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Lowell Township sets public hearing for M-21 water main

A public hearing has been set by the Lowell Township board to discuss the special assessment district for the construction of a new water main along the north side of M-21 between Cumberland Drive and Alden Nash Avenue.

The hearing will take place on Feb. 1, 1993 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell Township Hall.

The meeting will describe which method of assessment will be used for the estimated 50 properties that will be affected by the new line.

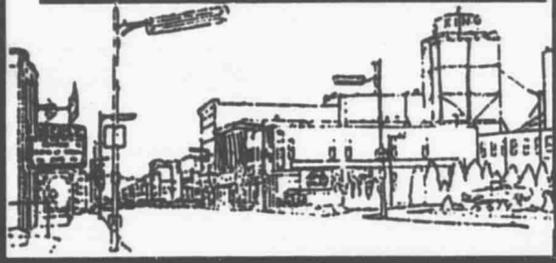
Several assessment policies are being considered but the board will choose a policy that will be fair to everyone involved.

The estimated cost for the construction of the new water main is \$277,000.

Among those policies being considered: 1) Assess the property on the basis of how much frontal footage will the new line go through. Property owners would be billed \$21.88 per frontal foot. 2) Assess the property by total acreage at the same rate as frontal footage. 3) Assess the property using 1/2 of the frontal footage and 1/2 of the total acreage.

The board is tentatively considering using the third method but crediting portions of property that can't be used for developmental purposes.

Along Main Street



HOLIDAY POST OFFICE HOURS

The window at the Post Office will be closed at 3 p.m. on Dec. 24 and 31. The Post Office will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

There will be no window services on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 but, the lobby will be open and there will be mail delivery on those dates.

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Creative Holiday Reflection

Leo Pfaller, 800 Bowes Rd, was the winner in the creative division of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas decorating contest. Pfaller's decoration shows Santa spending a moment with Baby Jesus.

Bay City native, Popiolek joins Ledger news staff



Mark Popiolek

Lowell Ledger Publisher, Roger Brown and editor Thad Kraus are pleased to announce the addition of Marc Popiolek to the news staff.

Popiolek, a part-time employee, will focus on coverage in Lowell Township. He will also report on items in Vergennes Township, the Lowell Planning

Commission and contribute with some feature stories.

Marc resides in Grand Rapids, but grew up in Bay City.

He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Broadcasting and a minor in journalism from Central Michigan University.

The 26-year-old transferred to Central Michigan from Cerritos Community College

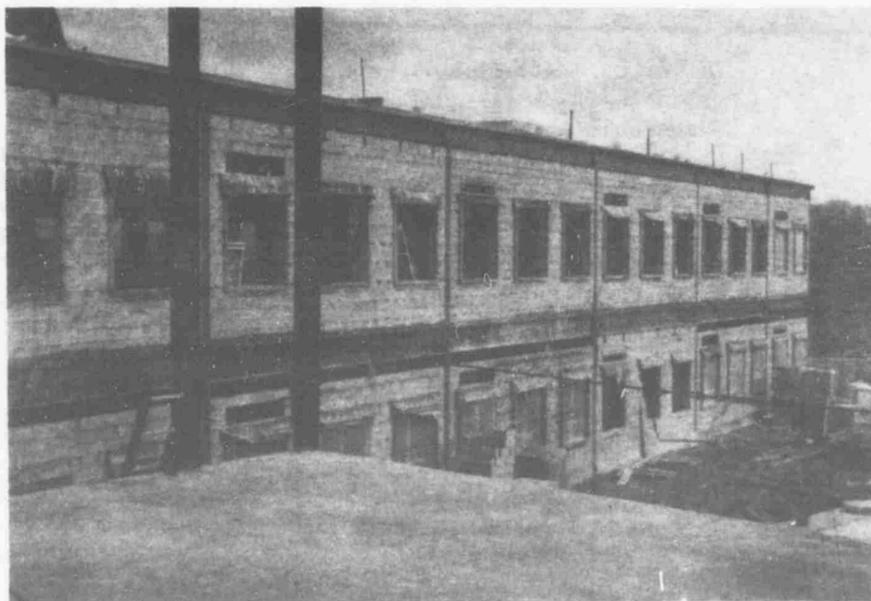
in Cerritos, California.

He has served as copy editor and writer of stories for newspaper publications.

His interest and activities include basketball, movies and reading books.

Popiolek served one year with the Society of Professional Journalists.

1992: Monumental agreements to change the look of Lowell



Construction of the new school is underway in full earnest.

While the year 1992 brought political change nationally, the Lowell community also experienced changes of a different sort...

Construction of the new high school began; City of Lowell and Lowell Township reach a water agreement; a Downtown Development Authority is organized; Lowell Schools and The City of Lowell approved a joint plan for the East Riverfront project.

JANUARY 8, 1992

A small one acre parcel of land that the City of Lowell intended to sell to a patron back in the 1970's was deeded over to the DNR.

Restrictions on the agreement included that the DNR not sell the property without the Council's approval and that it be sensitive to those that neighbor the land.

The DNR said its interest in acquiring the property was for canoe access to the Flat River and for a small parking lot for cars.

Roger LaWarre was named the new pastor of Lowell's First Congregational Church. He came to Lowell from St. Paul's Good Shep-

herd Church in Park Forest, IL.

The White's Bridge Association raised \$1,300 for the bridge's preservation during a four-day stretch.

JANUARY 15, 1992

Lowell schools purchased four new buses - three 71 passenger buses and one 48 passenger bus.

At a "Together Lowell Cares" kickoff breakfast for Drug and Alcohol Awareness week Senator Richard Posthumus applauded the school's anti-drug effort.

Five male staff members at Runciman/Riverside School began growing five scruffy.

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OBITUARIES

GOSINIAK - Mrs. Emily Gosiniak, aged 90, widow of George, passed away Tuesday, December 15, 1992. Surviving are her nieces and nephews, Chester Marek, Robert Stankey of Perrysburg, OH, Bernadette Fea of Farmington Hill, Loretta Gates, Evangelina Mazurkiewicz of Muskegon, Elvira Thompson, Evelyn Steponis, Joseph Gogulski of Lowell, Lorraine Gleason, Mary Helen Rose, Eugenia Rose Conklin of Costa Mesa, CA, John Gogulski, Jerome Gogulski of Mercer Island, WA, Casimir Jr. Gogulski of Winter Park, FL and Paul Gogulski of Belle Mead, NJ.

Harwood and Gary Harwood all of Grand Rapids; her nieces, Gladys Glover and Evelyn Shirey of Casnovia and Glenda Baker of Lowell. Entombment Highland Cemetery, Brooklyn, MI.

PECKHAM - Lena R. Peckham, aged 91, of Lowell, died December 15, 1992. She was preceded in death by her husband, William; two sons, Bill and Frank. Survived by five sons, Richard of Gulfport, FL, Wesley of Lansing, Howard of Comions, Oscar of Lowell, Robert of Sand Lake; five daughters, Ruth Wester, Hazel Nummer, Cora Yeiter, Margie Lowry, Dolores Peckham, all of Lowell; three sisters, Anna Hyder of Temple City, CA, Louise (Jack) Winks, Cora Stormzand of Lowell; 56 grandchildren, 130 great-grandchildren, 70 great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were Saturday at Lowell Methodist Church, Rev. William Amundsen officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell.

HOLMES - Evelyn Homes, aged 84, formerly of Jackson, passed away Tuesday, December 15, 1992 at Springbrook Manor. She is survived by her nephews, Steven Harwood, George

13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell with Rev. William Amundsen officiating. Memorials may be made to Lowell Methodist Church or Hospice.

ROBERTSON - James D. Robertson, aged 62, of Grand Rapids, died Thursday, December 17, 1992 at his home. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kimberly; by two grandchildren, Justin and baby girl Merryman; and by his father, Forrest C. Robertson. Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Laura Pat Robertson; nine children, Barbara and Gregory Unger of Grand Rapids, Laura and Gary Unger of Big Rapids, Richard and Theresa Robertson of Wyoming, Joseph Robertson of Las Vegas, Connie and Don DeWit of Lowell, Cathy Merryman and friend James Jordan of Howard City, Patricia and Brian Travis of Las Vegas, Gary and Samantha Robertson of TN, Robert and Jo Robertson of KS; 24 grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Eva Robertson of Grand Rapids; and several sisters and brothers-in-law. Mr. Robertson had worked for Quality Creamery. He was an active member of St. Stanislaus Aid Society. A Memorial Funeral Service was held Sunday at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, with Rev. Fr. Thomas J. Johnson officiating. Interment in Resurrection Cemetery. For those who

wish memorials may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

VANDENBREE - Mr. Ronald M. Vandebree, aged 64, of Grand Rapids, passed away Monday, December 14, 1992 at his home after a courageous battle with cancer. He served in the Marine Corps during the Korean conflict and was a dedicated employee of Blodgett Memorial Medical Center for 28 years. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Arthur and Roy of New Jersey. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his children, Gregory Topp, Karen (Steve) Caro, Amy Craft, all of Grand Rapids, Debra (Steve) Burrows of Lowell;

four grandchildren, Heather and Steven Burrows, Adam and Ryan Caro; also a son, Joseph Vandebree of Grand Rapids; and daughters, Margaret and Caroline Vandebree of CA; his brother, Ellery (Vivian) Vandebree of VA; sister, Hazel Jordan of New York City; and sister-in-law, Irma Vandebree of NJ. Funeral Services were held Thursday at O'Brien Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Ted Bailey officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell. In lieu of flowers, for those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's United Methodist Men's Club or Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

Year in Review, continued...

grizzly beards. After diagnosing the problem, it was decided the only way they would permit a clean shave was if the elementary students read at least 100,000 pages of material.

Lowell's City Council became one of the first governmental units to agree to consider a resolution for a new district library.

Danielle Hill was the lucky winner of the John and Lucille Erickson Christmas drawing.

JANUARY 22, 1992

Tim McNamara, P.E. of

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber told Lowell's City Council the total estimated cost to complete a 1989 water feasibility study would be \$4,175,000. With Lowell Township participation, special assessments and coupled with the northeast high pressure district, the City's share in the cost would be \$1.75-\$2 million. City Manager, Dave Pasquale said he was not sure as to what the Township's cost would be.

St. Patrick's and St. Mary's schools consolidated their seventh and eighth grades in a cost effective move to keep both programs.

Melanie Kaeb was the recipient of a \$1,500 educational scholarship for her work in the national 4-H entomology program.

JANUARY 29, 1992

Lowell's Chris Hodges was honored by the Lowell Area Arts Council with the prestigious "Arty" Award which is given each year to a volunteer who, through the years, has supported and worked for the arts in the Lowell area.

Lowell businessmen and Lowell School officials were the guest at a Business Leaders Luncheon hosted by Lowell Community Education and Grand Rapids Community College at the Grand Rapids Community College Technical Center. The program was to help businessmen become more informed about programs the GRCC can offer them in helping to make their business a better working place.

Camp Fire Clubs used valentine cards to salute hospital veterans.

Anna Glendening was hired by Lowell Schools to fill the position of self-contained EI special education instructor.

FEBRUARY 5, 1992

Linda Beers, a 13-year member of the Lowell School Board, resigned from her seat in order to pursue a degree in public administration.

A crowd of about 70-plus people in attendance at a public information session made it clear that helping to finance

Main St., continued

CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH SALE

The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters Club will be selling Christmas trees and wreaths in the Family Fare Supermarket parking lot. The sale will be held through Dec. 24. Hours will be Monday through Friday, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 8 p.m.

Please help support our athletes by purchasing your trees and wreaths from the Athletic Boosters sale. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help us sell please call Pat at 897-8963.

LOWELL YMCA CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HOURS

The Lowell YMCA's Holiday hours are as follows: Wednesday, Dec. 23 the hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 12 and from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 25 they will be closed. Monday, Dec. 28, Tuesday, Dec. 29 and Wednesday, Dec. 30 the hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 12 and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The YMCA will be closed Thursday, Dec. 31 and Friday, Jan. 1.

Warehouse next home for copy center

After looking at six locations, it was decided that the warehouse behind the Showboat Amphitheatre would be the most logical place to move the business office and copy center.

Both must be moved by next spring to make way for the renovation work scheduled at the Middle School.

Zerex, the firm the copy center equipment was purchased from will move the copy center office which is responsible for \$50 million dollars worth of activities.

A \$10,000 budget has been set for some renovation work at the warehouse for the movement of the machines.

"I get a little nervous with this type of move, but I have confidence that it will work out," Lowell Assistant Superintendent Gary Kemp said. "My greatest concern is the further physical separation from the rest of the central office. We can function as an independent team, but communications with our colleagues will be a difficulty."

OFF THE BLOTTER

An 11 year old juvenile was taken to juvenile detention, Dec. 15, for felonious assault, destruction of property and assault and battery.

Taken to the Kent County Jail for driving under the influence of alcohol, Dec. 18, was Sue Repik, 38, of Lowell. Denise Ellis, 42, of Ionia, attempted to change lanes at Main and Hudson Street, Dec. 17, and struck a vehicle driven by Michelle Luke, 23, of Kentwood. No one was injured.

Melinda Beers, 19, and a passenger in her car were injured Dec. 17 in an accident, at Main and Hudson Street, when their car was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Daniel Hackstedt, 17. Both are Lowell residents.

Arrested and taken to the Kent County Jail, Dec. 16, was

Joseph Carr, 23, of Lowell, for driving while license suspended, second offense.

Arrested on a warrant issued by the Friend of the Court, Dec. 18, was John Gwatkins, 39, of Lowell.

Taken to the Kent County Jail, Dec. 17, for driving while license suspended and on a warrant issued by the Friend of the Court was Michael Archie, 39, of Grand Rapids.

A 13 year old juvenile from Lowell was slightly injured in an accident, Dec. 19, on Main and Monroe Street, when he rode his bicycle into the path of a car driven by Amy Thomas, 21, of Lowell.

Injured in an accident Dec. 20 on Main near Jackson Street was Lester Stauffer, 80, of Lowell when he fell asleep at the wheel and struck a parked car owned by Susan Bauer.

Year in Review, continued

a water program for the proposed Highland Hills Condominium site is not what they want.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission approved a special exception use application from Lowell Area Schools and its proposed site plan, subject to the amendment of nine points. The most pivotal point was that the school have an off-site public sewer and water facility.

Lowell's Board of Education noted that due to a miscommunication between all parties during the fall sports season, the method for monitoring student athlete's academic standings would be updated.

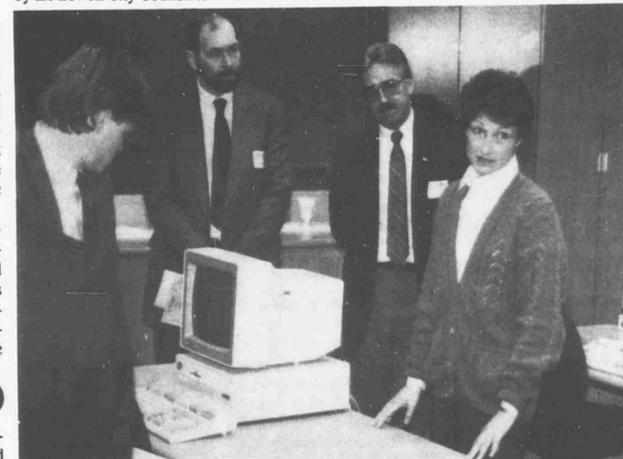
FEBRUARY 12, 1992

Marcia Wilcox was approved to fill the seat vacated by 13-year Lowell School Board member Linda Beers. A resolution to create a

Lowell/Vergennes Airport Zoning Board was approved by the Lowell City Council to

help enforce and prevent future runway approaches. obstructions in the designated hazard areas within the

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The Grand Rapids Community College opened its technology center up to Lowell businessmen.



