

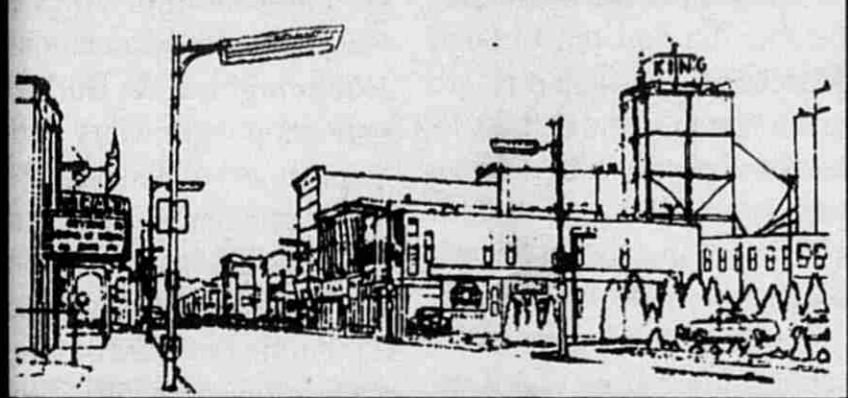
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Along Main Street



HOLIDAY POST OFFICE HOURS

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

MUSIC BOOSTERS CONCESSION STAND AT LMS

The Lowell Music Boosters will have a concession stand at Lowell Middle School at the boys basketball games.

MEET THE TEAM NIGHT

Meet the Team Night will be held on Monday, Dec. 5 at the Lowell High School gym at 7 p.m. Come and meet your winter sports teams and coaches.

Athletic Boosters, this will replace the monthly business meeting. Winter team reps will be introduced.

VISIT A WONDERLAND OF GIFTS

The Lowell Area Arts Center is brimming over with wonderful gifts from the studios of over 50 West Michigan artists. Stained glass, baskets, handmade soaps, clocks, jewelry, paintings and ornaments are just a few of the many items to select from.

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

LAAC WINTER PLAY AUDITIONS

Winter play auditions for the Lowell Area Arts Council winter play, "I Remember Mama" will be held at the Lowell Area Arts Center, Mon., Tues., Wed, Dec. 5, 6, & 7, from 7-9 p.m.

We need 12 woman ages 12 to 55 and 8 eight men ages 12 to 65. For more information call the Lowell Area Arts Council 897-8545.

BED & BREAKFAST OPEN HOUSE

McGee Homestead, 2534 Alden Nash NE, and Alden Pines, 1320 Alden Nash NE, will have their annual Open House on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 12 to 5 p.m. Refreshments and free Michigan Bed & Breakfast directories.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID MEETING

There will be a college financial aid meeting at Lowell High School at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

All twelfth-grade parents are encouraged to attend. The meeting is open to the public.

SOPHOMORE ACT PLAN TEST

The tenth-grade ACT plan test will be held Saturday, Dec. 3 at Lowell High School from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information see your high school counselor or call 897-4125.

FRESHMEN VOLLEYBALL COACH NEEDED

Lowell High School is in need of a Freshmen Volleyball Coach for the 1994-95 season. Persons interested should contact Barry Hobrla, Athletic Director at 897-4442.

LMS HOLIDAY BAND PROGRAM

Lowell Middle School seventh- and eighth-grade bands will be presenting their "Holiday Program" on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. in the middle school gym. Everyone is welcome to attend.

LEARN ADULT CPR

Give your family the gift of life this Christmas and learn adult CPR. The Lowell Area Fire Department Tate Memorial Community Training Center will be offering an adult CPR course on December 14 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Look Fire Station.

The fee is \$5. You must register for the class by December 7 by calling 897-5241 and leaving a message.

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Municipalities faced with library payments following Engler's library millage opposition

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

A key issue at the most recent election was the passage of the library millage. When the millage was narrowly passed, many municipalities figured their worries were over, but that has changed.

Voters in 26 municipalities passed the .68 millage for the Kent County District Library, but Governor Engler hasn't.

The voters' approval came too late to be automatically included in the winter tax bill and Engler has refused to sign legislation that would have put the measure on the tax bill.

"I don't know how the county can approve the measure only to have Engler refuse it. Because of his decision, the district may have problems with funding," said Carol Wieland, the library representative for the Lowell and Vergennes District.

Because of Engler's decision, municipalities will have to come up with payments that they thought were over.

For the city of Lowell and Lowell Township that will not be a problem. Both municipalities have budgeted library payments for the year.

The city had planned to use the money for funding of a new library, but that will be put on a one-year hiatus.

"We were looking to allocate our service payment for a new building, but well just put that off for one year," said Lowell City Manager David Pasquale.

Lowell Township Clerk Carol Wells said the township didn't take the payment off their budget until they were

completely sure the funding was in place.

However, all is not good news where Vergennes Township is concerned.

Vergennes hasn't figured their budget for the new year, but treasurer Jean Hoffman said a library payment may be difficult to budget.

"At this point, we're not sure how much of a library payment we can put in our budget - if anything. Our board will have to review the request and make a decision," said Hoffman.

The city's payment would be approximately \$16,000, Lowell Township would owe approximately \$20,000 and Vergennes Township would be more than \$12,000.

When Vergennes was initially given their figure, they threatened to drop out of the old library system. Only the structuring of a district library kept the municipality in the system.

Wieland said funding would need to come from all the municipalities, but if one or more couldn't come up with the funds, then "the piece of the pie becomes greater for the others."

"We can't go to the county because they are at their limit, so if one municipality couldn't come up with funds, that would mean more from others. And if that couldn't happen, then the only thing left is to cut down on the operating hours and services," said Wieland.

Textbook questions concern more than what's on the cover

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Most would not argue that the day will come when updating software for school computers will be higher on the priority list than updating textbooks.

Most would also agree that it doesn't mean students should be left using outdated books or that textbooks should ever be in short supply.

"I can personally guarantee that if there is a classroom situation where there are not enough books for every student and the teacher says it is necessary that every student have a textbook, books will be ordered immediately," Lowell interim superintendent Dick Korb said.

A textbook - count study carried out by James White, director of curriculum and instruction, would seem to indicate that this type of situation does not exist.

"Does Lowell Schools have a shortage of textbooks? No. Does Lowell Schools have old books that need updating? Yes," White explains. "When we

have shortages due to class size or lost books, we buy replacements."

White added that Lowell is on a five-year cycle of curriculum study which includes updating materials and textbooks. "However, we haven't purchased new books in the last two years because of financial restraints. Our problem isn't that there are not enough books. Our problem is in updating old textbooks," concludes White.

White conducted a study with the assistance of Lowell teachers in response to a concern levied by some parents and board member Ellen McClain. The study indicated that in most situations, teachers were content with their classroom book count.

Middle school principal Jim Harden and high school principal Jim DeWeerd both stated they have budgets for the use of purchasing textbooks.

"In the past, if the money budgeted is all used up and more books are needed, all we've had to do is ask," Harden said.

The half dozen or so teachers that the Ledger spoke to at both the high school and middle school levels all stated that they've always been able to purchase extra books when there has been a need.

McClain is concerned that in situations where classroom sets are being used, students don't have books to take home to study from or don't have homework because of the small number of books.

"Are we breaking copyright laws when teachers make copies from books so students can take homework or studies home with them?" McClain asked.

White said if it's done to meet the educational needs of a student or teacher, then it isn't a problem. "Obviously, you can't copy a whole book," White said.

