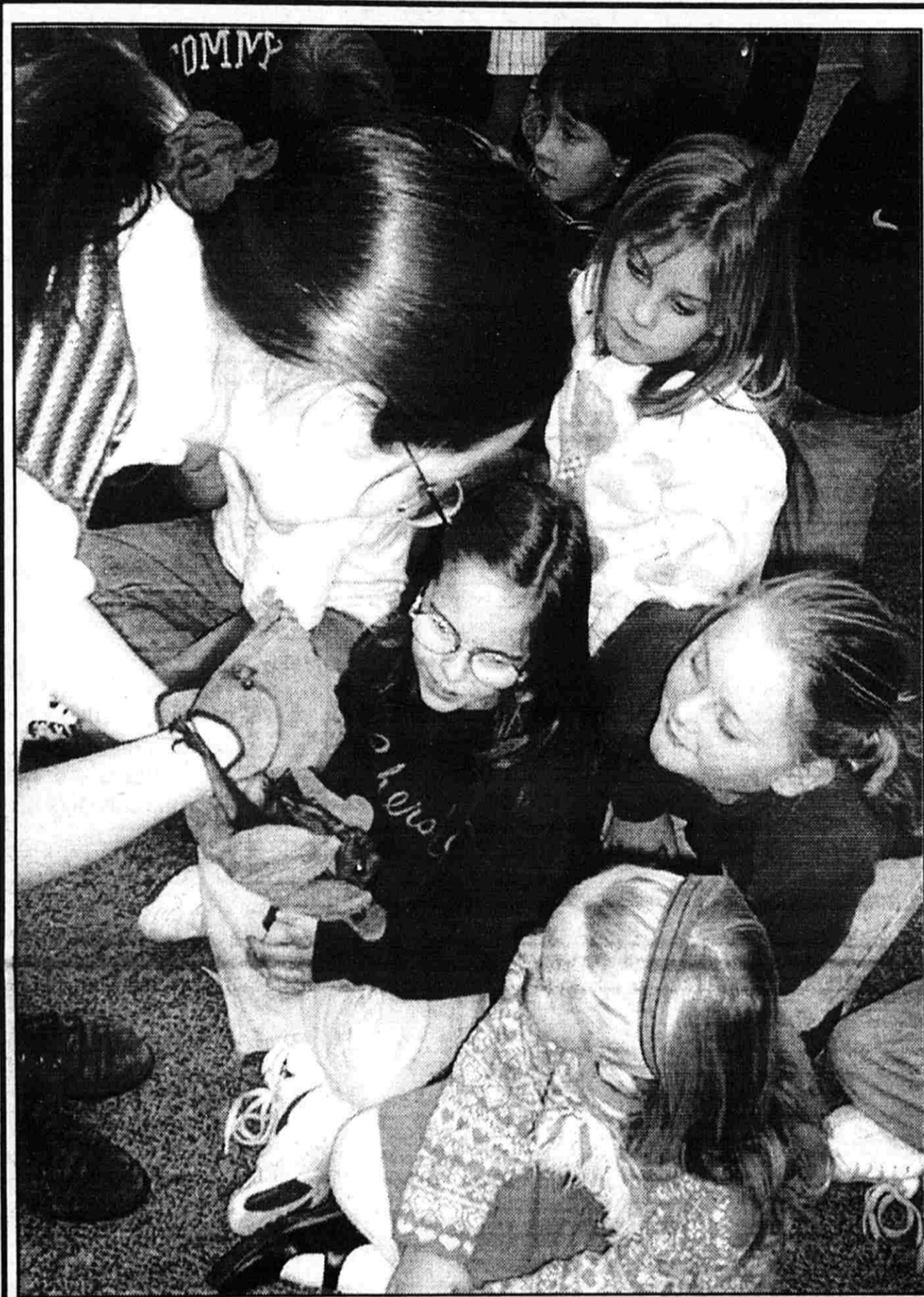


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Laurie Nelson shows Mandy Vezino, front row; Kate Bailey and Charlie Hathaway, second row, and Anita Orlowski (white shirt) take a peak at a straw colored flying fox bat.

Holy Bat Minds!

•••• Cherry Creek Elementary third-graders batted around some myths about the fly mammal with bat conservationist Laurie Nelson.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

with a straw colored flying fox and never "batted" an eye. Other bats displayed by Nelson included the red and big browns bats.

Bats, cont'd. pg. 8

Laurie Nelson, an educational consultant for Organization for Bat Conservation, paused during her presentation to Cherry Creek third-graders Monday and wondered aloud if the students shouldn't be making the presentation.

"It's apparent that the kids have done a little studying about bats," marveled Cherry Creek Elementary principal Bill Markovich.

Third-grade students came to the presentation well read. They spoke knowingly of bat myths, micro- and mega-bats, and echolocation.

They were rewarded for their wealth of knowledge as they went face-to-face



Laurie Nelson is an educational consultant for Organization for Bat Conservation

No Getting Around It!

•••• Driving your way through downtown Lowell next summer during the second phase of the Downtown Development Authority project may be untimely.

By J.N. Boorsma
 Contributing Writer

There really isn't any way around it—getting around by car in Lowell next summer is going to be tricky.

That is the season when the city of Lowell and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will begin, and hopefully complete, a \$1.4 million road project on M-21.

The project is broken down into four parts:

- The Downtown Development Authority's streetscape project from Broadway to Lincoln Lake. This project also includes the installation of a new 12-inch water main on West Main from Broadway to Amity and another water main from the West Main and Hudson intersection.

- The widening of the West Main and Hudson Street intersection to help with the turning movements of trucks with trailers.

- The removal of the bridge at the King Milling parking lot (across from the Riverwalk Plaza.)

- Milling and repaving of M-21.

"The biggest disruption will be the bridge," said Steve

Nichols, of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr, and Huber, which has been working with the city and MDOT on the project. Nichols said MDOT is estimating it will take eight to 12 weeks for the bridge project to be completed, which includes taking out the bridge, removing between six to 10 feet of muck, replacing the muck with sand, and putting a roadway in place.

"Originally, MDOT wanted to shut down the whole bridge," Nichols said. "However, the more updated plan calls for the bridge to be reduced to one lane with a temporary traffic signal monitoring westbound and eastbound movement through the bridge."

Even this method will cause some traffic backups, Nichols said, with board members expressing concerns that MDOT doesn't realize how difficult it is going to be for residents to move through the city.

"I'm not sure they totally understand that the rivers affect us more than other communities," said mayor William Thompson. Thompson said because of the two rivers in Lowell, it makes it quite a challenge for residents to move

around the city especially when a major city road is under construction.

Nichols said MDOT plans to remove the temporary traffic signal as soon as possible and expects to have the bridge back to two lanes once about two thirds of the project is completed. MDOT estimates the one-lane use on the bridge will last for about four to eight weeks.

The bridge, however, will not be the only obstacle for residents. At the same time the bridge work is taking place, the work on the intersection of Hudson and Main streets will begin, taking about four to six weeks to complete.

The news left the city council with concerns about traffic flow and access to parking. City manager David Pasquale said the Chamber of Commerce is planning to host an informational meeting for merchants and the public at 7 p.m. January 21, possibly at the Township Hall. The meeting would be designed to help merchants get answers to questions about traffic flows and other related issues.

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Chamber's Christmas parade features who else - Santa Claus

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's annual Christmas parade will unwrap this season's holiday spirit.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. It will feature the high school and middle school marching bands, entries and floats from area churches, organizations, businesses and, of course, Jolly Old St. Nick. Following the parade, children can have pictures taken with Santa at Larkin's "The Other Place." Parents can also take time to browse through the different craft booths.