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ENGAGEMENTS



Raymond Torres and Dianna Miller

Dianna Marie Miller and Raymond Torres will be united in marriage on May 21, 1993.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Lloyd and Sue Miller of Alto. She is a graduate of Lowell High School and United Airlines flight attendant training.

The future groom is the son of Ramon and Asuncion Torres of Ridgefield, N.J. He is a graduate of Mercer County College, Metropolitan State College and United Airlines Pilot Training.

The couple resides in New Jersey and are both employed by United Airlines.



Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

...and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith (1 John 5:4).

The wind blows with gusto in Oklahoma. People watch the sky for signs of approaching storms. Storm warnings are regarded with solemnity. Storm cellars are

common. These underground shelters provide protection from harm when tornadoes sweep through the area.

My in-laws had a shelter in their back yard. When a windstorm came, the members of the family thought of it immediately. "Go to the

cellar" was a cry which was quickly heeded. Inside, all were safe until the storm was over.

The storm cellar was entered by steps which were kept covered with heavy doors. These were secured with a lock and key because my mother-in-law kept her canned fruit and vegetables inside. Therefore, it was of utmost importance that the key to the lock was kept in a safe, but easily accessible place. Without it, there was no shelter from the storm.

God is our refuge and fortress. He bids us come to Him and find shelter and security in time of need. The key of

faith will unlock this place of safety. It will open the storehouse of God's love—and "there is room for all."

Prayer: To Thee, O God, do I come for refuge from the storms of life. In Thee I am safe. No evil can harm me while I am trusting in the shelter of Thy wings. Amen.

Under His wings, oh, what precious enjoyment!

There will I hide till life's trials are o'er;

Sheltered, protected, no evil can harm me.

Resting in Jesus, I'm safe evermore.



Bushnell & Alto 1966-67 bond issues retired

It's ironic as Lowell Schools laid to rest bond issues from 1966 and 1967 that it starts a fresh new one.

Bond issues for the construction of Bushnell Elementary (\$750,000) and for an addition to Alto Elementary School (\$140,000) have been retired.

What remains is an audited balance in the 1966 debt account of \$11,061 and \$2,689 in the 1967 debt account.

The Lowell Board of Education approved the transfer of these balances to the next

successive bond issue with an outstanding debt, which would be the 1971 bond issue debt. It is scheduled to be paid off in the year 2,000. The principal that remains on that is \$2,625 million and \$725,374 on the interest. This would be for the construction of the current middle school and additions to the current high school, Bushnell and Alto Elementary Schools.

With community backing, Dockters settle in after fire

It was just hours after their house had been lost to a fire, that the American Red Cross set the Dockters up with shelter for a couple of days.

It was just days after the fire that Virginia Schutte opened up her empty Alto home to the Dockters.

It was just days after the fire that their former landlord, Arlin Maas, provided the family with furniture.

While the fire gave the Leonard and Laurie Dockter family a feeling of emptiness, the overwhelming response from family, friends and people they don't even know, has left the Dockters a heart filled with gratitude and a deeper appreciation for the human spirit.

"The response has been overwhelming," Leonard said. "I truly believe it shows the

difference between a small town and a big town."

All house fires are tragic, but when it happens over the holidays it tugs at the heart strings even more. "It definitely made it even more difficult," Leonard Dockter said.

"You work all your life to buy things and to have material things. Then in hours it can all be gone. Fortunately,

we still have our family, our

kids. The material things can be replaced within a week."

While things haven't yet settled down for the Dockter family, Leonard and Laurie and the children seem to be adjusting quite well.

"The two little girls still get frightened when they see fire," Laurie said. "I don't think we will ever be settled until we find a place we can call our own."

The cause of the fire was electrical. Dockter's little two-year old Erica was first to notice the fire. Emily Jones (11 years old) and her friend LeAnne Porter grabbed the little girls and Liz, 12, called 911 and grabbed three coats on her way out of the house. "The jackets hung close to where the phone was," Emily said.

Even before the Dockters

relocated to their new home in Alto, someone took the time to put up a Christmas tree and decorate it.

"We haven't even really had to move things, people have gone out of there way to do it for us," says Leonard Dockter.

Laurie adds, "I still get all teared up when people bring us things. I want to thank our families, friends and people in the Lowell Community and in surrounding communities who have provided us with support, we are forever grateful.

Viewpoint . . .

On Line

with Lowell School Superintendent
Fritz Esch

A HOLIDAY PERSPECTIVE

Christmas is always a special time of year for all of us as we watch the kids in school grow more excited with expectations of its arrival. It's a time when we are flooded with information of the needs of some, and the good will and generosity of others. Lowell Area School students, churches and community organizations have readily responded on several occasions in recent months with generosity to those in need right in our own community. Anyone who watches the evening news about events in Somalia cannot do so without feeling grateful for what we personally have as compared to others who have so little.

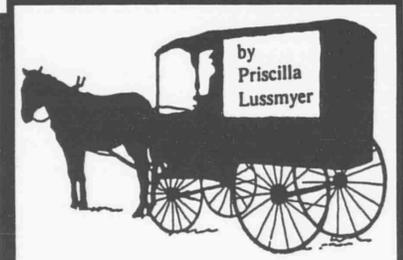
Abraham Lincoln once wrote, "I can see how a man can keep his eyes on the mud and conclude that there was no God, but I cannot see how anyone could turn his eyes to the heavens on a starry night and deny the existence of a Supreme Being." Perhaps that is our problem at times; an appropriate "point of view." Make no mistake about it, there is much that is good and worthwhile that happens around us throughout the year. However, when we start complaining about things, our point of view is more a matter of choice than fact. It's easier for us to look for the "mud" than to observe a "starry night"...but that's a personal choice we each make. Only we can determine our "point of view."

As I am around the district, I find so many school employees who give of themselves to kids, other staff, parents, and taxpayers far more than they are required or expected to do by any contract. I am aware of school staff who continually, willingly and unselfishly respond when they discover someone with a special need and ask nothing in return except the chance to serve again. Their actions seldom make headlines nor even become worthy of the rumor mill, but their actions are determined by their "point of view." I am truly grateful for our school employees who do so much for kids and others in our school district. Few school districts in this State are as fortunate.

Yes, we all have much to be grateful for as we enter this Christmas season. We can be thankful for each other as well as the thousands of others in this world who daily give of their lives in terms of love and care and selflessness for others. This special season should not be the only time when we show our appreciation for the love and warmth of others. It is an appreciation that should be expressed all year long.

Since I know that I surely have missed saying thank you to someone who has done something special, from putting a smile on one student's face to helping on the millage campaign, please accept this as my gratitude for anything you have done to help make Lowell Area Schools a better place.

It's my hope that we can keep the spirit of this season in our lives the whole year through. We can do that by helping others concentrate on the starry heavens above. That "point of view" does provide us with a broader perspective. My wishes go to each of you and your families for a very warm and happy Holiday Season.



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - DEC. 21, 1892

The oil wagon is again making the rounds and safety of the oil is guaranteed.

Lowell has nicer, brighter street lights than Grand Rapids.

A bill of divorce granted here forbids Mr. C. marrying within the next two years.

"Mrs. D. H. English received by express Monday, from the U.S. fish commission at Washington, four gold fish."

The Journal's printing press is now powered by a Crocker-Wheeler, two-horsepower electrical motor. The old engine and boiler are for sale.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 20, 1917

Income tax collectors will be on hand starting Jan. 2 at Lowell State Bank to help fill out forms for the new tax. An estimated 10,000 people in Kent County will need to file forms before March 1.

Durand Creamery Co. is offering 50 cents a pound for butter in Lowell, weighed and tested where you can see it, on accurate scales.

"Hooverizing": observing one meatless and one wheatless day each week.

Congress is investigating the sugar and coal shortages and graft in military procurement.

Detroit auto manufacturers organize the Detroit Shell Co. to make munitions.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 24, 1942

No Main Street Christmas lighting this year on account of the war.

The WPA - Works Progress Administration - is officially brought to an end, now that jobs are plentiful.

The new plastics and synthetic resins are coming along just in time to replace rubber baby pants.

Ore carriers on the Great Lakes have established a new tonnage record.

Matches and photo film are scarce; old keys are the newest scrap drive item.

Saturday night the temperature hit 14 below, followed by 32-degree glare ice Monday night and Tuesday.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 21, 1967

A car driver having a heart attack runs into a loaded school bus; fortunately, no one is injured, as his young daughter turns the car enough to hit a glancing blow.

Flu is a problem on Main Street and in the schools. McQueen Motor Co. moves to the new building at 1450 West Main, Red Bristol moves into the McQueen building, and Lowell Light & Power buys the Bristol shop.

The Post Office reports another record-breaking year, more than 11,000 cancellations ahead of last year, says PM Charles Doyle.

Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Joyce deJong



UPDATE ON ULCER DISEASE

Ulcers are open sores in the lining of the stomach and duodenum (small intestine). Most individuals affected by ulcer disease will complain of stomach pain which begins just below the breastbone. Sometimes the pain is said to feel like a knife going straight through to the back, but more often it is described as a dull, boring, gnawing pain. Often, the pain of ulcer disease is worse a couple of hours after eating; it may

also flare-up in the middle of the night when your stomach is empty.

The diagnosis of ulcer disease is often made by examination and history only. If necessary, however, your doctor may advise an upper GI x-ray, or even an endoscopy, where the doctor looks directly into the stomach via a thin tube illuminated with a fiber optic light.

Fortunately, many medications are currently available for the treatment of ulcers. Oral antacids or prescription drugs will many times be sufficient to cure the ulcer. New evidence has brought to light the possibility of a bacteria also influencing the course of ulcer disease. Accordingly, your doctor may prescribe antibiotics along with conventional anti-ulcer therapy. Surgery for ulcers is fortunately being performed on a less common basis than ever before. Surgery would be advised for non-healing, bleeding, or perforating ulcers.

Most of the old dietary recommendations (ie. milk and bland diet) have been found to be ineffective. Our current recommendation is to simply avoid foods and beverages which seem to aggravate the ulcer. Some habits (smoking, heavy alcohol and caffeine intake) should definitely be modified or eliminated, as these have been shown to worsen ulcer disease.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor, Unfortunately, remarks printed in the Dec. 2 Ledger, pertaining to the cost of providing sewer and water service to the new high school site, have been perceived by some as an attempt to place blame on Qua-Ke-Zik. We don't see it that way. Rather, we see it as a simple statement of fact - running more pipe costs money.

We want to emphasize that, as far as we're concerned, the issue of "Qua-Ke-Zik vs. Lowell Area Schools" has been dead for many months and should be allowed to rest in peace. We look forward to a renewed spirit of cooperation between our organization and the school system. Along those lines, we would like to publicly thank the school board and administration for allowing us to purchase copies of site drawings made by the school's engineering firm while the club property was being considered. These will be of great help to us in the future. If the school system was holding a grudge or blaming Qua-Ke-Zik for anything, they could easily have refused our request.

We sincerely hope that the "Qua-Ke-Zik issue" will no longer be used to "beat up" the board and administration. Let's let them get on with their job, running our schools. Let's judge them based on how well they do that job, not based on one regrettable situation in the past.

Sincerely,
Board of Directors
Qua-Ke-Zik
Sportsman's Club

Dear Editor: We attended the High School Christmas Concert Wednesday night and are wondering if Thad is retiring and there were photographer tryouts for his job.

There were so many photographers there I thought we were attending a Hollywood premier. Thad was as considerate as he could be and still took pictures for the hometown paper and he is to be commended.

However, there were

some photographers there that thought nothing about walking in front of the audience, climbing on chairs, flashing cameras in the eyes of the students and even taking pictures of people in the audience. Is this really necessary?

There was a lot of talent in the gym for this concert and all the students worked hard to prepare for this event. Every one of them deserved consideration and the full attention of the audience!

The three or four people with big cameras and flash attachments caused a great distraction for many and they were actually RUDE...both to the students and the audience. Parents were very careful about taking pictures of their children and they have every right to do this but whoever these people were need to take a class in manners!

It was a wonderful concert and I commend all of the students involved for staying so focused on what they were doing! It's just too bad that some people have to be so IMMATURE. Certainly sets a good example for the kids doesn't it.

Thank you,
Marsha Wilcox,
Trustee
Lowell Board of Education

Mickey Burrows

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7277 Thomaspas River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.		CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LOWELL Meeting at the Lowell Middle School (12675 Foreman) Sunday Morning Worship And Children's Activities.....10:00 A.M. Midweek Bible Studies and Youth Groups "LISTENING AND HELPING" 897-0077	CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL REV. CARL J. REITSMA - 897-9836 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier Free
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Services.....9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Awana - Wednesday.....6:30 P.M. Ladies' Bible Study - Tues.....9:30 A.M. Prayer Meeting, call for location...7:00 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-0017 DAN NAVE, ASSOC. PASTOR, 897-6737	ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. REV. KENNETH R. MCGEE, Pastor 897-5648 or 897-4273 YOU ARE WELCOME!	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Eleanor Martin.....Director of Education Roger MacNaughton.....Director of Music Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided	
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....9:00 A.M. & 10:45 A.M. Church School.....9:30 to 10:30 A.M. REV. WILLIAM AMUNDSEN, MINISTER Nursery available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance	GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluelwater Highway Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Bible.....9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307	EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settleswood Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Worship Service.....11:00 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier Free)	ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 402 N. Amity MSGNR. JAMES MORAN MASSES Saturday Mass.....5:30 P.M. Sunday Masses.....9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

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SECOND 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, 12675 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.

MONDAYS: Overeaters Anonymous New meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Hwy., Lowell. Call 361-5463. Come join us!

THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Golden Swingers meet 6 p.m. at Lowell Senior Center.

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

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.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and up, or completing the 5th grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m., during the school year, in the Scout Cabin, at the end of North Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-8829.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Township Office, 6059 Linfield E., Alto. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell VFW Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING: Coffee break, a community Bible study for ladies at Calvary Church, 1125 W. Main St., Lowell at 9:30 a.m. Free

nursery. Bible story hour for 3 to 6 year olds. A good way to meet your neighbors.

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: If you are looking for an enjoyable way to exercise, come join the Lowell Community Education line dance at The First United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. Bring comfortable shoes. \$1 donation.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club - meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building at 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

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.

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-4810 for information.

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 AND THIRD THURSDAY: The Alto Lions Club meets at Darf's at 7 p.m.

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 EACH MONTH: All Lowell area senior citizens are cordially invited to attend the Lowell Community Education lunch and learn at 12 p.m., at Lowell High School. The cost of lunch for 1992-93 school year is \$2.20. Call Marge at 897-8434 to make your reservation and learn about the program to be presented.

SATURDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #M 1493 meets every Sat. at 9:00 a.m. in the Congregational Church basement in Lowell. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. weigh-ins from 8:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Open Tues. 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-6038.

THROUGH DEC. 24: Christmas trees and wreaths will be sold in the Family Fare parking lot by the Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters Club. Hours: Mon. through Friday, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 8 p.m.

SAT., JAN 2: Community breakfast at Hope Church of the Brethren (on M-50 at Kent and Ionia Co. line) from 7:30 to 10 a.m. \$1 per person. Everyone is welcome.

