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1978-79 Year Of Growth, Disasters And Mutual Aid

It has been one heck of a year for Lowell area residents. Mother Nature evidently doesn't like to be fooled and dropped some mean weather on the community.

Turning a year's worth of Ledger pages makes for smudged fingers, a smile or two, moments of community pride, awe and sadness. Losses and gains are chronicled here.

JANUARY

Mary Ann Kellogg and Dody Plett opened "Nature's Emporium" on West Main Street just before Christmas and Zeigler Ford celebrates its second anniversary.

Bill Dawson and Jack Fonger retired from the Lowell Post Office with 34 and 22 years, respectively, of Federal service.

Relocation of the south end of Parnell Avenue was approved by the Kent County Road Commission with working plans in progress. Cost of the project is estimated at \$250,000.

Keith Buck, a former Lowell businessman graduated from Reppert School of Auctioneering in Decatur, Ind.

Dean Collins was elected mayor for a two-year term. Collins had recently been elected to a four-year term as councilman following a 1975 appointment to fill an unexpired term left vacant when Dr. Herbert Mueller resigned.

Cozy Corner recounts the infamous "cold duck on the ceiling" fiasco which author R. K. Brown will never live down.

Saranac School Board chooses a preliminary plan of action for a building program estimated at around \$2,500,000.

Keiser's Krazy Kat plugged its radio jingle so "you can sing along."

Flo Beggs received a check for \$5,000 from the Michigan State Lottery Bureau.

Lowell City Council considers withholding a \$5,000 payment for liquidated damages from Globe Industries due to their 34-day delay in completing the ground storage tank at the water treatment plant. (Remember that rusty water?)

Lowell Wesleyan Church conducts an impressive mortgage burning service commemorating seven years of existence and a debt-free place of worship.

A new mast-head graces the front page of the Ledger.

D&H Rubbish prepares to

take over trash pick-up on February 1 in the City and as the month draws to a close, the bottom falls out . . .

Did the bottom EVER fall out! The worst blizzard in Michigan's history brought the State to its knees, if you could find yours in the drifts, on Thursday, Jan. 25. Fierce 60 mile per hour winds blew up 10 foot drifts in places. City crews worked round the clock to clear streets as residents aided each other digging out and getting food in those households caught short. A section of hallway roof collapsed at the Middle School under the weight of the snow.

Snowmobilers and CB'ers came to the aid of area residents making emergency runs as CB'ers manned dispatch posts. Fifteen motorists stranded on I-96 were housed at the Bowne Township Hall. Postal carriers, both rural and city, were stymied for almost a week. Mails

resumed in part on Monday following the storm.

FEBRUARY

Vandals ruined the skating rink at Recreation Park with a 50 pound bag of rock salt and it had to be closed for most of the season.

Townpeople rallied to assist the Lloyd G. Powell family as they faced yet another crisis. Son Lewis underwent surgery for removal of his cancerous leg within a year of the loss of his sister and brother-in-law. Lewis came through the New York surgery.

Holiday Harbor advertises its Grand Opening and West opened its doors to its first customers.

The 1977-78 Debate Team was spotlighted for their excellent record. Numerous awards

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Kroger Aids Re-float Campaign

Lowell Showboat was presented with a check for over \$400 from Kroger Food Stores last week. The money was raised through a promotion run in an area Kroger Store the week of November 27 to Dec. 3.

Those who shopped the Kroger Store and presented a "Showboat coupon" designated 5 percent for each dollar spent



Chuck Lippert, Showboat board president, receives a check from Kroger Food Stores representatives Dave Burkart and Steve Archer. Ginny Gustafson, Lowell, is the winner of the drawing for tickets to Showboat 1979, held by Kroger's in conjunction with their coupon promotion to aid the Re-Float the Showboat Campaign.

as a donation to the Re-Float the Showboat campaign. Presentation of the coupon also entitled the bearer to enter a drawing for free tickets to Showboat 1979 for their entire family.

Ginny Gustafson was the lucky winner of the tickets. She accepted the tickets but donated payment for them back to the Re-float campaign.

Five percent of money spent in the Kroger promotion amounted to \$201. Kroger matched that amount turning over a check totaling \$402.

Lowell Team In Quiz Bowl Semi-finals

Students from Lowell and Grand Rapids West Catholic high schools will square off in the academic arena Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. when they meet in the Class B semi-finals of public television station WGVC/Channel 35's High School Quiz Bowl.

The two schools were winners in the opening class B rounds on High School Quiz Bowl and are competing for a shot at the class B championship on Thursday, Jan. 4, where the winner will face either Grand Rapids Catholic Central or Fruitport, who meet Dec. 28 in a semi-final match.

Area West Michigan students compete each week on High School Quiz Bowl by answering questions on such fields as literature, science, math and history in hopes of advancing their schools to the championship rounds.

Following the completion of class B action, area class C schools will begin competition on Jan. 11. That will be followed in March by class D competition. An overall High School Quiz Bowl champion will be decided in May.

Students competing for Lowell in the class B semi-final are Ron Moore, George King, Dave Baerwalde, Mike Lessens, and, as alternate, John Waite. They are coached by Gordon Gould. High School Quiz Bowl repeats Fridays at 11:30 a.m.

Stray Malamute And Pups Get Reprieve

A silver Malamute-mix commandeered a local dog house to give birth to eight pups on Thursday. The owner of the dog house and his master contacted city officials for help in repossessing the structure and in finding a safe place for the family.

Mother Malamute had been seen roaming in the area often over the past few weeks but shied from attempts to tie her up while her owner was found. She wasn't any happier about letting anyone see her pups or coax her from the dog house in the backyard of James Bieber, 1490 Carol Lynn Dr.

City Dog Warden John Erickson finally was able to pick up "MM" and her pups with help from Reserve officer Mike Keistra and City Manager Ray Quada. The dogs are now at the Kent County Humane Society.

After the pups are weaned, Mother Malamute and her eight

Local 4-H Clowns Attend Workshops

Carolyn and Jim Hostler, Lowell; Dawn Wells, David Doherty, and Rick Denkema, all of Ada attended the 4-H "Clowning Around With Communications" Workshop at Kettunen Center, near Tustin, December 8-9. They were accompanied by their leader, Mrs. Richard Denkema, Ada.

The Kent County youths joined about 90 4-H clowns from around the state who practiced the basics of mime, puppetry, skits, demonstrations, and public speaking.

The workshop was sponsored by the Michigan 4-H Foundation through grants provided by the Manufacturer's National Bank of Detroit and the First National Bank of St. Ignace.

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Mother Malamute and her eight pups are calm and safe after their removal from a Lowell family's dog house. The mother is a stray who took over the shelter to give birth. They were held temporarily in the basement of City Hall where they stole the hearts

of city employees and earned a pat from City Manager Ray Quada, pictured here. They were transferred to the Kent County Humane Society the same day.

offspring will be available for adoption, according to Betsy Pullen of the Humane Society. Rules governing adoptions are that families must agree to make a long-term commitment to care for the dog as these large Malamutes will live 10-15 years.

Small-boned animals are never placed in homes with toddlers. Also, there must be someone at home to train the dog.

Parties adopting an animal from the Humane Society pay \$15 in fees and place \$30 on deposit which will be returned after proof is given that the animal has been sterilized. Dogs come with their first distemper shot.

Persons meeting these criteria may be interviewed immedi-

ately and placed on a waiting list for these or other animals. It will take eight weeks for the pups to be weaned.

For more information, call the Kent County Humane Society at 453-7757.

SCRATCH PADS — Assorted weights, colors, sizes . . . all are priced at a cheap, cheap, cheap 40 cents per pound. The Grand Valley Ledger

LAURIE & RUDY will be at Rosie's Drive Inn, 800 W. Main, Lowell, from 1 a.m. until 7 on New Year's Eve for breakfast—or whatever. This Week's Special: Cheeseburgers, 60c. Next Week's Special: Hippiburgers, 95c. Tuesday night, Family Night, Burger Night; Wednesday Night, Chicken Night; Thursday Night, Liver & Onions; Saturday Night, A Delicious Stetler. BREAKFAST SPECIAL WEEKENDS. c6



SEASON'S GREETINGS

The staff at the Ledger hopes all your packages are wrapped and Christmas dinner planned so that you can enjoy the holidays. We intend to do the same.

This issue is a combined issue and there will be no paper published on December 27. Our offices will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 21 through January 1, 1979. We will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 2. This is the traditional vacation time for the Ledger staff.

The first Ledger issue in the new year will be published a day late on Thursday, January 4. Have a safe and happy holiday.

"YOU CAN CALL ME . . ."

George King, owner of the Lowell Beer Store, took exception to the misidentification in last week's Main Street. His last name is King, not Johnson. (Sorry about that, George). King reminds customers that there will be no liquor sales from 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, until Tuesday, Dec. 26. The store will sell beer and wine on Sunday, Dec. 25, but will be closed on Christmas Day.

HOLIDAY BUSINESS CLOSINGS

State Savings Bank of Lowell will be closed both Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Keiser's Kitchen will close Saturday, Dec. 23, at 3 p.m. until Tuesday, Dec. 26 and again on Saturday, December 30 at 3 p.m. until Tuesday, Jan. 2. That SPECIAL Place will be closed for Christmas holidays from Saturday, Dec. 23, at 8 p.m. until Thursday, Dec. 28, at 10 a.m.

Paul's Showboat Restaurant will be closed on Christmas Day through January 2, 1979. (Sounds like a long time, instead of a week.) Lowell YMCA will be closed both Monday holidays. Lucchesi's Pizza will be closed Sunday, Dec. 24 through Wed., Jan. 3.

GONG

Music Boosters want you to get your act together! They are planning a Gong Show for March 23 and need many local acts. Funds raised will go toward purchase of band uniforms for both the senior high and junior high. If interested (note we didn't say talented, necessarily), call 897-9358.

GIFT

D & K Shutling will be open from 6 p.m. until midnight for free taxi service on Christmas Eve. This Christmas gift from Don and Kathy Sheffer will be available to take people leaving Christmas parties, etc., home.

EXTRADITED

Lowell police extradited Gregory Patterson from Desoto County, Fla., back to Michigan on Wednesday, Dec. 13, to face charges of safe burglary on a warrant issued by the 63rd District Court.

Chrouch Communications' business van was stolen from the rear of its Main Street business sometime Wednesday evening, Dec. 13. The van and its occupants, Kim HineLine, Lowell, and a juvenile female, were apprehended in Columbus, Ind., on Thursday. HineLine will be extradited to stand charges in 63rd District Court.

ENTERED

Paul's Showboat Restaurant was the scene of a breaking and entering Thursday night, Dec. 14. A small amount of change was taken. Lowell officers are investigating.

LOSES CONTROL

Bernard Seese, Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident on Saturday, Dec. 16, when he lost control of his car and hit a power pole on Bowes Rd. near the Valley Vista Trailer Park.

ROLLOVER

Arturo Diaz of Holland was uninjured in an accident Friday evening, when he rolled his car over on South Hudson Street near Bowes Rd.

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were accumulated individually and collectively by the talented team.

A Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music student, Dean Nereson, was killed when his plane nose-dived into the Flat River shortly after take-off from the Lowell Airport. Lowell Rescue freed him from the wreck.

16-3 and 13-1 in Tri-River. Team members are Mark Eickhoff, Bob Bieri, Ken Wittenbach, Ron Kempler, Bob Ferrin, Tom Kampfar, Dave Baerwald, Dave Föbberg, John Ellison, Mark Johnson, Kery Andrews, Lindsey Fonger and Rob Thomson with Bill Stauffer coach.