Area churches will provide a spiritual meaning of

Christmas as they host a live nativity on the Riverwalk Plaza from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

A lighting ceremony of the town Christmas tree will take place at 6 p.m., followed by an old-fashioned caroling on the

Riverwalk Plaza.

For those who would like to take a leisurely ride along Main Street, free carriage rides will be offered from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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 To Light Up Covered Bridge,
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OBITUARIES

BARBER - Marion L. Barber, aged 88, of Grand Rapids, passed away at Blodgett Hospital on November 27, 1997. She was born in Buffalo, New York, on June 29, 1909, to the parents of Charles (Bertha Arendt) Jannack. She is survived by one daughter Sharon (Bradley) Smith of Ionia; two sisters Jean Moody of Arizona and Charlotte Dougherty of Florida; two grandchildren Tracey

(Shawn) Reed of Ionia and Matthew Smith of East Lansing; one great-grandson Austin Reed. Graveside services will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements by the Lake Funeral Home in Ionia.

ROBERTS - Mary K. Roberts, aged 81, of Lowell, died Sunday, November 30, 1997. She was preceded in death by her husband Carl Roberts and son George Henderson, Jr. She

is survived by her daughter Dorothy (James) Rhoades of Clarksville; daughter-in-law Judy (Dirk) Durkee of Grand Rapids; grandchildren Steve and Sandy Henderson, Jeff and Holly Henderson, Kim and Patrick Przybylski, James and Janet Fisher, Eric and Angela Barrett, Jim and Judy, Steve, Scott Rhoades, Pamela Cullen. Funeral Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Rev. Gary Schnepf of Clarksville Wesleyan Church officiating. Interment Clarksville Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart As-

sociation or Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

SMITH - Daniel K. Smith, aged 47, of Saranac, passed away November 28, 1997 at his home. He was born February 25, 1950 in Ionia, the son of Arthur and Mary (Scheiern) Smith. He married April on December 17, 1994, in Saranac. She survives him in Saranac. He owned and operated a Division Office of American Express Financial for 21 years. And he was also involved for many years with various community services. He is survived by his mother Carl and Mary Smith Klahn of Saranac; sons Jeffrey D. Smith of Grand Rapids, Benjamin R. Smith of Grand Rapids; step-son Paul A. Leys of Saranac; sister Diane M. and Mark Adams of Ionia; brother Calvin A. and Ann Smith of

Manchester, four nieces and two nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by his father Arthur in 1981. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Befflin Center Church with Rev. David Flagel officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make contributions to the Berlin Center Church Steeple Fund or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home of Saranac.

Township meeting to respond to residents' concerns

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Legal and professional planners will be in attendance at a Jan. 5 Vergennes Township Planning Commission meeting to provide opinions to concerns and questions residents have about the proposal of a home-based business ordinance.

Due to space accommodations, the meeting will be held in the high school band room at 7 p.m.

Only written comments and questions received by the township on or before Dec. 18 will be addressed by the legal and professional planners on Jan. 5.

"We're doing this so that they can review the comments and address them one by one at the meeting," Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stohle said.

The township's charge of drawing up an ordinance regulating home-based businesses has created a nervousness among some of its long-standing residents.

Stone said a proposed new ordinance would look to regulate a home-based business's size, traffic, growth, excess noise and noxious odors.

Some citizens are concerned that the ordinance may be too limiting.

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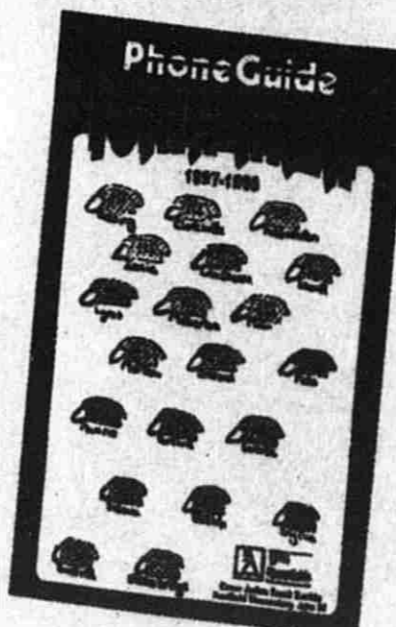
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Christmas on the Grand opens at the Gerald R. Ford Museum

... LAHA's "Natural Lowell" Christmas tree entry recognized with best of show.

Christmas comes early to West Michigan this year. The first present of the holiday season was unwrapped on Nov. 17 at the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids. That's when former president Gerald R. Ford and Grand Rapids mayor John Logie opened the second annual holiday tradition - *Christmas on the Grand*.

Ford Museum visitors will be able to see 26 spectacular trees reflecting a variety of cultural, sport, and historical themes - from the Grand Rapids Symphony to

the Grand Rapids Hoops to the Boy and Girl Scouts through Jan. 4.

In addition, communities from throughout West Michigan will showcase what makes them unique: a covered bridge tree from Ada Township, from Cedar Springs, a tree decorated in what else - red flannel. These are joined by a Whitecap tree, a music tree from St. Cecilia's Music Society, the Angel tree sponsored by WOOD-TV and the Salvation Army for those in need during the holidays... and many more.

The Lowell Area Histori-

cal Association was bestowed with "Best of Show" honors for its "Natural Lowell" tree.

LAHA members Tina Phillips and Lori Mattingly decorated the tree with all man-made ornaments.

Along with the 26 trees, the Ford Museum has turned into a winter-wonderland. Twenty-one Christmas quilts are on display inside while outside, the entire building is lit in a holiday motif, including a huge 440-pound wreath that consists of 290 feet of garland, over 100 snowflakes and 1,500 lights.

The wreath was made for the museum by Bruce Carle. Thanks to the city of Grand Rapids, trees along the Grand River have been sparkling with lights since the night of

Nov. 17. Everyone was invited to join President Ford and Mayor Logie for the tree lighting ceremony that evening, followed by hot chocolate and the first chance to view *Christmas on the Grand* inside the Ford Museum, free of charge.

Until Dec. 24, the museum gift shop will have a 20 percent discount on all items for sale. White House Christmas decorations, Christmas cards from the White House autographed by both President and Mrs. Ford, and White House china are just a few of the hundreds of gift ideas for the holidays.

Visitors will also have the added treat of getting to see *Presidents and Paisanos: Italian Gifts to the United States*, a remarkable tempo-

rary exhibit open now through Feb. 1. Timed to coincide with the Grand Rapids Art Museum's once-in-a-lifetime show by the Renaissance artist Perugino, *Presidents and Paisanos* will feature nearly 70 items, 19 American presidents, seven popes and numerous other Italian leaders. In addition, there will be traditional Italian Christmas decorations among the trees.

The Gerald R. Ford Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens, and free to children 15 years of age and younger. Free parking is available.

