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## Esterleys four-times blessed this holiday season

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Following the 10 most important minutes of their married lives, Lee and Shelley Esterley wondered how they would meet the wonderful challenge that lay ahead of them.

Through the miracle of medical technology Esterley was able to become pregnant by using a fertility drug called invitro.

A month after she learned she was pregnant, doctors told Shelley and Lee that if everything progressed perfectly, they would soon be parenting not one, but four babies.

Seven months later, on Thursday, Dec. 16 at approximately 5:31 p.m., an emergency cesarean was performed, allowing Murphy Lee, Bailey Elizabeth, Nicholas Lee and Samuel Lee

Esterley to come into the world unharmed and perfectly healthy.

The decision to go ahead with an emergency cesarean came after doctors determined that the blood flow from the umbilical cord to Bailey was low.

Lee and Winifred (Lee's parents) patiently waited seven years for grandchildren. Now they have a grandchild for each arm.

"They were all born so perfectly healthy and nice. What a Christmas present!" said Lee Esterley, Sr.

Shelley's parents, Jim and Bette Bailey, couldn't have agreed more. "We got all of our Christmas presents. This is the greatest thing, said Jim Bailey.

"We're overwhelmed. We feel like we're in a dream and haven't woken up yet," said Lee Esterley Jr.



Lee and Shelley Esterley welcomed Sammy Lee, Murphy Lee, Bailey Elizabeth and Nicholas Lee into the world on Dec. 16.

Doctors told the new parents that none of the babies could go home until they reach 4 1/2 pounds.

Murphy weighs 4 pounds, one ounce. The Esterleys expect he will be able to go home in a couple of weeks.

Bailey, the smallest of the

four (2 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces), is expected to remain in the hospital up until the end of January and/or the beginning of February.

Nicholas weighs 3 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces and Samuel weighs 2 pounds, 14 ounces.

"I'm as happy as can be. I

couldn't have asked for a better Christmas present. We were told one may fade and Shelley could end up with triplets," said Bette Bailey.

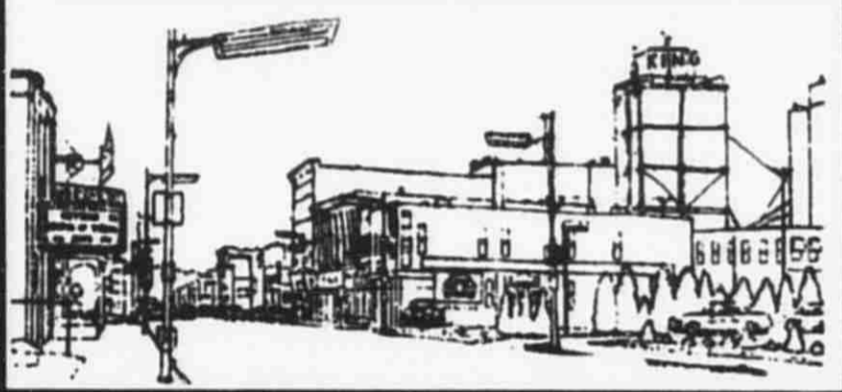
A week following the birth of their children, the Esterleys were visited by Terri Gehl of the Welcome Wagon. Gehl

brought gifts to the Esterleys which she collected from area merchants.

The Welcome Wagon has been in existence for 65 years. It originated in Memphis, TN. There are Welcome Wagons located all over the country.

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### Along Main Street



#### COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Commodities will be distributed Thursday, Jan. 27 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Lowell Moose Recreational Building, 210 E. Main.

Check the "expiration date" on your commodities pick-up card. If it has expired and you want to renew it, you must bring the following: current proof of total household income; current proof of eligibility for ADC, General Assistance, SSI and Food Stamps and Social Security recipients: Form SSA-1099 Social Security Benefit Statement. You must have the current information or you will not receive any commodities.

#### YMCA KIDDIE GYM CLASS CORRECTION

The class description for the YMCA preschool Kiddie Gym class was listed as starting November 2 through Dec. 14. The correct dates for the class will be January 4 through February 15. The class is available to all boys and girls ages 3 to 5 years.

For further information call the YMCA at 897-8445. Limited space is available.

#### HOLIDAY HOURS

The Lowell Area Arts Center will be closed January 2, 3 and 4.

The Gallery reopens Sunday, Jan. 9 with landscapes by Conrad Bakker.

#### YMCA HOLIDAY BUSINESS HOURS

The Lowell YMCA holiday business hours will be as follows: Wednesday, Dec. 29, 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 30, 9 a.m. to noon; Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, closed.

## Flyers Association given until April to work out agreement before Township intercedes

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Township Board has given the West Michigan Radio Flyers Association a model airplane club, operating at the VanStrien property, until April 1 to work out an agreement with residents in the area before they intercede.

This summer the board was approached by Mrs. Jack Molinosky, 11712 Grand River Dr., saying the noise by the model airplane club was bothering her almost every day of the week.

Club members say they

operate on Tuesday and Sunday nights during the summer. However, Molinosky says the planes are flown everyday in the summertime.

The township board informed the association that it must work out an agreement with residents before they can operate again. The president of the association told the board he talked with Molinosky and an agreement had been reached.

Molinosky came back to the board and said she did not reach any agreement with the club and then submitted a petition. The petition was signed

by residents who want the club out of their area.

Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson reviewed the minutes of a public hearing held in 1988 regarding Robert VanStrien's landing strip. The strip, located at 11511 Grand River Dr., was approved with the knowledge that commercial use was not permitted, and the strip would be used by Robert VanStrien and his son's own personal aircraft.

Timpson feels the club is indeed a commercial operation because it rents the space from VanStrien.

According to Timpson, the club has hired an attorney to represent them in the situation. No member of the club could be reached at this time.

The club is not expected to start again until the weather gets warm and Timpson is hoping an agreement can be reached by that time.

"I hope to talk with the neighbors and see what the club has done to meet their concerns," said Timpson. "If the two sides want to get together we will sit down and talk with them."

# Ring In The New Year

# HAPPY 1994

From Everyone At *Toni*

*Thad* *Mary B.* *June* *Janet*  
**The Lowell Ledger**



# OBITUARIES

**ANDERSON** - Arthur L. Anderson, aged 71, passed away Saturday, Dec. 25, 1993. Surviving are his wife, Lillian; daughters, Yonetta (Dan) Burrows of Lowell, Marva Casler of Rockford, Barbara (Edward) Mason of Clarksville; sisters, Helga Wester of Alto, Vivian (Paul) Hoffman of Clarksville, Gladys Metternick of Alto; six grandchildren, Tracy, Dawn, Louis, Ross, Melonie and Shelly. Services will be announced later.

**ANDERSON** - Mrs. Mary Alice Anderson passed away on Tuesday, December 21, 1993 at her home. She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew Anderson and her daughter, Barbara Kopp. She is survived by her children, Mary Jane Wright, Stephen Anderson of Lowell, Judith (Anthony) Proia of Vermont, Marguerite Howland of Vermont, Maureen (Wayne) Dobson; her 17 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; her brother, Edmund (Mary) Christian of FL; her sister, Mrs. Ursula Hefner, also of FL; her son-in-law, Thomas Wright; her daughter-in-law, Karel Anderson; and many nieces and nephews. The Fu-

Selden, NY, Stuart (Jean) Erbentraut of Lowell, Bryan (Jean) Erbentraut of Lakewood, CO, Kevin (Lynn) Erbentraut of Randolph, NJ, Eric Erbentraut of Lakewood, CA; 3 sisters; 11 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren. Funeral Mass will be in Beloit, KS.

