

*When I Was Young
in Worthington: 1980s*

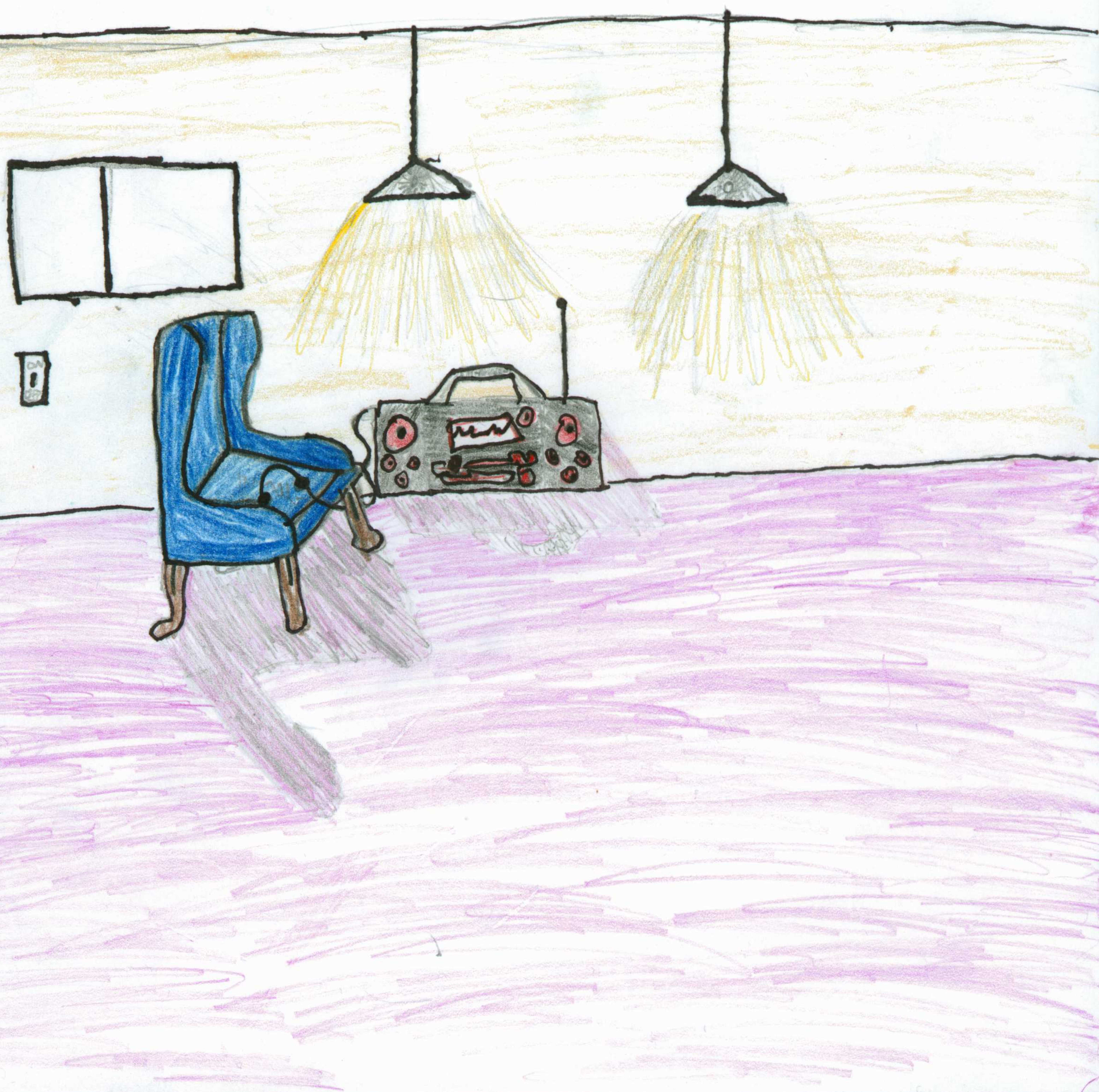
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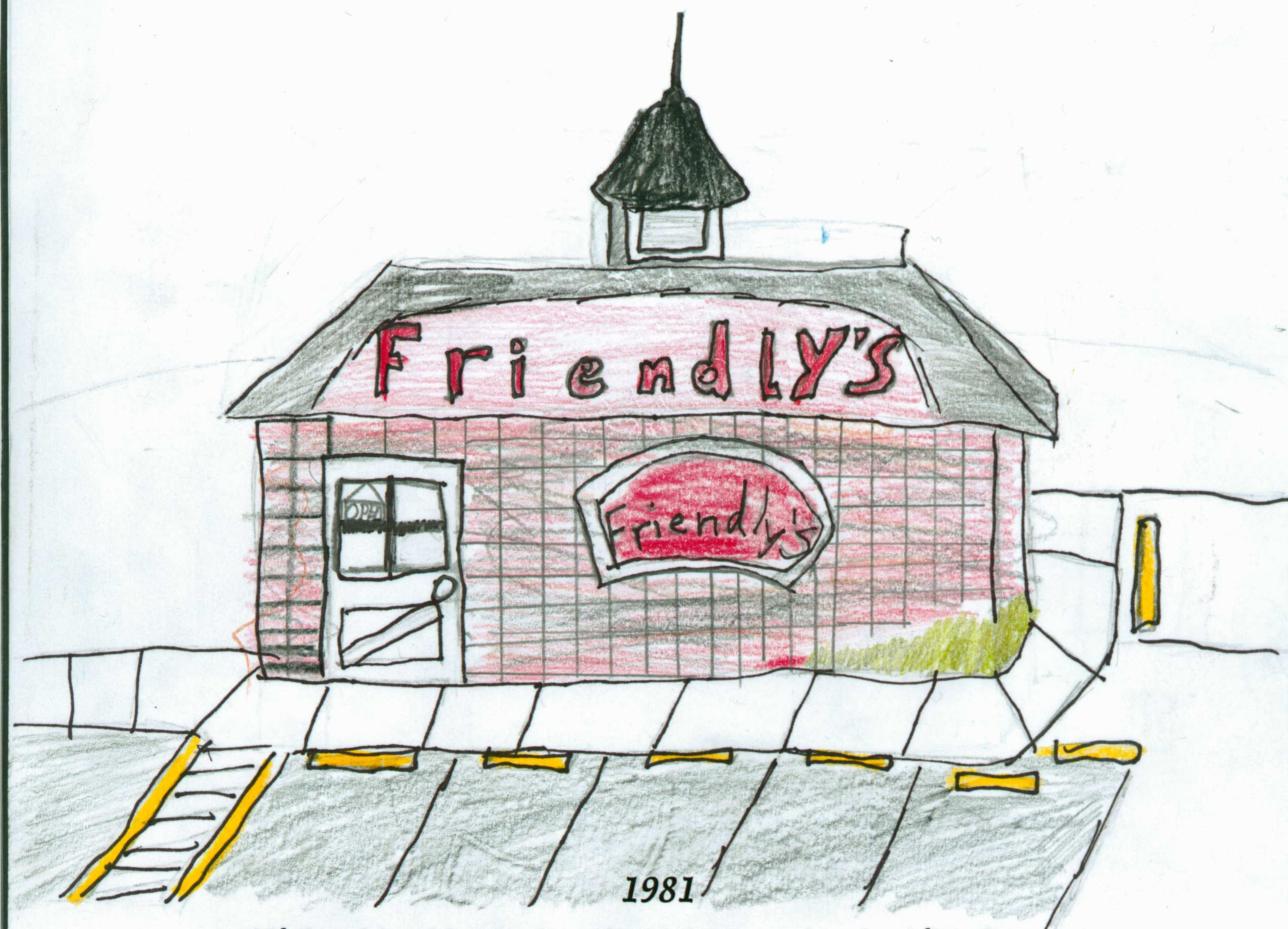
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**This book is dedicated to Miss
Swearengin, Mrs. Watson and
Miss Wood. They made this
book a whole lot better. Thank
you very much!**