SPIRIT STORE HOURS

White Block Days
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Reflections

Of Faith

By Rev. George J. Fekete
St. Mary Church

The Gospel for Saturday, November 29, the last day of the Church's Year of Worship for 1997, was from Luke 21:34-36. In it we find Jesus saying to his disciples: "Be on guard lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence and drunkenness and worldly cares." Commenting on the Gospel the Franciscan priest, Father John Turnbull said, "Much research has been devoted to determining the causes of obesity. Some think

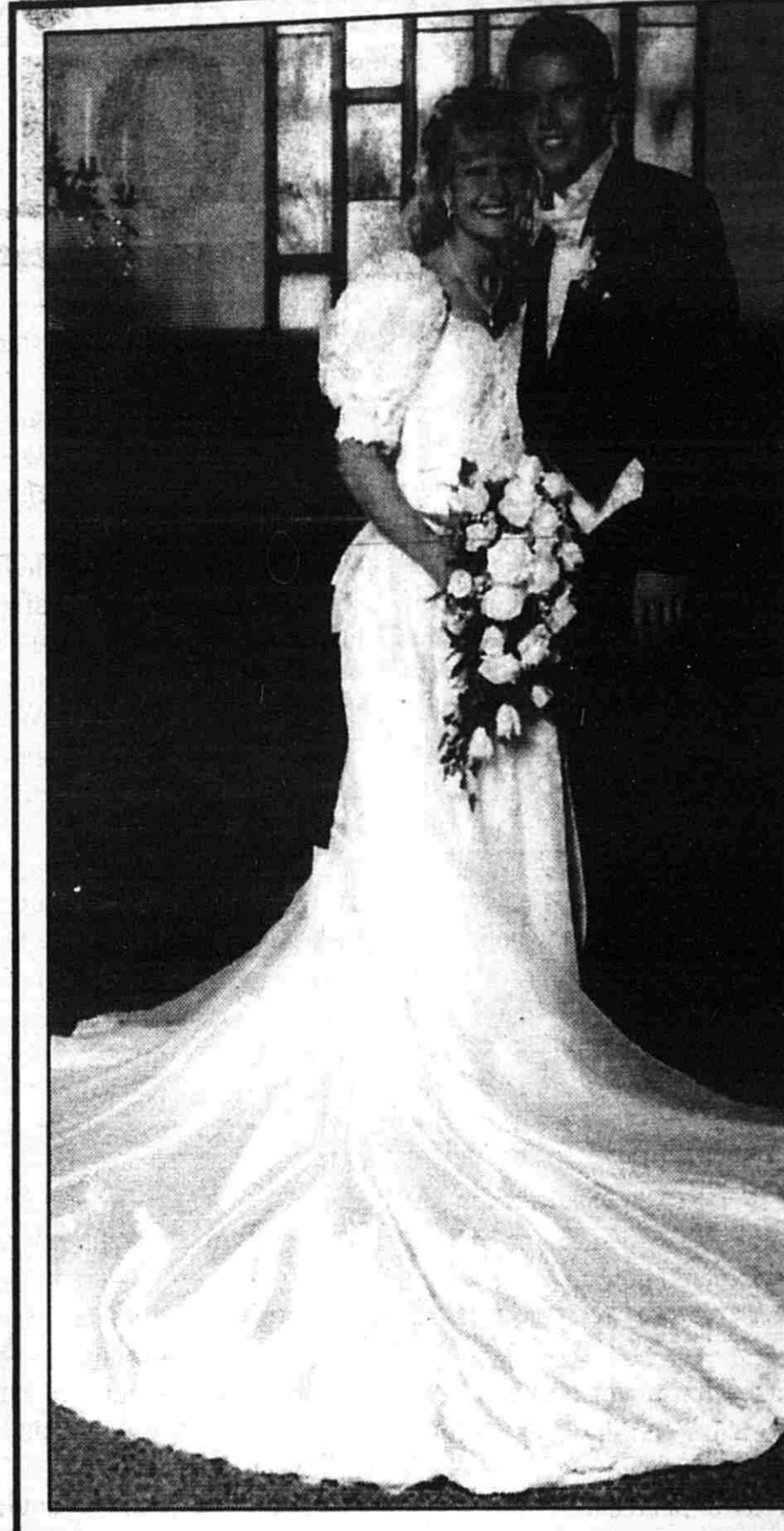
it could be the result of genetic factors, others think it could come from life-style factors, such as improper diet and lack of exercise. The latest research combines the insights of behavioral science and environmental science. In this unusual pairing of scientific disciplines, evidence seems to point to a dual causality of obesity. It was observed that thin people look at themselves in the mirror far more frequently than overweight people. Additionally, there were fewer mirrors, especially full-length mirrors, in the homes of the obese members of the study group. Experiments are being done with increasing the number of mirrors in the homes of those who need to lose weight."

Father Turnbull goes on to say that this research might

readily transfer to the spiritual realm. In the above passage Jesus speaks of a "bloated" spirit. Very possibly that bloated condition results from too few glances into the mirror just as the research would indicate in the case of the body. However, "for the spirit the 'mirror' is not a piece of glass with a silver backing but the Word of God with the Holy Spirit as its backing. Scripture gives a person a full-length, front-and-back view of themselves."

So in the passage Jesus warns of the danger of a life devoted to pleasure, of excessive drinking and worldly cares. He warns that such things can weigh down a person's spirit. On the positive side, in the same passage, Jesus encourages prayer which helps us to do two important things: look at and listen to the Word of God.

Now that we are in the Season of Advent preparing to celebrate, to re-live the birth of our Savior, it would be well for us to spend some time every day getting a good look at our spirit. We might be surprised at what we see. God bless you!



Bobo and Brocker exchange August vows

Wendy Sue Bobo and Larry Lee Brocker, Jr. were united in marriage on August 16, 1997 at the United Wesleyan Church in Grandville.

The bride's parents are Glen and Jackie Groeneweg of Lowell and Bruce and Diane Bobo of Comstock Park. The groom's parents are Lila Brocker of Chase and Larry Brocker of Ludington.

Maid of honor was Laura Osmolinski. Bridesmaids were Becky Bobo and Tina Brocker. Flower girl was Sarah Luce.

Best man was J.C. Smith. Groomsmen were Jeremy Bobo and Jody Brocker. Ringbearer was Andrew Brocker. Ushers were Mathew Groeneweg and Steve Warner.

Viewpoint . . .



Ledger Entries of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - DEC. 2, 1897.
"Old John Eaton" in trouble again - his "den" burned, so he moved in with an unwilling neighbor and now has gone to the Soldier's Home in Grand Rapids. The editor says Nonsense; he has money, property and a pension.
Grand Rapids loan sharks take victims for all they think safe, then assign the victim to another loan shark, and so on. The Hotel Brace has changed hands again.
Standard Oil Co. stock is paying 32 percent per year.
A new and rapidly-growing Chicago organization matches men and women at "matrimonial picnics" for compatible phrenology ("bumps on the head" science).

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO - NOV. 30, 1922

Thirty-three high school students tried out for the eight positions on the debate team.
The chemistry class demonstrated with a huge bonfire that the school fire extinguishers do what they're supposed to.
The Lowell American Legion Post is sponsoring a free country fair at City Hall, with exhibits, free amusements, food and an especially good jazz orchestra, all for three nights.
"Some people get so tired working eight hours for five days that they have to have two days for rest."

