

by the animals and their mistreatment, she adopted one - "Rooster" all the way from Bonita Springs, FL.

Lowell's School Board approved a 5.5 percent pay raise for Lowell Superintendent, Fritz Esch. The raise brought his salary to \$77,774.

Lowell's Tammy Huisman, who returned home a little less than two months ago, following nearly 50 days of intensive treatment for recurring breast cancer at Denver's University Hospital, died on Thursday, Oct. 17 at Blodgett

Hospital of pneumonia.

Jennifer Wieland, Clay Pelon and Melanie Kaeb were recognized as Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Veterinarian Sue Skelding, of the Grand River Veterinary Clinic, opened up business in Lowell on Monday, Oct. 14.

Financing was a key question in the City's study of what it would cost to create a high pressure water district on the northeast side. The cost for water would include a \$2,300 special assessment per lot and

a special assessment of roughly \$8,200 per lot for sewer. It was noted that residents would be allowed up to 15 years to pay back.

Mike Fillman's fourth-grade Alto Elementary class, became "Television Busters" for 20 school nights. The project had students foregoing television for books, family and education.

Landscape architects insured potential neighbors to the new school, that they will preserve as much of the natu-

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Red Arrows post season's first victory at EGR

It took Lowell's boys' basketball team five-and-a-half minutes to score its first two points against Northview Friday night.

During this stretch the highly regarded Wildcats built a 10-0 lead and never looked back as they rolled to a lopsided 90-46 O-K White victory.

Lowell turnovers totaled higher than the number of Red Arrow shots attempted in the first quarter.

For the final two-and-a-half minutes of the first stanza, Lowell played Northview to a 7-7 tie, trailing 17-7 at the end of one quarter.

The Red Arrows scored the first three points of the second quarter, trimming the deficit to seven. An 8-0 Northview run followed, increasing its lead to 25-10. The Red Arrows never got closer than 15 points the rest of the evening.

Northview outscored Lowell 20-14 in the second quarter, building a 37-21 halftime lead.

The Wildcats enlarged that lead to 57-33 at the end of three quarters.

Andy Schwedler scored a team-high 17 points to lead Northview. The Wildcats had 11 players get their names in the scorer's book. Travis

Zimdar contributed with 13. Chad Dunn led all scorers with 21 points for Lowell. Jon Amundsen added nine.

The win improved Northview's league record to 2-0, placing it in a three way tie with Forest Hills Central and Wyoming Park. The Wildcats are now 4-0 overall.

Lowell falls to 1-1 in the league and to 1-3 overall.

The Red Arrow junior varsity lost its fourth game of the year Friday night as it fell to Northview 77-53.

Leading Lowell in scoring was Ryan White and George Ponchaud with 15 points apiece. Ryan Boersma contributed with 14.

Lowell is now 0-4 on the season.

Lowell's freshman basketball team improved its record to 2-1 with a 62-41 win over Northview.

Scott Breslin led the winning Arrows with 14 points. Scott LaHaie netted 12 and Brandon Eisentrager contributed with 10.

After getting beat by approximately 40 points in each of its first two non-conference games, the Red Arrows seemed at almost a loss with a 10-point halftime lead Tuesday night against East Grand Rapids.

Lowell led 26-16 at halftime, but squandered their

good fortune away in the second half before battling back in the final three minutes of play to earn its first win of the year, 53-49.

"The boys coasted to start the third quarter," Lowell coach Phil Beachler said. "We cannot afford to coast. We must play hard all the time. Our slow start in the third quarter allowed East to come back."

The Pioneers opened the second half on a 7-0 run and were neck-and-neck with Lowell the rest of the way.

In fact, East Grand Rapids grabbed a 41-40 lead with roughly three minutes to play in the contest.

"I'm disappointed we let the lead get away from us, but after East took the lead we had three key possessions where I felt the boys executed real well on both ends of the floor," Beachler said. "We didn't panic and our shot selection was a lot better. On the defensive end I thought our man-to-man pressure created a couple of traveling calls against East."

Lowell's coach still wasn't happy with his club's shooting percentage; a dismal 35 percent.

A few stretches of good shooting by James Manion and Nate Janes brought a smile to the face of Beachler.

