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## 1994 closes, but the impact of its events still to be played out

The year Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Four may very well be a year Lowell historians refer to often. The impact of many of the events that took place will be played out for years into the future. With the holiday season upon us, the Lowell community had a lot to be thankful for in '94: a new, incredible, state-of-the-art high school; the wonderful Creekside Kingdom - made possible through an awakened community spirit; and the promise of a downtown facelift through the plans and efforts of a Downtown Development Authority Committee. Record cold was experienced here in Lowell and West Michigan in 1994. Familiar faces left familiar positions. Barry Emmons resigned as chief of police; Fritz Esch resigned as superintendent of Lowell Schools; and Gary Kemp resigned as assistant superintendent. Priscilla Lussmyer was

recognized (Person of the Year) for her life's work in preserving the historical Fallasburg community. Lowell said goodbye to a couple of friends, Orval McKay and George Dey. What follows is a chronological order of events which are documented in the Lowell Ledger's "Year-in-Review:"

### JANUARY, 5 1994

#### Wetlands Relocated:

Kent County Airport decides to relocate 320 acres of wetlands to Lowell Township. The decision was met with resistance from residents along Segwun Ave. who are afraid the wetlands would

hurt the area.

**Troubled Waters:** Special assessments, ranging from \$1,600 to \$13,000 for the westside water improvement project, have some westside residents questioning just how badly they need treated city water. The westside water project total was \$1.35 million. Residents were special assessed \$197,000 while the city contributed approximately \$1.16 million.

**Options Open:** The Lowell School Board kept its options open as it passed a resolution which would allow the school to collect 50 percent or 100 percent of its taxes in the summer of 1994. The need for the options stemmed from the fact that property tax mills levied this past year were 35 mills plus an additional five mills for debt retirement (collecting 20 in the summer and 20 in the winter). The new state funding plan would reduce what schools collected by at least half.

**Sidewalk Uniformity:** Director of Public Works Art Gall focused on inspection criteria and funding in his city

sidewalk repair/replacement program report to the city council.

### JANUARY, 12 1994

**Refuse Pickup:** The city announced that beginning Feb. 1 it would commence with its new refuse pickup and curb-side recycling contract with Denny's Disposal. The new program was expected to save the city thousands of dollars. The program requires residents to purchase trash bags for 50 cents or they can pay \$11 a month for a trash bin. A red 18-gallon tote is also available for curb-side recycling. There is a \$5 deposit cost for

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## \$\$ SILVER AND GOLD \$\$



Linda Karas, middle, is presented with the Lowell Music Boosters "Cash for Christmas" check. She was the winner of the 50-50 raffle, earning her \$1,419. Her name was drawn at the Lowell High School Band Christmas Concert. Presenting the check is Lanie Rice, far right, Lowell Music Booster president. Standing with Karas are her three children, front to back, Stanley Karas, Kylee Karas, and Chelsea Karas. Other raffle winners were Gina Gless, Alto, \$25 gift certificate to Pfaller's; and Charles Saganeck, Belding, \$15 gift certificate to Keiser's.

## Lowell Township receives latest plans for the township hall expansion

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Township Board has received initial plans on the possible expansion of its current facility and the price may be right.

Tom Nemitz, Project Architect with Cornerstone Architecture, presented the board with preliminary plans on the project which would add 2,500 square feet per floor to their current building, located at 2910 Alden Nash. The total cost of the project would be \$360,000 to \$384,000 depending on the needs of the board.

The board first brought up the idea of expanding their facility in 1991, but estimates, ranging between \$400,000 and \$700,000, were considered to high and the idea was tabled.

The board revisited the idea after the new high school was built because the need for school office space at their building was no longer an issue. Since the school would not have any offices in the township hall the expansion project was scaled down to a version which would better fit into the township's budget.

Preliminary plans would increase the square footage on the main floor and would add a second floor to the south side of the building for meetings or conferences.

The plans would also add barrier-free parking, access, signs and a lift from the bottom

floor to the main floor.

The installation of a lift rather than an elevator still meets the guidelines of the American Disabilities Act and is 1/3 the cost of installing an elevator.

The building of the lower level would allow for 86 to 100 people to attend a public hearing or meeting and would make access to the building during election periods much easier.

The cost for expanding the upper level (main floor) is \$194,400 while the lower level is \$129,000. The site work is approximately \$35,000.

The plans also gives the township the option of adding a small addition to the north side of the building in the event the hall would need to be expanded in the future. The cost of the optional addition is \$25,480.

The township still wants to add on to the hall because they feel the addition would benefit the community.

"At some point in time, we'll need to build something for the community. We are growing fast and in five years, we'll need the extra space," said John Timpson, Lowell Township Supervisor.

The board will look closely at the figures presented to them and will decide whether to take the next step in the construction process. A decision is expected to be made in January.

## Focusing work on superintendent criteria underway

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

What separates the superintendent search process used by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) from its competitors?

"MASB does not advise the schools as to who they should choose," said MASB consultant Anne M. Comeau. "The board of education sets the criteria used to focus in on what is needed in a superintendent, it interviews the candidates and then chooses the new superintendent."

Comeau will assist the

board in determining criteria, including citizen/staff input as well as actively recruit qualified candidates for the

position. She will organize and facilitate a preliminary screening of all applicants, assist the

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Only 3 shopping days 'til Christmas!









## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 22 - Kristin Ellis, Carol Reagan, Garret Ellison, Sue Meisner, Mark Lenartz, Eva Metternick, Benjamin Tison, Evelyn Parsons.  
 Dec. 23 - Charles Reintges, Norma Stevens, Marian Krebs, Inez Irby.  
 Dec. 24 - Tammy Chamberlain, Neal Andrews, Jeffrey Pfaller, Les Sherman, Larry Stahl, Sheila Fritz, Philip Schneider Jr., Beth Sharp, Marc Briggs.  
 Dec. 25 - Myrt Jacobson, Jo Meyers, Karen Durkee, Star

Daverman, Ruth Frasier, James A. Ponchard, Peggy Hayes.  
 Dec. 26 - Joan Kwant, Stephanie Newell, Margaret Gasper, Brandy Wingeier, John F. Kwant, Butch Landman.  
 Dec. 27 - Royal Clark, Roger Reed, Shannon Frasier, Linda Aksamitowski, Lucy Miller.  
 Dec. 28 - Jeff Durkee, Greg Durkee, Ashley Black, Roseanne Ritzema, Lisa Stormzand, Wes Keim, Mark VandenHout, Matt Francisco.

## Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

...because I live, ye shall live also. (John 14:19).

As I write these lines, the ground, trees, shrubs, and buildings are covered with a heavy blanket of snow. It doesn't seem possible that only a few days ago our mums

were nodding gayly. Their beauty added to the grim surroundings freezing weather brings. Nor does the yard look the same. Last summer flowers cheered us with their splashes of pink, lavender, and gold. It takes a stretch of the imagination to believe that the

jonquils, tulips, chrysanthemums, lilies, and phlox will come to life again. They are not dead, only sleeping.

An elderly person, who was fast approaching the end of her life's sojourn on earth, once wrote a friend that she was preparing for "the great transition." To her, death was not something to be dreaded; it was only a change to be made.

Because Jesus Christ broke the confines of the tomb and made it possible for all humanity to live eternally, He has given us hope beyond the grave. He has given Chris-

tians the promise of new life—after they have made "the great transition."

*Prayer:* Dear Jesus, because Thou hast triumphed over the confines of the tomb, I have hope in this life—and the next. Because Thou dost live, I shall live also. For this I praise Thee. Amen.

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

JOHN NEWTON

## LHS National Honor Society inducts new members

Thirty-six students were inducted into the Lowell Chapter of the National Honor Society. To be selected for membership, a student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.400. In addition students must have shown that they have displayed the attributes which make up the other three tenets of National Honor Society membership: character, leadership, and service.

Students submit applications listing their activities and involvements during their high school years. A faculty committee reviews the applications in light of the requirements established by the national organization. Those who meet the requirements

are invited to be members. The induction ceremony held in the new LHS Performing Arts Auditorium was conducted by the second-year members. President Nathan Livingston acted as master of ceremonies for the evening. All other second-year members had a part in the ceremony or the reception which followed the ceremony.

Speaker for the evening was assistant principal Scott Vashaw. He spoke to the students of the changing world of which they are a part. While Vashaw humorously compared aspects of his youth to theirs, the serious message in his address was that the world is constantly changing and presenting challenges which

they, the most talented and skilled of their generation, will be called upon to tackle. To do so with a strong sense of purpose and a desire to see the best for all people will be their lasting gift to generations to come as well as a tribute to their own generation.

Second-year members of the National Honor Society are: president, Nathan Livingston, vice-president, Kevin Nugent; secretary, Chrysalis, treasurer, Benjamin Knudstrup; Ronald Acheson, Dena Beers, Margaret Blanding, Alex Brubaker, Rebecca Cattanach, Anna Luyk, Jamie McCaul, Michelle Murphy, Kerry Nugent, Krista Posthumus, Karyn Rogers, Michael Rottier, Kyle Triplett, Brent VandenBosch, Dustin VanStee, and Sarah Wieland.

Inducted into membership during the ceremony were Cheryl Anderson, Jeana Babcock, Michelle Billingsley, Jeremy Bobo, Lindsey Brogger, Matthew

Carstens, Kyla Cochran, Cindy Cook, Michelle Dykstra, Tamara Froese, Christopher Goggins, Matthew Inman, Monica Jaarsma, Denise Koekkoek, Emily Kulema, Matthew Langridge, Matthew Mix, and June Munroe. Also inducted were Stephanie Newell, Michelle Osterhaven, Melissa Peterson, Brian Phillips, Dianna Rice, Elena Richmond, Michael Roudabush, Thomas Roudabush, Scott Smith, Nick Staal, Tamara Stauffer, Julie Stewart, Amy Teunis, Cara Thaler, Joel Uzarski, Emily VanStrien, Jennifer Wilkins, and Heather Young.

National Honor Society advisor Jill VanAntwerp praised the students for their willingness to help others while they are responsible for maintaining their high academic standards. Since the induction, the club has participated in setting up Salvation Army Collection stations in Lowell to raise money to help the needy and has joined the annual Lowell High School Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program.

In addition, the students provide tutoring services and perform private acts of service within their churches, neighborhoods, and other organizations to which they belong.

# Viewpoint

## Thad's thoughts

As the holiday season would have it, I have a few thoughts that can be used as Christmas stocking stuffers. If you listen at all to any of the news' talk shows like the ones on CNN or any of the networks you're aware that most Republicans, the majority party, support a reduction in the capital gains tax.

The Republicans argue that this will benefit more than just the wealthy. It may, but how much it will benefit more than just the wealthy is in question. That walking billboard, dough boy or Rush Limbaugh (depending on where your allegiance lies) who supports anything that doesn't come from or is not supported by the Clinton Administration, is in favor of reducing the capital gains tax.

In listening to a news talk show on the radio Sunday, it pointed out that the wealthiest one percent of this country stand to gain the most by a reduction in the capital gains tax. Limbaugh, who likes to call himself a buddy of the middle class working man, will gross approximately \$18 million in 1994. Yes, that's right, making him one of the wealthiest one percent in this country. What a revelation Limbaugh wants to have his chocolate cake and eat it to. My guess is the savings from the reduction in the capital gains tax will pay for the cake. That must be one large savings.

I have a godchild (Nicole) who is approximately 20

months old. A close friend of mine has a little boy (Riley) who is eight months old. Uncle Thad, as all good uncles would, Christmas shops for both. Here is some startling news...in years' past I have gone home to visit the family and while there, have taken my mother and sisters along to help me find the kids some "cute" clothing articles. That same plan of attack was in place for the 1994 Christmas season too, but then someone, half-heartedly, went and questioned me using my family like that. This male someone, who is married and has a child, has probably never shopped for children's clothing. I'm sure he probably empties his wallet and tells his lovely wife have to fun shopping. Sunday, I set out on a venture that would require me to find a children's clothing department or store and then find the sizes to fit the ages.

Using instructional signs to figure out who wears a 2T, 3T or 4T, and to determine what size an eight-month old wears, I spent an hour or more looking for clothing I liked and then figuring out if they had the sizes I needed. I went through a slew of slacks, blue jeans, sweaters, sweats and shirts before coming up with the right combination and right sizes.

A young woman shopper was shopping in Children's Place while I was playing out this drama. She must have watched me at work. As I approached the cashier counter this woman was having her items rung up. She glanced at the two sets of outfits I managed to put together and then looked up at me, smiled and said, "You did a good job," she said. I'm sure that I already had an expression of relief because I was at the checkout counter, but that vote of confidence by someone in the know gave me that extra shot of adrenalin which helped me complete the rest of my Christmas shopping. If by some stroke of luck that woman reads this - "Thank You and Merry Christmas." I will report back in January as to how I did on the sizes.

Finally, a heartfelt Merry Christmas to all.



## Ledger Entries

of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

### 100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - DEC. 19, 1894

An Income Tax law will go into effect on the first Monday of March 1895, at three percent of incomes over \$4,000. A column of fine print outlines income, deductions and exemptions.

Mrs. Jay Mason of Grattan is winning premiums for her poultry at fairs in Iowa, Missouri and New York.

A debating club and a brass band are being organized at Altou.

Nebraska calls for help, with crop failures the last four years and winter coming.

Royal Baking Powder claims the most leavening power by Govt. reports, while Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder claims the "New York baking powder" contains ammonia.

### 75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 18, 1919

Shortage of newsprint and monopoly of the supply by big publishers leads to a bill in Congress limiting daily and periodical papers to 24 pages; the shortage is threatening to close down thousands of small-town papers.

Owners of dogs must pay the dog tax to the township treasurer by January 10; \$3 for males, \$6 for females.

Postmaster General Burleson has approved bills reducing first-class postage from two cents to one cent.

Injunctions are brought against coal companies and union leaders by the Department of Justice in the effort to get coal supplies, now at a critical low.

### 50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 21, 1944

The post office is swamped with Christmas mail—over 9,000 pieces on each of three days.

Be sure to save every scrap of Christmas wrappings for the paper drive.

Street Commissioner Fred Gramer is trying, but the shortage of labor makes clearing the piles of snow off Main St. well-nigh impossible.

A deputy collector of internal revenue will be at City Hall for two days early in January to assist farmers and others to prepare declarations of income, or amendments.

Bill Kerekes "out-does Noah Webster" with his elegantly-worded annual Ledger subscription renewal.

### 25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 18, 1969

The governor's educational reform proposals would reduce taxes, distribute funds more equitably and have the state take over tax-collection responsibilities. School debt retirement would remain a local function.

State police have acquired a helicopter to assist local agencies with traffic control and emergencies.

Buck Barry, local TV personality, will be the featured soloist at the Creston High School Christmas concert.

The city offices have leased an IBM electric typewriter and would like to buy.

## Letters, Letters, Letters,

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page.

Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p><b>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH</b>                  7227 Thomapple River Dr. 676-1032                  Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA                  Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M.                  Sunday School.....11:00 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>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b>                  REV. William J. Renkema - 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>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b>                  621 E. Main Street • 897-5936                  REGULAR HOURS                  Morning Worship.....8:30 A.M. &amp; 11:00 A.M.                  Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.                  REV. B. GORDON BARRY                  Nursery &amp; child care 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>Vineyard</b>                  CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF LOWELL/ADA                  Sunday Worship at 10 A.M. at Cherry Creek Elementary                  Phone (616) 897-0077</p>	<p><b>EMMAUS LUTHERAN</b>                  A New ELCA Church                  Serving SE Kent County                  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 Settlewood • Ph. 897-7185                  Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.                  Morning Worship.....8:30 A.M. &amp; 11 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>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL</b>                  "A friendly church with a life changing message"                  • God Loves you and has a plan for your life.                  • Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins.                  • Forgiveness is yours and Heaven your destination when you believe in Christ.                  Sunday Service.....10:00 A.M.                  Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. Monday                  897-8332                  Local: rd on Centerline Rd. just east of Pinkney or 2 1/2 miles west of Hawley Hwy.                  Pastor Frank and Daphnie Lattimore</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>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                  Meghan Culver.....Music Director                  Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided.</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>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b>                  201 N. Washington • 897-8800                  Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.                  Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.                  Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M.                  Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Staffed Nursery Provided                  Barrier-Free Entrance</p>

## Sharing The Vision

**DICK KORB**  
 Lowell Schools  
 Interim Superintendent

### THANKFUL FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT

As Christmas draws near, the final chapter of our building project is coming to an end. As this four-year endeavor draws to a successful conclusion, I am reminded of the tremendous support that this community has given its school system. This is not the case in every school district, and for this gift of community support, we are and will be forever grateful.

## Health

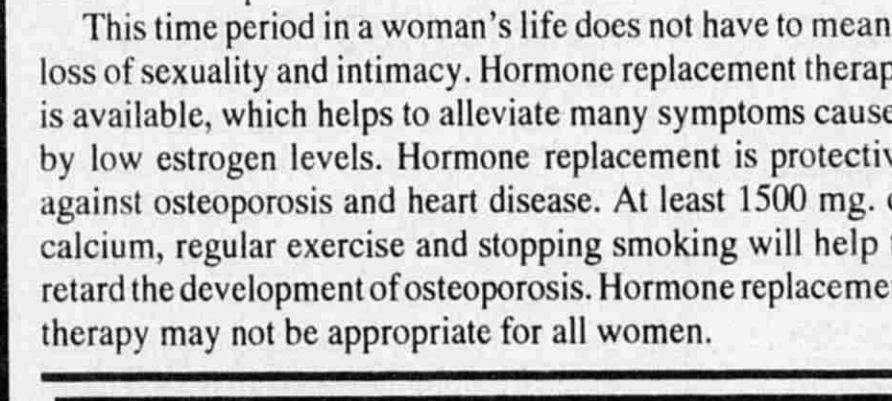
With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Donette Bish

MENOPAUSE

Menopause is the cessation of the menstrual cycle. This occurs naturally as a woman ages and is due to ovarian aging and loss of eggs. The average age of menopause is 50 years. For some women menopause represents a liberation from the stress of childbearing and child rearing, a new era in their lives. For other women, menopause can be a disturbing and disorienting time when they confront aging. Menopause may be confirmed in a woman over the age of 50 years after an interval of six months or more of absent menstrual periods. If there is any doubt about the diagnosis, a blood test for FSH (follicle stimulating hormone) can resolve the issue. Besides the cessation of periods, other symptoms occur. Approximately 75 percent of women are affected by hot flashes. Hot flashes usually begin with a spreading wave of warmth extending from the chest to the face. The face will appear reddened and sweating may be evident. These typically last a few minutes and occur several times daily and awaken the women at night. Other symptoms of menopause may include fatigue and irritability, loss of interest in sex, painful or uncomfortable intercourse, and long-term effects such as bone loss and possible heart disease. This time period in a woman's life does not have to mean a loss of sexuality and intimacy. Hormone replacement therapy is available, which helps to alleviate many symptoms caused by low estrogen levels. Hormone replacement is protective against osteoporosis and heart disease. At least 1500 mg. of calcium, regular exercise and stopping smoking will help to retard the development of osteoporosis. Hormone replacement therapy may not be appropriate for all women.