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - DEC. 4, 1947
November snowfall was almost a record, with 17.2 inches. Many gift items are making their first appearances since 1941, before the war.
Three wolves, 622 coyotes and 97 bobcats were killed for bounty in October. The Conservation department paid out \$11,450.
The Sister Elizabeth Kenny Foundation fund drive is on. Heavy demands on funding have been made, from free treatment of veteran polio patients and their families.
Norton Louis Avery now has his own laboratory for production of color photos. He has pioneered color photography in Michigan.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - NOV. 30, 1972

The Rix Robinson marker is ordered back to its original spot by the court, but Ada citizens want it moved NOW.
The Lowell Community Center is looking for an air compressor for its dental clinic, plus a stenographer's chair and a lockable refrigerator.
This year's Christmas parade, December 2 at 2 p.m., will have many floats, school bands, Showboat calliope, animated characters and Moose members in clown suits passing out treats.
Lowell police officers write a public letter to City Council, protesting the city's purchase of under-powered cruisers.
Thirty-one units of senior housing are planned for Saranac

Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Donette Bish



MIGRAINE HEADACHES
Many people think that "migraine" is a synonym for "severe." Not true. Migraine headache is a very specific type of headache, caused by a dilation or widening of the blood vessels to the brain. They are usually one sided, recurrent, may induce nausea or vomiting, may be associated with sensitivity to bright light, and may be associated with visual disturbances.
Many things may "trigger" a migraine:
* Stress, anxiety
* Certain smells, fumes, tobacco smoke, weather changes
* Menstrual cycle, birth control pills, estrogen therapy
* Sleep disturbances
* Certain foods: aged cheese, alcohol, caffeine, pickled foods, citrus fruit, processed meats (lunch meat) MSG (monosodium glutamate), milk, and peanuts.
Trying to avoid any of the above and/or modifying any counterproductive behaviors (nicotine, alcohol) may lessen your susceptibility to recurrent migraine. If not, it is advisable to seek medical attention for treatment or prevention of these sometimes confounding headaches. Oral, injectable and a new inhaled product are currently available to abort migraines. If you suffer from frequent attacks, there are medicines available to be taken regularly to prevent migraines.

School Meals

Week of 12/8 - 12/12 ELEMENTARY

MON: Macaroni & cheese, green beans, sweet roll, grapes or canned fruit, milk.

TUES: Cheeseburger in a bun, baked beans, fruit selection, milk.

WED: Pizza w/meat, cheese & pepperoni, corn, assorted fruits, bar cookie, milk.

THURS: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, dinner roll, fruit or gelatin w/whip, milk.

FRI: Breakfast for lunch, 3 French toast sticks & scrambled eggs, hashed brown potatoes, canned or fresh fruit, milk.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

MON: Macaroni & cheese, ham/scallop potato, yogurt, chef salad, cheeseburger; choose 2: green beans, side salad or fresh carrots; sweet roll, grapes or canned fruit, milk.

TUES: Chili hot dog, burrito w/bread, cheeseburger, chef salad, yogurt; choose 2: Baked beans, side salad or noodle soup w/crackers; fruit selection; milk.

WED: Pizza w/meat, cheese & pepperoni, chicken fajita, cheeseburger, chef salad, yogurt w/bread; choose 2: corn, fruit juice, side salad or assorted fruits; bar cookie, milk.

THURS: Chicken nuggets, roast turkey, cheeseburger or chef salad, yogurt; choose 2: mashed potatoes w/gravy, side salad or cole slaw; dinner roll, fruit or gelatin w/whip, milk.

FRI: Breakfast for lunch, 2 pancakes or French toast w/egg, chef salad, cheeseburger, yogurt, chicken patty sandwich; choose 2: Oven fries, side salad or fruit juice; canned or fresh fruit, milk.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- DEC. 4 - Tennille Bryant.
- DEC. 6 - Katie Blough, Kristopher Vezino, Phil Seese, Christopher DeBold, Maria Blough.
- DEC. 7 - Jennifer Berry.
- DEC. 8 - Mike Cummings.
- DEC. 9 - Allen Metternick, Sara Triplet, Essie Baird, Deb Schuitema.
- DEC. 10 - Bill Flugler, Evelyn Heim.

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<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 Worship.....8:30 A.M. Koinonia.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....9:50 A.M. Worship.....11:00 A.M. Wed. Worship, 1st. Wed. of ea. month...6:45 P.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</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>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlewood • 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>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service, 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA/JV.....Wed. 6:15 Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times 897-7168 A Family Friendly Fellowship</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road 897-5648 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.....7:00 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 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 Louise Weeks.....Interim Christian Ed Director 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>

Capitol Commentary

By: Dick Posthumus

Remember the "last one out of Michigan, turn out the lights" days? Thankfully, Michigan has come a long way since the days of rustbelt "glory."
In October, the state's unemployment rate dropped to 3.9 percent from September's rate of 4.0 percent. The national rate was 4.7 percent - making 45 of 46 months in a row that the state rate has been at or below the national rate.
Sponsors of a measure to raise unemployment benefits for employees, talk about helping Michigan workers, when in fact the impact of their proposal would be to hurt workers. If House Bill 5303 is adopted, it will return more people to the unemployment lines and crase much of the economic gains Michigan workers have achieved in recent years.
While it is true that the Unemployment Trust Fund has a \$2 billion balance, that would not get the state through even moderate economic downturn. Last year, with unemployment at an all-time low of 4 percent, 400,000 unemployed people

LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David

DEAR JONATHAN: About five years ago my husband and I sold a piece of property on land contract. Shortly after we entered into that agreement, my husband died. The purchaser of the land contract property now wants to pay off the land contract and he has asked me to provide him with a warranty deed and a title search on the property, which is required by the land contract. I paid to have the title search completed and sent it to the purchaser and his attorney contacted me and told me that the warranty deed needs to come from my husband's estate since he was the last owner of record of that property. I do not understand why I cannot execute the warranty deed. After all, I did execute the land contract. Can you help?

JONATHAN SAYS: Unfortunately, it appears that the purchaser's attorney may be correct. Assuming your late husband's name was the only name on the deed to the property and he at no

time executed a deed putting your name on the title of the property, then the only interest you had in the property at the time you executed the land contract was a dower interest and you relinquished that dower interest when you signed the land contract. Consequently, in order for the purchaser to obtain good and marketable title to this property, he has to receive a warranty deed from the title holder of the property which, in this case, is currently your husband's estate. Therefore, if my assumptions are correct, then you have to open a probate estate on behalf of your husband and probate his interest in that land contract dating back to the date of his death. What type of probate proceeding you will need to initiate will depend upon the value of your husband's interest in the land contract at the time of his death. Once the probate of your husband's interest is completed, then the court will order his interest in the land contract assigned to you and you in turn can then execute a warranty deed to the purchaser.
I recommend that you meet with an attorney who specializes in probate and have him or her examine the land contract and the title search to determine whether a probate estate needs to be opened on behalf of your husband to facilitate your execution of a warranty deed to the purchaser of the land contract property. Good luck.

The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired, please consult with an attorney.



That famous feline, from Dr. Seuss's *The Cat in the Hat*, will be celebrating his 40th birthday at various Kent District libraries throughout December and everyone is invited to attend his birthday party celebration.
The Cat in the Hat and other Dr. Seuss stories will be featured at the party along with audience participation activities and games like "Pin the Bow Tie on the Cat." Those attending will receive *Cat in the Hat* 40th birthday buttons and bookmarks. They will also be able to decorate their own cookies for munching while watching a Dr. Seuss movie. This is one party sure to be the "cats meow."
The Cat in the Hat, written 40 years ago by Theodore Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss, is a classic. A copy of it can be found in virtually every library and school and on the bookshelves of many beginning readers. Parents and perhaps some grandparents can remember reading it themselves for the first time as they introduce it to their own children.
The story takes place on a rainy day while mom is away. A cat, wearing a tall red and white striped hat, enters the home of two young children and proceeds to show them how they can have fun on a rainy day creating a great deal of confusion and a big mess. Just as the children see no hope in cleaning the house before their mother comes home, the mess is cleaned up much to their relief and to the reader as well.
It is very appropriate that the Kent District Library celebrates the 40th birthday of *The Cat in the Hat*. It is only one of many books written by Dr. Seuss that revolutionized children's beginning reading books. *The Cat in the Hat* is written with a vocabulary of 223 words, but unlike early reading books before it, it is a story filled with many misadventures, rhymes, and unique characters. Dr. Seuss, who worked as an illustrator before writing children's books, drew the character illustrations himself.
The Cat in the Hat's 40th birthday celebration will be at the Englehardt Library on Wed., December 10, at 6:30 p.m. The library is located at 200 N. Monroe, Lowell.
The celebration will be at the Alto Library on Thurs., December 18, at 4 p.m. The library is located at 6071 Linfield Avenue.
For further information, call the Englehardt Library at 897-9596, Alto Library at 868-6038 or the Kent District Library at 336-3250.