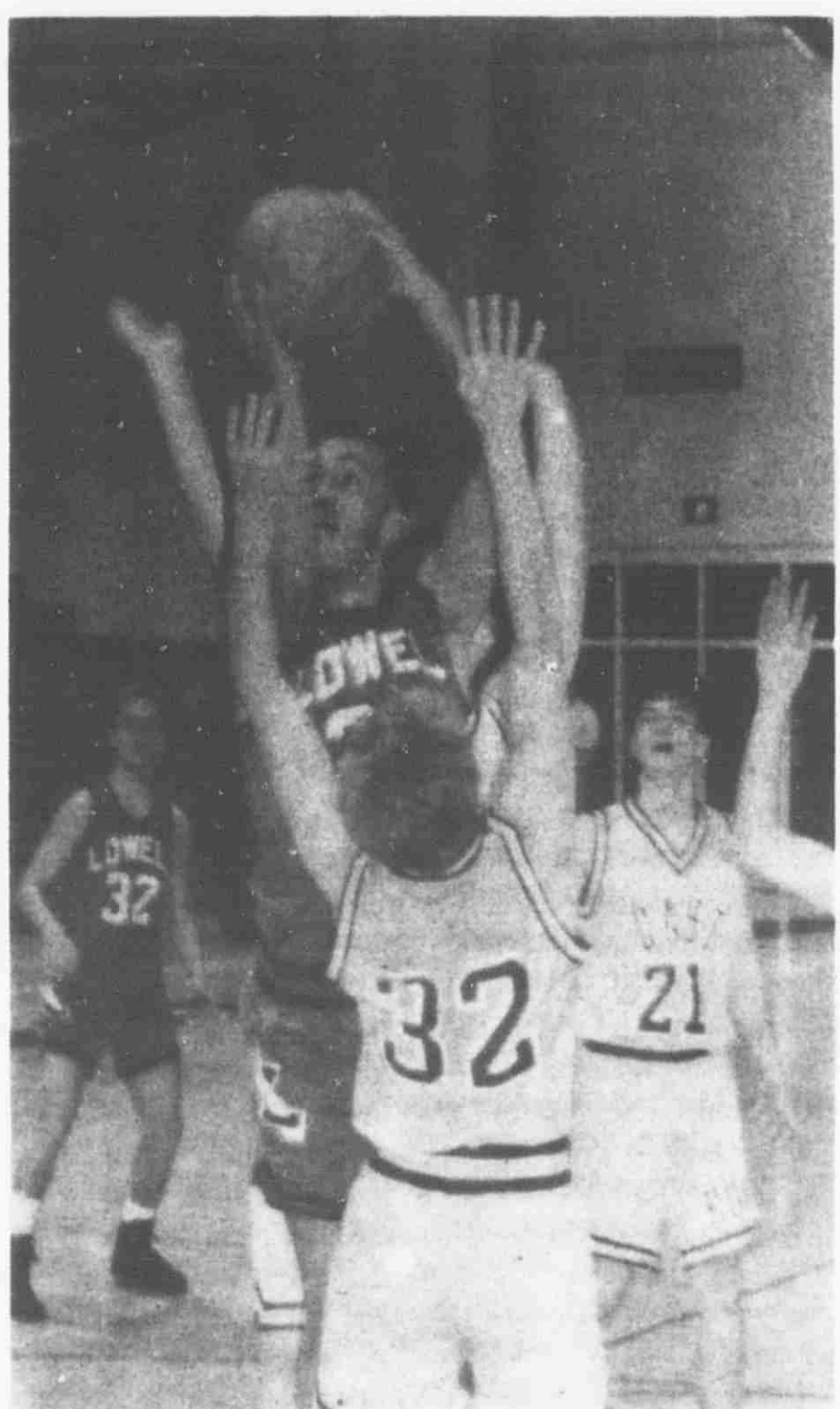
Lowell was led in scoring by center Jon Amundsen with 14 points on three-of-11 shooting from the floor. He was a

perfect eight-of-eight from the line. "Jon is still missing a lot of easy shots. He easily could have had 28 points tonight."

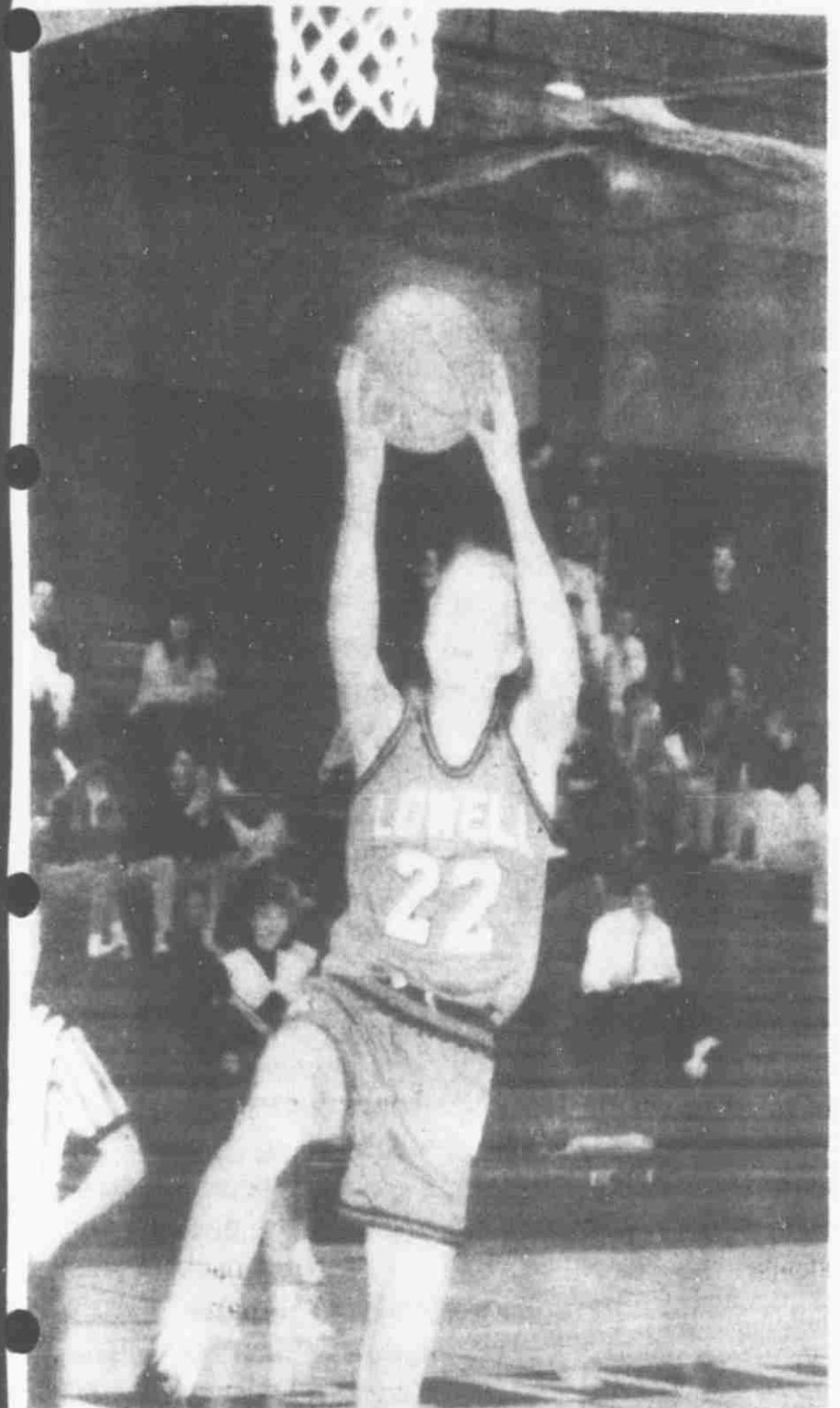
Dave Jones and Nate Janes each netted 10 points, and Chad Dunn contributed with nine.

