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Thanksgiving Day tragedy takes the lives of three Lowell children

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Kristin Hufstader asked if she could ride with her daddy Thanksgiving morning to his office.

Maruszka, her mother, asked that she stay home and help her with the turkey.

Such common, everyday, communication between parents and children takes place all the time without any great significance given to it.

"Kristin usually goes into the office with her dad on Saturdays," Maruszka said. "She sits in the front seat."

A day later, as Maruszka talked to Judy Noonon at Butterworth Hospital, that conversation had a great deal of significance.

Noonon was grieving over the loss of her three grandchildren in the accident that occurred Thanksgiving Day morning. Involved were Maruszka's husband Timothy and Noonon's daughter, Ann Marie Roberson and her three daughters Jennifer, Katherine and Emily.

Both Hufstader and Ann Marie sustained injuries and were transported to Butterworth Hospital. Noonon's three granddaughters were killed.

"I wish this would all go away and it would have never

happened," said Judy Noonon.

Ann Marie, 29, suffered a broken pelvis, leg damage and damage to a vertebra in her lower back as well as some internal bleeding.

She was given the okay from doctors to attend the funeral of her three girls, aged seven, four and three, on Monday. She returned to the hospital following the funeral.

A luncheon was held at the Moose Bingo Hall for family and friends following the funeral.

The Lowell Area Fire Department provided the meal and Lowell Area school bus drivers provided the cakes and pies.

Hufstader sustained broken and fractured ribs, a punctured lung and diaphragm, a lacerated spleen and many bruises and bumps.

"Tim is in a lot of physical pain and on morphine. He also feels terrible about what happened," said Maruszka Hufstader.

A memorial fund was opened at FMB State Savings Bank on Friday in the name of the three girls.

Bank vice president Chuck Myers said the bank's phones were ringing with people asking how they could make a memorial donation

before the account was even set up. "There were immediate inquiries," Myers said. "We even had someone transfer money out of their Christmas account."

As of Monday, there were over 300 responses. "On Monday we received over 80 letters in the mail, a third of those were from the Detroit area suburbs," Myers said.

The First United Methodist Church of Lowell took up a special collection on Sunday for the Roberson family.

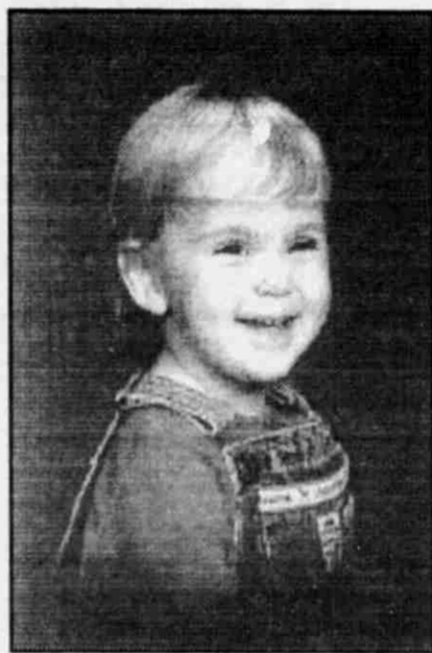
"Friends will be here for us," Judy Noonon said. "That has become quite obvious."

A local general contractor has volunteered his services to help the family finish remodeling work. Arctic, Inc. has volunteered to do the heating. Plumbing work is also needed.

Ann Marie told her mother she didn't want to go back into the home in which the family was living.

Jennifer Roberson (seven) was a student in Lanie Rice's first-grade class at Bushnell Elementary.

"Jennifer was a sweetheart. She always greeted me with a smile in the morning," Rice said. "Before she left on Wednesday, she gave me a hug and wished me a happy Thanksgiving."



Emily Roberson



Katherine Roberson



Jennifer Roberson

Rice added that first-grade teachers and their students become like a family after the first couple weeks of school.

As part of the process in helping her students deal with the death of a classmate, Rice said she will have her class decorate Jennifer's desk and put a Christmas tree on top of it.

Katherine (four) would have turned five on Dec. 22. "She loved Barbies and enjoyed playing soccer," Noonon said. "She liked to dress up. She was a ferry princess for Halloween."

Emily (three) lived the life of a musical. "You'd say something and she'd start singing," her grandmother said. "I once mentioned something about making muffins

and she started singing the 'muffin man' song. She also enjoyed telling knock, knock jokes."

Both Katherine and Emily attended the Lowell Methodist Preschool.

The accident occurred at approximately 8:17 a.m. between Cumberland and Settlewood.

Roberson, eastbound on M-21, lost control of her vehicle in a curve and went off the right shoulder of the road. When she over corrected upon returning to the roadway, her vehicle went into a broadside slide into the westbound lane where it was struck in the passenger side by a vehicle driven by Hufstader.

When the two cars came to a rest, Hufstader's chin was resting between the dash and

the windshield.

"He was facing the mother and the three daughters. He said he could see them, but couldn't move," Maruszka said.

Kent County Sheriff's Department deputy Rohn Crystal said everyone was wearing the proper restraints. The airbag in Roberson's car deployed on impact.

John Muha, a member of the Lowell Area fire/rescue team, said he believed the airbag saved the life of Roberson.

The Kent County Critical Incident Stress Debriefing team was available to local rescue, fire, ambulance and police personnel.

The team is trained to provide debriefing sessions
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Restoration Given a Chance

... Delay of Lee's Landing demolition will give Jim Reagan an opportunity to see if the structure's restoration is feasible.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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Demolition of Lee's Landing will not proceed before Dec. 30.

This will give city attorney Richard Wendt time to deal with the federal and state liens that currently exist on the building before the city takes its title.

Wendt said the current deed holder, First National Acceptance, is willing to deed over the title for virtually nothing. The expected price is \$1.

The delay will also give Jim Reagan a sufficient amount of time to determine whether the cost of restoring of the building is personally feasible.

Reagan documented a number of reasons why he feels it is important to save the former Christensen building. They are:

1. Removal would create an open chasm, void, or black hole in the historic framework of a traditional downtown.
2. Demolition would break architectural continuity.
3. It would remove potential retail space along Main Street.
4. It removes a reason to allow parking on a state highway.

"I have not discouraged the city from proceeding with demolition," Reagan said. "However, I am asking for 30 days so that I can determine if renovation is beyond what I can swing financially."

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Lowell Charter Township takes the plunge as part of swimming pool study

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Do Lowell Charter Township residents want a community swimming pool and if so, where should it be located?

Those are just two of many questions that will be answered following the township's decision to approve a \$500 expenditure for a community swimming pool feasibility study.

The township, along with Vergennes Township, the city of Lowell, Lowell School District, and the Lowell YMCA, have been asked to contribute funds for the study.

The township's share of the cost is \$500 apiece, while the city, school and YMCA are being asked to contribute \$1,000 each.

All representatives, other than Vergennes, have approved the expenditure.

Township treasurer Jean Huver believes a swimming pool is desired and if a feasibility study is needed to get the project underway, she is in full support.

The board unanimously approved the expenditure, but was unsure where it should be located, who would maintain and manage the facility, and how much use the township residents could expect.

The city of Lowell owned and operated an outdoor community pool for 35 years, but permanently closed the facility in 1992 due to maintenance and structural problems.

In the 1990 school bond election, a pool was presented as a separate proposal but failed by a vote of 1,496 (57 percent) to 1,116 (43 percent).

According to a proposal submitted by the pool steering committee, comprised of officials from the city, school and YMCA, continued community interest in a pool facility has

led to the pursuit of this initial request.

The study will evaluate possible locations (the high school, middle school, and Cherry Creek Elementary), preliminary building program and costs, and preliminary site sketches.

Township officials favor the high school site because of its ample parking, easy access and the fact the school appears designed to accommodate a pool.

"We are one of only two schools in the area that don't have a pool," said township supervisor John Timpson. "There will be a lot of questions raised about where the pool should be located, but the high school seems an obvious choice."

According to the proposal, the pool would benefit all ages with fitness, rehabilitation, safety, and swimming lessons, among other uses.

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OBITUARIES

BUSS - Mr. Arvin E. Buss, aged 92, passed away Friday, November 29, 1996. He resided at Cumberland Retirement Village in Lowell. He was born October 30, 1904 in Hartford, MI to John M. & Mable Root Buss. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, in 1986. He is survived by his daughters Virginia Jones and her husband, the Rev. Thomas Jones of Rockford and Delores Ricker of Taylor, MI; his grandchildren Arvin Ricker of Kentucky, Holly Ricker of Taylor, Eric Jones of Grand Rapids and Amy Jones of Lowell; his brothers and sister Elwyn Buss of Lawrence, Charles (Kathryn) Buss of Wyandotte, MI, and Frances (James) Little of Florida; nieces and nephews. The service celebrating the life of Mr. Buss will be held on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock at Pederson Funeral Home with Pastor Jay Sowers officiating. Memorials for Gideons

International in memory of Mr. Buss may be left at the funeral home.

CARIGON - Albert D. Carigon, aged 82, of Belding, passed away Thursday, November 28, 1996 at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. He was born August 20, 1914, in Midland to Harold and Grace McKinley Carigon. He was married August 27, 1942, in Colorado Springs, Colorado to Agnes Johnson and she survives along with his children Karen and Gene Lewis and Ray and Connie Carigon of Belding. Four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive. He is also survived by two sisters Ella Aspinall of Lowell and Ann Tanis of Grand Rapids; two brothers and one sister-in-law Harry and Marian Carigon and Harold Carigon, all of Lowell. He was preceded in death by one brother Howard Carigon. Funeral Services were held Monday at

Johnson Funeral Home, Belding, with Rev. Kenneth Ford officiating. Interment Ashley Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

COLLINS - Barbara E. Collins, 48, of Saranac, passed away November 27, 1996. Surviving are her mother Bessie Scott of Saranac; fiancée Norman Scott of Saranac; son James A. (Amy) Collins of Six Lakes; daughters, Linda Collins of Stanton and Shelly Collins of Saranac; brother Michael P. (Connie) Scott of Lowell; sisters Patricia (Ray) Carigon of Saranac and Cathleen Scott of Florida; seven grandchildren; one step-grandson. Cremation has taken place and funeral services were held November 29. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home in Saranac.

DEVRIES - Genevieve DeVries, aged 85, of Lowell, died November 27, 1996. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond and daughter Sandra McWhinney. She is survived by her son George (Beverly) DeVries of Spring Lake; grandchildren Trishia (Scott), Genevieve (Gary), Robert, David (Rita);

five great-grandchildren. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered Monday at St. Mary's Church, Lowell; Rev. George J. Fekete Presider. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Church, 402 Amity, Lowell, MI 49331. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

NIKODEMSKI - Mrs. Estelle Marie Nikodemski, aged 82, of Grand Rapids, passed away Saturday, November 30, 1996, at her home with her family at her bedside. Surviving are three sons, Anthony R., Kenneth J. (Marcia), James A. (Sandra) Nikodemski of Lowell; her daughter Joan M. (Joseph) Foy of Kalamazoo; 17 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; four sisters Catherine Ignasiak, Esther (Larry) Bracewell, Josephine Dehan, Helen Wolbers, three sisters-in-law Betty Stalc, Irene Ciszak and Bernice Razmus; many nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Anthony J.; her daughter, Gerry Callahue; two grandchildren Debbie Nikodemski and Joey Callahue. Mrs. Nikodemski

was a member of St. Isidore's Altar-Rosary Society whose members prayed the Rosary Sunday. A Mass of Christian Burial and Committal Service was held Monday at St. Isidore Church, Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

RICHMOND - Irma C. Richmond, aged 91, of Lowell, died Thursday, November 28, 1996. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry; brothers Harry, Harvey and Erhart Eickhoff; sisters Thelma Roth and Roxanne Sullivan. She is survived by her children Robert (Linda) Richmond of Grand Rapids, Mary Goggin of Denver, CO, David (Mary) Richmond, Jerry (Diane) Richmond; sisters Ruby Christiansen, Josephine Willard, Marie Stewart, all of Lowell; 14 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered Monday at St. Patrick's Church, Parnell. Rev. Wayne B. Wheeler Jr., Presider. Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick's

Endowment Fund or Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids, Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

ROBERSON - Jennifer Lauren, aged 7, Katherine Ann, aged 4, and Emily Sue, aged 3, of Lowell, died November 28, 1996 of accidental automobile injuries. They are survived by their parents John Roberson of Kentucky, Ann Roberson and Matthew Murphy of Lowell; grandparents, David and Judy Noonon of Lowell, Archie and Marzee Whiteside of Kentucky; great-great grandmother Rena Barrington of Douglas, MI, aunts and uncles, David Noonon II, Amy Noonon, Kerrie (George) Tucker, Kevin (Shannon) Murphy, Daniel (Kathy) Murphy, Sean (Lynne) Murphy; also many other relatives. The Funeral Service was held Monday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Vance Dimmick of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Roberson Children Memorial Fund c/o FMB State Savings Bank, 414 E. Main, Lowell, 49331. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

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Middle School honors first period honor roll students

Lowell Middle School has released their first marking period honor roll list. Students earning a B or better average are included on the list.