**FORKNER** - Reverend Stanley H. Forkner, D.D., aged 79, of Wyoming, passed away December 21 in Medford, OR. He was ordained in 1935 as a minister in the former United Brethren Church and was a minister in the Evangelical United Brethren Church which merged with the Methodist Church in 1968. He served pastorates in Ostrander and Dayton, OH and in Livonia, Wyoming, and Lowell, MI. He served as a Chaplain in the United States Army in World War II. He retired from the active ministry in 1979. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Naomi; and his three children, Robert Stanley Forkner of Boca Raton, FL, Mary Ruth Douglas of Medford, OR, and Paul Owen Forkner of Medford, OR; four grandchildren, Sonya Forkner and Cindy Forkner of Boca Raton, FL and Jennifer Forkner and Scott Forkner of Lansing; and a sister, Beulah Miller of Lakeland, FL. Funeral Services will be held at the Wyoming Park United Methodist Church, Thursday, Dec. 30 at 1 p.m.

**ERBENTRAUT** - Genevieve M. Erbentraut, aged 77, died Saturday, Dec. 25, 1993. She was preceded in death by her husband Roland. She is survived by her children, Terry Erbentraut of Wheeling, WV, Dennis (Diane) Erbentraut of

with burial in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Grand Rapids. Memorial contributions are suggested to the United Methodist Foundation.

**MUNSON** - Susie Munson, aged 83, of Grand Rapids, passed away Thursday, Dec. 23, 1993. Surviving are her children, Roseann (Ronald) Wood, Dorothy LaFata, all of Wyoming, Violet (Ned) Walker of CO, Al (Sheryl) Munson of FL, John (Vera) Munson of Grand Rapids; 19 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Mary Iliff of Lowell. Funeral Services were held Monday at the DeGraaf Funeral Home, with Fr. Bernard Hall officiating. Interment Resurrection Cemetery.

**STERZICK (PATTERSON)** - Genevieve (Jean) Sterzick, aged 85, passed away Saturday, Nov. 27, 1993 at Terrace Heights Care Center in Boulder, CO. Mrs. Sterzick was born Jan. 1, 1908 near Lowell and resided on 52nd Street after her marriage to Fred Sterzick on Aug. 9, 1927 until his retirement in 1963. Because of ill health, she moved to Colorado with her daughters in 1975. Her husband died May, 1981, in Boulder, CO. Two brothers preceded her in death, William and Morris Patterson of Grand Rapids. One brother, Carl Wisner and wife, Dorothy, live in Newaygo. Since July of 1990,

there have been five generations in her family—two daughters, Noreen Sterzick Blecha of Boulder, and Violet Russo and husband Fred of Louisville; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held Dec. 6 at St. Louis Church in Louisville. Cremation has taken place. Burial will be in Merriman Cemetery in Alto at a later date. A memorial service will be held at that time.

## Local poet published in national anthology

Marlowe Jill Pietrzak (Baker), daughter of Thane and Glenda Young of Lowell, has just had original poetry published in *Whispers in the Wind*, a treasury of today's poetry compiled by The National Library of Poetry. The poems are entitled *All My Heroes and God Created the Mold*, and the main subject is special or important people who effect your life and children.

The National Library of Poetry seeks to discover and encourage poets like Pietrzak by sponsoring contests that are open to the public and by publishing poems in widely distributed hardback volumes. Pietrzak has been writing for three years and her favorite subjects and ideas include, children, family, people and situations about life in general, and animals and nature.

## LOWELL BRANCH YMCA MENS OVER 30 SLOW PACED BASKETBALL

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# Kent County Library System sponsors winter reading club

The Kent County Library System encourages adults to turn to reading as a source of information and enjoyment by sponsoring the "Let It Snow" winter reading club.

Readers of high school age and older are invited to join the club, which runs from

December 1 to March 31. Participants are challenged to read at least 15 books; readers who achieve their goal will be awarded a 1994 edition "Let It Snow" coffee mug and will be eligible for a drawing for a \$50 savings bond from Old Kent Bank.

Readers may register for the club at any branch of the Kent County Library System. Participants will receive a reading log and a coupon for a buy one - get one free dinner at Carlos O'Kelly's Mexican Cafe. Club members may read any books of their choice,

though they're encouraged to explore new genres and discover new authors.

This is the third winter for the "Let It Snow" club. The library registered 350 readers the first year and 800, the second.

"Let It Snow" will culmi-

nate in a gala celebration at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum on April 21, 1994. Popular mystery novelist Barbara D'Amato will be the featured speaker.

D'Amato's presentation has been underwritten by a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council in conjunction with the Legacy 1994 women's history project.

"Barbara D'Amato is an acclaimed and accomplished mystery writer who happens to be a native of Grand Rapids," says Kent County Library Youth Services Coordinator Pamela Vanderploeg.

"This will be a wonderful opportunity for Kent County readers to meet an author who has worked with the organization 'Sisters in Crime' to achieve recognition for female mystery writers around the country."

"Let It Snow" is sponsored by WOOD AM and EZ 105.7; Lacks Enterprises, Inc.; Old Kent Bank; Michigan National Bank; First of America Bank; and Carlos O'Kelly's Mexican Cafe.

For more information, call the Kent County Library System branch.

## AREA BIRTHS

Shannon and Darwin of Saranac are proud to announce the birth of their son Jordan Lee Lambert, born on December 18, 1993. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Linda Young of Lowell and

James Young of Big Rapids, and Duane and Arlene Lambert of Lowell.

Great-grandparents are Helen Tetzlaff of Saranac, Vergie and the late Carl Zinck of Florida and Beatrice and Elmer Baldwin of Evart, MI.

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Is it only the mouth and belly which are injured by hunger and thirst? Men's minds are also injured by them.

—Mencius

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You grow up the day you have the first real laugh—at yourself.

—Ethel Barrymore



## National Honor Society inductees

Lowell juniors inducted into the National Honor Society were, first row, left to right: Krista Posthumus, Tracey Hobbs, Anastasia Luyk, Holidae Bauman, Vicki Jacobson, Sarah Wieland, Christina Thaler and Katherine Craig; second row, left to right: Maggie Blanding, Michelle Murphy, Rebecca Cattanaach, Jamie McCaul, Karyn Rogers, Kerry Nugent, Ashley Olin, Nathan Livingston and Dena Beers; third row, left to right: Ben Knudstrup, Mike Rottier, George Ponchaud, Kevin Nugent, Ron Acheson, Micah Skidmore, Dustin VanStee, Collin Korb and Alex Brubaker.

## In response to Sue Burt's letter to the editor in the December 22, 1993 Lowell Ledger.

Dear Ms. Burt:

I am responding to your letter to clarify some of the issues and to give you and anyone interested the background from which we are coming. As you know, Citizens for Quality Education started as a group of concerned neighbors who objected to how the five-hour day was instituted. We met initially Sept. 23 with a large group of parents to collate a list of suggestions and concerns to present to the board. You objected vocally at the meeting to most of what the parents had to say, and defended the current system and administrators. You also made a comment about not wanting the hassle of parent volunteers in your classroom. The list of suggestions and requests was presented to the board at the October meeting, and was overshadowed by the decision already made to resume the six-hour day in January. We requested a response to our list by the Nov. board meeting. We also attended the Vision 2000 meeting in October and were very impressed with the viewpoint and efforts being made by them. CQE met in late October and it was very obvious at the meeting that your agenda consisted of defending the administration and ascertaining how many parents had responded to collate the list (presumably to report back to the administrators).