The director of curriculum and instruction added that if such situations currently exist, it's because the need has not been brought forward by the teacher.

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Michigan Wire updates progress as it addresses neighbors' complaints

An update was given to the Lowell City Council on the progress Michigan Wire has made in addressing the complaints of noise and odor being emitted from the Lowell business on 138 S. Water.

Michigan Wire vice president Dean Lonick noted in a letter to the council that

there has been a considerable effort to clean up the backyard and to remove old equipment.

"During the months of September and October, 40 man-hours a week have been allocated to general cleanup," Lonick noted.

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OBITUARIES

FINGER - Mrs. Neoma G. Finger (nee Malcolm), aged 85, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, widow of Walter, passed away Tuesday, November 22, 1994. Surviving are her sister-in-law, Stella Malcolm; niece, Joan Roth of Lowell; and several other nieces and nephews. She was a member of St. Isidore Church and Altar-Rosary Society. A Mass of Christian Burial and Committal Service was celebrated Friday at St. Isidore Church. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorial contributions to Hospice of Western Michigan will be appreciated.

FOSTER - Floyd W. Foster, aged 91, of Alto, died Thursday, November 24, 1994. Memorial Services will be held Wednesday (today) 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of Alto. Rev. Todd Thompson officiating.

GRANT - Harold A. Grant, aged 70, of Ormond Beach, FL, formerly of Grand Rapids, passed away Saturday,

November 19, 1994, following a short illness. He was a member of the Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Ormond Beach. He was a U.S. Marine Vet during WWII, a life member of the First Marines Association and of the Guadal Canal Veterans Association, also a former Deputy Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus, a member of St. John The Baptist Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife, of 38 years, Elma; sons, Michael of Lowell, Daniel of Chicago; daughter Kathleen Chackler of CA; one grandchild. Services were held in Crescent City, FL.

TEESDALE (Weeks) - Norma Teesdale, aged 72, passed away Sunday, November 27, 1994. She is survived by her sisters Ella Hurley, Lowell; Emma Weeks, Belding; Marjory Wilson, Battle Creek; Lorna Capron, Ionia; a sister-in-law Helen Card, Rockford. The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered 10 a.m. Wednesday (today) at St. Mary's Church, Lowell. Fr. John A. Najdowski presider.

TUMA - Janet Eddy Thorne Tuma, aged 67, of Mt. Pleasant, passed away Friday, November 25, 1994, at her residence. She was born in Lowell on November 19, 1927, to Claude O. and Beth (Eddy) Thorne. She married Clarence Tuma in Lowell on June 19, 1949. She is survived by her husband; children, Jeffrey John (Vicki), David James (Lorie), Mary Beth (G. Michel) Minnis and Amy Sue (Robert) Madsen, all of Mt. Pleasant, Scott Douglas (Jamie) of Marquette; eight grandchildren; 2 sisters, Donna Johnson of Cascade and Barbara Zolliker of Philadelphia, PA; one sister-in-law Gladys Thorne, of Lowell. She was preceded in death by her

parents and one brother. Funeral will be held Wednesday, November 30 at Mt. Pleasant First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Stephen Shugert officiating. Interment Riverside Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Organ Fund or to Hospice of Central Michigan.

WITTRUP - Rev. Allen E. Wittrup, aged 82, of Grand Rapids, passed away Thursday, November 24, 1994 and went to be with his Lord. Memorial contributions may be left to the Allen Wittrup Fund of Snow United Methodist Church.

Library offers "Let It Snow" adult reading club

Grab a book and join the fun with Kent District Library's "Let It Snow" adult reading club. The "Let It Snow" reading club is a self-managed reading program designed to promote literacy and the enjoyment of reading as a leisure-time activity. Now in its fourth year, the club encourages readers of high school age and older to accomplish goals, discover new authors and explore new genres.

Scheduled to begin December 1st and run through March 31, participants are challenged to read at least 15 books. Readers who achieve this goal will be awarded a 1995 edition "Let It Snow" coffee mug and will be eligible for a drawing for a \$50 savings bond from Old Kent Bank. In their "Let It Snow" reading folders, members will receive a booklist of especially cool "winter reads" featuring stories of Arctic and Antarctic exploration, the Iditarod sled-dog race and other books and videos on Alaska and the polar regions. Participants will also receive a copy of "Race to the Pole" word search and trivia questions.

Exciting winter programs will follow the "Let It Snow" theme including:

*Dan & Lynda Anderson will bring their Siberian huskies to area branches for a

program about racing sled-dogs in the Iditarod.
*Gary Ivinskis, storyteller and school teacher, will tell stories about his experiences with the Inuit Indians of Alaska.
*Screenings of Alaska's *Great Race: The Susan Butcher Story* at select branches.
*A special family movie party at Loek's Star Theater on February 11, 1995.
Then, just in case readers get a little too chilly, they can warm up with workshops on Hummingbird & Butterfly gardening with Gary Dunn from Bugs on Wheels.
"Let It Snow" will culminate with a gala celebration at the VanAndel Museum Center: Public Museum of Grand Rapids on April 20, 1995. Michigan songstress Kitty Donahoe will entertain the audience with her unique blend of songs and stories dealing with Michigan's history. The event will include refreshments, awards, and air personalities from WOOD AM and EZ 105.7 FM. Ms. Donahoe's performance has been underwritten by a Library Service & Construction Act Grant.

According to Juli Agacinski, promotion director for WOOD AM and EZ 105.7 FM, "Let It Snow" is a

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Eickhoff told to "clean up" his business for license approval

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Terry Eickhoff's plans to have his towing service licensed have hit a snag.

On July 1 of this year, the state mandated that wrecking services must be licensed through them in order to crush cars. To obtain that license, Eickhoff needs the signature of a township official, but that won't happen until he cleans up his business.

The Lowell Township Planning Commission has set specific guidelines for Eickhoff to follow in order to operate in the township as a wrecking service.

At their October meeting, the planning commission discussed serving Eickhoff with a cease and desist order unless he came into compliance with township zoning ordinances and proper state permits.

The commission has

given Eickhoff until June 11, 1995, to fulfill their requirements if he wants to be licensed.

Those requirements include a total clean-up of the yard and a site plan showing his current buildings, as well as current and future uses of the property, drainage and commercial driveway access. The business must also be a storage and impound enterprise only, with a maximum of 90-120 day turnaround on all vehicles to have them removed.

Eickhoff must establish and maintain proper business hours and he must have a plan which guarantees proper fluid, waste and pollutant management. Finally he must provide completed soil borings.

At the township planning commission meeting last month, Eickhoff advised the commission that he does not

want to do dismantling of sales from his location. All he wants to do is the storage and impounding of vehicles.

Commission member Carol Wieland said Eickhoff's intentions are good as long as he doesn't

store parts for anything else than his vehicles.

"He indicated that he wants to keep parts for his

own vehicles and that is fine as long as there are only one or two parts and not 35," said Wieland.

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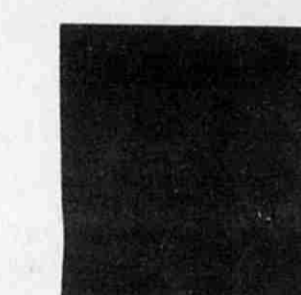
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Other areas addressed include the following:

- The noise abatement for exhaust fans is being investigated.
- The door to the air compressor being kept closed.
- There is a continuous effort to keep all doors closed.
- A diligence with unnecessary noise of employees.