SIXTH GRADE

Jennifer Adams, Cori Albert, Stacey Arnswald, Eric Austin, Sara Bailey, Benjamin Barle, Carolyn Batt, Mark Baum, Heather Befus, Roberta Bender, Jacquelyn Benedict, Mark Biener, James Biggs, Abbie Blanding, Heather Blough, Tara Bogdanik, Rebecca Bosserd, Christopher Bradley, Jenna Bristol, Samuel Brower, Heather Brown, Cassandra Burke, Katelyn Bush, Nathaniel Canfield, Kelsey Capps, Tara Cariano, Craig Carpenter, Aimee Catlin, Mark Catlin, Nicole Chernoby, Katherine Clements, Tiffany Condon, Kristen Cook, Corinne Cozzaglio, Jeremy Crandell, Erin Curtis, Ryan Curtis, Emily Cyrocki, Sophia D'Agostino, Carmen Datema, Jennifer Dee, Michael Deters, Noelle Dewey, Lena Dhayni, Evan Dorough, Sara Droese, Michelle Dykstra, Joe Estes.

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Jodi Laux, Shannon Levingston, Rachel Long, Nathan

em Iraq. While in the Middle East, Mutschler also participated in live-fire training with Jordanian forces and an amphibious landing exercise in Kuwait.

Mutschler's unit is a crisis-response force that is special operations capable, enabling it to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEU's are divided into an infantry battalion, an aircraft squadron, a support group and a command element. With the combination of these

teams, Mutschler's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

During Mutschler's 32,000-mile, 182-day voyage he visited Bahrain, Djibouti, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates.

The 1993 graduate of Lakewood High School of Lake Odessa joined the Marine Corps in July 1993.

IN THE SERVICE

Navy Lt. Kevin R. Baker, a 1983 graduate of Lowell High School, recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego.

Baker's new assignment is an example of how Navy and Marine corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons and shore commands around the world.

Whether serving in the Persian Gulf near Iraq or in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia, people like Baker are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skills as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

He joined the Navy in April 1984. Baker is a 1987 graduate of Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, with a BS degree and a 1996 graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, with a MBA degree.

Marine Lance Cpl. Aaron J. Mutschler, son of Joan E. Mutschler of Lowell, recently

returned from a six-month overseas deployment to the western Pacific and Indian oceans, and Persian Gulf with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, embarked aboard the ships of the USS Tarawa Amphibious Ready Group.

Mutschler was one of more than 2,000 Marines who departed Camp Pendleton and El Toro, Calif., and Yuma, Ariz., as part of the USS Tarawa ARG, which also included the amphibious assault ship USS Tarawa, the amphibious transport dock USS Duluth and the dock landing ship USS Rushmore.

Early in the deployment, Mutschler's unit participated in a joint exercise combining U.S. Navy, Army, Air Force and Royal Thai forces. Airborne and amphibious landings were conducted during the largest combined U.S. - Thailand exercise of the year.

In late August, Mutschler's unit remained on call in the Persian Gulf after Iraqi military forces invaded the Kurdish safe zone in north-

COLLEGE NEWS

David Thaler III, enrolled in the doctoral program at the University of Michigan, is the coach of a three-member undergraduate computer team. The team won first place over 52 other college teams in-

regional competition at Notre Dame University. The team will go on to national competition in San Jose, California. Thaler is a 1987 graduate of Lowell High School.

FMB receives go-ahead for island addition

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The city of Lowell planning commission recommended a rezoning and site

plan approval for a new teller island at the FMB State Savings Bank location at 1425 W. Main St.

The commission unanimously approved the recommendation which the Lowell Zoning Board of Appeals supported.

The council's approval will allow the bank to construct a 12 by 24 foot island and canopy addition to its building at the corner of Main Street and Valley Vista.

A zoning change will place the site in a commercial three (C-3) district, rather than

its current residential three (R-3) zoning.

"It would match the rest of the zoning at the intersection...it would be in more conformance for what is around them," said Mark Scobell, an architect with Dan Vos Construction.

Commissioner Clark Jahnke said the change will meet the intentions of the city's master plan and believes it is an oversight that the location wasn't placed in R-3 zoning sooner.

"It does not fit the way it is," said Jahnke, about the

site's current zoning.

Bank officials don't plan on adding to the site's driveway entrance and said no other improvements are immediately planned.

The Zoning Board of Appeals approved the zoning and site plan which called for a variance setback for the canopy.

The city's zoning states that a structure must be 35 feet from the road right of way. The bank's plan places the canopy only 27 feet from the right of way.

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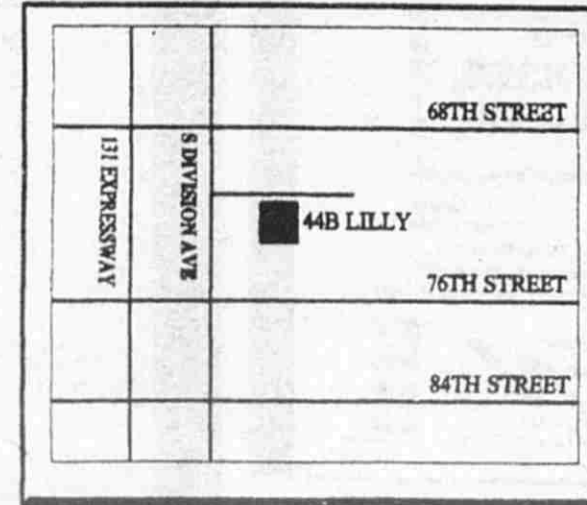
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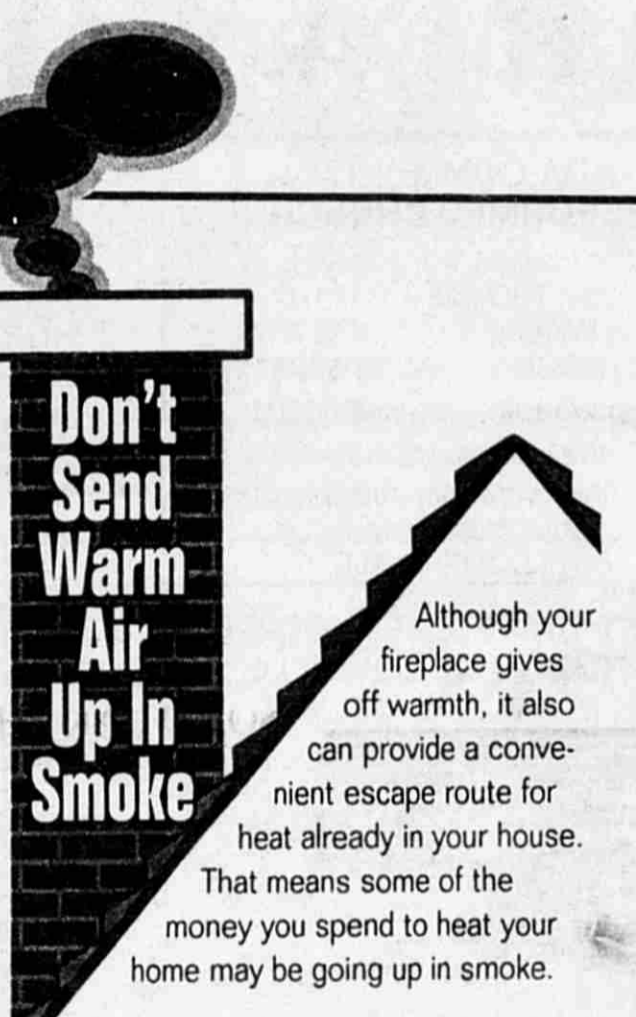
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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth (Colossians 3:2).

Being a "bug" for antique dishes, I keep an eye open for them at all times. While visiting a friend one day, I noticed her houseplants on the porch. But it wasn't the plants that especially attracted my attention. It was the lovely antique dishes they were setting in. Naturally, I reprimanded my friend for her violation.

"You may have them," she said, "if you want to clean them up."

To put it mildly, I was in bliss. Immediately I set about to wash the dishes, but I found they were heavily encrusted with lime after ages of irreverent use. However, undauntedly I scrubbed and scoured, using strong cleansers. Finally, after applying the most potent solution I could think of, the dishes came beautifully clean. Now I fondly cherish them and show them off with pride.

Christians, if we begin seeking for earthly treasure rather than heavenly store, our soul-beauty will become clouded and obscured. If our hearts become encrusted with materialistic thoughts and desires, our spiritual joy will vanish. This we must continually avoid. God's cleansing process can eliminate unchristlike ambitions and restore "the luster of the soul."

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Thy blood has availed for me. Praise Thy name! Keep me unspotted from the world. Keep my eyes set on heavenly treasure. Amen.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

Charles Wesley

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- DEC. 6 - Katie Blough, Kristopher Vezino, Phil Seese, Christopher DeBald.
- DEC. 7 - Jennifer Berry.
- DEC. 8 - Mike Cummings.
- DEC. 9 - Allen Metternick, Sara Triplett, Essie Baird, Deb Schuitema.
- DEC. 10 - Bill Fluger, Evelyn Heim.
- DEC. 11 - Blanche Smith, Dave Rhodes, Kathryn Doyle.

Christmas Musical "Points of View" premieres Saturday at Wesleyan Church

An original Christmas musical/drama will be premiered at the Lowell Wesleyan Church Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.

The musical, "Points of View," is written and directed by Al and Carol Smith of Alto. "Points of View" features all original music, lyrics and drama. This performance is the first of its kind at Lowell Wesleyan Church.

The musical consists of six scenes using families of the church as actors and singers. Each family presents a different view of the Christmas story and its character. Program highlights include Joseph's song, "Chosen," and Mary's "What Have I Done?" The finale "Tasting the Salt," views the Christmas story from Jesus' perspective.

Al and Carol Smith, artists in their own right, have been doing their unique musical programs throughout Michigan and Ohio for over 16 years. Their music often features story-telling type songs in the style of Ray Boltz or Don Francisco.

"Points of Light" is produced by the music and drama department of Lowell Wesleyan Church. Admission to both performance is free for everyone. If you have additional questions about bringing your family to "Points of View," please call the church office at (616) 897-6890.

Lowell to celebrate national school lunch program's 50th birthday

Food service director Carol Harpers says school cafeterias will be decorated with helium balloons and students will be served a slice of birthday cake with their meal on Tuesday, December 10, as Lowell joins in celebrating the 50th birthday of school lunch.

The 1996-97 school year marks the 50th birthday of the National School Lunch Act signed into law by Harry Truman. The NSLA made possible the Federal meal subsidies that have helped states and local school districts operate and expand non-profit school lunch programs that have fed thousands of lunches around the country and in Lowell.

Philanthropic and women's organizations first began serving school lunches near the turn of the century to a limited number of schools in industrial cities. Congress and President Truman expanded the program nationwide when the Defense Department reported a record number of draftees failed their physicals due to nutrition-related problems.

In the 1960's, the media and Congress brought to light the pervasiveness of hunger in the United States. The nation was shocked, and called for action. The resulting Child Nutrition Act of 1966 provided additional funds so that all low-income children could receive their meals for free.

Lowell Schools offer breakfast and lunch meals to all enrolled children. School meals have kept pace with changes in nutrition science and provide 1/3 to 1/2 of most Recommended Daily Allowances for key nutrients and are striving to lower sodium and fat, resulting in the most nutritious meals in the program's history.

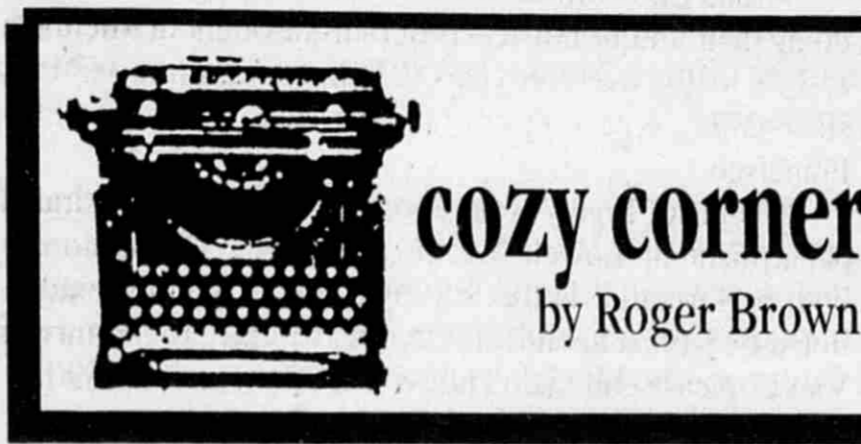
Holiday workshop for kids, Dec. 7

Avoid the holiday shopping crowds at the SSSH! Secret Holiday Gift Making Workshop. Children can make a holiday gift from the heart for a family member or friend. Crafts will be kept a secret for a holiday surprise. Holiday fun with stories and music too. Registration is required for ages five and up. All materials are provided.

The workshop will be at the Alto branch on Saturday, December 7, at 10 a.m.

For more information, call 336-3250 or your local branch to register.

