

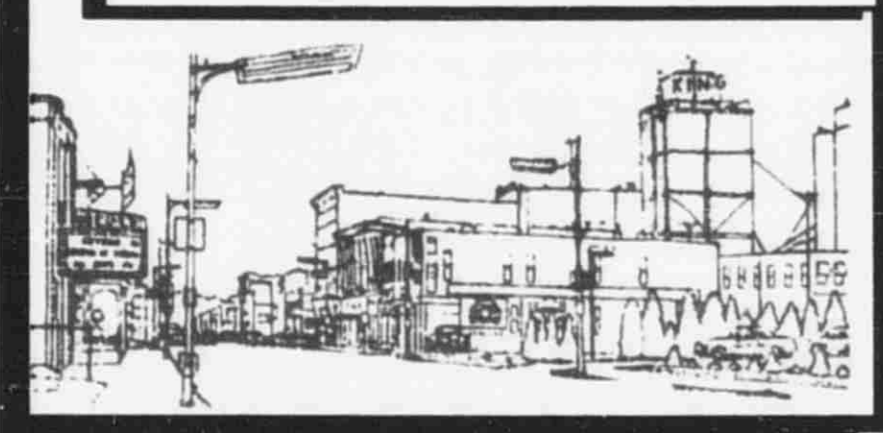
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Wednesday, December 1, 1993

Along Main Street



POP BOTTLE FUND-RAISER

The Lowell Area Fire Department Explorer's Post #21102 will be holding a pop bottle fund-raiser. Bring your donation of empty pop cans and bottles to The Lowell Area Fire Department, 315 South Hudson Street on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Proceeds will be used to purchase smoke alarms for the elderly and needy in the Lowell area.

YOUTH BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED

Coaches are needed for the Lowell YMCA youth basketball leagues. Time commitment consists of one, one hour practice per week and games on Saturdays starting in January.

For further information please call the YMCA at 897-8445. Practices start the week of Nov. 29.

LEARN TO FILL OUT COLLEGE FINANCIAL FORMS

Jill Night, director of financial aid at GRCC, will be teaching parents and students how to fill out college financial forms.

The meeting will be held at Lowell High School on Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. in the cafetorium.

LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL ELECTIONS

Lowell youth football elections for new officers will be held Thursday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell High School.

REQUESTS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR LOWELL COMMUNITY FUND

Requests for funds from the Lowell Community Fund should be received by noon on Friday, Dec. 10. The Heart of West Michigan United Way has set this date for those qualified to receive funding for 1994 and 1995. They are now implementing a two-year funding cycle, which means that groups interested in receiving funds will submit a formal funding request every other year.

To receive consideration and approval, all requests must be for funds that will aid local organizations in their programming in order to help the needs of persons in the Lowell area. Request

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Lowell Township residents resist relocation of airport wetlands

Kent County Aeronautics Board pursues 320 acres of farmland

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Hoping to protect her property, Carol Wieland approached the Lowell Township Board last week asking if it could help in her plight against the Kent County Aeronautics Board.

Wieland and several residents, along the 60th Street and Segwun Ave. intersection, have been contacted by the Aeronautics Board about turning 320 acres of farm land into wetlands.

Wieland, 5640 Pratt Lake Dr., owns 158 of the 320 acres needed. Other residents af-

ected by the land acquisition include Bruce and Sheryl Rittenger, 5675 Segwun Ave., who own 80 acres; Michael Anderson, 5337 Segwun Ave., owning 80 acres; and James and Norma Peterson, 12605 60th St., who own two acres.

The land involved has four residential homes, a business and some farm buildings. Wieland would stand to lose a lot if the Aeronautics Board takes her land. She estimates losing about a third of their cash crop, a barn that is around a 100 years old and a pig barn.

The airport needs the land to comply with state and federal regulations in regards to

replacing the wetlands and woods it destroys during construction. The construction is for the \$50 million runway expansion project the board has developed.

Currently the airport is extending its north parallel runway from 3,900 feet to 5,000 feet. In the process it's destroying about three acres of existing wetlands. The airport also hopes to build a new 8,500 foot north-south runway. The new runway would create the need to replace an additional 68 acres.

Pending the results of several tests, the prime location for the new wetlands is

in Lowell.

According to Kent County Commissioner Judy Harrison, the Lowell site is the prime choice out of 30. Harrison said the final approval will come when the Aeronautics Board receives ecological, archeological, plant and animal test results.

Harrison explained that Lowell offers the same watershed environment as existing wetlands on airport property and it is more than 10,000 feet from the end of their runways.

"Nothing at this time is certain. We still have to look over several test results be-

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Six acres of Cook property condemned by road commission for new Lowell High School

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

To fulfill the needs of the new high school, the Kent County Road Commission has condemned nearly six acres of land owned by Vergennes Township Supervisor Jim Cook.

The land, located along Alden Nash, is needed because the commission wants to widen Alden Nash to the east to accommodate a

driveway for the new high school.

Kent County Road Commission Representative Malcolm Balk says the widening of Alden Nash will help relieve traffic problems anticipated when the school opens.

Cook's property is not the only land sought by the road commission. Dick Cooper and Roger Roberts also had property the commission wanted, but they decided to

accept the appraisal offer.

Cooper says he hated to have the big trees along the road go down, but he doesn't see another way to go about widening the road.

However, Cook didn't agree with the appraisal of his land and this is why the commission condemned the land.

Cook says he is not upset that the commission took his land; he is only upset over the compensation they offered.

Neither Cook nor the road commission would comment on how much was offered to individuals involved.

Through the Highway Condemnation Act, also known as the quick take act, the road can condemn any land deemed necessary for building a road if an agreement can't be reached with the property owner.

In some cases if an owner and the commission can't

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This visiting nurse was a guided angel of mercy

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Sandy Esch, with her head bleeding profusely, thrashed around on her stomach in pieces of broken glass on M-21 following a six car accident on Nov. 1.

Esch, a teacher in the LPN program at Grand Rapids Community College, was eastbound on M-21 and on her way home when she was unable to stop for the vehicle in front of her which was turning left.

The impact of hitting the vehicle in the rear threw Esch's car out of control, causing the rear of the car to slide sideways across the center line where she was struck by a westbound car. The impact of the hit was hard enough to rip Esch's car

in half, according to the Kent County Sheriff's Department accident report filed by Deputy Vic Weeks.

Approaching the accident within minutes after it happened was a westbound car driven by Lynn Bylsma, an

employee at Cumberland Manor and a student in the RN program at Grand Rapids Community College. Bylsma

had left work and was on her way to class when she came upon the accident.

"As I approached the accident I thought maybe someone had hit a deer," Bylsma said.

As Bylsma drove closer, reality changed her view.

"I saw a person from Cumberland's corporate office out walking around. Knowing that he had no medical background, I stopped," Bylsma said. The first car Bylsma came upon was Esch's. "Sandy was ly-

ing on her stomach along side one-half of her car with one of her legs trapped by the door and dashboard," she said.

Bylsma told Esch that she was a nurse and that she needed to calm down and everything would be okay.

Miraculously so, three weeks later, Esch is recovering at her home on Grindle Drive from a fractured sixth vertebrae, a cut on the side of her head, and a bruised ankle.

"It's amazing that I'm living," Esch said. "I'm lucky

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Sandy Esch talks with Lynn Bylsma about her Nov. 1 accident on M-21.

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OBITUARIES

CONVERSE - Robert Converse, aged 52, of Lowell, died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1993. He is survived by his wife Melinda; children, Michelle Converse of Sunfield, MI, Harry Carson and Katherine Carson, both of Lowell; mother Helen; brother, George Converse of Grand Ledge; sister Kae Converse of Lowell. Funeral Services were held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel. Rev. Robert Roush officiating. Donations may be made in memory of Robert Converse.

HODGE - Estella Hodge, aged 97, of Belding, died Sunday, Nov. 21, 1993. She was born December 15, 1896 in Traverse City. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence in 1978; one son, Robert in 1973; and one grandson. She is survived by one daughter, Louanna Elya of Grandville; one son, Willard of Redlands, CA; one daughter-in-law, Ardith

Briggs of Lowell; 16 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Belding. Interment River Ridge Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church, Belding.

HOFFMAN - Charles E. Hoffman, aged 66, of Hemlock, formerly of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1993 in Saginaw after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Shirley and one son and one daughter and their spouses, Daniel and Jean Hoffman and Sue and Doug Wester all of Lowell. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Aaron and Andy Wester and Jeff and Jody Hoffman. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Freeland, Lowell Moose Club 809, Masonic Lodge 151, Consistory of Bay City and Elks Lodge of Alma. Funeral

Services were held on Saturday, Nov. 20 at Zion Lutheran Church in Freeland.