Since the defense of the board and administration for not reinstating the six-hour day until January was continuously the issue of finances, two CQE members who are auditors by training requested and audited the budget figures provided by Mr. Kemp. At the next board forum, these figures were presented to the public and the board, who not only had no knowledge of them, but accused us of fabricating the numbers. Gary Kemp was not at the forum. Lo and behold, at the next board meeting, Mr. Kemp spends a lot of time explaining exactly how he calculated the exact same figures, including the \$1.1 million excess in State aid over what was expected. He admitted that they knew that amount even before the September board meeting. He was also questioned at the meeting about the reconstruction project of the business office/copy center, and stated that no laws or rules had been broken in regards to competitive bidding. After our attorney requested further information through Mr. Idema, Mr. Kemp wrote Shawn Eshragh a letter outlining the expenses incurred in the remodeling (over \$8,000 to the contractor alone, \$21,000 total) and a copy of the board policy that any amount over \$5,000 is to be competitively bid. He agreed that this had not been done. His letter and a response was sent to all school board members.

Some time later our auditors were finally able to see the general ledger and found the now famous \$48,000 in penalties. The school board members had no knowledge of that amount again, until just before the board meeting. What is even worse, it seems that the budget allows for \$30,000 in penalties, even though there is no budget for other items as yet. You compare this to making a bad business decision. I know of no company dealing with \$15 million (and there are a number of them in Lowell) where the payroll clerk would not be fired instantly for paying more than \$5 in penalties! This is not a business dependent on weekly income!

I can assure you that we have no vendetta against any person in the school. We agree that Mr. Kemp is an honest and upright person, and we see him as caught in a situation not of his making alone. In fact, we are concerned that he is being made the sacrificial lamb of this whole process. We feel that the whole way of management will have to change, not just in Lowell, but in the whole school system in general. Unfortunately here the current method is seen as managing by intimidation and the reason we have been branded as troublemakers is because we have not been intimidated. If we are "destroying" the district then I ask how "destroyed" Caledonia, Belding or Sparta are, since their parents have demanded changes in the last few years. My understanding is that they are all much better schools now.

We have heard that you have organized some of the teachers to decide how to react to us. (We weren't invited to that, by the way). We all are parents who have the highest regard for teachers in general, and we have found most of the teachers in our area to be excellent. We have defended the right of teachers to their pay to others who were unhappy. We could have raised a lot of questions prior to the contract settlement if our aim was to save the district money in that fashion. Our only unfulfilled request was for more challenging work for our children. We learn now that eight years ago a group of teachers and parents put together an extensive program for the gifted students, only to have it opposed by you for one, and subsequently ignored. These are not new problems we are bringing to the board.

You ask that we explore going to another school system. Besides being insulting, you have not asked why we came to the Lowell district in the first place. We could have the option of three districts due to the location of our land, and we made the conscious decision at the time we moved here to choose Lowell. We have not been unhappy with the quality of education, nor with the teachers we have worked with to this point, and obviously if we thought that the district was unsalvageable we would have moved our children long ago. We however, chose to stay and fight for those who do not have the resources we do. What of the high school seniors who may not get into a prestigious college because of the fewer credits this year? What of the single parents who have to now pay money for someone to watch their children in the morning instead of being on the bus to school? What about our children? Hasn't anyone remembered them in this whole mess? Why were the lives of all these people disrupted?

We are by no means the whole group fighting for renovation of the school system. Our phones have been ringing off the hook with encouragement and information. Many who have tried to bring these same issues to light previously have been spurned or intimidated, and we are merely voicing the concerns of many now. We have suggested many solutions; so far, all of them ignored. We have not even had a call by the board or administration to see what we are trying to do, unless your letter speaks for them. It would certainly make sense for someone being questioned to find out the background of those questioning (rather than trying to spread rumors), and to talk to them directly.

My questions back to you. Why are you spending so much energy trying to preserve the status quo? Are you afraid that changes will affect you personally? If so, how many children's lives have you impacted? You told us you don't like dealing with parent volunteers, yet you are in charge of the very important Project Charlie, where the whole issue is to deal with the community and children's self-esteem. Why is it right that the funding can circumvent the board, yet our questions are "rude and arrogant?" Are we to allow our taxes to continue going into the penalties, or press boxes, or video equipment instead of computers, or subsidizing football and not music; all without a fuss? We tried to raise these issues through the "proper channels" and met with the same lack of response our predecessors did. I think you must agree that at least the current method has made education the talk of the town. Our children and their education is our business, whether the old system thinks so or not.

Sincerely,  
Shawn and Winnie Eshragh

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# Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God... (Psalm 143:10).

Nightmares are terrifying. It's a dreadful sensation to be trapped in a forest fire, or to fall from a tall building, or to

be clutched by a monstrous beast. All dreams are not unpleasant, however. My husband was telling about a dream he'd had. "It was such a nice dream," he said, "I wanted to go back to sleep and find out how it turned out."

Some people enjoy unreality so much they indulge in daydreaming - trying to escape the truth of their surroundings and circumstances. But seek as he may, man cannot escape from the Lord. Jonah tried doing that. While he slept aboard the ship bound for Tarshish, he temporarily forgot his sad disobedience. Upon awakening, he remembered it all too vividly. After some strong persuasion, Jonah repented, changed direction, and found peace in doing the will of the Lord.

Like Jonah, Christians run into trouble when they fail to follow God's divine plan for their lives. Resistance to His will creates confusion and

frustration. Cooperation with His leadings brings divine approval. Doing His will produces genuine soul satisfaction, joy and peace.

Prayer: O Lord, "Teach me to do Thy will; for thou art my God." May I never fail Thee, nor resist Thee. I shall follow where Thou leadest. To do Thy will is all I ask. Amen.

Thy will I choose; I give to Thee  
All of the life Thou gavest me,  
Thy will I choose, no life I ask  
Except to do Thy given task.

Author unknown



Renee Nugent and Stacey Beute

## Beute and Nugent receive the American Degree

Stacey Beute, daughter of Dave and Sue Beute of Belding, and Renee Nugent, daughter of Terry and Jean Nugent of Lowell were among the 1,237 FFA members from across the United States to receive the American FFA degree at the National FFA Convention recently in Kansas City, MO. The American FFA Degree is the highest award that an FFA member can achieve in the FFA. The award is based upon the candidate's supervised agricultural experience program, leadership, and community service activities during their FFA career.

Beute is a 1990 graduate of Lowell High School. She is currently a junior at Michigan State University, majoring in pre-medicine. Nugent is a 1991 graduate of Lowell High School and she is a sophomore at Michigan State University majoring in Agricultural Communications and Agricultural Business.

The National FFA Convention is held annually at Kansas City to honor the achievements of FFA members from all across the United States. This year, a record 32,000 FFA members and guests attended the four-day event.

### 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. 30: Jenny Dine, Brent Daugherty, Greg Wheeler, Lee Iteen, Jr., Joey Hunt, Kyle Triplett, Ben Hodges, Chris Schram, Stacy Klahn.