Lowell's wrestling team was Co-champion of Tri-River with a 10-1 overall record and 6-1 in Tri-River. Team members are Brian Brown, Dan Stuart, Jay

Rickett, Randy Gildea, Duane Rash, Doug Meyers, Dale Bieri, Joe Rathbun, Ted Kezemer, Ray Alexander, Mike Mauric, Nate Swift, Doug Heintzelman, Craig Esslich, Tom Oesch, Randy Kropp, Dan Zeits, Ed Laughlin, Bill Nagy and Greg Martin with Gary Rivers coach.

MARBLE

Area business cut their use of overhead lighting by 50 percent in response to the energy crisis brought on by the coal strike.

Happy Birthday Program Free

Want to know more about your budget? Take five minutes and get in touch with your financial picture.

You simply fill out a short form answering questions such as amount of take-home pay, number of members in the family, estimated monthly cost of food, rent or house payments, etc. Your information is fed into a computer at the Kent County Extension Office. Within a few days you will receive a personalized budget form.

You'll learn where your money is going and how much you have left over for extras. The computer will compare your budget with those of families similar to yours. You'll also receive suggestions for making adjustments to improve your budget.

This computer program, sponsored by Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service, is an easy and quick way to help families take a look at their spending. Forms should be picked up, filled out, and sent back to Kent Cooperative Extension Service, 436 Fuller Avenue, N.E., 49502, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

The "Watch" computer budget program is temporarily free of charge. Usually it is \$2.00, so take advantage of this now!

For further information, please call 774-3265.

LIBRARY FALL HOURS

Monday	10:30-5:30
Tuesday	12:00-8:30
Wednesday	1:00-6:00
Thursday	10:00-5:30

Lowell Library
325 Main Street
897-9596
Member of Kent County Library System.

Cash 'N' Carry Specials!

Corrections **Roses**

\$200 **\$600**

Last Chance To Sit On Santa's Lap...

FREE GAMES, FREE PICTURES TO THOSE VISITING SANTA!

Well, kids, the countdown has begun. This is your last week to scurry up to Santa. Here's one big kid, Bill Eggleston, who had a great time giving Santa his list. It is unknown whether he's been a good enough boy to get any of it. Santa will be at Nature's Emporium every night from 6-9 p.m. until Dec. 23. (He's pretty busy after that, you know.)

Baird Replaces Adelbert Odell in Vergennes

Allan Baird was recently sworn in as a board member of Vergennes Township to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Adelbert Odell. Odell served the township for 35 years.

Baird is the great-grand-grandson of Thomas Condon, a Vergennes pioneer, and is the grandson of Clyde Condon, a Vergennes board member for many years.

NATURE'S EMPORIUM

641 West Main Street 897-7977

Are you missing out on the most important tax deduction you may ever take?

Joyous Wishes for a Happy Holiday to Everyone. We enjoy doing business with you and hope to see you soon.

— Special —

Friday & Saturday, December 22 & 23

Salisbury Steak

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Choice of Salad, Roll & Butter

\$3.50

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Village Inn

211 W. Main St., Lowell

Are you paying out money in taxes that you should be keeping for your own retirement? If you don't have a qualified retirement plan, the Federal Government will give you a big tax break to start your own.

If you're self-employed, you can set aside as much as \$7500 (up to 15% of earned annual income) in a qualified Keogh program. Not one penny of this money is taxed until you draw it out. And any earnings are tax-deferred, too, until you use them to enjoy your retirement years now.

(when you'll almost surely benefit from higher exemptions and a lower tax bracket.)

Your local IDS Representative can help you decide how much you can set aside, and which approved IDS plan is best for you. We can even help you tailor a program for your own special needs, and have it ready before you pay year-end taxes.

You must act before December 31st to get your tax deduction. So talk to your IDS Representative now.

DIVISION SALES OFFICE, 3737 Lake Eastbrook Blvd., Grand Rapids, MI Phone 942-0920. Contact Divisional Sales Office Through Local Representative:

DAN SMITH, Saranac, MI Phone 642-6186

Show me... how I can make my retirement savings tax-deferred for this calendar year. Please see that I receive your free information. At no obligation, of course.

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Mark C. Armstrong is honored by the American Red Cross with its Certificate of Merit, the highest award given by the group. Armstrong, Bud's Ambulance attendant, responded to a traffic accident in July of 1977 and used Red Cross techniques on the victim, Stephen Ladd, to help save his life.

Showboat signs Vic Damone to headline in 1978.

Ed Kiel is named Rotary's Man of the Year. Kiel has been a Rotary member since 1937.

Jay Frank, Greg Kneale, and Greg Madigan will attend Boy's State from Saranac.

After 60 years of service to the area's farmers, the feed mill operated by King Milling Company was closed. Age of the building made it impossible to meet current government safety standards.

Dr. Richard Greenwood is elected president of the Lowell YMCA Board.

Blackouts hit Saranac when Consumers Power Co. encountered trouble along high voltage lines.

Bill Wierenga, John Hesley, Ron Moore and Lauri Shrenk earn a first place for Lowell in the State.

New Year Celebration

Lowell V.F.W.

New Year's Eve Party

9 P.M. Till ?

Music By... **Jan Wellman Trio**

Buffet Lunch & Breakfast

48¢ Per Couple

Hats, Lela, Notebooks included. Breakfast from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Tickets available at the Post and also from VFW and Auxiliary Members.

Lowell V.F.W. Hall

307 East Main

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Crystal Flash

WEST MAIN, LOWELL

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computer programming contest at Grand Valley State Colleges.

Lowell Board of Education votes to again place the recently defeated millage on the June 12 ballot. The original millage proposal was turned down by only 22 voters.

Edward Jackson announces his retirement and the sale of Vander Venn of Grand Rapids.

"Community Footsteps", the Lowell Area Jaycee's fourth annual walk-a-thon, raised \$3,300 to support community projects.

Fire caused \$20,000 damage to the Dennis Cummings residence.

Paving and resurfacing of several city parking lots gains approval of the City Council.

Riely Construction Co. was low bidder on the project and will do the work.

The bronze plaque honoring large donors funding Showboat's Amphitheatre is finally a reality. It will be displayed there during Showboat Week and in the lobby of State Savings Bank the end of the year.

Peggy Gieves, Tim Patrick, Kim Coulson, Brenda Campbell, Cathy Overbeck, Lynda Stuart and Lori Swiger, all of Saranac, had their art work accepted for exhibit at the Michigan Week Youth Arts Festival at Central Michigan University.

Ground is broken for construction of Metric Manufacturing Co. owned by Winston Setchfield and Charles Thomas. The company will be involved with machining and assembly of automotive and hardware parts.

Lowell Area Arts Council charts a bus trip to Chicago for parents and children. The day-long tour covered the Museum of Science and Industry, and Shedd Aquarium.

JUNE

Graduating from Lowell High School are 199 area seniors. One hundred years ago, the first class of two seniors—Miss Jessie Hooker and Frank Hine—graduated.

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Navy Electrician's Mate Second Class Randall D. Sorenson, son of Jacqueline V. Sorenson, 1302 Laurie Gail Drive, Lowell, recently participated in exercise "Gulfex-79". He is a crew member aboard the nuclear guided missile cruiser USS Virginia, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Kimberly Kay Grudzinak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Grudzinak, 3390 McCabe NE, Ada, is a member of the Fern Valley High School forensic squad which recently placed second in the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League Tournament. Ms. Grudzinak participated in the Extemporaneous Speaking.

Marine Lance Corporal Elaine S. Paulsen, son of Harold H. and Judith A. Paulsen of 10650 E. 100th St., Alto, recently participated in "Combined Arms Exercise 1-79" in the California Desert. He is assigned to Camp Pendleton, Calif. Paulsen joined the Marine Corps in February, 1976.

Graduating from Lowell High School are 199 area seniors. One hundred years ago, the first class of two seniors—Miss Jessie Hooker and Frank Hine—graduated.

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Society Notes...

Living Wreath At Christmas Celebration

A huge wreath symbolizing the never-ending circle of Christian love, was the closing feature of a Christmas celebration at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell on Sunday, Dec. 17. The greens which formed the wreath, carried by the Church School children, represented the everlasting life proclaimed by Christ, and candles held by the teachers stood for the emerging of the Advent season.



Members of the Church School from nursery through 6th grade sang the special songs which have been learning in their classes and the entire congregation joined in familiar Christmas hymns. As the wreath was created, "Silent Night" was softly sung to guitar accompaniment.

Church School children of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell carried greens to form a huge living wreath which signified the never-ending circle of Christian love in a Christmas celebration last Sunday.

After the program, refreshments served by the Friends' Fellowship Group included a birthday cake for the Baby Jesus. On display were the Christmas arts and crafts done during December by the various Church School classes.

A special effort was made to provide transportation and a loving welcome for senior friends of the church, so that it might truly be a celebration for all ages. Later the same evening the Junior and Senior High Youth caroled for shut-ins.

A Distant Thunder To Be Shown In Alto

"A Distant Thunder" will be presented by First Baptist Church of Alto on Sunday, December 31 at 10:40 p.m. The movie is a sequel to Mark IV Returns' 1973 release. "A Thief In The Night" The film answers many of the questions raised by other recent motion pictures. Events portrayed in the Bible as part of the Great Tribulation are vividly portrayed in "A Distant Thunder."

Students Present "Christmas In Lowell"



Students at St. Mary's School presented their Christmas program for parents and the public on Tuesday night, Dec. 19. Theme of the program was "Christmas In Lowell". The Wooden soldiers pictured above came to life in the Ben Franklin Store. Their names of stage are Dennis Brown, Chris Schroder, Mike Dylstra, Ron Kammer, Don Reagan and Brent Noskey.

Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Collins of 225 N. Jackson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an Open House Party in the dining room of the Lowell Congregational Church on Sunday, Dec. 31 from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Join The Circle-3 Group

Start a new holiday tradition by joining the Grand Valley Blood Program Circle-3 Group. This group of very special people agrees to circle three holidays per year to donate blood. A day or two before or after Christmas or New Year's Day this year would be a good time to start.

Many people are so busy with holiday plans that they forget to set aside the few minutes it takes to donate blood.

A greater number of accidents resulting from holiday traffic is one reason that blood needs increase during holiday times. Blood donations are critically needed at this time of year to assure an adequate supply of blood for patients in Kent County hospitals.

The Grand Valley Blood Center, 1055 East Fulton, will be greeting Circle-3 members two weekends in a row. Christmas holiday givers may donate blood December 22, 23 and 26 and those selecting New Year's may donate December 29, 30 and January 2.

Masons Install Officers

The wedding "white rules" that used to be practically mandatory are no longer applicable for today's brides. Anything goes, in terms of color and fabric, according to Dianne Davis, fashion merchandising instructor at Northwood Institute.

Lowell Masonic Temple hold Installation ceremonies on December 16.

Officers elected are: Front, L to R, Ivan Brough, Roger Roberts, Cecil DeRushia, Ival Paulson, Don Geelhood, Forrest Buck; Back, L to R, Carl Jackson, Dick McNeal, Tilden Pinckney, and Major Bogard.

Officers elect include: Cecil DeRushia (PM), Worshipful Master; Roger Roberts, Senior Warden; Richard Hineine (JM), Junior Warden; Carl Jackson (TM), Treasurer; Forrest Buck (SM), Secretary; Ival Paulson (PM), Chaplain.

Lowell Choir Performs For WC

A group of nineteen young people of the Lowell High School choir under the direction of Paul Balam entertained with renditions of classical and familiar Christmas carols including a sing-a-long.