• Instructions have been given for tanks to unload at all times into silos during day-light hours only.

Lonick said that only two months have passed since these problems were brought to his attention. "Every effort is being made to address them," he said.

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

The regularly scheduled December meeting of the Vergennes Township Planning Commission has been changed. The commission will meet on December 14, 1994 instead of the previously published date of December 21. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall at 10381 Bailey Dr.

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OFF THE BLOTTER

Mark Beebe, 30, of Ionia, was involved in a property damage accident Nov. 21 when he backed into a car driven by Deborah Malloy, 31, of Lowell, on Lincoln Lake Street, north of Foreman.

Teri Melton, 30, of Lowell, and Kevin Conner, 31, also of Lowell, collided at Main and Center Street Nov. 18. Melton's vehicle stopped partly in the intersection when Conner's

vehicle struck it from behind. No injuries were reported.

Gerald Goggins, 23, of Lowell, was arrested and taken to the Kent County Jail for driving under the influence of alcohol Nov. 26.

Michael Hulst, 34, of Lowell, backed into a vehicle owned by John Throop of Lake Odessa, on Nov. 24, while parked on Pine Street between Monroe and Lafayette. No one was injured.

Ellis Bailey, 64, of Belding, struck a parked car on Main Street near Riverside Drive Nov. 28 while attempting to park his vehicle. The vehicle struck was owned by Melissa Thorndill, 24, of Grand Rapids. No one was injured.

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"It's not because the school won't purchase new books," White emphasizes.

In reviewing the textbook-count study, the Ledger was able to determine that there are 16 classes at the high school using classroom sets. It should be noted that one class could be counted three times. As an example, journalism 101 could be offered three times. The three classes would use the same set of textbooks.

At the middle school, there were six situations where classroom sets were being used.

In the study, teachers noted on 10 occasions that additional books had been ordered.

It was also noted on six occasions that a class was using the textbooks as a supplement.

"The high school social studies/history department is not asking for textbooks; thus we are not getting any. Textbooks do not drive this curriculum area," Lowell's Jack Ogle said. "The number of textbooks we have are adequate."

Ogle's social studies' teaching peer Steve Kampfschulte said the textbook is just a basic outline of what they're teaching students. "It's just a skeleton of the material we're presenting; it's not the full body. What we're presenting to students goes much deeper into detail than any textbook. Students use the textbook as a reference."

The six areas in which textbooks are used as a supplement do not include fine arts, technology and industrial arts where in some cases there is one book per station. However, in all cases, teachers reported there were no book problems.

"I'm not sure it's prudent to spend money so each student can have a book and then not have the books being used," DeWeerd said.

However, there were a couple of areas where books were needed; one being in the middle school's special education department. There are eight students enrolled in a seventh grade science class, but there are only four books on hand. In a similar situation, there are eight students in a social studies class, but there is only one book. Teacher Mary Shull said books are being borrowed from other classes.

In an eighth-grade self-contained room, an odd assortment of books from different grade levels are being used - none of them are from the eighth grade. It was also noted that a social studies teachers' edition was needed.

At the middle school level, the eighth-grade language arts classes (2) use classroom sets. First-year English teacher Jennifer Woodward said that some of the books were lost in the moving of the buildings.

Woodward said her style of teaching has students doing their work in class and that textbooks can be checked out. However, she noted that while everything is working out alright this year, she would put in a request for more books next year.

Last year's senior class was approximately 160 students. This year's freshman class is roughly 250 students. With such an increase in numbers and more increases expected in the coming years, White said he can see where the need to purchase more books will grow.

IN THE SERVICE

Marine Lance Cpl. Jeffrey J. Hoeks, son of Henry J. and Caroline Hoeks of Ada, recently received a Meritorious Mast.

Hoeks was cited for outstanding service while assigned with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 29, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station New

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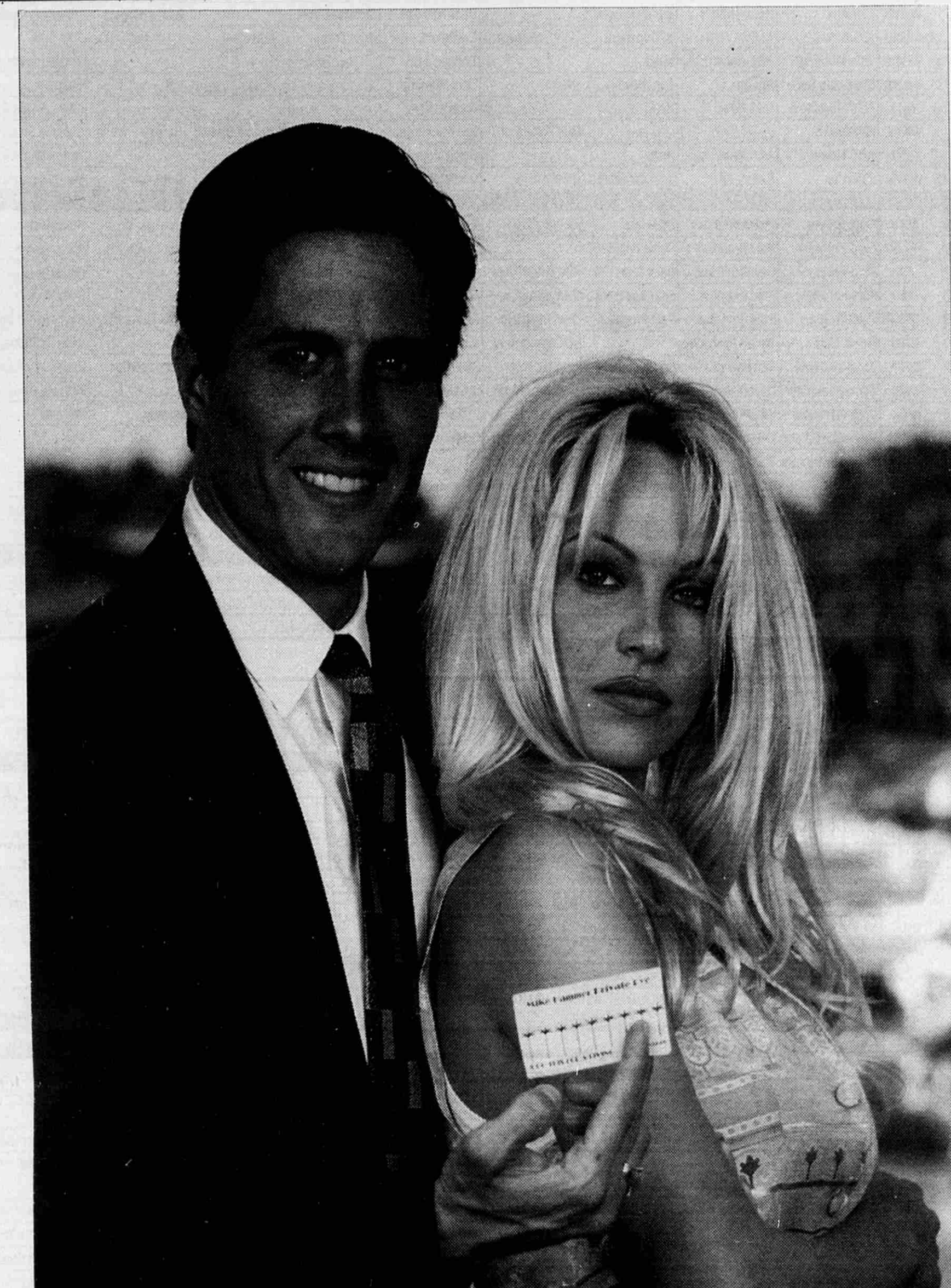
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Rob Estes (*Silk Stalkings*) stars as a Miami private investigator, and Pamela Anderson (*Baywatch*) plays his beautiful assistant, Velda, in *Come Die With Me: A Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer Mystery*, a movie premiering Tuesday on CBS.