Suzie Heeringa, Brandon Decker, Cathy Peckham, Margaret Miller, Harold Alderink.

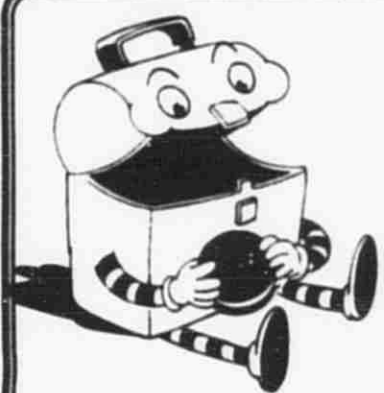
Jan. 1: Ken Hall, Sr., Carl Kloosterman, Sam Blasher, Alice Merriman, Doug Weeks.

Jan. 2: Tim Arnold, Norma Gochenour, Jeff Dykhuizen, Rose Nead, Allison Crandall, Allison Heykoop.

Jan. 3: Tammy Allchin, Jon Vezino, Austin VandenHout, Alex Carpenter, Agnes Kent.

Jan. 4: Bryan Kimble, Orville Hostler, Nita Baker, Nicki Turner.

Jan. 5: Ronald Kryger, Carol Baker, Ryan Sauber, Craig Carpenter, Jim Inman.



### LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

Week of Jan. 3rd

**MONDAY:** Ravioli w/meat, cheese or beef and bean burrito, steamed peas. French bread and butter, assorted fruits, milk.

**TUESDAY:** Cheeseburger in a bun, tater tots, mixed vegetables, fruit selection, milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Grilled cheese sandwich, baked beans, cole slaw, canned or fresh fruit, milk.

**THURSDAY:** Pizza w/meat, cheese & pepperoni, fruit juice, carrot stick, fruit or chocolate pudding, milk.

**FRIDAY:** Baked macaroni and cheese, buttered green beans, sweet rolls, choice of fruit or gelatin, milk.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

**MONDAY:** Ravioli w/meat, cheese or beef and bean burrito or chef salad, steamed peas or side salad, Spanish rice, French bread and butter, assorted fruits, milk.

**TUESDAY:** Cheeseburger in a bun or chicken patty sandwich or chef salad with bread, oven fries, mixed vegetables, fruit selection, milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Grilled cheese sandwich or tuna in a pita or chef salad with bread. Choose Two: cole slaw, baked beans or side salad, canned or fresh fruit, milk.

**THURSDAY:** Pizza w/meat, cheese & pepperoni or chicken fajita with cheese or chef salad with bread, fruit juice, carrot sticks or side salad, fruit or chocolate pudding, milk.

**FRIDAY:** Baked macaroni and cheese or enchilada or chef salad, buttered green beans, sweet rolls, Weekly pre-paid lunches welcome.

## LEGAL NOTICES

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**PROBATE COURT**  
**COUNTY OF KENT**

**CLAIMS NOTICE**  
**Independent Probate**

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**The decedent, whose last known address 205 Boynton, Lowell, Michigan 49331 died November 15, 1993. An instrument dated April 7, 1986 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.**

**Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, DANNY L. STEPHENS, 7978 Byron Center, Byron Center, MI 49315 or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.**

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# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p><b>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH</b> 7227 Thornapple 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><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....9:00 A.M. &amp; 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><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. &amp; 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA &amp; JV; Wednesday.....6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting; Wednesday.....6:45 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-7168</p>	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (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><b>CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 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><b>EMMAUS LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 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><b>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH</b> 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><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible.....9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>	<p><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 402 N. Amity MSGNR. JAMES MORAN MASSES Saturday Mass.....5:30 P.M. Sunday Masses.....9:00 &amp; 11:00 A.M.</p>	<p><b>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH</b> 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><b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 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</p>	<p><b>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 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. Robert L. Walls, Pastor Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>

# Viewpoint

## Thad's Thoughts

Perception is reality, or so it seems in the latest debate over the management of the Lowell School District. On one side you have the Citizens for Quality Education questioning how and why decisions were made. In the case of taking bids on health insurance and auditing firms, the concerns seem to have substance and they make sense. However, because of statements like "here we go again" (as seen in CQE's ads), Citizens for Quality Education are perceived as "Board of Education" bullies. That's a shame because lost in statements like that are intelligent, caring

people who have substantive ideas on how Lowell Schools can be managed better - ideas and thoughts that should be heard and listened to without all that other verbal clutter that it gets wrapped in.

So instead of constructive criticism that can help build a better school system, you have "sound bites" that help raze an entire school district.

On side two, you have a school board and administrators who are perceived as defensive and show an unwillingness to come forth with straightforward answers when responding to inquiries about why things have or have not been done certain ways.

Mistakes such as not bidding on an \$8,500 project have also helped to build a distrust.

So, how do you rinse away muddled perceptions? This wouldn't be much of a column if I didn't have an oversimplified solution to remedy the oversimplified perceptions that I explained above.

The school board and administration can start by admitting

that the Citizens for Quality Education may have some valid ideas on ways to improve Lowell Schools. It's not enough to think it or to suggest it behind closed doors. It must be verbalized in a public setting. While saying it publicly is a first step, action and steps need to be taken to support such talk.

Citizens for Quality Education can start by deleting those "sound bites" it includes in its ads. They only serve as burrs in the saddle. It will also show respect to people who have put a lifetime into education. Whether or not you agree with all of their decisions, their decision to devote a lifetime to education should not be treated with disrespect.

My New Year's wish is that all sides in the school debate don't lose sight as to what they are debating over. Let's not use the forum to try to make one person/one side look bad, but let's use the forum to help make Lowell Schools better.

For either side to say defensively "it has not been part of the preception problem" is to not understand the problem facing this district.



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

**100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - DEC. 27, 1893**  
The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad declares bankruptcy.  
Extra long columns of visitors-visitees.  
Mrs. S.A. Bush says that the highest water in Lowell

was in 1853, when one could row all over the east side of Lowell.

"The Rajah's Ruby" serial starts this week in the Journal.

Jane Robinson Halsey visits from Seneca Falls, NY; she lived with her father, Lewis Robinson, on the west side of the river in 1836 when Dan Marsac's family were the only other settlers.

A warm spell removed the snow just in time for Christmas.

**75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - Dec. 26, 1918**

State police arrests for the past 18 months show mostly Prohibition violations and war-connected arrests (draft evasion, enemy aliens, strikers, desertions).

No more flu in Lowell, so churches will open Dec. 29, and schools, the following day. There will be more homework to make up for time lost, but no Saturday classes.

It's said that a certain local druggist may lose his license because of selling a lot of prescription alcohol; an investigation is underway.

Plant a few black walnut trees-the supply has been depleted, and in case of another war, the wood is needed for airplane parts, gunstocks, etc.

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 31, 1943**

Donna Stormzand receives the Nurse's scholarship sponsored by the Lowell Woman's Club.

A continuing series of articles begs and pleads for waste paper to be turned in; the shortage is chronic and increasing. Paper is used for such varied things as plasma containers, flares and field ration packs.

The Youth Guidance Committee publishes eleven recommendations for vocational guidance and supervised recreation, but no curfew now.

A record orange and grapefruit crop sweetened the holidays.

Farmers are now allowed to use binder twine for any growing, harvesting or shipping needs; the previous order only allowed use in mechanical self-tying binders.