HUVER - Leo T. Huver, aged 74, of Lowell, passed away at his residence Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1993. He was a Veteran of WWII in the Navy. He was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church; member of the American Legion of Saranac; member of the USS Colorado Association. He married Helen Freeman, April 13, 1944, at St. Mary's Church in Lowell, who survives. They lived in the Saranac and Lowell areas for 45 years. Also surviving are three sons, James (Sue) Huver of Ionia, Jerry (Phyllis) Huver of Saranac, Kenneth (Pam) Huver of Lowell; one daughter, Frances (John) Brown of Saranac; three sisters, Helen Ford of Lowell, Catherine Gehring of Lowell, Sr. Leorita Huver of Grand Rapids; 10 grandchildren, Andy, Tony, Jessica, Jillian, Jodie, Kevin, Steven, Kara, Rebecca and Beau; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Saturday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Saranac with Rev. Eugene Alvesteffer officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make contributions to the Ionia Helping Hands.

ROGERS - Betty Jane Rogers, aged 64, of Lowell, died Thursday, November 25, 1993. She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her sisters, Pearl (Julius) Bienick of Grand Rapids, Doris (C. Oren) Balcom, Frieda (George) Bailey, both of Lowell; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Msgr. James P. Moran of St. Mary's Catholic Church officiating.

SPROULE - Patricia A. (Roberts-VanderMoere) Sproule, aged 53, of Lowell, died November 23, 1993. She is survived by her husband, Duane; her daughter, Lindsey of Clio; her brother, Franklin (Barbara) VanderMoere of Byron Center; her sisters, Bonnie (Jerold) Shupe of Grand Rapids, Marie (Robert) Henning of Comstock Park; her nieces, Toni, Amy and Tracy; her nephews, James and Michael. Funeral Services were held on Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel.

(Marjorie) Prather; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; step-children, nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her sister, Mrs. Ken (Kathy) VanSlyke. Memorial Services were held Wednesday, Nov. 24.

PECKTAIL - Milo "Mike" M. Pecktail, aged 74, of Ionia, passed away November 18, 1993. Surviving are his wife Luella; two step-sons, Phillip Heschel of Lowell and Stephen Heschel of Saranac; one step-daughter, Joella Miller of Clarksville; four step-grandsons; five sisters; several nieces and nephews. Services were held November 22, with burial in Easton Cemetery.

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Pastor Bill Fernhout officiating. Memorial contributions to God's Kitchen, 303 South Division, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

TITCOMB - Alfred W. Titcomb, aged 68, of Lowell, passed away at his residence Saturday, November 27, 1993. He is survived by his wife, Joan of Lowell; two sons, Daniel (Doris), David (Linda), both of Lowell; one daughter, Mrs. Peggy (Dennis) Nash of Saranac; three brothers, James of Sparta, Robert and Sidney, both of Grand Rapids; two sisters, Marjorie Belanger of Grand Rapids, Ida Mae Morlan of Big Rapids; four grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. Kenneth Harger officiating. Interment South Boston Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make contributions to the Ionia Helping Hands or Ionia Hospice.

Davenport introduces accelerated degree program for adults

Davenport College has initiated an adult learning program designed to offer working adults the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree in a non-traditional, accelerated format.

The Adult Accelerated Career Education (AACE) program is modeled after a program developed at Regis University in Denver. Davenport is the first college in Michigan and only the fourth nationwide to implement the program.

With an accelerated format of five-week sessions instead of ten-week terms, AACE students are able to concentrate on one subject at a time, in a collaborative, concentrated workshop type classroom atmosphere. "Because of their

practical work experience, all students have something to contribute to class," says Tom Brown, vice president and dean of professional studies for the AACE program. "AACE thrives on the exchange of information between students."

To qualify for AACE, applicants need to be at least 23 years old, have at least three years of work experience, and 60 quarter hours or 40 semester hours (or equivalent) of college credit. Over 500 students have applied to the program.

Faculty for the AACE program are working professionals with at least a master's degree. AACE faculty must pass a stringent pre-employment assessment that includes teaching techniques, group process exercises, personal interviews, grading of sample assignments, and essays on learning theory and adult education.

AACE offers three majors under the bachelor of business administration degree—general business, business management, and marketing. Currently, 33 courses are offered within the curriculum.

Davenport recognizes that many non-traditional students have acquired college-level learning through work and life experiences outside the traditional classroom. In a key part of the AACE program, students have the opportunity to obtain credit for prior learning through portfolios describing what was learned from previous experiences.

Kent County Library offers holiday storytime

The Kent County Library System presents a special holiday storytime for children ages three through six and their parents. "Merry Tales for Tots" will feature the brightest seasonal stories, rhymes and sing-alongs. School groups are welcome but must pre-register.

For more information, call the Kent County Library Youth Services department, 774-3253, the Lowell branch, 897-9596 or your local Kent County Library System branch.

Plumb's Season's Savings

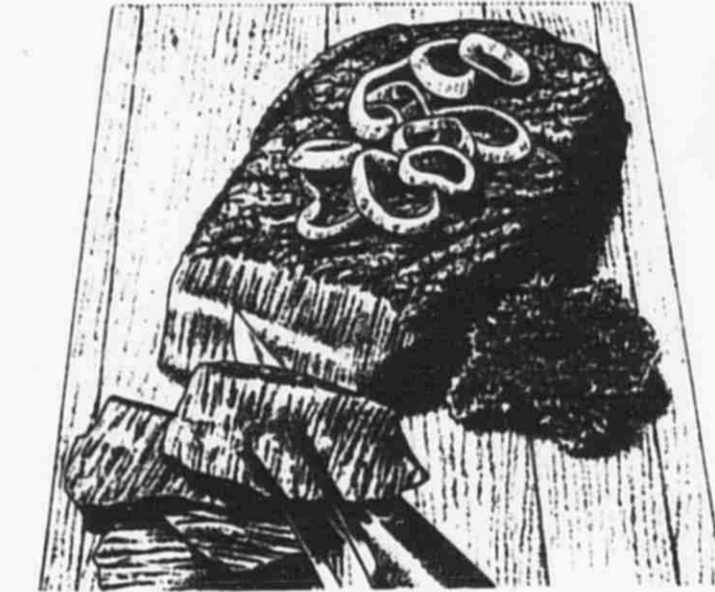
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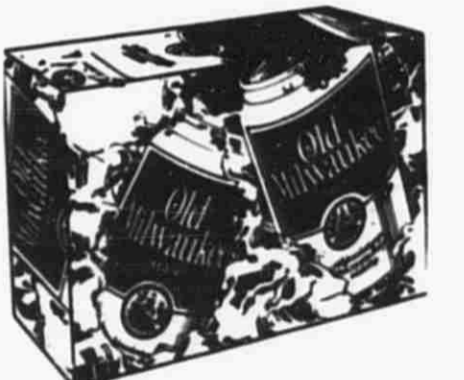
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Deiss & Elliott plan April wedding



Michael Deiss and Jennifer Elliott

Lois Elliott of Lowell is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Jennifer Elliott to Michael Deiss of Fort Lewis, WA. The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late John Elliott. Parents of the groom are George and Nancy Deiss of Grand Rapids.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Lowell High School and is attending Davenport College.

The groom-to-be is a graduate from Central High School and is currently with the United States Army in Seattle, WA.

An April 23, 1994 wedding is planned.

A fan club is a group of people who tell an actor he's not alone in the way he feels about himself.

—Jack Carson

VOWS SPOKEN



John and Tammy Runnels

Tammy Lynn Vosburg and John Ross Runnels were united in marriage on Sept. 25, 1993 at the Leonard Street Church of God.

Parents of the bride are Gloria Bearup and David Vosburg. Parents of the groom are Clarice Poisson and Jack R. Runnels.

Maid of honor was sister of

the bride, Becky Vosburg. Bridesmaids were Karen Marrow and Brandy Syder. Flowergirls were Helena Rose Guastavino and Joni Davis.

Best man was the brother of the groom, Robert S. Runnels. Groomsmen were Dan Valetine and Scott Duckett.

The couple now resides in Grand Rapids.

Lietzke earns scholarship

Anna Lietzke of Lowell received the Trustees' Scholarship from Adrian College. She was one of 114 recipients of academic scholarships at Adrian College for the 1993-94 school year.

The Trustees' Scholarship is awarded in recognition of superior academic ability as demonstrated by work com-

pleted at the high school level. To qualify, an incoming student must achieve a 3.8 grade point average and be successful in Adrian College's scholarship competition.

Lietzke is a 1993 graduate of Lowell High School and the daughter of Ted and Ellen Lietzke of Lowell.

Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Submit yourselves therefore to God... (James 4:7).

Lapidary work is intensely interesting. The majority of us look at stones and think of them as very ordinary. But the lapidist sees the possibilities secreted within the rough exterior; the knows the stone will be beautiful after it has been ground and polished.