**DEAR JONATHAN:** We have our house for sale by owner. Someone told me that if we do not have the house sold by the end of this year that we will have to pay quite a bit more in transfer taxes due to a new law which takes effect January 1, 1995. Is this true?  
**JONATHAN SAYS:** Yes. I have had many people ask about this over the past few months. Currently, the real estate transfer tax is imposed at the rate of \$1.10 per thousand. This rate applies to any property that is sold prior to December 31, 1994. Included in this category would be property for which there is a binding buy and sell agreement in force by December 31, 1994.  
 For property that is not sold until after December 31, 1994 or for which there is not a binding buy and sell agreement until after that date, an additional transfer tax at the rate of \$7.50 per

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With Jonathan J. David

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thousand shall be imposed. Combined with the current rate of \$1.10 per thousand, this is an effective rate of \$8.60 per thousand.

For example, if you sell your home for \$100,000 before the end of this year, the transfer tax would be \$110. If that same property is not sold until after January 1, 1995, the transfer tax on that sale increases to \$860.

If you are currently negotiating with a buyer for the sale of your property, you should let them know about the increased transfer tax rates for 1995. This might motivate them to reach an agreement to purchase your house prior to the end of this year.

**DEAR JONATHAN:** My husband and I have a growing family and we decided it was time to get our estates in order. We want to avoid probate so we think making a will is appropriate. Another objective however is to avoid estate taxes. Should we set up a living trust for this purpose? Your comments would be appreciated.

**JONATHAN SAYS:** First of all, I commend you on your decision to move forward with your estate planning. You are right that each of you should prepare wills. However, having wills will not allow your estates to avoid probate. Many people are confused by this. Whether you have a will or not your estate has to be probated if there are any assets titled in your name alone at the time of death.

The advantage to having a will is you can name the beneficiaries of your estate instead of leaving it up to the state's formula. If you die without a will, state law, not you, dictates who is to receive the assets of your estate. Also, having a will

allows you to name the personal representative of your estate and name the guardians and conservators of your minor children and their estates. If there is no will, the probate court in the county in which you reside will decide who your personal representative, guardians and conservators should be.

Regarding your second objective which is to avoid estate taxes at your death, I am assuming that your joint estate with your husband exceeds the sum of \$600,000. If your joint estate is below that amount, then there will be no federal estate taxes due at either of your deaths. If your joint estate is between the sum of \$600,000 and \$1,200,000, you can engage in estate tax planning now to avoid federal estate taxes at either of your deaths. If your joint estate falls within this area, then it does make sense to engage in estate tax planning by using trusts. Using a trust, whether it is a living trust which is funded during your lifetime or a trust which is not funded until after your death, allows you to maximize your estate tax planning by combining the use of your credit exemption equivalent amount (\$600,000), which all individuals are entitled to and your marital deduction, which is available to all married couples.

I recommend that you consult with an estate planning attorney to determine what your needs are based on your objectives and the size of your estate. Good luck.

Due to the confusion that many people have about the estate planning process I have written a booklet entitled "Estate Planning: The Basics." It is 28 pages long and very easy-to-read and understand. The intent of the booklet is to simplify general estate planning principals and bring them down to a

level which everyone can understand and use for their own estate planning. If you are interested in ordering a copy of this booklet, please send \$7.95, plus \$1 for handling and Michigan sales tax, with a self-addressed and stamped (\$0.52 postage) standard letter sized envelope to me in care of the following:

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## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 5, 1994. The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Maatman and the Clerk called the Roll. Present: Councilmembers Shores, Green, Hodges, Thompson and Mayor Maatman. Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES that the minutes of the November 21, 1994 meeting be approved as written.

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

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

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

### BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (12/05/94)

GENERAL FUND	\$ 58,094.62
MAJOR STREET FUND	150.72
LOCAL STREET FUND	425.22
D.D.A. FUND	14,506.88
WASTEWATER FUND	588.29
WATER FUND	3,181.85
DATA PROCESSING FUND	415.40
EQUIPMENT FUND	38.25
CURRENT TAX FUND	777.23
LOOK FUND	1,311.04

### Item #1. REQUEST TO VACATE OTTAWA STREET FROM BROOK TO APPROXIMATELY 150 FEET EAST OF PLEASANT - SET PUBLIC HEARING (12/19).

Schneider Manor petitioned the Council to vacate the Ottawa Street right-of-way east of Brook Street to better accommodate the construction of future apartments. Phil Schneider, member of the Schneider Manor Board and Ray Zandstra of V-Tec Engineering, were present. Schneider explained that vacating Ottawa Street will assist Schneider Manor in meeting setback and sidewalk requirements for the new building.

City Manager Pasquale stated that there are five properties that are affected by the proposed street vacation. Councilmember Thompson questioned if the City intended to split the road right-of-way between the adjoining properties. City Manager Pasquale responded yes. Within a subdivision encompassing both sides of the street, then the property is split evenly.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to set a public hearing date of Monday, December 19, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. to consider a request from Schneider Manor to vacate the Ottawa Street right-of-way east of Brook Street to better accommodate the construction of future apartments.

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

### Item #2. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO KENT COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION.

City Manager Pasquale explained an amendment has been proposed which allows the inclusion of city and village officials to the Kent County Fire Commission.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by THOMPSON to approve the amendment allowing the inclusion of city and village officials to the Kent County Fire Commission.

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

### Item #3. UPDATE - BOWES ROAD.

On December 1, Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson and City Manager Pasquale met with Jon Rice and David Groenleer of the Kent County Road Commission concerning the Bowes - M-21 - Alden Nash traffic light and the relocation of Bowes Road. Timpson had requested what assistance the County would be able to provide in relocating Bowes Road. The County cannot provide financial assistance, but would act as an acquisition agent regarding the purchase of property for right-of-way. Also, the County will consider providing engineering services financed by the City and Township. Pasquale stated that once the City is aware of the cost, then township assistance will be requested if the project is going to proceed.

### Item #4. REVIEW OF PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE A "BOBCAT" SKID LOADER.

Streets and Parks Supervisor Dan DesJarden had proposed to purchase a "Bobcat" skid loader replacing the 1978 Toro lawnmower. He explained that the present Toro is 16 years old and the replacement cost would be \$12,000 - \$17,000. DesJarden noted that the skid loader would be able to assist in streets and parks, the water treatment plant and the wastewater plant. Also, the City DPW wishes to obtain accessories such as a fork lift and hydraulic snow blade. With the additional sidewalk proposed, the City's responsibility will be a mile and a half of walk to maintain. It was the consensus of the Council to seek competitive bids for the skid loader.

### Item #5. PURCHASE OF PERSONAL COMPUTER FOR CITY HALL.

As presented in a memo by City Treasurer/Finance Director Judy Noonon, an additional personal computer was proposed for purchase in the front office of City Hall. The computer will be networked

with the County Treasurer's office as well as the Versys system for utility billing.

The following price quotes were obtained for specifications identified in the memo:

Compaq	3-year warranty	\$1898
Packard Bell	1-year warranty	\$1799
Dell	3-year warranty	\$1986

City Manager Pasquale stated that when the City will pursue the GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping in the future, updated computer components can be purchased in order to run the program.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by SHORES to purchase a Compaq computer for the front office of City Hall in the amount of \$1898 allocated from the Data Processing Fund.

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

### Item #6. CITIZEN COMMENTS.

No comments were received.

### Item #7. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Mayor Maatman announced that there is a new amateur radio club located at the new high school. Interested persons should contact Al Eckman or Germaine Thompson.

### Item #8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

**A.** A letter was presented from the Kent District Library stating that the millage approved last month will not be levied for the December tax bill. The State was unable to accommodate special legislation needed to levy for 1994.

The City will have one more year of service payments. The millage will be levied with the winter 1995 property tax bill.

**B.** The October minutes and November agendas of the Light and Power and Cable TV Boards were presented.  
**C.** The October 24 Planning Commission meeting minutes were provided.  
The Commission decided to hold its regular meetings in 1995 on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. (rather than 7:30 p.m.). Also, work sessions will be scheduled the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Also, City Manager Pasquale stated that Mike Blough and Jim Hall will serve as the Planning Commission's representatives to the Downtown Steering Committee.  
**D.** Doris Titcombe, 5225 Kyser Road, was hired as the part-time clerk receptionist in the City Hall.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, December 19, 1994

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

# Eckman showcased on the popular "Price Is Right"

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was almost like an out-of-body experience for Carroll Eckman.

"Things happen around you that you don't even realize," Eckman said. "Not everything sets in right away."

The Clarksville resident's once-in-a-lifetime experience began with a trip to Hollywood where he became a contestant on the "Price Is Right."

Eckman was the fourth contestant called at the start of the show.

The four players were asked to bid on a gazebo. The fourth and final bid was placed by Eckman. His bid of \$1,800 was substantially larger than the three bids that preceded his. It was met with a few aaahs and ooohs from disbelieving audience members. "Ironically, my wife (Joyce) and I had recently priced gazebos," Eckman said.

"Price Is Right" host Bob Barker then announced that the actual retail value of the gazebo was \$1,880.

Eckman's bid was within \$80 and under the retail price - making him the winner.

Barker then invited Eckman up on stage to play the "blank check" game. It provided Eckman the opportunity to win a \$2" big screen television.

To win the television, the total of the check he wrote and the price of the TV had to fall between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

Eckman wrote his check out for \$3,000. Barker then revealed that the actual retail value of the television was \$3,099. Eckman was \$99 over the maximum price of \$6,000 and thus lost out on the opportunity to win the big screen television.

Not to fear -- Eckman would still have a chance to spin his way onto the big show.

Prior to that big event, Barker teased that all the contestants were losers because no one was winning prizes. "He did this during a commercial," Eckman's wife Joyce recalled.

After two other contestants had earned their chance at the big wheel, the moment came where one of the lucky three would advance to the showcase.

The object of the big wheel game is for a contestant to get as close to \$1 without going over. Each contestant can use up to two spins.

The first contestant spun two 10s giving her a total of 20

cents.

Contestant number two's spin landed on 70 cents. He chose to stick with it and forego his second spin.

Eckman then grabbed the wheel. "It's a very heavy wheel," Eckman noted. His first spin stopped at 60 cents. He would need a second spin.

With a jerk of the wheel, around it went until it stopped just beyond the \$1 marker and landed on the 15 cent marker, giving Eckman a total of 75 cents and sending him onto the showcase.

In the showcase he would face the second-half winner.

Eckman was first up and either had to bid on the first showcase or pass it to the other contestant. The showcase included a bedroom suite, a tread mill and a spa. Eckman passed on the first showcase.

Contestant number two put in a bid of \$8,000 on the first showcase.

Eckman then had to put a bid in on the second showcase. This showcase included a Cat Stereo System, a 17-day African safari and a Mercury Cougar X-R7.

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Carroll Eckman holds a picture of the X-R7 he won on the "Price Is Right."

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more information phone (616) 897-8280.

**HOLIDAY POST OFFICE HOURS**  
The Lowell Post Office Holiday hours through Dec. 24 are: Mon. 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Tue.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

**YMCA HOLIDAY HOURS**  
The YMCA office hours during the holidays will be as follows: Dec. 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Dec. 22 through Dec. 26, closed; Dec. 27, 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m.; Dec. 28 and 29, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Dec. 30 through Jan 2, closed.

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The Gala Christmas Show and Sale is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday through December 23.

**OFF THE BLOTTER**  
Mark White, 33, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Dec. 14 when the brakes failed to work on the pickup truck he was driving and struck a truck and trailer at Main and Hudson driven by Richard Olthoff, 41, of Kentwood.  
Michael Flynn, 24, of Grand Rapids, was arrested Dec. 15 by Lowell officers for driving under the influence of alcohol, malicious destruction of property and resisting and obstructing a police officer.  
Eddie Smith, 24, of Grand Rapids, was arrested Dec. 16 on two warrants for failure to appear in court.

Jason DesJarden, 19, Dennis Jackson, 18, Brandon Johnson, 18 and Kristina Marcusen, 18, all of Lowell, were cited into 63rd District Court for minors in possession of alcohol on Dec. 17.

### Search, cont'd... From Page 1

board in structuring an interview process and will render other professional services as may be required to enable the board of education to make a knowledgeable decision in the selection of a new superintendent.

The focus of what exactly the board is looking for in a superintendent will be gathered from a questionnaire each board member was asked to fill out.

The information gathered from this questionnaire will be used to put together a series of questions.

"Superintendent search brochures and ads are scheduled to go out the week of Jan. 9," Comeau said. "There will be a six-week period (through March 3) that resumes will be taken."

The board will then go through and screen the resumes. From that it will choose six to eight candidates to interview. After the first interview the board will choose two candidates for a second interview.

The interview process will be open to the entire community. They will be able to write thoughts, concerns and questions about the candidates interviewed.

"The board then uses these notes along with their own to narrow the selection down to the finalists," Comeau said.

The MASB consultant says the board gives them the criteria it wants in its candidates. "It's a total board decision. No one board member or no one member of the community sets that direction," Comeau stated.

Comeau spent five hours on Monday talking to members of the community on what qualifications they would like to see in a new superintendent. "Very often their ideas and thoughts reaffirm what the board members thought," Comeau said.

The superintendent search ads will be published in Education Week and the American Association of School Administrators.

Brochures will also be sent to the 57 intermediate school districts in the state and the University Placement Services.

Comeau served for 12 years on the Chelsea Board of Education and is currently in her eighth year on the Washtenaw Intermediate Board.

The Lowell Board of Education approved the contract with MASB to conduct the superintendent search in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 plus \$750 for consultant expenses.

"A banker: the person who lends you his umbrella when the sun is shining and wants it back the minute it rains."  
- MARK TWAIN



Ann Comeau

## Review, cont'd.... From Page 3

sentenced to a life term without parole by Kent County Circuit Judge George Buth.

**Sending it Back:** Stating it was too restrictive, Lowell Township rejected the planning commission's new light industrial ordinance. It added that a restrictive ordinance can prevent development.

### JANUARY, 26 1994

**Vacancy Appointment:** Lowell Schools announced that it will ask the Kent Intermediate School District to appoint a candidate to fill the school board vacancy left by Kohler's resignation. The law states that school boards have 20 days to make an appointment and after that time, the choice is then the decision of KISD.

**New Hall:** Expansion is the reason why Vergennes Planning Commission started studying whether or not a township hall is needed.

**Teacher Reunion:** Familiar teaching faces, 14 to be exact, returned to Lowell Elementary, middle school, and high school buildings after

being laid off for one semester. The teachers were laid off after the Headlee did not pass in August of 1993.

### FEBRUARY 2, 1994

**Good Chap:** Don Rocheleau, chairman and chief executive officer of Attwood, was honored by the National Marine Manufacturers Association with the Charles F. Chapman Award. Rocheleau received the award as a result of his efforts in merging two industry associations into a single organization.

**Arty, Arty:** Jim and Cheryl Blodgett were honored with the Lowell Area Arts Council's highest award - The Arty. The annual Arty is given to members whose volunteer time has significantly contributed to the work of the LAAC and the promotion of the arts in the community.

### FEBRUARY 9, 1994

**Dominican Training:** Rockford/Lowell Ambulance will be providing EMS management training in the Dominican Republic. It marked the first time an EMS has

made the visit.  
**Land Arisen:** Assessment for Lowell Township land rose in 1994, but except for agricultural land, the increases are lower than previous years. Residential property saw an increase of three percent, which was considerably lower than last year's 14-percent increase.

**Learning Success:** Specific Language Disability provides a safety net to help Lowell students know success rather than failure by providing instruction to develop lifelong language skills.

**Water District:** Ordinances designed to keep Vergennes Township in the current water district for years to come were passed. Accepted by the city of Lowell and Vergennes Township were more restrictive ordinances. They were enacted by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

**Granting Funds:** Community Development Block Grant Funds totaling \$41,000  
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The 1993-94 Lowell wrestling season was a good one. It ended in exciting fashion at the state semi finals. Lowell lost to the eventual state champion, Fowlerville, 32-30.

Illustration of a boat on water with the text "Ho Ho Ho" written above it.  
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## Price Is Right, cont'd.... From Page 7

Eckman's bid on the second showcase was \$28,000.

"During the commercial Barker asked the audience who they felt was closest without going over the actual retail price," Joyce Eckman smiles. "The audience felt that Carroll was going to lose."

The bid on the first showcase was \$2,800 under the actual price.

For Eckman to win, his bid would have to come closer to the actual price of the sec-

ond showcase than \$2,800.

Eckman's bid was \$28,000, the actual cost was \$30,400. His bid was within \$2,400 of the actual price. The Clarksville man had won.

"It's the most nervous I've ever been. Yeah, I'd have to say it's the most exciting thing that's happened to me," reminisced Eckman.

The Steelcase worker said the show will air on Jan. 17 at 11 a.m. on CBS.

Eckman's winnings totaled \$32,083. He cannot collect on

any of the gifts until after the show airs.

Carroll and Joyce have already decided that the color of their new Mercury Cougar X-R 7 will be electric red.

"They have one year to schedule a date for the safari trip. However, they have an option to use the 1 1/2-year extension if dates cannot be agreed on.

"The kids are lining up for the stereo," Joyce said, "although the plans are to keep that too."

Illustration of a Christmas tree.  
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Illustration of a house and a snowman.  
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## Attorney general to assist in schools' milk/bus bid litigation

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Schools' attorney firm of Thrun, Maatsch and Nordberg will be utilized by the attorney general's office to assist in handling the class action litigation involving the milk/bus bid cases.

Michigan's Attorney Gen-

eral Frank Kelley said that his office would be a party to the lawsuit on behalf of all Michigan School Districts.