**25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 26, 1968**

The new federal gun law prohibits sales to minors and out-of-state residents.

November traffic deaths soared to 254 in Michigan, beating both the previous 1941 record of 219 and the December, 1965 all-time high of 240.

A group of fifth-grade Campfire girls sends a big holiday gift box to Viet Nam and receives a big thank you from the Marines who received it.

The new state food law matches federal regs; namely, listing all ingredients in descending order and a system of permits for food additives.

## To The Editor

Dear Editor:  
It's the day after Christmas, with the sun shining, a new winter snow clings to the trees, bringing a feeling of perfect beauty and peacefulness. A sense of satisfaction and relief of Christmas, the day before fills me.  
My mind wanders off to when we first moved to this area five years ago and to the events that had evolved around my family and me during that period.  
What seems to be most on my mind is the education of the Lowell District and the future education of all our children. I have mixed feelings of coming from a school district that had it all to one that could use more, and realize that it is up to us as taxpayers to make education happen. We don't have the industries like GM or Steelcase to help pave our way.  
I have feelings of frustration because many children need special programs and they are not available. They need art, for art is a reflection of our soul and teaches us to be creative, not only in creating but in problem-solving as well.  
It doesn't matter whether we believe in technology or

not; it is the wave of the future and must be a part of curriculum for children today, to survive tomorrow.  
As our community continues to grow, a new high school is a must. Our children cannot learn in a quality environment with 30 plus students and one teacher. Our schools are bursting at the seams.  
I am frustrated by issues that need to be dealt with but are brushed aside, and yes, by my own guilt for not being overly involved in P.T.O.'s and board meetings.  
This fall, when we were rolled back to a five-hour day, a war had begun. A war against the community, a pulling apart of all things. Friendships have been severed - board members against board members, teachers against teachers, and parents against parents.  
I'm tired of reading in the Ledger that some committee is slashing out against the board or another committee.  
I believe the board has made mistakes in the past, and yes, they have apologized, so let's move on. The committees that have formed all have good valid points as well as bad. Must we take sides? Teachers who I've talked to only want to do what they were trained to do, and that is to teach. Are we letting them? Board meetings are a downgrading of characters, of all parties parents vs. committees, committees vs. the board-and are filled with nothing but political red tape. Who are we to believe?  
Whatever the state of Michigan decides in their final outcome, we as a community are going to have to work together.  
Have we forgotten what this is about? Is this for education for our children or for our own gratification? What are we teaching our children? Isn't it time we pull together and achieve what we seem to have forgotten, a quality education for our children and generations to come?  
Lowell is a very special, well-kept secret, let's not lose that!  
This is our moment Here at the crossroads of time We hope our children carry our dreams down the line They are the vintage What kind of life will they live?  
Is this a curse or a blessing that we give?  
Sometimes I wonder Why are we so blind to fate? Without compassion, there can be no end to hate No end to sorrow Caused by the same endless fears  
Why can't we learn from all we've been through?  
And in the evening After the fire and the light One thing is certain: nothing can hold back the night Time is relentless And as the past disappears We're on the verge of all things new.  
Excerpts from *Two Thousand Years* by Billy Joel  
May 1994 be a Happy New Year to all and a beginning of all things new!  
Suc Brander

## LEGAL EASE

With Jonathan J. David

**DEAR JONATHAN:** I would like to change my name. What is involved in the process?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** First of all, you need to have been a resident of the State of Michigan for more than one year. If you qualify under the residency requirement, then you must do the following:

- (1) File a petition for a change of name with the county probate court in which you reside.
  - (2) Schedule a hearing date.
  - (3) Publish notice one time in a publication like the Grand Rapids Legal News at least 14 days before the hearing is scheduled.
  - (4) Attend the hearing.
- If an order is entered changing your name, then it will cost you \$10.00 to receive a certified copy of that order.



# Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Joyce deJong



## PINK EYE

Pink eye, also known as conjunctivitis, is a very common eye infection, particularly in children. It occurs when the thin membrane which covers the eyeball and the inside of the eyelid become infected with either a virus or a bacteria. Typical symptoms include a feeling of burning or itching or a "grittiness" sensation in the affected eye. Many times the eye is matted shut with a pus-like fluid in the morning.

Pink eye is often very contagious. It may spread from one eye to the other, and very frequently will be transmitted from one family member to another. School classrooms, nurseries, and day-care centers are also often the sites of pink eye being rapidly spread. To cut down on the risk of contagion, wash your hands frequently with soap. Use paper towels instead of washcloths or cloth towels for washing and drying your hands and face, or that of the affected individual. Don't use contact lenses or eye makeup until your eye is free of redness, irritation, or discharge.

Most cases of pink eye are managed effectively with the use of antibiotic drops or ointment. Be sure to instill the drops over the inside of the lower lid, or on the white portion of the eye, as this is much less sensitive than the area over the pupil. If the redness, irritation or discharge does not improve over seven to 10 days, recheck with your doctor to make sure something other than routine pink eye is not culprit.

# Legal Ease, cont'd...

and pay all fees and penalties, then the corporation's existence will be reinstated retroactively.

Under Michigan law, a corporation is also required to keep minutes of the proceedings of its shareholders and directors. Many people fail to keep minutes or do so properly. If it being a requirement of Michigan law to keep these minutes is not incentive enough for you, please consider these other reasons to comply with this law:

(1) Keeping minutes provides the shareholders and directors with a written record of what took place with the corporation during any given year.

(2) Records of action taken in the form of meeting minutes serve as an important record for tax purposes. In the minutes, you typically include whether certain payments made to a shareholder were in the form of salary or as a dividend. Also, you would indicate in those minutes any important transactions between the shareholders and the corporation, such as loans or leases.

(3) Maintaining a corporate minute book will help a shareholder or a director avoid personal liability in the event of a lawsuit. If no corporate minute book is maintained, it could result in the corporate status being challenged. If the corporate status is disregarded by the court, then the individual shareholders could be made parties to the lawsuit and expose themselves to personal liability.

(4) In the event of an IRS audit, one of the first things the IRS agent will ask to review is the corporate minute book. When news of the audit is received, many times the shareholders or directors will scramble to put together a corporate minute book or update their corporate minute book at the last minute.

You should find a new lawyer and an accountant for the purpose of having them help you come into compliance with the state of Michigan by filing your overdue Michigan Annual Reports and paying the fees and penalties. Also, the attorney can help you reconstruct what has taken place in your corporation since the date of incorporation and put together an updated corporate minute book on your behalf.



## Lowell man drops first buck

Dave Groen, Lowell, used a muzzle loaded to drop a seven-point, 150-pound buck east of Lowell. Groen got his first buck on Dec. 11.

## Township board addresses truck traffic problems

By Marc Popielek  
Contributing Writer

After receiving several complaints from residents about trucks driving through Eastgate Woods, the Lowell Township Board will address the problem with the Kent County Road Commission.

The township has received complaints about trucks using the 280-home subdivision as an alternate route to M-21. Township Supervisor John Timpon says he gets complaints when traffic is routed due to accidents along M-21.

To help solve the problem, the township will address the problem with the Kent County Road Commission at its annual meeting Jan. 26.

Timpon says trucks use the subdivision as an alternate to driving up Parnell to Vergennes Ave.

Timpon and other board members want to install a warning light at Segwun Ave and Grand River Dr. to cut down on some of the problems.