Free Movies

Free movies will be shown at the Lowell Public Library during Christmas Vacation, Tuesday, Dec. 26, Friday, Dec. 29, Sat., Dec. 30 at 1 p.m. All elementary school children welcome.

Steward: Tilden Pinckney (PM), Steward.

Mrs. Evelyn Wirtenbach provided organ music for the ceremonies. Many relatives and guests filled the sidewalks for the wedding day.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street — 897-7514 Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m. Church School 9:45 a.m. DEAN I. BAILEY, MINISTER "A Place of Nativity" Luke 2:1-7 Child Care During All Services	GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 2287 Segwun, S.E. Lowell, Michigan Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. MARK BUCKERT, PASTOR Ron Moykkynen, Elder 897-9551	TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCA) 2700 East Fulton Road Worship Service 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Services 5 & 11 p.m. PASTOR RAYMOND A. HEINE Asst. Pastor CHRISTOPHER D. ANDERSON Nursery Provided	LOWELL ASSEMBLY OF GOD 3050 Alden Nash, S.E. (2 miles south of Lowell) Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m. REV. ROGER E. KUBILIS, PASTOR Phone 897-7047 Come Join Us In Worshipping to Spirit And In Truth
REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS 8147 — 68th St., S.E., Alto, Mich. (Near Whitnayeville Rd.) 866-6806 ELDER DIRK VENEMA — 866-6292 Church School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship 7:30 p.m. Communions-First Sunday 11:00 a.m.	SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 3189 Snow Avenue, S.E. (Between 28th & 30th Streets, East) REV. ALLEN WITTRUP 942-6765 Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Church School 11:05 a.m. "Serving Ada, Cascade Areas"	VERGENNES UNITED METHODIST Corner Parnell & Bailey Drive Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m. Church School 11:15 a.m. LEE RIN STRAIT, PASTOR "Little White Church On The Corner"	WITTENBACH Sales & Service 749 W. Main Lowell 897-9227

YOUR HOMETOWN BANK SINCE 1934

1978-79, Continued

Dow Chemical takes the "Crazy Car" author to task for casual use of one of their trademark terms.

Lowell Swim Team defeats the West YMCA.

Showboat Garden Club spruced up the Main Street planters and finalized plans for their annual flower show.

Norton Louis Avery's award winning photos are featured in a series on the pages of the Ledger.

Amway Corporation of Ada announces expansion and the purchase of the Pandini Hotel in Grand Rapids.

Employees at Eberhart's end a three-week strike with a contract agreement.

Harold Zeigler Ford is selected one of the nation's outstanding Ford dealerships.

Tom Oesch and John Wilder, Lowell graduates, proceed to Iowa City for National Wrestling competition after winning the State Free Style Wrestling Tournament.

Postmaster Charlie Doyle is elected State President of the National League of Postmasters.

An inmate from the Ionia Reformatory drowned north of Lowell near the Flat River Dam.

The Arrows Major League Baseball Team won the YMCA Championship with a 9-1 season record and the extra-inning single elimination tournament.

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HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray

... we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience (Romans 5:3).

Driving through the scenic Northland one summer, we thrilled at the beauties of nature—sapphire lakes nestled among rolling green hills, stately pines, majestic oaks, and plump maples.

There are angles in the quarries of life which only the blasts of misfortune and the chisels of adversity can carve into beauty.

How like the saint of God, we thought. He may pass through the icy blasts of trial and the frigid winds of adversity and sorrow, but he who trusts implicitly in God emerges more than conqueror through Him.

For further information call East Grand Rapids Recreation Department at 949-2110.

Utah Ski Week Planned

The East Grand Rapids Recreation Department announced that it is sponsoring an 8 day - 7 night ski week to Park City, Utah, from March 3 to March 10, 1979.

Round trip air transportation on United Airlines from Grand Rapids to Salt Lake City, Utah. Seven night's lodging at Snow Country condominiums located in Park City, Utah. Six day ski passes, interchangeable at Alta and Snowbird.

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She won ... all expense paid trip through a drawing of Avon representatives. Mrs. Gerard said this week that she "couldn't believe it when they told me. I've never won anything in my life."

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Happy Holidays

These Christmas greetings are right down your alley! May warmth and happiness fill your holidays.

American Legion Lanes

805 E Main, Lowell, 897-7566

Arrowhead GOLF CLUB

2170 Alden Nash Rd., Lowell
Now Offers...
Cross-Country Skiing
FRIDAYS - SUNDAYS
Club House Open
Serving Hot Food & Drinks



Happy Holiday!

May your holidays be blessed with dreams fulfilled and hopes renewed.

Pat & Ann Shady Acres Farm
Bailey Drive, Lowell



May the peace and joy of Christmas dwell in your house and in your heart.

Clark PLUMBING & HEATING

309 E. MAIN ST., LOWELL



Holly, poinsettias and pine... Symbols of the beauty of Christmas. May your holidays abound with every peace and joy.

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 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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 Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
 Young Peoples' Afterglow 8:30 p.m.
 Tuesday - AWANA 8:30 p.m.
 Wednesday - Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

REV. JAMES R. FRANK
 642-9174 - 642-9274
 (Nursery & Children's Churches)

Merry Christmas



Let the bells ring with the tidings of the Season Happy Holidays!!!

Saranac American Legion Post 175

Tax Commission Plays Scrooge

The State Tax Commission played Scrooge last week to Ionia County farmers when they announced a tentative raise in agricultural assessments by more than \$49 million county-wide.

Superstars Compete In Ionia

Eight superstars will be crowned December 28, 1978 after competing in the second annual Ionia County's Superstars '78 which is open to all county students, 5th through 12th grades.

Seventeen events ranging from weightlifting to chess will be held with each participant competing in a maximum of eight events.

The competition will occur at the Ionia Community Center and the Ionia Jr. High gymnasium. All contestants will receive a participation certificate with grade level and overall winners earning additional awards.

Entry forms have been distributed to schools, various businesses throughout the county, or may be obtained at the Community Center, 301 W. Washington, Ionia. Entries must be submitted to Community Center or the Extension Office (110 E. Washington, Ionia) by Dec. 22. For more information call the Community Center (616-537-0990) or the Extension Office (616-527-1400).

This year's event is sponsored by the Ionia Community Center, Ionia County 4-H Youth Programs, Lakewood, Saranac and Greenville-Belding Community Education, and Portland Parks and Recreation Department.

KEEP UP WITH THE JONESSES

Don't be the last in your neighborhood to subscribe to the Ledger. \$5 a year in Kent & Ionia Co., \$6.50 elsewhere. 897-9261.

Greetings to you and yours from everyone on our staff.
 Pam Sigatose
 Elaine Nummer
 Thelma Benjamin
 Modern Beauty Shop
 — Saranac —

Youths Face B & E Charges

Arrested on a misdemeanor charge of possession of stolen property under \$100 was Robert Miller, 18, of Saranac. He posted bond and was released. Arraigned on two charges each of breaking and entering were: Dennis A. Miller, 17, of Saranac; Christopher Rudy, 17, of Ionia; John S. Judy, 23, of Ionia.

HOLIDAY SKATING PARTY PLANNED

Ionia County Service Club has planned a 4-H holiday celebration for the whole family on December 21, 7-9:30 p.m. at Ionia Skating, 820 N. Jefferson, Ionia. Skating will be free to all county 4-H members, volunteer leaders and their families.

Nature Group Nears Its Goal

The sum of \$20,000 is all that stands between the Michigan Nature Association (MNA) and its long desired goal of establishing fifty nature sanctuaries in Michigan. The fifty preserves now total 2,400 acres.

The MNA is a private citizens group that started permanent preservation of nature by outright purchase of land in 1960. Its best known project is the Estivant Pines Nature Sanctuary near Copper Harbor. This is where Michigan's largest white pine tree stands, along with other virgin timber, on a 200 acre wilderness tract.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE BIRDS PRESENTED AT BLANDFORD
 Want to learn how to make simple feeders for the birds? Attend the program for adults to be presented by Naturalist Barbara Hoag at 1 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20 at Blandford Nature Center of the Grand Rapids Public Museum.

Cheers

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Two Saranac youths were arrested last Friday along with three others from Ionia on charges arising from two counts of breaking and entering on Thursday morning Dec. 14. Michigan State police and Ionia County Sheriff's deputies placed the five in custody after using tracking dogs from both the Ionia and Rockford State police posts.

Tracking dogs and handlers were brought in. Judy and the two Millers were arrested several hours later.

The five now face questioning by Kent County officers in connection with some Kent County breaking and entering cases the same night.

Other News

Navy Data Processing Technician Second Class Michael A. Houghton, son of Irma J. Cook of 50 Mill St., Saranac, recently participated in exercise "Variety Lance" off the Southern California coast. He is a crew member aboard the amphibious command ship USS Blue Ridge, homeported in San Diego. Houghton joined the Navy in June, 1978.

Mark S. Walkington, 222 E. Main, Saranac, paid \$19 for speeding Dec. 11. Sandra L. Rowley, 1496 Hawley Hwy., paid \$19 for speeding Nov. 21. Marc E. Talbot, 158 South Street paid \$19 for impeding traffic Nov. 25.

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formerly of Wabash, Ind., now of Ionia; and David L. Bidwell, 24, of Ionia.

They are all charged with breaking and entering the Ionia County Road Commission garage and the Clarksville Kitchen in Clarksville.

Bidwell and Rudy were arrested when a Clarksville resident heard noise in the Clarksville Kitchen, saw persons fleeing the scene and summoned State Police.

SYMBOLS ADORN GREETING CARDS

Christmas card artists have a wealth of symbols from which to draw when preparing illustrations.

Holly is symbolic of chastity, flying birds symbolize spiritual life and a peacock stands for eternal life. Lambs call attention to the sacrifice on the cross; beasts of burden often stand for humility.

A white rose recalls the little shepherd girl whose tears were turned to white roses by an angel. The child had burst into tears at the manger because she had no gift.

SARANAC COMMUNITY CHURCH

[United Church of Christ]
 125 Bridge St., Saranac, MI
 DIAL-A-PRAYER - 642-9659
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 11:15 a.m.
 THE REV. EDWIN MENDENHALL
 642-6322

Wishing you Good Cheer For Christmas and the New Year.
Carigon's Polish & Buff
 — Saranac —

These youngsters enjoy the peace and quiet of MNA's Lost Lake Nature Sanctuary in Ogemaw County.



May The Gift Of Love Be Yours At Christmas!

Bob & Kathy Lake & Family
Roetman-Lake Funeral Home
 — Saranac —

O Holy Night...
 May the Spirit of Christmas which is Peace fill your hearts with love and contentment this Holiday Season
Rhoades Corner Store
 M-21 Saranac
 Open seven days a week 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

JOY TO ALL
 Our best wishes during this holiday season.
 From Paul & Roselyn Friedl
Paul's Barber & Beauty Shop
 — Saranac —

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Warm Wishes for a Cozy Christmas
Pinckney's Tavern
 — Saranac —

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1978-79, Continued

Jayvettes note that their football league as defending BUBS program (Buckle Up Babes) has been used by over 60 babies in two years. The car seat rental was used by parents as far away as Rockford and Ionia.

Lowell was its first Homecoming game in four years against Coopersville 22-6. Saranac dominates the Tri-Central



It takes a full page of the Ledger to explain and reproduce the proposed ballot for the upcoming election.

NOVEMBER

Dick Beimers closed the doors of his gas station for the last time after 30 years in business at the corner of Main and Hudson.

Showboat announces the generous fund raising offer from Boots Randolph in the form of a benefit concert.