So it is with the Lord. He looks at humanity far differently than most of us do. He sees beneath the exterior and knows what each individual can become with His help. He knows just what is needed to bring out the true soul-beauty of each of us, and He is no respecter of persons.

If an individual would have his life count for some-

thing, the must submit to God's polishing and grinding and go through experiences which knock off the rough places of his personality. Often such experiences lay bare the heart. The process is not pleasant; it is heartbreaking and humiliating. Becoming beautiful beneath the surface is not an easy matter, but great things lie in store for those who surrender to "God's workmanship."

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I submit myself to Thee and to Thy workmanship. Give me grace for the polishing and grinding processes. Provide faith when I must go through hard places. I place my life into Thy hands and trust Thee to do Thy perfect work through me. Amen.

Happy Birthday!

HARDEES/LEDGER BIRTHDAY CLUB

If your name appears below in the HARDEES/LEDGER BIRTHDAY CLUB COLUMN, stop in and get your birthday card at the Ledger office. The card entitles you to a FREE ice cream at Hardee's!

- Dec. 2: Garth Snyder, Christian Wieland, Dwight A. Frey, Karolyn Batt, Lori Kathan, Mary Alice Bancroft, Ann Marvin, Tim Scanton, Melinda Heykoop, Elmer Swanson.
- Dec. 3: Jimmy Nawrocki, Greg Chranowski, Rick Kline.
- Dec. 4: Anna Lozada, Mandy Meisner, Susan Hall, Greg Caldwell, Earl King.
- Dec. 5: Sally Blasher, Poko Willyard, Greg Eldridge, Jan Brink, Andrew James Brower.
- Dec. 6: Judy Dine, Jim Comstock, Nancy Comstock, Kristopher Vezino.
- Dec. 7: Michelle Kathan, Tommy Kathan, Kathy Noskey, Steve Arnold, Jennifer Berry, Kristin Smit.
- Dec. 8: Fran Barnhart, Belinda Burdette.

Viewpoint

Cozy Corner
by Roger Brown

I trust you made it through the Thanksgiving holiday. As I reflect on this annual event, I find myself most thankful for the fact that it's over. At least my digestive system is most thankful that Thanksgiving is history for another year.

I've been sitting here at my computer for some time, trying and trying to get a column going. As I squirmed in my chair while staring at a blank computer screen, the reason for all the squirming dawned on me. My pants are too snug! The reason for that is, I've been stuffing my face for about five days! I realized there just might be a column in my recent food binge. After all, you are what you eat, and this column has always been a reflection of the stupid things I do as I stumble through life.

Actually, I've been doing pretty well with my weight recently. I quit drinking alcohol nearly two years ago, and not taking in all those empty calories have had a big effect on my weight. Besides that, I've been trying to eat healthier foods. Consequently, anyone watching the stock market has probably noticed a steady decline in distillery and pizza commodities.

Thad's thoughts

As I write this column on Tuesday morning, the basic per pupil grant figure being thrown around in Lansing for Lowell Schools in 1994-95 is approximately \$4,880.

That figure falls short of the \$5,200-\$5,300 amount school officials say will be necessary to continue existing operations plus open up the new high school.

In my talks with Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus over the last couple of months he has concurred that additional revenues, needed to open up new buildings, are a legitimate concern for schools like Lowell.

I followed that up with the question, did he have any solutions? He did not, but again noted it was something that needed to be discussed and looked into.

As many of you are probably aware, the new school finance reform package, whatever form it takes, will not allow schools under the \$6,500 per pupil grant to seek additional local millage. Schools at \$6,500 will be allowed to seek additional local millage which would elevate the school back to the level

I've also been trying to get back into some sort of an exercise routine. That's tough, because the only time I can ever work myself up to exercising is in the morning, and that means rolling out of bed an hour or so early. It's awfully easy to wash down on that snooze button when I'm all snuggled into a warm water bed on these cold November mornings. Of course, it's awfully easy to mash down on the snooze button in July too!

Last Wednesday morning I pried myself out of bed, rode my exercise bike for 45 minutes, did my push-ups, sit-ups, etc. and headed for the shower. I weighed myself as the shower was warming and tipped the scales at 218 pounds. I know, that's about 25 pounds over the top end of a life insurance weight chart for a guy my height. But, that's also about 30 pounds under where I was tipping the scales at Thanksgiving two years ago. I felt pretty good about that. To heck with those charts, my life insurance guy bugs me anyway!

I had an apple and a bran muffin for breakfast. Then lunchtime and Rotary rolled around. The wheels fell off! We had baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, corn... the works! I pigged out! I felt guilty all afternoon. I also felt like taking a nap instead of working.

That evening we went to a movie with some friends. I'm a sucker for popcorn. I ordered the big bag. You know, the BIG bag that you take home with you after the movie to put all your raked leaves in. I ate most of it myself. Of course, after the movie we stopped for something to eat. I had fried squid rings and coleslaw. For some reason I had weird dreams that night. Something about being attacked by a giant squid in a cornfield.

The next day was Thanksgiving, and we had my family over for the traditional feast. I went in with good intentions but came out as stuffed as the turkey. That night we played Trivial

Pursuit until midnight with my kids and a bunch of their friends. Of course I continued to stuff my face with leftovers from the hors d'oeuvre and dessert tables. More weird dreams. Sumo wrestling roast turkeys and pumpkin pies this time.

My only salvation was having to work Friday. Unfortunately, every Friday I buy a big box of gooey Danish for the employees. I couldn't resist and had one of those sticky caramel and pecan things. Probably a couple thousand calories. That night we had friends over for cards. They brought dinner... homemade chicken enchiladas! I had two and could hardly move. After cards we broke out the ice cream with three kinds of hot toppings. More weird dreams. This time I went broke trying to market an enchilada stuffed with ice cream and caramel.

Saturday was another traditional Thanksgiving feast with my in-laws. The festivities lasted until late that evening, and again we kept munching on leftovers and desserts. That night I was smothered by a giant suet pudding my wife made.

On Sunday we met some friends for lunch at a restaurant in Grand Rapids. I had fried japaenos stuffed with cream cheese. That evening we were invited to some friends' house for dinner. After hors d'oeuvres we dined on baked fish with all the trimmings. I dreamed I was swimming in the ocean and was eaten by a giant orange roughly with japaenos on his breath!

Monday morning I literally rolled out of bed. I'm surprised I didn't have to roll down the hall and into the bathroom. I tipped the scales at 224 and one half pounds. That's six and a half pounds in five days. I figure at this rate I'll weigh about 600 pounds by next Thanksgiving. Like I said, I'm thankful it's over!

it was at, but would not permit it to go any higher.

Local residents of the Neighbors Who Care School Finance Reform group have been lobbying state representatives and senators in the hopes that they will recognize the need of districts such as Lowell, with a new building, to be able to raise local revenue on a temporary basis until the proposed new school finance reform plan has caught up with the school's needs.

Lowell's Bob Pfaller said the group recognizes the need for school cost containment and considers it an integral part of any reform from the legislature, but it also feels the need to recognize districts with a temporary need for revenue above the proposed level of the basic grant.

To this end the group wrote up a proposal and took it to Lansing last week.

It proposed that any school district below the \$6,500 spending level have the ability to raise local revenue through a millage request that would sunset. This would allow the creation of additional revenue until the proposed formula brings the school up to the level needed.

The proposal would give the option for a local millage not to exceed 4.5 mills above the basic proposal for the first year, reduced to two mills for the second year, and decreased to 0 mills for the third year and sunset out of existence after the third year.

Pfaller said the proposal would enable the districts, such as Lowell, who have new buildings, to bring them on board while

allowing the new method to phase in without affecting previous plans. The proposal would only be available for districts who have new buildings opening in the 1995 fiscal year.

This group of concerned parents are asking that members of the community get involved by calling their legislators and to encouraging their neighbors to call.

Time is growing short. Financial decisions concerning the future of education in Lowell and around the state are on the line. Now is the time for a small group (the community of Lowell) to make a difference. As renowned anthropologist Margaret Mead stated, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed people can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Now is the time to call your Legislators and encourage them to support the proposal drawn up by Lowell residents.