# Lower prices will keep townships in library system

By Marc Popielek  
Contributing Writer

With the decision of Spencer Township to stay in the Kent County Library system in 1994, both Vergennes and Lowell Townships will remain in the system.

Lowell and Vergennes agreed to stay in the library system in 1994 if their payments for the upcoming year

would be lowered. Spencer Township was the last of seven townships to agree with the new payment formula, thus assuring that the library system would stay intact for at least one more year.

The library system was faced with seven townships pulling out because of the rising cost to support the system. Among those seven were Vergennes Township who saw

a rise of over \$5,000 from 1993 to 1994. Lowell also planned to drop out after its payment went from \$23,109 in 1993 to \$30,025 in 1994.

The new formula has the Vergennes payment going from \$14,797 to \$11,209. The reduction in the Lowell payment is from \$30,025 to \$25,414. The reduction was contingent on all seven of the townships agreeing to stay in

the system for the 1994 year. Spencer agreed to pay the reduced cost of \$4,083. Initially they were to pay \$4,663, but the new formula dropped their payment \$580.

The new library formula had 20 townships, the county and the library system reduce a \$155,200 shortfall for the 1994 year. To make up for that shortfall, the library system agreed to cut \$51,735 from their budget. The county will fund another \$51,735 and the 20 townships will fund the remaining \$51,735.

At a meeting in Vergennes Township, library board member Carl Shook explained it was the library system's first order of business to keep the system intact for one more year before deciding on how to adjust the payment formula.

"Once we get all of the townships participating for the 1994 year, we will look to find

an alternative funding," said Shook.

The alternative funding which Shook talked about could include adopting a district library system. The district system would have two to four townships come to

gether to complete one system. That system would then propose a millage to pay for the cost.

Shook said that if a district system could be devised, then a change in the current formula would be needed.

## NOTICE

The Board of Education will receive letters of interest along with resume for the Board seat vacated by Charlie Kohler for the remainder of the 1993-94 school year. Please state your qualifications and how you feel you could be a contributing member of the Board.

Letters should be received at the Superintendent's Office, Lowell Area Schools, 12685 Foreman Road, Lowell, MI 49331 no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, January 6, 1994.

# Leave the driving to those not drinking this holiday season

'Tis the season to be merry-but, as the kids say, cool it when it comes to drinking and driving. A crash can really be the Grinch that spoils the holidays.

"To enjoy the holidays and keep them safe, leave the driving to those who aren't drinking, buckle up and watch out for the other person who may not have made these wise choices," said AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager Jerry Basch.

In 1992, 43 people were killed on Michigan roads during the Christmas and New Year's holiday period. Eleven of the 35 crashes which occurred involved alcohol.

"In Michigan, the legal level of intoxication is .10 percent blood alcohol level (BAL)," said Basch. "It's frightening to know that the average Michigan drunk driving arrest is .16 percent, a level at which the probability of a crash is almost 30 times greater than for a non-drinking driver."

Since Jan. 1, 1992, Michigan has had tough new drunk driving laws which require, among other measures, destruction of the driver's license at the time of arrest for drunk driving. The new law also requires a minimum mandatory 30-day license suspension for a first conviction of drunk driving and harsher penalties for repeat offenders.

According to Basch, the average cost of a drunk driving conviction (fines and attorney fees) is \$4,000 plus increased insurance, which can add up to three times the current premium for a three-year period.

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3.....	WWMT-3	18.....	C-MAX*
4.....	WOTV-41	19.....	FAM
5.....	WLLA-64	20.....	TNN*
6.....	WGVU-35	21.....	M-TV*
7.....	WXMI-17	22.....	LOCAL
8.....	WOOD-8	23.....	USA
9.....	WLNS-6	24.....	DISCOVERY
10.....	WILX-10	25.....	WGN
11.....	WTLJ-54	26.....	ESPN
12.....	WKAR-23	27.....	CNN
13.....	WZZM-13	28.....	HN
14.....	DISNEY*	29.....	NICK
15.....	WSYM-47	30.....	A & E
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## In The Service

Marine Pfc. Douglas I. Duffin, son of Wallace B. and Mildred J. Duffin of Alto, recently reported for duty with the 25th Marines, 4th Marine Division, Worcester, MA.

The 1992 graduate of Forest Hills Central High School of Grand Rapids joined the Marine Corps in May, 1992.

\*'94 F-150 Special 4x2 Regular Cab LWB with PEP 498A manual transmission. MSRP \$13,728. Lease pmt based on average capitalized cost of 93.49% of MSRP for 24-mo closed-end Ford Credit Red Carpet leases purchased in the Nation through 9/30/93. Payments total \$4,296. '94 Taurus GL with PEP 203A. MSRP \$17,315. 24-mo closed-end Ford Credit Red Carpet Lease. Payments total \$6,883.20. MSRP excludes title, taxes, license fee. Some pmts higher, some lower. See dealer for pmt/terms. Lessee may have option to buy vehicle at lease end at price negotiated with dealer at signing. Lessee responsible for excess wear/tear and mileage over 30,000 at \$1.11/mile. Credit approval/insurability determined by Ford Credit. Take new retail delivery from dealer stock by F-150 1/3/94, Taurus 1/10/94. '93 Escort LX Wagon with manual transmission PEP 321A. Option package savings based on MSRP of option pkg vs MSRP of options purchased separately. For cash back, take new retail delivery from dealer stock by 1/10/94. See dealer for details. \*To qualified buyers with approved credit. \*Based on 1993 CYTD manufacturers reported retail deliveries by division. \*Always wear your safety belt.



# Quadruplets, continued...

Gehl said this was the first time she has presented gifts to a mother of quadruplets. "I love it," she said. "It's been a lot of fun."

The birth of the quadruplets has brought the Esterleys a significant amount of attention. "Days like this get us pumped up," said Shelley.

The mother has used the support and advice of her support-mother Chris VanderWoude during the seven-month birth process. "She's been there for me the whole pregnancy. She's helped me a lot."

Shelley underwent an emergency cesarean on

Thursday and was released from Butterworth Hospital on the following Monday. However, with the babies not yet ready for the trip home, the proud parents spend much of their days at the hospital.

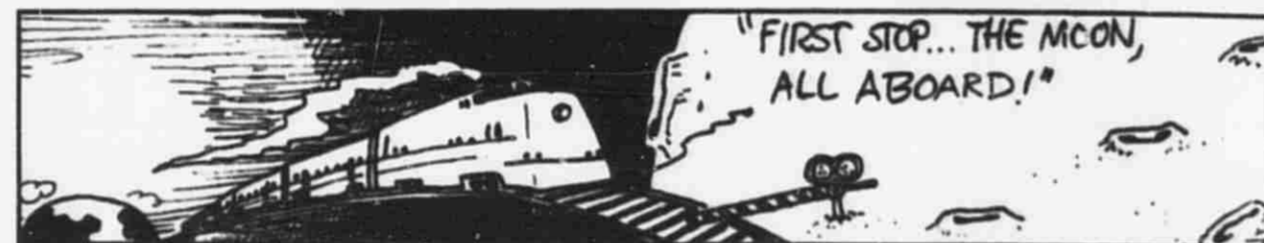


Lee and Shelley Esterley spend some time with their quadruplets.

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A lie can travel half way around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes.  
—Mark Twain



Spending some time with their newborns are, left to right: Shelley Esterley, Lee Esterley Jr., Bette Bailey, Jim Bailey, Winifred Esterley and Lee Esterley Sr.