EGR's Geoff Miller led all scorers with 16 points. Teammate C.B. Buch tallied 11.

The Red Arrows improved their record to 1-2 overall going into the Northview game. Lowell's junior varsity lost 82-44.



Dave Jones puts up a jumper against EGR



Chad Dunn drives to the basket

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Alabama/Colorado	Alabama	Colorado	Alabama
Georgia/Arkansas	Georgia	Arkansas	Arkansas
Air Force/ Miss. St.	Air Force	Mississippi St.	Mississippi St.
Virginia/Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
Chicago/San Francisco	Chicago	Chicago	San Francisco
Last Week's Record	2-8	5-5	5-5
Overall Record	84-64-2 .566	90-58-2 .606	94-54-2 .633

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING 16 DECEMBER, 1991:

Called to order at 7:00 P.M. Five Board members present. Minutes of 18 November approved.

Approved bills totaling:
 General Fund \$11,772.72
 Sewer Fund \$59.11
 Tax Fund \$28,313.96

Business Conducted: Amended budget to cover Fun Street road bill; approved extending time for surveys to be returned; voted on insurance coverage for 1992; passed out preliminary budget figures; moved to split the township into two voting precincts; discussed appointments to Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, annual road meeting; moved to renew Fund Balance support; received monthly reports from the Sheriff's Department, Lowell Ambulance, and the Building Official.

Adjournment at 8:08 P.M.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
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 Jennie Sherman, age 10
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Year-in-Review, continued

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October 30, 1991

Lowell High School's soccer team celebrated its second consecutive District Soccer Championship with a 4-3 win over Hastings.

Senator Richard Posthumus presented his father, Earl Posthumus, with the prestigious Melvin Jones honor at a joint meeting of the Alto and Lowell Lion's Clubs.

Lowell Police Officer, Steve Junewick was presented with a plaque from MADD for his work in keeping drunk drivers off the streets of Lowell. Junewick arrested 55 drivers off the streets of Lowell in a one-year period.

Lowell's Michelle Oliver placed fourth at the cross-country regional, while teammate David Stouffer was eighth.

Creative re-financing and low interest rates help Lowell's School Board reinstate \$40,000 of the \$201,000

initial cuts.

November 6, 1991

Bucky Curtis and Kevin (please don't call me Curtis again) Smith, co-owners of Curtis Cleaners, 1410 W. Main, helped to sponsor a clothing recycling program - "Project Wear and Share." The idea behind the program is to help people in the community and to keep unwanted clothes from ending up in landfills.

Georgie Roth of Georgia's Consignment in Ada was the winner of the 1991 Lowell Ledger Halloween Costume

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Fred Reuhs closed his man's World doors on the east end of town to tackle a new challenge.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by DENNIS REITZ, a single man, of the City of Grand Rapids, County of Kent, State of Michigan, Mortgagee, to BENCHMARK MORTGAGE CORPORATION a Michigan corporation, Mortgagee, dated the 5th day of June, A.D., 1987, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Kent and State of Michigan, on the 9th day of June, A.D., 1987 in Liber 2304 of Mortgages on Pages 544-548, and WHEREAS, the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage as of the date of this notice is the sum of Fifty-three thousand, seven hundred fifty-six and 39/100 dollars (\$53,756.39), for principal and interest and,

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

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on THURSDAY the 6th day of February, 1992, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, local time, said mortgage will be foreclosed at a sale at public auction in the highest bidder at the main lobby of the Hall of Justice Bldg. in the City of Grand Rapids, County of Kent and State of Michigan (that being the place of holding Circuit Court in said County), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage with the interest thereon at nine percent (9.00%) per annum and all legal costs charges and expenses, including

the attorney fee allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises described in said mortgage are as follows: Property situated in the City of Grand Rapids, County of Kent, State of Michigan, to wit:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at a point 187 ft. North of the SW corner or Block No. 7, Stewart's addition to the City of Grand Rapids, thence north 66 ft.; thence east 125 ft.; thence south 66 ft.; thence west 125 ft. to the place of beginning, City of Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan.