Viewpoint



cozy corner by Roger Brown

I don't cry very often. Almost never. It takes a pretty emotional kick in the pants to get my tear ducts to open up. I'm not necessarily proud of that. Crying is not some big macho hangup with me. It's just the way I am. The way I was raised. The way I feel. I can't change that part of me any more than I can change the fact I have big droopy ear lobes, a turned up nose or prematurely gray hair. I suppose I could force myself to cry on occasion, but that would be just as phony as plastic surgery on my nose and ears or a dye job on my hair.

I also cried twenty some years ago when my big black Lab, the first Thor, was killed. He had gone on a walkabout and I found him dead along a highway. I bawled like a baby.

I cried when the second Thor died. I came home from a party and found him dead. He'd been sick for some time, but I wasn't ready to lose him. I buried him the next morning in the backyard with rain pouring down almost as hard as the tears running down my face.

Then there was Duffy, our big golden retriever. He was dying of liver cancer and was in terrible shape. The whole family took him to the vet to have him put to sleep, and tears flowed all around as we said our goodbyes. I can't believe I get so attached to these dogs. I wish they lived longer so I wouldn't have to put myself through this so often.

My grandparents died within two weeks of each other about five years ago. That was tough. I went into brief periods of uncontrolled blubbering at their loss.

And, I cried along with everyone else in the theater when we thought "E.T." was dead.

I get choked up pretty regularly. My eyes sometimes well up and my upper lip trembles. But, I almost never flat out lose

it and sob. There is a reflex, or defense mechanism, built in somewhere that I don't have much control over.

There was a wedding last weekend. We married my daughter off. My only daughter. As is typical at weddings, a lot of hankies came out during the ceremony. My wife cried some. My mother cried some. My daughter's best friend and maid of honor cried quite a bit. There were some wet eyes over on the groom's side too.

Not old dad. I walked her down the aisle, gave her away and sat in the front pew throughout the ceremony with my cheeks dry. I think I know why.

After recounting the emotional experiences that opened the floodgates of my tear ducts, it's apparent that I cry at a sense of loss... people, dogs, cute little aliens from outer space, etc.

My daughter has been dating this guy for about five years. Three months ago, she made the decision to follow him to Arizona where he had landed a good job with a large computer company. I helped her pack her belongings in a rental van and

hooked her little car up behind. I felt a very serious loss as we said our goodbyes during her early morning departure. I knew in my heart I was losing my little girl to womanhood and the tears flowed like never before. I don't remember ever crying like I did as that rental truck rolled down the driveway.

So, at the wedding, I had already dealt with the loss of my little girl. She married a good guy. He'll be a good husband, father and son-in-law. I didn't feel a loss at all. I truly felt like I was gaining a son. In fact, we're already calling each other, "dad" and "son." We say it jokingly now, but I have a hunch the time is coming when it will be from the heart.

The wedding was a joyous affair for me. I was happy. I was smilin'. You may read more about it in future columns, as there were a fair amount of humorous aspects to the event. For now, I'll close with my congratulations and best wishes to my daughter and new son-in-law. Good luck kids!

daily its Nut Butter bread, made with Pure Gold flour manufactured by the King Milling Company.

Many rulers and statesmen of Europe use black blotting paper to guard against their correspondence being read by prying eyes.

Girls of the Home Economics department of the high school are turning out 70 lunches a day for fellow students.

A full-page spread about the seven Tuberculosis hospitals in Michigan, articles about detection and prevention and an appeal to buy Christmas seals, point out that although Michigan has a lower rate than other states, 1,000 persons a year die of the disease.

By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 5, 1946

34,515 Michigan men were in the Army as of November 1. Kent County has recorded 3,655 marriage licenses so far this year, exceeding by a thousand the previous record in 1920. Labor shortage and unobtainable transformers mean that Christmas lights will have to be delayed one year longer on Main Street.

The coal strike is lightly felt here due to the Municipal Power plant; some steel-dependent manufacturers are running out.

Be sure to wrap Christmas packages securely so they can survive parcel post temporary workers.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER/SUBURBAN LIFE - DEC. 2, 1971

City Council will hold a hearing on a model ordinance for the control of nursing home conditions. The state and county have done little to protect home residents.

Rommie Moore, from Lima, Ohio, is the new YMCA director.

Police Sgt. Jim Hutson takes 240 hours of course work in investigating crimes, paid by a federal grant and the city.

The big Santa Claus parade is scheduled for Saturday, followed by carolers, free coffee and donuts at stores, a holiday bazaar and ox-roast.

The school board investigates the possibility of an elementary school in the Eastgate subdivision.

ent grades, and a large group of students. This fall we were again able to give \$6,000 in grants.

To be a charter member, we must receive your gift by December 31, 1996. Our drive has four different levels of gifts: \$25 - \$99 Contributor; \$100 - \$499 Patron; \$500 - \$999 Benefactor and \$1,000 or more Founder. You may mail your check to L.A.S. Education Foundation, 300 High Street, P.O. Box 269, Lowell, MI 49331.

We urge you to join us in supporting the foundation's charter membership drive. Your contribution will encourage learning experiences beyond the normal classroom endeavors and it will help our students reach new heights as they race toward the year 2000.

Thank you,

Sally Gunberg, Mary Mayhew, Ray Quada, Mari Stone, John Haggai, Pinky McPherson, Bill Roth, Wendy Southwell, Marv Hasso, Rena Mitchell, David Scigliano - The Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation Board Members.

125 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL WEEKLY JOURNAL - DEC. 6, 1871

The editor's complaints: people who promise to pay subscriptions in firewood, and don't carry through; people who take someone else's paid-for Journal from the post office stack.

Dr. Elsworth has the Railroad stock books and is ready to sell unsubscribed stock. Don't be backward about buying. The Library Association is declared dead.

A loaded shotgun inside a trunk discharges and wounds a railroad employee unloading it in Lonica.

Charles Gregg, who has been teaching handwriting in town, has left owing money to various parties. He is now located in Ada.

Mrs. Brinkerhoff's lecture at Union Hall this week will be "The Marriage Question." Admission 20 cents.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO - DEC. 1, 1921

The Lowell Bakery, one door west of the post office, bakes

To The Editor

Dear Editor:

This is a letter to invite anyone in the Lowell community to become a charter member of the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation. Charter members can be individuals and businesses who have been part of our district for a long time, as well as those who are new to this school community. Charter members can include parents or other relatives of young adults who have already benefitted from a quality education in the Lowell School District, as well as those whose children who are still in the education process. Charter members can be individuals who graduated from this district. We hope everyone will give serious consideration to this request.

The foundation was established to assist the Lowell Area Schools by providing funding and resources for enhanced educational programs and innovative learning. The foundation is a tax-exempt organization and donations are deductible from your federal income tax. This foundation is governed by a board of area citizens, with an advisory group of teachers and administrators.

Our Board was very pleased and thankful with our first year of operations. We were able to raise over \$14,000 with a limited appeal for support. We were able to give \$6,000 in grants during our first year. These grants covered many differ-

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>	<p>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL "A friendly church with a life changing message" Worship with us this Sunday and find yourself part of a caring church family! Day Bible Chapel is an independent and nondenominational church. (COME AS YOU ARE) Location: The church is just east of the intersection of Centerline and Pinkney, north of M-21. Worship Service.....10 A.M. Call 897-6332 anytime Rev. Frank Lattimore</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL REV. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M. Pastor Bill Price</p>
<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Sunday School.....9:50 A.M. Wednesday Worship.....6:45 P.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available</p>	<p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. Bill Brandner - Pastor 897-1584 WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M. Church office 956-6695 We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 Sunday School.....9:00 A.M. Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Wednesday Evening.....7:00 P.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M. TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>
<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Bluewater Highway • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 897-5648 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWare.....Pastor Joe Le Pard.....Director of Education Meghan Culver.....Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M. TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>
<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30AM & 6:00PM Sunday School Hour.....11:00AM Contact Church Office for Prayer Mgt. Times 897-7188 JOE GERKIN, PASTOR</p>			

Sharing The Vision

BERT R. BLEKE
Lowell Schools Superintendent

Last week I had the opportunity to watch our girls' varsity basketball team play in the district basketball finals against a very good Christian High School team. To make a long story short, our team was beaten soundly. As I watched the game unfold, I became increasingly impressed with our girls even though they were losing by a considerable margin.

What impressed me about our team was the way they were losing. Our kids never quit, never became disorganized, never complained, never pointed fingers, or looked for excuses. They continued to work hard and do their very best to the last whistle. As I watched these young ladies, I thought about the true value of athletics and all extra curricular activities offered to students in our school system.

While winning is one goal of our athletic program, there are other more important values gained from participation. Our students benefit from their hard work, their continuous effort to improve, the opportunity to work together as a team, and the ability to win gracefully and lose with dignity. In the final analysis, it is the countless hours of practice, dedication, and teamwork that will remain as lifelong lessons long after the students' playing days are over.

My sincere thanks goes to those coaches and extracurricular advisors who instill in our youngsters these higher values to be found in all extracurricular events. Also, thanks to our parents and our community who support our schools and our children as they strive to perform to their fullest ability.

To those girls who walked off the basketball court disappointed, yet knowing they had performed to their very best, and to all students, teachers, and parents who support this effort, determination, and work, you are the true winners and will be for the rest of your lives.

"Tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness and despair but manifestations of strength and resolution."

—Kahlil Gibran

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1996.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thompson and the Deputy City Clerk called the Roll. Present: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson. Absent: None. Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock, Chief of Police James Valentine and Director of Public Works Art Gall.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS that the minutes of the November 4, 1996 meeting be approved as written. YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued. YEA: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (11/18/96)

GENERAL FUND	\$1 19,628.32
AIRPORT FUND	5,537.52
CURRENT TAX FUND	3,085.01
BUILDING & SITE FUND	278,718.48
EQUIPMENT FUND	2,693.41
WATER FUND	28,223.86
DDA FUND	716.36
WASTEWATER FUND	40,574.13
MAJOR STREET FUND	217.00
LOCAL STREET FUND	5,019.36

Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 1425 W. MAIN - FMB STATE SAVINGS BANK - SETBACK VARIANCE FOR NEW TELLER ISLAND ADDITION - SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (12/2). FMB State Savings Bank had proposed to construct an additional teller island for its branch located at the northwest corner of W. Main and Valley Vista. FMB will present a site plan for this addition as well as a rezoning request from R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) to C-3 (General Business) at the November 25 Planning Commission meeting.

The proposed teller island would setback 27 feet from the West Main Street right of way, where 35 feet is required for a front yard setback in the General Business District. Thus, a variance had been requested for the December 2, 1996 meeting. The Planning Commission would also review this variance request at their November 25, 1996 meeting and provide a recommendation.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by THOMPSON to establish a public hearing for December 2, 1996 to consider a front yard setback variance request from FMB State Savings Bank to construct an additional teller island at 1425 W. Main Street, 27 feet from the West Main Street right of way, where 35 feet are required for a front yard setback in the General Business District. YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. PUBLIC NUDITY ORDINANCE (SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE 12/2) AND REVIEW OF THE NOVEMBER 12 ADULT ORIENTED BUSINESS REGULATION COMMITTEE MEETING. Councilmember Green stated that the Adult Oriented Business Regulation Committee met on Tuesday, November 12, 1996. Eric Williams, Big Rapids City Attorney, provided a presentation on what steps to follow to protect the City. He noted that an integral step in regulating adult entertainment or sexually oriented businesses is the adoption of a public nudity ordinance. Williams also recommended a zoning ordinance amendment regulating the location and density of adult entertainment businesses, a licensing ordinance applicable to these businesses as well as a massage parlor ordinance.

The committee will be receiving studies to review and then prepare a recommendation to the Planning Commission at its January meeting to adopt zoning regulations which reflect current court standards.

Green also stated that an ordinance banning public nudity had been drafted through City Attorney Richard Wendt. A public hearing needs to be established for the December 2, 1996 meeting to consider adoption.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to establish a public hearing on December 2, 1996 to consider adoption of a Public Nudity Ordinance. YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. ROBERTA JAYNE STREET UNDERDRAIN - APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER AND PAYMENT. The underdrain project immediately west of Roberta Jayne Street had been installed by Bogard, Inc. The following two actions were required by the City Council for review. First, a change order is provided deducting \$1,350 from the contract because of less tree and stump removal than estimated. This lowered the contract amount from \$60,600 to \$59,250. Also, approval of a payment to Bogard in the amount of \$56,865 for work completed needed consideration. The Federal Community Development Block Grant will pay \$38,000, while the General Fund (Public Works) would provide the remaining \$18,865. A remaining \$2,385 will be retained for seeding and topsoil work for completion in the Spring. Mayor Thompson questioned if any residents had noted a difference and whether the City knew the underdrain resolved the water problem. DPW Director Gall noted that no calls had been received regarding the water drainage, but the underdrain's effectiveness should be known by Spring.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to approve the change order deducting \$1,350 from the Roberta Jayne Street underdrain contract because of less tree and stump removal and approval of a payment to Bogard, Inc. in the amount of \$56,865 for work completed. YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS - COLLECTION OF SUMMER TAXES FOR 1997. The Lowell Area Schools had requested that the City collect the summer property taxes for the district. As part of a continuing resolution, the City collects LAS property taxes at no fee but keeps the interest earned during the bank deposit before distributing these monies.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS to approve the continuing resolution to collect the Lowell Area Schools summer taxes for 1997. YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. WESTSIDE SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT - UPDATE. Bids will be received on Thursday, November 21 at 1:30 p.m. for the westside sanitary sewer extension project and considered at the next Council meeting scheduled on December 2, 1996. The four properties involved which require an easement have been contacted. Michigan Wire, Geenen, and Feutz easements would be granted for \$1 while the Gerard easement requires a payment of \$1500. At the December 2, 1996 meeting the Council would also formally consider the easements.