- The numbers are as follows:
- Gov. John Engler, 517-373-3400
 - Senator Dick Posthumus, 517-373-0797
 - Senator Vern Ehlers, 517-373-1801
 - Representative Jack Horton, 517-373-0218
 - Representative Robert Bender, 517-373-0842
 - Representative Walter Delange, 517-373-0840
 - Representative Paul Hillegonds, 517-373-0836
 - Representative Curtis Hertel, 517-373-1983
 - Senator Art Miller, 517-373-8360

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thomaspie 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.</p>		<p>FOREST HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 7495 Cascade Rd. S.E. at 36th St. Services..... 10:00 A.M. 11:15 Church School Ministers: • Thomas D. Keizer • Allan J. Weenink W. Fred Graham 942-2751</p>	<p>CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LOWELL Meeting at the 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</p>
<p>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. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>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. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday..... 7:00 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-7168</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN CHURCH Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. • 868-6611 (off "7000" Cascade Rd. on Leyton) WORSHIP 9 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 A.M. We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>
<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlemoore • 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)</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship..... 10:00 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Bible..... 9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>	<p>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.</p>	
<p>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!</p>	<p>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..... 6:03 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School..... 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship..... 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening..... 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry..... 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Robert L. Walls, Pastor Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>

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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - NOV. 29, 1893
This is the day before Thanksgiving; the front page has humorous stories of the holiday as well as a large drawing of turkeys (one wearing glasses): "There'll be only a few of us left - words and music."
Montreal has an earthquake.
Dr. Mills will use Tonalgia at Train's Hotel on the 5th and 6th to remove teeth positively without pain.
Hiler's will trade photographs, cabinets, etc., for firewood.
Many benefits are being held for the estimated 50 thousand starving miners in the Gogebic region of the

U.P.
Rain Monday closed a drought in which cisterns have gone dry for the first time in years.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - NOV. 28, 1918
The "Michigan Land and Livestock Congress" advocates draining of 12 million acres of swamps, reforestation, helping veterans to buy the land, and making Michigan a major sheep raising state.
Flexall Grippe pills reduce fever without any depressing effect on the heart.

A quarter-page ad warns druggists to distribute Vaporub quickly but carefully since present stocks have been oversold with the flu epidemic. The company is putting on another shift and will accept only small cash orders until the supply catches up.
The rumor goes that Germany does not have food shortages, and the sentiment is that they should feed themselves and the U.S.A. should not buy German-made goods.
Don't trade your Liberty Bonds for wildcat oil schemes.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 2, 1943
Changes, including a large outside entrance, are being made at the high school shop so farm equipment can be brought in and repaired. Byrd Beachum will teach new welding and forging classes and an evening class will be included.
To speed mail delivery in spite of many new employees, the post office requires district numbers on addresses for 175 cities, such as "Kansas City 4, Missouri."
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Capitol Commentary

By: Dick Posthumus

HOLIDAYS ARE A TIME TO BE THANKFUL

In the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, we often forget to take time to reflect on our lives and count our blessings. We are busy preparing meals and planning gatherings with friends and family. Before long, the holidays are gone and we return to the routine of our daily lives. This season, let's try to make the time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the next.

Here in America, we have many reasons to be thankful. We are constantly reminded of other countries' difficulties as we watch the news, listen to the radio or read the newspaper. Visions of bitter civil wars, starving children and poverty-stricken nations are etched in our memories. When we see sights such as this, we can appreciate America's harmony, promise and abundance.

We have much to be thankful for in Michigan as well. We continue to appreciate and reach out to one another during times of need. Although our state was not a victim of the horrible floods of the Midwest, many Michigan citizens sacrificed their time and money to help the victims restore
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Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Joyce deJong



HEARTBURN

When the lower esophageal sphincter, which is situated at the junction of the esophagus and the stomach, either relaxes inappropriately or is very weak, the highly acidic contents of the stomach move back up through the sphincter into the esophagus. The patient experiences heartburn. Heartburn, with or without burping of the gastric contents into the mouth, is the most common symptom of gastroesophageal reflux or incompetence of the esophageal sphincter.

Several foods can stimulate heartburn, including chocolate, peppermint, tomato products, citrus fruits and juices, coffee and fried or fatty foods. In addition, cigarette smoking reduces esophageal pressure, putting the individual at increased risk for heartburn.

Over-the-counter (OTC) antacids may relieve heartburn temporarily. If these agents are used long-term, however, calcium metabolism and retention of magnesium can result. If heartburn extends beyond three weeks, call your doctor.

Several easy-to-implement measures can alleviate the symptoms associated with gastroesophageal reflux:

- Elevate the head of your bed six inches.
- Avoid agents that stimulate secretion of acid (that is, coffee and alcohol).
- Avoid certain medications (anticholinergic agents), some foods (those high in fat and chocolate), and smoking.
- Take an antacid one hour after meals and at bedtime. (Note: Do not take antacids for longer than three weeks without consulting your physician).
- Ask your doctor about medications that increase sphinc-

ter pressure (for example, cholinergic agonists).
 * Ask your doctor about medications that decrease gastric acidity (such as H₂ antagonists).

Capitol Commentary, cont'd...

their lives. As we work together to bring about a world class education system, we see the efforts and concerns of many coming to fruition. And Michigan's economy has been ranked tenth strongest economic recovery in the nation in a recent U.S. News and World Report survey.

As the holiday season begins, we should reflect upon our lives. We are truly fortunate for the opportunities we have. However, as we count our blessings, we should not lose sight of those less fortunate than ourselves.

The holiday season serves as a time during which we can reflect upon the passing year and look forward to the future. As your state senator, I look forward to the coming year so we can work together to solve the problems of our towns, cities and state. We have a complex year ahead of us—many challenges and rewards await us. I am confident that, if we work together to continue Michigan's success, we will have a pleasant and prosperous year.

Ledger Entries, continued...

The King Mill burning displaced hundreds of doves which are now fouling Main St. eaves and sidewalks. War Bonds will now be produced in a smaller size to save paper. Meanwhile, daily papers are rationing advertising space because of paper restrictions.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - NOV. 28, 1968
 60.7 percent of Lowell voters turn out to defeat the school millage request by just over 100 votes. Budgeting changes will be forthcoming.

Amway lays plans for a new warehouse. Temporary storage now is an inflatable dome.

Sgt. James Hutson, off duty, assists in the capture of a postal money-order thief by doing some good police work.

The big Christmas holiday kickoff parade is this Saturday.

TO THE EDITOR

For the last 2 1/2 months a group of citizens from the Lowell School District has been working hard to keep the Lowell area informed on the school finance reform issues, and how they will effect our students, as well as all students in the state of Michigan. This group is called Neighbors Who Care-School Finance Reform. We have been working with a large grass roots group of citizens from across the state.

Parents and students attended a state wide rally at the capitol, urging the Legislators to keep our children and their education as their number one priority, when they were working out the finance package for schools. We formed several legislative groups that have met with our local legislators and their aides at their offices in Lansing, as well as here in Lowell. We had a large and highly effective group of citizens telephone our area senators and representatives with our concern for equitable funding and a sound financial package.

We are asking you, the people these legislators represent, to call again. We are asking you to call now, today, and maybe once a week until this issue is solved. We would like you to share this information with anyone you know who would be willing to make some telephone calls.

The issues we are concerned about are:

- 1) The House Bi-partisan finance package looks more financially stable than Gov. Engler's plan. (The Senate has not announced their plan yet);
- 2) Although the House plan is written stating \$5,000 as the basic grant per student, Lowell area students will not reach that level for two more years. We are scheduled to receive \$4,820 per student, plus a small amount for high risk children and special ed funding; and
- 3) After many visits to Lansing, our legislators asked us to write up a proposal ad-

ressing our special needs with the opening of a new building. Our team pulled together figures and developed a proposal that would enable any school district, in the process of opening a new school building during the next two school years, to ask for a two year only millage to cover the extra operational funding needed. The maximum mills we could ask for the first year would be 4.5 mills. The second year it would drop to a maximum of two mills, and after the two years we would not be able to ask for any extra mills. Again, this money would be for operational costs needed to get the new high school started and we would only ask for the actual amount needed.

Please take the time to get involved. Make some calls to our legislators. Their names and office phone numbers are listed below. Feel free to leave a message with their aides. Share this information with your friends, encouraging them to call also.

Gov. John Engler - 517-373-3400

Sen. Dick Posthumus - (Senate Majority Leader) 517-373-0797

Senator Vern Ehlers - 517-373-1801

Rep. Jack Horton - 517-373-0218

Rep. Robert Bender - 517-373-0842

Rep. Walter Delange - 517-373-0836

Rep. Paul Hillegonds - (R. House Speaker) 517-373-0840

Rep. Curtis Hertel - (D. House Speaker) 517-373-1983

Sen. Art Miller - (Sen. Minority Leader) 517-373-8360

Sincerely,

Neighbors Who Care - School Finance Reform

Co-Chairs, Mary Mayhew and Pinky McPherson

Proposal team, Mary Roth, Mark Smets and Bob Pfalter

COMING EVENTS

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

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

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!

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Golden Ages meet 6 p.m. at Hale House (Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. All are welcome.

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 V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

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.

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M 1 #372 meets every Tuesday evening at the Lowell Congregational Church

basement. Corner of Spring and Hudson St. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

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

EVERY TUES.: Support One, 7:30 p.m. at Saranac Community Church.