Donald Rocheleau, president of Attwood Corporation, has been named chairman of the Boating Industry Association of America for 1978-79.

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Holiday Greetings to all of our dear Patrons and Friends
 Greetings From Lloyd
Grand River Oil Co.
 — Saranac —

A fire causes nearly \$6,000 damage to the trailer Doren Steven rents. No one was injured.

D&K Shuttling, Lowell based pickup and delivery service, announces they will now offer taxi service specializing in accommodating the handicapped.

Lowell United Methodist Church completed work on their new steeple which replaces the one lost in the last August's windstorm.

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DECEMBER

In what appears to be a new era in city-township relations regarding fire protection, the Lowell City Council authorized the expenditure of \$18,655.24 as the city's share of a new fire truck. The shared cost is a direct result of the formation of a fire board comprised of the City of Lowell, Lowell Township and Vergennes Township with each governing body sharing in equipment cost based on their individual State Equalized Valuations.

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Olive's Sport & Bait
 — Saranac —

Merry Christmas
 A cheery hello to all our many friends, with warmest wishes for a very happy Christmas season!
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Area Sports...

Greenville Edges Lowell 51-50

Lowell suffered their second league upset of the season Friday night after losing to Greenville 50-51. Throughout most of the first half, Lowell had the lead over Greenville by 6 or 7 points with long shots from both Ken Wittenbach and Rob Thompson. At the end of the half, Lowell was out in front by 6 points, 28-22.

Wrestlers Have Busy Week

At Olivet College last Saturday, the Varsity Wrestling team completed a tournament and took fifth place out of 13 schools. At 98 lbs., Dale Bieri wrestled 3 times and won once. Greg Martinez (112) took a third place finish.

Ted Kazemier (119) pinned his first two opponents in 55 sec. and 30 sec. and won his final match 10-9 for a first place finish. Nathan Swift (145) pinned his men going to the finals, then lost a close match 9-5 taking a second place. Jay Rickett (155) won three out of four times and finished in second place.

Doag Heintzleman (178) got third place and Dave Chrisman (191) took fourth. Against Sparta on Thursday, Lowell started off winning and never stopped until the scoreboard read 41-23 in favor of Lowell.

At 98 lbs., Dale Bieri won 6-4. Greg Martinez (112) pinned his opponent in the second period and Ted Kazemier (119) won a superior decision 17-0. From there on it was bad news for Sparta as Chuck Schrenk tying his opponent.

Co-captains Nathan Swift (145) and Doag Heintzleman (178) proved that Sparta had no competition for them by pinning their victims. Jay Rickett (155) did the same and Ken Stuart (165) won 6-2.

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At 132 lbs., Ted Kazemier pinned his opponent in the second period. Jay Rickett (155) took his man the distance and won 4-2. "Wrestler of the Night" was Ken Stuart (165) after he ran up a high score in the first period. He decided he had been out there long enough so he gave Captain Doug Heintzleman a chance at Wyoming Park. Heintzleman planned on winning and that's what he did, pinning his opponent easily.

At 98 lbs., Jeff Dykhuizen, took a fourth place finish. Joe Rathbun (112) and Eric Swift (126) both finished third, and Brian Brown (165) took second place. The J.V. team wound up on top against Sparta 23-23.

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Last Tuesday, the JV's lost to Wyoming Park 53-14. Wins for Lowell included Eric Swift (126) who came from behind to tie the score 5-5 and gave Lowell its first points.

Brian Brown (165) had total control, pinning his opponent in the first period. Mark VanWesden was the other Lowell winner by forfeit.

On Tuesday, Dec. 19, the teams will be wrestling at Grandville in a triple dual and Thursday, Dec. 21, they will host Cedar Springs—Rob Yelster.

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Hockey Team Now 2-1

Paced by the play of Steve Ries on Tuesday, Dec. 12, the Red Arrow Hockey team took East Kentwood 6-3 at Stadium Arena.

The match was tied two-all after only 1:12 of the opening period, both Lowell goals coming from Ries. Ries then slid one to Bob McGrew for the tie-breaker.

McGrew clinched the win in the second period and Jerry Kysar added another two seconds later. Ries' point total of 14 earns him a third in the WMHA Suburban Division ranking. McGrew now owns 13 points.

The Red Arrows are now two and one in the WMHA. Friday night the Lowell J.V. basketball team earned a hard fought victory over the Greenville J.V. basketball squad, 59-50.

Lowell outscored Greenville 11-11 in the first quarter and 15-10 in the second, to lead 33-21 at the half. Greenville came out in the third quarter with an aggressive man-to-man press and quickly cut the Red Arrows lead to 6, forcing Lowell to call a time out and regroup.

The Junior Red Arrows came out strong the rest of the quarter extending their lead to 44-33 at the end of the third quarter. The fourth quarter saw the lead fluctuate but the tough Lowell squad would not yield to Greenville's pressure.

The leading scorer for Lowell was Steve Doyle with 20 points followed closely by Jeff Storms and with 17. Greenville's scoring honors were shared by Kenny Cook and Mark Rasmussen both with 12 points. Scott Denny also played a strong game for Greenville, coming off the bench and scoring 10 points.

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Saranac Swats Hornets 55-46

Central Montcalm put Saranac to the test last Friday night with a strong defense but the Redskins found their way to a 55-46 victory.

Saranac got off to a good start running the score to 13-6 in the first period. The Green Hornets relied on man-to-man defense for breathing room while they worked up to a 17-all tie midway through the second quarter.

Evening totals in addition to Tower's 23 points stood at Thiesen 17, Kevin Reynolds six, Gary Rainer four, Lionel Haskins and Ray Kastaneck two from that point on.

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Awards Given At Banquet

Saranac ran its record to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the TCAA where they now share second place with Central Montcalm.

The Redskins play next on January 2 against Saultwater at 6 p.m. on their home court.

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New Buds On The Family Tree

Ed and Kathy (Eggleston) Roth, Jr. of 950 Alden Nash have a new son, Sean Michael. He was born November 22 at Belding Hospital weighing 8 lbs., 8 1/2 oz., 20 1/2 in. long. Grandparents are the William Egglestons and the Ed Roths, all of Lowell. Sean joins his brother Eddie, 4, and sister Laurie, 18 months.

Philip and Erna Zavis are parents of a son, Brian Philip, born December 3, 1978, at Butterworth Hospital. Brian weighed 9 lbs., 14 1/2 oz.

All Offices of the State Savings Bank Will Be Closed All Day Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1 in Observance of The Christmas & New Year's Holidays.

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LOWELL • ROCKFORD

"SPECIAL OF THE WEEK"

Only One Left
New 1978 Dodge B-200 Van

127" Wheel Base, 318 V8, automatic transmission, heavy duty battery, heavy duty alternator, speed control, gauges, all this plus lower 1978 price and it uses regular gas.

VENNEN Dodge CHRYSLER Dodge Trucks
930 W. Main St., Lowell, Mich. Phone 897-9281

Merry Christmas

The Christmas tree is all decked out! The merry carollers sing and shout; We'd like to take this chance to say Have a happy holiday!

Lowell Light & Power
Owned By The People Of Lowell

GVSC To Build 2nd Annual March Of Dimes Sno-A-Thon

I THINK OF DIMES

Edwina and Faith Marshall, of Lowell, Mich., sign the Sno-A-Thon club roster with a little help from Jack Frost, 1978 Michigan March of Dimes Sno poster child. The Marshalls, members of the Flat River Snowmobile Club, announced their club's intention to sponsor a Sno-A-Thon to raise money for combating birth defects, the nation's most serious child health problem. Jack was born with Spina Bifida ("open spine") which left him paralyzed from the waist down.

To The Editor

Dear Mr. Brown:

As a faithful reader of your Cozy Corner I have been tempted many times to write and comment favorably or unfavorably as the case may be on your column.

But this time you've gone too far, maligning Michigan Winters the way you did in the November 29th issue of the Ledger. I feel it is my civic duty to come to the defense of Michigan Winters. After all, it is the rotten weather that makes us appreciate Summer so much, right?

Since winter is just beginning I could not resist the thought of you suffering for so long. I am offering you a few tips that may help you endure, maybe even enjoy M.W.

- 1st. Change your attitude, you could learn to love snow.
2. Ask a friend to take you cross-country skiing. One of your employees is known for her prowess on the slopes.
- 3rd. Dress warm, warm, warm. (Gloves would be better than mittens for typing.)
- 4th. Publish the Ledger from Miami Beach.
- 5th. If all of the above fail, get a copy of Complete Poems of Robert Frost and read it in front of a roaring fireplace in a snug sack.

A Devoted Michigan Reader
Here's a little Christmas rhyme:
To folks who light up at holiday time!
Folks who light up wreaths and trees,
Folks who brighten their doors and eaves,
Poems are writ by folks like me,
Wishing I could afford the electricity.
—A Regular Reader and Christmas Lights Freak

SENIOR PROTECTION
The Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) protects individuals 40 to 65 years of age from job discrimination because of their age. Starting Jan. 1, 1979, this law will cover persons up to age 70. This law is enforced by the U.S. Labor Department's Wage and Hour Division.

SCRATCH PADS — Assorted weights, colors, sizes... all are priced at a cheap, cheap, cheap 49 cents per pound. The Grand Valley Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

Glad Tidings of Joy to everyone

Beulah, Margaret, Lois, Kathy, Connie, Rozanne, Doris Myer's Beauty Shop — Lowell —

Dey Tool & Machine
330 Lincoln Lake, Lowell

Snowmobilers Help Moose Fill Christmas Baskets

Michigan snowmobilers will take to the trails this winter for the second annual March of Dimes Sno-A-Thon program. Thus far, 34 snowmobile clubs have entered the program, which is endorsed by the Michigan Association of Recreational Snowmobilers (MARS).

Local clubs will announce the date, time and route of their Sno-A-Thon. Club members will solicit pledges in their community for each mile they complete aboard their vehicle. Proceeds from each event will help combat birth defects, the nation's most serious child health problem.

According to Jon Powers, March of Dimes Sno-A-Thon coordinator, last year's program included 24 clubs, whose contributions totaled \$40,000. This year's goal is \$100,000.

The high light of the program will be the Celebrity Sno-A-Thon, Feb. 10, at Gaylord, Mich. It will feature such notables as former Detroit Lion and honorary state Sno-A-Thon chairman, Charlie Sanders and the 1979 Sno poster child, Jack Frost, 6, of Kalamazoo.

In addition to invited celebrities, two members from each club will go to the Celebrity Sno-A-Thon as guests of Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A., the program's major sponsor.

MARS-affiliated clubs will also be competing for a Kawasaki 440 Dfifort snowmobile, awarded to the club raising the most money based on a formula devised by MARS.

HOLIDAY PUZZLER

Can you remember the names of all of Santa's reindeer? We've listed them all directly below, but know-snow-down, but first solve this holiday puzzle.

TO FIT FIRST RECORDED COFFEE TUMBLER IN, VENTURE WINKED UNBROKEN WERE YAKTAK MEINER, MEANING UNBROKEN WERE YAKTAK MEINER, MEANING UNBROKEN WERE YAKTAK MEINER.

Daher, Dancer, Francet, Cypri, Dancer, Dancer, Bittern, Bittern, Vixen.

Season's Greetings

May you milk the Christmas season for all the joy and happiness it holds! It's been a pleasure serving you.

Wernet Distributors
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Christmas Cheer

Wishing you a perfect score for the holiday season as we strike up our greetings for you.

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Obituaries...