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at, 18841 Pottery Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. at 1 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

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

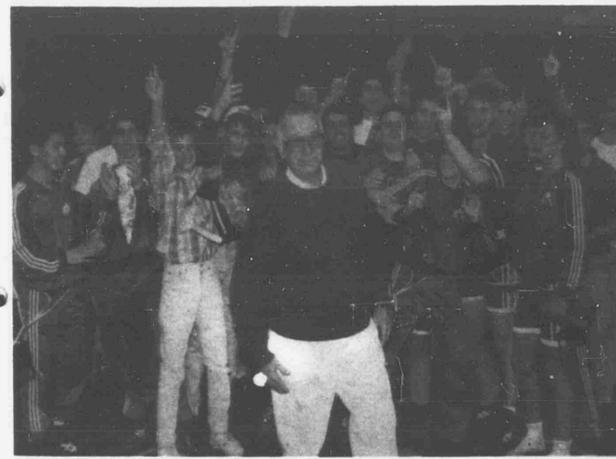
LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: 149 S. Hudson St. Hours: Monday thru Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Closed holidays. Phone 897-8545.

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Gary Rivers, Lowell wrestling coach, celebrates win number 400.



After Runciman/Riverside Elementary students surpassed its 100,000 page goal, Principal Louie Dudeck and others spent an entire afternoon assembly removing their beards.

Year in Review, cont'd.

Lowell's Cara Thaler, Holly Stouffer and Denise Roekkoek were named local winners in the 23rd annual America and Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

Steven and Amy Meeuwenburg had a variance that would allow them to reduce the floor area requirement on their proposed new house at 714 Hillside denied by the Lowell City Council.

The City of Lowell dropped its dispatching service with Kent County and signed a three-year contract with the City of Walker for \$15,000 a year.

FEBRUARY 19, 1992

Lowell Police Officer Jim Valentine took the D.A.R.E. program and its anti-drug message to Lowell students as a D.A.R.E. instructor.

Lowell's wrestling coach, Gary Rivers won his 400th career dual meet against EGR, placing him fifth nationally among high school wrestling coaches.

Lowell wrestlers claim a share of the O-K White League championship by winning the conference tournament.

FEBRUARY 26, 1992

The Lowell Showboat Corporation announced the acts who would be performing on the Lowell Showboat in 1992. They were The Lettermen, The Smothers Brothers, and The Oak Ridge Boys.

Lowell's City Council balked at a preliminary estimate of the cost apportionment for the work required within the City to provide water service to either the Township or to the new high school site.

Lowell YMCA executive director, Doug Ybema stepped down from his post at Lowell to accept the position as executive director of the Wyoming YMCA.

Lowell educators ponder the discontinuance of Lowell High School's Senior Release program due to educational reasons.

Red Arrow wrestlers claimed a district championship with a classic 31-25 win over Lakewood.

Through a 4-1 motion the Lowell City Council instructed the Lowell Cable Board to draft a letter to C-Tech Cable System, Traverse City, stating that the City would look at a bid to purchase the Lowell Cable System.

Discussions were held at the City Council meeting as to whether it is cost prohibitive to re-open King Memorial Pool.

MARCH 4, 1992

Ron Nelson, General Director of the Grand Rapids YMCA announces that Andy Johnson will fill the executive director post at the Lowell

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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

REGINA CAGE,
Plaintiff,
vs.
FLOYD CAGE,
Defendant,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was 905 Oakdale S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 29th day of January, 1993.

FAILURE to comply with the Order shall result in a Judgment by default against you, the Defendant, for relief as set forth in the Complaint filed against you.

David Soet
Circuit Court Judge

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, Grand Rapids, Michigan on Nov. 18, 1992

PRESENT: The Honorable H. DAVID SOET, Circuit Court Judge.
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Bushnell, Mrs. Pupil

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The bus may have stopped, but Dey's memories roll on

George Dey was told his first bus stop would over near on Riverside Drive and from there the kids will tell him where to go.

That was 28 years ago. Dey made his final bus stop Feb. 5.

"I started driving in old bus number 10. The hood was wired shut because the hood latches were broke," Dey recalls. "There were rust spots in the floor. I use to yell out, 'puddle,' before I drove through it, giving the kids time to put their foot over the hole."

Dey has seen the gradual evolution of school busses. "Yeah, now the heaters work," he laughs. "Back then we had good mechanics, but we didn't have the facilities. Today, we have the facilities too, and there are obviously more safety features on the busses."

The Lowell man says he enjoyed hauling the kids around. "It didn't allow for you to get old or feeble minded. Kids keep you right on the ball," Dey says.

While spending the better part of his life in Lowell, Dey was a 1948 graduate from Ottawa Hills. He says he was an average student who didn't get in a lot of trouble. Al-

though that doesn't mean that he didn't spend time in the principal's office. "I use to get sent down for smoking. We had a pretty tough principal. Although, if you didn't give him a bunch of rhetoric, you did okay. He'd ask why I did something and I'd say *no excuse sir*. That seemed to work."

Dey was the oldest of two growing up. He has a younger sister, Mary Ellen Bancroft. As a young kid he spent a lot of time tearing down old cars and putting them together. "I had a Model A. I burned the rubber off my tires squealing them as I went around corners," Dey said.

He then spent six months working at a gas station so that he could replace the burned up tires.

Dey's ability to remember what its like to be a kid helped him get along with the kids on his bus routes. "I never threatened a kid. I just promised them that if they did this, I was going to do this."

It worked, because kids seldom hassled him. In contrast they were usually very considerate "If it was slippery or foggy the kids were very un-

derstanding and kept real quiet," Dey said.

The Lowell man would still be driving a Lowell school bus today had his doctor not told him he had to quit. "Driving a school bus for 28 years has given me a whole lot of memories and many friends," Dey said. "I'd do it all over again."

The end came for Dey on Feb. 5 when he suffered a TIA (minor stroke). It happened while he was driving. His left hand slipped off the wheel and hit the radio, switching the station. At first he couldn't get his left hand to work. "After concentrating a little bit, it began to work again. I had no trouble getting back to the bus garage. I had only four or five stops remaining," Dey says. "Had it affected my vision at all I would have pulled off the road and called for help."

While he may no longer be able to drive a bus, Dey is thankful that he is able to continue an activity that remains very special to him.

For 35 years he has served as Lowell's Santa Claus. "God, I hope I can continue this forever. I get a big charge

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Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch, left, and School Board President Ray Quada, right, presented George Dey with a plaque celebrating his 28 years of service with Lowell Schools.



A Christmas Parade in Lowell without Santa Claus, it hasn't happened for at least 35 years.

Alto youths foster "Center for Somalia" project

Elementary students live in their own little world at school, but on occasion they are able to touch the world beyond their classroom walls. This happened at Alto Elementary when the students contributed in a big way for the people of Somalia.

The project originated during a second-grade graphing unit. Mr. Goff's class wanted to do come graphing that was realistic. They decided to encourage the Alto students to donate "Cents for Somalia."

On a daily basis the money was counted, graphed by grade level, and displayed in the hallway. The student

response was tremendous. The task of counting money became overwhelming and the second-graders enlisted the help of all students and staff to keep up with the project. Well over \$600, mostly pennies, was contributed during an eight day period.

The money will be sent to International Aid, which will purchase food and medical supplies for the people of Somalia. The students at Alto began their Christmas vacation knowing they had truly given a needed gift.

Dey, continued

out of it," Dey said.

As is customary for George, he has accumulated a number of stories through the years.

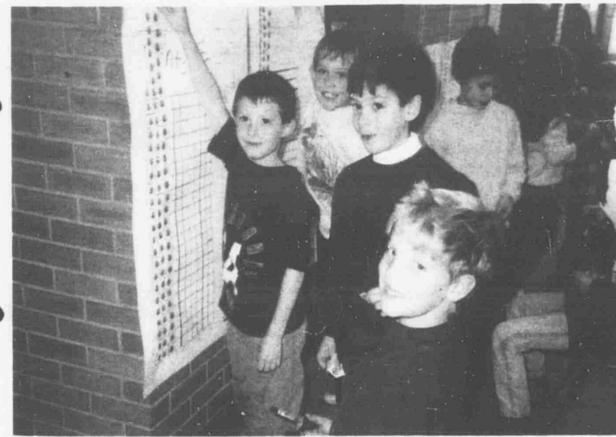
One of his favorites, happened years ago. "There was a Santa Center (now a barber shop) across the street from the Christensen's Drug Store for a few years. Rev. Charles Davis (Congregational Church) brought his twin girls to visit with Santa. One of the little girls sat on my lap while the other stood and walked back and forth in front of us

and proceeded to ask me a number of questions. The girl on my lap said nothing. After a while they switched. Then, the girl that was on my lap, began to ask me questions. The whole time the Reverend is standing on the side just a grinning. They asked me all kinds of questions about Christmas lore. I managed to get through it. I had been set up."

Dey received a plaque in commemoration of his years of service at Lowell Schools at the December Board of Education meeting.

To feel that you have done what should be done raises you in your own eyes.

—Eugene Delacroix



Alto Elementary students are from left to right: Joel King, Joe Estes, Blake Jordan and Landon Trierweiler.



Donating money to help the people of Somalia are left to right: Ashley Gless, Annie Hobbs, Stacey Bills, Tara Giuliano.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 7, 1992. The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Maatman and the Clerk called the Roll. Present: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Fonger, Thompson and Mayor Maatman. Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by FONGER that the minutes of the November 16, 1992 meeting be approved as written.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by FONGER that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants be issued.

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (12/7/92)

GENERAL FUND	\$ 34,321.12
MAJOR STREET FUND	31.70
LOCAL STREET FUND	31.70
SEWER FUND	21,887.16
WATER FUND	22,658.56
EQUIPMENT FUND	25,300.91
AIRPORT FUND	27.01
CURRENT TAX FUND	6,708.01
LEE FUND	2,072.11

Item #1. 1740 SIBLEY - EDWARD ROTH - SIDE YARD VARIANCE FOR GARAGE - PUBLIC HEARING. Councilmember Thompson, as chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, opened the public hearing for Edward Roth who proposed to build a 21.5' X 24' attached garage to

his residence at 1740 Sibley. The garage would be 1.5' from the west side yard lot line because of the narrowness of his lot. In the R-2 district a side yard can not be less than 6 feet. Therefore, a variance was requested. No comments were received from the public.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to approve the side yard variance requested from Edward Roth to construct a 21.5' X 24' attached garage 1.5' from the west side yard lot line at 1740 Sibley where not less than 6 feet is required.

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

Item #2. ICMA RETIREMENT CORPORATION ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT. City Manager Pasquale stated that the City has participated in the ICMA-RC deferred compensation program since 1987. The program provides employees on a voluntary basis the ability to set aside a portion of their income, tax deferred until retirement. This income plus interest earned are utilized as an additional pension. Approximately one-third of the employees currently participate in this program. The presented agreement provided an up to date portrayal of the administrative relationship between the ICMA-RC and the City. In review of the text? The staff found the document thoroughly consistent with present practices.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by GREEN to approve the ICMA Retirement Corporation Administrative Services Agreement as submitted.

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

Item #3. CHADALEE FARMS (1400 FOREMAN) - APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE (P.A. 198) - SET PUBLIC HEARING (12/21). At its December 16, 1991 meeting, the Council re-established an Industrial Development District for Chadalee Farms which included the .56 acre parcel acquired from the City. The total acreage amounts to 9.93 acres.

The district status enables the company to apply for tax abatement on the two expansions (14,955 square feet and 4,160 square feet for processing, warehousing and for offices) and equipment.

In reviewing the application, City Manager Pasquale stated that Chadalee Farms would qualify for twelve years of abatement under the point system adopted by the Council. It was noted that the cost of building improvements plus machinery and equipment would be \$2.5 million (\$1.8 million in equipment and \$700,000 in construction). Sixty (60) current jobs are to be retained with ten (10) new jobs expected to be created over two years.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to set a public hearing date for December 21, 1992 to consider an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate from Chadalee Farms.

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

Item #4. LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS - COLLECTION OF SUMMER TAXES FOR 1993. The Lowell Board of Education has requested that the City collect the district's summer property taxes. As part of a continuing resolution. The City collects the schools property taxes at no fee but is able to keep the interest earned during bank deposit before distributing these monies to the Schools. As explained previously, the interest does cover the minimal amount of extra work to perform this task. Also, the State Board of Education requires the School District to ask the City every year to collect summer taxes.

IT WAS MOVED BY FONGER and seconded by THOMPSON to approve the continuing resolution to collect the Lowell Area Schools summer taxes for 1993.

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

Item #5. REQUEST BY GORDON HILL REGARDING WATER STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND PARKING. Gordon Hill, owner of Hill's Shoe Store, (218 W. Main)

was present to address the need to improve South Water Street and develop a parking lot for merchant employees. He felt that the street has been long neglected and badly in disrepair. Mr. Hill noted that a parking lot is required so that spaces are available for shoppers on Main Street. Councilmember Thompson stated Michigan Wire and King Milling utilize the area for semi-truck traffic. In order to repair the road, it would need to be reinforced as regular roads cannot take that type of weight. Thompson added the shortcoming of Recreation Park is the traffic situation. It is an area that inhibits persons walking from Main to the Park due to the many blind spots created by the semi trucks and trains.

Additionally, Mayor Maatman stated it is not the City's responsibility to provide parking for customers. Business owners on West Main must provide parking on their own by ordinance. Mayor Maatman said that the Water Street issue will need to be addressed. Since there are representatives from King Milling and Michigan Wire on the Downtown Development Authority Board, the Council requested that the DDA provide a recommendation.

Item #6. PURCHASE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT. City Manager Pasquale explained as part of the City's budget, an additional personal computer is needed for the reception area to facilitate utility billing and property tax data. Also, it is anticipated that the City will initiate a Geographic Information System (G.I.S.) for computer mapping. Among the first tasks will be mapping for the cemetery.

From the specifications provided, quotes were received. The following recommendations were:

Computer and Monitor	TLC Computers	\$3600
	Grand Rapids	
Okidata Laser Printer	Paul Jackson of	\$1796
	Grand River	
	Computer Systems	
	Alto	
V-Link	- Versys	\$1620

Councilmember Fonger questioned if computers are items that will reappear every year on the budget. City Treasurer Judy Noonon stated the City will not need much additional equipment. However, in the future, it will

most likely be necessary to purchase a computer at the cemetery for the mapping program. Noonon added the City charges rent each year to the different City departments through the Data Processing Fund so the revenue is continually replenished.

Mayor Maatman questioned who furnished the computer specifications. Pasquale responded the City asked an engineering firm to give sample specifications for a GIS. He questioned if the City is definitely pursuing the GIS system. Maatman added by the time the City would decide to proceed with the GIS system, computer prices could possibly go down. He and Councilmember Thompson stated that they would explore computer prices on their own. Mayor Maatman wished to have additional data on the G.I.S.

It was the consensus of the Council to table the purchase of the computer until further information could be gathered.

Item #7. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Thompson questioned if there has been any sales activity with the Action Auto property. City Manager Pasquale stated that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is undertaking the clean up process. There will be no activity until the process is completed. Councilmember Fonger questioned the status of the house on King Street. He noted that the dwelling which was moved to its present location several years ago appears occupied and has only one means of access. City Manager Pasquale stated the building inspector is scheduling a meeting with the owner of the building and will report on the outcome.

Item #8. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

A. The minutes of the October 19 Light and Power and Cable TV meetings were presented.

B. The Downtown Development Authority will have an organizational meeting on Thursday, December 10 at noon in City Hall.

C. The Council and the Planning Commission will meet on Monday, December 14 at 7 p.m. in City Hall to review the "Plan for Planning" draft document with Mark Eidelson of the Planning and Zoning Center. The Council was given a draft which outlines the city master planning update needs as well as a Request for Proposal format to consultant firms performing

these updating tasks. D. At its November 23 meeting, the Planning Commission organized a sign review committee in response to the City Council request. Those serving will be Mike Blough, Jim Hall, Brian Brown and Kevin Smith.