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

EVERY WED.: Royal Rangers for the boys at 7 p.m. Sonshine Adventure Team for the girls kindergarten and up. Christ Ambassadors for the youth (7th thru 12th-grades) Christian Clubs to help our children grow through the means of achievement programs, special activities, crafts, and basic moral learning. For more information, call Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash S.E., 897-1100

1ST 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 - 10 a.m. at the home of Linda Johnson, 3550 Alden Nash S.E. Moms In Touch International. Mothers meeting to pray for their children and schools. All Lowell School mothers are invited.

THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops Ml, 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 Dari's at 7 p.m.

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

EVERY SAT. - Lowell Independent Amateur Radio Operators sponsor an information net on Frequency 147.420 Simplex - Lowell Showboat Network.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS: New hours at the

Fallasburg Schoolhouse Museum, 2-6 p.m. "Across the Covered Bridge from Fallasburg Park."

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

EVERY SUNDAY: The Grattan Museum, Old Belding Road in Grattan, is open from 2 to 4 p.m.

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: Tuesday thru Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Closed holidays. Phone 897-8545.

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

EVERY TUES.: Ladies "Coffee Break Bible Study" and children's "Bible Story Hour" from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main. Nursery free. For information call 897-6462.

THRU DEC. 19: Lowell Schools Athletic Boosters Christmas tree and wreath sale will be at Family Fare. Hours will be Monday - Friday, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 12 to 6 p.m.

FRI. DEC. 3: Cyclamen Chapter #94 O.E.S. will have a pot luck dinner before the regular meeting in the Lowell Masonic Temple. Eat at 6 p.m. meeting at 7:30 p.m. Bring a

dish to pass, own table service and \$1.50 gift exchange. The meeting is a week earlier than normal.

SAT., DEC. 4: Vergennes Cooperative Club's last call for reservations for our annual catered Christmas luncheon at Schneider Manor. Punch at noon, luncheon at 1 p.m.

SUN. DEC. 5: Past matrons of Cyclamen Chapter #94 O.E.S. Christmas party at the home of Bill and Nancy Wood. Bring a gift for a child. Punch bowl at 4 p.m. and eat at 5 p.m. Husbands are invited.

DEC. 3 & 4: General Federation of Women's Club of Lowell will be holding a bake sale at FMB State Savings Bank. Proceeds go to Scholarships for Seniors.

SAT., DEC. 4: Lowell Area Fire Department Explorer's Post #2102 pop bottle fundraiser. Bring empty pop cans and bottles to The Lowell Area Fire Dept., 315 South Hudson Street from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds used for purchasing smoke alarms for the elderly and needy in the Lowell area.

SAT., DEC. 4: The annual Rogue River Artisans Show and Sale will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Deer Run Golf Club, 13955 Cascade Road, S.E. A seasonal, club lunch menu will be available. No admission charge.

SUN., DEC. 5: The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an "All you can eat" breakfast at St. Patrick, Parnell school cafeteria. Serving pancakes, sausage, ham, eggs (as you like them), toast, orange juice, milk and hot coffee. 8 a.m. to noon. Adults, \$3.50;

children, 5 to 11 years, \$2.50 and under 5 free. Maximum cost per family \$12. Benefit of the youth program. The school is located on 5 Mile and Parnell Road.

SUN., DEC. 5: Boston Saranac Historical Society invites you to see the lighting of the depot at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

MON., DEC. 6: The Annual Cannonsburg Lighting Party will be held beside the store in Cannonsburg. There will be the lighting of the lights, Santa will arrive, caroling, and a quartet all starting at 6 p.m. Following the lighting, the Honey Creek Inn will be open for refreshments. The museum will also be open for visitors.

DEC. 3 & 4: General Federation of Women's Club of Lowell will be holding a bake sale at FMB State Savings Bank. Proceeds go to Scholarships for Seniors.

TUES., DEC. 7: Grattan Township Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. at Grattan Museum, Old Belding Road. Speaker: Alice Creek, "Dolls of Yesterday." Call Regina at 794-3252.

THURS., DEC. 9: Keenagers will meet at Vergennes United Methodist at 10 a.m. They will pack Christmas boxes for the shut-ins. Please bring cookies, candies and small breads. They will have a chicken a la king dinner. Bring a salad or dessert

SUN., DEC. 12: The annual Christmas family dinner for Clark-Ellis American Legion & Auxiliary will be at 1:30 at Schneider Manor. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Coffee and punch will be furnished. Sponsor is Angeline Mulder.

SUN., DEC. 12: Boston Saranac Historical Society will be serving their annual Christmas tea at 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Reservations only. Call 642-6571 or 642-9472 after 2 p.m. Price is \$5 per person.

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POST OFFICE EXTENDED HOURS

The Ada Post Office will be extending their hours for the holiday season.

Starting Dec. 6 the window will be open until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday until 1 p.m. These hours will be in effect through Dec. 23.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH SALE

The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters will be selling Christmas trees and wreaths in the Family Fare parking lot.

The sale will be held through Dec. 19. The hours will be: Monday through Friday, 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 12 to 6 p.m.

LHS CLASS OF 1954

Do you know the whereabouts of these class members: Carolyn Cleveland, Richard Godfrey, Jr., Robert Ray, Benjamin Rogers and Dorothy Bignall Alber Hovinga?

If you know where they are, please call Nancy Potter Porter, (616) 897-4335.

LOWELL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUB BOOK AND CRAFT SALE

The Lowell Federation of Women's Club is holding their annual book and craft sale at the Lowell FMB State Savings Bank on Friday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. until noon.

Come and enjoy their crafts and baked goods made by local women. The proceeds will provide scholarships for local seniors.

POST OFFICE EXTENDS HOLIDAY HOURS

Starting Dec. 1, the Lowell Post Office will stay open late on Wednesday nights for the holiday season.

Their holiday hours will be: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. These hours will be in effect from Dec. 1 through Dec. 22.

LAAC WINTER PLAY TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Lowell Area Arts Council winter play, "Our Town" will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 6, 7 and 8 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Center.

Fifteen men, ages eleven and up, and seven women, ages sixteen and up, are needed for this year's production. Scripts are available at the Center on South Hudson. For more information call 897-8545.

LIBRARY CLOSING

All branches of the Kent County Library System will be closed Friday, Dec. 10 until 1 p.m. for an all-staff inservice.

LOWELL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Entries are needed for the Lowell Christmas parade. It will be held Saturday, Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. Contact Dec Brown, 897-9161 or 642-9820.

LOWELL LIONS CLUB - ODYSSEY PASSBOOKS

The Lowell Lions Club is selling Odyssey Passbooks. Anyone interested in purchasing one, contact any Lions Club member or Bob Ford, 897-7501.

All of the profits from the fund-raiser will go to the Bushnell/Runciman fifth-grade camp fund. Books are \$35 and will be available in the lobby at FMB State Savings Bank on Friday, Dec. 3 from 2:30 until 5 p.m. and at Hahn Hardware through January.

FIRST AID COURSE OFFERED

The Lowell Area Fire Department is offering an American Red Cross First Aid Course on Dec. 8 and 9 from 6 to 10 p.m. You must attend both days to be certified.

The fee is \$30, and class size is limited to 12 people. To register call 897-5241 before Dec. 3, 1993.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Employees of the Third Base convenience store on East Main apprehended an 11 year old juvenile shoplifter Nov. 23.

Vicki Sheridan, 37, of Grand Rapids, was arrested and taken to the Kent County Jail on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol Nov. 27.

Thomas Ruid, 40, of Saranac, was arrested Nov. 23 for an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle and driving under the influence of alcohol.

An 11 year old shoplifter was apprehended by store employees of Rite Aid Pharmacy Nov. 26.

Christopher Zuiderveen, 17, of Lowell, will appear, at a later date in 63rd District Court on charges of retail fraud (shoplifting); he was apprehended by store employees of Rite Aid Drug Store on Nov. 27.

James Firlan, 26, of Williamston, MI was involved in a property damage accident Nov. 26 at Main and Hudson Street as he attempted to make a right turn with a semi-truck and was struck by a vehicle driven by John Lepien, 24, of Saranac.

Esther Staal, 80, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Nov. 29 when she backed from a private driveway on Sibley Street, near Center Street, into the path of a vehicle driven by Beverly Cox, 62, of Lowell.

Thoral Shaw, 79, of Lowell, was not injured when she was involved in an accident Nov. 22 on Main and Hudson Street as she changed lanes and struck a vehicle driven by Renee Warden, 20, of Ionia.

James Geldersma, 36, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Nov. 25 when a vehicle driven by Steve Worthington Jr., 17, of Grand Rapids, made a left turn into the path of his vehicle on West Main Street near Ridgeview Drive.