Brother And Sister Expire

Services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 20, for John (Jack) H. Fahmi and for his sister Alice R. Blahnik. Mr. Fahmi was a retired Lowell businessman and Mrs. Blahnik was a retired employee of Michigan Bell. They passed away within eight hours of one another.

Mr. Fahmi, aged 84, passed away Sunday, December 17. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Frank (Jacquelin) Miller and three grandsons, Gregory, Dix and Dan of Grand Rapids; a sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kieft, and nieces and nephews. Mr. Fahmi was a member of the Lowell Masonic Lodge 809 Olive Affairs Committee. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Dr. Richard Greenwood officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Blahnik, aged 77, also of Lowell, passed away Monday morning, December 18. She is survived by eight nieces and one nephew.

GLESSON — Mr. John G. Glesson, aged 62, of Whitewater Rd., also passed away unexpectedly late Saturday evening, December 16, 1978, at his home.

Mr. Glesson was a veteran of WWII, a retired captain from Company D 113 Engineers of the Michigan National Guard and was a mechanical engineer for the American Seating Co. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis N. Glesson; three sons, John Jr. of Alto, Mark of Grand Rapids, and Gregory Glesson at home; three brothers, Warren, Cornelius and Russell Glesson all of Mass.

The funeral mass will be offered Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. in the St. Patrick's Church, Alto, with interment following in the church cemetery.

Give a... GIFT CERTIFICATE

Closed
Dec. 25 - Jan. 2

Paul's Family Snowboat Restaurant
700 E. Main, Lowell, 897-9622

NOEL

May the flame of Peace burn brightly in your heart this Holiday Season

The Residents & Staff At Cherry Creek Nursing Home
350 N. Center St., Lowell

Coming Events

WED., DEC. 20: 20th Past Masters of Cyclamen Chapter #94 OES will hold their Christmas party at the Masonic Temple with Potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. Dish to pass and table service.

WED., DEC. 20: The Grand Rapids chapter of the National Secretaries Association (International) will meet at 6 p.m. in Lakes Dry Dock, 310 Pearl St., Grand Rapids. For further information contact Jean Bonzealar, 942-2616 or 532-3835.

THURS., DEC. 21: 4-H Service Club Roller Skating Party at the Ionia Skating Rink, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Party is for all 4-H members, leaders and their families. Contact the 4-H Office if you plan on attending.

THURS., DEC. 28: Hooker Chapter #73 RAM will hold its regular December convocation in the Masonic Temple at 119 Lincoln and Avenue. All members are urged to attend.

MON., JAN. 8: Lowell Athletic Club will meet at 7:30 at the Charles Dykhuizen residence, 12620 Grand River Dr., SE, Phone 897-5221. Everyone welcome.

MSU AIDS FARM WIVES

The Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service is planning a series of dairy meetings designed to help the farm wife become more proficient in her management decisions.

There are 14 meetings planned throughout Michigan, beginning Jan. 9 and concluding Feb. 2. The meetings for women in Kent County will be Feb. 2 at Allendale Township Hall with Lawrence Steppins as host. The meeting runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For Ionia County, the meeting is Jan. 17 at the Scale House.

Details on enrollment or registration for one of these meetings can be obtained from the local county Extension Service host office.

Mint Sets Are Ideal Gifts

Christmas shoppers should keep their local post office in mind as a source of gifts, Lowell Postmaster Charlie Doyle suggests.

Several varieties of inexpensive philatelic items suitable for Christmas gifts are on sale at the Lowell post office and at most post offices throughout the country and are also available by mail order from the Philatelic Sales Division in Washington.

The products are key items in Postal Service efforts to create new stamp collectors. They include Stamp Collecting Kits, priced at \$2 each, have topics ranging from space to sports, and each kit contains enough stamps to start a collection. Also included are a small album, mounting hinges, inset sheets for additional stamps, and a 32-page booklet entitled "The ABC's of Stamp Collecting."

"Stamps and Stories" is the popular pocket-sized book which tells the stories of more than 2,000 stamps with illustrations and other information such as current catalog values. It sells for \$3.50.

Holiday Greetings

It's a pleasure to greet our many patrons and wish them the very best.

Gary's Country Meats
205 E. Main — Lowell

cozy corner

By Roger Brown

Sunday was the Reynolds Clan's annual Christmas party. My mother was a Reynolds which makes me a Reynolds once removed and I guess that my kids are Reynolds' twice removed. Anyway, we were all at the party and every year the crowd gets bigger with the appearance of new girlfriends or boyfriends, fiances, husbands or wives, and, of course, kids.

My grandparents, who were both at the party, must be amazed at what has happened to their family since the first of their kids was married thirty-one years ago. Their three children became six when married, those three marriages resulted in twelve grandchildren, six of the grandchildren are married bringing six spouses and nine great-grandchildren into the family. We were all there with only one cousin missing but her place was taken by another cousin's girlfriend, which makes for a grand total of thirty-five, and that's one heck-of-a-big party.

All of the traditional things were there, such as the oysters. You aren't really an official member of the family until you've let grandpa or one of the uncles prod you into eating a raw one. As usual, most of the men gather in front of the TV for the football game and scream wildly at every bewildered toddler that wanders between them and the tube. In the meantime, the women prepare the feast, and partake of the abundant holiday cheer. The meal has evolved into a buffet style affair as opposed to a big sit-down feast, mainly because nobody has a table big enough to seat thirty-five people.

Immediately following the opening of presents, all the children are required to sing songs or recite poetry. This year the six oldest great-grandchildren (my Angie is the oldest at five) lined up and sang Christmas songs. It didn't seem to me that it was very long ago that my cousins and I were doing the same thing.

Well, that's how the Reynolds' celebrate Christmas. I hope you have a nice way to celebrate it, too, and may you and yours have a very Merry Christmas.

CHUCKLELINE

Inebriated toast to hostess: "Do lemons have brown legs?"
Hostess: "No, of course not!"
Guest: "Golly, I guess I just squeezed your canary into my drink."

Season's Best

Warm greetings of the Season to all our patrons. We look forward to serving you again!

TRAPP'S Sporting Goods
8154 E. Fulton, Ada, 676-5901

Season's Greetings from all of us... To all of you!

The City Of LOWELL

Due to the upcoming Christmas and New Year's Holidays, our offices at 301 East Main Street will be closed all-day on Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1.

Rule Says Prescription Yours

The Federal Trade Commission's new rule on the advertising of eyeglasses, contact lenses and eye examinations prohibits ophthalmologists and optometrists from charging patients anything more than the normal examination fee for releasing a prescription.

The rule also requires a practitioner to give a patient a copy of the prescription immediately, before any dispensing of eyewear begins. The decision as to where that prescription is filled then rests with the patient. The FTC found that many consumers had never seen a prescription for eyewear, so they did not know that they could take the prescription and compare prices just as they can for prescription drugs.

NOEL

May your Christmas tree be bright with ornaments... and your heart be bright with love & laughter!

Petroleum Suppliers, Inc.
525 W. Ottawa St., Lowell, 897-8419

GREETINGS

holiday greetings to all our friends

May we take this opportunity to wish you the best of everything at Christmas time.

Fairchild Oil Company
1102 Lincoln Lake Ave., Lowell

Mistletoe For Kiss Or Charm

To most people, mistletoe means an excuse to steal a kiss at Christmas time. But that's just one of many traditions that have been associated with this curious, parasitic plant, according to the current issue of National Wildlife magazine.

"For centuries, people all over the world have considered mistletoe to be a charm against disease, witchcraft, and infertility," says the bi-monthly publication. Mistletoe superstitions probably came about because of the unusual and rather eerie way in which the plant grows.

Mistletoe flourishes in branches on the trunks and clumps of various hardwood trees, where it robs its host tree of water and nutrients. Often, the host tree is so weakened that it dies. But since mistletoe can produce its own food when necessary, the parasite remains green and moist.

Because they were unable to explain how mistletoe grew, ancient civilizations believed the plant had supernatural powers. Peasants in both England and Japan believed that barren women would be able to conceive after eating mistletoe. The Wal-



lots and housing developments. With this destruction of breeding and feeding habitat, the role of feeding stations has become increasingly important.

Bird feeding is especially important during the winter months when birds must eat more food to maintain their high body temperatures. Like humans, birds maintain a nearly stable body temperature throughout the year. Their body temperatures are higher than humans', thus requiring more food to fulfill their greater energy requirements. The average body temperature of most perching birds is 105 degrees F and the level of sugar in their blood is twice that in human blood. It takes a good supply of high-energy food, such as seed or suet (beef fat), to enable birds to overwinter in a severely cold area.

Feeding can also be especially important to bird survival during late winter and early spring when birds are beginning to migrate north on their return to their nesting habitat. Unseasonal storms and snows can cause birds to pause during migration only to find that food supplies have already been depleted or buried under fresh snow. Little can be done for birds such as Purple Martins which are dependent on flying insects. But most species will find the suet and seeds at your feeder a welcome reprieve. —Steve Harrington.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!

Sunday, December 31,
9 P.M. to ?

Serving Beer & Wine From 9 p.m. till 12 Midnight
Liquor Until 4:00 A.M.

MUSIC BY... Country Pride

Moose Lodge No. 809
210 E. Main St.

Of all the days of the year, there's one which commemorates the greatest expectations, Christmas... the birthday of Jesus Christ.

It is the promise of salvation, inherent in this unique occasion, that fills us with joy and hope.

We're anxious to hear again, the good news of God's love for man delivered to us today as new and fresh as on that first Christmas morn so many, many years ago.

The people of Amway Corporation—over three thousand four hundred employees and their families—wish you and everyone in our community the happiest of Christmas Seasons and a most prosperous New Year.

May the sound of sleigh bells and Christmas carols fill the air as we join with family and friends to celebrate the world's most joyous event.

looking back...

a few notes from
Ledgers of 10, 20,
30, 40, and 50 years ago...

ten years ago

Harold Englehardt has been named as chairman of the State Savings Bank Board of Directors. The chairmanship was left vacant by the death of C. H. Runciman. Everett (Steve) Wittenbach is appointed to the board to fill the vacant seat.

A local advisory group is formed to obtain signatures on a petition requesting another election in an attempt to gain more operating mileage for the Lowell Area Schools. The School Board has announced that it will not seek another election, following last week's defeat of a millage attempt. Lowell cagers win their first Tri-River contest 84-66 over Greenville.

thirty years ago

Barricades are put up as Brown Brothers Construction Co. of Lansing prepares to demolish the old Ada bridge over the Grand River. There has been much protest over the removal of the bridge, but the State Highway Department decides to tear it down because of the \$60,000 price tag to put it back in good repair. The bridge has been in service since 1919 and was the scene of many serious accidents.

State Highway Department Commissioner John Mackie will be the principal speaker at ceremonies dedicating the opening of I-96 from Portland to Hastings Road. An aerial shot in the Ledger shows the stretch of the new highway just east of Hastings Rd. that is split and skirts either side of a large swamp. There is talk of creating a driver's rest area here.

forty years ago

The historic White's Bridge, Ionia County's only covered bridge has been condemned with no traffic allowed to pass over it. It is however, presumed that the bridge will be preserved as an historical landmark.

The C. E. Chappelle Construction Co. of Sylvania, Ohio is the low bidder for the construction of a new Post Office in Lowell. It is expected that construction of the new building will begin shortly. The bid placed by Chappelle was \$47,121.

fifty years ago

Superintendent of Lowell Schools Walter Gunner, ordered Lowell Schools closed for at least five days due to an influenza epidemic. At this point, there are 155 students and three teachers already absent because of the flu.

A. H. Stormzaand begins construction of a 30' x 60' addition to his Central Garage which is located across from the Post Office, wherever that was fifty years ago.