1980

A kid named Michael O'Neil was watching the news. He saw that Ronald Reagan had become President. When he was done, he turned on his cassette player to listen to a tape of his favorite band, Duran Duran.





Michael had to go to a brand new school. Liberty Elementary was opening that year in Worthington. Michael knew that his new principal's name was Mr. Hopper. His neighborhood was being sent to this new school. His parents felt bad that Michael had to go to a new school, so they let him go to The Continent and see the new movie 'Superman II'. Afterwards, he went to Friendly's for some ice cream. His favorite thing to order was the Jim Dandy.



As Michael was roller skating through his neighborhood, he saw a brand new CS. It was one of the new forms of transportation. It looked like a motorcycle and he thought he would love to buy one. Just then, he fell down and hurt his head.

He got up with a big headache so his parents took him to Dorin's Dairy Delight on 161 for some ice cream. When he was done, he felt worse. So he went to K-mart to get some Tylenol.

After that, the sun started to go down, so he went home. When he got home, he turned on the T.V. to watch the news. Then he went in the kitchen to take his Tylenol. He sat down on the couch to watch the news. "This just in, Tylenol has claimed another victim. People are in a rampage trying to determine who is behind this dastardly deed," the news reporter said. Nervously, Michael watched the news the rest of the night to see if any other Tylenol related deaths had been reported.

1983

*Michael's whole family gathered around the T.V. to watch the last episode of M*A*S*H. M*A*S*H was his favorite show in the world. He heard that they were going to show the reruns on a different channel.*





1984

When Michael went out to eat at the local McDonalds ,he saw a picture of a man next to a picture of the McDonald's arches. It was the founder, Ray Kroc. He had died two days before.

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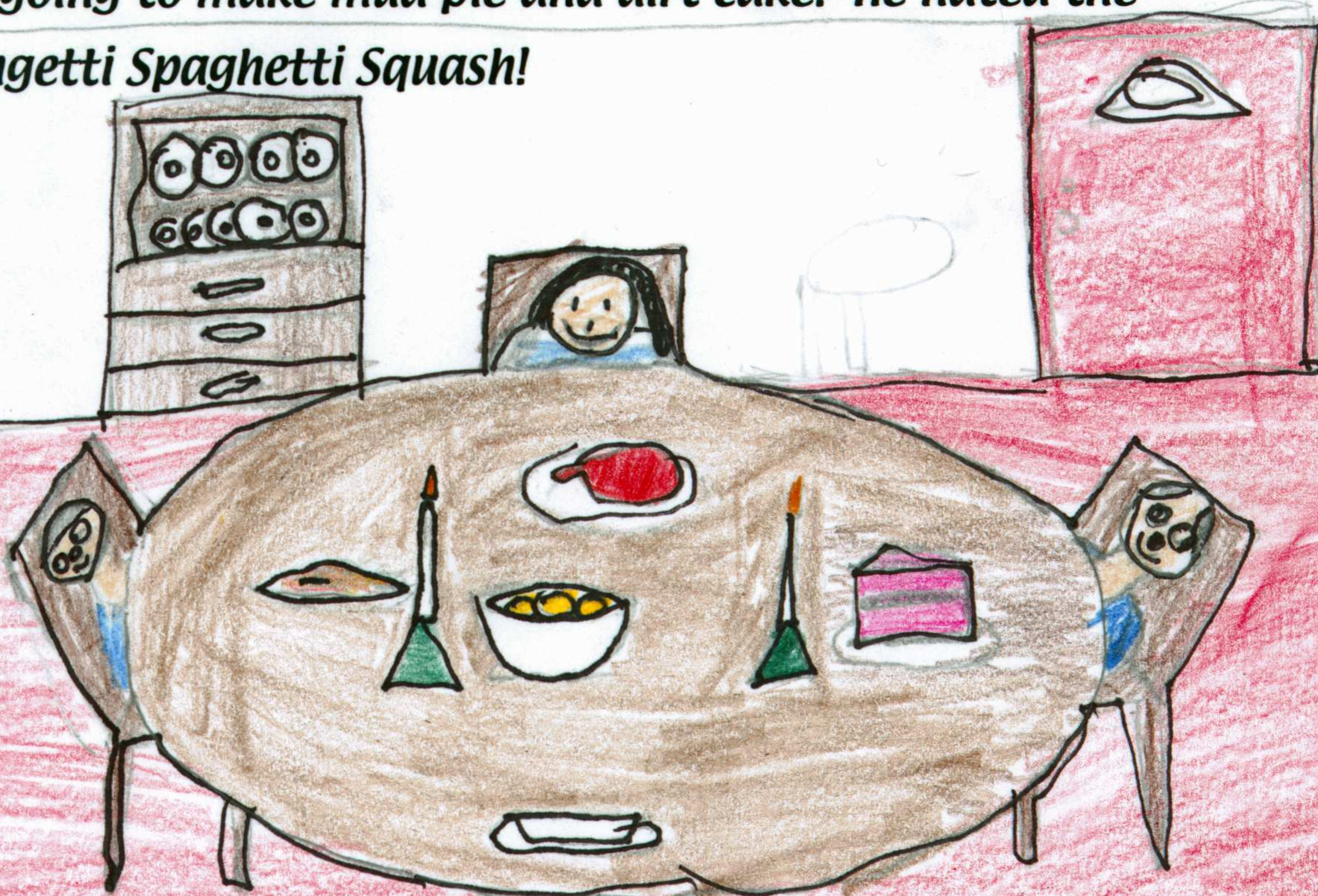
Michael's parents decided they had to move to a new house in Olde Sawmill. The house that they were going to buy would cost \$76,400 dollars. To make him happy, his parents bought him two of the new compact discs. They went to Waves at Worthington Square and spoke to a guy named Todd, who had a curly perm. He helped Michael find the new Duran Duran CD's he wanted. While they were shopping, Michael got thirsty so his parents bought him a Coke from the cute chick named Kristen at Baskin-Robbins. The Coca-Cola companies changed their formula and Michael wanted to taste the NEW Coke.