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TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 6, 1994. Broadcast stations: WWMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM. Cable stations: TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, SCIFI. Premium stations: DISN, HBO, MAX.

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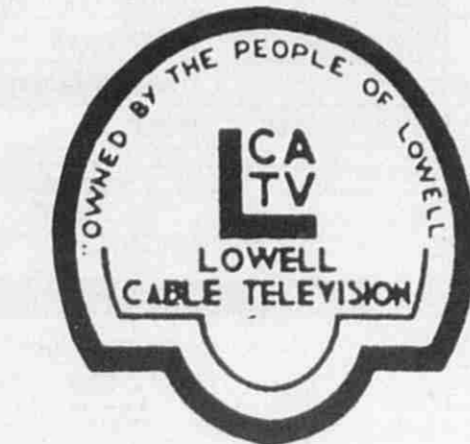
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Tuitel helps bridge disability awareness gap through talks with students

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor



Johnnie Tuitel, with the aid of his friend "Steamer," leaves Lowell Middle School following a talk with students.

Johnnie Tuitel defines success as "realizing what you have to give up to attain it." Tuitel was left without the use of his legs due to a post-natal birth defect caused by excessive oxygen in the incubator.

"I went through a stretch where I didn't need anything or anyone. I was going to beat this thing on my own," Tuitel says. With the help of his Grand Rapids Christian High School teacher, Tuitel realized that there were ways he could help himself physically and socially.

He used this knowledge and encouragement to familiarize himself with Paws for a Cause. This program trains and teaches labrador retrievers to assist in and carry out tasks which a disabled person might be unable to do or

might risk harm in attempting to do. Paws for a Cause teamed Tuitel up with a golden lab named "Steamer." The 10-year-old lab is able to pull Tuitel in his manual wheel chair, pick things up and pick up the cordless phone when it rings. Tuitel and Steamer were introduced eight years ago. Today with Steamer at his side, Tuitel talks about the plight of the handicapped and disability awareness. He also promotes and helps to raise funds for Paws for a Cause.

It costs \$8,000 for the Paws for a Cause program to train a dog. "The program needs animals and money," Tuitel says. Those who are interested in learning more

about the program or in providing a donation may call 698-0688. On Wednesday, as Tuitel spoke to Gord Vandenburg's classroom, Steamer caught up on a few winks. "I don't spend time thinking about not being able to walk. I've been in a wheelchair all of my life. I don't know anything different," Tuitel says.

He then asked the class if their feet get sore after spending a day walking around in the mall. The shoppers raised their hands.

"My back and behind get sore from sitting in this chair," Tuitel explains. "But I don't spend time complaining about it."

Tuitel has started his own production company entitled "Tap Shoe Productions." It provides diverse training in classical social and racial differences and stereotypes. "I try to educate kids that 'different' is okay. I think society's awareness of the disabled is getting better," Tuitel says.

For further information on Tap Shoes Production, call 942-4087. Tuitel does not believe having students role-play as a disabled person for part of a day or even a whole day helps their awareness. "It doesn't work. What does work is to have them sit down and talk to a disabled person; get to know them," Tuitel said.

Through these types of sittings, Tuitel believes people become aware of the everyday challenges the disabled must face.

Saranac High School recognizes honor roll students

The Saranac High School honor roll for the first quarter of the 1994-95 school year is as follows:

SENIOR ALL A's Fred Brickley, Rich Cahoon, Tammy Curtis, Bryan Courtney, Chad Elliott, Tricia Goff, Nick Kimble, Derek Neumann, Janet Tichelaar. A's & B's Amber Fry, Jeremy Hubbard, Jodie Huyser, Matt McCollum, Miranda Nash, Ted Nelson, Wade O'Boyle, Amanda Palmitier, Tara Powell, Joe Rasmus, Danette Rutz, Kylah Scott, Becky Seese, Erica Simmons, Amber Smit, Ben Smith, Heather Smith, Tricia Soules, John Sterzick, Nicole Stewart, Aaron Swiger, Khadjar Ten, Melissa Yarrington.

Josie Nilsson, Missy Schneider, Adam Swiger, Kim Swiger, Becky Thomas, Sarah Visser, Eric Vroman, Jeff Westbrook, Madelyn Westover, Eric Winslow. A's B's & 1 C Ryan Adgate, Amanda Bishop, Ben Bowen, Travis Decker, Shannon Perry, Helen Smith, Liz Watson.

SOPHOMORE ALL A's Chris Culver, Gwen Geivett, Allan Raimier, Heath Sabin, Tracy Stark, Greg Westbrook. A's & B's Sarah Bowers, Craig Cardinel, Amy Carigon, Dennis Cooper, Michaela DeYoung, Katie Hafer, Jason Hardy, Pat Hendrick, Becky Hubble, Dave Martin, Tracie Maynard, Sara Monks, Brandon Mulnix, Amy O'Boyle, Andria Patrick, Molly Roush, Brianna Rutz, Amanda Seward, Kate Smith, Bill Talcott, Lucas VanderZee, Kari Wilbur, Bobbi Willison.

A's, B's & 1 C Nick Challenger, Angie Chase, Clayton DeYoung, Sarah Harrington, Kris Marcussen, Mindy McCalmont, Sarah Seelye, Greg Williams, Brad Wittenbach. JUNIOR ALL A's Jessica Covell, Jennifer DePotty, Melanie Endres, Dawn Wigfield.

A's & B's Tanesha Abel, Ben Bergeron, Carrie Dingsen, Kendra Greiner, Missy Hunter, Jimael Lawson, Jacob LeSarge, Phaedra McElvain. FRESHMAN ALL A's Erin Courtney, Jason Harley, Stacie Satterlee.

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As far as the actors go, I found myself liking Joanne Whalley-Kilmer's portrayal of Scarlett in spite of myself. However, I think she would have benefited immensely in her talk with better scripting and better direction. I can imagine it would be pretty difficult to play the headstrong Scarlett O'Hara with all the inaccurate swooning scenes and rewritten rescue plots. A good example would be the hunt scene. The television version has Scarlett thrown from her horse and Rhett must come to her rescue. Not so in the book, which has Scarlett lead the pack and finally win the chase.

One of the main reasons the character of Scarlett O'Hara has endeared herself to so many followers is that she was a self-made woman who didn't let anything - not war, famine, or poverty - get her down. Instead of watching her succeed on her own ambition, as the book did, the miniseries has her riding on the coattails of her new beau. So much for the woman who "could shoot straight as long as she didn't have to shoot too far." The focus of this story was supposed to be its heroine; turning her character into a silly little thing tends to reduce one's admiration.