PARCEL 2: All that part of Block 7, Stewart's addition to the City of Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at a point on the east line of Eastern Avenue (66 ft wide) which is 253.0 ft. north of the SW corner of said block; thence east 25.0 ft.; thence south 66.0 ft.; thence west 25.0 ft.; thence north 66.0 ft. to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.324la in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 25, 1991.

BENCH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Mortgagee.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Snowmobile fun: A Michigan treat

Michigan is a sledder's paradise, with the nation's highest number of registered snowmobiles—206,000—and the third highest number of trail miles, according to AAA Michigan.

"If Michigan's 4,900 miles of snowmobile trails were laid end to end, they would stretch farther than the distance from Detroit to Panama City in South America," said AAA Michigan Community Safety Services Manager Jerry Basch. "And Michigan ranks third in all of North America behind Ontario and Quebec in the number of registered snowmobiles."

Snowmobiling is big business in Michigan, with enthusiasts spending between \$150 and \$200 million annually on lodging, snowmobile fuel and oil plus equipment, clothing, food and refreshments. More

"This year, more connector trails have been opened, allowing snowmobilers to travel almost entirely across the state," Basch said. "This linked network of trails has made it more common for snowmobilers to cover more than 100 miles each day."

But along with the pleasures of snowmobiling comes the danger of accidents for those who don't follow local ordinances and drive responsibly. During winter 1989-90, the last data available, 377 snowmobile crashes were reported in Michigan, resulting in nine fatalities, 313 injuries and 85 cases of property damage. Alcohol was a known factor in six of the nine fatal snowmobile accidents.

"Two of the greatest dangers to snowmobilers are operating a sled under the influence of alcohol, and driving with reckless speed," reports Basch.

AAA Michigan advises snowmobilers to adhere to the following safety tips for a pleasurable and safe snowmobiling season:

- Avoid alcohol before and while snowmobiling.
- Never follow behind another snowmobile too closely. Snow and sleet that sprays from the machine ahead could impair visibility.
- Always wear a helmet.
- Don't snowmobile alone in wilderness areas.
- Check and maintain the steering mechanism and track.
- Don't snowmobile in snowstorms or subzero weather.
- Carry a first-aid kit, compass, map, matches, an aluminum foil type blanket that reflects heat back to the body, snacks and dry socks.
- Dress warmly and avoid loose clothing that could tangle in equipment.
- Maintain reasonable speeds that allow constant control of the vehicle.
- Stay on marked trails or on the right shoulder of the road where allowed. Watch for fences, tree stumps and stretched wire that may be concealed by snow.

Home for the holidays sums up Michigan travel

"I'll be home for Christmas" is this year's holiday theme song as travelers head home to friends and relatives, AAA Michigan reports.

The most popular travel destinations for the Christmas holiday are the U.S. cities and towns in which friends and family reside, according to AAA Travel Agency Vice-President Diane Willard.

"Because of the sluggish economy, people have made careful choices about how they spend their travel dollars all year and will continue to do so this holiday," Willard said. "Many Michiganders are opting to spend the holidays traveling to visit friends and relatives. Additionally, others are taking advantage of many cruise bargains and warm weather resorts in which one all-inclusive price includes lodging, meals and

some entertainment." Willard added that because Thanksgiving fell closer to Christmas this year, many travelers made a choice to travel on just one of the holidays.

Airline and rail officials urge travelers to book their holiday trips early for the best fares and choices of travel dates and leave plenty of time for check-in at airports and train stations because of increased crowds.

Driving will be the most common mode of getting to holiday celebrations this 54-hour Christmas period which officially begins at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 23 and runs through midnight on Wednesday, Dec. 25. Michigan Department of Transportation officials estimate that traffic will be about the same as an average weekend.



Tom Ruben visited with Middle School students on the importance of reading.



A broken water main was cause for some November pipe repair on Hudson Street.

Year-in-Review, continued

contest. Approximately 105 employees participated.

Brent VandenBosch, Todd Drougal, Mike Wojciakowski and Timothy Schumaker were named November Students-of-the-Month.

Lowell Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops and packs gathered food for the needy. The Scouts collected \$1,543 worth of canned, boxed and frozen food.

Michelle Oliver placed 13th at the State Cross Country meet. Sara Lesky finished 53rd and David Stouffer was 47th in the boys' meet.

November 13, 1991

Approximately 30 people turned out for the Veterans Day dedication of two new monuments in the Veterans Park on Main Street. The stones honored Lowell area

men and women who served in WWI and WWII.

At a second neighborhood forum meeting, Vergennes residents voiced concerns about the site of the new high school. Most were pleased with the amount of vegetation and trees that were left untouched, but many still had concerns about the area's security.

Auditors indicated increased cable rates in March was the most significant reason why Lowell Cable Tele-

son regained their seats on the Lowell City Council. Newcomer, Don Green earned the third seat that was up for election on Nov. 5. Both Green and Thompson earned four-year terms and Maatman garnered a two-year term.