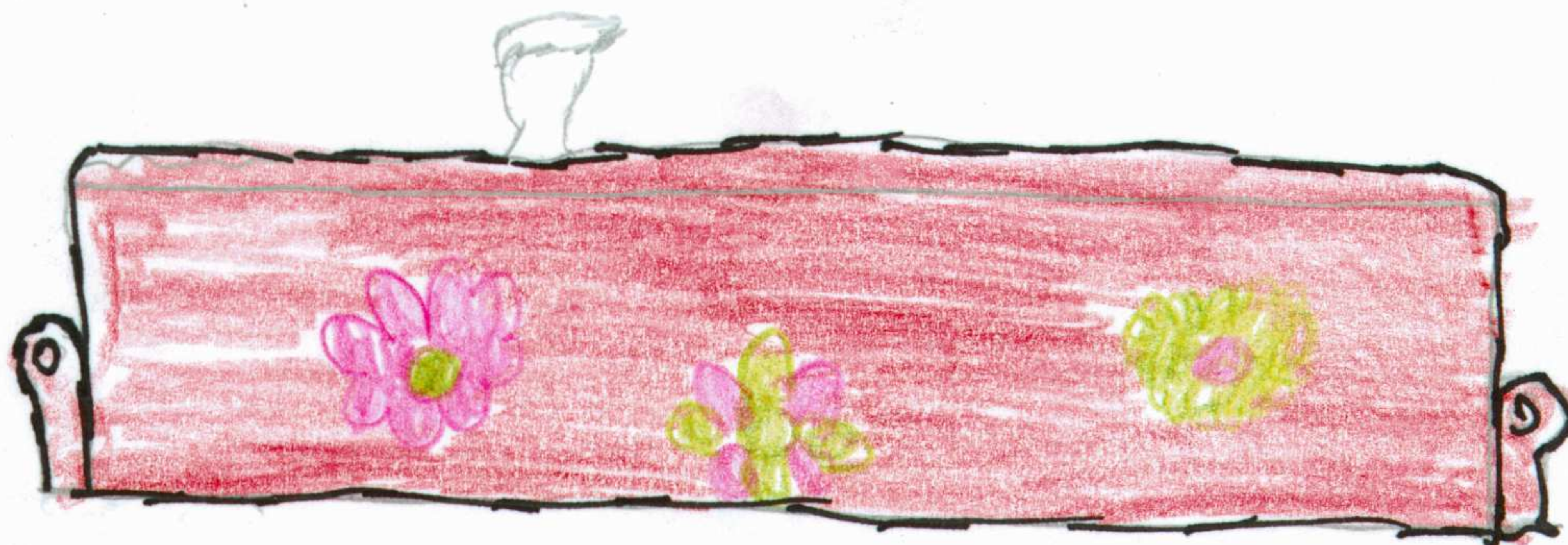




1986

Michael was riding his bike to his home. When he got there his mom told him she was making Orangetti Spaghetti Squash, Yukon Gold potatoes, and Water Gate Salad and for dessert she was going to make mud pie and dirt cake. He hated the Orangetti Spaghetti Squash!





1987

Michael was watching ESPN. Michael loved football! He was watching Sportscenter and saw a bunch of football players rioting. The announcer said that the NFL was on strike. Michael went to the Village Green with some friends to talk about the strike.

1988

Worthington was redistricting their schools and Michael had to leave his school. He was just getting happy with his school. Granby Elementary and Worthington Park opened. Michael was happy because he got to go to a new school. He especially loved his new related arts teachers: Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Stoll, Mrs. Glenn and Mr. Furbee





1989

Michael was playing baseball at Wilson Hill. He saw a big group of people in a huddle. Michael went over and saw a stone ax. Later that day on the news, he saw that the ax was from a long, long time ago.

The 1980s were filled with many changes for Michael, both good and bad. Michael could only dream what the 1990s might bring his way!