As far as the other characters went, I had mixed feelings. The players chosen for the characters of Pansy, India and Grandfather Robillard were well-picked in my opinion. Jean Smart as Sally Brewton was refreshing and likeable but so much so that she almost stole the show. I did not like the casting or acting of the male leading roles very well. For starters, Timothy Dalton was just laughable as Rhett Butler (my choice would have been the late Raul Julia). Dalton came across as immature (for playing a 45-year-old man) and seemed to wear the same smug grin through the entire film. Ashley Wilkes (played by Stephen Collins) was worse - instead of appearing the sensitive, brooding dreamer, he came across wimpy and over dramatic. William Hurt comes to mind as being an actor who could have played this part with some insight.

Sean Bean as Lord Fenton was tolerable, but instead of just making his character selfish and arrogant, they thought that he would make a better villain as a sadistic rapist/murderer which lent enough unnecessary sordid ambiance to the program that cheapened the story even more.

Colm Meaney as Father Colum O'Hara would have been acceptable but here, once again, is a character who suffered changes too drastic. In the book, he is Scarlett's best friend, like the brother she never had. Television has him wanting to be her "kissing cousin." It's all too absurd.

I could sit down if I wanted to and watch "Gone With The Wind" and not give it a second thought. "Scarlett" has much more sex and violence than its predecessor and that's a shame.

Rhett's new love, Anne Hampton, is played by Annabeth Gish. The book gave us Anne, the spinster school marm. Television gives us Anne, the southern belle tart (as if Rhett

hadn't had more than enough headaches from Scarlett.) Ann Margaret is Belle Watling, never mentioned once in the book. Characters missing from the film that should have been included are Charlotte Montague, the woman who engineers Scarlett's rise to fame; Grainne, a wise woman who delivers Scarlett's baby; Rosemary Butler (Rhett's sister); Middleton Courtney and Charles Ragland (Scarlett's lovers); Julia Ashley; and Harriet Kelley (Ashley's new wife).

Also missing from this story are many of the events: the Saint Cecilia's Ball, the reopening of the Charleston race track, and the Mardi Gras. As a matter of fact, much of the tradition and propriety of the time period was missing which was very aggravating. Proper Charleston society did not go around hugging people of the opposite sex. Ladies rode sidesaddle, not astride. Scarlett would not have gone to Ashley's hotel room unless they were actually going to "do the do." And I don't think even in this day and age that Rhett Butler would have introduced his mother and his wife to the mistress of a whorehouse.

The movie did have lavish sets and was for the most part filmed on location. I feel they should have featured a little more of the Irish countryside than they did. The costumes were elaborate and well-thought for the most part and it shows. The hair-dos were not. For some reason, I cannot fathom, the entire cast suffered from what I will call "Big Hair." To me, everyone just looked too bouffant, coiffed, and stick-on sideburned for the 1800's. I'll compare it to "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves," the movie in which not Kevin Costner, but his hairdo, was the scene-stealer. Very distracting.

Also distracting was the music. "Gone With The Wind" gave us historically accurate pieces, mood-appropriate background music and, most of all, its haunting love theme. "Scarlett" plays the same nerve-grating waltz throughout the entire eight hours. Even in the most serious dramatic scenes they pipe in with music that sounds like it belongs in a circus. What were they thinking?

Basically what "Scarlett" suffers from most is bad scripting and bad directing. My hope is that someday in the future a producer with more integrity will turn this excellent piece of literature into the classic film it is meant to be. I think a big reason its creators chose to bring this program to you on television, as opposed to the movie theatres, comes down to money. In the theatre, the production company has to count on you, the viewer, to go out and spend money to see their film. Television for a risky venture such as "Scarlett" is safer. "Scarlett" got incredible ratings, regardless of the quality, because none of us had to pay to see it. And CBS is guaranteed their \$38 million plus selling commercials. Had "Scarlett" been on the big screen, it might not have paid the taxes on Tara.

Felling denied site request for tree stand

All Season Floral owner Doug Felling was asked to consider another site for his tree stand other than the site at 400 W. Main.

The site at the corner of M-21 and Hudson is the same site from which he ran a produce stand. During the months of August and September, Felling was involved in a dispute with neighbor Scott and Barb Carpenter, owners of Blue Ribbon Feed.

The ongoing dispute required an estimated 24 man-hours of police time and on Sept. 28, Felling's transient merchant permit for the produce stand was terminated.

Felling told the Lowell City Council he would do whatever it takes to avoid problems between the parties again.

Councilman Jeanne Shores said she felt now that Felling has had the property surveyed and that previous problems could have been avoided, he should be given another chance.

Shores stood alone, though, as City Manager Dave Pasquale, Lowell Police Chief Jim Valentine and the rest of the council felt that Felling was given a number of chances prior to the termination of the produce stand.

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 Jamie Baker, Tina Dodge, Tera Lockwood, Brad Sigafosse, Jason Smit, Kirsten Vroman, Brandi Williams.

They were referring to Felling's failure to comply with site requirements on four occasions.

"Doug was given direction and failed to follow it more than once. Money and man-hours were wasted," councilman Bill Thompson said. "I don't think the city should put itself in that situation again."

Valentine said the feuding with the Carpenters was not all Felling's fault, but the department could never get both parties to mediate.

Change order approved for Grove/High Street project

A change order in the water/sanitary sewer/street project on Grove and High Streets has increased the contracted amount by \$1,741.

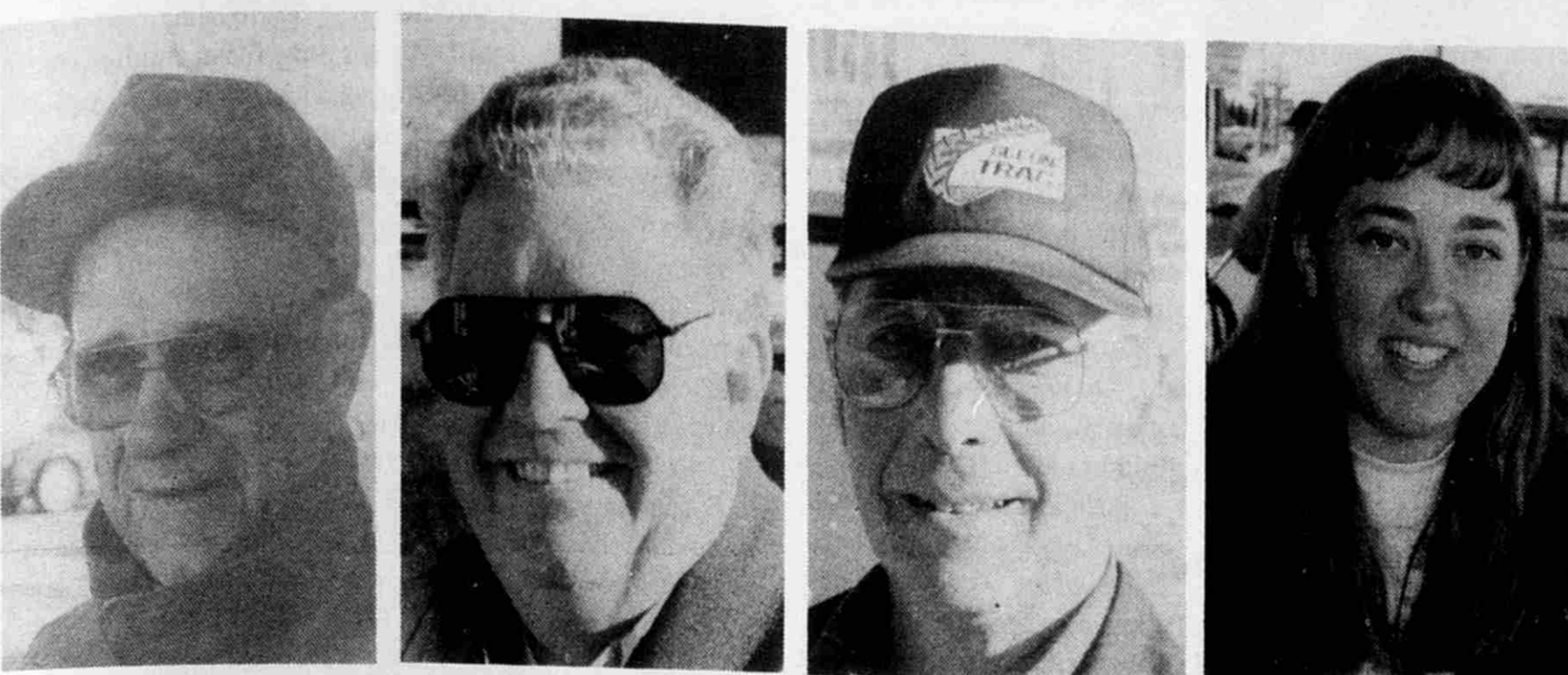
On Aug. 1, the Lowell City Council approved a contract with Ken Shaler and Son Excavating in the amount of \$34,193 to undertake water, sanitary sewer, street and drainage work on High and Grove Streets.