The Commission decided to table two requests concerning locations of proposed ground signs. These involved Hardee's and First United Methodist Church. Since both were proposed to be located in the required front yard (first 25' from the right of way), Commission action was needed. The Commission wished to review the sign ordinance before making a decision on these petitions.

The Planning Commission approved a site plan for the construction of a 60' X 40' pole building to be constructed on Ottawa St. for Dey Machine and Tool.

Also, a public hearing is scheduled for the Highland Hills Condominium project on Monday, January 25. After this review and recommendation, the project will be forwarded to the Council for consideration.

E. Provided was a letter from Governor John Engler mentioning that the City will receive an estimated additional \$16,407.04 for roadway improvements this fiscal year.

F. A presentation on the East Riverfront Plan is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 1993 at 7 p.m. in the City Hall.

G. With the recommendation of the Airport Board, the installation of orange balls is being pursued on electric lines owned by Wolverine Power. These lines are near the approach to runway 33. The orange balls will add a measure of safety. A split in the cost of \$1200 is sought between the Airport Fund, Light and Power and Wolverine.

Item #9. Appointments. Jim Phillips has resigned from the Planning Commission and thus this vacancy must be filled.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: 12/21/92

James D. Maatman, Mayor
David M. Pasquale, City Clerk



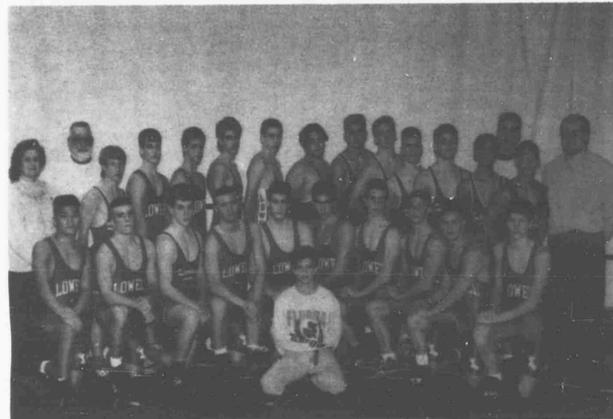
Varsity Volleyball

Members of the Lowell High School Varsity Volleyball team are, from left to right, first row: Ashely Olin, Jodi Bishop; second row: Manager Craig Lett, Carolyn Kline, Sarah Hall, Kerry Nugent, Alison Kissinger, Manager Josh Ennis; third row: Autumn DeVries, Kortney Gowen, Stacy Tousignant, Jeannine Priess, Erin Nausieda, Tera Hammond, Kathryn Krul, Coach Laurie Kuna.



Gymnastics

Members of the Lowell High School Gymnastics team are, from left to right, first row: Anna Lietzke, Trisha Schmidt, Amy Pullen, Rachel Brown, Jamie Denton, Lesley Murphy; second row: Coach Annette Pearson, Danielle Johnson, Jodi Elenbass, Laura Witherell, Sara Kropf, Liz Arnold, Brenda Bittrick, Betsy Elzinga, Coach Kim Pullen.



Wrestling

Members of the Lowell High School Wrestling team are, from left to right, first row: Manager Matt Osmolinski; second row: Chris Kamphuis, Jason DesJarden, Brent Teft, Chris Miedema, Sean Smith, Rich Stouffer, Cory Kirkbride, Jim Inman, Justin Anes, Mike Rottier; third row: Parent representative Bonnie Stouffer, Coach Gary Rivers, Dan Spicer, Doug Weeks, Chad Campbell, Ron Osmolinski, James Anible, Jeff Hovinga, Dan Hackstedt, Noah Newhouse, Joel Uzarski, Matt Inman, Alejandro Brubaker, Assistant Coach Kyle Gildea, Scott Swanson, Assistant Coach Joe DePew.



Varsity Basketball

Members of the Lowell High School Varsity Basketball team are, from left to right, first row: Manager Stephanie Brown, Matt Craig, Dave Jones, Joe Minier, James Manion, George Ponchaud, Greg Jannenga, Manager David Brand; second row: Manager Deb Wieland, Leigh Summers, Chad Dunn, Chuck Mesler, Nate Janes, Ryan Boersma, Torrey Gemell, Coach Phil Beachler.



J.V. Cheerleaders

The Lowell High School Junior Varsity Cheerleaders are, from left to right, first row: Hayley Dawson, Jamie Tichelaar; second row: Kyla Cochran, Stefanie Matczyn, Annemarie Biernacki, Shelley McCaul; third row: Nicole Rasch, Julie Cerajewski, Katie Haywood, Melissa Beute.



Varsity Cheerleaders

The Lowell High School Varsity Cheerleaders are, from left to right, first row: Traci Meeuwssen, Angie Zamarron, Molly Byrne, Sara Lesky, Karla Carpenter; second row: Erin Bryant, Kathy Craig; third row: Lisa Allchin, Andie Richmond, Holly Bauman.



Junior Varsity Basketball

Members of the Lowell High School Junior Varsity Basketball team are, from left to right, first row: Jamie Compton, Jason Evans, Tim Stencel, Dustin VanStee, Collin Korb, Manager Craig Lett; second row: Coach Tim Antel, Scott LaHaie, Jason Koster, Ron Acheson, Brandon Eisentrager, Kevin Nugent, Manager Sara Wieland.



Junior Varsity Volleyball

Members of the Lowell High School Junior Varsity Volleyball team are, from left to right, first row: Becky Cattanaach, Krista Posthumus; second row: Anna Luyk, Karen Stoffel, Dawn Burrows, Courtney Arnett, Carrie Glenn; third row: Laurie VanOtteren, Dena Beers, Cindy Kosnik, Elena Richmond, Cori Boersma, Leesha Metternick, Coach Heather Kohtz.



Freshman Basketball

Members of the Lowell High School Freshman Basketball team are, from left to right, first row: Ryan Odell, Nate Jannega, Aron Kennedy, Scott Smith, Brandon Barber, Jeremy Oppewal; second row: Coach Brent Noskey, Brandon Hamilton, Joe Seitz, Chris Wilcox, Eric Henrickson, Steve Bosserd, Billy Kennedy.



Freshmen Volleyball

Members of the Lowell High School Freshman Volleyball team are, from left to right, first row: Brooke Krebill, Lisa Anes; second row: Jenny Jansma, Cara Thaler, Shannon Vos, Tammy Stauffer, Stephanie Newell; third row: Manager Jennifer Wilkins, Michelle Schmidt, Beth Wilcox, Holly Stouffer, Tracy Loughlin, Katie Rooker, Jeni Hale, Karen Dykstra, Coach Jack Morse.

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Year in Review, continued...

YMCA. Johnson was to replace outgoing director Doug Ybema, who left to take the executive director position at the Wyoming YMCA.

Jurors pick and choose 30 different artists to participate in the sixth annual Low-

ell Area Arts Council's West Michigan Regional competition.

Betsy Thaler, Anna Lietzke and Rachael McGrew were selected as delegates to Girls State.

Lowell's wrestling team

battled back from a 24-4 deficit in the regional finals to defeat Delton 34-33 and advance to the semi-finals.

Lowell's City Council voted not to forego the lowest bid policy in order to support local business. The difference

in the price between a Grand Rapids car dealer and the Lowell car dealer was \$423.42.

Renovation work at the elementary and middle school projects to bring them within budget.

After 17 years of work within the school district, Clare McCaul announced his retirement as Lowell School maintenance supervisor.

Dawn Berry, Marc Denman, Dave Johnson, George Ponchaud, and Paul Allison were named LHS students of the month.

Lowell's City Council okayed a resolution of serious interest by a vote of 4-0 to adopt an agreement for a new

district library.

Lowell's wrestling team lost to Sparta in the semi-finals 40-20.

Lowell's YMCA enthusiastic campaigners went face-to-face with the community to raise money for its Invest in Youth campaign. Its campaign was successful to the tune of \$24,576.

After assessing the costs of road improvements on James Street, the bad eco-

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MARCH 11, 1992

MARCH 18, 1992

MARCH 25, 1992

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Year in Review, cont'd.

nomie times, and the money that will be needed to run the new high school roughly 16 James Street residents made it clear they were not willing to take on the extra financial burden of storm sewers, sanitary sewer and curb and gutter.

Ethel Footman Smothers shared a few excerpts from her book "Down in the Piney Woods" with St. Mary's students.

Annie Wittenbach and Lu Green, after combined 64-1/2 years of service, announced their retirement from FMB State Savings Bank. Wittenbach put in 31 years at FMB and Green had provided 33-1/2 years of service at FMB.

Lowell's Rich Depew placed seventh at the individual state wrestling meet in Battle Creek. Depew wrestled at 171 pounds.

MARCH 25, 1992

Lowell Showboat Queen Pageant chairman, Sheila Dubbink, announced that 14 area girls would be participating in the 1992 pageant.

Harry and Carol Bardwell, owners of Roll Away, Ltd. received approval for a new 12 month Resort C license with a dance permit and SDM (packaged beer and wine).

The Lowell community received approximately 10 inches of snow on its first Sunday of spring. The snow fall left many shoveling and scraping.

Terry LaGrow opened "Fish 'N' Stuff" at 117 W. Main, offering a variety of fish.

APRIL 1, 1992

Heather Elizabeth Haynes was crowned the 1992 Lowell Showboat

Queen. She was one of 14 area girls vying for the honor.

Lowell's City Council approved Lowell Area Historical Association's use of the upstairs of the historical Graham Building for the storage of artificial facts and documents.

In conjunction with the Michigan 4-H Youth Programs, the staff, students and PTO of Runciman/Riverside School participated in the showing of the children's Art Exchange from the province of Sichuan, Peoples Republic of China.

Lowell High School's Science Olympiad team placed ninth out of 300 teams at the regional tournament at Grand Valley State University.

The Detroit Lion basketball tour came to Lowell High School. Michael Cofer led a team of a half dozen players from the Lions against Lowell faculty. The Lions won the game 74-48. The event

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Aero Liquid was the victim of a March fire.

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Dave and Pam Jones are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Marina Noel Jones. She was born December 16, 1992 weighing 9 lbs. 12 oz.

Welcoming her home is her brother, Ryder Hamilton. Grandparents are Mrs. William Jones and Mr. and Mrs. James Halloway.



The Chinese are said to have invented paper in 105 A.D.

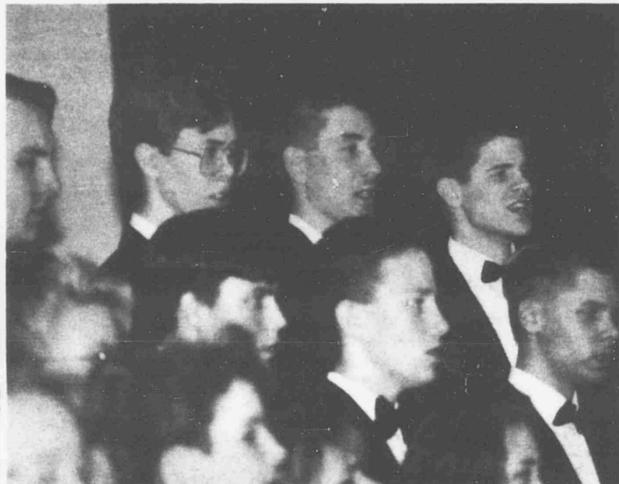
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School to accept bids on removal of "white house" on Vergennes Road

Lowell's School Board gave Superintendent Fritz Esch permission to accept bids for the sale and removal of the white house that sits on the Vergennes Road site of the new high school.

During a presentation to the Board's Building and Site

Committee on the proposed use of the house, and subsequent review by the board, the consensus was the house should be razed or removed from the property.

The house sits on a basement foundation and is connected to a septic system and

drain field. Although some small cement work remains in a couple of locations, all other foundations of out buildings have been removed.

Lowell contractor, Ivan Blough, checked the house. His findings noted that it would be difficult to move the

house because of the height of the house as compared to most lines across Vergennes Road.

Blough suggested that a fair price for the house would be its removal on the condition that the party would agree to totally clean out the basement, fill it with fill dirt and two inches of top soil, remove septic tank and drain field and any underground electrical lines, remove all other remaining stone/cement structures, complete grading to architectural specifications and reseed all disturbed areas.

Blough said the school would be lucky to get any additional dollars.

Esch said the school has set a temporary deadline date of June 30 for the house to be removed.

Year in Review, cont'd...

raised roughly \$6,800.

A spark, created by static electricity within a hose, ignited a fire in a bay at Aero Liquid Transit. Before the explosion/fire could be extinguished, there was roughly \$160,000 damage to the Lowell business.

students placed ninth in the Middle School Science Olympiad program. There were 47 middle schools that participated.

It was announced that Lowell Middle School would test run the new Homework Hotline system for one marking period.

David Thaler III, of Lowell, participated on a three-member computer programming team for Michigan State University. The team finished second to a team from Melbourne, Australia in the worldwide competition.

APRIL 8, 1992

Lowell's City Council stated if there is to be night light at Recreation Park it will have to come under a \$23,000 cap. It was estimated that the total cost of the project would be \$30,000. After checking costs however, Lowell City manager Dave Pasquale said the cost would be less than that.

The Lowell Area Fire Department raised \$1,200 at its annual pancake breakfast. The fire department served 430 people.

Lowell Middle School

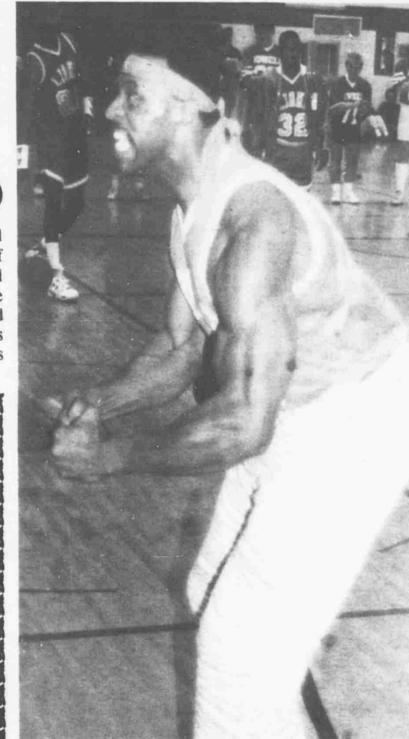
travels, but the reimbursement won't come until the following year.

Lowell Scouts collected over \$1,600 worth of food for the food pantry housed in the First United Methodist Church.

Craig York was named as Review, cont'd., pg. 17

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Lowell's School Board called the newest School of Choice mandate a logistical and financial burden for the district. School officials said the mandate states schools would be reimbursed for its



Members of the Detroit Lions paid a basketball visit to Lowell.

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Cold weather tips to warm ice anglers

Now is the time for all good Michigan "snowbirds" to shun the golf courses and sandy beaches of the south and try ice fishing, instead.

Crazy? Hey, don't judge it, 'til you try it, advises AAA Michigan. Thousands do every year and swear it's the only way to enjoy the exhilaration of winter in the Michigan mitten.

But whether enjoying the free-spirited camaraderie of other anglers or solving the world's problems in fishing solitude, there are precautions to be observed—from ice conditions to how to dress—before joining some 300,000 ice fishing enthusiasts on the Great Lakes and 11,000 inland lakes in the state, starting with a fishing license if you're 17 or older.

"In general, starting with ice thickness: Four solid inches are needed for general foot traffic; six inches or more for controlled snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle use," said a Michigan Community Safety Services Manager Jerry Basch.

Other things to remember: Never drive a car or truck onto frozen lakes to your fishing spot because harmonic vibrations set up by heavy, moving vehicles may crack the thickest ice.