Item #6. REMOVAL OF TREES AT 908 LINCOLN LAKE. David Austin, 908 Lincoln Lake had requested three Chinese Elm trees located along the Foreman right of way west of Lincoln Lake to be removed. Poortenga Tree Service examined the viability of the trees. It was determined that one tree is already dead. Director of Public Works Art Gall noted the other two trees would probably be in a similar condition in a few years. The trees are all approximately the same age. Austin had contacted other companies regarding the removal of the trees and is still waiting for a response. In consulting with Poortenga Tree Service, the cost for removal is \$2300.

Mayor Thompson questioned who owns the trees. Gall said that the property pins found at the site do not agree

with the survey. The indications were that the property lines proceed through the center of the trees. He said City Assessor James Marfia could find no reason for the discrepancy.

Councilmember Myers questioned the other quotes and if Austin was willing to participate financially in the project. Austin responded that the survey provided by Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber provided the trees entirely on the City property. He didn't know the City's procedure for removing trees. Austin said the recent winds caused many branches to come down. Austin noted that the traffic coming from the schools and factories have to inch out into the intersection to view oncoming traffic. Austin said aesthetically, the trees add value. He wished to invest in new landscaping compatible with the site distance, but attractive. Austin would rather offer to finance relandscaping the corner. He would request advice from a professional landscaper to develop a site distance standpoint.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to accept the quote from Poortenga Tree Service to remove three Chinese Elms located near the Foreman Road right of way west of Lincoln Lake at a cost of \$2300. YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Myers questioned utilizing one quote. Councilmember Shores inquired how long ago the additional quotes had been requested. Austin responded approximately two weeks ago. Mayor Thompson stated that Poortenga Tree Service is utilized by Lowell Light & Power. Councilmember Hodges added they have always served the City well. YEA: 5. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #7. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments received.

Item #8. CITIZEN COMMENTS. None.

Item #9. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Green stated it was good to have Cemetery Sexton Don DeJong recognized in the Lowell Ledger last week. Green commended DeJong on his work performance. Councilmember Shores stated that at the Fire Board meeting held last week, neither representatives from Lowell and Vergennes townships were present. She said the Board is now planning to meet every six months rather than quarterly.

Mayor Thompson said it is great to see people walking in the downtown with much activity occurring. Also, he thanked the Ionia Sentinel for their complimentary article on the City of Lowell.

Item #10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following: A. The following meeting minutes were presented:

- Chamber of Commerce meeting of October 9, 1996
- Downtown Development Authority meeting of October 24, 1996

B. A drawing of the hand rail proposed to be installed in front of City Hall was presented. Mayor Thompson questioned the modern design of the handrail. Councilmember Myers felt this should tie in with the railing currently in place on the Riverwalk. City Manager Pasquale would bring a new proposal to the next meeting.

C. On Wednesday, November 13, Mayor Thompson received a ceremonial check from the Michigan Department of Transportation of \$107,619 in Federal Transportation Enhancement funds for the second phase of streetscape work planned in 1997.

Item #11. APPOINTMENTS: Michael Sprenger (owner of Springgrove Variety) was appointed to the Downtown Development Authority to fill the unexpired term of Robert Pfaller. Sprenger's term will end on January 1, 1999.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: December 2, 1996

William F. Thompson, Mayor
David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

Lowell Education Foundation fills the requests of 10 grants

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation filled 10 grant requests totaling \$5,967.16.

The foundation was established in 1995 to assist Lowell Area Schools in providing funding and resources for enhanced educational programs and innovative learning.

The amount of grant money distributed was roughly the same as in year one; however, three more requests were met in year two.

"Last year, the foundation didn't have funds available in the beginning of the school year, so we waited until March," said Foundation board member Pinky McPherson. "We knew we had enough money to provide grant money in November this year."

The grant monies covered a number of different grades As well as and a large number of students. The grant amounts varied from \$120 to \$2,000.

Grants were handed out to:

- Paula Blumm, for \$2,000, to help finish the Alto Inside-Out classroom.
- Mike Fillman and Paul Jacobus, for \$500, for Cherry Creek road station supplies.
- Nancy Anderson, for \$495, to cover expenses for a workshop to include all third- and fourth-graders at Cherry Creek with Carol McBride. This would include an assembly where he portrays Thomas Edison.
- Nancy Toppen, for \$850, to cover the cost of an assembly and eight mini workshops for Cherry Creek second graders with author Helen Lester.
- Cheryl Blodgett, for \$120, to pay for a guest speaker to

come to her drama class and do a theater workshop.

• Sharon Vensas, for \$375, to pay for a two-part illustrator (Tom Woodruff) workshop for all fourth-graders at Alto Elementary.

• Sharon Vensas, for \$750, to pay for a two-and-a-half day program about the fur trade in the 1770's for all fourth- and fifth- graders at Alto and Cherry Creek elementaries.

• Norma Peterson, for \$150, to purchase 32 books for an in-class lending library.

• Matt Quada, for \$367.16, to purchase a Science Discovery laser disc to be used by all grade levels at Alto.

• James Kovach, for \$360, to cover the cost of transportation for all Alto fourth-graders to and from Muskegon so they can participate on one of Grand Valley's research vessels, the W.G. Jackson.

Jim White, director of curriculum and instruction; Mark Blanding, board of education member; and five teacher representatives reviewed the grant requests to make sure they fit the requirements.

"We are very happy with the monies we raised in the second year," McPherson said. "It was done with a minimal amount of fund raising. We are in the process of developing a fund-raising pattern."

The foundation is targeting an end-of-February dinner to recognize charter members and grant recipients.

The annual dinner will be used to raise money for the grants.

The foundation will also kick off its "Donor Tree" program. People will make a minimum donation of \$400 to have someone's name engraved on a leaf of a brass tree that will be mounted on a high school wall near the performing arts center.

Mr. Wizard Studios to visit Alto Elementary

The mysteries of science will be explored at Alto Elementary School on Monday, December 9, when ECA Educational Services, in conjunction with the Mr. Wizard Studios, presents Mr. Wizard's Science in the Home.

New guidelines set by the American Academy for the Advancement of Science ask

teachers to use hands-on projects in an effort to improve the science programs in our nation's schools. In keeping with these guidelines, Mr. Wizard Science Assembly programs demonstrate the science of everyday living using interactive teaching methods.

Don Herbert, better known as "Mr. Wizard" from NBC TV's *Watch Mr. Wizard* and Nickelodeon's *Mr. Wizard's World*, has produced a program to bring this hands-on style of science to Alto at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Although Herbert himself will be busy exploring new ways to explain science using everyday items, Rhea

The honorees will be those individuals who have made a difference in education.

NOTICE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing of the Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall at 11676 Old Belding Road on:

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1996
at 7:30 p.m.**

at which time and place the following subjects will be heard:

In accordance with Grattan Township ordinance, as amended:

Dennis E. Munger of 8155 Nugent NE, Rockford, MI 49341 (Property #41-12-06-276-007) requests a variance to build an accessory building located in the front yard of the property, prohibited by section 3.01(B)

Ron & Carol Grody of 5906 Ashley Ave. NE, Belding, MI 48809 (Property #41-12-24-100-006) request a variance to build an attached garage such that the side yard would be less than that required by section 6.03(B).

Written comments concerning these issues should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Secretary, Grattan Township Zoning Board, 11676 Old Belding Road NE, Belding, MI 48809.

LOWELL YMCA WINTER SESSIONS

323 W. MAIN
LOWELL
897-8445

CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

LOWELL CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Child Development Center offers quality, licensed child care. Our program promotes physical, social, emotional and intellectual development.

- Ages: Infants 6 weeks to Kindergarten
- Hours: 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Located at First Congregational Church, 404 Hudson St.
- Meals are provided.
- Financial assistance available to those who qualify
- Call for program details.

4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

This is a specially funded program for 4 year olds in need of special attention before Kindergarten.

- 30 weeks long
- Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., with wrap around care available
- Located at First Congregational Church, 404 Hudson St.
- FREE to those who qualify
- Call for program details.

KIDDY GYM (AGES 3-5)

Session I: January 7 - February 11
Session II: February 25 - April 15 (No class April 8)

- A gym class with emphasis on body and spatial awareness, locomotor skills, movement education, and social skills.
- Class will be held at Bushnell School
- Tuesdays 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm
- Member Fee: \$20 Non-Member: \$32

PRESCHOOL BASKETBALL

Introduce your 3-5 year old to the sport of basketball. Basic fundamentals will be taught using junior sized equipment. Class will be held at Riverside Building.

- Wednesdays 10:30 am - 11:15 am
- Member Fee: \$19 Non-Member: \$31

PRESCHOOL NIGHTS OUT!

Preschoolers (ages 3-5) and parents, take advantage of three fun-filled hours of games, movies, arts & crafts, pizza for dinner and more. Join us from 6:00 - 9:00 pm, or pickup earlier if desired.

- December 13 Cherry Creek Elementary
- January 24 Lowell Child Care Center
- February 14 Location TBA
- Member Fee: \$8 Non-Member: \$10

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM

Located at Cherry Creek Elementary School and at Alto Elementary

- Our program provides licensed before and after school child care to children attending Lowell and Alto schools.
- Kindergarten - Fifth grade
- Hours: 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., 3:10 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Full days available for holidays, conferences and bad weather days
- Breakfast and afternoon snack are provided
- Homework time
- Sports, games, arts & crafts, outdoor fun, computer fun, and more
- Financial assistance available to those who qualify
- Call for program details

WINTER BREAK & SPRING BREAK

Winter Break Fun Club will run from December 20 - January 3 from 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. This special child care program provides full day care for children grades K-5. Outdoor fun, crafts, gift making and wrapping, music, field trips and much more is offered. Advance registration is required. If you would like more information about this program, please call 897-4371.

Spring Break Fun Club is April 4-11 - lots of great fun - reserve your spot now!

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KIDS NIGHT OUT!

Hey boys and girls grades K-5 - reserve your spot now for KIDS NIGHT OUT! Sports - games - movies - pizza and drink for dinner!

- Friday, November 22, December 13, February 14 (location TBA) and March 14
- from 6:00 - 9:00 pm at Cherry Creek Elementary
- Members: \$8 Non-Members: \$10
- See detailed flyer for more information

YOUTH PROGRAMS

INDOOR SOCCER

GRADES 1-3 & 4-6 (March 4 - March 19) Boys and girls will learn the fundamentals with an emphasis on having fun. There will also be scrimmages each week. Class will be held at Runciman School. Tuesdays and Wednesdays

- Grades 1-3 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- Grades 4-6 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Member Fee: \$20 Non-Member: \$32

STREET HOCKEY

GRADES 3-5 & 6-8 (December 4 - January 22) Boys and girls will learn the fundamentals with an emphasis on having fun. There will also be scrimmages each week. Class will be held at Cherry Creek Gymnasium. Wednesdays

- Grades 3-5 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- Wednesdays Grades 6-8 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- Member Fee: \$21 Non-Member: \$33

PLEASE NOTE: NO CLASSES ON DECEMBER 25 OR JANUARY 1

ADULT PROGRAMS

HIGH/LOW IMPACT FITNESS

Ongoing through June 8. This is a fun upbeat program for all fitness levels. Participants may exercise at their own level. This program is a medium to high intensity workout with combination high/low impact. Workout includes warm-up, cardiovascular conditioning, flexibility/toning and a cool down. Classes will be held at the First Methodist Church of Lowell.

- Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
- 14 Visit Punch Card: Member: \$33 Non-Member: \$45
- 21 Visit Punch Card: Member: \$44 Non-Member: \$57
- Per Visit: Member: \$3.75, Non-Member: \$5
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MEN'S OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

Ongoing through March 24
Open gym will be held at Lowell Middle School.

- Monday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Fee: \$2 per person/per visit

MEN'S "OVER 30" OPEN GYM

November - March at Cherry Creek Gym.
Monday 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

WINTER BASKETBALL

GRADES 1-2 (January 6 - February 10) Boys and girls will learn the fundamentals with an emphasis on having fun. Class will be held at Cherry Creek School. (Limited space available).

- Grade 1 Monday 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- Grade 2 Monday 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS JANUARY 2
- Volunteer to coach - call the YMCA at 897-8445.
- Member Fee: \$20 Non-Member: \$32

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL - COED

GRADES 3-6 (February 24 - March 26) Boys and girls will meet for 10 sessions for both instruction and game play. This program will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary.