Nicholas Johnston, 20, of Lowell, was arrested and lodged in the Kent County Jail Nov. 26 and charged with breaking and entering a coin operated machine at 1941 West Main. Two 15 year old juveniles from Saranac will be referred to probate court on the same charge at a later date.

Margaret Taylor, 29, of Lowell, was arrested Nov. 24 on a warrant issued out of 63rd District Court for possession of marijuana.

Marie Armstrong, 17, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Nov. 23 when she failed to yield right-of-way at Main and Ridgeview Drive and struck a vehicle driven by Frank Kauffman, 81, of Alto.

David Groen, 18, was issued an appearance ticket to 63rd District Court, Nov. 27, for minor transporting alcohol in a motor vehicle.

wildlife on their farms. One resident voiced his displeasure over having mosquitoes close by.

Commissioner Harrison says residents are mistaken if they think the wetlands will be a "swamp". She says the wetlands would be a meadowland and wooded area.

"The new wetlands could be beneficial to the area because they would be desirable for the new proposed industrial facility and could provide several hiking trails," said Harrison.

Harrison says there is still a lot of information the aeronautics board has to review before it makes a decision. When the board does make that decision, they will again approach the township board and inform them of their decision.

"Everything right now is negotiable. We want to communicate with everyone involved so the needs of both parties are met," said Harrison.

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Sandra L. Kowalczyk Clerk

Lowell Middle School recognizes its Honor Roll Students

The Lowell Middle School honor roll for end of the first marking period is as follows:

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Steven Adams, Michael Armstrong, Katie Balaam, David Barry, Jennifer Bellechasses, Jacqueline Bennett, Laurie Biener, Theresa Bonner, Rebecca Brander, Gary Brower, Renee Brower, Danny Burton, Sarah Claire, Brian Conley, Kevin Couture, Jennifer Dean, Tina Delamar.

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Nikki Jamison, Emily Janes, Audra Jastifer, Jim Jastifer, Katie Johnson, Aaron Kaeb, Ben Kaeb, Elissa Kinney, Scott Koster, Ryan Kremer, Amanda LaBine, Angela Lake, Trevor Land, Steven Lux, Mark Maatman, Lisa Malone, Tara May, Leonard McElveen, Melissa McGuire, Bryce McMahon, Kate McPherson, Laura McQueen, Kimberly Meiste, Carolyn Mercer, Courtney Merrills, Melissa Merriman, Melissa Miller.

Ryan Mix, Jerry Moerdyke, Tommy Oesch, Amanda Osterhaven, Debra Overway, Joseph Patterson, Jessica Peasley, Lindsay Perkins, Bo Peterson, McKenzie Plummer, Kerri Postema, Jennifer Prins, Kathrine Puckett, Matthew Reed, Michelle Reed, Mike Rekeny, Rachel Rice, Samantha Ripley, Daniel Robertson, Elizabeth Roudabush, Jamie Ruse, Nicole Russell, Brandi Schaefer, Nathaniel Schafer, Angela Schmidt, Megan Schoenthaler, Lindsay Scigliano, Jesse Sefton.

Luke Seitz, Courtney Shaffer, Kristal Shambeau, Jaime Sheppard, Bobby Shindorf, Stephanie Smith,

Tobby Smith, Nathaniel Spencer, Brad Spoelman, Amanda Stouten, Miranda Tase, Lindsey Thaler, Terra Thurlow, Jason Tomczak, Kara Tousely.

Arianne Vaninstra, Marisa Ueberroth, Nicholas Vandersloot, Christopher VanSpronsen, Matthew VanTatenhove, Patrick VanTatenhove, Joshua Vrooman, Matthew Wade, Lori Walsh, Christine Wansten, Melanie Wieland, Jon Wiering, James Willits, Jennifer Wisner, Maggie Wisner, Charles Wood, Annie Zalokar.

Katherine Akers, Jason Alber, Dara Anchors, Stacy Anderson, Andrea Baker, Jonathan Ballema, Brooke Bennett, Robert Bessey, Jr., Joshua Blanding, Nicholas Blough, Lynn Boersma, Joseph Boruta, Melissa Bowen, Lisa Bristol, Jeff Brubaker, Erin Burgess, Kelly Capen, Cherie Colburn, Nick Collins, Kevin Condon, Bradley Corbit, Kalie Cowen (Nosko), Stacey Craig, J.R. Cramer, Thomas Cross.

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Site plan for Tuffy Automotive contingent on reduced signage

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The only thing standing in the way of Tuffy Automotive Service joining the plethora of businesses on the growing west end is the reduction of 20 square feet of signage.

Lowell's Planning Commission approved the Tuffy Automotive Service site plan at 834 W. Main (southeast corner of West Main and South Center) contingent on the proposed 144 square feet of signage being reduced to the allowable amount by the city of 120 square feet or that a variance be requested.

The Planning Commission also requested that Tuffy provide 13 parking spaces on the west side and two in front (on the north side). The formula used to figure out parking for an automotive service is three parking spaces for each lift and one space for each employee. Tuffy will have four lifts and three employees.

Commissioner Ray Zandstra asked that Tuffy avoid the maneuverability of cars in lots out front and onto Main Street.

The Planning Commission

received two letters from local residents. Richard Waters, 135 Center, raised concerns about the hazards of people parking on the east side of Center Street.

Gladys Clemens, who will

be leasing the building out to Tuffy, wrote a letter in support of the new business.

Tuffy, upon approval by the Lowell City Council, will be moving into the older building where zoning standards

are difficult to comply. However, it has remained compatible with the building site and surrounding area.

Governor of Rotary's International District visits Lowell

Norman Veliquette, a cherry processor and Rotarian from Elk Rapids, visited the local Rotary Club at its regular meeting Nov. 17. Veliquette is the Governor of Rotary International District 6290.

During his one year term of office, Governor Veliquette will visit each of the 56 Rotary clubs in District 6290, a district encompassing an area from Holland and Grand Rapids in the south to Blind River and Wawa, Ontario, north of Sault Ste. Marie.

Veliquette praised the local club for projects such as Stoney Park landscaping. He noted that Rotary clubs are characterized by their Four Avenues of Service: fellow-

ship in the club, promotion of ethical values in all occupations, service to the community and the building of goodwill among peoples of the world.

The motto of Rotarians is

"Service Above Self." Veliquette personalized his message of service and challenged local members, "Believe in What You Do! Do What You Believe In!"



The first nylon product marketed, back in 1938, was a toothbrush with nylon bristles.

Wetlands continued....

fore we can act on a location," said Harrison.

However, Wieland says she and other residents have been contacted by the county's real estate agent, Terpestra and Associates, informing them that their homes will likely be demolished.

Harrison says the aeronautics board has yet to determine if any homes will be destroyed. She explained that the board may work out an agreement with residents which would allow them to stay on the land for a number

of years.

The residents are also concerned about the impact the wetlands will have on farms and their homes. The township board voted to have Township Supervisor John Timpon seek legal advice about what options they have.

The board also wants to know how the property taxes lost by the conversion will be replaced.

"We don't want to give up any more land than what is necessary," said Timpon.

Under state and federal regulations, for every acre of destroyed wetlands it must be replaced with one and a half acres. According to airport officials, three acres must be obtained for every one and a half acres of wetlands replaced.

The main sticking point for Wieland and other residents is the fact that the airport wants all 320 acres now when it may not be used for years down the road.

Wieland says she has con-

tacted lawyer Dale Rhodes, an expert in this field, about the rights of the residents. According to Wieland, Rhodes told her the airport can only take land that is needed now not several years down the road.

"If Rhodes is correct, then the airport only needs about 70 acres for the next couple of years. We want to know why they need the total 320 acres now," said Wieland.

Another concern for residents is the affect of the new

Nurse continued....

that I'm not paralyzed from the neck down."

She's not paralyzed because it was a stable fracture as opposed to a straight fracture which could have compressed the nerves to the spinal cord, and because Bylsma was able to keep Esch calm until paramedics arrived.

"There is no doubt that Bylsma was my guided angel of mercy," Esch said. "Because of her willingness to stop and become involved, I'm alive and not paralyzed."

She added that many times because of a person's medical background, they do not stop.

It was the nursing student's quiet, calm demeanor and loving, soothing voice that enabled her to gain Esch's confidence.

The trauma of the situation never affected Bylsma while at the scene of the accident. She credits that to her experience in open heart surgery, in med surgery, and to her six children. "In a situation like this a person

just reacts and everything comes automatically," she said. "The day after was more difficult. I heard that Sandy was in critical condition and my heart dropped, because after providing her with aid, there was a possibility she might not make it."

While Bylsma's immediate care at the scene, prior to the ambulance and emergency personnel arriving, was critical, she was quick to acknowledge the incredible way everybody worked as a team. "The intensity was in-

credible," she said. "I'm thankful that the Lord had me there and that I was able to be a part of that."