The timing of that decision, within seven days of the election, left some believing it was made for political reasons. Showing Kelley coming to the rescue of schools who incurred damages

through high bids and price fixing provided him political clout.

The assistance of the attorney general's office shouldn't change things that much.

Attorney Steve Idema, also a Lowell School Board member, said if schools are shown to be damaged by the

defendant's conduct as a result of higher bids and price fixing, they will recover their damages. Schools will have to pay the standard attorney fees.

"If there are no damages found or the defendant(s) can't afford to pay, then there will be no attorney fee," Idema said. "It's also pos-

sible schools will get a reduction in prices instead of recovering financial damages." Idema said that over at least a five-year period, Lowell may have been overcharged anywhere from \$10-\$50,000.

Once damages are collected, all schools who took part in the lawsuit will be re-

imbursed for their attorney fees (\$1,000) before anything else is collected.

The lawsuits have been filed in the case. Idema said the process of pre-trial will take months.

## LaBine builds her own country village

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Rome wasn't built in a day!

Neither was Shirley LaBine's small country village.

LaBine, of 1501 Deborah St. in Lowell, began constructing her plastic canvas country village two years ago.

The village construction started with a couple of small homes. Recently she added a gazebo.

"The village has no name. It's just a small country village," LaBine says.

Her growing village consists of homes, a fire/ambulance station, police station, train depot and post office as well as a bakery, grocery store, church and shades for the street lights.

"It was my husband's (Bud) idea to lay the village out onto the plywood," Shirley LaBine said.

Materials used to build the village include plastic canvas, yarn, Christmas lights, plywood, paint, cotton, and wooden dowels.

"My cousin in Middleville got me into plastic canvas work," LaBine said.

The Lowell resident for the past 20-plus years said the designs for some of the buildings were taken from catalogs.

LaBine said she thinks she is done with the village. However, comes summer, that may change. "I may add to it next year," she smiles.

"The most difficult building to do has been that double A-frame home," LaBine said.

Her son-in-law and daughter, Michael and Renee Robinson made the telephone/

electric poles (out of dowel pins) and painted the streets and grass on the plywood.



This country village took two years to build.



Shirley LaBine displays her plastic canvas post office

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were divided up between the master plan and sidewalk handicap ramps. The city council voted to earmark \$3,400 in unprogrammed funds and \$18,235 of the 1994-95 funds toward the completion of the master plan. The

amount of \$22,765 of the 1994-95 funds went toward the installation of sidewalk handicap ramps.

**FEBRUARY 16, 1994**

**Blanding Benefit:** Bands with local ties reunited for a

beach party at Larkin's "The Other Place" to benefit David Blanding. The proceeds will be used to help Blanding blot out medical expenses for a bone marrow transplant.

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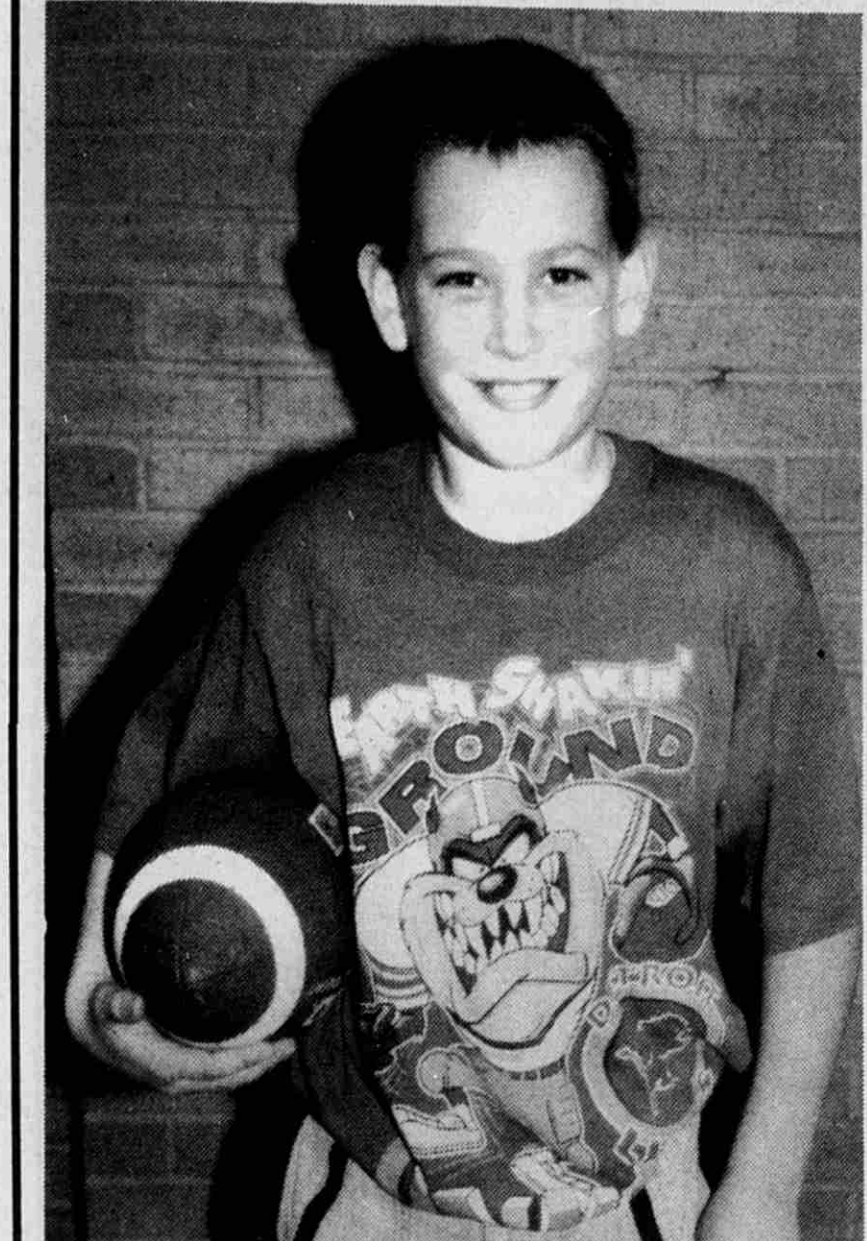
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## White scrapes elbows with Lions' Moore



By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Alto's Bryan White was able to rub shoulders with some of his favorite Detroit Lions football players at a three-hour mini-camp on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the Pontiac Silverdome.

White's name was selected in a Meijer contest sponsored by Kraft and Oscar Mayer.

"I returned from my grandmother's and was listening to our answering machine," White explains. "The voice said my mother had won a contest. My father told me what she had won was for me."

The mini-camp gave 150 youths, grades four through nine, a chance to learn from some of the NFL's best.

Lions' players on hand for the mini-camp were Herman Moore, Bennie Blades, Dan Owens, Chuck Long, Jason Hanson and Lomas Brown.

"It was a chance for us to be taught how to throw, catch, play linemen and how to play safety," White said. "I scraped up my arm diving for a catch (he points to his left elbow)."

White, a nine-year-old fourth grader, said Moore emphasized "keeping your eye on the ball all the way into your arms and even once it is in your hands."

Following the mini-camp, dinner was held for the 150 winners.

"What do you call a politician that has lost an election?  
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**Tech Plan:** A technology plan involving staff, computers and voice and video play a large role in the technology committee's recommendation.

**Build Anyway:** After being denied his request to consider I-96 as a public road for road frontage, Todd Verwys decided to build two homes on land as it is currently zoned.

**FEBRUARY 23, 1994**

**Plumb's Pulls Out:** Staring the market would not be the monies needed to update its store to that of its competitor, Plumb's announced that it will be closing its doors in Lowell. Plumb's first came to Lowell in July of 1992 as part of a package acquisition. Plumb's purchased eight Eberhard stores.

**Rescue Monies:** Lowell Township Board has agreed to donate \$10,000 to Bowne Township in order to help pay for Bowne Township's new rescue vehicle.

**District Champs:** Lowell's wrestling team defeated Ionia and Caledonia to earn the district championship.

**MARCH 2, 1994**

**Targeting a Center Date:** Lowell YMCA executive director Andy Johnson set September as a target date for the start of a full-time child care center for infants through school-age kids. The announcement came on the heels

of a \$15,000 grant from the Helen Look Fund committee toward the start of a center. To date the YMCA had raised \$59,000 of the \$85,000 needed to start the center.

**Funds Addressed:** Lowell School Board's superintendent evaluation noted concern about the manner by which funds are allocated, expended and controlled. It asked of Superintendent Fritz Esch that steps be taken to determine the financial needs of the district and that the concerns expressed by the auditors be addressed.

**Assessments Lowered:** Lowell's Robert McGrew was the lone voice to speak out against the special assessment some residents were to incur for the installation of new mains for parts of Alden Nash and Gee Drive. However, he wasn't the lone resident to benefit from his timely words of concern. Nine other residents, including McGrew, enjoyed substantial assessment reductions thanks to McGrew speaking out. McGrew got his assessment lowered from \$6849 to \$3,599.

**Historical Home:** The Fallsburg Historical Society purchased the David Misner home at 13944 Covered Bridge Rd. The purchase price was \$33,000.

**Regional Victors:** Lowell's wrestling team won the Class B Regional in Ionia with a 44-12 win over Zeeland. In the regional semi-

final, Lowell defeated Ionia 40-24.

**MARCH 9, 1994**

**Rising Water Rates:** It was announced that city residents will incur a 28 percent water rate increase beginning June 15. The increase was implemented to help cover the increased costs of operating, maintaining and improving the water system.

**Uncertainty:** Voters rush to gain information on Proposal A. Despite explanations, voter confusion on school finance reform remains.

**Jurisdiction:** Lowell Area Schools have asked that both Lowell and Vergennes Township Boards grant the city of Lowell's police department jurisdiction over the new high school site and the vacant lot next to it.

**Ohhh So Close:** The Lowell wrestling team's season came to an end in its state semi-final match with number one-ranked Fowlerville. The Red Arrows lost a heart-breaker 32-30.

**MARCH 16, 1994**

**Meeting-less:** Vergennes Township residents feel left out following the decision of the Vergennes Township Board, through the recommendation of the Michigan Township Association, to not hold their annual meeting.

**Pricing Furniture:** Lowell's school board was questioned as to whether the bids it received for office furnishings were the best available.

**Granting Permission:** The Fallsburg Historical Society was given approval by the Vergennes Township Board to request a grant from the Department of Natural Resources for the purchase and transportation of a mill to a four-acre site along the Flat River.

**Supporting Agreement:** Lowell's city council gave support to Kent County Library System by approving a resolution to adopt a district library agreement.

**Taking First:** Lowell High School students were first among 40 schools at the 22nd annual Hope College Model United Nations program.

**MARCH 23, 1994**

**Proposal A Passes:** While some schools thought there was a better way to fund schools than Proposal A they all agreed they were glad the questions over the proposal were over, following its passage.

**Permit Request:** A permit request made by **Review, cont'd. pg. 12**

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# Lowell Township to pursue funds for purchase of fire truck

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Township Board has agreed to pursue funds from Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for the purchase of a new rescue truck for the Lowell Fire Department.

The fire department plans on replacing their current 1960 rescue truck with an updated version which is expected to cost between \$70,000 and \$90,000.

The fire department will pursue funding for the truck from the city of Lowell and Vergennes and Lowell townships. The three municipalities will split the cost of the purchase equally.

Lowell Township estimates its share of the cost will be approximately \$24,000. The township will pay for its share over a three-year period from CDBG funds equalling \$8,000 per

year. According to township supervisor John Timpson, the new rescue vehicle will replace two vehicles currently used by the fire department.

"The new rescue unit will be used for the water rescue team and as a mobile command unit," said Timpson.

The township in the past has used CDBG funds for their share of fire department costs.

In a similar motion the township agreed to give Bowne Township \$24,000, over three years, for the purchase of their new fire truck.

The Bowne Township Fire Department services 16 percent of Lowell Township, from Cascade Road south to the township limit.

Timpson said the township figures their share of the cost from the State Equalized Value of the land in that area which is estimated at \$150,000.

Payments for the Bowne Township fire truck will come out of the township's \$30,000 fire budget.

Although Lowell Township doesn't have a fire department of its own, Timpson believes the current situation

is ideal. "We get double fire coverage throughout our township and at a cost which is less than having our own fire department," said Timpson.

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Cumberland Market owner, Jeff Roy to sell beer and wine was met with opposition. The township wanted Roy to get a performance bond which would insure the construction of a proper commercial driveway before it would grant the permit.

**Survey Says:** It was what the city of Lowell's survey didn't show that had city officials scratching their heads. Peoples' attitudes leaned in certain directions, but there was not a strong voice. It showed people are pleased with the attributes of the city; they feel safe. Steve Langworthy, Design Plus, said the survey showed Lowell residents have a sense of apathy about many aspects of the community.

**New Floor:** Choosing a sounder economic route than litigation, the city of Lowell decided to forego a contract dispute and put a new coat-

ing on the fire station floor.

### MARCH 30, 1994

**Friendly Face Passes:** Long-time resident, George Dey, died of a heart attack in St. Augustine, FL, while vacationing with his wife Delores (Dode) Dey. Dey drove a Lowell school bus for 28 years, served as Santa Claus for the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's Christmas parade, and was a charter member of the Lowell Area Arts Council. Friend and LAAC comrade Jill VanAntwerp said of Dey, "He made people happy."

**Bike Path Plan:** Lowell Township resident Val Walker was happy to hear that the Michigan Department of Transportation would apply for a grant to complete a paved bike path along Grand River Ave. over a three-year period.

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"It is not true that nice guys finish last. Nice guys are winners before the game ever starts."

- ADDISON WALKER



The 1993 Lowell Showboat Queen, Shannon Bennett, crowns the new 1994 Showboat queen, Ruth Joslin.

# Township approves kennel permit for latest Lowell resident

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

In October Glenn Veltman and his wife moved into Lowell Township with the hopes of opening a kennel for their prized Bichon Frises.

Their dreams got a little closer after the Lowell Township Board approved their kennel permit.

"My kids are all grown up and I'm not needed anymore. I wanted to be needed and these dogs provide me with that and a lot of love," said Veltman.

Veltman, 10030 Meadowhill Drive, has four

Bichon Frises (curly haired lap dogs) and one Golden Retriever. He said the retriever is the watch dog, while the Bichons are bred as show dogs.

"Except for going to the bathroom, these dogs stay in the house. They don't go outside even in the summer because they might get grass stains on their feet," Veltman said.

The couple, who began breeding the champion Bichons a year ago, does not have any desire to board dogs at their facility.

The board approved the permit on a five to two vote.

The two descending votes, from trustees Richard Huver and Carol Wieland, came because of past problems with kennels in the township.

Veltman initially was unable to provide the board with a dog limit, but eventually settled with an imposed 20-dog limit.

Huver said the board must put a limit on the number of dogs in a kennel because in the past, the township has spent thousands of dollars on litigation fees to remove unwanted kennels.

"As a taxpayer I would hate to see any township money spent on controlling

the number of dogs, when we have the ability to control that number now," said Huver.

Veltman said under the Agricultural II zoning for his 10.1 acres of land, he has the right to start a kennel. Under that right he doesn't believe "the township has a right to limit him, but is willing to give up that right."

"I don't have the patience to deal with a lot of dogs and I know we'll never approach the 20-dog limit so I'll agree to the limitations," Veltman said.

Veltman will now need to receive a permit from the state before his operation can be-

gin. The board said they and the state have the right to review his operation yearly. If

he doesn't operate within the guidelines, the board will not renew the permit next year.

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**Permit Approved:** Lowell Township's planning commission approved the application for a special use permit to operate a landscaping nursery business (B.J. Roark & Co.) on two acres of land at 9741 E. Fulton St.

### APRIL 6, 1994

**Showboat Candidates:** Lowell Showboat announces its eight candidates for the 1994 Lowell Showboat Queen's Pageant. They were Lauri VanOtteren, Tallie Bassett, Jennifer Brown, Marlene Klap, Tammy Irwin, Ruth Joslin, Terry Irwin and Jennifer Jansma.

**Sidewalk Funds:** Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale asked the city council for a financial commitment for its new sidewalk program. He said in order for the city to meet its share of the cost, it must commit to funds totaling \$67,000 (or one mill) in each year of the program's existence.

**Stop Burning:** Following a request from the Lowell Fire Department, Lowell Township banned open burning for one month due to a rash of grass fires.

**Improvement Plan:** A process that would give the Lowell Planning Commission authority and a chance to review city capital improvements is being studied. The Lowell Planning Commission's charge is such a plan.

**O-K White Plus One:** Hastings' admittance into the O-K White was approved by the O-K league schools.

**A Runway Loan:** A bid approximately \$30,000 lower

than its closest competitive bid was enough of a reason for the Lowell City Council to approve a six-month loan to the Lowell Airport Board for the paving of its main runway. The loan would be paid for through the sale of a 4.07-acre parcel of property adjacent to Vergennes Road.

### APRIL 13, 1994

**No. 1 Man:** William Markovich was named principal of Cherry Creek Elementary, formerly Lowell Middle School. He came to Lowell after spending six years in the Paw Paw School District.

**Resignation:** Carol Nauta resigned after 14 years as Vergennes Township treasurer to take the position of business secretary with Lowell Schools.