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# TOWN TALK

Do you have a New Year's resolution or a wish for the city of Lowell?



**Nick Johnston**  
My New Year's resolution is to attend Grand Rapids Community College and study law enforcement.

**Stan Lenneman**  
I wish the city would clean up the parks a little.



**Al Schultz**  
I want to make more money than last year.

**Brit Johnson**  
I want to save enough money to buy a 1994 Camaro.

**John Wilcox**  
My New Year's resolution is to pray more.

**Jeff Hovinga**  
I hope the city gets a movie theatre.

## Lowell FFA members part of pilot "Project Pals" mentoring program

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Michigan was selected as one of the three pilot states for a National FFA Organization's mentoring program, Project Pals. "It prepares elementary students for middle school

and beyond both academically and socially," said Lowell Chapter President Lauri VanOtteren.

The local coordinator of Project Pals said the program is being funded through a \$1 million grant from the W.K. Foundation.

The program is in its third year. It will be expanding to 15 additional states.

This project matches secondary agriculture students with elementary students to help them get excited about school, to explore their interests and themselves through the use of plants and animals, and to develop their personal skills.

Mentoring activities center around building trust and developing a positive self-esteem through sharing and working together in a one-to-one relationship.

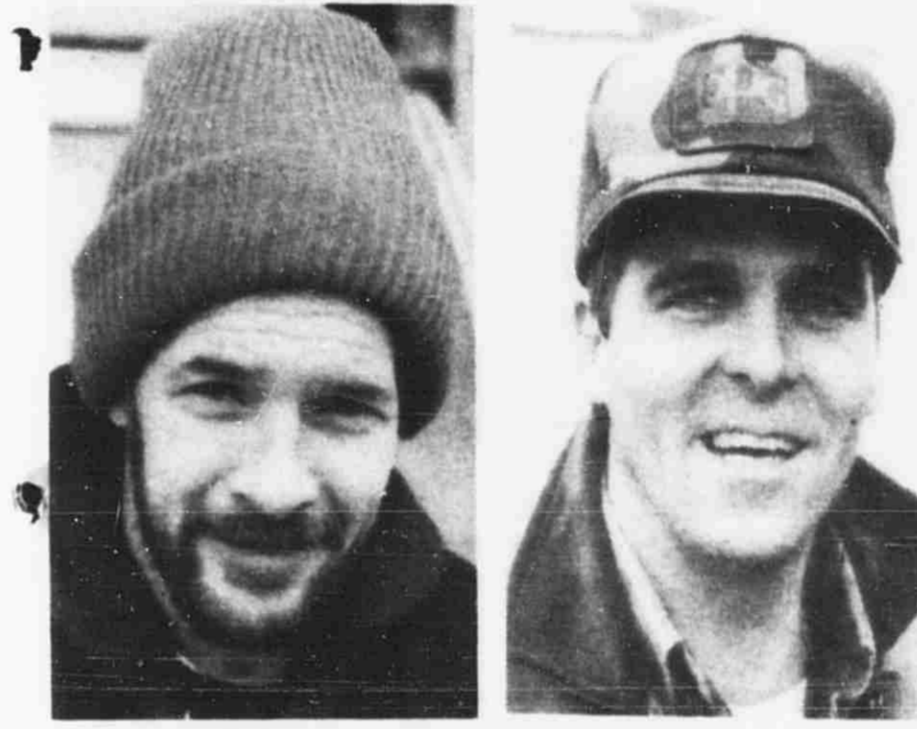
"The program helps students to interact with peers and older people," VanOtteren said.

In the fall, agriculture students will be selected to take on the responsibility of being a mentor. The role is a major commitment on the part of the students selected because they will be helping to build the human resources potential of their young pals and themselves. The mentors receive training and guidance from their local team on a regular basis, as designated by each site.

"There will be 12 FFA students who will begin to meet with 12 elementary students in the fall," Van Otteren said.

As pilot sites for Project Pals, local school officials will be responsible for assisting the national director in the development and growth of the project.

After three years, the project is turned over to each community to be managed without outside aid, becoming truly a community volunteer effort.



**Chuck Borener**  
I'd like to quit smoking. I've been smoking for 23 years.

**Kevin Roscoe**  
I wish the city would put in more lights on M-21. It would save lives and would make turning left onto M-21 much safer.



Presenting Chuck Myers, FFB Vice President, with a Project Pals shirt are Lauri VanOtteren, left, and Melissa Peterson, right.

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# Lowell Middle School students barter for a piece of Mexican culture

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was time for a five minute siesta during Lowell Middle School's sixth-grade Market Day.

Missy McGuire used that time to reflect back on the transactions she had successfully completed.

McGuire traded her bracelet for a ring. She then traded the ring for a necklace, which she used to get a bracelet.

In a separate deal, McGuire traded two friendship bracelets for rock candy and a

braided necklace.

Lowell sixth-grade teacher Donna Robbins said she was hopeful "Market Day" would give students a better understanding of this part of Mexico's culture and be a ble to show off their bartering skills.

"It's one thing to talk about it out of a book, but by participating in a market atmosphere, the students gain a better understanding of Mexico's culture and are able to show off their bartering skills," Robbins said.

The sixth-grade children

were asked to bring in items with which to barter. The only limitations on the items are that they had to be possessions they no longer wanted or something the student has made for the market.

"It couldn't be grandpa's watch or something they've taken from a brother or sister," laughs Robbins. "We've had everything from a three foot Smurf to bags of popcorn."

Mark MacDonald assisted in coordinating the Market Day activity. The sixth-grade teacher also got in on some

bartering.

"I traded a radio with fresh batteries for a 1978 silver dollar," MacDonald said. "I graduated from high school in 1978."

MacDonald said this is the seventh year for Market Day. "It gets better every year," he said.

MacDonald said he believes Market Day helps to give students a sense of understanding of the previous and primitive cultures.



Ben Kaeb, left, looks on as Scott Clarey gives a close look at a coin he'd like to trade for during Lowell Middle School's sixth-grade bartering activity.

## Calvin receives grant from Kresge

Calvin College has been awarded a \$400,000 grant from The Kresge Foundation for the acquisition of computer laboratory equipment for the college's science division.

The grant is the second major award to Calvin by The Kresge Foundation in the past six months. In June, the foundation made a \$500,000 grant for a fifth-floor addition to Calvin's library, part of a \$35 million comprehensive campaign for the nationally recognized Christian liberal arts college.

The new award will be used to purchase \$200,000 worth of equipment by August of 1994. The remaining \$200,000 of the grant will be used for the establishment of a \$1 million endowment fund for Calvin's Science Initiative, designated for acquiring equipment.

The Kresge Foundation is an independent, private foundation created by the person gifts of Sebastian S. Kresge. The Troy, MI foundation has awarded more than \$70 million in grants in 1993.



Lauri VanOtteren was named the state winner in the first annual Michigan Farm Bureau/Michigan FFA State Discussion contest.

## Lowell's VanOtteren takes first at Region 5 discussion meet

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's Lauri VanOtteren represented the Lowell FFA Chapter and the Region 5 FFA Association at the first annual Michigan Farm Bureau/Michigan FFA State Discussion meet contest.

VanOtteren earned top honors.

In the finals, VanOtteren discussed the American food supply - is it abundant, safe, and available to everyone?