At the project's completion, the following five items had been added:

- 19 lineal feet of drainage pipe.
 - The removal of 30 feet of storm and brick manholes and disposal of pipe (Avery and Grove Streets).
 - Four foot in diameter catch basins.
 - The disconnecting of abandoned water service at High and James Streets.
 - The removal and replacement of gravel and soft spot.
- The new contract total was increased to \$35,934 from \$34,193.

TOWN TALK

Recently, David Letterman told 23 people who stood in the reserve line (hoping to get a seat on the show) that he felt bad that they would not be able to get in to see the show. To make up for it, they could board a bus outside the studio and he'd have all of them driven to Florida - 18 of the 23 people took him up on the offer. On the spur of the moment, would you have boarded the bus to Florida?

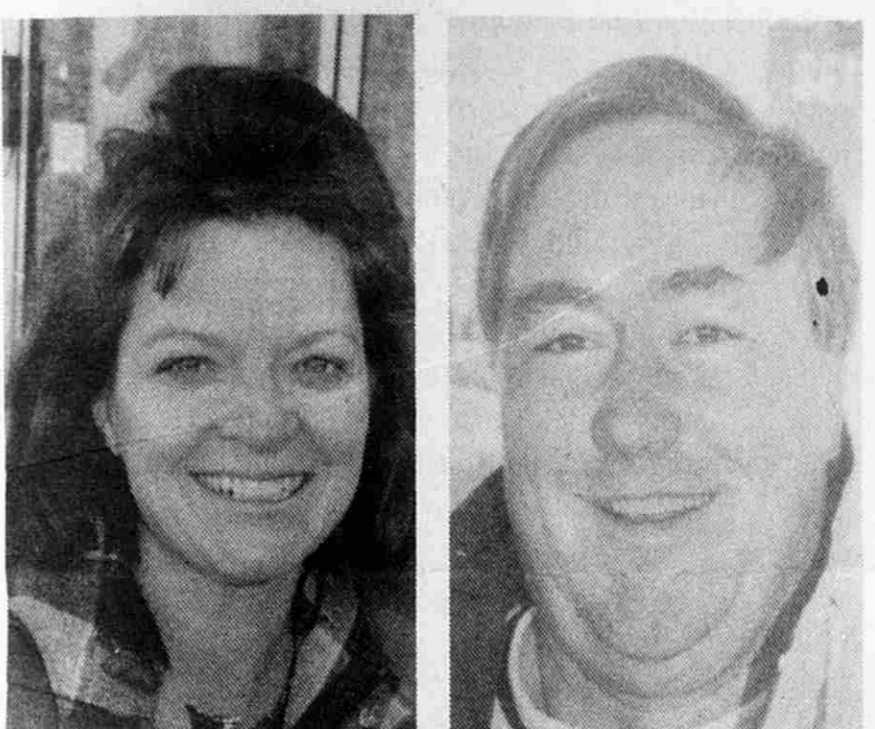


Richard Speerstra
No, I wouldn't have. I'm very skeptical. Not only that, but I would never go to see David Letterman.

G. Keith Critterden
If I could gather a few of my belongings first, I wouldn't go with just the clothes on my back.

Fred Klahn
Yes, I would go. It's a vacation.

Betsy Nugent
If there wasn't anything real important for me to do, I'd go.



Jayne Mathews
No. I don't trust David Letterman. He's too impulsive.

Bob Rice
Yeah, if I didn't think I'd get fired from my job.

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES Ordinance No. 94-5

AN AMENDMENT TO THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO EXPAND AND CLARIFY THE CONDITIONS FOR EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL OF PERMITS FOR ERECTION OR ALTERATION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES.

The Township of Vergennes ordains that Section 201.602F of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance is amended to read as follows (additions underlined):

201.602 Permits for erection or alteration of buildings and structures.

F. Expiration of permits. Any permit under which no work has been done within one (1) year from the date of issuance shall expire upon expiration of such period. A new permit must be issued before any work commences. Any permit under which no work has been done above the foundation walls or other foundation support within one (1) year from the date of issuance shall expire upon expiration of such period, but such shall, upon reapplication, and on payment of one half (1/2) of the original fee, be renewable for one year, subject, however, to compliance with the provisions of ordinances in force at the time of such renewal. If the work authorized by the permit has not been completed and certified for occupancy at the end of two years from the date of original issuance, the permit can be renewed for an additional year upon the payment of one half (1/2) of the original fee, also subject to the provisions of the ordinance in force at the time of such renewal. Failure to complete the authorized work at the end of such renewal will result in cancellation of the permit, and the Township Board may require the posting of a completion bond or comparable guarantee before a permit can again be issued.

This ordinance shall take effect upon public notice of its adoption by the Township Board.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on November 21, 1994.

Mari Stone
 Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

County of Kent, Michigan

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 7, 1994 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Museum Building, 11675 Old Belding Road, Grattan Township, Michigan, concerning the application of Lawrence Nyson for a special land use so as to permit an expansion of the existing Scalley Lake Park Campground and to approve the existing campground as a special land use, all covering the following described lands:

The Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 22, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, except the South 500 feet thereof, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and may comment in person or by letter with regard to the requested special land use.