Incumbents, James Maatman and Bill Thomp-

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Area Births

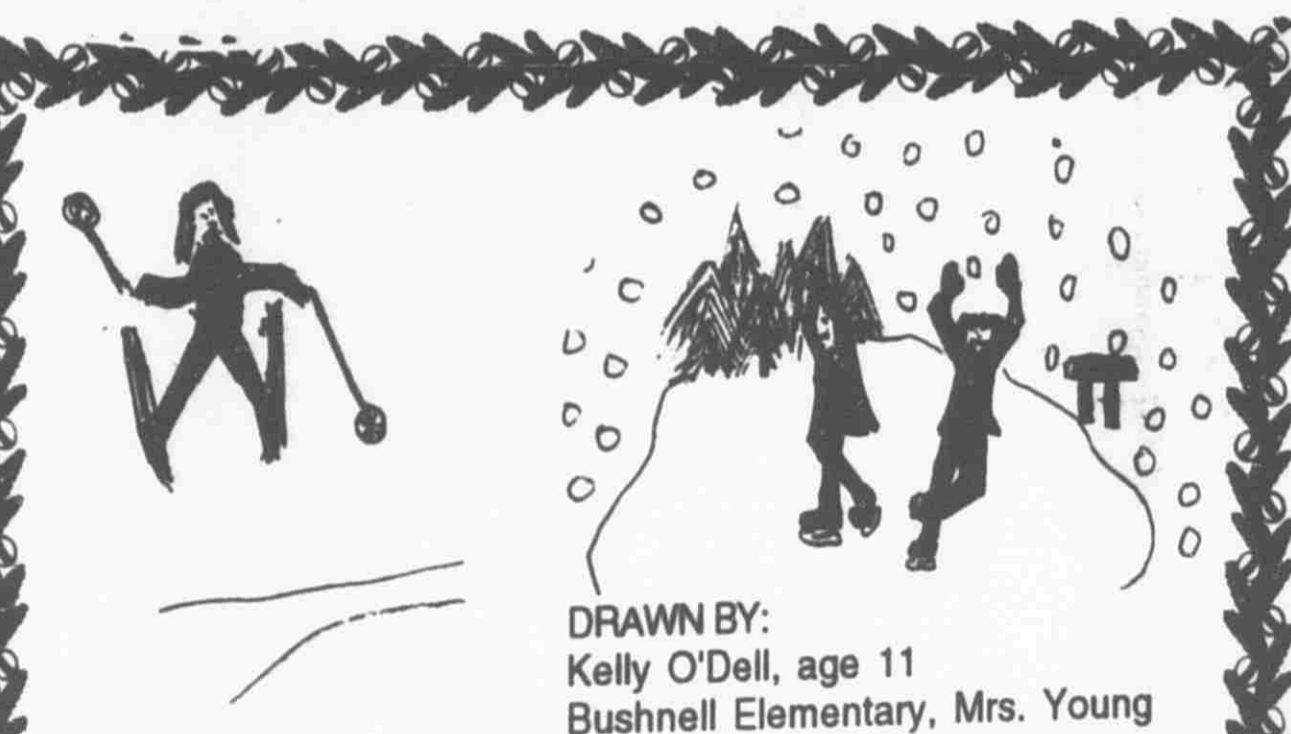
The birth of a son, Nicholas James, on October 18, 1991 is bringing great Christmas joy to Jim and Inna Myaard. He weighed 7 1/2 lbs. and was 20 inches long.

His proud grandparents are Alex and Lucy Koulikova of St. Petersburg, Russia and Evelyn Myaard of Ada.

The great-grandparents are Yakov and Nina Kuzmina Silantev of St. Petersburg, Russia.