Bylsma said she was aided in her efforts by Esch's wonderful first spirit.

In reality, it's a spirit they both share as they are both involved in home health agencies.

Bylsma works with "People Care" and Esch for "Visiting Nurses."

Esch and her family are forever grateful that on Nov. 1 a nurse stopped to "visit" her.

"Lynn is a beautiful person, who I am indebted to," Esch said.

Esch's husband, Superintendent of Lowell Schools, Fritz Esch, said the month of November has been a month full of Thanksgivings. "In times like this you realize just how many people care. We were fed for literally two weeks following Sandy's accident. The amount of food and plants people sent were unbelievable."

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Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 13, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, on a request to amend a previous request held by T. Ritchie and Associates.

T. Ritchie and Associates has requested relocation of a proposed building on their land at 677 Lincoln Lake in the N.E. 1/4 of Section 34 in the Industrial District.

The application for this can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk not later than 7 p.m. on December 13, 1993.

Jean Hoffman
Township Clerk

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LEGAL EASE

With
Jonathan J. David

DEAR JONATHAN: We are thinking of enlisting the aid of a real estate agent to help us find a house to buy. We have been trying on our own for six months and have not had much luck. We have been told by others that we have to be very careful because all realtors work for and represent the seller and never the buyer. How do we make sure our interests are protected?

JONATHAN SAYS: You are right to be careful. Traditionally, the rule has been that a real estate agent or broker is the agent of the seller in all instances even when the buyer solicited the realtor for help in finding a house. Consequently, the real estate agent has a fiduciary obligation to the seller and not to the buyer and in fact requires that the agent act in the seller's best interests. For instance, the real estate agent could not

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Precise Engineering/Stedfast has requested an amendment to their special exception use permit to allow expansion of their work force beyond the 30 employee limitation in the original special exception use issued in 1991.

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Jean Hoffman
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Five Tips for a Happy Holiday

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fiduciary obligation to the seller.

In addition to the traditional agency arrangement mentioned above, there are now buyer broker agency relationships. A buyer broker is an agent who contracts with the buyer to specifically find the buyer a house. Since the buyer broker has entered into a written contract with the buyer to find the buyer a house, the buyer broker is specifically working for the buyer and as such is acting as his agent through the term of the contract. You should be aware, however, that with a buyer broker arrangement, you as the buyer will be required to pay to the buyer broker some type of fee, which will be spelled out in the contract, for his or her services in finding you a house.

As of January 1, 1994, Michigan law will require a real estate agent to disclose to a potential buyer or seller the different types of agency relationships which are available and that agent's duties in relation to each separate agency relationship. This is required to be done prior to the buyer or seller disclosing any confidential information to the prospective agent. This is so that everyone is clear as to what type of relationship exists between the buyer or seller and the agent from the outset.

DEAR JONATHAN: I enjoy your informative articles in the Ledger. One of your recent articles was about setting up a living trust so that your estate would not have to be probated upon your death. My questions are: If you have a living trust, are you still required to hire an attorney to settle your estate? Also, if a living trust is in existence at the time of one's death, can his or her heirs take over and put everything in the trust set up by the decedent?

JONATHAN SAYS: If you have implemented a living trust and funded that trust so that you do not have any assets in your own name alone at the time of death, then there will be no probate estate.

If there is no probate estate, then it will not be necessary to hire an attorney to settle your estate because there will be no estate to settle. However, an attorney should be consulted with to make sure that a probate proceeding is not necessary and that if there is a will, that it is properly filed with the Probate Court. Also, the attorney will be able to advise the trustee of the advise the buyer as to how much to bid for a certain piece of property because that would be deemed to be a breach of his

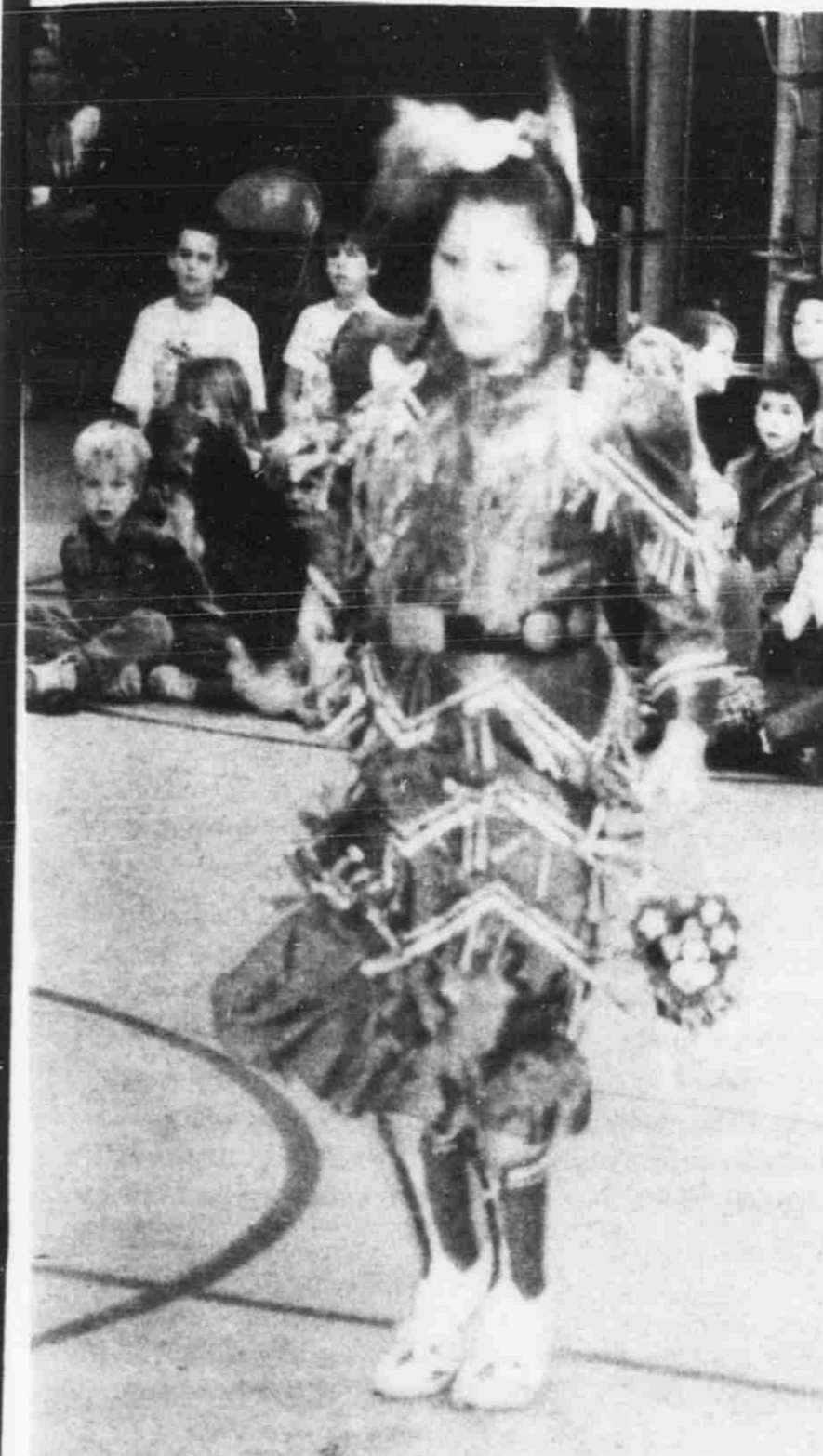
trust as to what his or her responsibilities are to the trust and its beneficiaries.

The attorney can also make sure that any estate taxes, both federal and state, which may be due and owing as a result of the decedent's death, are properly paid. Having a living trust may avoid probate but it will not avoid the imposition of estate taxes. As for your second question, if the trust is totally funded at the decedent's death so that a probate proceeding is not necessary, then there will be no assets left to be transferred to the trust at the decedent's death. If the trust was not totally funded at the decedent's death, then a probate proceeding will be necessary and the personal representative will be charged with the responsibility of administering the estate during the probate process. Upon the completion of probate, and if the will so directs, then the balance of the probate estate will be transferred to the trust on behalf of the beneficiaries named in the trust.

LEGAL TIP: After executing wills, trusts, and other estate planning documents, many people have a tendency to file those documents away and never look at them again. Because laws (both tax laws and otherwise) are constantly changing and because one's personal circumstances are in a constant state of flux, your estate plan should be reviewed on an annual basis. An estate plan prepared five years ago based on circumstances which no longer exist may do you more harm than good. In reviewing your estate planning documents, you should determine how your circumstances have changed since the date you executed those documents. Some of the things you should look for are whether there have been any births, deaths or divorces, has the size of your estate increased or decreased, and whether the beneficiaries named in your wills and/or trusts and the percentage of your estate they are set to receive are consistent with your current thinking.