- Monday and Wednesdays
- Grades 3-4 6:00 pm
- Grades 5-6 7:00 pm
- Member Fee: \$25 Non-Member: \$37
- Registration Deadline: February 19

LOW INTENSITY/LOW IMPACT FITNESS

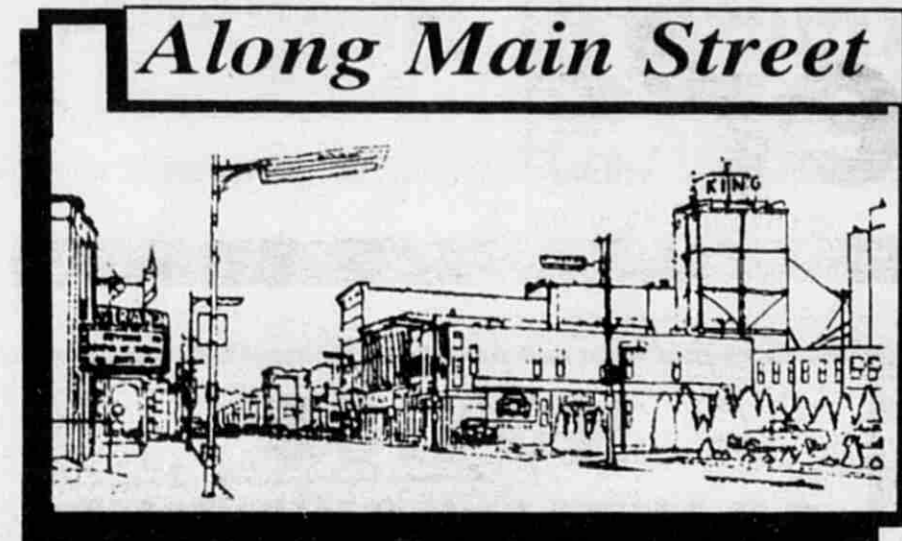
Ongoing through June 6. Come join the fun at our morning low intensity/low impact fitness class. Exercise at your own pace to music from the past and today. Enjoy the benefit of having more energy while toning your muscles and strengthening your heart and lungs. Classes will be held at First Methodist Church of Lowell.

- Monday/Friday 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
- Fees: \$3.75 Per Visit or \$31 for a 14 Visit Punch Card

FUN! COUNTRY LINE DANCING

Session I: January 9 - February 20
Session II: March 6 - April 24
(No class on April 10)
Easy to learn and no partner is necessary for this type of dancing. Come and join the fun. At least eight participants are needed for class to run. Held at Bushnell Elementary.

- Thursday 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Member Fee: \$20 Non-Member: \$35



GOVERNOR'S SPEECH ON LCTV

Governor Engler's speech presented at Lowell Rotary and the Women's Club luncheon on Nov. 20 will be played on LCTV Channel 2 on the following dates at 7 p.m.: Wednesday, Dec. 4 and Thursday, Dec. 5.

LAAC EXHIBIT

The work of Grand Rapids artist Kathleen Kalinowski will be on view in the Lowell Area Arts Council exhibit at FMB Galleria through Dec. 10. Kalinowski's work consists mainly of landscapes of this area in both oil and pastel.

FMB State Savings Bank is located at 414 E. Main in downtown Lowell. The exhibit is on view during business hours Monday through Saturday.

HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT TIMES

The Lowell High School band concert will be held Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. and the high school choir concert will be held Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

Both concerts will be held in the Performing Arts Center at the high school.

**Roberson, cont'd....
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for personnel to help them deal with a traumatic event. "It's nice to be able to talk to others about what you've seen and just gone through," Lowell fire chief Frank Martin said. "For me, just coming home and being with my family makes a world of difference."

The accident is the toughest thing the department has had to deal with, according to lieutenant safety officer John Muha. "It has taken a heavy toll on us," he said.

Matthew Murphy, a Lowell volunteer firefighter, was Emily's father, John Roberson, who lives in Kentucky, was the father of Jennifer and Katherine.

Lowell police chief Jim Valentine said accidents involving kids are dreaded the most by police, fire and rescue personnel. "That's bad enough, but then you add the holiday and it being someone you have close ties with (Judy Noonon, city finance director)."

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke called the Thanksgiving Day accident "cruel."



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DOG LICENSES ARE DUE MARCH 1

Because March 1 falls on a Saturday, our office will be open on Monday, March 3, for dog licenses from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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LHS SPIRIT STORE HOURS

The Lowell High School spirit store is open on Wednesday and Friday from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

LACC SEEKING PARADE APPLICATIONS

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking parade entries for the 1996 annual Christmas parade. The parade will be Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

To obtain an application call LACC at 897-9161 or pick one up at Rupert's Drop, State Farm, Hahn Hardware or Amoco gas station.

COMMODITIES

Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lowell Moose Recreational Building, 1320 E. Main.

Everyone needs to bring proof of income, residence, social security number (everyone) and number of people in household. For more information call 897-0914.

SNOWMOBILE CERTIFICATION CLASSES

Michigan law requires any persons between the ages of 12 and 17 to earn a safety certificate from a snowmobile education course before they can operate a snowmobile on their own.

The Department of Natural Resources along with the Flat River Snowmobile Club will be offering this class on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 9 a.m. at the club house at 11841 Potters Rd., Lowell.

DON'T FORGET TO DECORATE

Don't forget to string your lights and decorations for the annual residential and business Christmas Lighting Contest. Gift certificates awarded. Judging will take place December 10. Sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. Call 897-9161 for more information.

Demolition, continued.... From Page 1

Reagan talked to an engineer and a contractor to determine how the building could be stabilized so restoration could begin. He should know the cost in two-three weeks.

"I don't know how much I'm willing to put in, but I also don't know how much it will cost," Reagan said.

Mark Lessens, a structural engineer from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, said there isn't a contractor that will say the structure can't be saved. "I believe the cost to do so will be prohibitive," Lessens said. The engineer also questioned whether it could be restored historically to match its history.

The city of Lowell received one bid for demolition of the building. It came from Pitsch Companies of Grand Rapids at a cost of \$42,000.

"The price is somewhat higher than previously estimated," Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said. "This is due to the cost of fencing, a concrete barrier and the need of a bid bond."

If the city goes ahead with demolition, the Lowell Downtown Development Authority will pay approximately \$7,000 in property back taxes while the city pays for the demolition cost.

Pitsch said a delay of one month would still allow the bid to remain viable.

Mayor Bill Thompson raised a concern that with January nearing, snow and ice are a concern of his in lieu of the condition of the roof. Lessens also expressed concern about the structural integrity of the building and liability the city may face.

Wendt explained that it would be in the city's best interest to take the title before Dec. 31, thus getting the

SENIOR-ALL-NIGHT-PARTY PARENT MEETING

There will be a Senior-All-Night-Party parent meeting on Mon., Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. in the high school band room. All senior parents are welcome.

EXTENDED STREET HOCKEY DEADLINE

The Lowell YMCA has extended the deadline to sign up for street hockey until Tuesday, December 10, at 4:30. The session runs on Wednesday evenings from December 11 until January 29. No class December 25 and January 1. For more information call the Lowell YMCA at 897-8445.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

There will be an important college financial aid night on Wed., Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. All college bound seniors, juniors and parents are invited.

LAAC CHRISTMAS SHOW & SALE

The Lowell Area Arts Council presents a "Gala Christmas Show and Sale" running through December 24. The Main gallery at the center located at 149 S. Hudson in downtown Lowell will be filled with the handcrafted work of over 50 Michigan artists. Unique and unusual, the gallery of gifts features jewelry, pottery, glass and much more.

The gallery will be open for this special event Tuesday through Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and closed Mondays. For any further information phone the center at 616-897-8545.

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party interested in restoring the building by Dec. 30, it will proceed with demolition. If the city does not hear from Reagan or any other

**Pool, continued....
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Churches, day care centers, youth groups, corporations, service organizations, and individuals or groups with special needs would also benefit from a pool.

Trustee Dick Huver believes the feasibility study is just the "tip of the iceberg," but agreed to the participation, as long as other questions will be addressed.

Timpson believes the study will answer most questions and said the project will not move beyond the study stage unless each representative can voice their concerns and view the project.