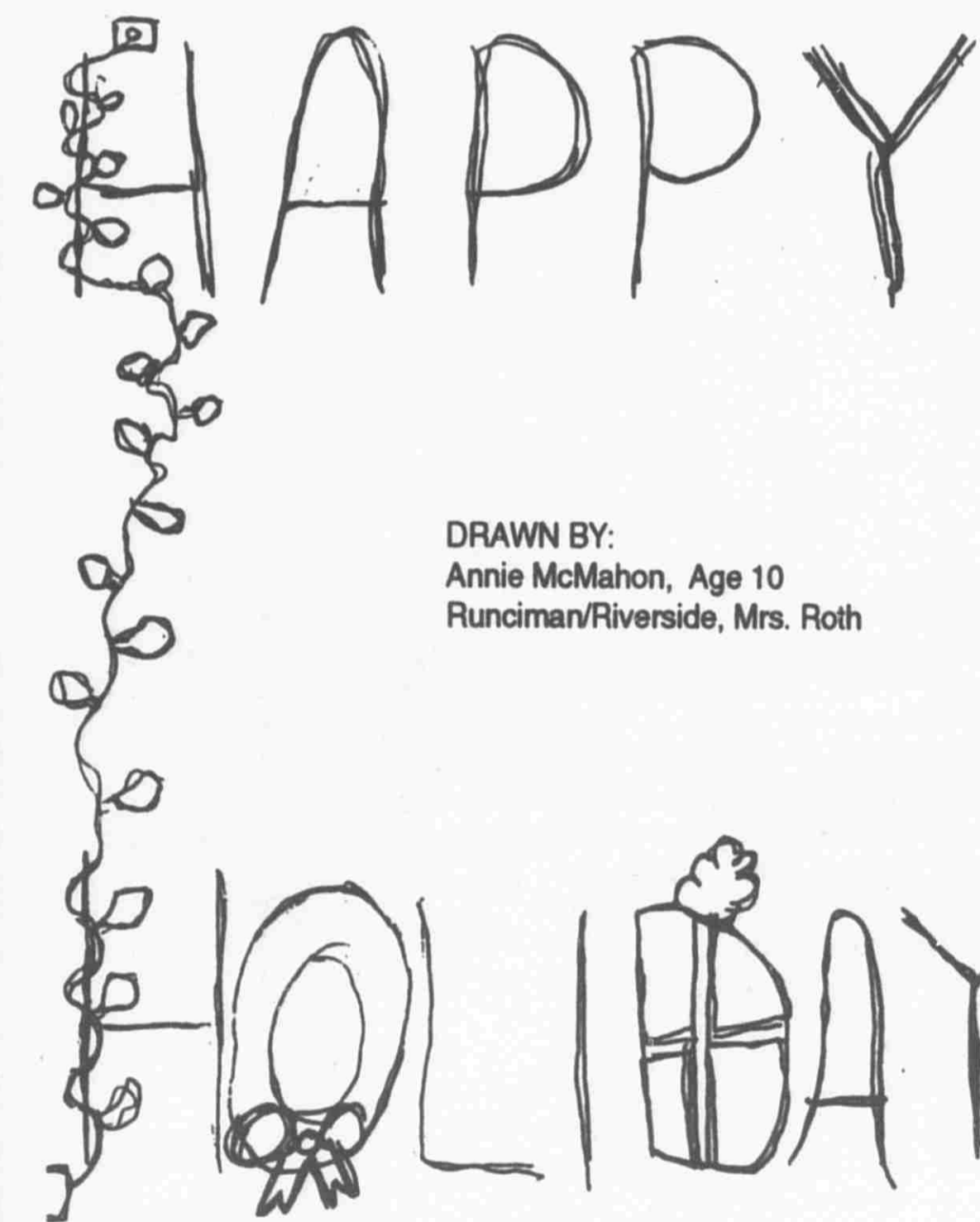
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Charlie Doyle, left, and City Manager, Dave Pasquale, right, present John Erickson with a plaque, recognizing his years of service in the City of Lowell.

vision had begun to restore fiscal responsibility. Lowell's equestrian team finished second at the State MIHA finals in Mason.

November 20, 1991

Andy Stormzand, stood with his prized five-point, 145 pound buck, outside the Lowell Ledger office at 7:30 a.m. on Nov. 15. Stormzand's buck earned him top honors in the Lowell Ledger's "FirstBuck" contest.

Lowell School officials were not pleased with the legal fees ruling in the Qua-Ke-Zik Club condemnation lawsuit. Judge Dennis Kolenda ruled, the party bringing the lawsuit, Lowell Schools, must pay the Club's legal fees, totaling \$72,573.

Because of a \$9,500 profit in 1991, Lowell Showboat was able to pay-off a large line of credit (\$9,500) carried over from 1990. "Showboat is a local happening. No one

Many a family tree needs trimming. — Kin Hubbard



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has to make money as long as it is not a year-round event and it remains a community effort," Lowell Showboat Vice President, Laura McCollum said. "However, it would be nice to turn a profit so improvements could be made on the amphitheatre."

St. Mary's students, working in conjunction with Mike Distelwrath from the Franciscan Life Process Development Center, agreed to participate in a year-round community project involving "Understanding and Appreciating the Aging." The project brings together youth and the aging, working together on horticulture-related group activities.

City Fathers gave a favorable reaction to a new voting system for Kent County. The system, Optech III-P combined technology, simplicity and quicker return of results.

Michelle Oliver qualified for the Junior Olympic Nationals in Sandy, Oregon, by placing 16th in the Junior Olympic Regionals in Dearborn.

Lowell girls' basketball team handed O-K White Conference Champion, Wyoming Rogers, its only league loss of the season, 55-51.

November 27, 1991

A water main that broke on Sunday, left approximately 60 Lowell residents north of the break on Lincoln, North Lincoln and Riverside Drive without water for four hours on Monday, Nov. 27.

Grand Rapids Community College President, Richard Calkins spoke to Lowell businessmen at a Lowell Businessman's Luncheon. He discussed recommendations, ideas, programs and concepts that can be used to develop closer working relationships between school and business.

Lowell City Council set a public hearing for Dec. 2 on park rules and regulations.

Lowell High School installed 24 new junior members into its National Honor Society at its 27th annual installation ceremony.

December 4, 1991

A respiratory virus kept a record number of Lowell Middle School students home three days before Thanksgiving.

On an average day at Lowell Middle School, 50 students are absent. During these three days an average of 146 students were missing per day.

Lowell Family Medical Center D.O. Paul Gauthier blamed the rapid changes in the weather and the humidity for the flu virus.

Lowell's Tricia Erbentraut qualified for the Junior Olympic Nationals.

Grand Rapids Hoops' general manager and president Tom Rubens visited Lowell Middle School, talking about the importance of reading. Rubens kicked off the D&W/Hoops reading program.

Renee Nugent was named the Most Valuable Player for the 1991 girls' basketball team.

Lowell High School's Student Council stocked the ACCESS Six food pantry shelves at the Lowell First United Methodist Church. Students collected over 3,700 items of food.

Birchwood sub-division residents spoke loudly and got what they wanted from the Lowell City Council. The City Fathers denied ITM a variance which would have allowed it to establish a parking lot in a residential zone on the west side of the Frank Godfrey property.

