# The Grand Valley Ledger 



## santa claus parade televised

The Lowell Chamber of Commerce Santa Claus Parade will be televised on Lowell Cable Television's Public Access Channel 2 on the following dates and times: Wed., Dec. 11 at 12:00 noon, Thurs., Dec. 12 at 2:00 p.m., Fri., Dec. 13 at 4:00 p.m., Sat., Dec 14 at $10: 00$ a.m. and Sun., Dec. 15 at $1: 00$ p.m.
The Lowell First United Methodist Church service of Sunday, December 8 commemorating the second Sunday of Advent will be aired on the Public Access Channel on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7:00 p.m.

## ALUMNI HOCKEY GAME IS COMING

The Annual Lowell Red Arrows Alumni Hockey Game is slated for Thursday, December 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kentwood Ice Arena. Admission will be $\$ 2.00$ for adults and $\$ 1.00$ for students. Skaters are asked to arrive no later than $6: 15$ that evening.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SOCK HOP
The Lowell High School "Teens Involved" Group is sponsoring a New Year's Eve, 50 's style "Sock Hop". The Hop will be held at the American Legion Skating Rink on Tuesday, December 31 from 9:30 until 12:30. Teens are urged to dress for the occassion

Poodle Skirt and all! High School Students, Only, Please! Cost is $\$ 2.50$ in advance $\$ 3.00$ at the door.

SURPLUS COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION
Surplus government commodities will be distributed at the Lowell Moose Club at 210 East Main on Thursday, December 19 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW? .
. Excessive absenteeism at Lowell Senior High was reduced by $54 \%$ during the $1984-85$ school year as a direct result of the new attendance policy? Parents will be glad to know that Lowell Area Schools is one of the few school districts in Kent county to conduct regular school bus evacuation drills.

## OFF THE BLOTTER

Roderick Steel, $\mathbf{2 0}$, of lonia lost control of the car he was driving Thursday evening, December 5. Steel was westbound on Main near James Street, and went left of center striking a pickup truck driven by Phillip Dibble, 53, of Lowell. Steel's car then struck a truck trailer of another westbound vehicle driven by Kenneth Vanek, 29 of Kentwood Steel's car then bounced into a third Vanek, 29 of Kentwood. Steer's car then bounced into a third
westbound care driven by David Kampe, 31, of Lowell. No injuries were reported
were repored.
Russell Razmus, 25 , of Rockford MI struck the rear of a vehicle driven by Steven Fox, 25, of Wyoming, Friday afternoon, Dedriven by steven Fox, ain Street at the C\&O Railroad crossing. Razmus was injured in the accident.
Joan Kaminski, 68 , of Ada pulled from the curb lane of West Main Street near Broadway Wednesday, December 4 and struck a a car driven by Bonnie Grooters, 45 , of Lowell. There were no injuries.
David Williams, 26 , of Nashville, Mi was involved in a property damage accident Wednesday, November 27, when his car was struck from the rear by a car driven by Timothy Marshall, 27, of Muir.
Randy Miller, 19, of Lowell struck a fence on school property Monday Evening, December 2. No one was injured.
A car owned by Robert Houston sustained damage Saturday evening, December 7, when a car owned by Lori Tupper slipped from park into reverse on Chatham near Hudson Street, and struck Houston's parked car.
Michael Corwn, 20, of Lowell lost control of his pickup truck late Thursday evening, December 5 , and struck a tree on Fremont Street in Oakwood Cemetery near Washinton. No one was injured. Arested by Lowell Officers for driving while license suspended early Sunday moming was Lance Willingham, 19, of Belding. Taken to the Kent County Juvenile Detention Facility Friday afternoon, December 6 , was a Juvenile female from Lowell. Formal charges are pending at this time.
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## Lowell is aglow with the season

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Chamber of Commerce officially lit the downtown Christmas trees last Wednesday, despite a conflict with the High School Pep Band's schedule. I was neccesary to move the event forward a few minutes, and many people missed the ceremony. "I know a lot of people missed the throwing of the switch, and didn't get to hear the band play, but I hope the lights made up for their dissapointmade "up for Cheir dissapointBob Pfaller. The Pep Band had to leave at 6:45 to play Band "Meet to leave at $6: 45$ to play at a "Meet The Athietes" function at the
school. "We just didn't know that. school. "We just didn't know that. they had to leave early", Pfaller said.
Besides the city's lighted decorations and the 40 trees strung with lights purchased by the Chamber of Commerce, visitors to the downtown are treated to the sight of a beautifully lighted Showboat with a huge Christmas tree on the top deck. The view of the Showboat is probably at its best when either walking or driving slowly up Riverside Dr. Many residences have also joined in with extensive lights and decorations. The Keith Caldwell home at 555 Foreman and the Perry Beachum residence at 924 Riverside are two that are definately worth a look as you drive or walk past. The Chamber sponsored judging of Chamber sponsored judging of
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rounds judges will make their rounds beginning at $6: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. each evening, so if you want to be included in the competition, please have your lights on by that time. If your home is not in the city limits, but you would like to be included in the competition, please call the Chamber office at 897-8545.
On Thursday evening there will be competition among local church choirs as they sing Christmas Caroles on the downtown street corners. Santa Claus will be at Cousins' Cards \& Gift Shoppe from 6:30 until 8:00. The Bushnell Christmas Concert is also slated for Thursday evening at 7:00.

Other upcoming holiday festivities include Santa visiting at Heritage Meat Market from 2:00 until 4:00 on Saturday. On Monday the Runciman/Riverside Christmas Concert is at $2: 15$ p.m. and the Middle School p.m. Concert is at 7:30. On Tues=: PRECISION \& FASHION HAIRSTYLING - For both men and women. Man's World Hairstyling. Phone 897-8102.