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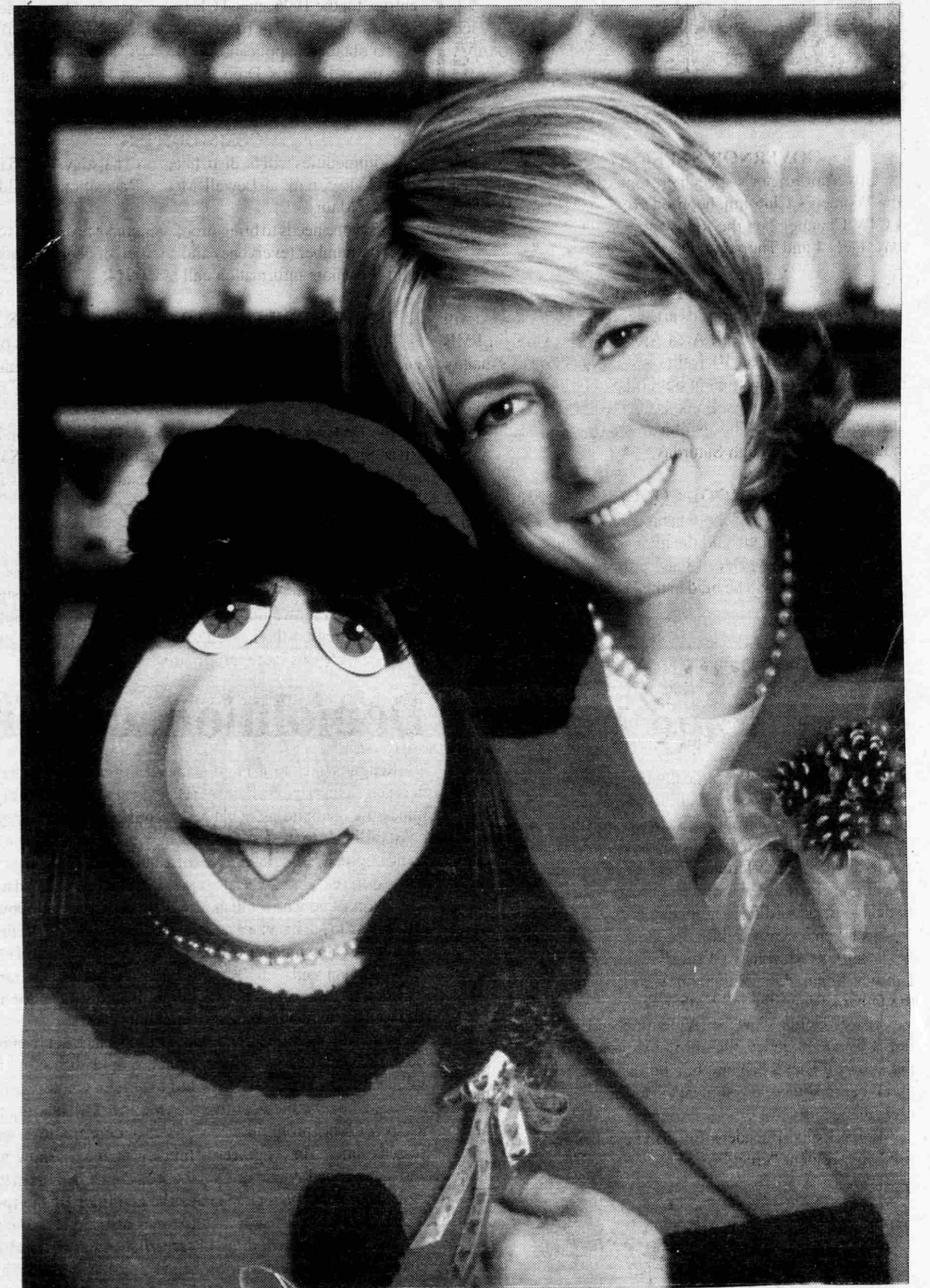
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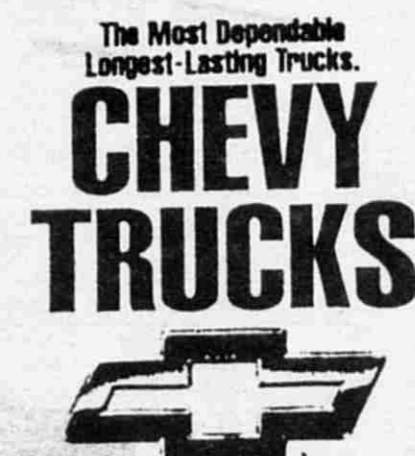
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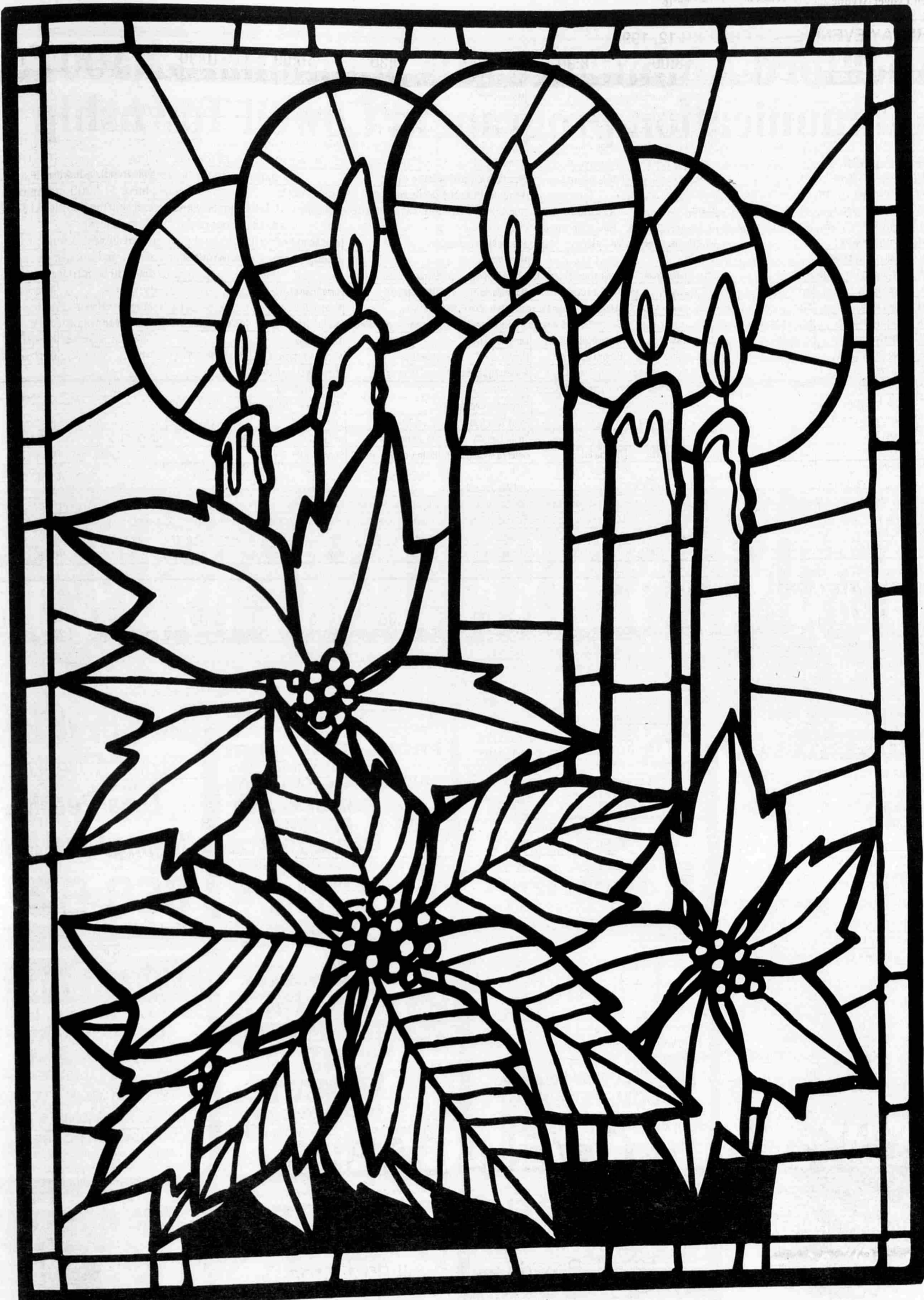
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BROADCAST STATIONS										
3 WWTM	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Diagnosis Murder "Murder in the Family"	Moloney "I'm Ambivalent About LA."	48 Hours (In Stereo)				News	Late Show (In Stereo)
41 WOVU	Step by Step (In Stereo)	Mr. Cooper	High Incident (In Stereo)	Murder One "Chapter Eight" (In Stereo)	Turning Point				News	Nightline
35 WGVU	(Off Air)		Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	Spirit of the Wild				Spirit of the Wild	
17 WXMI	Home Improvement	Seinfeld "The Doorman"	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single (In Stereo)	New York Undercover "Fireshow" (In Stereo)	Highlander: The Series "Prophecy" (In Stereo)			Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (In Stereo)	
8 WOOD	Inside Edition	Extra (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Single Guy (In Stereo)	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Suddenly Susan	ER "Ask Me No Questions, I'll Tell You No Lies" (In Stereo)		News	Tonight Show
23 WKAR	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Fred Trost's Big Buck Night	Stevie Ray Vaughan: A Tribute (In Stereo)					Fred Trost's Big Buck Night (R)	
13 WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Mad About You	High Incident (In Stereo)	Murder One "Chapter Eight" (In Stereo)	Turning Point				News	Nightline
47 WSYM	Home Improvement	Mad About You	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single (In Stereo)	New York Undercover "Fireshow" (In Stereo)	Real TV	Access Hollywood		Bzz! (In Stereo)	Strange Universe
17 TBS	Funnies Home Videos	Funnies Home Videos	Movie: *** "Octopussy" (1983, Adventure) Roger Moore, Maud Adams, Louis Jourdan. Agent James Bond fights Russians planning world conquest.						Movie: *** "Thunderball" (1965, Adolfo Celi)	
20 FAM	Holiday Beefs (R)		Jack Hanna: Ferocious Big Cats (R)	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)					700 Club (Left In Progress)	Three Stooges
20 FX	Mission: Impossible		A-Team	Miami Vice					in Living Color	Picket Fences
23 USA	Highlander: The Series "Finale"		Murder, She Wrote "The Monte Carlo Murders"	Figure Skating: Skating Romance II					Next Step (R)	Beyond 2000
23 DISC	Beyond 2000	Next Step "Roller Ski"	Wild Discovery: Empire of the Red Bear	Movie Magic (R)	Next Step (R)				Time Traveler (R)	
23 WGN	Family Matters	Bzz! (In Stereo)	Movie: **** "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947) Maureen O'Hara, John Payne. (In Stereo)						News (In Stereo)	Wiseguy (In Stereo)
23 ESPN	(6:30) Sportscenter	NFL Pro Bowl Selection (Live)	College Football Awards	The top college football players are honored in Orlando, Fla. (Live)	NFL's Greatest					Sportscenter
23 CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Larry King Live					World Today	CNN/Sports Illustrated
23 NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Rugrats (In Stereo)	Secret of Alex	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Munsters	Mary Tyler Moore	Rhoda "Who's Shy?"	Taxi "Paper Marriage"	Odd Couple
23 A&E	Equalizer "Suicide Squad"		Biography "Marie Antoinette: The Tragic Queen"	Ancient Mysteries "Temples of Eternity" (R)					Mysteries of the Bible	Law & Order "Helpless"
23 PASS	CCHA Digest	NHL Hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Detroit Red Wings. From the Joe Louis Sports Arena. (Live)							FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News
23 TNT	In the Heat of the Night (In Stereo)		How the Grinch Stole Christmas (R)	Flintstones Christmas (R)					Movie: *** "The Greatest Story Ever Told" (1965) Max Von Sydow, Charlton Heston.	
23 NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "The Revenge of Hughie Hogg"		Opry Christmas Past (R) (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)					Country News	Club Dance (In Stereo)
23 TRAV	Perfect Trip	Taste for Travel	Earth Journeys	Earth Journeys	On the Horizon	On the Horizon	BBC Travel	Getaway	Perfect Trip	Taste for Travel
23 TLC	HomeTime "Bathrooms"	HomeTime "Bathrooms"	Medical Detectives	Trauma-ER	History's Mysteries (R)	History's Mysteries (R)	Survival in the Sky (R)		Medical Detectives (R)	Trauma-ER
23 SCIFI	Twilight Zone	Tales-Darkside	V "The Littlest Dragon" (R) (In Stereo)	Movie: * "Dollman vs. the Demonic Toys" (1993) Tim Thomerson.					Tales-Darkside	Twilight Zone
23 HIST	Korea: The Forgotten War (R) (Part 1 of 2)	Four Years of Thunder (R) (Part 4 of 4)	Civil War Journal (R)						Automobiles "Jaguar E-Type" (R)	Year by Year "1946" (R)
23 AMC	(6:15) Movie: *** "All My Sons" (1948)		Movie: *** "Road to Utopia" (1945), Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour	Movie: *** "Von Ryan's Express" (1965), Trevor Howard, Brad Dexter						"Higher and Higher"
23 DISN	Movie: ** "Ballo" (1995), Bob Hoskins, Bridget Fonda 'G'		Movie: **** "Mary Poppins" (1964, Fantasy) Julie Andrews. A magical nanny happily disrupts a stuffy British family. 'G'							Bing Crosby Christmas-We Know
23 HBO	(5:30) Movie: *** "First Knight" (1995) PG-13		Movie: *** "Bushwhacked" (1995) (In Stereo) PG-13 (Adult language)	Movie: * "Soldier Boyz" (1995) (In Stereo) NR (Adult language, violence)						Inside the NFL (In Stereo)
23 MAX	(6:00) Movie: ** "Last of the Dogmen" (1995)		Movie: **** "Driving Miss Daisy" (1989), Morgan Freeman, Dan Aykroyd (In Stereo) PG							Movie: ** "The Road Killers" (1995) (R) (Adult language, violence)

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT DECEMBER 12, 1996										
	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
BROADCAST STATIONS										
3 WWTM	(11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show (In Stereo)		American Journal	Pat Bullard		Geraldo Rivera		CBS Up to the Minute (Joined in Progress)	
41 WOVU	Strange Universe	Paid Program	LAPD: Life on the Beat	(Off Air)						
35 WGVU	Spirit of the Wild	Spirit of the Wild		Spirit of the Wild Ted Nugent pursues the North American bison and bull elk	Spirit of the Wild					
17 WXMI	Gordon Elliott		Paid Program	Murphy Brown	Judge Judy (In Stereo)	(Off Air)			Wonder Years	Perfect Strangers
8 WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)		Later (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol		NBC News Nightside			
23 WKAR	(Off Air)									
13 WZZM	Dating Game (In Stereo)	Newlywed Game	Married... With	Night Court (Part 2 of 2)	Access Hollywood	Caryl & Marilyn: Real Friends			ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)	
47 WSYM	Jenny Jones		(Off Air)							
17 TBS	(11:00) Movie: *** "Thunderball" (1965) Sean Connery, Adolfo Celi.		Movie: *** "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" (1978) Remake of the 1956 thriller about human-cloning space pods.						Mini Disaster Area	Gomer Pyle, USMC
20 FAM	Carson Classics	Carson Classics	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club (Left In Progress)				Movie: "Kidnapped" (1995) (Part 2 of 2) Armand Assante. (In Stereo)	
20 FX	Miami Vice		In Living Color	In Living Color	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
20 USA	Big Date	Renegade "Hunting Accident" (In Stereo)	Major Dad "Sick Bay"	Movie: *** "Ghost Story" (1981) Fred Astaire, John Houseman.					American Gladiators	
23 DISC	Wild Discovery: Empire of the Red Bear	Movie Magic (R)	Next Step (R)	Time Traveler (R)					Paid Program	Paid Program
23 WGN	In the Heat of the Night (In Stereo)		Simon & Simon	Tower					Movie: * "Godzilla vs. Monster Zero" (1966) Nick Adams, Kumi Mizuno.	
23 ESPN	Speedweek	Hawaiian Oceanfest	Cliff Diving (R)	Sportscenter					Up Close (R)	College Football Awards (R)
23 CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today (R)	NewsNight Update	CNN/Sports Illustrated	Larry King Live (R)				Overnight	Sports Latenight (R)
23 NICK	Bewitched (Part 2 of 2)	Dream of Jeannie	Dick Van Dyke	Bob Newhart	Happy Days	Munsters	Mary Tyler Moore	Rhoda "Who's Shy?"	Taxi "Paper Marriage"	Dick Van Dyke
23 A&E	Biography "Marie Antoinette: The Tragic Queen"		Ancient Mysteries "Temples of Eternity" (R)	Mysteries of the Bible (R)					Law & Order "Helpless"	Movie: *** "The Scarlet Pimpernel" (1935)
23 PASS	NHL Hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Detroit Red Wings. From the Joe Louis Sports Arena. (R)				Prime Cuts (R)				Billiards: Women's Nine-Ball Champ. Semi.	Motorsports Hour (R)
23 TNT	(10:00) Movie: *** "The Greatest Story Ever Told" (1965) Max Von Sydow, Charlton Heston.		Movie: **** "Ben Hur" (1959, Adventure) Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins, Stephen Boyd. Friends become bitter enemies during the time of Christ.							
23 NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "The Revenge of Hughie Hogg"		Prime Time Country (R) (In Stereo)	Opry Christmas Past (R) (In Stereo)					(Off Air)	
23 TRAV	Earth Journeys	Earth Journeys	On the Horizon	On the Horizon	BBC Travel	Getaway	Eye on Travel	Perfect Trip	Get Wet	Undersea Adventures
23 TLC	History's Mysteries (R)	History's Mysteries (R)	Survival in the Sky (R)	HomeTime "Bathrooms"	HomeTime "Bathrooms"	HomeTime "Bathrooms"	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
23 SCIFI	V "The Littlest Dragon" (R) (In Stereo)		Movie: * "Dollman vs. the Demonic Toys" (1993) Tim Thomerson.						Boris Karloff Presents Thriller "Guillotine"	Paid Program
23 HIST	Four Years of Thunder (R) (Part 4 of 4)		Civil War Journal (R)						Automobiles "Jaguar E-Type" (R)	Year by Year "1946" (R)
23 AMC	(11:30) Movie: *** "Higher and Higher" (1943)		Movie: *** "Von Ryan's Express" (1965), Trevor Howard, Brad Dexter							Movie: *** "Road to Utopia" (1945), Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour
23 DISN	Movie: ** "Road to Bali" (1952), Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour		Movie: *** "Road to Rio" (1947), Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour						Movie: **** "Mary Poppins" (1964), Dick Van Dyke, David Tomlinson 'G'	
23 HBO	Arliiss (R) (In Stereo)		Movie: ** "Suspicious Agenda" (1995), Nick Mancuso (In Stereo) R						Movie: *** "Waiting to Exhale" (1995) (In Stereo) R (Adult language, adult situations)	Larry Sanders (R)
23 MAX	(11:30) Movie: ** "Tango & Cash" (1989), Kurt Russell (In Stereo) R		Movie: * "Steel Frontier" (1995), Co. Svenson (In Stereo) R						Movie: ** "The Takeover" (1996), John Savage (In Stereo) R	Movie: * "Malicious"



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CINEMAX

Rockford Ambulance gets additional \$2,500 for communication program in Lowell Township

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Rockford Ambulance officials will receive an additional \$2,500 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from Lowell Charter Township to cover the cost of a communication upgrade program.