Not all waters freeze evenly. Ice may be solid and safe in one location while a few feet away springs, currents or air bubbles may mean a dangerously thin covering. Eroding currents make river ice especially dangerous and unpredictable. Stay off frozen streams.

Clear ice has been quickly frozen and, generally, is harder and will support more weight than milk ice filled with snow or air bubbles. Darkly discolored ice indicates thin spots and should be avoided.

Expansion and freezing ice on certain large lakes and pro-

Elementary students learn to share

The students in Mrs. Pierce's kindergarten class stared open-mouthed at the tall marine sergeant in dress blues who came to collect the Toys For Tots. The stares quickly turned to smiles and giggles as Sgt. Parker talked with them about what they would like for Christmas.

During the past week, students and staff at Runciman/Riverside collected a large barrel of toys for distribution to needy children in Kent County.

Also during the past week, the students collected 17 large boxes of canned and dry foods which were delivered to the Lowell First United Methodist Church for distribution to needy local families through Access 6.

ected Great Lakes bays occasionally forces the sheets upward into ridges, leaving open water between the fractured shards.

Beware of potential danger on ice next to piers, wharves, seawalls, pilings and floating debris, such as abandoned fishing shanties, because it usually is thinner than on the rest of the lake.

One of the most comfortable ways to enjoy ice fishing is in a heated shanty, but, again, precautions are necessary:

- Make sure your heater is properly vented to avoid deadly carbon monoxide gas.
- Bottled gas (propane, butane and natural gas) heaters may require the crack of a window or door for ventilation, but charcoal and wood burners need a chimney of appropriate design.

Proper dress and eating habits are important, too, on your ice fishing venture, AAA Michigan advises.

Dressing in layers is the ticket, where outer garments can be peeled off if you get too warm. Because most heat loss occurs through the head, wearing a hat is vital, along with covering extremities such as feet, hands and ears,

which receive less blood circulation.

Dehydration in dry, winter air is as much a problem as it is in summer. Avoid alcoholic beverages because alcohol restricts blood vessels, hampering blood flow to extremities. Frequent snacks of high energy foods, such as dried fruit, granola, trail mix, nuts or carbohydrates are desirable.

Well-prepared anglers, also, carry at least 50 feet of synthetic rope to help others who may fall through thin ice, a spud or heavy ice chisel to probe ice thickness and two spikes or large nails to help yourself should you plunge into the water.

In this worst case scenario, orient your body in a horizontal position, as if swimming. Place your hands palms down on the ice surface and attempt to do a "push up", while using a swimming kick to thrust you out of the hole onto safe ice, and then roll to safety. Stand only after reaching safe ice and go immediately to shore to change clothes and warm up. The spikes or large nails, pushed into the surrounding ice, also can help pull you to safety.

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- Walleye Ice Fishing Contest**, Little and Big Bay De Noc, Escanaba, (906) 786-2192 - Jan. 15.
- Tip-Up Town U.S.A.**, Houghton Lake, (prizes), (517) 366-5644 - Jan. 16-17, 23-24.
- Shiver on the River**, Saginaw, (winter walleye contest), (517) 776-9704 - Jan. 16-Feb. 6.
- Tip-Up Festival**, Baw Beese Lake, Hillsdale, (cash prizes, steak fry, dance), (517) 439-4341 - Jan. 22-24.
- 7th Annual Ice Fishing Derby**, Indian Lake, Manistiquie, (prizes), (906) 341-8433 - Jan. 23-24.
- Perch Festival**, White Lake, Whitehall, (chili cook-off, dinner, dance, prizes), (616) 893-4585 - Jan. 16-17.
- Winter Festival**, Lake City, (car races on ice), (616) 839-4969 - Jan. 29-31.
- Winterfest**, Yankee Spring State Park, Gun Lake, (616) 792-4406 - Jan. 30.
- Winter Carnival**, Cavanaugh Lake, Chelsea, (prizes, chili cook-off, concert, games), (313) 475-1824 - Feb. 5-7.
- Perchville U.S.A.**, Tawas Bay, Tawas City, (lawn mower/tractor races, softball tournament, demolition derby, ice sculptures, prizes), (800) 55-TAWAS - Feb. 5-7.
- Winterfest**, Gaylord, (prizes, snowmobile safari and race, snow sculpture contests), (517) 732-5668 - Feb. 5-14.
- Ice Fishing Derby**, Little Bay De Noc, Escanaba, (prizes, refreshments, kids' derby), (906) 786-8105 - Feb. 6.
- Tip-Up Town**, Sawyer Lake, Channing, (cash prizes), (906) 542-9661 - Feb. 6-7.
- Tip-Up Festival**, Reading, (prizes), (517) 283-2332 - Feb. 6-7.
- Gladwin County Ice Carnival**, near Beaverton, (snowmobile and motorcycle racing, 4-wheel drive drag racing, A.T.V. racing, skating events, cash prizes, trophies), (517) 435-9656 - Feb. 12-14.
- Floodwater Festival**, Hillman, (snowmobile races, games, dinner, auction, dance), (800) 582-1906 - Feb. 13.
- Big Bay Fishing Derby**, Lake Independence, Big Bay, (cash prizes), (800) 544-4321 - Feb. 13-14.
- Tip-Up Festival**, Tip-Up Island, Quincy, (517) 278-5985 - Feb. 13-14.
- Festival on Ice**, Lake Superior, Baraga, (snowmobile radar runs, trophies, cash prizes), (906) 524-7444 - Feb. 13-14.
- Snow Fest, DeTour**, (snowfari, snow sculptures, food, auction prizes), (906) 297-5987 - Feb. 19-20.
- Ice Fishing Derby**, Lake Gogebic, (prizes), (906) 842-3321 - Feb. 27.
- Ice Fishing Derby**, Lake Antoine, Iron Mountain, (cash prizes), (906) 774-2772 - Feb. 27.
- Fishing Jamboree**, Lake Gogebic, Bergland, (906) 842-3535 - March 12.

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Application for industrial facilities exemption granted to Chadalee

Wendell Christoff, President of Chadalee Farms, was granted a holiday wish four days prior to Christmas.

Lowell's City Council approved Christoff's application for an industrial facilities exemption certificate. It will now be forwarded to the State Tax Commission for final review.

In reviewing the application, Chadalee Farms would qualify for 12 years of abatement under the point system adopted previously by the Council.

The cost of building improvements plus machinery and equipment will be \$2.5 million (\$1.8 million in equipment and \$700,000 in construction).

The project will help retain 60 current jobs and 10 new jobs will be created. "Five of those new jobs have already been filled," Christoff said.

Back in December of 1991, the Council re-established an industrial development district for Chadalee Farms which included the .56 acre parcel acquired from the City of Lowell.

Christoff's first tax abatement request roughly a year ago, was denied. "I was denied on the same grounds that Metric Manufacturing was approved," he said. "The decision was all arbitrary."

Which was the reason the Council went on to set a standard for such decisions to be based on.

Councilman Jack Fonger said 12 years is too long with the way the current tax situation is. "This request should be made applicable to the situation. Chadalee Farms is not an exception," he explained.

Fonger was out-voted 4-1. Mayor James Maatman said the Council set up a point system used to determine how many years of a tax abatement a company is eligible for. "This was based on dollars brought in and jobs created. If a company qualifies

for 12 years using the system we set up, I don't think the Council can then deny the company that," Maatman said.

He added that he felt the City needs to encourage industrial growth because its limited in what it can offer.

Fonger responded, "The City has cooperated. It sold Chadalee Farms some choice land."

Year in Review, cont'd...

the new Showboat music director.

As an extension of its continued support of the Lowell Area Arts Council, FMB State Savings Bank has joined in partnership with LAAC in a program to display the works of local talent at FMB.

Michael Ketchum rolled his second career 300 game at Lowell Lanes on Wednesday, April 1.

Research showed that the Lowell School System should receive between 3.2 and 3.5 percent of the live birth rate. Reality showed that over the last five years the Lowell School System received an average of 3.695.

It was noted that beginning in the fall of 1992, Lowell High School will become one of seven sites where Grand Rapids Community College will offer off-campus courses.

The City of Lowell adopted a motion to close the King Memorial Pool, but to pay transportation costs for Lowell kids' Ionia swimming lessons.

The Lowell community lost a unique character, friend and its dean of businessmen on April 15, when Hahn Hardware owner, Gurney Hahn died at the age of 65.

Lowell's City Council approved a resolution of interest for a district library agreement.

Police officer Mike Martin quit his post at the Lowell Police department in order that he could accept the position of Chief of Police at Leslie.

Senator Dick Posthumus denied vehemently that he was one of three legislators who took more than \$29,800 in political donations from lobbyists' clients.

The third annual Golden Rule Award honoring the exceptional volunteerism in the Kent County community honored Lowell's "Together Lowell Cares."

Lowell's girls track team claimed its second consecutive O-K White Conference Crown in track.

Ryan White, Jason Graber, Jason Sayen and John Roudabush were selected as members of the East/West Soccer Ambassadors.

Lowell's girls' golf team won their second consecutive O-K White League crown. Nan Nueberry shared the Wright Brothers flight history with students in an effort to

encourage kids to read more.

Lowell Rotary underwrites school's workplace skills literacy program. The cost of the program was \$1,050.

Danielle Fellows-Scott was named the winner of the \$1,250 Silver Medal Discover Card Tribute award.

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The Lowell Showboat announced the 15 amateur acts that would perform on the Lowell Showboat on June 18, 19 and 20.

The Lowell City Council did not give its approval on a Lowell Township proposed water project, despite the recommendation of the city manager and city engineer. The Council was troubled by the city resident increase in the ready-to-serve rate. The proposed Township system would have inflated the resident rate from \$9.50 a month to \$13.50.

Runciman Elementary teacher Fran Hoag announces she will retire from teaching after 30 years on the job.

Lowell's Shawn Smith

stopped the clock in a seasonal best time of 10.76 in the 100-meter run. The time earned him a spot in the state meet.

Heather Gowen qualified for the state meet in the 200-meter run and in the long jump.

MAY 27, 1992

Roger A. Long, who was diagnosed 21 years ago with Multiple Sclerosis, found therapeutic aid on a pontoon boat that Murray Lake Marina owner, Richard Cromwell had specially made by the American Boat Company in Alma.

Lowell's David Hildenbrand was the winner of an FFA Scholarship worth \$10,000. The scholarship is

sponsored by TSC Farm, Home, and Auto Stores, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

JUNE 3, 1992

The commencement exercise for the Lowell High School Class of 1992 was held at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheatre. Diplomas were handed out to 170 graduates, seniors. Of which, 60 graduated with a 3.0 or better GPA.

The Lowell Township Board turned down a counter water proposal agreement put forth by the City of Lowell.

Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson said the Township could not do business when the proposal gives the City the right to negotiate

where and when it sells water beyond its 350 homes.

Approximately 1,500 area residents took in the Civil War Muster at the historic Fallsburg Village.

Dan Bartlett, a Lowell High School sophomore, was remembered at the 114th Annual Lowell High School Commencement Sunday, following the 16-year old's unexpected death. Bartlett died in his sleep of an apparent heart attack.

A group of roughly "225 VIPs" attended the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Lowell High School last Wednesday on Vergennes Road between Alden Nash and Cumberland Drive.

Lowell's girls' golf team

placed third at the Class B-C-D State Golf Tournament in East Lansing at Forest Akers. Tracy Burrows was the Red Arrow medalist with a round of 87.

LHS' Bob Rodenhouse announced that he would be stepping down as the school's softball coach after 14 years as head coach.

Bif Tickfer and Keith Houghtaling opened the doors to Lowell's newest restaurant, The Backwater Cafe.

JUNE 10, 1992

The Planning Commission established a public hearing for the June 22 City Council meeting for the purpose of rezoning two lots that set east of Greenidge Realty Inc. for

the construction of a Burger King Restaurant.

A high number of young voters took time to vote on the election of three board seats.

Winning terms on the school board were Marcia Wilcox, Steve Idema and Norm Byrme.

The donation of a 1.7 acre parcel of land to Lowell by the Attwood Corporation expanded the municipal cemetery by 1,200 spaces, and eliminated the need for the City to develop a second cemetery.

Kristina VanderMark was awarded the Presidential Scholarship to Hope College for academic achievement.

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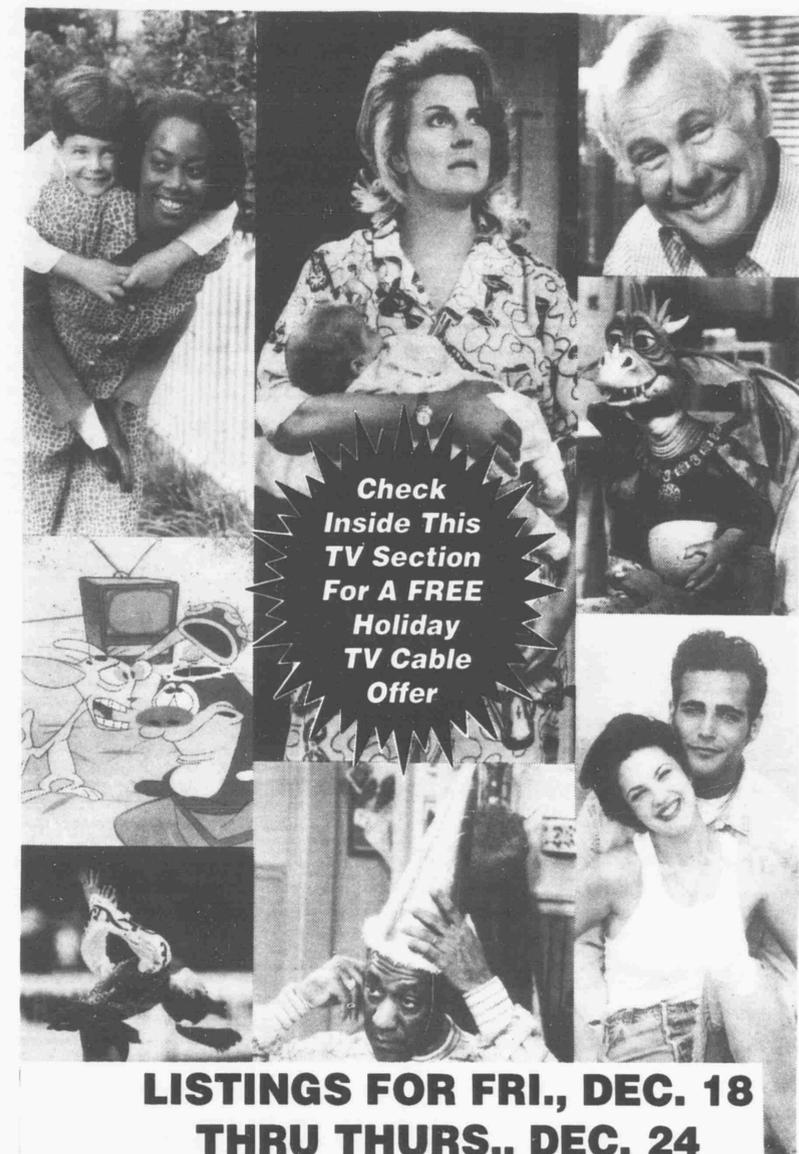
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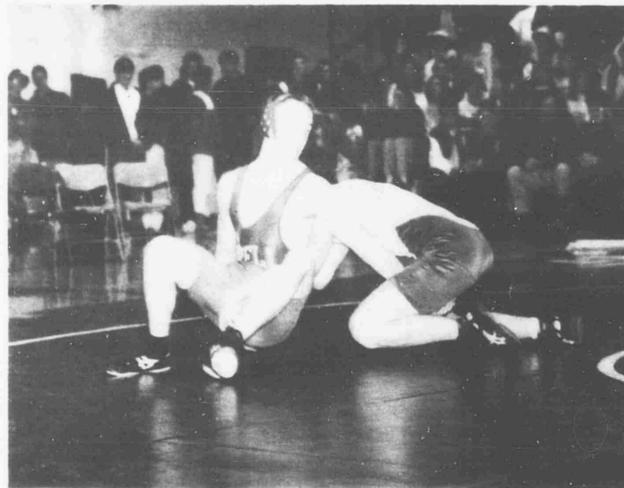
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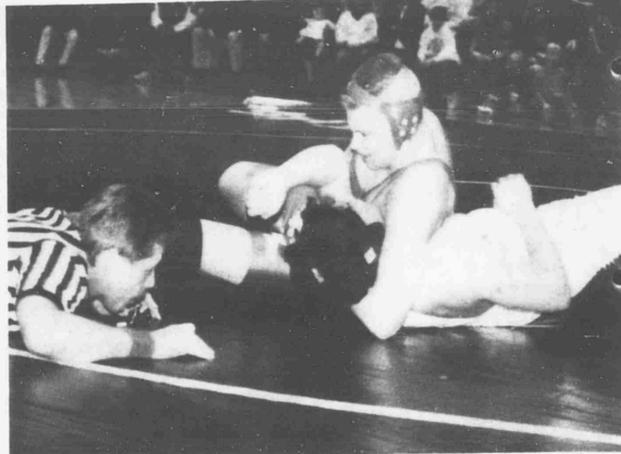
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Cory Kirkbride pinned Dave Hill of FHC in 5:11 of the third period.