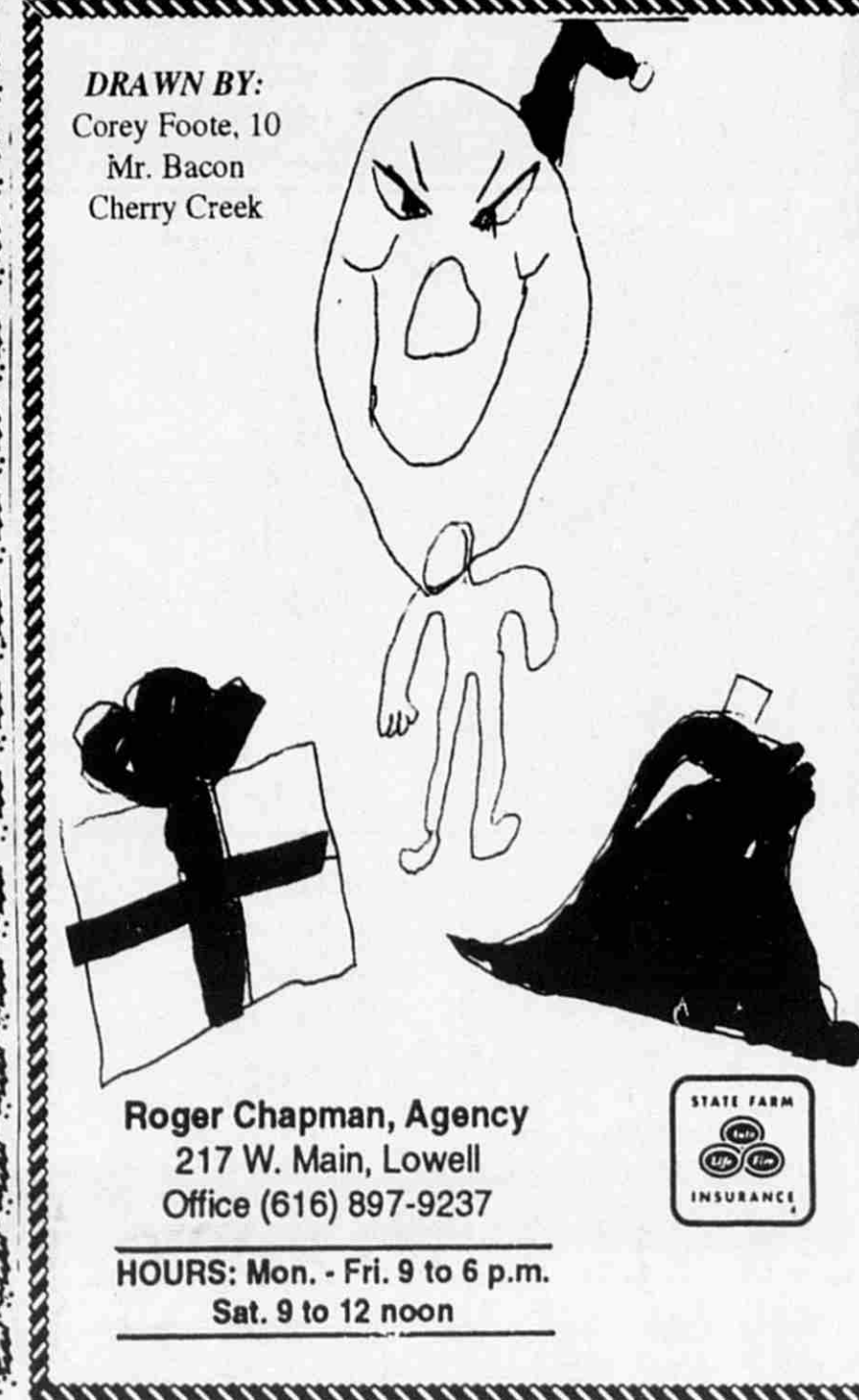
**Uniforms Okayed:** Approval was given to the Lowell Music Boosters Club for the purchase of new band and choir uniforms. The boosters club made a commitment toward raising \$25,000 of the total cost (\$57,135).

**Emmons To Depart:** After 25 years as the Lowell police chief, Barry Emmons announced that he would be leaving Lowell at the end of June for Asheville, NC.

**Another Member:** Vergennes Township became the latest to join the growing number of townships to approve the idea of joining Kent County's district library.

**No-Wake Policy:** Vergennes Township adopts a no-wake zone for the Flat River. This action was taken after the township was approached by citizens concerning a bid approximately \$30,000 lower

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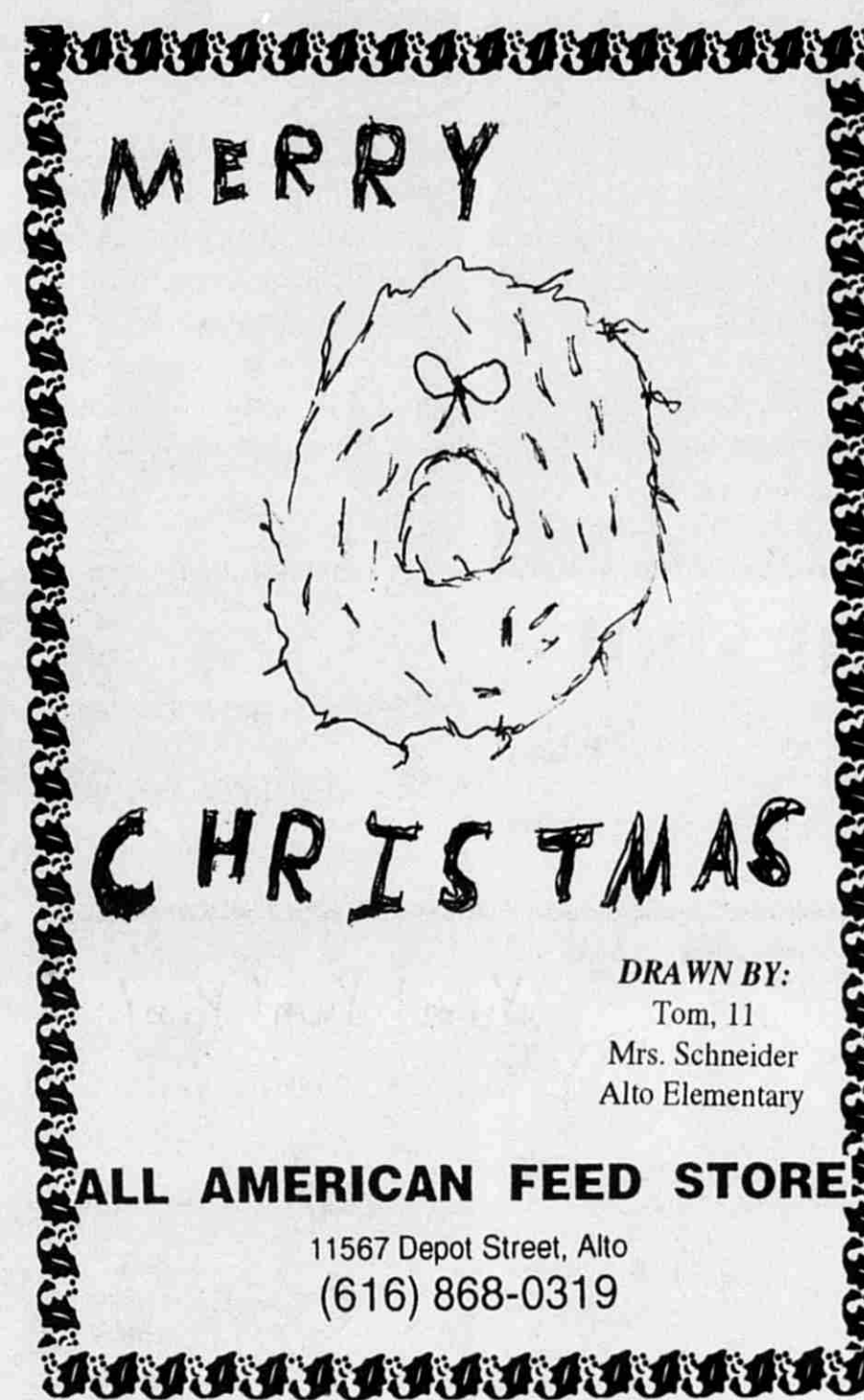
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## Graham Building change order approved

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Anyone who has attempted to use the second-floor doors of the Graham building to go outside knows the first step was a big one.

With that in mind, Lowell's City Council was not overly distressed to hear that the doors were replaced with windows as part of a restoration project.

"It makes sense to have windows up there instead of doors," Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said.

The cost to have that done was \$1,846. That total was part of a \$6,170 change order approved by the council. The other \$4,324 included plumbing, roof repairs and chimney as well as shelving for books (seven rows, eight feet high and 16 feet long).

Pasquale said that consent from the county was already given, thus he recommended that the Community Development Block Grant be used to finance the change order work.

The total construction cost was raised from \$43,582 to \$49,752. Add to that the architectural expenses and that brings the total to \$50,225.

## Council meeting schedule

Lowell's City Council set the meeting dates for the 1995 year.

They are as follows:  
• Jan. 3 (Tuesday and Jan. 16)  
• Feb. 6 and Feb. 21 (Tuesday)

• March 6 and March 20.  
• April 3 and April 17.

• May 1 and May 15.  
• June 5 and June 19.  
• July 5 (Wednesday) and July 17.

• Aug. 7 and Aug. 21.  
• Sept. 5 (Tuesday) and Sept. 18.  
• Oct. 2 and Oct. 16.  
• Nov. 6 and Nov. 20.  
• Dec. 4 and Dec. 18.

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cerned about safety conditions on the river.

VanOtteren was second runner-up.

ing one mill toward the financing of public sidewalk improvements.

change, the Lowell School Board braces itself for yet another transformation. There are 11 candidates vying for the three seats - eight candidates for the two four-year terms and three candidates for the one-year term.

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**Designs On A Kingdom:** Design Day for Creekside Kingdom was scheduled for April 18.

**Children's Ideas:** With the help of Lowell Elementary students, Dennis Wille, Leathers & Associates, designed a children's playground kingdom for Creekside Park.

**Home Track:** For the first time in years, Lowell boys' and girls' track teams hosted a track meet at their home facility.

**Bill Opposition:** A bill was recently passed by the House designed to fine striking teachers and other public school employees and their unions for illegal strikes. It was met with opposition by the Michigan Education Association (MEA).

**Purchase Award:** Chris VanAntwerp received the Kathy Quada Memorial Purchase Award at the LAAC West Michigan regional competition.

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**APRIL 20, 1994**

**Showboat Queen:** Ruth Joslin was crowned the 1994 Lowell Showboat Queen. Tallie Bassett was first runner-up and Laurie

**Funding Sidewalks:** The city of Lowell approved using one mill toward the financing of public sidewalk improvements.

**Large Numbers:** Having dealt in times filled with great activity, controversy and

**APRIL 27, 1994**  
Meeting Vern: A deceiv-

**Grummet's Award:** Lowell High School's Lila Grummet was honored by the Kent County Education Association with its support staff person-of-the-year

**New Tracking:** Both the Lowell boys' and girls' track teams christened the new Red Arrow track facility with wins. The boys defeated Sparta 88-49 and the girls won 70-58.

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## Barron an Elk-cellent shot

The first year she applied for a Michigan elk permit, Heidi Barron, of Ada, felled a 513 pound bull elk on the second day of the season using a Remington 30-06.

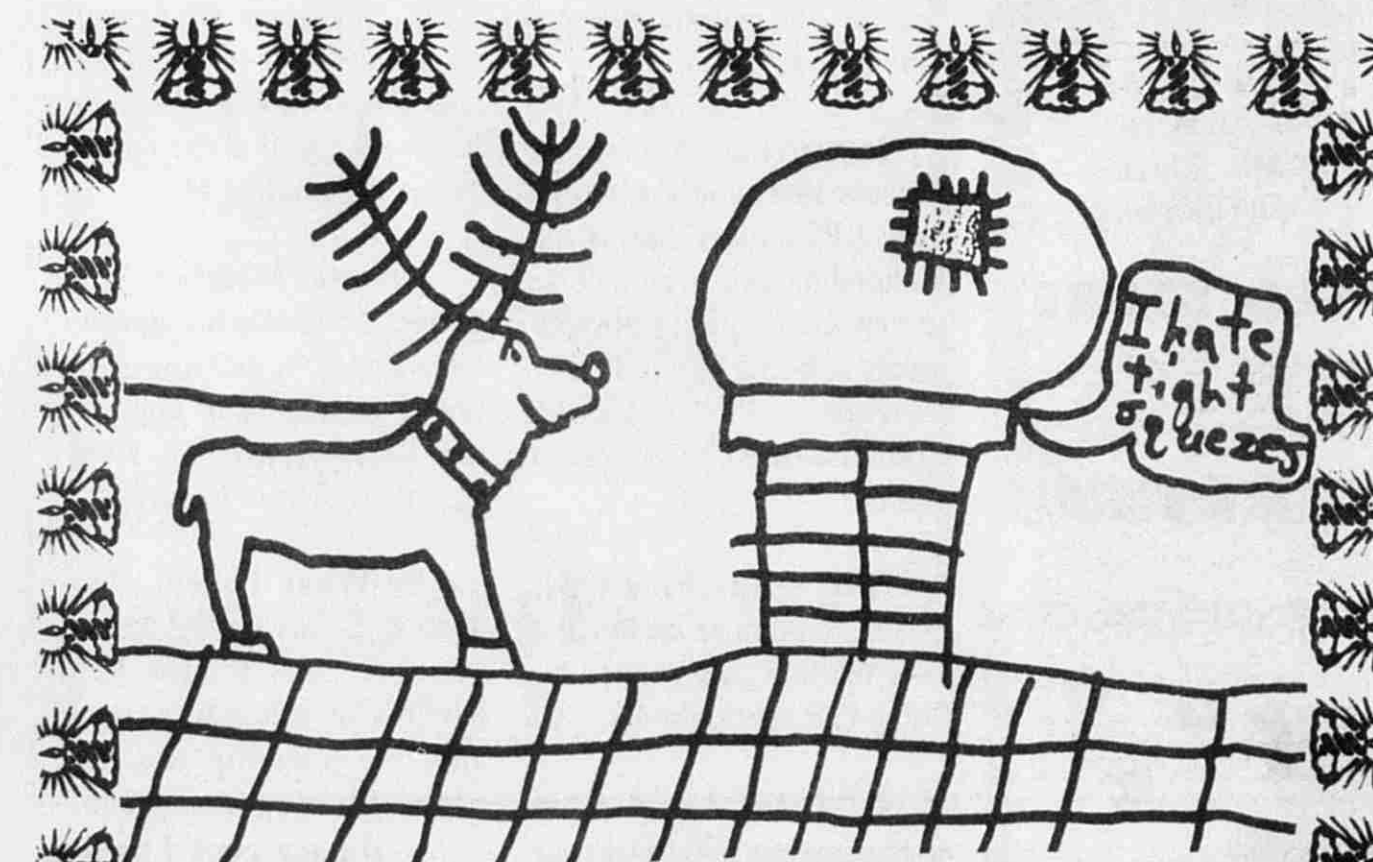
Hunting in Vanderbilt, she was accompanied by her husband Paul and Mike and Sue Shinabarger of Lowell.



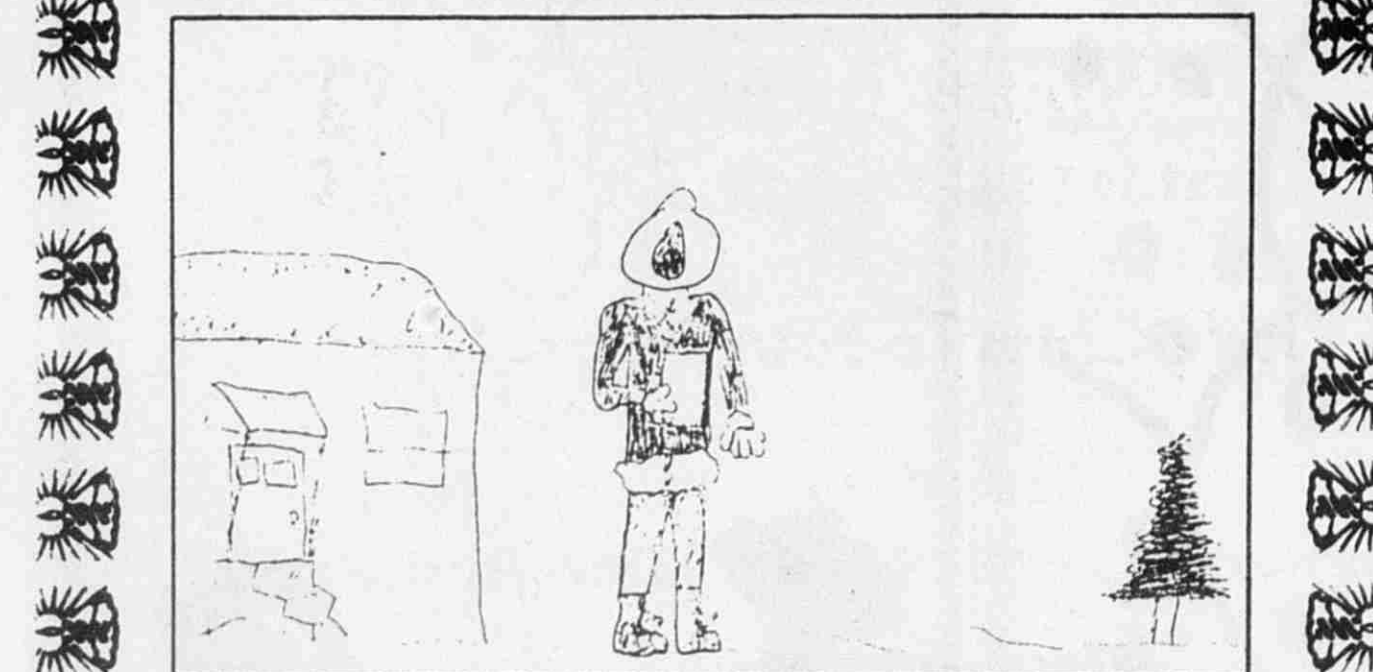
Lowell practitioner Orval McKay passed away in May. He served the Lowell Community for over 40 years. Above, he stands with family members after receiving the "Person of the Year" award in 1989.

"The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything."

- THEODORE ROOSEVELT



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**MAY 4, 1994**

**Warehousing Industry:** Residents were concerned over Robert Grooters new development idea, but Lowell Township wasn't. The development Grooters wanted to build consisted of one building approximately 3000x500 feet. It would be used as a warehouse which would also hold some offices.

Lowell residents to reminisce about the past.

**No More, No Less:** Lowell and Vergennes Townships agree to continue the same police service to the new high school area as they have in the past. Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson said if the school needs more security, then it will have to contract it out.

announced that he would be stepping down as the Lowell superintendent effective June 30, 1995. Esch served the Lowell School District for 11 years. Esch said his resignation would make room for a fresh, new approach to lead the changing district.

**Re-election:** Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus announced, from the steps of a one-room schoolhouse, that he would seek re-election to the state Senate.

**Family Doctor Passes:** Longtime Lowell family practitioner Orval I. McKay died at the age of 73. McKay's family practice served the people of Lowell for 40-plus years.

**Costly Insurance:** Lowell Schools which started discussions about joining an insurance pool in 1993 said it may join the pool if the price is right.