Fallasburg decorations reflect old-time Christmas

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Tired of the rush that comes with celebrating Christmas in the '90s? Relax. Slow things down and share in the feeling of that old-time Christmas at the historical Fallasburg Bridge Christmas lighting on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 5:30 until 9:30 p.m.

We have a nice historic community. We thought it would be nice to share with everyone we can.

Kerry Wood
Fallasburg Christmas Lighting Coordinator

"We have a nice historic community. We thought it would be nice to share with everyone we can," said Kerry Wood, coordinator of the Christmas lighting.

The Fallasburg Bridge will be decorated with pine bows and lanterns. Luminaries will light up the street, from the bridge to the schoolhouse. The entrance to

the bridge will be lit with a spotlight. Each lantern will have a light inside to give the idea of an oil lantern.

"We're also going to decorate the schoolhouse," Wood explained. Once at the schoolhouse, visitors will be able to enjoy cookies and wassle (cider and spice drink).

The Fallasburg Historical Association

last sponsored a bridge Christmas lighting in 1992. It was done in conjunction with White's Bridge.

"We want to try to keep it an old-fashioned theme and keep it simple," Wood said.

Vergennes Township Board passed a resolution supporting the lighting of the Fallasburg Bridge.

City looks to fill board openings

By J.N. Boersma
Contributing Writer

The city of Lowell is looking for a few good men and/or women to fill three vacant board positions.

Openings exist on Lowell's Cable Advisory Board, Airport Board, and Board of Review.

"Basically, what we look for is someone who has an interest in serving the community," said Lowell city manager David Pasquale.

Not only should that person have an interest in serving the community, but also an interest in the topic the specific board oversees, Pasquale said.

The Airport Board, which has seven members, focuses on the Lowell airport and that facility's future development. The Cable Advisory Board, which has five members, ad-

vises on the future development of the city's cable television system. The Board of Review, which has three members, spends much of its time working in March, listening and reviewing appeals on property assessments.

Each of the appointments comes from the city council and are for three-year periods. People interested should

contact City Hall.

Also, in January, another city board, the Planning Commission, will need to fill a vacancy when current planning commission chair Michael Blough takes his seat on the city council. The planning commission, which has nine members, advises the city council of developments of the city.



Greenridge Realty announced that Bonnie Ball received Realtor of the Month in November.

This award recognizes Ball for her outstanding success and achievements.



Bonnie Ball

Students log on to future with SADD

Students from Lowell High School joined nearly 700 other young people from 85 schools for the 12th annual SADD-Michigan State Conference held Nov. 8 through 10 at Shanty Creek Resort near Bellaire.

Representing the Lowell SADD Chapter were: Beth Fredline, Lisa LaHaye Sunny Moyer, Elizabeth Brander, Rachel Fredline, Kathy Talus (advisor), Karen Roudabush, Laura LaHaye, Erin Umlauf, Katie Akers, Marsha LaHaye (advisor), Scott Pullen, Ryan Mix and Keith Valentine. They learned new ideas to implement in their SADD chapter and had the opportunity to interact with other students from across the state.

The theme of the conference was *Generation SADD...Log On to the Future*. Students took part in hands-on workshops and listened to motivational speakers. Workshops covered such topics as recruiting new SADD members, speaking out about what you believe in and running an effective meeting. Miss America 1998 Kate Shindle gave her presentation, *On the Way to a Cure: Preventing AIDS and HIV*. Miss Michigan, Kimberly Stec, of Rochester, also addressed the group.

Members of Students Against Driving Drunk make a commitment not to drive drunk or ride with someone who has been drinking, and they encourage others to do the same. Local chapters hold various events to spread the message.



Lowell High School students took part in the 12th annual SADD-Michigan State Conference at Shanty Creek resort. Representing the Lowell SADD Chapter were, front row, left to right: Beth Fredline, Lisa LaHaye, Sunny Moyer, Elizabeth Brander and Rachael Fredline; second row, left to right: Kathy Talus (advisor), Karen Roudabush, Laura LaHaye, Erin Umlauf, Katie Akers and Marsha LaHaye (advisor); third row, left to right: Scott Pullen, Ryan Mix and Keith Valentine.

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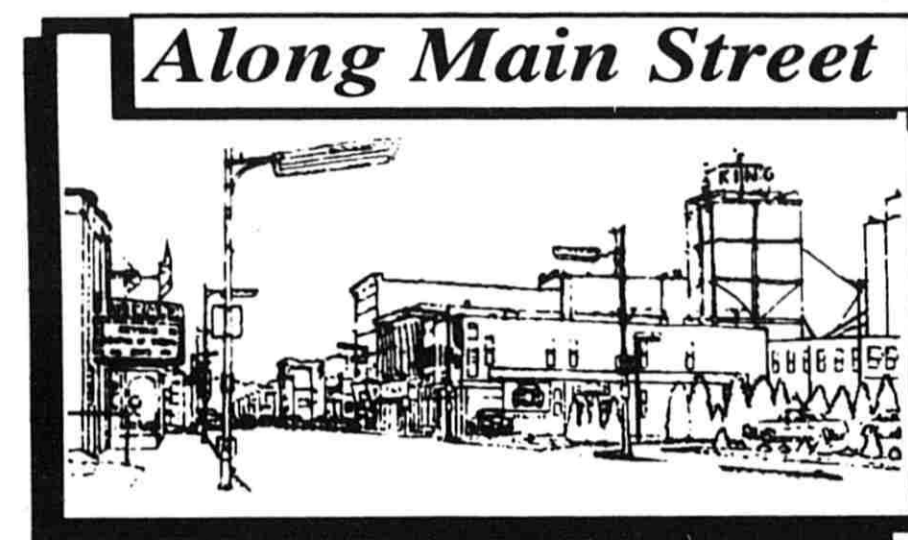
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GARDEN CLUB MEETING
The Lowell Showboat Garden Club Christmas party will be held Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Schneider Manor. Call Sue at 897-9331 after 4 p.m. with any questions.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST
The judging for the Christmas Lighting contest will be Wed., Dec. 3. Gift certificates for Lowell businesses to the winners.
Sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. For information call 897-9161.

SHOWBOAT CORP. II MEETING
Lowell Showboat Corp. II will have its general meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 9, starting at 7 p.m. at the Alternative Education building, 2nd floor on Monroe. All interested individuals are welcome to attend.

LCTV WILL SHOW SECOND-GRADE CONCERT
Thanksgiving Just Like Today, the second grade music concert, will be shown on LCTV, Channel 2: Wed., Dec. 3 at

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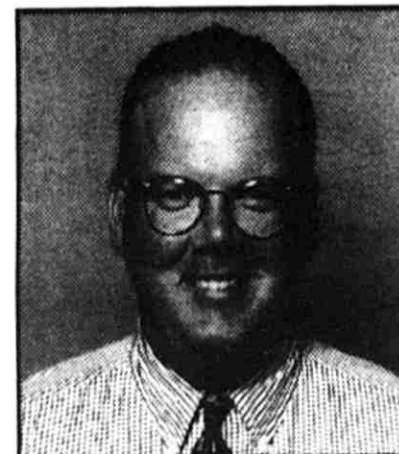
The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade was conducted by employees and featured 25 animals borrowed from New York's Central Park Zoo.