Chris Miedema sets up his Ranger opponent for the pin.

Lowell grapplers rally to win Hemlock Tourney; disarm Rangers

They keep coming at you. That could be said of Lowell wrestlers Rich Stouffer and Brent Teft. Actually, at this early stage in the season, that can be said of the entire Lowell wrestling team.

The Red Arrows trailed by one point early to the Rangers of Forest Hills Central, but rallied to take the last seven matches in breezing past FHC 54-13.

Rich Stouffer, 171, went tooth and nail with the Rangers' Pete Bucklin for three rounds, before tallying an impressive 5-4 win over the tal-

ented Ranger senior. "The key with Rich is that he keeps coming at you," Lowell coach Gary Rivers said.

Brent Teft showed his mettle at 160 pounds, battling with Jordan Arens, before tagging a pin on the Ranger at 1:51 in the first period.

"Teft has been a surprise. He's wrestling better than I anticipated," Rivers acknowledged.

A Jake Langbehn pin of Scott Swanson at 1:21 of the first period gave Central an early 6-0 lead.

However, freshman Dan

Spicer and sophomore Mike Rottier answered the challenge with a pin and a technical fall, respectively.

Spicer, 112, wrapped up Han Lin in 1:17 of the first period. Rottier technical felled Mike Castillo 17-1 at 1:19 pounds.

"Spicer and Rottier got us going with back-to-back wins at 112 and 119 pounds," Rivers explained.

Leading 17-13, after Jim Inman's pin of Brian Campbell at 1:57 of the first round, Lowell went on to win the next six matches.

Jason DesJarden followed with a 12-4 major decision at 145 pounds over Matt Jones.

Cory Kirkbride, 152, pinned a tough customer in Dave Hill at 5:11 of the third period.

Chris Miedema and Chris Nauta finished out the match with pins. Miedema, 189, pinned Garrett Schout at 1:59 of the first period. Nauta, heavyweight, avoided a near pin in the first period and then battled back to spring a pin on Gregg Jacobs at 3:19 of the second period.

Hemlock Invitational

Despite a less than auspicious start, Lowell wrestlers kept focused, and battled back from a huge deficit after, two rounds, to win the Hemlock Invitational.

The Red Arrows only placed one wrestler in the finals, but had 10 wrestlers vying for a third place position. Eight of those wrestlers won their match. Rich Stouffer won his championship match and Lowell, at one point in sixth place and as far back as

57 points, rallied to win the championship with 160 points.

"We had a bunch of boys who got beat early, but battled back to finish third," Rivers said. "We wrestled at the end like we should have wrestled in the beginning."

Lowell entered the tournament with no number one seeds and just one number two seed.

"It's been a tremendous week for us with the win against Central and now with a victory in the Hemlock tournament," Rivers said.

Following Lowell was Alma at 127; Tawas 123; Ogema 116.5; Coruna 107.5; Reed City 91; Hemlock 74; St. Charles 56; Mt. Morris 54.5; St. Louis 53; Sanford-Meridean 48; and Grayling 36.

Stouffer was the only undefeated Red Arrow at 3. He defeated Dan Seeley, a Class B state medalist last year, in the championship round.

Scott Swanson, Dan Spicer (3-1), Mike Rottier (3-1), Chris Kamphuis (3-1), Jim Inman (3-1), Jason DesJarden (4-1), Chris Miedema (4-1), and Chris Nauta (3-1), all placed third.

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Northview sinks Lowell in remaining seconds of O.T., 65-64

It was the type of loss that will rip away at the heart of the Lowell basketball team.

It was the type of win that will have Mike Diebold and his Wildcats believing there really is a Santa Claus.

Northview's 65-64 overtime win against Lowell here Friday night was an early season gift. Diebold was happy to take home with him.

"We were lucky to win a game we probably should not have won," Diebold said. "We were lucky to find a way to win it."

Trevor Chalmers secured the victory when he hit a short seven-foot jumper in lane with two seconds to play and Northview trailing 64-63.

Lowell got one last shot at victory from senior Chad

Dunn. His 25 foot jump shot hit the back of the rim and bounded off.

"All of Dunn's shots look as if they're going in," a dejected Phil Beachler said.

The loss dropped Lowell to 0-2 in the O-K White. The defeats coming at the hands of the two pre-season league favorites, Forest Hills Central and Northview, by a combined 12 points. Lowell lost to the

Rangers 84-73 Tuesday night.

Although its league record may not indicate it, both Beachler and Diebold know Lowell will compete with anybody in the O-K White in 1992-93.

"This may be the most advanced, competitive season the O-K White has seen in quite some time," Diebold said. "EGR is much improved. Rogers is a good club, Wyo-

ming Park may be the best team by year's end and Lowell has got a couple of studs in Summers and Dunn."

Which points to a problem Beachler's squad may have overcome Friday night in its loss to Northview. In the first three games, it has basically been the Summers and Dunn show. Against Northview, Beachler got what he's been looking for, a solid contribution from the entire unit.

"We had the shot opportunities, but couldn't put them in," Beachler said. "Our boys were ready to play. We should have won the game."

Lowell led 54-49 to start

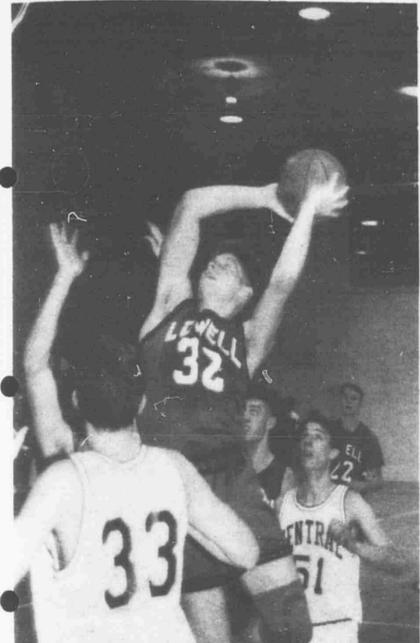
the fourth quarter. Following a Leigh Summers' steal and bucket Lowell led 60-55 with 4:21 to play in the contest.

That would be Lowell's last bucket of regulation. Northview tallied buckets by Chalmers and Jerod Sanders and a foul shot by Ed Barnes to tie the score at 60-60, and sending the game into overtime.

Chalmers led all scorers with 25 points.

Summers led Lowell with 23 points and Dunn contributed with 17. Nate Janes and David Jones each added eight while James Manion came in

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Lowell's Leigh Summers tallied 25 against Forest Hills Central.



Chad Dunn scored 17 points against Northview.

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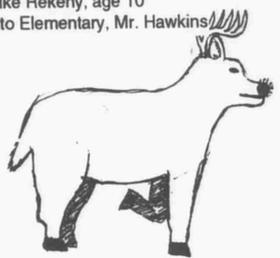
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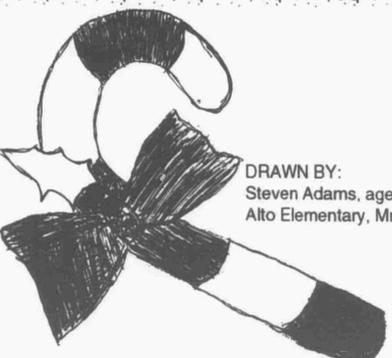
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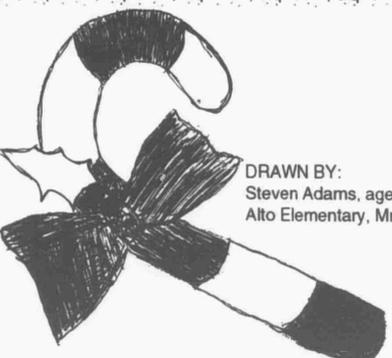


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off the bench and tallied seven points. Manion did a real nice job for us off the bench," Beacher said. Lowell's coach was also happy with his club's defensive effort. "We did a good job

of stopping Northview's penetration in the second half. Lowell trailed 19-14 at the end of one quarter of play. The Red Arrows tallied 20 second quarter points in posting a 34-31 halftime lead. Dunn needed a three-pointer with two seconds to play in the first half. He was aided by a terrific screen set by Manion. Despite the win, Diebold knows his club needs some work. "We had chances and didn't execute. We're not playing well offensively. Everybody is taking the ball and going one on five. Right now, we have no chemistry," he said.

Forest Hills Central 84
Lowell 73

In a first half offensive display that would have put a smile on Jerry Tarkanian's face, Lowell and Central tallied 90 points.

The second half gave way to the depth of Central, as the Rangers held off a hearty effort from Lowell.

The old service slogan "in need of a few good men," well that could well have been applied to Lowell. The Red Arrows, who go six to seven

men deep, just couldn't keep pace with a strong nine-man FHC rotation.

"They pushed the ball up so fast in the first half, we tried to slow it down in the second half and run our offense if the break wasn't there," Beacher said. Lowell led 19-14 at the end

of one quarter. Central outscored Lowell 34-22 in the second quarter to take a 48-41 halftime lead. It increased that lead to 67-57 at the end of three quarters.

"I like how we're playing offensively, but we're giving up too many easy buckets off transition," FHC coach Mark

Stevens said.

Central was led in scoring by Brad Myers with 17 points. Andy Parish added 16 and Brian Ferrick tallied 15.

Lowell was led by Chad Dunn's game-high 36 points. Leigh Summers followed with 25 and David Jones added 10.

Year in Review, continued

ditional staff necessary to meet the growing demand, the Kent County Library System proposed that local branches cut their hours by 1 percent. The proposal was scheduled to go before the Council on July 6.

West Street residents

asked that Burger King not run an access drive out to West Street in an effort to relieve traffic from emptying out onto M-21.

JULY 8, 1992

Vergennes Township Supervisor Jim Cook's attempt to stop overhead lighting was denied. Cook had requested a hearing for a restraining order. Cook claimed overhead poles would cause irreparable damage to Vergennes Town-

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Tommy and Dick Smothers warmed up to a Friday night crowd of roughly 2,300.

Year in Review, continued

ship and was in conflict with what Lowell Light and Power had told him.

Lowell's City Council reluctantly agreed to cut the Lowell Library branch hours by 15 percent for the summer months of July and August.

A measure that was passed to hold the amount of state aid school receive based on the Fourth Friday per pupil count, forced Lowell Schools

to cut another \$100,000 from its school budget.

JULY 15, 1992

The Lowell Showboat announced that it would play host to one of America's great swing bands. The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, conducted by Buddy Morrow, would be

playing at the Lowell Showboat on Friday, Aug. 7.

Offering quick service, and a diversified menu, Hardee's opens its doors to the Community of Lowell.

Dr. Paul Tuthill opens the doors to his new chiropractic practice in Lowell.

The City of Lowell, in the interest of coordinating a Geographical Information System,

agreed to contribute toward hiring a consultant.

The Eberhard Company sold its Lowell branch store to Plumb Inc. The sale was to take effect on Aug. 10.

JULY 22, 1992

David Hildenbrand was honored as one of 500 high school seniors nationwide with a \$1,000 scholarship from Tylenol.

Lowell's City Council approves a nine-point proposal to sell water to Lowell Township. Lowell Township's board ask for clarification in numbers used to formulate the cost.

Lowell's City Council adopts a resolution which conforms the assessment roll and

establishes the term of the special assessment as 10 years for the James Street improvement project.

Tae G. Jeon opens the newest restaurant in Lowell, The Golden Dragon.

JULY 29, 1992

Gary Eldridge revealed his work entitled "Scenes From the Historical Crossroads" at FMB State Savings Bank. The picture was created for the Lowell Area Historical Association, for the purpose of raising money for the organization.

Businesses with non-conforming and illegal portable signs in Lowell Township were asked to remove them

from in front of their business establishments.

A public hearing was established on the special assessment roll for the water main improvements on Grindle Drive.

The Lowell City Council discussed the possible change in the manner in which garbage pickup in Lowell is funded.

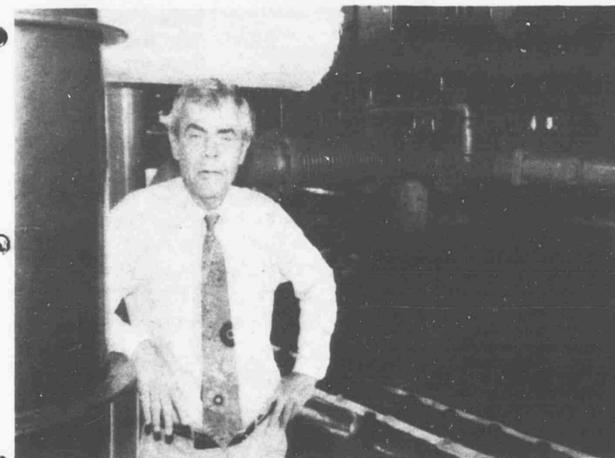
AUGUST 5, 1992

Vandals broke into the James C. Veen Observatory, 3308 Kissing Rock SE, impairing the performance of the principal telescope. Stolen from the Observatory was a

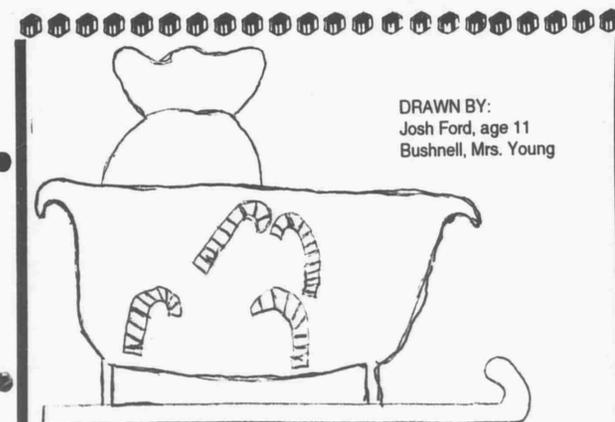
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Buddy Morrow and the Tommy Dorsey band entertained in Lowell.



Paul Christman was named the new Lowell Light and Power Supervisor.