The township originally agreed to provide the ambulance company with \$5,000 for the project commissioned in 1994, which costs an estimated \$80,000.

"If we thought it was good enough to contribute \$5,000 and give them use of the water tower, then I think it's as good a use as any for that money as we can find," said

township supervisor John Timpson.

Timpson said the ambulance company is \$5,000 short of its funding goal and asked Lowell and Vergennes townships to make up the difference.

Roger Morgan, general manager of the ambulance firm, said the new communication system greatly expanded the company's communication capabilities along the river basin in Lowell Charter Township and reduced the number of radios needed in each ambulance.

Timpson said surrounding communities were asked for additional funds of anywhere between \$7,000 and \$10,000 to

make up for the funding shortfall. All were in agreement.

Township officials have \$17,000 in unprogrammed CDBG funds available and said the additional \$2,500 will be taken out of the 1995-96 request.

The federal government provides funds for community improvement programs, and townships can only use the funds for programs that will benefit the entire community, the elderly or needy.

The funds must be approved for certain projects by state and federal officials and cannot be used without their approval.

How much time he gains who does not look to see what his neighbor says or does or thinks, but only at what he does himself, to make it just and holy.

—Marcus Aurelius Antoninus

Medical supply facility gets go-ahead from township supervisor

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Plans to build a commercial medical supply facility are in full gear following a building permit approval by Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpson.

Jeff Tarak and Don Anderson approached the township's planning commission on two separate occasions about the facility, but had to wait for Timpson's final approval before beginning the project.

The company, called Med Supplies 2000, Inc., will be located on 11 acres of land at 11390 E. Fulton St.

The facility will include a 30 by 40 foot warehouse and an adjoining 20 by 40 foot office facility.

Anderson, who operates a similar facility on West River Drive in Comstock Park, said the company will have four employees and three cargo vans operating at the site.

The township's planning commission said the duo meet all the requirements for a building permit, except for approval from the Department of Natural Resources.

The commission said the final approval regarding the permit would come from Timpson after he reviewed the DNR situation.

Timpson said he received a letter from the 63rd District Court regarding a dismissal of a lawsuit "without prejudice" between the property owners and the DNR. "I have the letter on file and the DNR hasn't questioned it, so that is good enough for me," Timpson said.

The company, which delivers medical equipment and supplies, such as oxygen, hospital beds, walkers and other safety equipment to nursing homes and other facilities, expects to complete construction by spring.

Night driving tips protect walkers

Since winter brings more hours of darkness, motorists need to sharpen their nighttime driving skills to help reduce pedestrian fatal and injury traffic accidents, advises AAA Michigan.

Last year in Michigan traffic, 181 pedestrians were killed and 3,303 injured. "With half of Michigan's fatal crashes occurring during non-daylight hours, motorists have to be very alert for pedestrians who suddenly appear on the roadway," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager.

He added that children under 15 years of age account for nearly 30 pedestrian deaths a year, with youngsters 4-10 years of age the most frequent victims.

"No one sees as well at night as during daylight and

this increases the risk of car-versus-pedestrian accidents," Basch added.

For safe night driving, AAA Michigan recommends:

- Look far down the road and off to each side to anticipate pedestrian movement.
- Focus on edges or outlines of images rather than looking directly at them. Depth perception worsens as daylight fades, making it harder to see if objects are close or far away.

- Use extra caution in neighborhoods, near schools and malls, or wherever youngsters may step into streets.
- Be alert for pedestrians at mid-block and at corners.
- Keep windshields and headlights clean. Dirty or fogged windshields further reduce limited night vision and worsen glare. Dirt on

headlights can cut illumination in half.

- Dawn, dusk, or foul weather, always turn on low beams to make it easy for others to see you.
- When traveling rural or country roads and no traffic is in sight, switch to high beams for greater distance and peripheral vision.
- Don't overdrive headlights. Compensate for reduced visibility at night by increasing your following distance to four or more seconds.
- Minimize glare from oncoming headlights by looking at the road center or edge lines to guide a car at night.
- Motorists who have difficulty seeing at night should adjust travel schedules and take advantage of daylight hours.

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SHRINKING THE SIZE OF GOVERNMENT IN OUR STATE

For the past five years, Republicans in the Legislature, along with Gov. Engler, have been following a vision that we call our tax cutting agenda. You've heard of our 21 tax cuts, which to date have saved all Michigan taxpayers about \$3.5 billion. One important fact that many people don't realize is that we've cut taxes and balanced the state's budget at the same time. What makes this even more interesting is that despite the previous administration's commitment to raising taxes to increase government revenue, the Michigan budget hadn't been balanced in years.

One important reason for this is there was no emphasis on controlling the size of government. For years in our state, the common philosophy was that government is the answer to every problem. For every new dilemma that popped up, a new government program was begun, a blue-ribbon committee was commissioned, or a fact-seeking task force was launched. These efforts, although well intentioned, created a huge bureaucracy and cost taxpayers millions of dollars, hindering any chance of economic recovery or growth. Most of us remember those days of high unemployment, factories closing and families moving from our state.

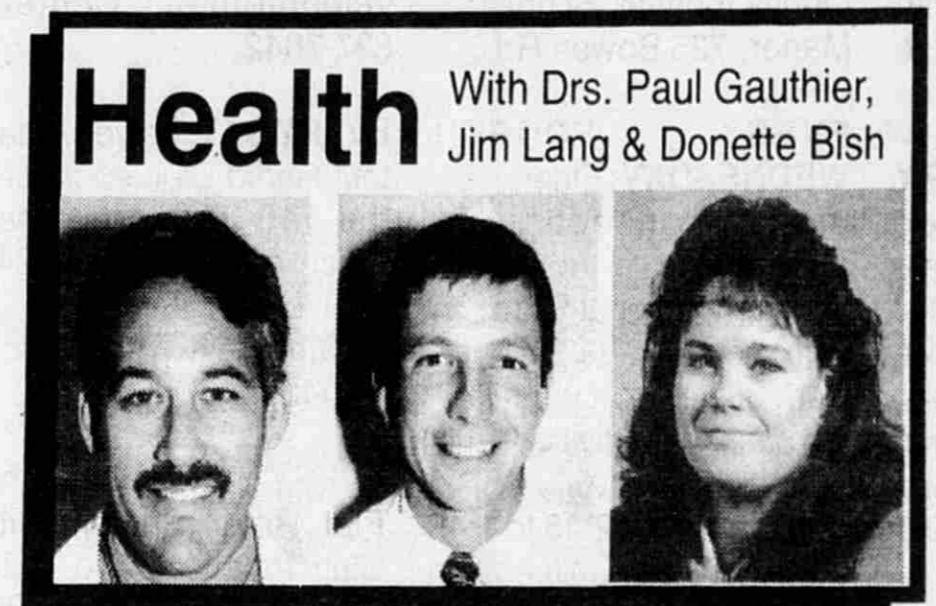
In 1991, we began to relieve the burden on the taxpayers' pocketbooks by taking a serious look at the way government spends our money. We began streamlining the bureaucracy and finding ways for the private sector to shoulder some of the work, where it can be done more efficiently.

Today, there are 4,300 fewer state employees than there were in 1991, and those who remain have shifted the focus to customer service, quality and giving taxpayers value. More than 20 boards and commissions have been eliminated and entire departments have been reorganized and consolidated.

We've also become a national leader when it comes to privatizing services. We accomplished the largest privatizing effort of any state by returning the Accident Fund, the state's largest worker's compensation insurance company to the private sector. The state sold its interest in the Accident Fund for \$250 million. We've accomplished similar feats by privatizing the DNR magazine, the MAIN accounting system, Families First, desk-top computing, and more.

Our work to reduce government in Michigan isn't done. There are a number of issues we're working on this month that will continue this commitment. Before the end of the year, we'll have a plan together to get the state of Michigan out of the liquor business. We'll be turning these responsibilities over to the private sector, where they belong.

We've come a long way from the Michigan of the early 1980's. The key to Michigan's renewed economic strength isn't just our commitment to cutting taxes on families and job providers. A very important part of our rebirth has been streamlining the wasteful government bureaucracy.



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HYPERTENSION

Hypertension is the medical term for high blood pressure. High blood pressure is said to be present when your blood pressure exceeds 140/90. Most healthy adults will have a blood pressure of 120/80 or lower. The first number in the fraction is called the systolic pressure and it is a measurement of the pressure within your arteries during contractions of the heart. The second number, or diastolic reading, is the pressure in the arteries between heart beats.

Uncontrolled hypertension can lead to a heart attack, stroke, heart failure and kidney disease. Unfortunately, there are usually no symptoms in patients with hypertension early in the course of their condition. So, unless someone has their blood pressure checked, they may go several years without appropriate treatment. In most patients, there is no single detectable cause for their hypertension and this is called essential hypertension which is responsible for over 95% of the hypertensive cases we see.

If you have high blood pressure, there are other steps you can take besides medications to lower your blood pressure. These include: 1. Quit smoking. Smoking increases your risk of heart disease, strokes and other diseases. 2. Reduce your weight to your ideal weight. Being overweight makes your heart work harder. 3. Lower your salt intake. 4. Reduce alcohol intake. 5. Perform regular exercise for 30-50 minutes 3-5 times per week. Pick something you enjoy and will stick with - swimming, running, walking, hiking or aerobics.

If you are unable to reduce your blood pressure to acceptable levels with non-pharmacologic means, your physician will prescribe a medication that can usually be taken once daily with minimal or no side effects that will substantially reduce further cardiovascular risks.

COMING EVENTS

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

FIRST MONDAY EACH MONTH: The South Kent 4-H group regular meetings at 7 p.m. in the Alto Elementary School cafeteria.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

MONDAYS: Overeaters Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 10305 Bluewater Hwy. Lowell. Call 451-8953. Come join us!

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Golden Ages meet 6 p.m. at Hale House (Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. All are welcome.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Township Office, 6059 Linfield, Alto. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MONDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and up or completing the 5th grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of North Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-6405.

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Kek Sportsmen's Club meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

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

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

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

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, South Hudson, Lowell.

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Children with A.D.D./A.D.H.D. Issues Group meeting at Sunshine Ministries between 3 & 4 Mile Road at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-5662.

EVERY 1ST TUES.: Adults with A.D.D. Issues Group meeting at Aquinas College in the classroom building (at the far end of the parking lot) on Woodward, just south of Fulton in room 109. For information call Ann at 949-8537.

EVERY THIRD TUESDAY: La Leche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell meets at 7 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant and breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is the Ada Congregational Church on Ada Drive. Call Laurie, 642-6195 for more information.

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

WEDNESDAYS: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church.

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at Lowell City Hall. Individual, community and management development for young adults 21-39 years of age. Phone 897-0709 for information.

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-4810 for information.

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

for more information. Held at the Franciscan Child Development Center.

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY: Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY WEDNESDAY: DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. at the Helping Hands Child Care Center, 1188 Lincoln Lake Rd. This support and recovery program is for all adults experiencing divorce or separation. For more information, call (616) 897-6890.

THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333, Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY: The Alto Lions Club meets at Dari's at 7 p.m.

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY: Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Ada Township office at 7:30 p.m.

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

EVERY SAT. Lowell Amateur Radio Club sponsors the 145.270 - repeater which operates on a 24-hour basis. Also there is a Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

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

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THURS., DEC. 5: Commodities will be distributed from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lowell Moose Recreational Building, 1320 E. Main. Everyone needs to bring proof of income, residence, social security number (everyone) and number of people in household. For more information call 897-0914.

Young men think old men are fools but old men know young men are fools.
—George Chapman

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR
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MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.
TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.
WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.
THURS.: 9:00 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall. 1 p.m. Euchre.
FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walking Woodland Mall.
MON.-FRI.: Senior meals program, noon.