Dated: November 21, 1994

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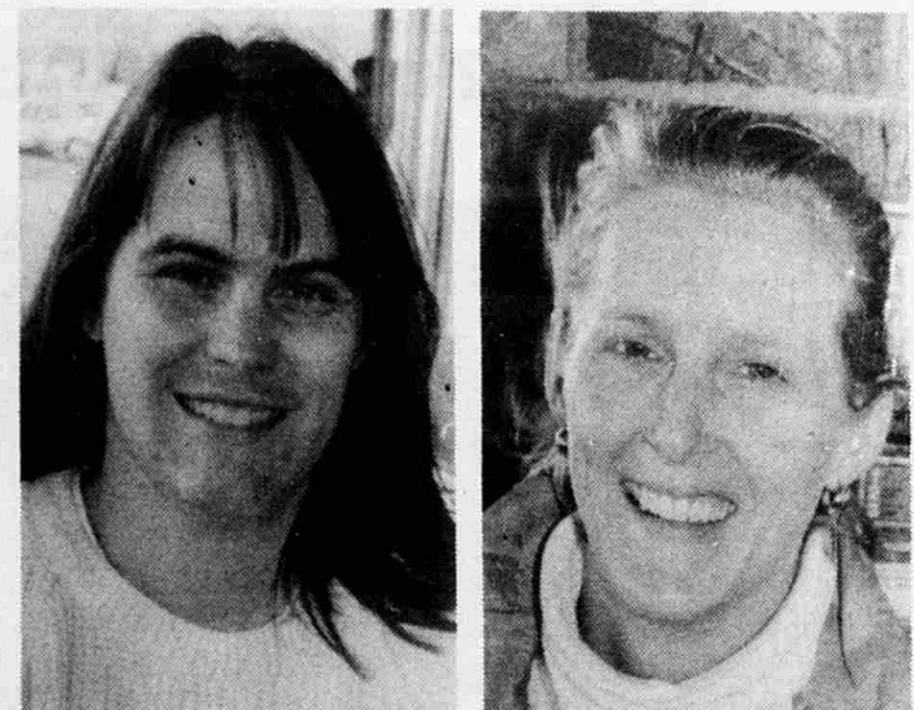
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Christine Ayers
No. I have a family to take care of and too many responsibilities. That, and I don't like David Letterman.

Denise Southland
I'd do it. Why not, it would be fun.

 Very few men, properly speaking, live at present, but are providing to live another time.

—Jonathan Swift

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES Ordinance No. 94-4

AN AMENDMENT TO THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE THAT THE IMPROVED SURFACES OF PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS AND PRIVATE ROADS MUST BE LOCATED AND CONSTRUCTED AT A SPECIFIED MINIMUM DISTANCE FROM THE SIDELINES OF THE ADJOINING LOT OR PARCEL.

The Township of Vergennes ordains that Sections 201.408 and 201.004 (c) are amended as follows:

Section 201.408 Driveways is amended to redesignate the existing paragraph as sub-section "A" and to add a new sub-section "B." The new wording of Section 201.408 is as follows (additions underlined):

201.408 Driveways
 4.08
 A. All driveways must abut the road at right angles, with clear traffic vision, and the first twenty-five (25) feet of the driveway from the road shall not be at a grade greater than five percent (5%). Before a building permit will be issued for any homesite, or other structure to which a driveway access is to be provided, a driveway permit must be obtained from the Kent County Road Commission, and a site development plan must be submitted to the Zoning Inspector in the form provided by Section 5.02 [201.502] D of this ordinance. (Amended: Ord. of 12-11-89)

B. All driveways internal to any individual lot or parcel of land that has direct public street or private road frontage access shall be located and constructed so that the improved surface of the access driveway to that lot or parcel shall be a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from any adjoining lot or parcel.

Section 202.004 General provisions of the Private Road Ordinance is amended to read as follows (deletions crossed out, new wording underlined):

202.004 General Provisions
 Section 4.0

(C). If a private road is to serve ~~three (3)~~ two (2) or more lots, the improved surface of the private road shall be located and constructed a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from any adjoining lot or parcel which does not derive access from the easement or private road.

This ordinance shall take effect upon public notice of its adoption by the Township Board.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on November 21, 1994.

Mari Stone
 Township Clerk

Cherry Creek Elementary students feast on their own cooking



Anne Baughman, right, serves Cherry Creek Elementary student, D.J. Armstrong, at the Thanksgiving Day feast.

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was the traditional Lowell fifth-grade Thanksgiving Day celebration without the traditional turkey, stuffing, and potatoes.

Cindy Young, Sandy MacDonald, Russ Bacon, Mike Fillman, Ausma Pupil and Margaret Hoats's fifth-grade classes replaced the traditional dinner with a dinner more true to the times of the early settlers.

On Wednesday, the fifth-graders, along with the second-grade classes of Nancy Toppen and Margaret Hoats, shared in a Thanksgiving feast made up of vegetable beef stew, corn bread, applesauce, fruit salad and pies (pumpkin

and apple). In years past, the fifth-grade Bushnell students had been transported to the high school home economics room where dinner was prepared and served.

Cherry Creek Elementary, formerly Lowell Middle School, is equipped with its own home economics room

which made organization and preparation easier.

The children, with the supervision of parent volunteers, prepared the food. There were approximately 200 students who shared in the feast.

Following the Thanksgiving feast, children enjoyed a Thanksgiving Day play.



Blough Builders place second

Blough Builders fast pitch softball team played an exciting brand of ball against some very good teams in the Freeport Men's Fast Pitch Association League. Behind the 10-3 pitching record of Jim Bosserd, Blough Builders captured a second place trophy.

The 1994 team members were: Coach, Gary Rivers; pitcher, Jim Bosserd; Rod Taylor, Mike Ray, Greg Seeley, Mike Blough, Tim Antel, Phil Beechler, Kevin Cochran, George Regan, Mike Rivers, Duane Chilcott, Lynn Ort, Ivan Blough, Gary Emelander, Dale Prins and Steve Bosserd.

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Snowmobiling popularity in Michigan not sliding

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The absence of that buzzing sound that used to ring through windows on a cold wintry night has left many thinking that the sport of snowmobiling has been silenced beneath some large drift.

However, that is not true. The buzzing sound that used to travel through front yards has now found its way to the

man-made Michigan trails which now nearly cover the entire state.

There are 225,000 registered snowmobilers in the state of Michigan; 20,000 of those now reside in Kent County.

"The snowmobiling population is increasing," emphasizes Flat River Snowmobile Club's Brad Potter.

The expansion and improvement of trails has played a significant role in the increasing numbers. "There are

5,200 miles of state-groomed trails in Michigan," Potter said. "There is a network of trails that are interconnected."

An example of this is in the Upper Peninsula. Potter says a snowmobiler can begin at the bridge and travel clear round the UP, thanks to inner-hooked trails.

In the lower peninsula, inner-hooked trails will take snowmobilers from Newaygo to the Mackinaw Bridge.

The 92-mile-long White Pine Trail State Park allows snowmobilers to go from Belmont to Cadillac.

"The state has put \$4.6

million into the construction of the trail," Potter said. "It is also used for bicycling, skiing, biking and horseback riding."

None of the monies used are tax dollars. Instead, the funds come from gas companies paying to drill on state properties. Monies are also raised through federal funds such as a Consumer's Power fine fund.

The Flat River Snowmobile Club and five other local clubs have formed a council which is currently working on a West Michigan Snowmobile trail which will cover 190 miles. "This is being

completed through all-volunteer help," Potter said. "The eight-foot-wide trail requires the constant attention of four groomers to keep it passable."

"Any snowmobiler, member or not, who would like to help work on the trail can call the club (897-5015)," Potter said.

The land this trail sits on is leased from its 290 owners.

"The only time there is trouble is when a snowmobiler gets off the trail," Potter said. "If one land owner decides he doesn't want a trail on his/her land, then we have to work to reconnect the trail," Potter said.

A \$10 permit fee and a \$15 registration fee are required to ride a snowmobile off one's own property.

The Flat River Snowmobile Club was founded in 1971. Its clubhouse is located at 11841 Potters Rd.

Currently there are 52 members. They meet on the third Sunday of every month at 1:30 p.m.

During the summer they meet the third Thursday of every month.

"Snowmobiling is a family activity. We have snowmobilers as young as little kids to people in their 70s," Potter said.