Having recently purchased the Lowell Specialty Company, H. D. Hudson, president of Minnesota's Hudson Manufacturing, announces before the Lowell Board of Trade that the merger of the two companies will result in the building of the largest sprayer factory in the world.

"Marriage makes two one—but which one?" Anonymous

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!

It's such a pleasure to say thank you to our many friends and customers at Christmas.

Hahn's Hardware
207 E. Main, Lowell, 897-7501

Switchboard Will Train Helpers

Switchboard is Kent County's only 24-hour crisis phone line. Trained volunteers staff the phone line for people of any age to call with their concerns. These concerns can pertain to loneliness, depression, family problems, suicide, alcoholism, etc.

Switchboard also serves two other purposes: community information and referral, and answering service for other crisis agencies in Grand Rapids (i.e., Rape Crisis Team, Family Service Outreach, Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect).

Switchboard is having another volunteer training from January 27 to February 3, 1979. The training is 50 hours of intensive empathy learning with topic input (i.e., suicide, death). The training is offered for free in exchange for a commitment of one shift a week and several hours of subbing a month for six months.

To apply for our training or for further information, simply call Switchboard at 774-3335.

No Christmas on Christmas Island

Because its inhabitants are Buddhists and Mohammedans, Christmas Day is never celebrated on Christmas Island. Located in the Indian Ocean. And no Christmas festivities are held in Santa Claus's hometown of Myra, Turkey. The legendary birthplace of St. Nicholas is a Mohammedan community.

Christmas Joy!

Have a happy holiday season enjoying your favorite sports, indoors and out!

Ski-Way

LOWELL, MICHIGAN
11988 E. Fulton - 897-5496

1978 GREETINGS

A Merry Christmas to all our wonderful friends. We hope that you enjoy doing business with us as much as we enjoy having you as our customer.

From Howard and Evelyn West

holiday greetings

May good health, happiness and prosperity decorate your Holidays.

King Milling Company
— Lowell —

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Harold Ziegler FORD

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Phone: 897-8431 or 642-6167

Botano-Chemicals: New Name In Energy

The polonista may be more than just a pretty flower at Christmas. Chemists in the Science and Education Administration are studying that plant and hundreds of others to determine how much and what kind of hydrocarbons the plants can produce. Hydrocarbons are hydrogen and carbon compounds such as natural rubber and turpentine from plants, and gasoline and kerosene from petroleum. Species ranging from pesky weeds to exotic ornamentals have shown potential as new sources of rubber and fuel as well as food and fiber. A sampling of plants showing great potential includes: guayule (studied as a rubber crop during World War II), common milkweed, sow thistle, and Indian plantain.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Thanks so much for your support and patronage. We hope to continue serving you in the future. The best wishes of the season to all of our friends.

We will be closed Dec. 24 thru Jan. 3

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For WEST MICHIGAN Sportsmen

by Denny Geurink

TRY SNOWSHOEING THIS WINTER

There are certain things in life they say that are inevitable, such as taxes and old age. Well, here in Michigan you can add at least one more thing to that list: winter. Although some will bemoan the fact and try to stall it or dismiss it in their own minds (think spring!), winter will come as sure as wrinkles and 1040's. So why not enjoy it? Most Michigan residents do. In fact, many gleefully await its return with snowmobile throttle and ski pole in hand. Witness the growing popularity of down hill skiing, snowmobiling and cross country skiing. These sports have caught fire here in Michigan during the past few years. And now, say recreation specialists at the DNR, there's another sport you can add to that popular winter recreation list—snowshoeing.

Although it's seemingly new sport to Michigan, historians note that snowshoes have been around in various forms for the last 5,000 to 6,000 years. And wherever snow is deep and winters long, snowshoes are a practical and inexpensive way to travel. (The states own snowshoe manufacturer, Iverson Snowshoes, Inc., in Shingleton, charges between \$35 and \$60 for a pair of wood-framed, seeprene-laced snowshoes. Price depends on style and size.)

Snowshoeing doesn't take any particular skill. At first you may feel as if you should wade with a straddle gait, but you'll soon learn it really isn't necessary. And although snowshoes are wider than normal shoes, they're designed so you can walk normally. Snowshoeing, however, does take a little adaptation of lazy muscles. And putting these muscles to work is what makes snowshoeing good exercise.

Probably one of the most frequent praises of snowshoes is that they allow the walker a quiet means of roaming the winter landscapes. But there are other praises, too. Snowshoes, being short, flat, and rugged, can be easily stored in car or snowmobile. Many who travel alone, or in the back country, or over unbroken trails, carry snowshoes in case of emergency. They are a natural, old and practical form of winter travel.

Many snowshoe shapes are available, but if all were tossed in a pot and boiled down, the basic shapes would be:

The bearpaw, the oldest known snowshoe, which is still widely used today. The bearpaw is a short, wide snowshoe with a broadly rounded toe and heel.

The modified bearpaw, usually not as wide as the toe as the bearpaw and with a slightly longer, although still rounded tail. These bearpaws are basically circular, with the frames bent around so that the ends overlap to create a rounded tail shape.

The beavertail, or Westover modified bearpaw—longer in the tail area than its other two cousins.

The Maine, or Michigan, is a slightly longer version of the Westover modified bearpaw, with most of the extra length added in the tail. Unlike the circular frames of the true bearpaws, these teardrop shaped snowshoes have frames that come to a point at the heel.

The Alaskan, cross-country, Yukon or pickered could have either long or short tails, depending on the manufacturer, but even with short tails, these are all longer and a bit narrower than the bearpaw or the Maine-Michigan types. These models also have more toe turn-up than the shorter snowshoes.

The Ojibway or Athabaskan—the only style snowshoe made with a two-piece frame, which is easier to construct. All other styles must be steamed and bent from one piece of wood. Although the Ojibway must be bent and steamed, too, the bends are not as sharp so breakage during manufacture and use is not so common. The toes and heels of these long

shoes are pointed where the two pieces are lashed together.

Most snowshoe guides and texts urge you to buy a snowshoe shape to fit the terrain you'll be traveling. For example, they say if you prefer walking in the woods that you should pick snowshoes that will maneuver around trees and stumps in narrow places.

The heavier longer shoes, the heavier they'll be when loaded with snow. But narrow, long-tailed snowshoes walk best in open, flat country where the snow is deep. These shoes "track well," a term that refers to the ability of the shoes to move steadily in the direction your feet are pointed without having to twist your feet to keep them in line. Long tails are usually heel-heavy, as they should be, to keep them tracking well.

When on an incline that's too steep for simple zigzagging, edging up or down will be necessary. This technique is done by twisting your heel around in the strap toward the hillside edge of the snowshoe, then applying your weight firmly on each step. That sets the shoes firmly in the snow close to the slope. Thus in hilly country, a narrow smaller shoe will probably work best for you.

The heavier you are, the bigger the snowshoes you need. Small bearpaws or modified bearpaws won't support the weight of a large person, especially when laden with heavy clothes, boots, pack or hunting gear. But you can't always count on packed snow. So the general rule is to follow the manufacturer's guidelines for purchasing shoes according to weight.

There's one point in wearing snowshoes that sets you back each step. However, the bigger the shoes, the more they will weigh, and the more snow they'll pick up.

1978 FOURTH BEST

Preliminary estimates are in, and according to these early figures this year's firearm deer season will go down in the record books as the fourth best ever. The DNR estimates the total harvest to be 127,500, or about six percent less than the 136,260 taken by hunters last year. (The current record harvest of 162,000 was set back in 1952.)

Although the Buck harvest was down about 17 percent from last year, it was still large enough to rank as the fifth largest on record. A total of 89,000 bucks were taken during the 16-day season compared with 106,780 taken last year.

Estimates are based on the DNR deer traffic survey of three major freeways and on reports received from the Mackinac Bridge and from DNR field biologists. Exact totals are not

available until spring.

Fewer bucks were taken this year due to last year's severe winter, the second severe winter in a row. Also adding to the decreased harvest this year was rainy weather on the third day of the season. "That third day was a washout for most hunters," says Joe Vogt, in charge of forest wildlife for the DNR. "Rain clouds covered most of the state, keeping hunters out of the woods and undercutting hunting pressure. But snow contributed to hunter success in the western U.P., especially in eastern Iron County."

The Upper Peninsula recorded the biggest percentage increase in antlerless deer harvested, 2,000 this year compared with 1,180 last year.

That increased antlerless harvest was also evident in the Lower Peninsula. Statewide the antlerless harvest was up 31 percent from last year and was the highest since 1969. In the northern Lower Peninsula, hunters took an estimated 28,000 antlerless deer, up from last year's 22,000. In the southern Lower Peninsula, hunters set a record with 8,500 antlerless deer taken. Last year's total was 6,300.

A record number of bucks were also taken this year in the southern Lower Peninsula, 20,300. Last year 19,560 were taken. Biggest decrease in bucks was in the northern Lower Peninsula where an estimated 52,900 were harvested compared with 71,080 last year. This was also the area of greatest loss in winter in the Upper Peninsula. Slightly fewer bucks were taken, 15,800 this year compared with 16,180 last year.

Overall, northern Lower Michigan continues to record the largest number of total deer taken by hunters, 80,900, down from last year's 93,080. But southern Lower Peninsula hunters set a new record with 28,800 deer taken, up from last year's 25,860. In the Upper Peninsula, 17,800 deer were harvested, up slightly from last year's 17,320.

Jim Walker, DNR hunter safety specialist, says this year's firearm deer season was a safe one.

"There were 19 DNR recorded accidents by firearms during the season and two fatalities," he says. "Last year there were 23 accidents and seven fatalities."

He attributes the reduced fatalities to hunter safety training and to the mandatory requirement that hunters wear blaze orange while in the woods.

Ice for Christmas? . . . Maybe. Right now it looks like ice fishermen might be able to spend some holiday time aboard their favorite lake—barring any prolonged thaws. More on ice fishing (or lack of it) next week.

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Put Your Own Tree This Christmas

You might think the pick-your-own-season is over for the year. But one crop remains: Christmas trees.

Cutting your own Christmas tree can be a rewarding, nostalgic family experience. It can also give you some insights into how this valuable Michigan crop is produced.

Christmas trees are planted and tended like any other crop. The big difference, of course, is that Christmas trees take six or seven years to grow to harvest size.

Buying a tree direct from the grower may save you a little money, but the major advantage in cutting your own tree include a better selection of trees to choose from and the assurance that you are obtaining a fresh tree. You tend to get top value for your money when you cut your own, and you can take the opportunity to make a family outing of obtaining the tree.

With a minimum of care, a tree you cut yourself should easily last the normal three to four weeks of the holiday season.

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Give College Week For Christmas

Looking for that perfect Christmas gift for someone special this year? Why not give that friend or relative a learning vacation at College Week, on the campus of Michigan State University.

College Week numbers are growing every year. Last year, more than 1,200 participants (ages 17 to 86) came from every county in Michigan to take part in approximately 50 classes, workshops, discussions and just plain fun.

Among the topics to be covered in classes during College Week, June 18-21, 1979, are weight control, menopause, stress, nutrition, self-esteem, retirement, photography, families in transition, inflation, energy conservation and local government. And, one of the best parts of attending classes is that there are no grades.

According to Wilma Miller, College Week program coordinator,

Watch For Highway Rip-offs

Automobile Club of Michigan warns drivers heading for the sunny South that some service stations along I-75 in Georgia and Florida are swindling out-of-state customers and suggests what to do to avoid rip-offs.