**Establishing Water Costs:** Lowell Township approved a resolution establishing water service charges for the new water line. The water line was constructed to serve the new high school and residents of Eastgate Village.

**Queen For A Day:** Lowell senior Magali Ramirez was crowned queen of the Mexican Culture Patriotic Festival.

**Representative:** Lowell and Vergennes Townships agreed to appoint Carol Wieland to their district's library board.

**Agreement Reached:** Stating in a meeting with councilmembers Bill Thompson and Jeanne Shores that he was concerned over the publicity and adverse effects on business, Ken Shaler of Shaler & Son Excavating said he was willing to make restitution on the property in question belonging to William Morrow.

**MAY 25, 1994**

**Talent Signed:** The Showboat announces its entertainment for the 1994 shows. Rodney Foster was signed for the Friday night show and the nostalgic group "1964: The Tribute" was signed for Saturday night. The shows were scheduled for Aug. 12th and 13th.

**Stahr Resigns:** A general change in the job of Lowell athletic director led to the decision of Lowell AD Tom Stahr to resign from the post in order to return to the

classroom as an instructor. The AD position was removed from the bargaining unit and made into an administrative post.

**Denied!** Protecting the interest of neighbors led Vergennes Township to deny an annexation request from the city of Lowell. The township was asked to annex 27 acres of land north of Washington Street.

**Board Forum:** Eleven board candidates were given an opportunity to express their views on a number of issues at a PTO sponsored candidate forum.

**Library Expenses:** Unlike Lowell Township, Vergennes Township decided not to help with the utility expenses of the Lowell Library.

**Farm History:** The Jerrold Richmond family of Lowell was recognized by the state of Michigan for its farm's 150 years of existence.

**Ordinance Maintained:** Making a few minor changes, the Lowell Planning Commission

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**Weathered Concrete:** Concrete laid in December as part of a water main project left a portion of William Morrow's driveway filled with pits and scales. Agreeing that the work would not meet city specifications, Lowell's City Council vowed to take care of the city resident.

**Helping Vic:** Bushnell Elementary students raised over \$3,000 to help Bushnell teacher Vic DeWaard in his fight against Leukemia.

**Tree-mendous Poetry:** Lowell's Jessica Peasley was named the winner of the Grand Rapids Nursery and Landscape Association's annual Arbor Day poem contest.

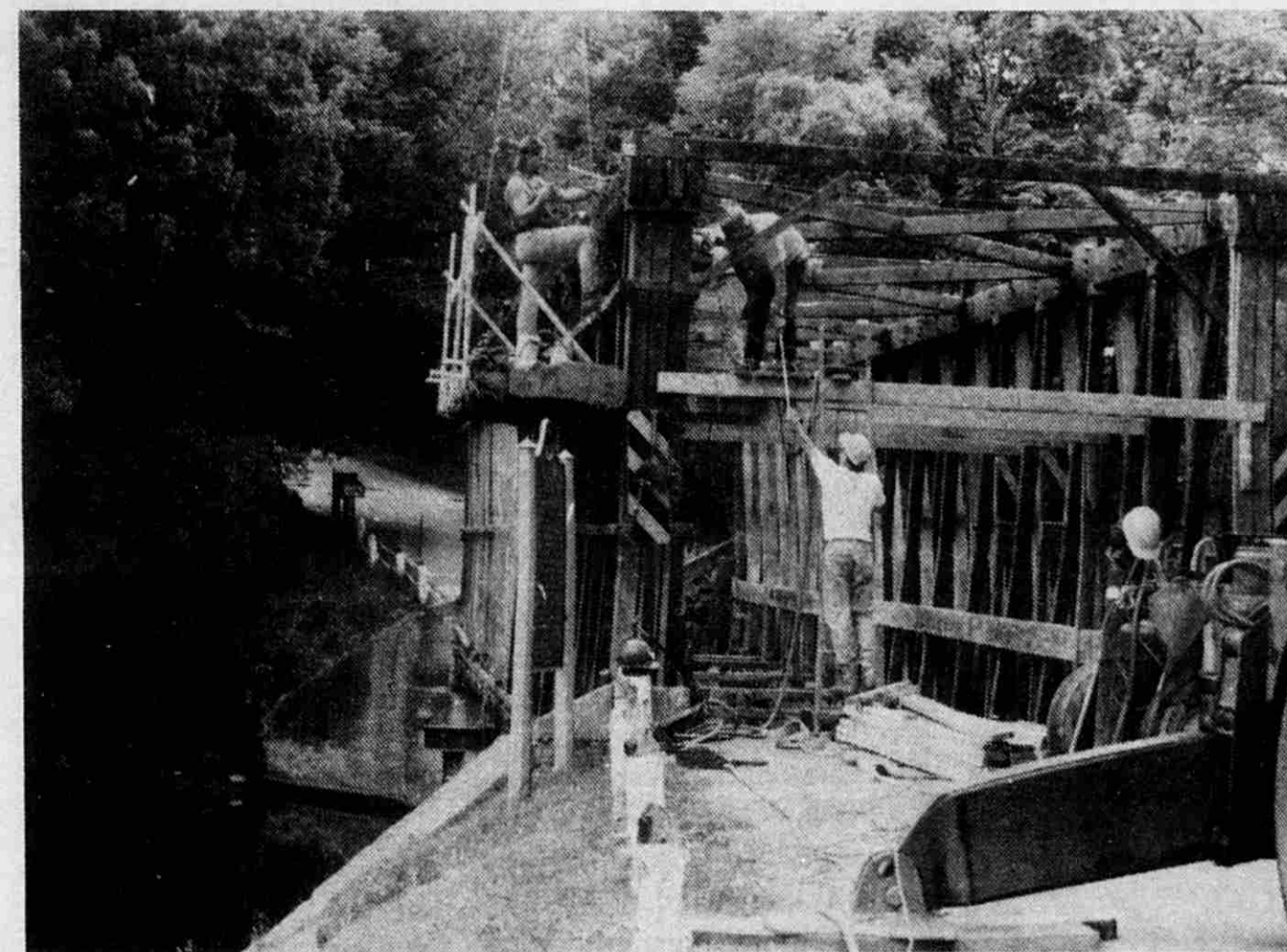
**Farewell:** Stories and memories came alive at Runciman/Riverside Elementary's farewell reunion. Part of the farewell reunion program provided time for teachers, students and

**New Auditor:** After seeking bids for its financial audit, Lowell Schools awarded the audit bid to Phillip Sauerman, C.P.A. Helmholtz and Co. had done the auditing for Lowell Schools for approximately 20 years.

**Fresh Coat:** The bid on the interior painting of the 500,000-gallon tank behind the city water treatment plant was awarded to Pete M. Haralambis of Woodhaven for a bid of \$434,325.

**MAY 18, 1994**

Resigning: Fritz Esch



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# Township's hierarchy given reins to water system

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Lowell Township's supervisor, clerk and treasurer will not only run the township, but they will also be in charge of the township's new water system.

Recently the Lowell Township Board appointed supervisor John Timpson, clerk Carol Wells and treasurer Jean Huver as the administrators of the new water main and tower.

Timpson will receive \$500 a month while Wells and Huver will get \$300 a month to oversee the operation of the system.

The operation includes processing and collecting the bills, and taking care of the system.

"If someone calls at 3 a.m. about a water leak or problem, I'm the man who will go out and check it," said Timpson. "I'll also be in charge of getting somebody

to repair the problem." Timpson said the township initially looked into having someone from outside the township take care of the system, but decided against it

because of the cost. "We looked into having the city run it for us, but we felt it could be handled in-house for far less money than contracting it out," said

Timpson. The board unanimously approved the measure and trustee Alyn Fletcher summed up the general feeling of the board when he said "you will

not find anybody else willing to do it for \$500 or \$300 a month."

Timpson said the cost easily fits into the township's water budget for the year.

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sion made the decision to go with its current light industrial ordinance.

**June 1, 1994**

**Wetlands:** Following a nine-month battle, the Kent County Aeronautics Board decided to condemn 230 acres of land in Lowell Township to relocate wetlands.

**Helping Hand:** In a move that saved Lowell Township

several thousand dollars, the township decided to help pave Parnell Rd to Settlewood for Richard Cooper. Cooper said that he'd be willing to pay for the project if the road commission agreed not to harm many of the trees along the current roadway.

**Case Delayed:** The circuit court case involving the State vs. Terry Kinsley was adjourned before it even got started to allow the prosecution time to change its charge. Originally the prosecution was to charge Kinsley with embezzling \$16,399.90 from the Lowell School District dur-

ing the 1992 school year. It was decided that the case should be delayed so that charges could be amended from embezzlement to attaining money under false pretenses.

**Mayor Exchange:** Hudsonville and Lowell proved to be the perfect "Mayor Exchange Day" mix - some onions, lettuce and tomatoes from Michigan's "salad bowl" city (Hudsonville) and some French, Italian and Thousand Island dressing from Lowell's Chadlee Farms.

**Munch Pays a Visit:** The author of the New York Times best-selling children's literature book list, Robert Munsch, visited Alto students.

**June 8, 1994**

**Commencement:** The 153 students representing Lowell's Class of 1994 received their diplomas attired in their class colors of purple and white.

**New Chief:** Lowell police detective Jim Valentine was named Lowell's new police chief, replacing Berry Emmons. Valentine will become Lowell's fifth police chief since Lowell became a city.

**Intersection studied:** The Alden Nash/Bowes Rd/M-21 intersection study yielded no decision, but much discussion at a Lowell City Council meeting. The idea of the study was developed due to concern over the present safety of the existing intersection and the future use of Bowes Road, due to the opening of the new high school.

**Scholarships Added:** There were two more scholarships added to the list of local scholarships awarded to Lowell High School seniors. One was the Wytjes Scholarship for students pursuing studies in the medical field. The recipient in the first year of the scholarship was Ann Kilpatrick.

Also added was the Dr. James and Elnora Dumas Scholarships. First-year recipients were George Ponchaud and Emily Davis.

ell girls' 800-meter relay team finished second in the state meet. Red Arrow Dawn Burrows placed third in the 100-meter dash. Lowell earned All-State honors in both events.

**Glacial Remains:** While leveling the ground in his backyard in order to place an above-ground pool, Lowell resident Tom Smith unveiled the remains of a 350-million-year-old glacial deposit.

**June 15, 1994**

**Election Surprise:** Warren Jousma surprised not only many of the community members but himself as he garnered 830 votes in the race for the one-year board term. Earning four-year terms were Ellen McClain (486) and Pete Gustafson (687).

**Election Day Critic:** Board candidate Tom Heintzleman was critical of the voting-day process following election day.

**LEA Reaches Agreement:** The Lowell Education Association agreed to a 5.75 percent increase over three years.

**Grant To Attwood:** Attwood Corporation became the second Lowell business to receive an economic job training grant for \$43,763.

**Repaving Deal:** Vergennes Township reaches an agreement with the Kent County Road Commission to repave a portion of Foreman Road.

Tourists: Over 1,700

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MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 26, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

MONDAY LATE NIGHT DECEMBER 26, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 27, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

TUESDAY LATE NIGHT DECEMBER 27, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 28, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

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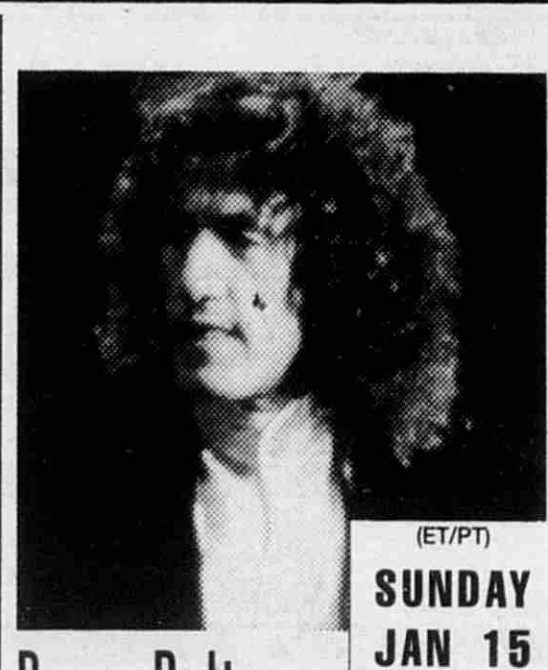
THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 29, 1994										
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<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>										
3	WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Due South (In Stereo)	Chicago Hope "Death Be Proud" (In Stereo)	Eye to Eye (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)		
4	WOTV	Highway Patrol	Extra: Ent. Magazine	Lassie: A Dog's Life Stars pay tribute to Lassie	World of Discovery: Lion: King of Beasts	Primitve Live	News	Nightline		
5	WGVU	MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Trailside: Adventure	Great Performances "In the Wings: Angels in America on Broadway"	Waiting for God		
7	WXMI	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Simpsons (In Stereo)	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single (In Stereo)	New York Undercover "To Protect and Serve"	Kung Fu: The Legend Continues "Temple"	Newz (In Stereo)	Cheers "Loveboyd"	
8	WOOD	Entertainment Tonight	Inside Edition	Mad About You	Friends (In Stereo)	ER "Hit and Run" (In Stereo)	ER "Hit and Run" (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show	
9	WLNS	Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	Due South (In Stereo)	Chicago Hope "Death Be Proud" (In Stereo)	Eye to Eye (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)		
10	WILX	Star Trek: The Next Generation "Identity Crisis"	Mad About You	Friends (In Stereo)	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Madman of the People	ER "Hit and Run" (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show	
12	WKAR	MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	Practical Sports	Wild America	This Old House	Frugal Gourmet (In Stereo)	Mystery! "Pilot" "Yellow Iris" (In Stereo)	Practical Sports	Wild America (In Stereo)	
13	WZZM	Cops "Cops in London"	Current Affairs	Lassie: A Dog's Life Stars pay tribute to Lassie	World of Discovery: Lion: King of Beasts	Primitve Live	News	Nightline		
14	WSYM	Simpsons (In Stereo)	Roseanne "Mall Story"	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single (In Stereo)	New York Undercover "To Protect and Serve"	Cops "Cops in London"	Highway Patrol	Newz (In Stereo)	Extra: Ent. Magazine
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>										
17	TBS	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	NBA Basketball: Orlando Magic at Charlotte Hornets. From the Charlotte Coliseum. (Live)	Movie: ★★ "Cyborg" (1989, Science Fiction) Jean-Claude Van Damme.					
18	FAM	Evening Shade	Evening Shade	Waltons "The Furlough"	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	700 Club	Gift of Love			
19	FX	Hart to Hart "The Shooting"	Under Scrutiny	Home and Away	Dynasty "Focus"	In Living Color	In Living Color	Sound FX Music videos		
20	USA	Wings (In Stereo)	Duckman (In Stereo)	Murder, She Wrote "Murder on Madison Avenue"	Movie: ★★ "Praying Mantis" (1993, Suspense) A predatory woman marries and murders her lovers.	Wings (In Stereo)	Wings (In Stereo)	Wings (In Stereo)		
21	DISC	Beyond 2000	Next Step	Mysterious Universe	Magical Worlds (In Stereo)	Movie Magic (In Stereo)	Know Zone "Air Cargo"	Beyond 2000	Mysterious Universe	Magical Worlds (In Stereo)
22	WGN	Love Connection	Jeffersons	Movie: ★★ "Fear" (1990, Suspense) Ally Sheedy. A psychic specializes in tracking serial killers.	News			Night Court	Simon & Simon	
23	ESPN	(6:30) Sportscenter	Kickoff	College Football: Copper Bowl -- Brigham Young vs. Oklahoma. From Tucson, Ariz. (Live)					Sportscenter	
24	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Primetime Live	Larry King Live			World News	Sports Tonight	Moneyline (In Stereo)
25	NICK	Doug	Looney Tunes	I Dream of Jeannie	Bewitched	Classic TV Countdown				Dick Van Dyke
26	A&E	Rockford Files "Nice Guys Finish Dead"		Biography "Lawrence of Arabia" Interviews and archival footage explore man and myth.		Evening to Remember (In Stereo)			Law & Order "Subterranean Homeboy Blues"	
27	PASS	College Hockey: Great Lakes Invit.		College Hockey: Great Lakes Invitational Semifinal -- Cornell vs. Michigan State. From Detroit. (Live)					Snowmob	College Basketball
28	TNT	Kung Fu "The Spirit Helper"		Movie: ★★ "Lawrence of Arabia" (1962, Adventure) Peter O'Toole, Alec Guinness, Anthony Quinn. David Lean's blockbuster about adventurer T.E. Lawrence.						
29	NASH	American Skyline	Country News	Legends of Country Music (In Stereo)	Music City Tonight (In Stereo)			Club Dance (In Stereo)		Country News (In Stereo)
30	SCIFI	Ray Bradbury Theater	A Hitchcock	Quantum Leap (In Stereo)	Invisible Man "The Kluge Resource"	Hitchhiker	Tales-Darkside	Ray Bradbury Theater		A Hitchcock
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>										
11	DISN	Movie: ★★ "Freeze Frame" (1989, Drama) Shannen Doherty. NR		Walt Disney World	Billy Joel From the River of Dreams (In Stereo)			Movie: ★★ "Thoroughly Modern Millie" (1967, Musical) Julie Andrews. G		
12	HBO	(6:00) Movie: "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992, Comedy) Macaulay Culkin. R		In This Corner... Boxing's Historic Battles (In Stereo)	Movie: "Firepower" (1994, Drama) Chad McQueen. (In Stereo) R			Def Comedy Jam (In Stereo)		Inside the NFL (In Stereo) G
13	MAX	(6:15) Movie: ★★ "Groundhog Day" (1992) PG		Movie: ★★ "Poetic Justice" (1993, Drama) A postal worker tries to win a reticent poet's affections. R				Movie: ★★ "Ghost in the Machine" (1993, Horror) Karen Allen. R		★ "I Come in Peace"