She was also asked to discuss how and why FFA members should prepare themselves for a career in the agricultural industry.

The charge of the contest

was to educate FFA members on current agricultural issues and to develop leadership and cooperation skills of FFA members.

Andrew Hagenow was the contest coordinator. He is the District 4 Representative of the Michigan Farm Bureau Young Farmer Committee.

A discussion meet is a debate among individuals about a particular topic. During the meet, contestants have the opportunity to discuss important issues and to surface solutions to the issue.

The eight contestants, in random order, are asked to give a 30-second opening statement on a topic. Following the opening statements, there is a body of discussion, usually 20-30 minutes in length. When the discussion is completed, there is one minute of quiet time where contestants put together their thoughts for a closing statement. The top four move into the final round.

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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.

**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 Bluelwater 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 MI #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-Ketik 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:** Alzheimer's 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 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 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.

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**SUN., JAN. 2:** All-You-

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the Youth Program.

**WED., JAN. 26:** Lowell Look Fire Barn annual meeting and election of Lowell Area Historical Association at 7:30 p.m.

**THURS., JAN. 27:** Commodities will be distributed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Lowell Moose Recreational Building, 210 E. Main.

**MON.:** 8 a.m. Walkers.  
**TUES.:** 8 a.m. Walkers.  
**WED.:** 1 p.m. Shopping assistance.  
**WED.:** 1 p.m. Bowling.

**THURS.:** 9:30 a.m. Bingo.  
**THURS.:** 1 p.m. Euchre.  
**FRI.:** 8 a.m. Walkers.

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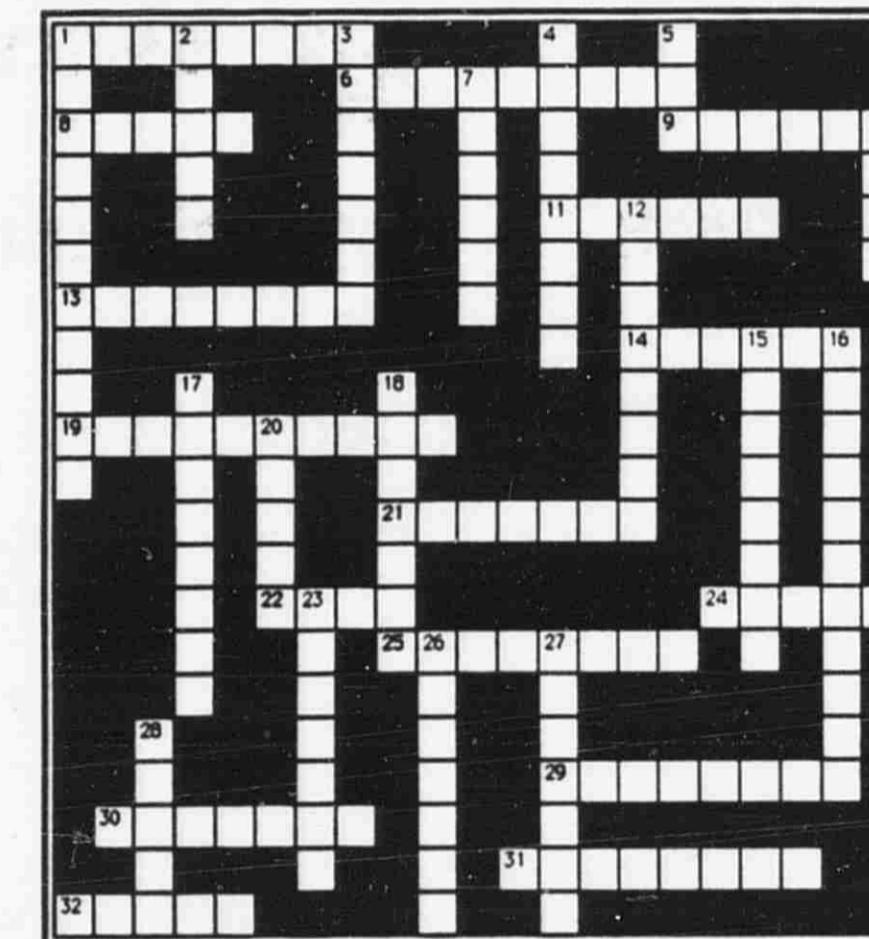
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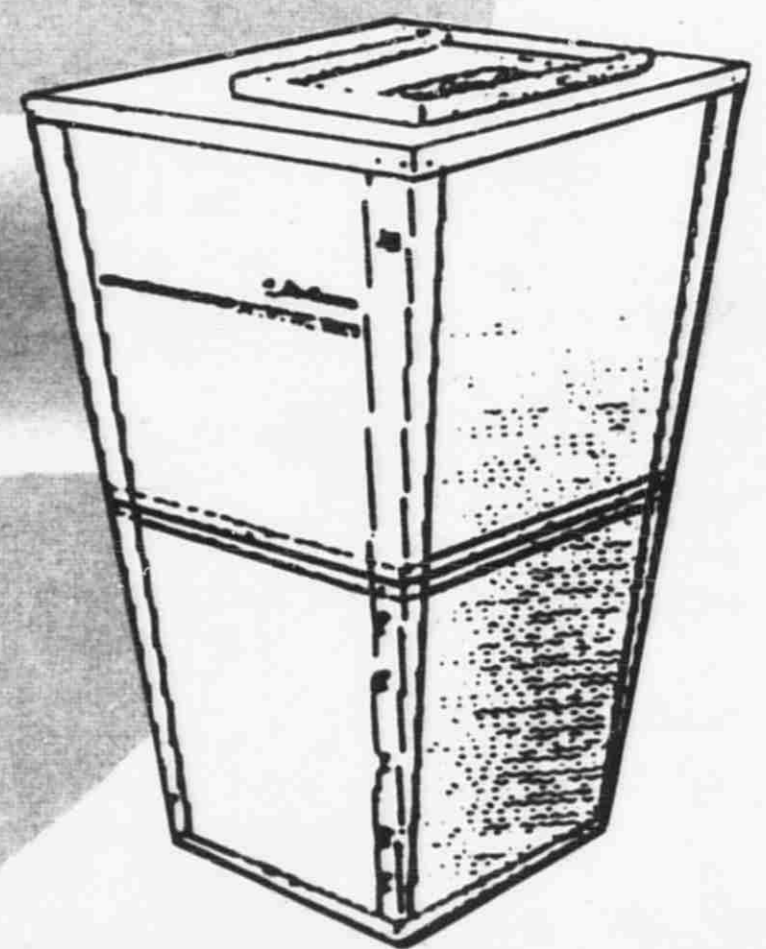
- ACROSS**
- To give support or assistance
  - Having been given up and left alone
  - An area within which something or someone exists, acts or has influence or power
  - Appealing to refined taste
  - A method of deploying troops and equipment in combat
  - Not physically strong
  - To move toward a termination
  - A person wearing ragged or tattered clothing
  - Having a pleasant odor
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  - Exact, valid and rational reasoning
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  - To impose, as a duty or moral obligation
  - To destroy all traces of
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  - Agreeably curious, especially in an old-fashioned or unusual way
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  - An area partially or entirely enclosed by walls or buildings
  - Marked by a regular rhythm
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  - To destroy all traces of
  - Preceding all others in time
  - Covered with hair
  - Holding especially political views that deviate drastically and fundamentally from conventional or traditional beliefs
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