Triple-A has received complaints from hundreds of motorists saying they were victims of sales tactics, high-pressure sales efforts and even sabotage of their automobiles at service stations along I-75, I-95, I-10 and I-4.

The administrator of Georgia's Office of Consumer Affairs has thrown the light of publicity on the many complaints of rip-offs, even at major-brand stations. Its publication tells what happens to out-of-state cars that fall into a rip-off station. The driver and family head for the restrooms and the attendant lifts the hood. A razor is sometimes used to cut belts or hoses. An Alfa-Spitzer battery may be dropped into the battery causing an explosion, smoke and flame after the cap is replaced.

The attendant may check the engine oil, but not insert the dipstick fully into the crankcase in a technique known as "short sticking." When the driver returns, the attendant points out the need for new belts, hoses, battery or oil.

Auto Club suggests these steps to avoid rip-offs or cope with them if they occur:

"Have the car thoroughly checked by a reputable mechanic before the trip.

"Never leave a car unattended. Watch everything the attendant does.

"Phonically check tire pressure each morning. Don't let attendants check tires unless one is low or damaged.

"Be skeptical of suggested repairs, especially if pressure or scare tactics are used. Get a second opinion from a nearby station if in doubt.

"If swindled, get a receipt showing the name and location of the station. Insist on taking replaced parts. Complain to the seller company if there is evidence of a swindle. Major oil companies have consumer relations departments to handle such complaints.

"Notify local police if a car is damaged. In Georgia, report any incident to the Office of Consumer Affairs by calling toll-free 1-800-382-4900 at no cost.

Tips For Toy Buying

When giving toys to children this holiday season, be sure to give toys which will provide hours of fun—not serious boredom. Remember to match the toy to the child's size and age. Many toy packages have labels such as "Not recommended for children under three." Keep in mind too that younger children may be able to get hold of toys designed for an older brother or sister. Toys which are safe for older children, such as chemistry sets or electrical toys, can be lethal in the hands of toddlers.

Keep safety in mind when shopping for toys. Look for sharp edges, points and protrusions. Some toys have small removable parts which can be swallowed or become lodged in a child's throat or nose. Dolls or stuffed toys for smaller children should have embroidered eyes rather than metal or plastic buttons. Keep in mind that the squeaker in some squeak toys can become loose and possibly be swallowed.

If the toy is a noisemaker, operate it yourself to find out just how much noise it makes. Some toys are capable of damaging a child's hearing. For example, some cap guns may be extremely harmful when they are held close to the ear.

Make sure cloth or stuffed toys are non-flammable or flame resistant. The label should indicate this as well as tell whether the toys are stuffed with hygienic, washable material. Look to see that painted toys are painted with a non-toxic paint.

After the toy is brought home, go over all the directions and teach the child how to play with it properly. Although many children seem to find the toy's package as just as fascinating as the toy itself, wrapping materials like plastic or string could be dangerous. Be sure to discard any ropes, strings or wires or plastic wrapping which could cause an injury or suffocation.

Check the toy periodically for damage and wear and tear. Look for such things as splinters, jagged edges, weak seams and rust. A tear or break in a toy could expose a potentially dangerous sharp end or point. If toys are left outside, they can be damaged by moisture; this can turn a safe toy into a dangerous one.

Toys for infants and toddlers deserve special consideration. Select a toy which is too large to be swallowed and does not have any detachable parts or sharp edges. Make sure there are no cords or string which could cause a child to strangle. There also shouldn't be any parts which could pinch tiny fingers or pull hair.

There are state and federal agencies charged with protecting consumers from unsafe toys. In Michigan, retail outlets which sell toys must register with the Department of Agriculture's Food Inspection Division. This agency also has the authority to pull dangerous toys out of stores. Its address is: Lewis Chem. Building, 5100 Floor, East Lansing, MI 48824. Telephone: 337-1000.

On the federal level, the Consumer Product Safety Commission wants to know about unsafe toys and any injuries they may cause. Its address is: 5410 Westward Ave., Washington, D.C. 20237. Toll-free telephone: 1-800-638-2666.

Plant Of The Week: Christmas Pepper

Unlike the Jerusalem cherry, a Christmas plant that bears poisonous fruits, the Christmas pepper (*Capsicum annum*) contains no threat to inquisitive youngsters. Its fruits are edible—but very, very hot.

Michigan State University horticulturists point out that the Christmas pepper is a member of the plant family that includes the familiar garden peppers. It is grown primarily as a seasonal pot plant, however, though its hot little fruits can be used for seasoning in spicy dishes.

The Christmas pepper is a compact plant with erect stems and oblong green leaves. Cone-shaped fruits, which turn from yellow to bright red when ripe, feature white, star-shaped flowers at the tips of the stems. The average to warm home temperatures—about a night minimum of 60-65 degrees F—direct sun are best.

Water whenever the soil surface feels dry to keep the soil around the roots uniformly moist but not soaking wet.

The Christmas pepper needs no fertilizer when it has flowers or fruits. Discard the plant when it begins to lose its attractiveness.

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MICHIGAN MARASCHINOS

If you're looking for something to spruce up holiday meals, try adding garnishes of maraschino cherries to your favorite recipes.

Good things are growing in Michigan and about 75% of the 31,500 tons of sweet cherries harvested in Michigan this year are being processed into festive red and green cherries. Our state ranks second in the nation for maraschino production, according to the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

To grow your Christmas pepper from seed, you can sow seed into pots as late as June for fruiting plants for the holidays. Grow in standard houseplant potting soil under greenhouse conditions, with a minimum night temperature of 55-60 degrees F. Pinch the growing shoots to encourage bushiness. Fertilize once a month until flowering begins.

White flies may become a pest of Christmas pepper. Discard plants past their prime, and treat those worth saving with malathion.

GREENFIELD VILLAGE OFFERS SPECIAL YULETIDE PROGRAMS

Greenfield Village is offering two special programs for individuals or groups to celebrate the Yuletide season in an early American tradition.

"Heritage Hall Yuletide" includes a punch reception, a sleigh or wagon ride (depending on the weather) and a walking tour in the Village, winding up with hot cider. The "Heritage Hall Yuletide" is completed with a turkey dinner served in Henry Ford Museum's Heritage Hall.

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Quick 'N Easy: Fruitcakes

Tiny, individual fruitcakes can be made about one week in advance and put away in a covered container until you're ready to serve them.

You'll need one pound fruit cake (dark). 1 1/4 cups confectioners sugar. 1 teaspoon vanilla. 1 teaspoon cocoa. 6 to 8 teaspoons water.

Place wire rack over a waxed paper, extending paper a little beyond rack. Cut fruit cake into 1 inch cubes with sharp knife and stand on rack.

In a bowl mix the sugar, cocoa, vanilla, and water until thick and smooth. Drizzle over fruit cake squares, covering tops and sides as it runs down.

Top each square with a piece of candied fruit or a pecan half. Let stand an hour to set before storing in a covered container. Approximately 25 pieces.

RESEARCH STUDY SEEKS HEART ATTACK VICTIMS

"Can heart attacks be prevented by lowering cholesterol?" is the question facing a team of University of Minnesota researchers conducting a study of the relationship between heart disease and cholesterol.

Most heart disease results from atherosclerosis or hardening of the arteries. A clue to the cause of atherosclerosis may be cholesterol, a fatty substance, found in the blood stream. However, it is still uncertain whether lowering cholesterol actually prevents heart attacks.

The University is seeking persons who have had only one heart attack in the past 30 months and who are between the ages of 30 through 59. Anyone interested in more information may call the University of Minnesota Hyperlipidemia Study collect at 612-377-4494.

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Don't Let Spills Dampen Spirits

"Dinner was delicious!" After cooking a holiday gourmet feast for family and friends, those words can be music to your ears.

However, don't let your holiday spirit deflate as your eyes gaze over the greasy food messes accidentally dripped on beautiful table linens and around the kitchen.

Before panic sets in, remember that greasy after-dinner clean-ups are made easy with degreaser. To remove greasy food stains from washable tablecloths, napkins and even your apron, squirt some degreaser on the trouble spots before laundering. Its grease-cutting action is compatible with detergents.

Messy kitchen clean-ups are also made easier with the degreaser. Squirt it on all areas of the stove—range top, hood, burners—and other soiled and greasy appliances and wipe with a damp sponge.

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Council Proceedings...

Official Proceedings of the Council of the City of Lowell, Michigan.

Regular Meeting of Monday, December 4, 1978.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Collins. The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and the Roll called.

Present: Councilmen Carter, Christiansen, Heath, Warning and Collins.

Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Heath that the Minutes of the November 20 meeting be acted as written, supported by Councilman Carter.

Carried.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Heath that the Bills and Accounts Payable be audited and warrants issued, supported by Councilman Carter.

Yes: Councilmen Carter, Christiansen, Warning and Collins.

Abstain: Councilman Heath.

No: None.

Official Proceedings of the Council of the City of Lowell, Michigan.

WHEREAS, the cost of said tanker shall be shared proportionately by the participating units as follows:

Lowell Township	\$13,060.81
Vergennes Township	\$13,156.83
City of Lowell	\$18,655.24

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to expend \$18,655.24 as the City of Lowell's share for the purchase of a new fire tanker and chassis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said funds are to be expended from the Equipment Fund (Fire Truck Reserve Fund).

Yes: Councilmen Carter, Christiansen, Heath, Warning and Collins.

No: None.

Absent: None.

Approval of Tax Exemption Certificate Michigan Wire Processing Co.

Mayor Collins then reopened the Public Hearing on the request of Michigan Wire Processing Company, Inc. for a Certificate of Tax Exemption under the requirements of P.A. 198 of 1974.

A lengthy discussion followed. Mr. Don Deltrick of Michigan Wire stated that the new building constructed in the place of the old mineplant was 3,000 square feet, and the purchase of new equipment, totaling a cost of \$245,000.00. They will now employ approximately 24 people instead of 11.

Councilmen Christiansen and Carter both expressed opinions that all the companies that have requested the tax break would have expanded their plants anyway, that it was not a matter of not being able to expand without the break. Councilman Warning moved that the Tax Exemption Certificate be approved for the full 12 years.

Motion died for lack of support.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Heath that the Tax Exemption be granted for a period of 6 years, supported by Councilman Warning.

Yes: Councilmen Heath, Warning and Collins.

No: Councilmen Carter and Christiansen.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTABLE TOTALS

General Fund	\$85,859.39
Major Street Fund	\$ 1,478.02
Local Street Fund	\$ 8,390.17
Sewer Fund	\$13,636.83
Water Fund	\$21,465.40
Equipment Fund	\$ 6,482.70
Federal Revenue Sharing Fund	\$44,800.00
Storm Sewer Fund	\$ 3,200.00
Lee Fund	\$20,000.00

Council then discussed the proposed purchase of a fire truck through the combined efforts of the Fire Board members from Lowell and Vergennes Townships and the City of Lowell.

Approval of Purchased Fire Truck

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Christiansen, supported by Councilman Heath.

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell and the surrounding townships have joined together for the purpose of forming a Lowell Area Fire Board; and

WHEREAS, said fire board recommended purchase of

Lowell Area Schools, Lowell Michigan Board of Education Special Meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President David Miller.

Roll Call—Members Present: Miller, Kropf, Dowling, Janama, L. Miller, Heintzleman.

Members Absent: Thaler.

Motion by Janama, seconded by Kropf, to approve the agenda, as amended.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

BUSINESS

1. Superintendent Kelly reported that his communications with City Manager Ray Qua have resolved recent misunderstandings.