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<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>										
3	WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	Sweating Bullets (In Stereo)		Jerry Springer		Dennis Prager	Home Shopping Spree		
4	WOTV	Last Call (In Stereo)	Top Cops (In Stereo)	(Off Air)						
5	WGVU	(Off Air)								
7	WXMI	Jon Stewart (In Stereo)		Paid Program	Murphy Brown	(Off Air)				
8	WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)		Later (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Leeza (In Stereo)		NBC News Nightside	
9	WLNS	(11:35) Late Show	Murphy Brown	Cosby Show	Paid Program	Home Shopping Spree				
10	WILX	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)		Later (In Stereo)	News (In Stereo)	NBC News Nightside (Joined in Progress)		Headline News	
12	WKAR	(Off Air)								
13	WZZM	Rush Limbaugh	Married... With	In the Heat of the Night "Ladybug, Ladybug"	Mike & Maty			ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)		
14	WSYM	Jon Stewart (In Stereo)		Positive Response	Movie: ★★ "Ragtime" (1981, Drama) Racism forces a black pianist to take desperate measures. (Off Air)					
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>										
17	TBS	(10:30) Movie: "Cyborg"	Movie: ★★ "The Choirboys" (1977) Based on Joseph Wambaugh's novel about rowdy L.A. cops.		Movie: ★★ "The Eyes of Charles Sándor" (1972, Mystery) Peter Haskell.	Three Stooges	Jeffersons			
18	FAM	Black Stallion	Big Brother Jake	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
19	FX	Batman (Part 1 of 2)	Back Chat	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
20	USA	Quantum Leap "Freedom - November 22, 1970"	Counterstrike "Cinema Verite"		American Gladiators			Movie: "The Man With Two Brains" (1983) A neurosurgeon marries his beautiful but scheming patient.		
21	DISC	Movie Magic (In Stereo)	Know Zone "Air Cargo"	Beyond 2000 (In Stereo)	Next Step (In Stereo)	Beyond 2000	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
22	WGN	(11:30) Simon & Simon	Movie: ★★ "Animal Behavior" (1989) A sign language scholar's romance is disrupted by a chimp.		Honeymooners	Fame		Movie: ★★ "The Bridal Path" (1959) Bill Travers.		
23	ESPN	(11:30) Sportscenter	Up Close (In Stereo)	Holiday Magic (In Stereo)	Motoworld: Anniversary	Racehorse Digest (In Stereo)	Sportscenter	Up Close (In Stereo)	College Football: Copper Bowl -- Brigham Young vs. Oklahoma. (In Stereo)	
24	CNN	Newsnight	Showbiz Today (In Stereo)	Calling All Sports	Sports Tonight	Larry King Live (In Stereo)	Crossfire (In Stereo)	Science-Tech.	Overnight	Showbiz Today (In Stereo)
25	NICK	Get Smart	Dragnet "The Bookie"	A Hitchcock	Superman	Lucy Show	Home Shopping (In Stereo)	Taxi "Jim the Psychic"	Mary Tyler Moore	Bob Newhart
26	A&E	Biography "Lawrence of Arabia" Interviews and archival footage explore man and myth. (In Stereo)		Evening to Remember (In Stereo)				Law & Order "Subterranean Homeboy Blues"	Movie: ★★ "Sixth and Main" (1977, Drama)	
27	PASS	(11:30) College Basketball: Rainbow Classic -- Semifinal. From Honolulu.		College Basketball: Rainbow Classic -- Semifinal. From Honolulu. (Live)				College Hockey U.S.A.	Yachting: Logan Cup	
28	TNT	(8:00) Movie: "High Noon" (1952, Western) A murderer and his gunmen plot revenge against a sheriff.		Movie: ★★ "Apache Ambush" (1955, Western) Bill Williams, Alex Montoya.				Movie: ★★ "Thank God It's Friday" (1978)		
29	NASH	Legends of Country Music (In Stereo)		Music City Tonight (In Stereo)		Country News (In Stereo)	(Off Air)			
30	SCIFI	Quantum Leap (In Stereo)		Invisible Man "The Kluge Resource"		Hitchhiker	Tales-Darkside	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>										
11	DISN	(10:30) Movie: "Thoroughly Modern Millie" (1967)		Movie: ★★ "Summer of the Colt" (1969, Drama) Hector Alterio. NR		Movie: ★★ "Freeze Frame" (1989, Drama) Shannen Doherty. NR		Billy Joel From the River of Dreams (In Stereo)		
12	HBO	Movie: ★★ "The Getaway" (1994) Husband-and-wife thieves flee after a gangster's betrayal. R		Murder 9 to 5 (In Stereo)		Movie: ★★ "The Crush" (1993, Suspense) Cary Elwes. (In Stereo) R		To Be Announced		
13	MAX	(11:30) Movie: ★★ "I Come in Peace" (1990) R		Movie: ★★ "The Harvest" (1993, Suspense) Miguel Ferrer. R		Movie: ★★ "Let's Get Harry" (1986) Five friends and a mercenary rescue a buddy from terrorists. R		Movie: ★★ "Dirty Love"		



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members of the Lowell community showed up to tour the new Lowell High School scheduled to open in August.

**Fee Lowered:** The pay-to-participate athletic committee was looking for the abolishment of an athletic fee in 1994-95. Instead, it got a lowering of the fee by the Lowell School Board. The participation fee was lowered to \$60 at the high school from \$100. It was lowered to \$40 at the middle school from \$50.

### June 22, 1994

**Recounts Requested:** Power outages in two of the three precincts, a jammed voting machine, and surprising election returns brought candidates Ann Mulder and Tom Heintzleman forward requesting recounts.

**Improving Mains:** As part of the 1994-95 budget for the city of Lowell, \$70,000 was proposed for water main improvements as a loan from the general fund to the water fund.

**Details:** A public hearing on the Lowell School District's 1994-95 school budget determined that community residents wanted more detail in the numbers presented.

**Director Named:** Kathy Garwood was named as the director of the Lowell YMCA child development center.

**Hot HOOPS:** Approximately 100 teams participated in the Knights of Columbus HOOPS three-on-three basketball tournament.

**Bridge Repair:** Rehabilitation on the historical Fallasburg Bridge begins. The cost for the rehab work was bid out at \$168,870. The last time repairs to the bridge were carried out was in 1945.

**Coordinator Named:** Richard Graham was named as the performing arts coordinator for Lowell High School.

### June 29, 1994

**On The Move:** Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch announced that he would be leaving Lowell to take the superintendent's job at Royal Oak Schools. Esch said he would start at Royal Oak on July 5.

**Interim Korb:** Lowell Area Schools looks to 17-year district veteran, Richard Korb,

to serve as its interim superintendent as the searching process begins to replace outgoing superintendent Fritz Esch.

**Recount Favors Mulder:** An election recount uncovered a memory pack programming mistake. The recount showed that it was Ann Mulder who garnered the 830 votes and that Warren Jousma received 177 votes in the race for the one-year board term.

**New Storehouse:** King Milling got the approval to construct a new storehouse building from the Lowell Planning Commission.

**Elementary Given Name:** Following a three-week community search, the old elementary school (the old middle school) was named Cherry Creek Elementary.

**Raise:** City Manager Dave Pasquale received a salary increase from \$48,500 to

\$51,000.

### July 6, 1994

**Valuable Furniture:** Old furniture from a West Michigan business has been turned into money-saving reconditioned furniture for the Lowell School District. The money saved from reconditioning furniture was set aside for computers. Furniture purchased included chairs, office furniture, file cabinets,

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Sworn into their board of education seats in July were Ellen McClain, left, Pete Gustafson, middle, and Ann Mulder.



Flat River Post 8303 Commander, Gordon Marshall, left, presents former Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons with a law enforcement award for his 25 years of dedicated service to the community.

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small tables, and computer tables.

**Moving In:** Vergennes Township reports that it has received a high number of building requests. Vergennes Township Supervisor Jim Cook attributed it to the new high school being built in Vergennes.

**Expansion:** Bruce Langlois, owner of Lowell Veterinarian Clinic at 11610 E. Fulton, completed renovation work that more than doubled the clinic's size.

**Rate Input:** A new cable contract allows Vergennes Township to have input on what cable rates TCI will charge its customers.

**Coordinator Appointed:** Mark MacDonald was appointed to the newly created position of Lowell School's technology coordinator.

**Decision Appealed:** Lowell Area Schools said it would appeal a decision by the Ionia and Kent Intermediate School Districts to allow property to be transferred from

the Lowell School District to the Belding School District.

**July 13, 1994**

**Moving On:** Looking to improve his quality of life, Lowell assistant superintendent Gary Kemp resigned from his post. He did so in order to return to the classroom as a high school math teacher. His resignation came on the heels of the school district losing its superintendent, Fritz Esch, to the Royal Oak School District.

**Searching For The Right Spot:** The possible maintenance of a new water tower impelled Lowell Town-

ship to search for a location to put a containment pond. The purpose of the pond would be to store excess water which may need to be drained in case the tower needed some maintenance done.

**Finding Funding:** Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson continues his efforts to find funding for the \$160,000 Bowes Road/M-21/Alden Nash intersection project. Timpson was looking to the Kent County Road Commission for help.

**License Received:** It was a struggle, but Cumberland Market won out. Cumberland

market owner Jim Roy got the okay for a liquor license.

**Queen Crowned:** Lowell's Laurie VanOtteren was crowned Belding Miss Macker.

**July 20, 1994**

**Ordinance Challenged:** G.M. Ross and Lowell Township set a date in court to discuss the legalities of the First Amendment as it pertains to a township ordinance. The court case stems from an ordinance which made it illegal to display political signs on township property. Since then Ross was cited with that violation.

**Retiring:** Dr. Donald Gerard announced that he would retire from his duties as a general practitioner in Lowell at the end of July following 34 years of service.

**Reducing Tardies:** A revised student handbook limits students to two tardies and a teacher warning. Prior to the policy change, students were allowed 10 tardies per class.

**July 27, 1994**

**Monies Approved:** The Lowell Board of Education supports a motion to allow the administration to work with vendors in the purchase of computers for an amount not to exceed \$800,000.

**Round One:** Lowell Township wins its first battle over a sign ordinance which does not allow political signs to be posted on township property. Circuit Judge Sarah Smolensky found Lowell Township resident G.M. Ross guilty of violating the township's sign ordinance.

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**Foregoing Extra Mills:** Lowell's school board decided not to go after the three enrichment mills available to it in 1994-95. It decided the district must gain the trust of the community. Showing a cost-saving approach and spending district money wisely are steps in gaining credibility and trust.

**August 3, 1994**

**Raining Mosquitos:** Lots of rain is the cause of a booming mosquito population in Lowell and the West Michigan area according to Michigan State Entomologist Dr. Ned Walker.

**Maintenance Excellence:** Lowell's bus garage receives a certificate of excellence in honor of its bus maintenance.

**Well Agreement:** An agreement was reached between Lowell High School and the Vergennes Planning Commission about the use of a well on the new school property.

**We're Watching You:** Lowell Schools became the latest of many school districts in Michigan to use video cams on its buses to record what's taking place on the bus routes

to and from the school.

**August 10, 1994**

**Township Development:** Thomas DeBoer and the Signet Group presented a concept to the Lowell Township Planning Commission which would have three corporate buildings and onsewage treatment plant on approximately 450,000 square feet of land. DeBoer said he had three clients interested in the site.

**Golden Celebration:** Lowell's Alton Bible Church celebrated its 50th anniversary of serving the community.

**Who's At The Fair?:** Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus and Governor John Engler were guests at the 1994 Kent County Youth Fair. Lowell's Jennifer Brown was named the Kent County Youth Fair Queen.

**Screening Is Out:** Lowell's City Council decided that planting a screening of approximately 13 trees around the 22-foot tank, as suggested by some of the neighbors living to the west of the tank, was not the best solution. Instead, it said it would like the area to be topsoiled, seeded and eventually a manicured lawn.

**Monies Granted:** Lowell Schools announced it would share with the Grand Rapids Public Diocese the

\$120,000 Frey Foundation Grant. The school's portion (\$60,000) would be used to train teachers, building principals and key building leaders.

**City Cleanup:** Lowell community members reclaimed the city sidewalks. Approximately 50 community members spent a weekend cleaning up the downtown.

**August 17, 1994**

**Showboat Performances:** Lowell Showboat fans enjoyed the authentic and endearing musical tribute to the Beatles performed by the group "1964" on Saturday night. Country music fans were also treated to an entertaining Friday night show by Radney Foster.

**Increasing Rates:** Low-

ell cable announced it would increase its basic rates by \$1.40. The local cable company also increased the cost for premium channels (Cinemax, HBO and Disney). Despite the increases, Lowell Cable remained competitive with other area systems.

**Bingo Blast:** Creekside Kingdom organizers raised \$3,000 through its cow chip bingo bonanza held during the Kent County Youth Fair Week.

**Complaints Wire:** Michigan Wire vice president Dean Lonick responded publicly to complaints levied against the company by its neighbors.

**Hair Salon Opens:** Sue Pixley opened up her new Review, cont'd. pg. 29

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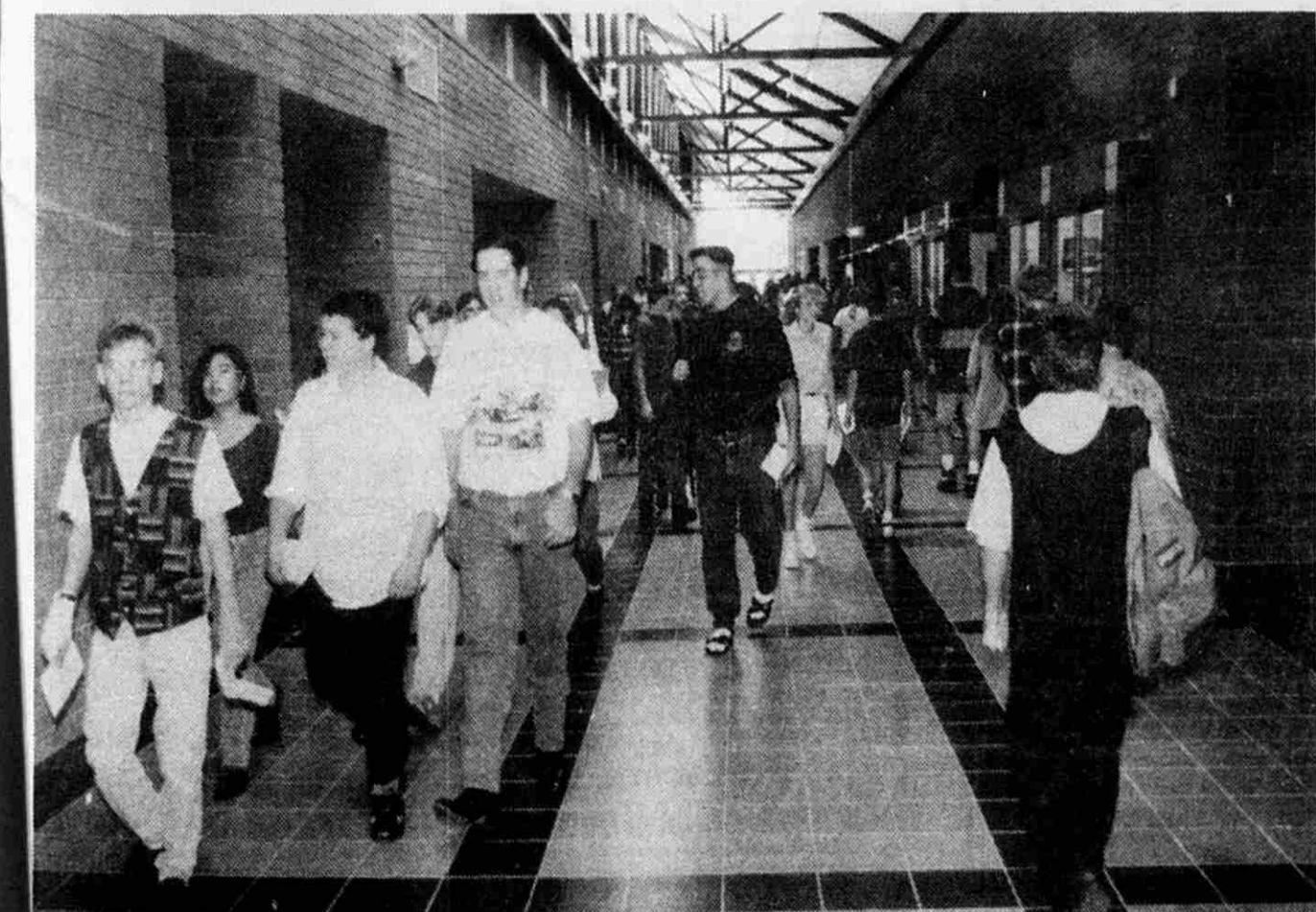
Bill Markovich and Maureen Dorough, Cherry Creek Elementary's principal and assistant principal, respectively.



Art Bieri stands with his wife Janet. Bieri was featured in a Ledger article a week prior to his tragic car/deer accident.



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12/22 WR Wyom. Park H 6:15pm  
12/22 JWR Grand Ledge Inv. A 10am  
12/23 VVB WMVOA Inv. A 8am

12/28 JVB Saranac Inv. A 9am  
12/28 VWR Grandville Inv. A 10am  
1/4 GYM Rockford H 7pm

## Third-quarter stumble costs Lowell in 69-59 loss to Eagles

Brandon Eisentrager's fourth foul one minute into the third quarter proved to be a tall and most difficult order for the Red Arrows to fill in Friday night's 69-59 loss to Hudsonville.

"Eisentrager is a large part of our offense," Lowell basketball coach Phil Beachler said. "Second, we were playing a zone, and with him in there we're able to do a better job of keeping Hudsonville off the offensive boards."

Instead, the Eagles took advantage of Eisentrager's absence, and pounded the offensive boards. The result was a 22-10 third-quarter burst, increasing Hudsonville's lead from 32-31 at halftime to 54-41 after three quarters. "I thought we played well for three quarters," Beachler said.

Lowell's zone was effective from the standpoint it held Hudsonville's Ryan Mulder to four points. The Eagle also got into foul trouble. "The difference was Hudsonville replaced Mulder with another 6-4, 6-5 player. When Eisentrager left with four fouls, we replaced him with a guy 6-0," Beachler

said. "That makes it difficult to match up inside."

For the game Hudsonville rebounded Lowell 40-33. The Eagles gained most of that advantage in the third quarter. "Hudsonville was getting two and three shots every trip down," Beachler said.

Lowell's coach was pleased that three Red Arrows made it into double figures. Eisentrager netted 14 points (two 3 pointers), Scott Smith tallied 12 (three 3 pointers) and Steve Bossard added 11 (one three pointer).

"Bossard did a good job scoring inside for us," Beachler said. "Smith shot well again from the outside. We still need to get Holtz more involved in the offense."

### Wyoming Park 94 Lowell 43

The Red Arrows trailed in every aspect of the game against conference favorite Wyoming Park.