ON SITE INTERVIEWS

Hope Network is coming to your community to interview you for full-time and part-time positions starting at \$8.00 per hour or more. Hope Network's West Lake program staff will work with disabled adults in a home environment providing direct care and supervision to residents. Interviews will be held at:
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CUB SCOUT UNIFORMS NEEDED
Lowell Cub Scout Pack #3188 is looking for used Cub Scout uniforms for their boys. Anyone wishing to donate a uniform please contact Mark Mundt at 897-4209.

FREE CARRIAGE RIDES FOR THE HOLIDAYS
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Bats, continued... From Page 1

Nelson began her presentation using slides to discuss hibernation, echolocation, ecology and conservation.

There are nine species of bats in Michigan. The total number of bats in Michigan is on the decline. Nelson explained that age-old myths have played a role in the decline.

Some of the more common myths identified by students is that bats will attack, all bats have rabies (only 1/10 of one percent of all bats have rabies), bats are blind and that bats are flying rats.

Lost habitat, pesticides and human intervention has endangered one of the species.

A single bat can eat up to 600 mosquitoes in one hour, that's 3,000 insects in one night.

Not all bats lap blood. In fact, only one bat laps blood and that is the vampire bat. It is only found in South and Central America and Mexico.

Bats are the only mammal that can fly. Flying squirrels are mammals also, but they glide.

Because bats can fly they are placed in their own order - Chiroptera. The wing of a bat is almost the same as a person's hand, but it has elongated fingers and skin that attaches to the fingers which enables them to fly.

"I've been interested in bats since the age of eight," Nelson reflects. "I travel all over Michigan making presentations. I do about 13 a week. I love it. I get a big kick out of it."

Nelson adds, that at first, most students are pretty leery of bats. "That's because they think of those big scary bats they see in movies. The bats found in Michigan are small," she explains. "By the time I complete my presentation they have a different perspective on bats. They have a respect and comfort with bats."

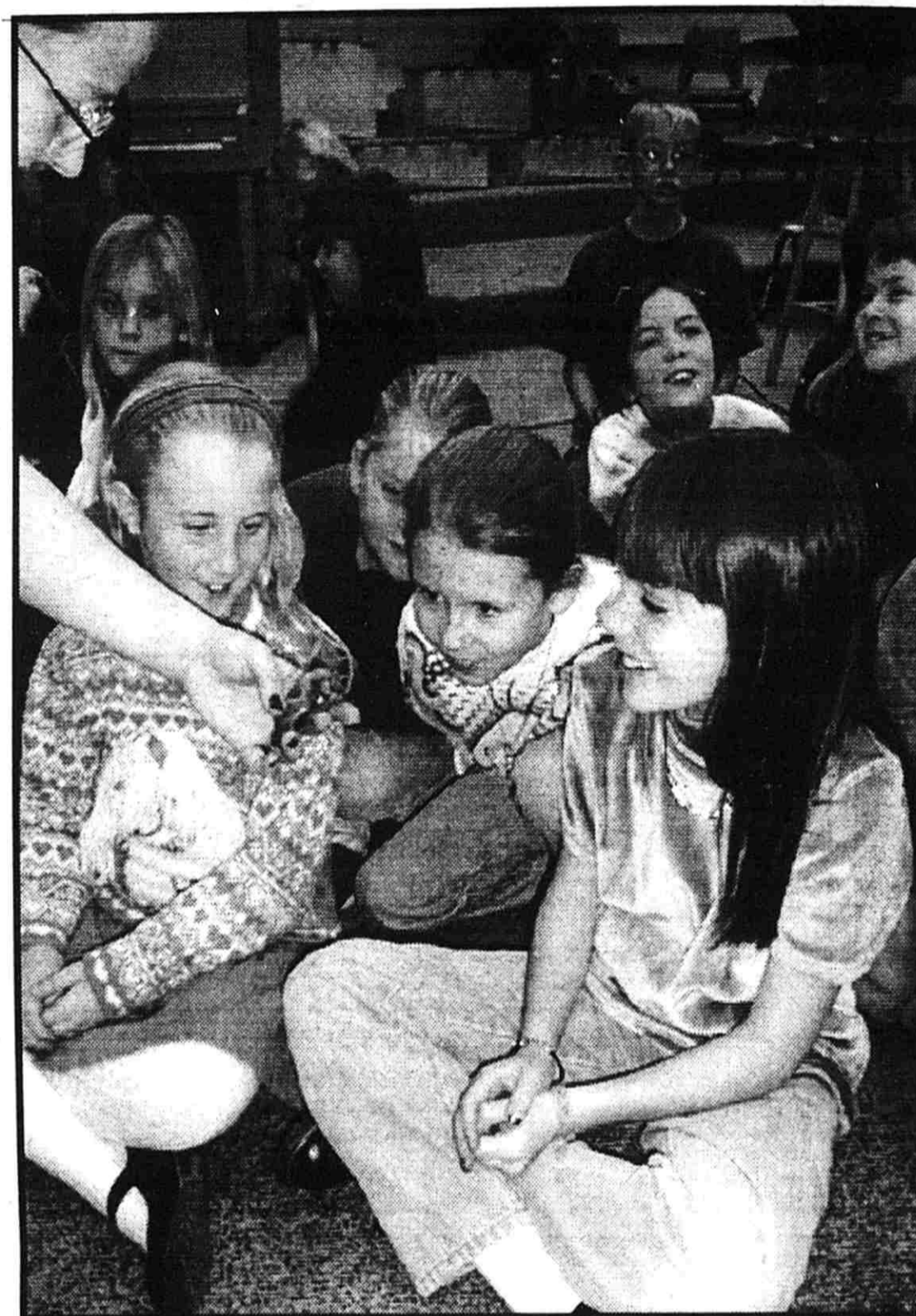
One of the most often asked questions of Nelson is how does a person get a bat out of their house. "Please, do not use a tennis racket or baseball bat," Nelson said. "The easiest way is to open up a window or door. The bat through its echolocation will find the opened door or window."

A soft towel and a pair of gloves also work.

carriage rides throughout the holiday season on Dec. 6, 13, 14, 20 and 21.

Call the chamber for more information at 897-9161.

AMERICAN LEGION CHRISTMAS DINNER
The Clark-Ellis American Legion and Auxiliary will hold their family Christmas dinner at Schneider Manor on Mon., Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and own table service. There will be a Christmas Sing-A-Long.



An interesting little red bat is eyed by these third graders. They are left to right, Mandy Vezino, Tiffany Whittington and Brittney Shellenbarger.

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FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5 THRU DECEMBER 11

Mark Ruffalo, Mary Stuart Masterson and Lauren Pratt (from left) kick off the holiday season in *On the Second Day of Christmas*, premiering Monday on Lifetime. The uplifting comedy-drama is one of the many yuletide offerings airing this week.