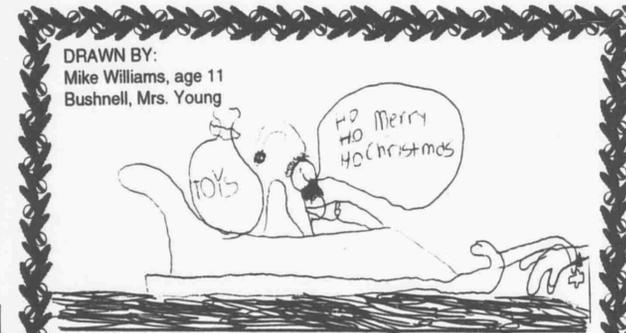


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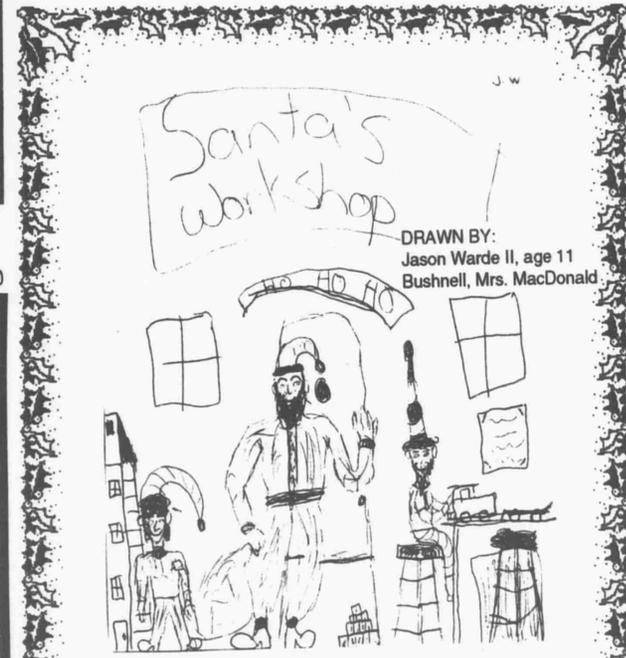
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Bushnell, Mrs. MacDonald

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Year in Review, continued

stereo amplifier and an answering machine. Items damaged included a portable tele-

scope which was tipped over, and the darkroom was ransacked, damaging the photo

IN THE SERVICE

Marine Sgt. David A. Pomeroy, son of Fredrick C. and Patricia J. Pomeroy, of Alto, recently returned with the 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA from Twentynine Palms, CA.

Pomeroy participated in CAX 10-92, a combined arms exercise. The deployment gave him the opportunity to coordinate the use of Marine infantry, armor, artillery, and air power in different training scenarios. The exercise involved approximately 2,500 Marines and sailors. He joined the Marine Corps in June 1979.

Marine Pfc. Randall L. Wieland, son of Terry L. and Cindy Wieland, of Lowell, recently participated in the annual NATO exercise Display Determination-92 in Turkey with 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Norfolk, VA. The training involved the armed forces of many nations and was designed to improve their ability to operate together.

The training conducted during Display Determination-92 follows the U.S. Navy's new strategy, entitled "...From the Sea," which shifts the sea services' focus from a global threat to regional challenges and concentrates on near-land warfare and maneuver from the sea.

The new direction emphasizes strategic deterrence and defense, forward presence, and crisis response and reconstruction. It will provide the U.S. with naval expeditionary forces operating forward from the sea that are shaped for joint operations and tailored for national needs.

The 1990 graduate of Lowell High School joined the Marine Corps in May 1991.

Marine Gunnery Sgt. Dennis L. Schmalz, son of Duane A. and Barbara C. Schmalz, of Lowell, recently received the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Schmalz received the award while assigned with 4th Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, Hayward, CA. During the Oakland Hill's fire in the San Francisco Bay area in October 1991, Schmalz's unit was called in to help with emergency relief efforts.

Their direct humanitarian assistance aided thousands of who were in desperate need due to the fiery disaster. Schmalz, along with his fellow Marines, upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and United States Naval Service.

He joined the Marine Corps in January 1977.

enlarger. Lowell Light and Power brought aboard its new supervisor, Paul Christman. The Pennsylvania native started the job July 27.

Lowell's Chamber of Commerce received the City Council's approval on a Downtown Development Authority Resolution.

Lowell's Linda Keim prepares for her trip to Russia to teach United States culture and American History to Russian college students, aged 17-22.

The Elmer Graham family gathers at the farm at 4994 Alden Nash SE. for the family's eighth annual old-time threshing.

Local businesses are victims of vandalism. The spree of vandalism helps shine a light on the Silent Observer program. The program passes on information about a crime received by anonymous callers.

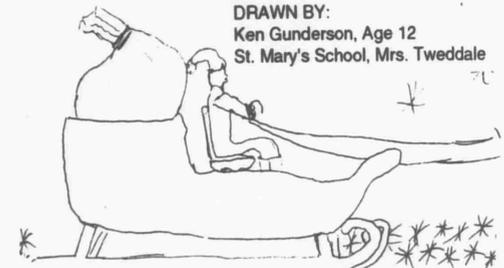
Excessive rainfall makes harvesting extremely difficult for the grower and has made drying for the miller very time consuming.

AUGUST 12, 1992



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Jon Wiering, age 10
Runciman/Riverside, Mrs. Roth

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The Kent County Fair was again a time for youngsters to meet the animals.

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Bushnell 3rd - graders build gingerbread houses



Through the much appreciated efforts of Dorothy Hoag, her daughter, Susie, Vic De Waard's third-grade class was able to make gingerbread houses for the holidays. Pictured on the left, from left to right are Joel Land, Bryn Southwell, David Anderson, pictured on the right, from left to right are, Naomi Girwannah, Vincent Bailey, and



Erin Weber. Hoag first started working with the children around Thanksgiving time. She worked with a half dozen students at a time. The gingerbread houses were baked and decorated at the school.

In 1898, Valdemar Poulsen, a Danish engineer, invented the first machine for recording sound magnetically. He called his invention the "telegraphone"—an ancestor of today's tape recorders.

Year in Review, continued

on the east end of town. As the plan unfolds it will be referred to as the East Waterfront Area Plan.

AUGUST 19, 1992

Lowell Township passed a motion to accept the City's offer to sell it water. The vote was unanimous.

A fatal head-on collision claimed the life of Lowell 18-year old Tricia Erbentraut at 12:10 a.m. Friday morning. The accident occurred on M-21 near Pettis Drive.

Following two days of celebration at the 10th annual Grand Rapids Reggae Sunsplash at Fallsburg Park an incident with a tragic end-

ing occurred. Two Grand Rapids women, Heather Conner and Millicent Knox were struck and killed by a car whose driver was drag racing.

AUGUST 26, 1992

A Lowell Police cruiser was decimated when Burt Vern Vosberg, Ada, became violent when police began questioning him as to why he abandoned his car and his pit bull, late Friday night. Vosberg assaulted the cruiser with a knife and ax.

Officials from Sunsplash, the Kent County Parks and Vergennes Township meet to discuss the future of Sunsplash.

The Lowell Senior Neighbors Center used a ribbon cutting ceremony to highlight a newly renovated closed-in front porch.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1992

Area artists and crafters, numbering 76, were selected



An angry civilian and ax did this dirty work.

for the annual Fallsburg Festival.

Lowell's Tracy Meeuwsen tells of her Florida vacation in Homestead with her grandparents, Bob and Lorraine Meeuwsen. Tracy spent seven hours of her vacation wondering if Hurricane

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TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL NOTICE LAND USE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

To the residents and property owners of Lowell Charter Township, Kent County and to whom it may concern:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on:

Monday, January 25, 1993 at 7:30 P.M.

at the LOWELL TOWNSHIP OFFICES, 2910 Alden Nash SE, the Lowell Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the purpose of reviewing three proposed supplements and some minor changes to the Lowell Township Land Use Plan and for hearing citizens comments on the proposals. The three supplements are:

- 1) An Industrial Component
- 2) A Commercial Component and
- 3) A Transportation Component

All interested citizens are invited to attend. Copies of the current Land Use Plan and the proposed amendments are available for public inspection during regular business hours.

For further information, please call the Township Hall at 897-7600.

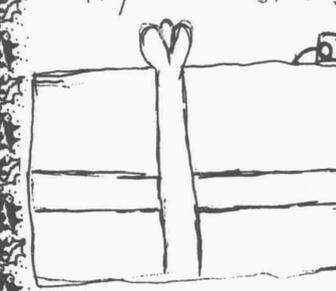
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Year in Review, continued

Andrew's 168 mile an hour winds were going to kill her. **Mark Charles Peckham**, 761 Hunt St., was killed when his wheelchair was struck from behind on Hudson St. north of Hunt.

Eileen Beach closes the door on her 25-year career at the Alto Post Office. She spent 11 of those years as Postmaster.

Dr. David Durkee of Lowell won a Key-person award of the Michigan Optometric Association.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1992

Four new International Vista buses, purchased by Lowell Schools, increase the drivers visibility in front of

the bus and on the front sides. The new style will prevent students from disappearing from the bus drivers' sight when crossing in front of the bus.

Chapman Insurance donates new magazine racks to the Lowell Library.

The change in the construction and renovation work at Lowell High School removed a widely used access road that once ran along side of the high school. For some, the change was an irritable inconvenience.

SEPTEMBER 16, 1992

Lowell's School Board supported a motion that saved the taxpayers of Lowell Area Schools a total of \$4.3 million

over the life of the bond issue. Beverly Bonning of Thrun, Maatsch and Nordberg said Lowell's savings in re-financing its bond, will represent the largest savings in any school district to date in the State of Michigan.

The Lowell Police Department welcomed James Hinton as its newest member to the police staff. Hinton was hired to help fill the void left by Mike Martin's departure to Leslie.

The age of technology reached Lowell Schools and Alto Elementary was the first to be infiltrated. The telecommunications package was scheduled to be completed at Alto by Nov. 14.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1992

Michalena Carlson stepped away from teaching after 21 years in Lowell Schools. Carlson taught at Bushnell Elementary. Martha Meade was hired to fill the second grade elementary teaching position.

Nancy Beiner was hired as the new face behind the desk at the Lowell Middle School office.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1992

With the historical original watercolor pieces of the historical bridge and the Lowell Showboat helping to deco-

"Giving Tree" bears goods



Students from Anna Glendening and Loretha Smith's Middle School classrooms collected food and clothing as part of the Giving Tree Project. The food and clothing was then taken to the Access 6 pantry at the Lowell Methodist Church. Pictured from left to right are Smith, Mike Wilczewski, Chris Moseler, John Petrovich, Joseph Eickhoff, Joe Russo, Jacob Ellison, Stacey Kinyon, and Glendening.

rate its walls, Burger King prepared to open its doors in Lowell.

Sharon Wilson was named Lowell Senior Neighbor.

Center's new coordinator.

Karen McGregor was appointed. **Review, cont'd., pg. 35**

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DRAWN BY:
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DRAWN BY:
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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

There will be a budget hearing at the January 4th, 1993 meeting of the Lowell Township Board which will be held at 7:00 P.M. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell, MI. At such time in accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenue of the Township shall be submitted for consideration. Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Township Hall during regular office hours.

Carol L. Wells
Clerk
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Alto Lions hold Christmas party for tots



Mrs. Arlene Hatch with Mrs. Pat Thomet and her daughter, Debbie Galbreath and grandson, Nathan, enjoy the festivities.



Santa converses with Melissa and Stacey Hubenet.

The Alto Lions Club held its annual Christmas Party at Alto Elementary. Each child in attendance received a goodie

bag and a Christmas gift. Earl Posthumus, Bill Whelan and Stu Thomet were the organizers of the party. The Christmas

party is just one of many ways the Alto Lions Club and Alto businessmen contribute to the community each year.

Groundwork laid for cost estimates and drawings

Year in Review, continued

proved by the Lowell Board of Education to fill the full-time position of Chapter I Reading and Math.

Harvey the House Fly, constructed by members of the Kent Nature Scouts 4-H Club, was taken to the Impressions Five Museum in Lansing - all 18 feet.

OCTOBER 7, 1992

Highland Hills Developer Dick Bryan and Gary Glowina told the Lowell Planning Commission that they could go along with the list of requirements which came from the project review on Sept. 9.

The Lowell Rotary and the Grand Valley Blood pro-

gram took in 53 pints of blood at the Lowell Community Blood Drive.

Famous Lowell novelist Glendon Swarthout died at his home, he was 74. Swarthout authored such classics as the Shootist and Bless the Beast and the Children.

Lowell's Chad Dunn was the medalist at the O-K White Conference meet. The Red Arrow shot a 78 at the L.E. Kauffman Golf Course.

Lowell's varsity football team wins its first game of the year against Sparta, 14-10.

With the construction of the new high school building now visible from the road, the Lowell School administration

OCTOBER 14, 1992

Proposal C has Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch and Lowell Township Supervisor

plans a walking tour for the community.

John Timpson on opposite sides of the issue. Esch said Proposal C has the state reimbursing schools for lost revenues. The Lowell Superintendent added he did not believe the State could afford to do that. Timpson saw the Proposal as an effort to cut prop-

erty taxes, an issue he believed had been skirted for years.

Lowell lost its Homecoming football game to East Grand Rapids, 21-6.

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Merry Christmas

DRAWN BY:
Doug Ford, age 10
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Christmas travel season heats up

Visiting family 'back home' will be where up to 70 percent of airline travelers fly this Christmas season, AAA Michigan reports.

"For the most part, Christmas is a family holiday and travelers head to their hometowns to celebrate," said AAA Travel Agency Vice President Diane Willard. "However, if part of the family lives in Florida while another lives in a cold-weather climate, Florida will generally be the hands-down choice in terms of where to visit."

Willard said about 30 percent of travelers also use the Christmas/New Year's period (Dec. 23-Jan. 3) to escape winter weather, with the most heavily-booked tour packages this season to Orlando, Fla., followed by Caribbean cruises and four-to-seven day trips to Cancun, Mexico. Weekend tour packages to Las Vegas, NV, are popular for New Year's weekend.

"Travelers continue to search for good value for their vacation dollar," Willard said. "Package tours to warm destinations and cruises offer the best value this season."

Those who haven't purchased airline tickets and are looking for the best price should be willing to be flexible and fly during off-peak days. In order to boost holiday bookings, some airlines announced fare cuts up to 35 percent for travel that began

December 14 with some restrictions.

Holiday air travelers are advised to check in at least one hour prior to flight departure, allowing ample time to park. It's a good idea to call the airline several days in advance to reconfirm the flight and seat assignments. Carry on luggage should be kept to a minimum to expedite boarding.

Motorists should find the same or slightly more company on the roads than the Christmas period last year, according to Michigan Department of Transportation officials, although AAA Michigan's touring department estimates that December's increase in travel will be up about seven percent, based on TripTik and routing requests from members so far this year.

For the month of December, the top TripTik requests are to Florida, Michigan, Texas and California, respectively.

Holiday travelers will find lower gasoline prices, with the cost of a gallon of self-serve regular unleaded down about 3.1 cents from last year

in the Metro Detroit area to average \$1,012 and down 2.8 cents outstate to \$1,084.

Auto travelers should have little trouble finding gasoline on Christmas Day. A survey of 300 outstate stations found that 45 percent plan to be open daylight hours and 29 percent after 9 p.m. In the Detroit area, a survey of 100 service stations found that about 34 percent plan to be open daylight hours and after 9 p.m.

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In 1990, the last 102-hour Christmas period, 18 persons were killed in 15 crashes. Twelve of the 16 victims who had belts available were not wearing them and six of the 15 crashes involved alcohol.

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Year in Review, continued...