"We were three steps behind Park all night. We were reaching on defense,"

Beachler said. "When you don't do what you're supposed to do against a quality team like Park, the outcome is going to be what happened tonight."

For Beachler and his Red Arrows it's a game they shouldn't have too much trouble forgetting.

The Vikings jumped out to a 13-0 lead to start the game. By the end of the first eight minutes, it extended the lead to 29-11.

The second quarter saw Wyoming Park outscore Lowell 17-5 to take a commanding 46-16 lead at halftime.

Shawn Veenstra led all scorers with 29 points. Terry Krosschell added 14. Steve Bossard led all Lowell scorers with 16. Scott

LaHaie tallied 13. Park outscored Lowell 48-27 in the second half.

Lowell finished the week at 0-2 in the conference and 0-4 overall.

## Lowell Red Arrow grapplers adjust in winning Hemlock Invitational

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers likes traveling to Hemlock each year.

"It forces our kids to adapt to different styles and we wrestle different people that we would not wrestle otherwise," Rivers says. "The Flint area is heavy into freestyle. They are physical and they headhunt. Our kids have their hands full."

His Red Arrows adapted very well - thank you. Lowell took top honors at the Hemlock Invitational with 158 points. Bridgeport was sec-

ond with 141.5 while Corunna placed third with 134 points.

There were four Red Arrows who made it into the finals and two who made it into the semi-finals. Lowell took 2 firsts, 2 seconds, and 2 thirds.

Dan Spicer, 112 pounds, finished the day at 4-0 and placed first. In the title match, Spicer major decisioned Mt. Morris' Aaron Illes 16-4.

"Spicer was very good. He's very strong and he goes hard," Rivers said.

Mike Rottier, 134 pounds, earned top honors with a pin over Bridgeport's Brian

Webster at 3:42 of the second period. Rottier, 4-0 on the day, battled out of trouble the entire first period. "Mike was on his back avoiding the pin," Rivers said. "In the second period, Mike hit the 'granby' and put the kid on his back and stuck him. It was a big win."

Senior Todd Lyonnais, 160 pounds, finished second (3-1). To get to the finals, Lyonnais knocked the one seed, Brandon Bell (Hemlock), 15-13. Bell was a state qualifier last year. In the finals the Red Arrow lost to Lexi Halliwell, Alma, 6-2. "Lyonnais was a pleasant surprise," Rivers said.

Rob White, wrestling at 215 pounds, was 3-1 and finished second. He lost to Jason

Onstott (St. Louis), 14-10. Matt Osmolinski, 126 pounds, took third. To do so he defeated Chris Warner (Tawas) 12-2. Osmolinski was 4-1 for the afternoon.

Doug Weeks, 142 pounds, also finished third (4-1). He earned that by pinning Alma's Chris Omans at 2:10 of the second period.

Freshman Nick West, 100 pounds, did not place but finished 3-2 for the day. Sophomore Brett Plattner, 106 pounds, was 2-2 but did not place as did Shane Risner, 151 pounds, and Mike Minier, 185 pounds.

Joel Uzarski, wrestling at 172 pounds, was 1-2.

Jeff Hovinga was 0-2, wrestling at 275 pounds.

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	ARIZONA vs. UTAH	ARIZONA	ARIZONA	ARIZONA vs. UTAH	
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	ARIZONA vs. ATLANTA	ARIZONA	ARIZONA	ARIZONA vs. ARIZONA	
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## Lowell girls reach quarter finals of Creston Invitational

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Some untimely poor serving knocked Lowell out of the Creston Volleyball Invitational and ended an otherwise balanced day of play by the Red Arrows.

Lowell's girls finished with a record of 7-1 (3-1-1 in matches) in Pool C before advancing to the quarter finals against Spring Lake.

Earlier in the day, the two split a pair of games in pool play. Lowell won the first game 15-10 and Spring Lake won game two, 15-5.

In the quarter finals, the

Lakers jumped out to an early lead with a 15-5 win in game one. Lowell responded with a 15-3 win in game two, sending the match to a decisive third game.

"In game one we were a little slow. We looked tired," Lowell coach Laurie Kuna said. "The girls recovered in game two and played very well. The blocking by Courtney Arnett and Alison Kissinger carried us."

In the deciding third game, Lowell missed four serves and did not pass well. "After the way we played in game two, the girls should have dominated in game three," Kuna said.

Lowell started out its pool play against Creston, winning 15-4, 15-6. It then upended Mona Shores, 15-2, 15-10. "The girls got off to a slow start against Mona Shores in game two and were not playing well. But they bounced back and won the game," Kuna said.

In its final pool play match of the day, Lowell fought off a well-coached, pesty Pewamo team, 17-15, 15-10. "We got balanced contributions by a number of people throughout the day," Kuna

said. "I was happy to see that."

That balance the coach talked about was most apparent in total service points for the day. Kerry Nugent led the way with 28. Arnett had 26 and Krista Posthumus tallied 23 while Kortney Gowen and Tara Harmon each added 21.

hairstyling business - "Salon 206."

**Club Honors:** Three Lowell members of the South Kent 4-H Club walked away with the junior (Annie Oesch) and senior (Heidi Kaeb) sweepstakes as well as the 4-H competitor-of-the-year (Deb Wieland) awards.

**August 24, 1994**

**Final Connection:** Lowell Township and Lowell Schools made the final connection in time for the opening of the new high school. All water lines at the school were flushed and the township water tower was filled.

**Selection Process Revisited:** In response to a process

"We had good things happen in all of our games," Kuna said.

One thing which Kuna was not pleased with as the day progressed was the team's service percentage.

"We should be at 90-95 percent every game," Kuna said. Lowell dipped into the

80s in their final three matches.

Nugent led the club in assists with 53. She also had nine aces.

Kissinger recorded 20 kills and seven blocks on the day. Arnett had 17 digs, seven aces, 15 kills and seven blocks.

Kortney Gowen had 17 kills and 19 digs.

Harmon and Cori Boersma tallied 88 percent in service reception passing. Posthumus was at 86 percent and had 34 digs.

"I expected the girls to play fairly well and they did," Kuna concluded.

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that was used to select a new business manager, interim superintendent Dick Korb announced that board members Ellen McClain and Pete Gustafson along with vice president of FMB State Savings Bank Pete Kubacki would sit in on the second round of interviews with the final three candidates for the business manager position.

**Concerning Wastewater:** Handling the wastewater from an industrial development site near I-96 was a concern of the Lowell Township

Elementary principal, and Maureen Dorrough, assistant principal, are set to welcome children to the new elementary building.

**August 31, 1994**

**Grand Opening:** Lowell Schools made way for a new era in student education as it opened its new \$26 million high school.

**Bieri Critical:** Retired Lowell teacher Art Bieri is critically injured in an accident.

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Bill Hoye, left, and Matt Roach from Jen-Kel Construction, Grandville, make the final connection joining Lowell Township and Lowell School water mains.

dent involving two cars and a deer. The accident occurred on 19 Mile Road two-tenths of a mile east of Lincoln Lake Road in Spencer Township.

**Blocking Style:** Students' lack of access to classes they want has been a growing problem for the past 3-5 years. Lowell Schools looked into using block scheduling to help alleviate the scheduling problem. Block scheduling is thought to give students access to a larger number of available classes.

**Grand Purchase:** Lowell Schools came through with its promise to purchase a new piece of equipment once the new auditorium was built. The school board came through in grand style as it purchased a Pleyel grand piano for the new auditorium.

### SEPTEMBER 7, 1994

**Open Lines:** In an effort to understand and enhance communication lines, Dean Lonick, of Michigan Wire,

and Ann Jankowski, an Alden Nash neighbor, met with city officials to discuss and openly try to deal with the concerns levied against the wire company back on Aug. 1. Noise and odor were at the core of the complaints.

**Time to Build:** Planning is near completed as Creekside Kingdom coordinators and volunteers prepare to begin the five-day community construction project.

**Center Opened:** Lowell YMCA's school-age child care center program was opened to the community and surrounding areas on Aug. 30.

### SEPTEMBER 14, 1994

**Dream Realized:** A project, Creekside Kingdom, which was started over two years ago, was completed as community volunteers worked over a five-day period to build the \$95,000-plus playground. On Sunday, Sept. 11 children broke through a paper chain as they hurried to discover their never-never land.

### SEPTEMBER 21, 1994

**New Money Manager:** Dale Folkert, former Kentwood chief accountant, was employed as Lowell Schools new business manager. Folkert replaced former assistant superintendent Gary Kemp who resigned back in July in order to fill a high

school math teaching position.

**Untrustworthy:** Lowell Schools was one of possibly 126 schools in the state of Michigan that may have been impacted by illegal antitrust law violations. The violations, which involve distribution control and price fixing, are what six distributors of school bus bodies and at least two dairies had been indicted for and/or pled guilty to.

**Pact Inked:** Lowell bus drivers and the Lowell School Board reached an agreement on a three-year contract which called for wage increases of 1.5, 1.9 and 2.3 percent.

### SEPTEMBER 28, 1994

**Service Sought:** Lowell Township looks to contract its water system maintenance service with the city. The township said that it would explore other contractual arrangements.

**Seeking Safety:** Lowell interim superintendent Dick Korb works to assure that drivers are adhering to the safety precautions in the area of the new school. In a letter to the road commission, the school requested assistance in the area of safety.

**Financial Extras:** Lowell's DDA was able to capture more money because it met qualifications of the

pipeline project status. Meeting qualifications meant an extra \$400,000 towards the DDA project.

**Shot Down:** In a battle between the league's best, Wyoming Park's girls' basketball team defeated Lowell 67-52.

**Attorney Arraigned:** Lowell/Wyoming attorney Richard Heath was arraigned in the Kentwood District Court on two counts of receiving and concealing firearms. He was also arraigned in the Wyoming District Court on three counts of receiving and concealing stolen property.

**Lussmyer Saluted:** Lowell's Priscilla Lussmyer was honored with the ninth annual Lowell Chamber of Commerce's "person of the Year" award. Lussmyer was lauded for spearheading many of the achievements and renovations that have taken place in the Fallsburg Village.

### SEPTEMBER 28, 1994

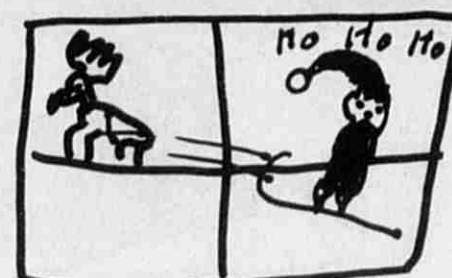
**Resource Materialize:** Opening the doors to Lowell Schools so that resources in the community can be utilized to enhance existing programs is no longer just a vision. Through the coordination and guidance of Marlene Review, cont'd. pg. 31



Tina Phillips, far left, and Brenda Clark, to Phillips' left, were presented with plaques for their spearheading effort in coordinating the Creekside Kingdom project.

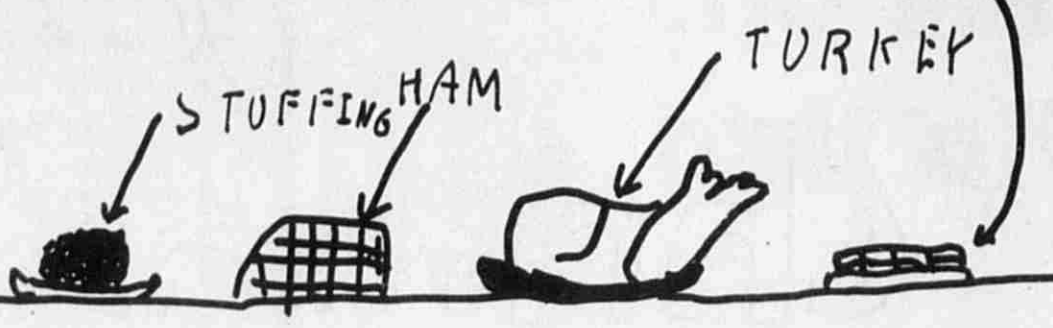
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stemstra, instruction and business/industry coordinator for Lowell Schools, the concept is evolving. It is noted that 350 parents have volunteered their time to work with the PTO on after-school activities.

**Riding in the Bucks:** The Kent Special Riding Program raises \$34,300 during its annual ride-a-thon through the work of 41 volunteers and 350 participants.

**Pioneers Prevail:** First-quarter turnovers were instrumental in Lowell's 37-20 loss to East Grand Rapids in a battle of top-ranked high school football teams.

**Thoroughbreds:** Lowell's equestrian team wins the District V Class A championship.

### OCTOBER 5, 1994

**Millage Equals Gains:** The city's library building fund will benefit if the library millage proposal passes in November. With a "yes" vote, the yearly contribution the city has been making to the Kent County Li-

brary System can be eliminated. City manager Dave Pasquale said the .24 mills could be rolled back or the city could allocate that money from the general fund. It could also be used for a related purpose such as a new library building fund - which is what the council decided it would do if the millage passed.

**Checking Bad Checks:** The city of Lowell checks into the possibility of using a Check Recovery and Enforcement Program.

### OCTOBER 12, 1994

**Adjustment Questioned:** Lowell's City Council questioned a construction engineering price adjustment on the westside water project. Confusion between a time- and materials-type contract and a fixed-price contract was the subject of discussion before a \$7,000 adjustment in construction services was made.

**Dedication Delivered:** Lowell Schools held a formal dedication ceremony to its new high school. The dedication was used to reflect on the

simple beauty of the new building and the great educational opportunities which lie ahead for students.

**Park High Priced:** The appraised value of land and the price being asked by its owner leaves Lowell Township debating the need for a proposed new park, which the land would be used for.

**Move to Transfer:** The Lowell School Board had no objection to the transfer of the Fallsburg School title from Kent County to Vergennes Township.

**Homecoming Excitement:** Lowell's football team rambles for 412 yards in its 51-34 homecoming win over Caledonia.

### OCTOBER 19, 1994

**Are Minutes to Brief?:** Should the minutes of the Lowell School Board meet-

ings reflect more than the vote and action of the duly-elected school board? As with all school issues, there are a number of diverse opinions.

**License Legalities:** State legislative changes stating that wrecking services must be licensed through them in order to crush cars has Terry Eickhoff, of Ike's Towing, fighting to keep business going.

**Computers are Coming:** Computer technology coordinator Mark MacDonald said funds for elementary computers are available and purchases will begin to be made.

**Sharing Honors:** Lowell girls' basketball team defeats league-leading Northview, 48-42, to gain a share of the conference lead with the Wildcats and Wyoming Park.

**Speed Concerns:** Concern over safety on Vergennes Road has Vergennes Township Board looking for ways to slow down traffic and install lights at the intersection. The township board had been receiving comments about the speed of cars traveling down the road.

### OCTOBER 26, 1994

**Millage Equals Gains:** The city's library building fund will benefit if the library millage proposal

passes in November. With a "yes" vote, the yearly contribution to the city has been making to the Kent County Library System can be eliminated. City manager Dave Pasquale said the .24 mills could be rolled back or the city could allocate that money from the general fund. It could also be used for a related purpose such as a new library building fund - which is what the council decided it would do if the millage passed.

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**Checking Bad Checks:** The city of Lowell checks into the possibility of using a Check Recovery and Enforcement Program.

**NOVEMBER 2, 1994**

**Decisions! Decisions!** District voters are asked to make some tough decisions on auto insurance and district library funding at the Novem-

ber general election. The Kent County District Library millage would help bring smaller branches on line with its bigger brethren. Proposal C, which deals with insurance, has trial lawyers and

insur/Alden Nash were sufficient to install a light at the intersection of Alden Nash, Bowes Road and M-21.

**Halloween Winner:** Bev Holst of Ball Floral won the Ledger Halloween Costume contest. Holst dressed up as a sunflower. Other winners included Shirley Haminger, Terry Jones, Debbie Hansen, Laura Sherman and Roger Rollins.

**Heartbreak:** With their playoff hopes on the line, the Red Arrows suffered a devastating 29-28 defeat.

**NOVEMBER 9, 1994**

**Equity Rises:** The 1993-94 Lowell School District audit indicates a higher than expected fund equity which was unveiled in a preliminary pre-

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Creekside Kingdom construction consultant Mike Finn points while giving instructions to Lowell's Dean Lonick.



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Ray Quada took a few moments to highlight many of Priscilla Lussmyer's accomplishments. Lussmyer was named the ninth annual Lowell Chamber of Commerce's Person of the Year.

sentation of the Lowell Schools' financial audit report.

**Here's To Hope:** The prognosis for a medical recovery by Art Bieri is not encouraging. Bieri, who was injured in a freak deer accident, suffered severe brain damage and remains unconscious two months after the accident.

**In Need Of Money:** Lowell's City Council recognized resolutions stating the interest of the Township and school in seeing intersection improvements made at Bowes Road/M-21/Alden Nash. The council noted that although money was not the main concern, it would be needed if the project was ever to be completed.

**NOVEMBER 16, 1994**

**Added Funding:** Through the Federal Transportation Enhancement Fund, the Lowell Downtown Development Authority is given an opportunity to improve upon its \$1.2 million downtown improvement project.

**To Add On Or Not To...:** Scaled-down plans for an addition onto Lowell Township has the township board revisiting the idea.

**Action In Motion:** Low-

ell Schools new business manager, Dale Folkert, draws up a five-step action plan response to the recommendations identified in the comprehensive annual financial report for the year ending June 30, 1994.

**Cafetorium Improvements:** Lowell's school board approves using contingency monies from the school bond project toward the rehabilitation of the Lowell Middle School Cafetorium (previously the old high school).

**Unbelievable:** In a game that creates heroes and movie deals, the Lowell girls' basketball team came from 29 points down in the third quarter to post an amazing 65-64 come-from-behind win against Belding in district play.

**Bravo:** Saranac's Brian Sprague was the winner of The Lowell Ledger's "First Buck" contest. On the first day of buck season, Sprague downed a 160-pound four-point buck.

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For the first time since 1978, Lowell High School's marching band performed in new marching band uniforms.

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# Review, continued.... From Page 33

**We Have A Buyer:** Admiral Petroleum announced that it purchased the defunct Action Auto building in Lowell.

**NOVEMBER 23, 1994**

**No Thank You:** Lowell interim superintendent Dick Korb announced that he would not pursue the permanent position of superintendent of Lowell Schools.