December 11, 1991

The developers of the Highland Hills Condominium asked the Lowell City Council to hold a public hearing so it could hear the views of the people at the northeast end of town on helping to pay for water and sewer.

Lowell's Cornerstone

As knowledge increases, wonder deepens. — Charles Morgan

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Lowell's FFA's "Seasons for Sharing" combines food drive and new toy campaign to serve community's needy.

FFA coordinates a successful "Season for Sharing"

Christmas - 'Tis the season for sharing.

Lowell's Future Farmers of America, with this in mind, have successfully coordinated another "Season for Sharing" project.

The program collects food, clothing, presents and money for local and area families in need.

For many of these families it serves as their Christmas.

"Season for Sharing combines the Toys for Tots and the food drives into one," said Danielle Scott, a junior at Lowell High School and the co-chairman for this year's project along with junior, Heidi Kaeb.

Last year Pete Siler's fourth-hour agricultural management class was joined in the project by the Lowell Varsity Volleyball team.

Siler and his class received help by the Lowell golf team,

Teens Involved, the National Honors Society, the Lowell Arts Department, the debate team, the International Club and Sue Frasier's advanced algebra class.

"Eventually we would like to try to expand the project so everybody in the school participates," Siler said.

The eight different groups involved will provide food clothing and gifts for six different families (two in the Lowell area).

Names of families are provided by the Salvation Army and local charities and churches. Siler said there is strict confidentiality. "I don't even know the family names these gifts will go out to," he said.

"We've had an excellent response from the students, teachers, parents and the community," Siler said.

Year-in-Review, continued...

Community Church was the 1991 Christmas Parade float winner. Its nativity scene float took top honors.

Hoops basketball coach, Bruce Stewart talked to the Lowell Lions Club about the excitement and adjustments the CBA has brought to him as a coach.

Lowell's City Council considers selling a parcel of land they didn't know they owned back to Ionia County. The neighboring county said it was interested in the land because it relates to the Covered Whites Bridge.

December 18, 1991

Lowell Schools receives approximately 200 bids for

the three summer projects scheduled to start in the summer of 1992.

Lowell Cornerstone Community Church cultivates goodwill for the Tammy Huisman family with a Concert and Candlelight Sing at the Lowell Middle School. Christian music singer Chad Marvin performed for the 75

people in attendance. Offerings totaled \$800, all of which went toward helping the Huisman children.

St. Mary's students loaded a Toys For Tots truck with new toys they brought in for the area's less fortunate children.

Charlie Doyle resided over his final City Council

meeting on Dec. 16.

Runciman/Riverside students collect food for the ACCESS Six food pantry at the Lowell First United Methodist Church. Students also brought in new unwrapped gifts for the Toys For Tots program.

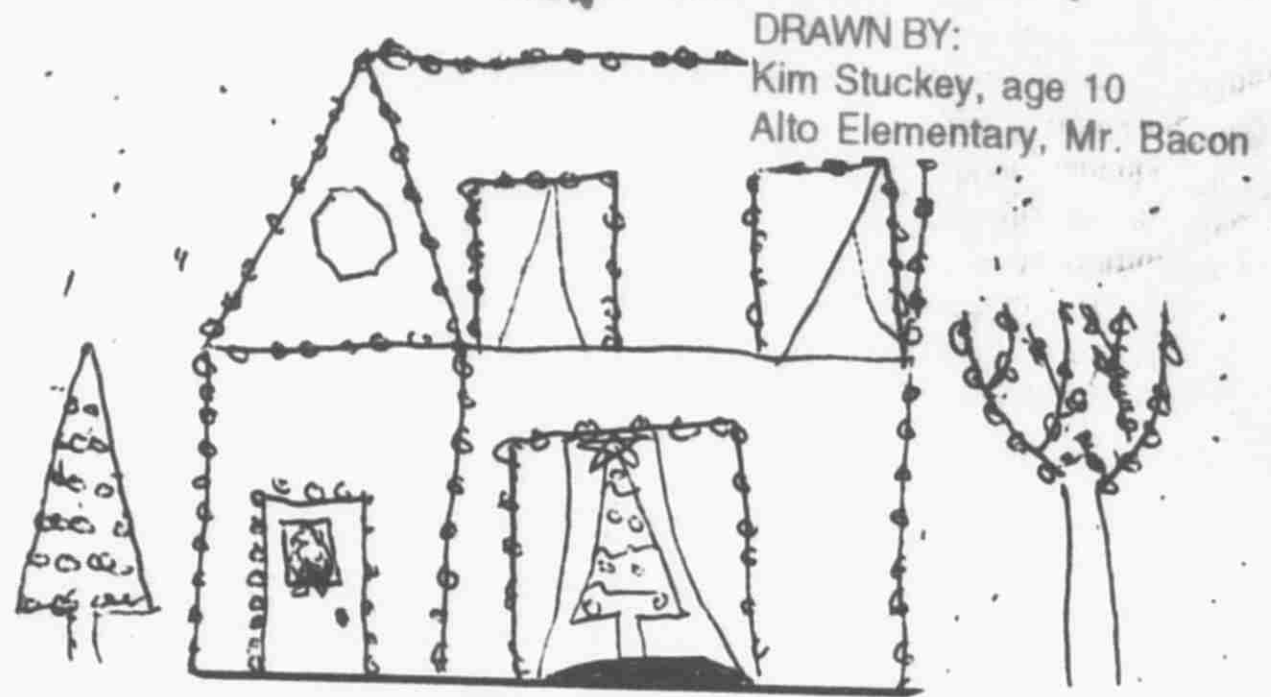
Lowell area businesses reported business to be holding

its own in 1991. While there are as many or more shoppers, Christmas shoppers are being more selective about what they buy.