OCTOBER 21, 1992

Lowell Police Sergeant Al Eckman was honored at the seventh annual Chamber of Commerce "Person of the Year" award.

The City of Lowell and the Lowell Charter Township both met and approved a water supply agreement between the two governmental bodies. Construction is slated to begin on the new water project next summer.

The Lowell City Council approved a request from the Lowell Airport Board to apply for a 50 percent grant to help fund paving of the main runway at the airport.

OCTOBER 28, 1992

The early reviews on the new Lowell High School site came in and the 306 school district residents who participated in the "walking tour" all agreed the new site was impressive.

Family Fare store director Larry Coleman announced the construction of a back room store at Family Fare. The store was scheduled to

NOVEMBER 4, 1992

The new Lowell High School site plays an important role in garnering Grattan Township a gas franchise. The Franchise agreement between Consumers Power and Grattan Township was signed by the Township Board back on July 13.

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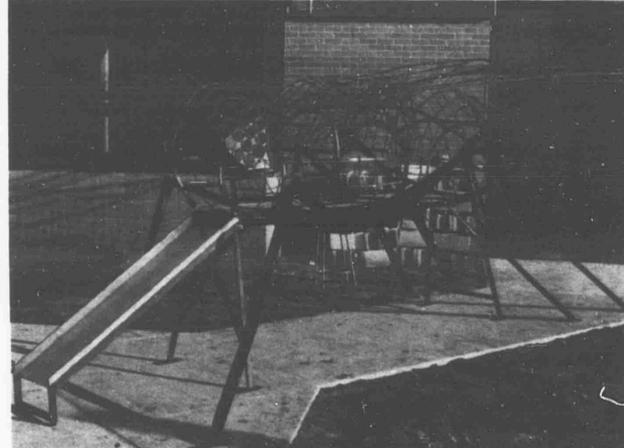
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Council in the completion of the Grindle Drive project.

The winning costume in the Ledger Halloween Contest was Bonnie Grooters from Pippi's Playhouse.



The House Fly now sits in a museum in Lansing.

have a Sam's Club type atmosphere.

Chuck Myers of FMB Bank was presented with the Gary Eldridge piece entitled "A View from the Crossroads." Myers was the lucky winner of Eldridge's work at the Chamber of Commerce "Person of the Year" banquet.

The Lowell YMCA honors Pinky McPherson for her 11-years plus of service at the YMCA.

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Posthumus defends DSS Director

Senator Dick Posthumus today called on DSS Director Jerry Miller to investigate the reprimand of Kent County DSS Director Evert Vermeer, and praised the Kent County DSS leadership for their efforts to make welfare recipients more self-sufficient.

"I'm taking this to the top. I'm asking DSS Director Jerry Miller to investigate whether or not there were personal, political or ideological reasons behind this reprimand. I trust Director Miller. He shares Engler's vision of making welfare recipients work for their benefits. I want to make sure there are no middle level welfare bureaucrats in Lansing wielding a heavy hand because they have a different political agenda," said Posthumus.

Posthumus is concerned because Mr. Vermeer must appeal through the same persons within the Department who filed the reprimand. "I want to make sure Evert gets a fair shake," said Posthumus.

"Evert Vermeer has done a good job. He is an honest and hardworking man. Insubordination would be inconsistent with his basic character. This incident is most likely a problem of miscommunication rather than insubordination," added Posthumus. "When he was clearly asked to stop the program he stopped it."

"The Kent County Department of Social Services has been a model for the nation in devising innovative ways to make welfare a helping hand onto the ladder of self-sufficiency, not a hand out," Posthumus further stated.

Kent County is first among Michigan's ten largest counties, excluding Wayne, in job placement for welfare recipients this year. While serving only 3 1/2 percent of the state's welfare clients, Kent County has achieved nearly eight percent of the state's welfare job placements. "Our Kent County DSS has done a great job in making welfare recipients work for their benefits," Posthumus concluded.

Whoever loves much, does much. —Thomas a Kempis

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Knights of Columbus Free Throw contest

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the 1993 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships.

The local competition will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 6:45 p.m. at the Lowell Middle School gymnasium. All contestants may fill out entry forms at the door.

The Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually by the Knights of Columbus with winners progressing through local, district and state level competition.

All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in respective age divisions. Last year more than 210,000 boys and girls participated in 2,976 local competitions throughout North America.

For information regarding the Free Throw Championship contact: Rick Mandel, 676-1584.

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Alto Elementary, Mr. Hawkins

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Year in Review, continued...

no moisture can efflorescence through the exterior brick and cause a chalking appearance. **The Lowell Showboat** receives a \$2,000 donation from the Lowell Car Dealers Association.

Lowell Schools re-bid the television component of the Alto Elementary telecommunications project due to the first television bids being too high. The end result was that

Sheri D. Calleja D.D.S. opened an extended hours practice program at the office of D.D.S. Clark Vredenburg. **Lowell High School** students-of-the-month were Tom

Lowell's Jim Nauta was the winner of The Lowell Ledger "First Buck" contest. Nauta bagged a six-point, 150 pound buck. **The Committee to Save**

Merry Christmas

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Jennifer Ann McCaul, age 10
Alto Elementary, Mrs. Schnieder

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Chuck Myers was the lucky winner of the Gary Eldridge piece entitled "View from the Crossroad."

the second bid saved the school \$3,000. **The Lowell Knights of Columbus** made a donation of \$825.68 to the Lowell Special Education Department. **Roudabush, Kyle Triplett, Shannon Bennett and Joshua Andrews.** **Burroughs Bridge** asked that the bridge be restored in order to help keep the aesthetics and historical value. The Kent **Review, cont'd., pg. 39**

McGee Homestead commercial winner



McGee's Bed and Breakfast won top honors in the commercial contest.

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County Road and Park Commission wanted the bridge to be replaced. A decision was to be made by February of 1993.

made nine drunk-driving arrests. **Tired of the constant parade of sign variance business seekers,** Lowell's City Council made a commitment to look into the current ordinance to see if changes are necessary. The Council said it would ask the Lowell Planning Commission to discuss and study the current sign ordinance, checking to see if it is up to code with what other cities are doing.

Lisa Piche and her husband, Jogrim Grotmol, opened up the Evergreen Cafe, located inside the Flat River Antique Mall.

Lowell's City Council named Jim Reagan, Bob Pfalter, Terry Conley, Dean Lonick, Charlene Chapman, Brian Doyle, Karen Hale, Ray Quada and Dave Pasquale to the Downtown Development Authority Board.

Lowell part-time police officer Mike Bartosiewicz received recognition from MADD for his fight against drunk drivers. Bartosiewicz

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Lowell Firefighters fought a house blaze at 11439

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Courtney Hedlund, age 11
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E. Fulton for six-plus hours on Dec. 4. The home of Leonard and Laurie Dockter was destroyed. Their children, who were home at the time, all escaped the home unharmed.

Governor John Engler's "Build Michigan" program meant that the City of Lowell would receive an increase of \$16,407.04 for road improvements in the fiscal year 1992-93.

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Lowell's Phil Christensen was presented with the West Michigan Officials Award for his impact on players off the football field.

Despite what the banner on the Lowell Ledger may

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Happy Christmas

DRAWN BY:
Angie Lake, Age 12
Bushnell, Mrs. Pupil

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Year in Review, continued...

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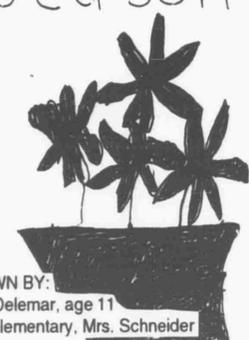
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Tina Delema, age 11
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have said, it really was the week of Dec. 16.

Lowell's School Board approved a list of achievable goals upon which to evaluate the performance of Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch.

Signs for the new Subway Restaurant were hung.

Winners of the annual Chamber of Commerce decorating contest were Leo Pfaller, creative division: John

and Nancy Swanson, classic postcard; and Joshua Milley and John Erickson spectacular category.

Lynn LeGrow introduces her new dog grooming business, "Snip and Clip" to Lwoell.

The clean up date for the gasoline spill at the former Action Auto site is scheduled for spring of 1993.

Lowell's Music Boosters choir uniforms. The goal is to begin a large task of raising raise the money in time for the \$75,000 for new band and opening of the new school.

In a calm sea every man is a pilot.

—John Ray



Human beings, it's believed, began to live in permanent settlements about 10,000 years ago.



More than 60 of the natural terrestrial elements have been identified in the sun, all in gaseous form because of the intense heat.

We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year



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Alto Elementary, Mr. Hawkins

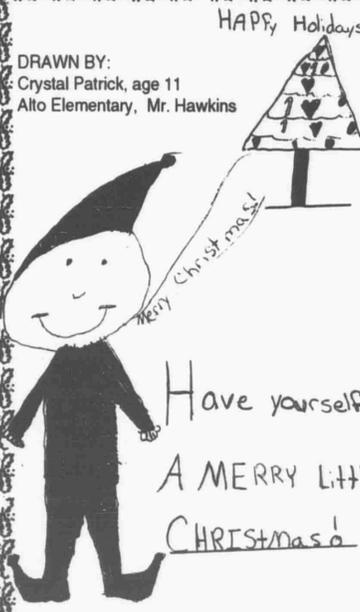
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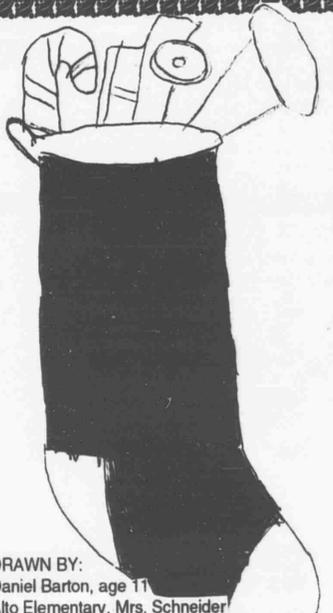
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Alto Elementary, Mr. Hawkins

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Theresa Bonner, Age 10
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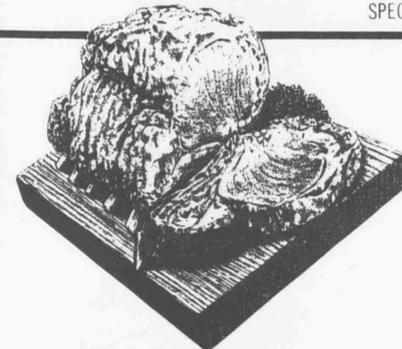
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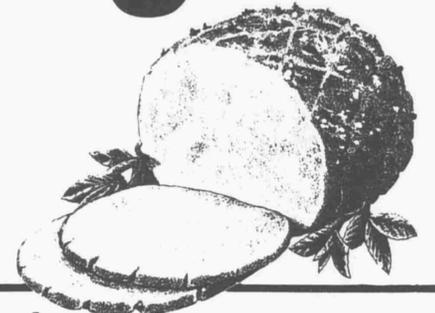
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David Reed
"Frosty the Snowman."



Sara VanderMolen
"The Grinch Who Stole Christmas."



Patti Reed
"Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer."



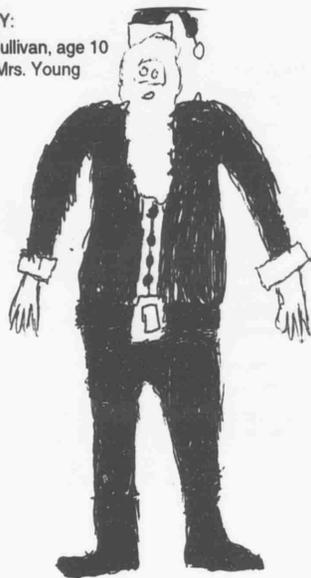
Betty Wilson
"Frosty the Snowman."



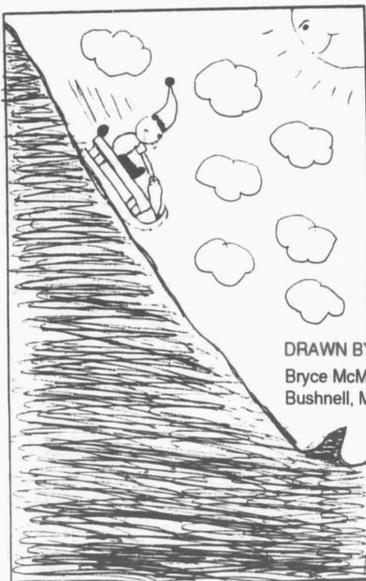
Lynn Novak
"The Bob Hope Special."



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Brandon Sullivan, age 10
Bushnell, Mrs. Young



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Laura McQueen, age 10
Bushnell, Mrs. Pupil



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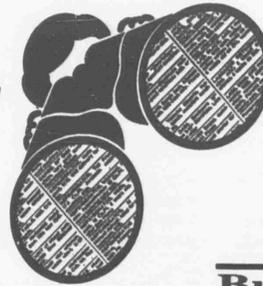
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- 1 cup whipping cream
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar, divided
- 2 eggs, separated
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup flaked coconut.

toasted Whipped cream (optional)
Additional toasted coconut (optional)
In medium saucepan, combine pumpkin, cream, 1/2 cup brown sugar, egg yolks, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, about 8 to 10 minutes or until mixture thickens. Remove from heat. Sprinkle gelatin over top; stir until completely dissolved. Stir in vanilla. Chill until mixture just begins to set. In small mixer bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add remaining brown sugar; beat until stiff and sugar is dissolved. Fold into pumpkin mixture. Gently fold in coconut. Serve with whipped cream and toasted coconut.

Energy & Maintenance budget down, it's value still high

Gary Kemp calls the 1992-93 energy and maintenance budget probably the worst looking budget he's ever recommended.

He quickly follows that up with the energy and maintenance monies have been a god-send for the school the past seven years.

The budget shows actual revenues of \$493,000 and expenditures of \$846,000, creating a planned deficit of \$353,000. Although, a fund balance carried over from the fiscal year 1991-92 of \$493,202 will be used to alleviate that deficit. It will leave a fund balance of approximately \$140,202.

In explaining the planned deficit Kemp said that the school committed to financing the re-roof of the current high school (\$442,000) and much of the mechanical rework (\$286,000) out of the energy and maintenance budget rather than using the 1990 Bond Issue money to improve the total project.

These two large amounts are included in the total expense

figure of \$846,000. The re-roof project is now complete and final payment has been made following final approval. Approximately \$160,000 has been spent on mechanical thus far.

"If the school did not have an energy and maintenance fund available to it, approximately \$720,000 would have had to been cut from the new high school project," Kemp said.

Two new expenditure items in the energy and maintenance budget, totaling \$46,000, are a result of Section 108 of the State Aid Act which directs the school to distribute the energy and maintenance portion of state aid earned by the LCTK Consortium.

Lowell School failed to distribute last fiscal year so it had to reimburse the Consortium for that amount (\$20,000) and budget for this year's amount (\$26,000).

These amounts must be spent on energy and maintenance related items for the schools within the consortium. Kemp said Dick Korb, director of the LCTK Consortium.

"We did not know that the Consortium was suppose to get the money and the Consortium did realize it was suppose to receive it," Kemp said.

Lowell Schools is now approaching \$3 million spent on projects that could not have been funded out of the general fund. The school is currently levying 1.377 mills to generate dollars (rolled back from 1.4 mills through the Headlee Amendment).

The energy and maintenance use was extended through 1995. Kemp said the school will most definitely ask for another extension.

"Ideally, we'd like to be able to take a portion of those 1.4 mills and transfer it to the general fund or allocate some of the funds into separate accounts, such as telecommunication, technology or computers," Kemp said. "This would be possible because all of the roofing and mechanical work would have been completed when the renovation was done."

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