**At An Intersection:** Funding for improvements to the intersection of Bowes Road and M-21 could be found if Lowell Township meets the requirements of the Kent County Road Commission. The commission told the township that it would

share in the expense of improving the intersection if the township takes sole responsibility for the south side of the project.

**Hall Renovation:** Advisory committee recommends renovation over construction at Vergennes Township Hall.

**More Computers:** Technology coordinator Mark MacDonald received the okay to purchase another 79 computers at the elementary level.

**Making A Purchase:** Lowell's City Council approved the purchase of a new \$37,370 slaker unit.

**Audit Excellence:** The news was good for Lowell Cable, the city of Lowell and Lowell Light and Power who received favorable audits.

**NOVEMBER 30, 1994**

**Library Millage Postponed:** A key Nov. 8 issue was the passage of the library

millage. When it did pass, many municipalities figured their worries were over—they were wrong. While voters in 26 municipalities passed the .68 millage for the district library, Governor John Engler did not. The voters' approval came too late to be automatically included in the winter tax bill and Engler refused to sign legislation that would have put the measure on the tax bill.

**Books?:** A textbook study showed that while there is a need for new books, a lack of books, (with the exception of a few instances) is not a problem.

**Clean Up Or Get Out:** Lowell Township Planning Commission has set specific guidelines for Eickhoff to follow in order to operate in the township as a wrecking service.

**Holiday Violence:** Vincent Firovich, a 29-year-old Lowell man, was arrested for the strangulation of his 31-year-old wife, Nancy Firovich, on Thanksgiving Day morning.

**DECEMBER 7, 1994**

**Pharmacy Sold:** Mike Hinkley sells his drug store at 2173 W. Main to Rite Aid. Review, cont'd. pg. 35

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stated the inability to turn around shrinking profit margins as the reason for selling the independent pharmaceutical store.

**Security Safe:** Security officers at Lowell High School make a big impact in the areas of cutting down on smoking on campus and in the school, and students leaving the closed campus.

**Rice At Top Of Class:** Lowell's Dianna Rice was selected to perform with over 10 of the state's premier high school band musicians in the

first ever MSU High School Honors Band.

**Elzinga Visits Japan:** The owner of Heidi Christine's, Heidi Elzinga, traveled to Tokyo, Japan, to visit Shima, Japan's most progressive salon. Elzinga went to study the Japanese beauty industry and to see how it could benefit her Ada business.

**Top Float:** St. Mary's School was chosen as the top float in the Lowell Christmas Parade.

**Scholarship To Murphy:** Lowell's Lesley Murphy received a track scholarship from Central Michigan University.

**DECEMBER 14, 1994**

**Backing Up The Talk:** A new government report released on how to treat low back pain showed that spinal manipulation works. Americans with back problems spent \$20 billion in medical bills alone in 1990. It is the leading cause of temporary disability among people under the age of 45.

**Wizards Of Science:** Alto students were treated to the science wizardry of Mr. Wizard. Mr. Wizard's assistant Dani Bellar performed some experiments for children.

**Guidelines Set:** The Vergennes Township Board and Fallsburg Historical Society adopted a set of guidelines designed to detail how funds are granted to the society.

**Paved Parking:** Patrons of the Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash, are in

search of smoothing out its parking dilemma. The center is asking permission from the township planning commission to pave its driveway.

**Taking his Life:** Mike Matlock, a 25-year-old Lowell man, used a small caliber revolver to take his own life at 11:45 p.m. on Dec. 3.

**Deficit Decreased:** The preliminary revised budget, presented to the Lowell School Board by business manager Dale Folkert, reflected a substantial drop in

the budget deficit.

**Pay Increase:** Lowell Schools raised its substitute teacher rate from \$45 to \$50.

"If you're going to be able to look back on something and laugh about it, you might as well laugh about it now."  
- MARIE OSMOND

"No matter what happens, there's always somebody who knew it would."  
- LONNY STARR

## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

FROM DECEMBER 12, 1994 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**"SHARING THE VISION" STUDENT PROGRAM** - Kindergarten and First Grade Students from Bushnell Elementary were on hand to "Share the Vision." Mr. Gary Heitz introduced students who demonstrated drawing pictures on computers to help the students learn words.

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT** - Zac Cole reported on several activities involving the student council. The food drive was a success and the exchange day experience at Jenison High School was rewarding.

**TECHNOLOGY PROJECT UPDATE** - Technology Coordinator, Mark MacDonald, updated the Board on the building networks being installed and explained that the Administration is taking measures to get the technology infrastructure up and running at the high school.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS** - The Board approved the payment of general fund bills in the amount of \$821,323.21 and athletic, food service, trust and agency, and energy and maintenance funds in the amount of \$268,747.90. Also approved was the payment of 1990 Building and Site funds in the amount of \$771,836.61.

**K-12 INSTRUCTIONAL TIME STUDY TASK FORCE UPDATE** - The Board received an update on the K-12 Instructional Time Study being conducted by parents, teachers, and administrators. The High School's 8-Block Scheduling Committee also explained the newly designed student day which they would like to see implemented beginning with the 1995-96 school year. A Board Workshop will be scheduled in January to look at this plan in more detail.

**504 HANDBOOK ADOPTION** - The Board adopted the 504 Handbook which deals with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

**SUMMER TAX RESOLUTION** - The annual resolution authorizing the district to collect summer taxes in 1995 was adopted.

**MILK/BUS ANTI-TRUST ATTORNEY FEE CONTRACT** - The Board approved the Attorney Fee Contract with Thrun, Maatsch, and Nordberg, to represent the district in the class action suit dealing with past milk and bus bid price fixing violations.

**PERSONNEL** - The Board approved the leave request from Mary Jo VanBuskirk due to maternity.

**SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH CONTRACT** - A contract with MASB to conduct the superintendent search was awarded in an amount of \$5000 with an additional \$750 for consultant expenses.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PAY** - Approval was given to increase the substitute teacher pay rate from \$45 per day to \$50 per day.

**PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF REVISED BUDGET** - Dale Folkert reviewed the 1994-95 budget amendment being proposed for adoption at the January Board meeting. Due to increases in revenue and reductions in expenditures, the district has reduced its deficit from \$728,000 to \$296,000.

**BOARD POLICIES** - The Board approved Board policy #5131 "Policies and Procedures for Suspension and Expulsion of Lowell Students" on its first reading. Revisions to the following Board policies were adopted on their second reading:  
#1330 & #X-1330 Use and Rental of School Facilities  
#1332 & #X-1332 Fees for the Use of School Facilities  
#X-2410.1 Continuity of Administration  
#X-4118.4 & #X-4219.2 Sexual Harassment  
#5127 Graduation Requirements  
#5127.1 Adult Education Diploma Requirements  
#9341.33 Public Participation

**RECOGNITION OF THE AUDIENCE** - Joe Barnella addressed the Board about his concern regarding student access to computer manuals for computer classes at the high school. Interim Superintendent Dick Korb indicated he will look into this issue along with curriculum director, Jim White, to address the issue. Shawn Eshragh inquired as to the status of the technology infrastructure installation delays at the high school. He questioned what was currently being done to address this issue. He also questioned the date that the Board gave authorization for the technology installation to begin and when the contract was actually signed. Mark MacDonald, district technology coordinator, will check into this and report back at the January Board meeting. Mr. Eshragh also expressed his concern regarding the standards for honor roll at the high school. He questioned whether a student who receives a "C" and still averages a 3.0 should be placed on the honor roll. He encouraged the district to review their criteria.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, January 9, 7:30 P.M.  
Cherry Creek Elementary Cafeteria

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Mr. Bacon  
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## Christmas lighting contest winners

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The annual Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lighting contest produced its share of bright lights throughout the city of Lowell.

Residential Christmas lighting awards were handed out in the categories of traditional and spectacular. Three residents also received honorable mention status.

There was one prize awarded in the business category and three honorable mentions.

Taking first and winning a \$50 gift certificate in the traditional category was Fred Shortle, 1833 Woodpine Ct. Kelly Bishop, 328 N. Jefferson was second and received a \$35 gift certificate.

Robert Pfaller, 1090 N. Washington St., was third and received a \$25 gift certificate.

Joshua Milley, 10801 Woodbush Dr., was the winner in the spectacular category. He received a \$50 gift certificate.

Jeff Baily, 517 Spring St., was second and received a \$35 gift certificate.

Perry Beachum, 924 Riverside Dr., was third, earning a \$25 gift certificate.

The winning business was Cousins' Card and Gift Shoppe. Karen Hale, owner, received a plaque.

Named to the honorable mention business list were Attwood, Flat River Antique Mall and McGee Homestead.

"Weekends are a bit like rainbows; they look good from a distance but disappear when you get up close to them."  
- JOHN SHIRLEY

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# COMING EVENTS

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

**FIRST 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 library at Bushnell Elementary, 700 Elizabeth.

**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 MONDAY:** 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-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

**EVERY TUES.:** Support One Group for the single, separated and divorced, 7 p.m. at Saranac Community Church.

**EVERY TUES.:** 10 a.m - 11:15 a.m. Ladies Coffee Break Bible Study, Children's Bible Story Hour. Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell. Nursery provided free. For ladies with or without previous Bible knowledge.

**LAST TUES. OF EVERY MONTH:** Concerned women for America meets at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main Street. Protecting the rights of the family through prayer and action. Phone for more information 897-6044 or 897-6418.

**FOURTH TUES. OF EVERY MONTH:** Family story-time offered by Saranac Public Library at 7 p.m. Designed for the whole family, pre-school thru 6th-grade, plus parents. For information call 642-9146.

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

**EVERY WED.:** Royal Rangers for the boys at 7 p.m. Sunshine 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.

**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 are welcome. Membership 21-39 years of age. Leadership training through community involvement.

**EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY:** Parenting group available the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Share, learn, question and discuss issues important to you as a parent. Call Sister Barbara Cline, F.S.E., at 897-7842 for more information. Held at the Franciscan Child Development Center.

**EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY:** Elderly volunteers \* needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two

times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

**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 FRIDAY:** Respite day care for the elderly. Activities and respite for the aging person from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Sister Darlene Wessling, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

**EVERY SAT.** Lowell Independent Amateur Radio Operators sponsor an in-

formation net on Frequency 147.420 Simplex - Lowell Showboat Network.

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

**EVERY THIRD SUN.:** The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:30 p.m., meeting at 1:30 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

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

**LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL:** 149 S. Hudson St. Hours: 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.

**LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR**  
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<b>TUES.:</b> 8:30 a.m. Walkers.	<b>FRI.:</b> 8:30 a.m. Walkers.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

<b>WED., DEC. 21:</b> 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council.	<b>MON., DEC. 26:</b> Center Closed.
<b>THURS., DEC. 22:</b> 12:30 p.m., Christmas Party.	<b>WED., DEC. 28:</b> 7:45 a.m., Women's traveling breakfast.
<b>FRI., DEC. 23:</b> Center closed. Make noon meal reservations 3 working days in advance.	

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

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### EVENTS

**PUBLIC AUCTION** - '93 Escort 3FAPP13J9PR187307, to be held at Roth Towing, 2264 W. Main St., at 9:30 a.m., December 28.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE BOWLING PARTY** 10 p.m.-1 a.m. Midnight champagne - Buffet. Bowl in the dark to favorite tunes. \$30 a couple, adults only, reservations required, ROLL AWAY LANES, 897-0001.

**BINGO** Every Saturday Night 4:00 P.M. **LOWELL MOOSE BINGO** 1320 E. FULTON Early Bird Bingo at 4:00 P.M.

**BINGO** Every Friday Night 7:00 P.M. Lowell VFW Hall East Main St., Lowell Early Bird Bingo at 6:30 P.M. PUBLIC INVITED

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'83 MUSTANG GT - T-tops, \$2,500 or best offer. 8-4 p.m. 897-9261 or after 4 p.m. 363-8360 ask for Jerry.

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### In Memoriam

**IN MEMORIAM** In loving memory of Glenn Rickert, who passed away December 23, 1991.

Loved & missed by his family,

Marie Rickert, Marilyn & Larry Cahoon, Shirley Weeks, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren.

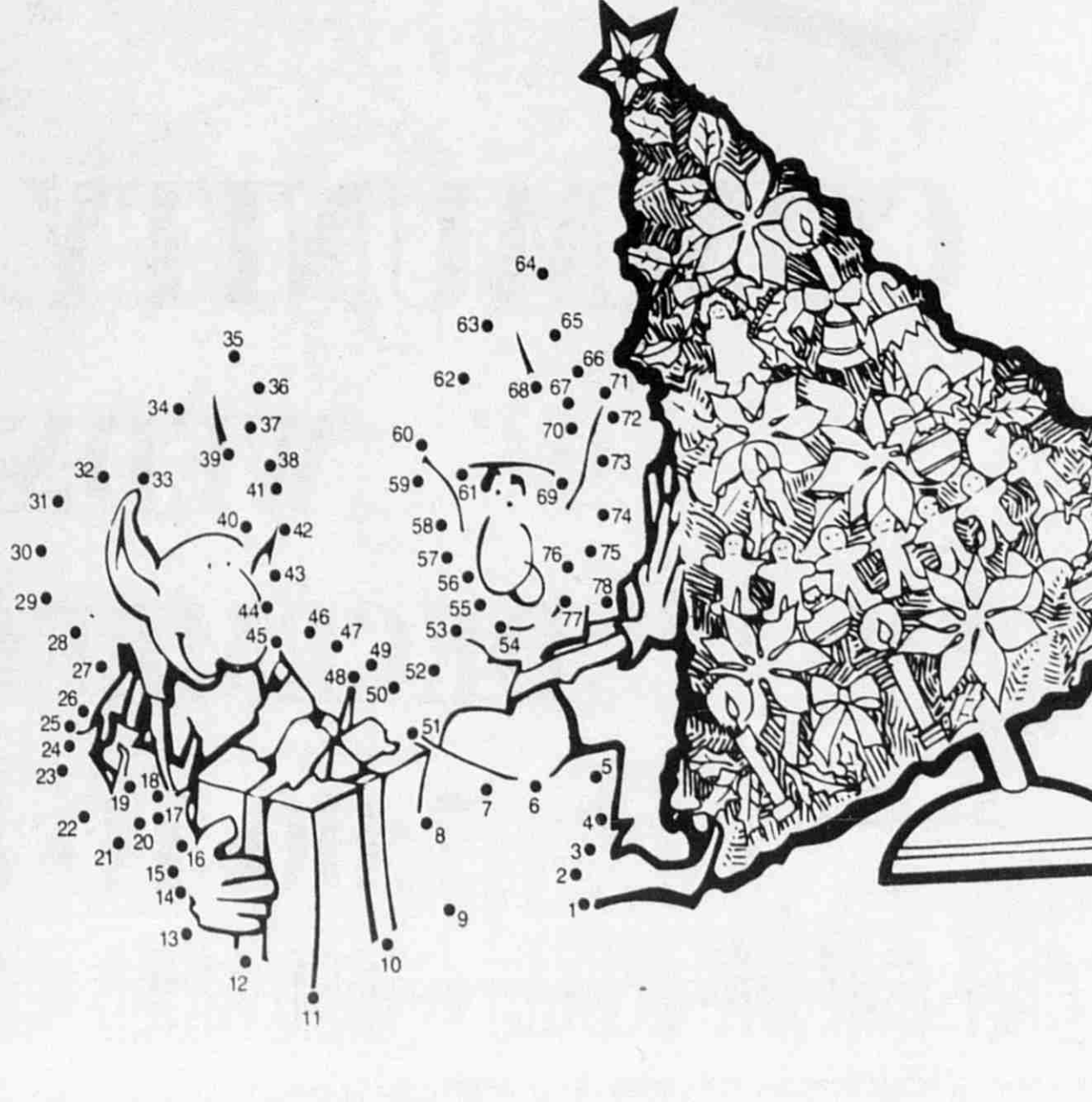
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Congratulations Tim! Good job!

*Merry Christmas*

### Connect The Dots

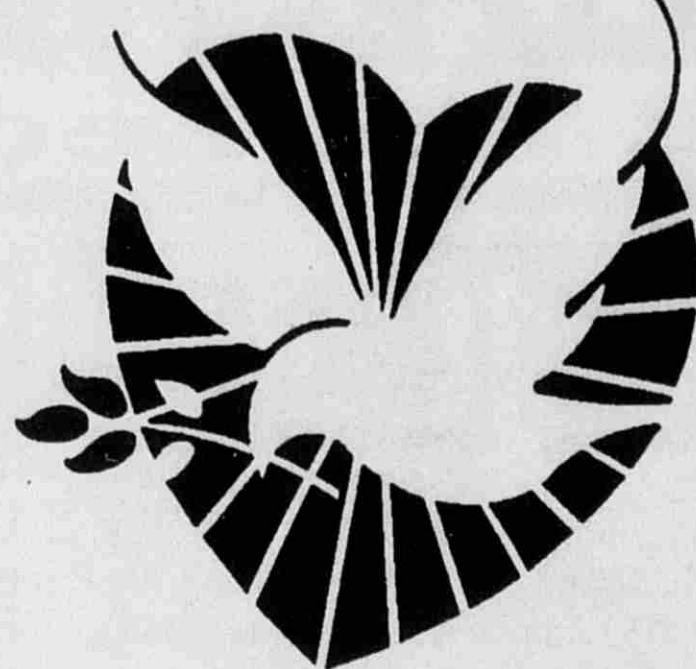
Hey, kids! Once you have completed this puzzle, decorate it any way you like.





Dear Friends and Neighbors,

**WARM CHRISTIAN GREETINGS!**



As the pastor of Christian Life Center allow me to extend a Christmas greeting on behalf of the entire church family.

As a congregation we are in the process of cosmetic and functional improvements to our property located on the corner of Alden Nash and Emery. We are committed to being a church that serves people. In fact, over 220 people already participate in 17 different small group ministries.

The groups serve all ages and are diverse to meet many different needs. Some of our most popular groups are: "*Hidden Keys to Loving Relationships*," a small group for couples of all ages; "*Recovery Central*," a group for binding up the broken hearted; "*Changed Lives*," a group helping women find true significance; and "*Paul's Last Words*," a Bible study of II Timothy.

Please consider attending our Community Open House, Wednesday, December 28th, from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. Refreshments will be served. **We would welcome your input into our long range (20 year) site plan.**

Sincerely,  
Daniel J. Wansten  
Senior Pastor

**COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**

**WEDNESDAY**

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