State mandates are restricting the electives high school students can choose from. Schools unable to meet the mandates risk losing a percentage of its state aid.



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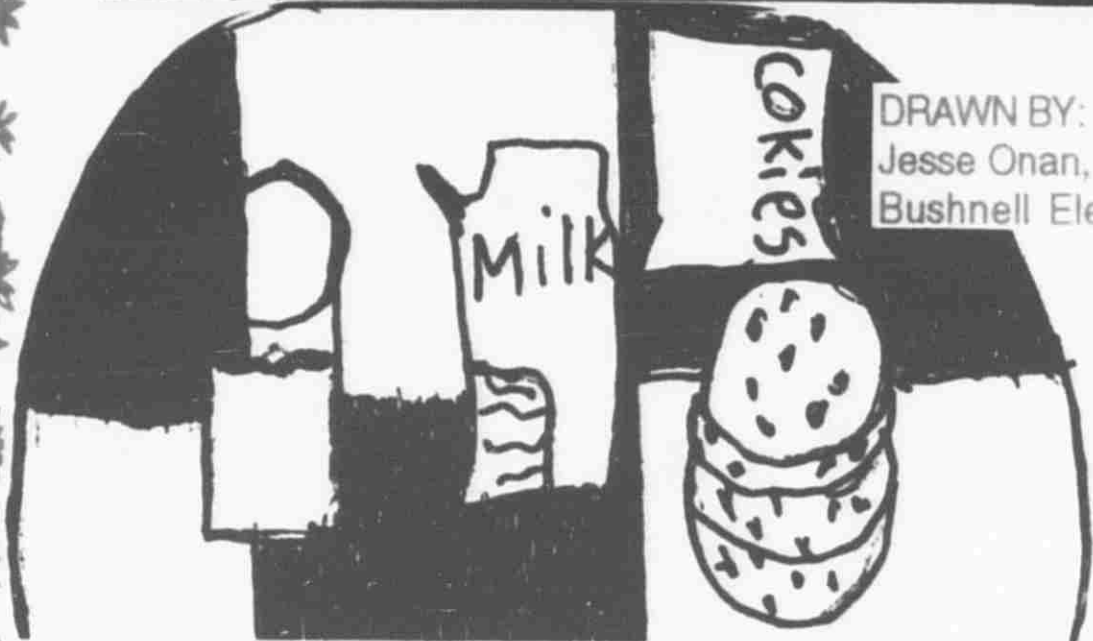
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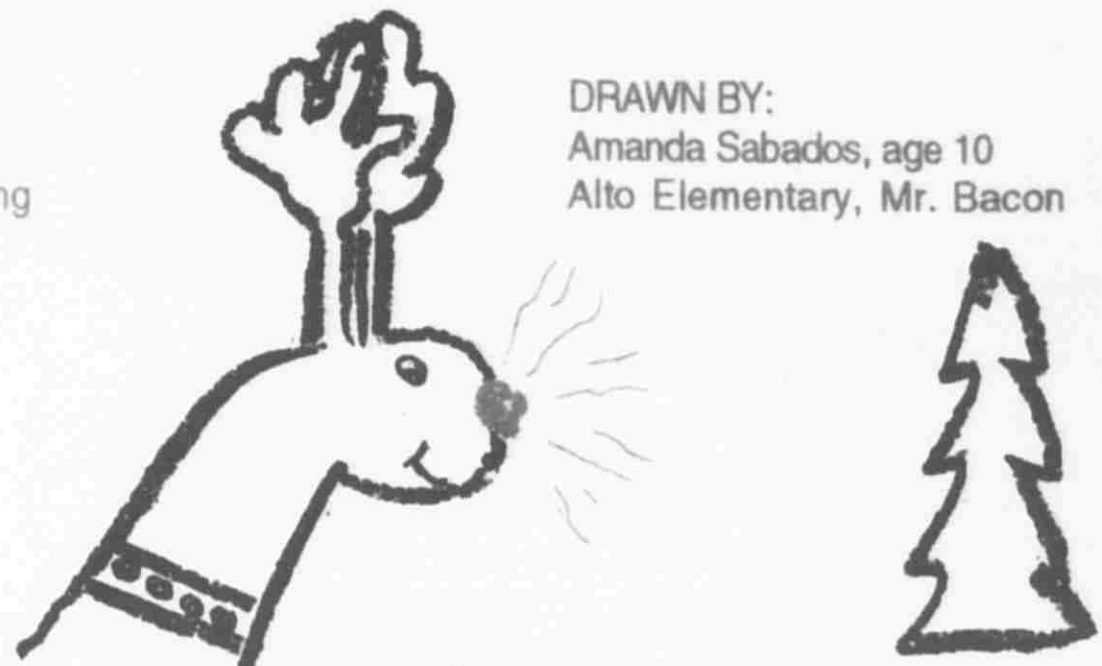
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