Special Events
WED., NOV. 27: 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.
THURS., NOV. 28: Thanksgiving, center closed.
FRI., NOV. 29: Center closed.
(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)

SAT., DEC. 7: Vergennes Cooperative Club (note day change) at Schneider Manor. Noon punch bowl with catered dinner following. \$6.50 must be paid in advance. Call 676-2362 for reservation. Program "The Boston Bead Story" by Judy Tummino. Please bring items for Access 6 in lieu of gifts. Hostess, Doris Ellis. Sponsor, Evelyn Briggs.

SAT., DEC. 7: "Christmas Crafts and Kris Kringle" at Larkin's Other Place. To reserve a space call 897-5977. Craft booths will be open from 10 to 3. Santa will be at Larkin's Other Place at 10 a.m. Come see Santa and shop for Christmas.

SAT., DEC. 7: All-you-can-eat fish dinner at Lowell Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults, \$6.50; children, 6-10, \$4; and under 6, free. Public welcome.

SAT., DEC. 7: Luncheon and Christmas bazaar 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's School, 322 Amity St., Lowell following the Christmas parade. Lunch served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donation only. Public welcome. Have the children visit Santa and have their picture taken. Fine selection of gifts, homemade jams, candies, baked goods and craft

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SUN., DEC. 8: The children's department of the Lowell Church of the Nazarene presents the musical: "Inside the Outside Inn" at 11 a.m. in the Lowell Church of the Nazarene, 201 N. Washington.

THURS., DEC. 12: Keen Agers will meet at 10 a.m. in Vergennes Methodist Church. They will have dinner - turkey ala king on buns. Bring table service and a salad. They will pack Christmas boxes. Bring homemade cookies, breads and candy.

SUN., DEC. 22: Lowell Church of the Nazarene, 201 N. Washington, presents "Noel, Jesus is Born," a Christmas musical service at 11 a.m.

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Eastgate wells cited for closure by Lowell Township officials

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Former wells serving residents of Eastgate Village will be closed in Lowell Charter Township.

The decision to close the wells, at a cost of around \$10,200, comes two years after residents in the 250-home subdivision had their water service switched to the city of Lowell.

The closure was part of the original switch over agreement, according to township supervisor John Timpson.

The job of closing the wells goes to the Lane Northern

Company.

Another bid of more than \$21,000 was submitted, but the Lane bid better suited the township's needs, according to Timpson.

The closure includes two well houses and four wells, but leaves one well house and an adjoining well in use.

Timpson said the township received a letter from resident Bob Shaft requesting the wells remain open so he can irrigate his property.

The board agreed to leave the wells open...only if an

agreement can be reached that releases the township from any future responsibilities.

In order to close the wells, the pumps must be removed and the opening sealed. In the case of the pump houses, the buildings must also be torn down.

Timpson said he had received a verbal agreement from a contractor to tear down the houses for \$5,000, which he believes to be fair and trust-worthy.

The two wells remaining open are located on Woodbushe and Baywick streets.

Bundy drain benefactors eye \$1,800 repair bill

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Residents in Lowell Charter Township benefiting from the use of the Bundy Drain will be assessed more than \$1,800 in repair costs.

Kent County Drain commissioner Roger Laninga received a repair request for a 10-acre parcel on the drain line and asked the township to fund the entire \$2,500 repair bill.

Township officials declined to pay for the entire project, but agreed to fund 25 percent of the cost, which is estimated at \$600.

"People who use the drain should pay a portion of the cost, that's the way we've done it in the past," said township clerk Carol Wells.

Wells' comment was backed up by each board member, and township super-

visor John Timpson said the board doesn't want to set a precedent by funding the entire bill.

"If we pay for this portion, we'll have other people come up to us in the near future and ask us to pay for

other repairs along the line," Timpson said.

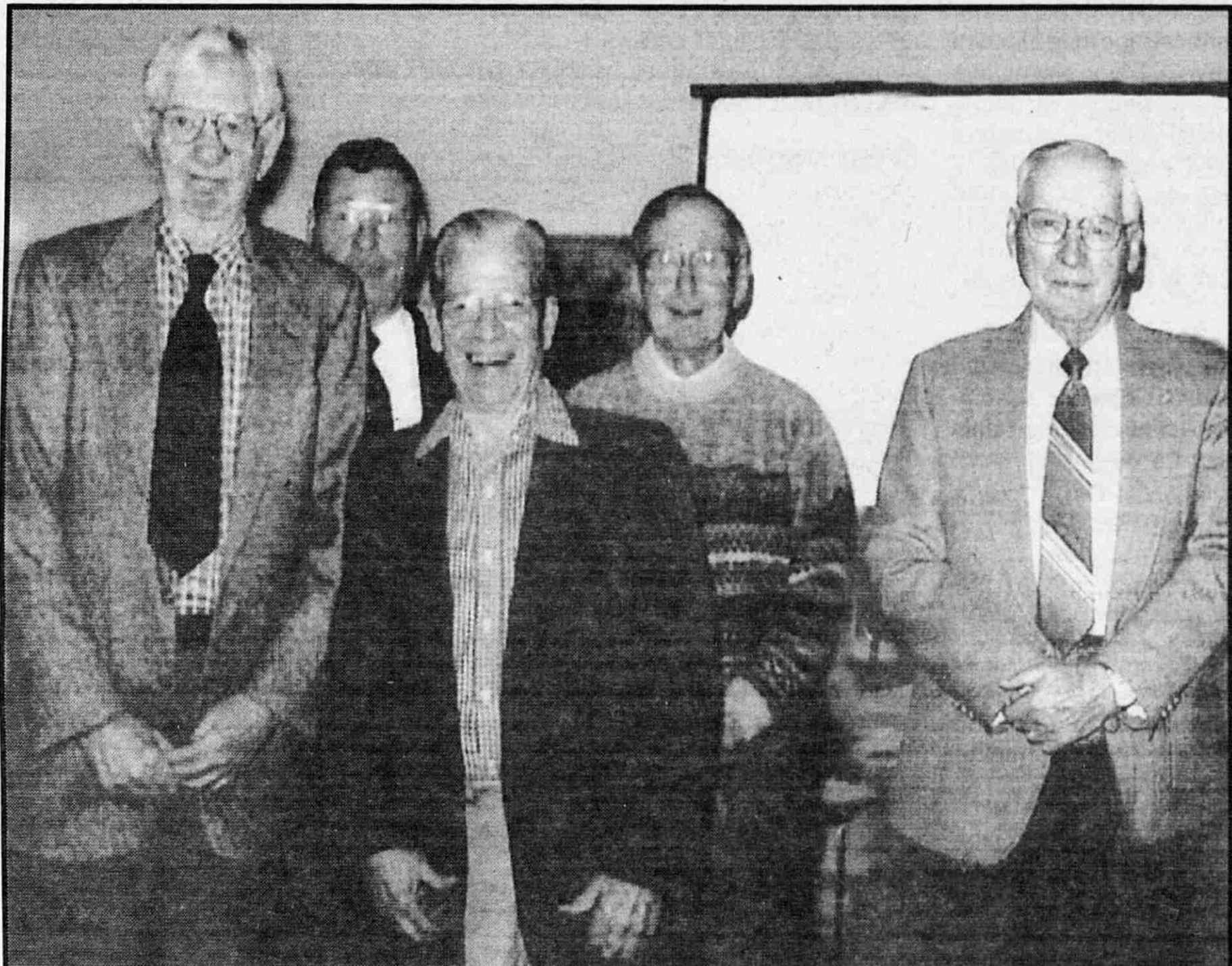
According to a 1995 estimate, the cost of fixing a larger portion of the drain, located off Cascade Road and Hilton Drive, was approximately \$14,000.

With the building of Woody Palmer's Beechtree Golf Course, Timpson and the board fear more costs could be forthcoming.

The property owner seeking the repair, listed on tax records as Jane Wood, has 10

acres butting up to Palmer's future golf course.

The board couldn't determine how many property owners would be affected by the cost, but said it is up to the drain commission to determine who pays what.



50 Year Legion Members Honored

Nearly 50 members of American Legion and Auxiliary of Clark-Ellis Post 152 of Lowell were present on Armed Forces Day, November 11, 1996 at Schneider Manor.

They enjoyed a catered dinner after which plaques were presented to ten 50-year veterans: Ray Borgerson, Dave Clark Jr., Sam Yeiter, David Coons and Alfred Roth. Honored but not pictured are John Phelps and Bruce Walter.

Those not present for that honor were Bob Steward, King Doyle and Bob Christiansen.

Jim Doyle showed slides of his trip to Normandy and the beaches of the D-Day invasion which encouraged memories and much discussion in the group.

Christmas for the Animals at John Ball Zoo

On Dec. 7 and 8 from noon to 3:30 p.m., the zoo will celebrate Christmas for the Animals. The event is free and everyone is welcome to attend. Visitors are invited to bring appropriate gifts for the zoo animals and enjoy the holiday fun.

Santa will be at the zoo to talk to the children and to give each a small gift. Maranda from Fox TV-17 will kick off festivities on Saturday from 1-2 p.m. by leading carols and playing zoo trivia.

Other activities both days will include a scavenger hunt, juggling by Kim Lancaster, a Meet the Keeper Talk, ornament making, free hot chocolate and more.

Appropriate gifts for the animals include: air kennels, pillow cases, blankets, towels, styrofoam coolers, ceramic, plastic or stainless steel food bowls, unsalted peanuts or sunflower seeds, oranges, apples, carrots, whole bananas, fresh spinach, kale and escarole, measuring spoons or cups, and kitchen knives or small hand choppers.

Take a break from the rush of shopping and enjoy Christmas for the animals. For more information, call 616-336-4301.

COLLEGE NEWS

Juniors Burton J. Breuker and Andrea B. Richmond, and freshman Maureen B. Pawloski, all of Lowell, are on the dean's list at Aquinas.

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LOST - Female, calico cat, mostly white with green & grey, wearing collar near Bushnell Elementary. Call 897-6357.

LOST - Jack Russell terrier, male, white body, brown head, has medical condition & needs meds. Fallsburg Park area. REWARD! Call 897-7262.

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1/7	Gymnastics	W. Catholic	7 p.m.	1/13 - 1/14
1/16	Volleyball	F.H. Central	7:30 p.m.	1/20 - 1/21
1/23	Wrestling	Northview	7 p.m.	1/27 - 1/28
1/30	Volleyball	Wyoming Pk.	7:30 p.m.	2/3 - 2/4
2/5	Gymnastics	Rockford	7 p.m.	2/10 - 2/11
2/11	Boys B-Ball	F.H. Central	7:30 p.m.	2/17 - 2/18
2/21	Boys B-Ball	Wyoming Pk.	7:30 p.m.	2/24 - 2/25
2/25	Volleyball	Northview	8 p.m.	3/3 - 3/4

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Westside sanitary sewer scheduled to start with confirmation of easements

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A bid from Geo Con, Inc. was approved Monday night by Lowell's city council, making way for the westside sanitary sewer project to be initiated before winter's first hard freeze.

Of the four easements needed, city attorney Dick Wendt said three have been obtained. The only one that hasn't has been that of Donald Gerard.

"By far, the city will be taking the largest easement from Gerard's property," Wendt said.

The council gave Wendt approval to spend up to \$1,500 to attain the easement.

The project will begin once all easements have been secured.

City manager Dave Pasquale said the project should be completed in time so that Ionia County National Bank can open on schedule in

February of 1997.

The city awarded the construction contract to Geo Con for \$169,775.

Pasquale said the total cost of the project will come in about \$6,000 (\$217,417) less than what was estimated (\$223,269.23).

Of the six properties that will be assessed, two will hook up immediately - Ionia County National Bank (\$19,896) and Michigan Wire (\$11,108); John Wellman (\$6,665) and

Todd Landman (\$7,899) will hook up within 180 days.

Michigan Wire and the bank will enter into an agreement to pay the assessment over a 10-year period at an interest rate of seven percent.

Each year the payment is deferred, the assessment will go up 3.5 percent.

A&C Company (\$36,287), proposed Mill Isle Estate Subdivision, will pay off its assessment in full or

enter into an agreement when development of the property begins.

The other properties won't face assessment until there is a change in use or development is started.

Spring seeding and topsoil will complete underdrain project

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The true test of the Roberta Jayne Street underdrain work won't really come until spring.

"As of now, it is definitely draining subsurface water," said Lowell Public Works director Art Gall.

The underdrain immediately west of Roberta Jayne Street was recently installed by Bogard, Inc.

All that remains to be completed on the project is seeding and topsoil work which will be done in the spring.

Lowell's city council approved a change order which deducts \$1,350 from the contract because of less tree and stump removal than originally estimated. The deduct lowers the project contract amount from \$60,600 to \$59,250.

The council also approved

paying Bogard \$56,865 for the work it has completed. The rest will be paid in the spring when the job is finished.

The Community Block Grant fund will pay \$38,000 of the project while the general fund will provide the remaining \$18,865.

The balance of \$2,385 will be used in the spring.

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