School purchases truck

Lowell Schools got approval from its board of education to purchase a 3/4 ton pickup truck with a plow from Harold Zeigler Ford, Inc.

Zeigler's bid of \$22,072 did not represent the lowest bid, because the dealer with the lowest offer could not have the truck available until February or March, which would have been too late.

Therefore, the board approved the purchase through Harold Zeigler Ford.

Lowell bus mechanics, John Schneider and Bud Provonche, asked the board to award the bid to Harold Zeigler Ford regardless of whether or not it was the low bid. They said Ford trucks hold up with fewer repairs.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 1: Craig Miller, Travis Briggs, Jill Borton, Wayne Borton, Jamie Denton, William Anderson, Jack Fonger.
Dec. 2: Garth Snyder, Christian Wieland, Dwight A. Frey, Karolyn Batt, Lori Kathan, Mary Alice Bancroft, Ann Marvin, Tim Scanton, Melinda Heykoop, Elmer Swanson.

Dec. 3: Jimmy Nawrocki, Greg Chrzandowski, Rick Kline.
Dec. 4: Anna Lozada, Mandy

Meisner, Susan Hall, Greg Caldwell, Earl King.

Dec. 5: Sally Blasher, Poko Willyard, Greg Eldridge, Jan Brink, Andrew James Brower.

Dec. 6: Judy Dine, Jim Comstock, Nancy Comstock, Kristopher Vezino, Katie Blough.

Dec. 7: Michelle Kathan, Tommy Kathan, Kathy Noskey, Steve Arnold, Jennifer Berry, Kristin Smit, Josh Brown.

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LOWELL AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1994

	THIS MONTH	LAST YEAR
TOTAL RUNS TO DATE.....	195	178
RUNS THIS MONTH.....	16	22
NUMBER RESPONDING.....	123	176
STRUCTURE FIRE.....	1	4
VEHICLE FIRE.....	0	1
MISC. FIRE.....	2	2
FALSE ALARMS.....	0	0
PL. ACCIDENTS.....	10	8
MEDICAL CALLS.....	25	36
GRASS & BRUSH FIRES.....	3	7
GALLONS OF WATER USED...200.....	1200	

CITY OF LOWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1994

	1994	1993
TOTAL COMPLAINTS YEAR TO DATE.....	3,195	3,180
ARRESTS.....	19	20
Drunk driving.....	4	4
ARRESTS YTD.....	198	204
Drunk driving YTD.....	25	30
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT		
Tickets Issued.....	49	36
Verbal Warnings.....	114	58
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT YTD		
Tickets Issued.....	441	678
Verbal Warnings.....	628	797
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS		
Personal Injury.....	5	7
Property Damage.....	12	24
ACCIDENT TOTALS YTD		
Personal Injury.....	35	33
Property Damage.....	182	177

PIGSKIN PICKS '94

	THAD KRAUS <i>Sports Editor</i>	BARRY HOBBLA <i>LHS Athletic Director</i>	PHIL CHRISTENSEN <i>Football Coach</i>	BOB PERRY <i>Mr. Red Arrow</i>
ARMY vs. NAVY	ARMY	ARMY	ARMY	ARMY
ALABAMA vs. FLORIDA	ALABAMA	FLORIDA	ALABAMA	FLORIDA
DALLAS vs. PHILADELPHIA	DALLAS	DALLAS	DALLAS	DALLAS
DENVER vs. KANSAS CITY	KANSAS CITY	KANSAS CITY	DENVER	KANSAS CITY
BUFFALO vs. MIAMI	BUFFALO	BUFFALO	BUFFALO	MIAMI
NY GIANTS vs. CLEVELAND	CLEVELAND	CLEVELAND	CLEVELAND	CLEVELAND
NEW ORLEANS vs. LA RAMS	LA RAMS	LA RAMS	LA RAMS	LA RAMS
NY JETS vs. NEW ENGLAND	NY JETS	NEW ENGLAND	NY JETS	NEW ENGLAND
GREEN BAY vs. DETROIT	GREEN BAY	DETROIT	DETROIT	DETROIT
INDIANAPOLIS vs. SEATTLE	SEATTLE	SEATTLE	SEATTLE	INDIANAPOLIS
RECORDS LAST WEEK OVERALL	5-4-1 88-41-1	6-3-1 88-41-1	4-5-1 86-43-1	6-3-1 80-49-1

IN THE SERVICE

Army Deborah R. Schneider received practical work in military leadership at the Army ROTC Advanced Camp in Fort Lewis, Tacoma, WA.

The camp, attended by cadets normally between their third and fourth year of college, includes instruction in communications, management, and survival training.

Successful completion of the advanced camp and graduation from college results in a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Guard, or Reserve.

The cadet is a student at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant.

Schneider is the daughter of Martin and Annette Schneider of Saranac. She is a 1984 graduate of Saranac High School.

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LAAC opens doors to its annual Gala Christmas show

The Lowell Area Arts Council kicked off its annual Gala Christmas show and sale, sponsored by FMB, on Sunday, Nov. 20.

This show features approximately fifty talented artists from the West Michigan area and hosted a guest list of around 70 for its brunch buffet.

The buffet consisted of many select gourmet dishes specially prepared by members of the gallery committee. Among the dishes were holiday pumpkin soup, a delicious Mediterranean-style salad with homemade dressing, Welsh rarebit on toast, scones with blackberry sauce and fried rice. Also included

were shrimp and egg crepes, glazed ham, cranberry apple pie and "death by chocolate" dessert. The food, as always, was magnificent, but the show itself is the real treat.

The Gala Christmas Show offers a wide variety of gift ideas to fit all budgets. They carry handmade scarves, intricate jewelry and

hair accessories. The gifts range in sizes from the tiniest of Christmas decorations and birdhouse ornaments to enormous and whimsical hand-painted Adirondack chairs and tables.

Many lovely watercolor paintings are featured as well as new age-style Christmas angels, ornate clothing de-

tailed pottery works and hand carved wooden puzzles for children. There is no end to the selection of gifts you can choose for the holiday season.

Best of all, you are not only purchasing a one-of-a-kind present but, in doing so, you also help support your local arts council center and

gallery.

The Christmas show is open from November 20 through December 24, Tuesday through Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. It is closed on Mondays.

Santa's Coming To Town!

Saturday, December 3rd!

STARTING AT 10 AM

The Parade begins at Bushnell School and heads East on Howard to Hudson then South to Main then East on Main to Monroe Street then North on Monroe to RiteAid

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- MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 •
Lamberts • From 6 to 7 PM
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 •
Cousins • From 11 AM to Noon



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PRIZES

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- Winners To Be Announced Dec. 14 In The Lowell Ledger*

CARRIAGE RIDES ALONG RIVERSIDE DRIVE THURSDAY EVENINGS Dec. 8, 15 & 22

SCHOOL CHOIR & BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Alto, Dec. 8 & 9 Both at 7 PM in the high school auditorium

Bushnell, No December program; theirs will be in February.

Cherry Creek, Dec. 2 (at Cherry Creek) at 2 PM -
2nd/3rd & Dec. 6 at 1:30 PM -
5th grade only (high school auditorium)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dec. 8 at 7 PM - Band at middle school
Dec. 13 at 7 PM - Choir at middle school

HIGH SCHOOL

Dec. 14 at 7 PM - Choir at high school auditorium
Dec. 15 at 7 PM - Band at high school auditorium