The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired or required, then competent legal counsel should be consulted.

Indian tribe descendents visit Runciman Elementary



West Michigan Native Americans shared their culture and dance with Runciman Elementary students.

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Native American descendents from the Ottawa, Ojibwa and Pottawatomi Indian Tribes, known as the people of three fires, visited Runciman/Riverside students.

The assembly, sponsored through the PTO and Lowell Knights of Columbus, shared with students the culture and dances of the Native Americans. It also cleared many stereotypical smoke screens that cloud the Indians' history.

"Many people believe the Native Americans in West Michigan have vanished," said Bill Memerto, a descendant from the Ottawa Tribe.

"This is not true. Native Americans resided along the Grand River and the Great Lakes for 1,500 years. We are the original folks of Michigan."

Memerto is part of a group (20-25 members) who travel around the state talking at colleges, museums, elementary schools, and festivals about its language, culture, tradition and dances.

"Many people still believe Columbus discovered Amercia. He didn't. Columbus was a poor navigator who were here long before Columbus." "People think of Indians and they think of war hoops and people hunting buffalo, but there is a lot more diversity in our nature and who we are." Memerto said.



Students were enthralled with various chants performed by the Native Americans.

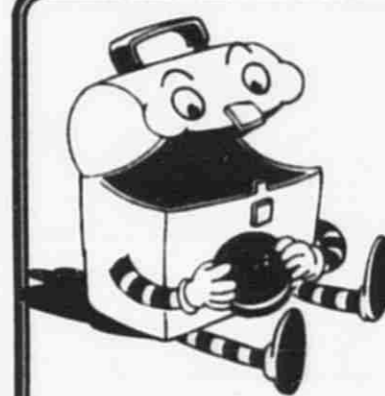
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WEDNESDAY: Hot dog in a bun, lettuce salad, choice of fruit, milk.

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THURSDAY: Chicken nuggets or sliced turkey or chef salad, buttered corn, mashed potatoes or rice with gravy, raisin roll w/butter & p-nut butter, gelatin or fruit, milk.

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Cooperative efforts of students make it a memorable feast

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor



After the prepping, setting, baking and cooking tasks were completed, students from the classes of Brent Noskey, Cindy Donahue and Claudia Raber dressed as Indians and Pilgrims and shared in the savory delights of the holiday over a pre-Thanksgiving Day feast at Deer Run.

The activity was the conclusion of the children's study of their Native American Unit.

The Runciman elementary teachers point out the activity is integrated into many areas of the children's studies. From the activity, students learn to share responsibilities, cooperate with one another and build self confidence.

"The hands-on activities stick with the kids. They learn and remember," Noskey says.

This marked the third year that the children have been given access to the Deer Run kitchen and dining area.

Noskey says the cooperative learning and hands-on experience that Deer Run provides is immeasurable. "We are very thankful to Deer Run for this reason," Donahue said.

This year Claudia Raber's second grade classroom was integrated among Noskey's and Donahue's second and third-grade learning disabled students.

Eight year old Brad Siek (student from Noskey's classroom) paused during his

Thanksgiving Day lunch to note that his chores included helping to cook the carrots and bake the rolls.

Josh Sherman, student from Raber's class, said he put table-cloths on the tables.

He added that one of the things the Native American unit

taught him was how well the pilgrims and Indians shared.

Chris Cahmbers, seven-years old, said his chore was setting the silverware on the table.

The students' cooperative efforts made for a memorable Thanksgiving Day feast.



What do I want? There were plenty of choices at the Thanksgiving dinner.

Lowell special education administrator, Pam Thomas, shared in the Thanksgiving feast.



All the trimmings were there to choose from at the buffet table.



Prior to dinner, Runciman students gave thanks for all the good in their lives.

Senior Neighbors promote two staff members

Senior Neighbors has recently promoted two staff persons to new positions within the agency.

Julie Gortsema has been hired as the new Director of Client Services. Gortsema previously held the position of Centers Supervisor. Her new role will include over-

seeing all staff and services which deal directly with clients.

Tim Dykstra has been promoted from Case Manager to Casework Coordinator. He

will be adding supervisory duties to his case load. Dykstra has been on staff at Senior Neighbors for over 10 years. Senior Neighbors is a non-profit organization which works to provide Essential Services for Independent Living to persons 60 and over. Senior Neighbors' central office is located at 50 Weston SW, Grand Rapids.

In The Service

Senior Airman Reed A. Chase was a participant in "Gunsmoke 93", the U.S. Air Force Worldwide gunnery competition held at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas.

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The airman is stationed at Griffis Air Force Base, Rome, NY.

Chase, a strategic aircraft maintenance specialist, is the son of Marshall D. Chase of Ithaca and Gloria J. Von Myhr of Lowell.

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When not at work, Leesa spends her time with her husband, Thomas & sons, David (10) & Roman (7). She enjoys outdoor sports with her sons, biking & aerobics. She is an active member in the PTA and the Christ Community Church. She also attends Calvin College.

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Commission told survey is a start, but not a place to finish

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Steve Langworthy of Design Plus told the Lowell City Planning Commission that the community attitude survey to be sent out to residents in January is a place to start, but definitely not the

place to finish.

The survey covers a number of areas within the community such as quality of life, recreation and public facilities, public services and government housing, and the downtown area.

Under each subheading, residents will be asked to voice

their opinion on various topics and issues.

The survey will be mailed to roughly 200-225 residents of approximately 4,000.

The text of the survey was formed through a master plan focus group meeting. From the meeting, a number of strong images on the condi-

tion of the downtown came out.

The meeting talked about the relationship between the downtown and the west end, the image and condition of the downtown, and the desirability of living in Lowell.

Langworthy said while concerns were levied, it was

not in a negative tone, but instead said in a positive manner. "The group of 16 people who attended the meeting were saying what we have in good, but we can do better," he said. "The people were very detail oriented."

The Planning Commission reviewed and studied the

questions and statements that will be used to gather the attitude of Lowell residents. It documented what it liked and discussed areas where additions and deletions were needed.

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R L makes zoning request

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With eyes on future expansion, Root Lowell Manufacturing made a request to the Lowell Planning Commission that its 26.74 acres in the rear of its current structure (Foreman Road) be rezoned.

The request was to have it rezoned from R-3 (multiple family residential) to industrial.

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The property is currently bordered to the east by railroad tracks, to the west by Creekside Park, and to the south by a nursing home (Lowell Medical Care Center) and the Valley Vista housing development.

A Root Lowell spokesman at the meeting said there are no actual plans for development, but the request was in case of the possibility in the future.

A Public Hearing was established by the Planning Commission for Jan. 24, 1994.



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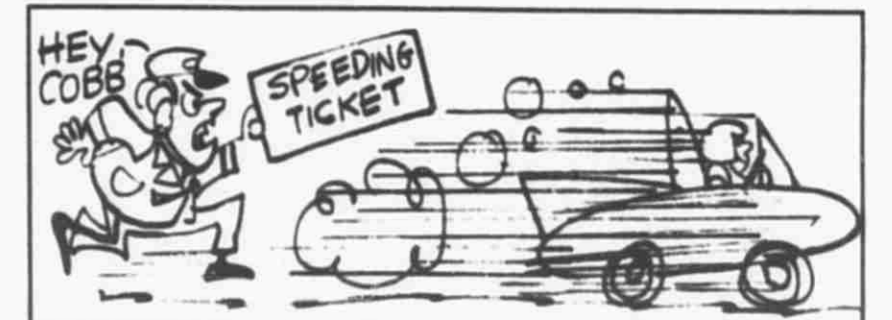
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Spillway & funds top concerns for DDA

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Fixing the walk over the spillway that abutts the downtown bridge has spilled over onto the Downtown Development Authority's priority list.

City Commissioner Dean Lonnick just wants to see it

fixed. "I think it's an issue where the DDA is saying someone has to do it. It's not getting done. The DDA is willing to make an effort and see where it goes," he said.

"Even if it exhausts the funds, it is an important enough issue that if that is where the funds go, that's where it goes. I've been in

town four years and that's all I've heard," Lonnick said. "If we can get the damn thing fixed, let's fix it."

Another important part of the DDA downtown renovation plan is the parking lot which the city leases from King Milling. "That has to be renovated," City Manager Dave Pasquale said. "For that

to be done, the spillway must be fixed."

Pasquale said the responsibility of the bridge belongs to the state. "In our initial discussions, the state agreed the bridge is its responsibility. However, the amount it would pay was not determined," he said.

The DDA has made plans

to look at the spillway when the river is down in September so it can see what it will take to fix it.

All DDA plans are on hold until it sees what hap-

pens with the state's school finance issue.

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