Survey

2. The board discussed questions to be asked in a community survey scheduled for early January. Results of this survey will be discussed at special board meeting on Monday, January 22, 1979.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, David Miller, President

Lowell Area Schools, Lowell Michigan, Board of Education Regular Meeting, November 13, 1978.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President David Miller.

Roll Call—Members Present: Miller, Kropf, Thaler, Janama, L. Miller, Heintzleman, Doug Heintzleman (tu rap)

Members Absent: Dowling.

Motion by Thaler, seconded by Kropf, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 9, 1978.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by Thaler, seconded by Janama, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on November 9, 1978.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by Kropf, seconded by Thaler, to approve payment of general fund bills 14071 through 14271, total \$84,113.27.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by Heintzleman, seconded by Janama, to approve payment of building and site bills 601 and 602, total \$1,400.50.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Motion by Janama, seconded by Lloyd Miller, to approve the agenda.

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Visitors were recognized.

Deb Haight, president of Runolman PTO, addressed the board on having mascots and school colors for the individual elementary schools. President David Miller referred the matter to the Superintendent who will meet with PTO chairpersons and school principals, reporting back at the next regular meeting.

Art Warning expressed his feelings that Recreation Park is not being properly taken care of by the school. President Miller replied that the facilities are used by the Y and the City, in addition to the school, and that the problems are not the result of the school's use of the facilities.

OLD BUSINESS

Personnel

A. Lloyd Miller reported the recommendations to increase substitute teachers' salaries. See Item 5 for motion.

Curriculum, Policies

B. Orion Thaler reported that he had met with the Elementary Social Studies Committee. He and Superintendent Kelly are presently reviewing all policies.

Motion by Thaler, seconded by L. Miller, to adopt the revision of Policy 9390.4 and new policy 3330 as presented.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Property Transfer

C. In the absence of Wayne Dowling, Superintendent Kelly reported that the Ionia and Kent Boards of Education have transferred the properties from Lowell to the Lakewood District (Fahrlt, etc.).

North Central

D. Superintendent Kelly and Gary Kemp, senior high school principal, reported on the North Central report. The staff had previously done a self-evaluation, and felt the Association report was much in line with the evaluation. NCA recommendations were: (1) K-12 curriculum coordination; (2) K-12 testing program; (3) Adoption of Health Program; (4) Additional Counselor; (5) Custodian Staff Increase; (6) Community involvement in all areas of management—ongoing campaign; (7) Individual in-house needs; (8) All athletic facilities should be located at the high school site. They stated many of the recommendations had been, or were being, met.

Bus Chassis

2. Motion by Heintzleman, seconded by Janama, to award the contract for the purchase of five 65-passenger bus chassis to Thomas Chevrolet at the low bid price of \$10,120.27 each.

Roll Call Vote: Janama Aye; Kropf Aye; D. Miller Aye; L. Miller Aye; Heintzleman Aye; Thaler Aye; Dowling absent.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Bus Bodies

3. Motion by Janama, seconded by Thaler, to award the contract for the purchase of five 65-passenger bus bodies to Allied Truck at the low bid price of \$8,087.70.

COMMISSION ORDER

[under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended]

PROHIBITING SPEARING - MUSKELLUNGE LAKES

The Natural Resources Commission, at its July 14, 1978, meeting, under the authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, ordered that all spearing be prohibited throughout 1979 on the following waters except Chicago Lake and the Center Chain of Lakes where spearing is prohibited during January and February only.

Alaie	County
Kingston	Alger
Dumont	Allegan
Osterhout	Allegan
Clear	Barry
Sawyer	Barry
Thornapple	Barry
Cornwall Impoundment	Cheboygan
Caribou	Chipewaga
Budd	Chase
Sawyer	Dickinson
Bass	Gogebic
Long	Grand Traverse
Lansing	Ingham
Long	Josco
Chicago	Iron
Emily	Iron
Iron	Iron
Robinson	Iron
Rudle	Iron
Stanley	Iron
Swan	Iron
Center Chain of lakes	Jackson
Center, Round, Moon, Price, Oloott, Little Oloott, Dollar, Wolf, Little Wolf and connecting waters)	Leelanau
Campau	Kent
Dean	Kent
Nepesing	Lapeer
Wilmont	Lapeer
Woodland	Livingston
Brevort	Mackinac
Macon	Macomb
Bas	Montmorency
Brooks	Newaygo
Heron	Oakland
Tippeco	Oakland
Osage	Oakland
St. Joseph	St. Joseph
Long	St. Joseph
Murphy	Tuscola
Bankson	VanBuren
Carle	VanBuren
Round	VanBuren

COMMISSION ORDER

[under authority of Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended]

LAKE TROUT SPEARING - STATEWIDE BAN

The Natural Resources Commission, at its July 14, 1978, meeting, under the authority of Sections 1 and 2, Act 230, P.A. 1925, as amended by Act 82, renewed the order of August 10, 1973, that no person shall take lake trout by means of a spear or bow and arrow from any of the waters over which this state has jurisdiction for a period of five years effective January 1, 1979.

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Absent: None.

Mayor Collins then reopened the Public Hearing on the request of Metric Manufacturing Company, Inc. also for a Tax Exemption Certificate under Public Act 198.

Approval of Tax Exemption Certificate Metric Manufacturing Co.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Warning that the Tax Exemption Certificate be approved for a period of 6 years, supported by Councilman Heath.

Yes: Councilmen Heath, Warning and Collins.

No: Councilmen Carter and Christiansen.

Absent: None.

(Copies of full prepared resolutions attached.)

Council then discussed the waiving of the 1% collection fee on 1978 County Winter Taxes. Manager Quada stated that the City collects the taxes only for the County, and would lose nothing by waiving the 1% fee, and would gain very little if it was collected, and that it would really only be an added expense to the taxpayer.

Waiving of 1% County Tax Collection Fee

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Christiansen that the 1% fee on 1978 County Winter Taxes be waived, supported by Councilman Warning.

There was no Citizen Input or Suggestions.

Remarks From Council

Under Remarks from Council, Councilman Christiansen stated that he had had complaints from Christoff and Sons and the Schools about gas being stolen and vandalism on the premises. He asked about the possibility of street lights being installed. There are none West of the railroad tracks. A discussion followed.

The meeting was then adjourned by Mayor Collins at 9:10 p.m.

Approved: December 18, 1978.

DEAN E. COLLINS, Mayor

RAY E. QUADA, City Clerk

Workshop

6. Motion by Heintzleman, seconded by Thaler, to approve the Workshop IV proposal as presented.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Survey

7. After considerable discussion, the board decided to do a districtwide survey regarding extracurricular activities prior to a committee formation and action.

NEW BUSINESS

Alto Airconditioning

1. Repairs made and needed on the Alto air conditioning system were discussed. The board directed Superintendent Kelly to pursue the matter of liability further through correspondence and report back at the next meeting.

(Board member Lloyd Miller left the meeting.)

Field Trips

2. The board discussed field trips for parochial schools.

New Teachers

3. Motion by Thaler, seconded by Heintzleman, to offer teacher contracts to Frank Tom Burradell, Gary Heitz, and Janice Hanson.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Title IV B

4. A copy of our Title IV B proposal was discussed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Orion Thaler, Secretary

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Lions Aid Moose With Christmas Baskets



Rick Fonger, president of the Lowell Lions Club, presents a check to A. J. Zengri, chairman of the Loyal Order of the Moose Civic Affairs Committee to help fill Christmas Baskets.

Lowell's Loyal Order of the Moose continue a long-standing tradition with the assembling and distribution of Christmas baskets of food to help make sure all area families have a merry Christmas.

Lowell Lions boosted the effort with a check this week.

Moose Civic Affairs committee members under the direction of A. J. Zengri have held raffles and other fund raisers all year long for this project. Admission to Moose dances over the past month or two "cost" canned goods.

The Christmas basket tradition dates back to the beginning of the Moose Lodge itself. Around 40 families will benefit this year.

Longer Runway At Kent Airport

Relocation of Thornapple River Drive to make way for the \$5.75 million, 2,400-foot extension of the east runway at Kent County Metropolitan Airport is progressing, and bids for the construction of the runway section are scheduled to be opened Jan. 10.

Velting Contractors, Inc., of Grand Rapids is clearing brush, grading, filling and laying drainage structures for the new

Thornapple River Drive and these phases will continue through the winter if the weather remains relatively good, says David Groenleer, Kent County Road Commission director of engineering.

The relocated Thornapple River Drive is to be passable by June 1 when the existing Thornapple River Drive will be closed to traffic, he adds. Cost of this phase is \$461,123.

Robert M. Ross, director of aeronautics at the airport, states that construction of the extension will start immediately after the bid is awarded.

The project is slated to be finished by late 1979 if there are no delays.

Extension of the runway to 10,000 feet will permit loaded jumbo jets to land and take off from the airport. These planes will be able to fly nonstop between Kent County and Europe, Ross states.

Daverman Associates, Inc., of Grand Rapids is the design engineer for the extension. The total cost will be paid for out of federal, state and county funds. —Dave Barnes.

DNR Rates Area Fishing Only Fair

Michigan Department of Natural Resources reports that inland lakes are not satisfactory for fishing. A few lakes have produced good catches of bluegills and some specs. River fishing for steelhead on the Grand, Muskegon and White Rivers is rated fair to poor. Lakes still have only one to two inches of very poor quality ice.

Small game hunters and archers are getting a real break this year.

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month with moderate temperatures and reasonable snow cover. The best spots for partridge are the areas of northern Muskegon county, northern Kent, Montcalm and Gratiot counties.

Cross country and snowmobile trails on state land remain closed until after January 1. The West Michigan snowmobile trail between Ada and Yankee Springs is open for use when there is a minimum snow cover of four inches.

LEGAL HOLIDAY

The only religious holiday recognized as a legal holiday throughout the United States is Christmas. Alabama became the first state to declare Christmas a legal holiday, in 1836. By 1890 all other states had done the same.

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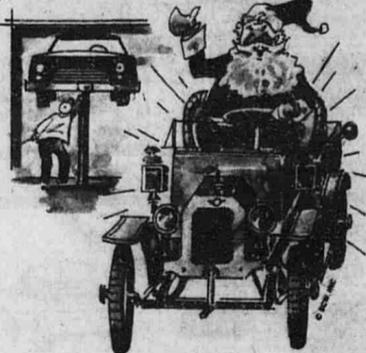


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LAAC Donates To Re-Float Campaign



Mary Siebers, board member of the Lowell Area Arts Council, presents a check from that group for \$100 to Don Rocheleau, co-chairman of the Re-float the Showboat Campaign.

The Board of Directors of the Lowell Area Arts Council met recently to discuss future projects which will be placed before the membership at its first meeting of the new year on Thursday, Jan. 11.

First item on the agenda was the decision to donate \$100 to help re-float the Showboat, which met with unanimous approval.

Results of auditions for the LAAC's second annual winter play, "See How They Run", will be announced the first week in January and rehearsals will begin for the February 21 through 24 production.

Members will elect new officers at the January meeting and fill a board seat vacant due to the expiration of Mary Siebers' term.

Plans for the January 21 concert featuring the New World Quartet, noted string ensemble, are progressing. A coffee hour with the musicians after the concert at the First Congregational Church will be held in the reception room. There will only be room for 200 to attend. Tickets are available from any Arts Council member or That Special Place.

Artrain will return to Lowell the last week of March and LAAC will aid the City of Lowell in coordinating the visit. Lowell will be the first community on the Artrain's Spring Tour, according to City Manager Ray Quada, chairman of Lowell Artrain. The Artrain will arrive on Monday, Mar. 26 and open either Tuesday or Wednesday, closing on March 30.

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