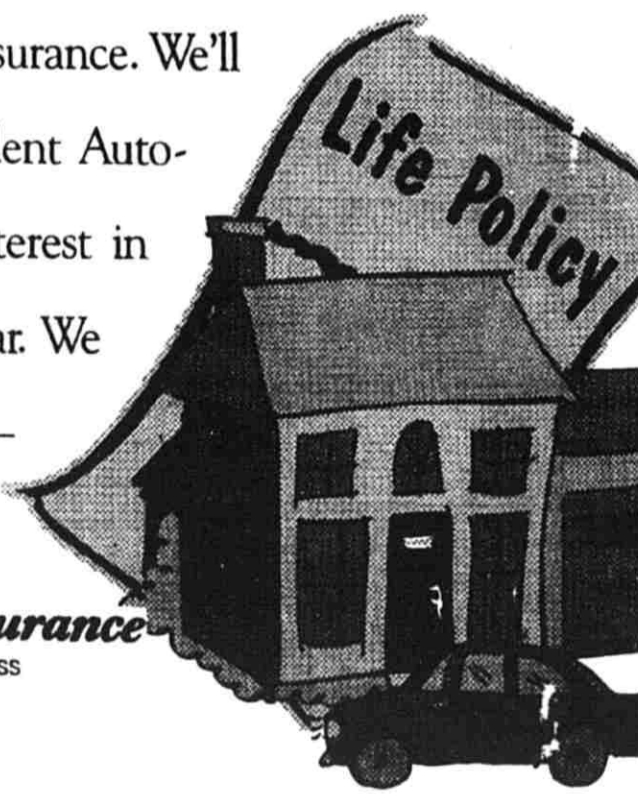
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WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Promised Land "The Bookworm" (In Stereo)	Diagnosis Murder "Down and Dirty Dead"	Dallavventura (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)				
WOTV	American Journal	Real TV (In Stereo)	Nothing Sacred (In Stereo)	Cracker "An American Dream" (In Stereo)	20/20	News	Nightline				
WGUV	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Fred Trost's Big Buck Night	Fred Trost's Big Buck Night	Practical Sports	Fly Fishing	News	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)	MTA's "Klan"		
WXMI	Home Improvement	Seinfeld "The Robbery"	Living Single	Between Brothers	413 Hope St. "Queenin Goes Home" (In Stereo)	Pal-Factor: Chronicles of the Paranormal	Frasier (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show		
WOOD	Inside Edition	Extra (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Union Square	Sainfeld "The Apology" / Varonica's Closet	ER "Obstruction of Justice" (In Stereo)	News	News	Fred Trost's Big Buck Night (F)		
WKAR	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Fred Trost's Big Buck Night	Fred Trost's Big Buck Night	Fred Trost's Practical Sportsman	Waterfalls of the Upper Peninsula	20/20	News	Nightline			
WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Mad About You	Nothing Sacred (In Stereo)	Cracker "An American Dream" (In Stereo)	20/20	News	Real TV (In Stereo)	Keenen Ivory Wayans			
WSYM	Frasier (In Stereo)	Home Improvement	Living Single	Between Brothers	413 Hope St. "Queenin Goes Home" (In Stereo)	News	News	Movie: "Live and Let Die" (1973)			
TBS	Coach "Vows"	Coach "Vegas Odds"	Movie: "For Your Eyes Only" (1981, Adventure)	Roger Moore, Carole Bouquet, Topol. 007 goes to Greece to recover a stolen defense device.							
FAM	Waltons "The Bequest"	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	Movie: "Blazing Saddles" (1974) Cleavon Little, Harvey Korman.								
FX	Miami Vice "Hostile Takeover" (Part 1 of 2)	X-Files "Home" (In Stereo)	NYPD Blue "My Wild Irish Nose" (In Stereo)	In Living Color	In Living Color	X-Files "Herrenvolk" (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 2)					
USA	Highlander: The Series "Under Color of Authority"	Walker, Texas Ranger "A Father's Image"	Movie: "The Babe" (1992) John Goodman, Tiri Avarado. (In Stereo)								
DISC	Gimme Shelter (F)	Wild Discovery: Yellowstone to Yukon	Battleship (Part 1 of 2)								
WGN	Family Matters	Coach	Movie: "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947) Maureen O'Hara, John Payne.								
ESPN	(6:30) Sportscenter	Pro Bowl Selection Show (Live)	College Football Awards The top coaches, players and teams are honored in Orlando, Fla. (Live)	Orlando, Fla. (Live)	Up Close Special						
CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Burden of Proof (F)	Larry King Live	World Today					
NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Rugrats (In Stereo)	Secret of Alex	Happy Days	Wonder Years "Denial"	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	Odd Couple			
A&E	Law & Order "Apocrypha"		Biography: Winchell: The Voice of America	Sea Tales "Battleship Potemkin"	Unexplained "The Mars Rock"						
FSD	NCAA: Slant	NFL Total Access (R)	Hardcore Football (R)	NHL Cool Shots (R)	NBA Action (R)	FOX Sports News					
TNT	Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman	Movie: "Cocoon" (1985, Science Fiction) Don Ameche, Wilford Brimley, Allen Pops rejuvenate a group of Florida retirees.	Rough Cut (In Stereo)								
NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "Witness for the Prosecution"	Today's Country (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	To Be Announced							
TRAV	Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa	Amazing America	Castles-Europe	Lonely Planet "New York"	Rough Guide "Trinidad and Tobago"					
TLV	Home Again (F)	Home Again (F)	Secrets Revealed (F) (Part 1 of 2)								
SCIFI	Time Trax "Darien Comes Home" (In Stereo)	Sequest DSV "Such Great Patience" (In Stereo)	Movie: "Quintet" (1979, Science Fiction) Paul Newman. Five people play a game of life and death in an icy world.								
HIST	Air Combat "Vietnam: A Mission"	In Search of History "The Pirate's Lost City" (F)	Rocketals (R) (Part 4 of 4)								
AMC	Movie: "The Seven Year Itch" (1955), Tom Ewell, Evelyn Keyes		Movie: "Demetrius and the Gladiators" (1954), Susan Hayward, Michael Rennie								
DISN	Movie: "Honey, I Blew Up the Kid" (1992) (In Stereo) PG		Movie: "Bank Check" (1994) (In Stereo) PG (Adult language)								
HBO	Movie: "Dear God" (1996) PG		Movie: "Solo" (1996) (In Stereo) PG-13 (Adult language, violence)								
MAX	Movie: "Three Wishes" (1995) PG		Movie: "Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice" (1969) R (Adult language, adult situations, nudity)								