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10 lb . bag ice, 96 k plus tax at Heritage Meat Market, Lowell 897-7049


This photo does not serve justice to the beautiful lighting at the 924 Riverside residence of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Beachum. There are several beautifully lit homes in the city this holiday season, making a drive or stroll around town a delightful experience.
day, December 17 Santa will be will leave from a coach stop set for carriage rides. The carriage at The Straw Basket from 6:30 up just north of Lambert's Vari- route will travel north up River until 8:00 and Horse Drawn Car- ety on Riverside Dr. The Athletic side to Mercer, east to Lincoln riage Rides will be offered from Boosters will be on hand to serve Lake, south to Elm and back to 5:00 until 9:00 p.m. The rides warm goodies to those waiting the coach stop.

## Meyer speaks to Rotary



Meyers quipped as he looked around at the audience, "There don't appear to be many runners here, so I won't bore you with a talk about my trainig program". Instead, Meyers talked about the business end of running. He said that runners of his caliber command fees of up to $\$ 20,000$ just to enter some of the big races like the Chicago, Boston and New York Marathons. He said that even though he earns a great deal of money from running and endorsements, he is still considered an amateur by Olympic standards. "Everything I make is first paid into a trust fund, from which I can draw a salary" Meyers said. The roundabout method of payment allows him nethers, to eam a living and others, to eam a living a their sport, while retaining amateur status
Meyer referred to his running as "a God given talent" and said that he feels he will never do anything as well as he is running
right now, "I feel blessed to be right now. "I feel blessed to be
able to make a good living doing what I love the most", he said.

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Following the payment of bills, the Board adopted the amended resolution to the budget for the 1985-86 school year. As required by law, periodic amendments to the current yuearf's ments to the current yuear' s
budget are made to adjust actual

The Board then took action on two personnel items. Approval was given to employ Nancy DeLoof as the Alto 2nd/3rd grade teacher to fill the vacancy created by Robyn Burradell's resignation. The Board accepted the resignation of half-time speech
pathologist, Maria Fotias, who
has accepted a full time position with Forest Hills Public Schools. In the last item of business, the board reviewed several proposals from engineering firms and construction companies regarding the replacement of the middle school roof. The proizet was awarded to Dan Vos Construction Construction Co. of Ada.

## Emergency phone use taught

Students in kindergarten lighting ideas stressed in the emergency and how to handle through fourth grade at St. Pat- program, a pencil and a balloon. the phone, Harper said, but a rick's School here are better Parents of these children also re- special program such as this reinequipped to handle the telephone ceived a letter explaining the
in an emergency thanks to a prog- program and its goals.
Known as "Teach a Child," Schlosser was impressed by the program shows children how "The ponse to her presentation. and when to use an operator in tions about telephone service emergencies, emphasizes the im- she said. "The response from portance of children knowing them was really positive. It was portance of childen khong ers addes was really positive. It was their phone numbers and addres- also well-received by the ses, and warns them about the teachers." dangers of playing phone St. Patrick's principal Pat pranks.
St. Patrick's is the first school St. Patrick's is the first school the presentation confronted chilin AT\&T's Lake Michigan dis- dren with information of which trict to be invovled in the prog- they have to be aware.
ram, which is conducted by "I think it exposed the children AT\&T volunteers and sponsored to the importance of knowing by a company community affairs their phone numbers and addrescommittee. Lois Schlosser, an ses and knowing just what to do AT\&T Grand Rapids operator, in an emergency," Harper said. made the "Teach a Child" presen- "These are things they really tation earlier this year. need to know. Anything that enAmong the techniques Schol- courages children to use the teleosser used during the presenta- phone properly is an excellent tion was role-playing, during aid."
which students simulated an Children are taught in regular perator and a customer during classes what to do in an an emergency situation. "This really brought it across to the children just what they should do if this kind of situation comes up," Schlosser said.
All children attending the presentation received a special packge with a coloring book high

The popular notion that Lincoln wrote the Gettys burg Addrote the Gettys of an envelope on the back fan envelope on the train fo Gettysburg is false. In fact, he started writing it aimost two weeks before the phone, Harper said, but forces those lessons.
"I think when someone comes in from AT\&T volunteers want to extend the program to other west Michigan schools. In fact, she will make a similar presentation to students at the Kelloggsville elementary school loggsville elementary school
early in 1986 . "As a compnay, I feel it's necessary that we take a leadership role in showing children the importance of handling themselves correctly during an emergency," Schlosser said. "And if the children come home from the presentation saying, 'AT\&T came to school today,' it reinforces the company's image in the home.

## 4-H Cookbook

Savor It, the new Michigan 4. H cookbook, has just been published and is available to help fill out your Christmas gift list. The 160 -page, spiral bound book contains nearly 500 recipes from Michgian 4-H leaders and members and national figures (President and Mrs. Reagan, Governor
and Mrs. Blanchard, Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Block of Agriculture and Mrs. Block,
etc.) Seven recipes from Kent etc.) Seven recipes from Kent County members and leaders are
included.

To purchase the book ( $\$ 6.50$ per copy), contact any 4-H member, or call the Kent County 4-H office at 774-3265.
"Main Street", cont'd.
Carl Lawrence, 18 , of Lowell skidded into a stop sign on Lincoln Lake Street and Foreman Road Tuesday evening, December 3. Very little damage was sustained to his vehicle.
Bry Russell, 25, of Lowell, Lloyd Powell, 58, of Lowell and Harry Kooistra of Dutton, MI struck and killed deer in 3 separate accidents this past week in Kent County just outside of Lowell. The Lowell Medical unit was dispatched 13 times in the month of November.
The biggest continent is Asia. At almost $17,000,000$ square miles, it's nearly 30 percent of the earth.

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