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT DECEMBER 11, 1997		12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
BROADCAST STATIONS											
WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	(11:35) Late Show (In Stereo)	Geraldo Rivera								
WOTV	Politically Incorrect	Strange Universe (F)	Paid Program	Paid Program	(Off Air)						
WGUV	(11:30) Charlie Rose	(Off Air)									
WXMI	Vibe		Keenen Ivory Wayans (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Home Team (F) (In Stereo)					(Off Air)	Blossom (In Stereo)
WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)		Later (In Stereo)	Paid Program	NBC News Nightside					
WKAR	(Off Air)										
WZZM	Politically Incorrect	Martha Stewart Living	Gayle King (In Stereo)	News (F)	Access Hollywood	View				ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)	
WSYM	Keenen Ivory Wayans	Gayle King (In Stereo)	Martha Stewart Living	News (F)	Jarvis Jones (F) (In Stereo)					All News Night	All News A.M.
TBS	(10:50) Movie: "Live and Let Die" (1973) Roger Moore, Yaphet Kotto.		Movie: "Year of the Dragon" (1985) Mickey Rourke, Anise.							CHiPs "Day of the Robot"	Beverly Hillsbillies
FAM	Three Stooges		Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club					Movie: "Captains Courageous" (1996) Robert Ulrich. (In Stereo)	
FX	NYPD Blue "Caukmanship" (In Stereo)		Miami Vice "One-Way Ticket"							Paid Program	Paid Program
USA	Highlander: The Series "Bless the Child"		La Femme Nikita "War" (F) (In Stereo)							Movie: "Mistook" (1991) Rutger Hauer, Joan Chen. (In Stereo)	
DISC	Wild Discovery: Yellowstone to Yukon		Slave Ship (F)							Paid Program	Paid Program
WGN	In the Heat of the Night "Deadly Affection"		Simon & Simon "Double Play"							Paid Program	Paid Program
ESPN	College Basketball: St. Mary's at Pacific. (Live)									College Football Awards (F)	
CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today (F)	Burden of Proof	CNN/Sports Illustrated	Larry King Live (R)					Crossfire (F)	CNN International
NICK	Mary Tyler Moore	Dick Van Dyke	Bob Newhart	Rhoda	Happy Days	Wonder Years "Denial"	I Love Lucy	Taxi		Newhart	Dick Van Dyke
A&E	Biography: Winchell: The Voice of America		Sea Tales "Battleship Potemkin" (F)		Unexplained "The Mars Rock" (F)					Movie: "Nurse Edith Cavell" (1939)	
FSD	Football Wkly	NFL Total Access (R)	In Their Prime Wilfredo Rivera vs. Pernell Whitaker. (R)							Paid Program	Paid Program
TNT	(11:00) Movie: "Cocoon" (1985) Don Ameche, Hume Cronyn.		Rough Cut (In Stereo)							Movie: "Terms of Endearment" (1983, Drama) Shirley MaLaure, Debra Winger. A domineering mother and her daughter spar for years.	
NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "Witness for the Prosecution"		To Be Announced							Prime Time Country (F) (In Stereo)	(Off Air)
TRAV	Lonely Planet "New York"		Rough Guide "Trinidad and Tobago"							Loose in Wildest Africa	Loose in Wildest Africa
TLV	Secrets Revealed: "More Secrets Revealed" (F)		Bermuda Triangle: Secrets Revealed (F)							Home Again (F)	Home Again (F)
SCIFI	(11:30) Time Trax (F)		Sequest DSV "Such Great Patience" (In Stereo)							Movie: "Quintet" (1979, Science Fiction) Paul Newman. Five people play a game of life and death in an icy world.	
HIST	In Search of History "The Pirate's Lost City" (F)		Rocketals (R) (Part 4 of 4)							Ships of Slaves: The Middle Passage (R)	World at War "Whirlwind"
AMC	(11:00) Movie: "The Seven Year Itch" (1955), Tom Ewell, Evelyn Keyes									Movie: "Demetrius and the Gladiators" (1954), Susan Hayward, Michael Rennie	Movie: "Column South"
DISN	Zorro (In Stereo)		Movie: "Trassiere Island" (1950), Robert Newton, Basil Sydney							Movie: "Honey, I Blew Up the Kid" (1992) (In Stereo) PG	Movie: "Mouse Factory"
HBO	Movie: "Highlander" (1986), Roxanne Hart (In Stereo) R (Adult language, graphic violence)		Movie: "Cyberzone" (1995), Matthias Hues (In Stereo) R							Movie: "A Boy Called Hate" (1995), Missy Crider (In Stereo) R	
MAX	(11:30) Movie: "Heat" (1995, Drama) Al Pacino. A homicide detective matches wits with a cunning adversary. R		Movie: "The Conspiracy of Fear" (1996) (In Stereo) R (Adult language, adult situations, violence)							Movie: "Nemesis-3 Time"	

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Michael Kornacki
I think we should continue with economic sanctions. I would not use military action.

Richard Garrett
I say we should stand firm. I hesitate to get into anything without the concurrence of the European community. It should be a united ally front.

Don Silvis
We have no business putting military sanctions on Iraq. It's an independent country. What right do we have? I think we're acting arrogantly, again.

Tom Plett
Keep up with the economic sanctions. We should use military action when and if Iraq retaliates.

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Dan Vroman
We should keep the pressure on with economic sanctions. Give Iraq a month and see what happens. We shouldn't play games with the man.

Jeff Beran
Should have never stopped the first time. Should have taken Saddam out of power. He's not going to change.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

The Lowell City Board of Review will meet to correct the various Assessment Rolls for 1997 at City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan, on:

WED., DECEMBER 10, 1997 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

William Thompson, Mayor
James Marfia, Assessor

Dan Gehrett
I say we go in there, like before, but this time take care of Saddam.

Mike Lewis
We should keep up with economic sanctions until Iraq uses military force.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT FOR NON-FARM DWELLINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on December 11, 1997 at 7:30 P.M. in the Historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear citizens' comments regarding a proposed Special Land Use Permit for a parcel of land located at 9727 Alden Nash Avenue. The Special Land Use Permit application may be inspected at the Township Offices at 6059 Linfield Avenue, Alto, Michigan, on WednesdayS or FridayS between the hours of 9 and 5 p.m. Written comments concerning the request will be received at the Township office.

November 13, 1997
Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk
Bowne Township

COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Community Swimming Pool Committee meeting on:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1997 7:00 P.M.

Englehardt Library
200 N. Monroe, Lowell

The purpose is to discuss the potential of a community swimming pool.

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Vergennes Cooperative Club a vital link to community services

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Vergennes Cooperative Club was founded in 1914.

It has provided the Vergennes' community service when and where it has been needed for the past 83 years. Its service has included

funds for the Englehardt Library, Habitat for Humanity, Second Harvest Gleaners, Creekside Kingdom and Mercy Respite Center, Mercy Respite Center as well as YMCA Youth Scholarships and generous donations of food items each month to ACCESS-6.

"The last several years we

have made ACCESS-6 our big project," said Dorothy Randall, Vergennes Cooperative Club president for the past three years. "We have tried to be of service wherever we can."

The club's only means of revenue comes from an auction and club dues.

The club has also recently

completed the printing of its personal histories. It has also reprinted the Vergennes Township Living Histories done in 1983.

"The cooperative club is responsible for the signs posted on the highway entering into the township, and for

the flag and pole at Vergennes Township Hall," Randall said.

The club meets the first Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. in the community room of Schneider Manor with the exceptions of January and February.

MDOT is picking up \$900,000 of the project with the city covering the remaining \$500,000. Because of the large amount MDOT is putting into the project, the organization likes to follow its rules on how the project will go. Currently, final plans are in front of MDOT for approval, Nichols said, adding his company plans to make one more presentation in January. Advertising for bid-

ding will take place in January with bids being awarded March 6, when MDOT does all of its bids. Because MDOT is overseeing the project, the city will have little input on what contractors would be awarded the M-21 work, Nichols said. There is also some debate as to whether Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr, and Huber will be inspecting the construction project. Nichols said at this point, MDOT is interested in having his company inspect the work, but has not guaranteed that is what will happen. Work on the project is

scheduled to start in late April/early May and would be completed in the 1998 construction season. Keeping its faith in the project, the city council did approve the purchase of land for variances on the Main and Hudson street intersection project. The land was for the south end of the intersection, with the council agreeing to purchase a portion from Elwood and Marion Crawford for \$1,200 and from the Shell station for \$1,450. The city will only pay 50 percent of the cost for the land purchases.

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Seven Red Arrows earn all-conference honors

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Nine Lowell football players received post-season recognition, deserving of a team who won an OK White Conference championship, and made an appearance in the Class A state football playoffs.

There were seven Red Arrows named to the all-conference first team. The only other school which had that many players named to the

team was Forest Hills Central, who tied Lowell for the league title with a 6-1 record. Lowell also had two players who earned honorable mention commendation.

"That is the way it should be. The conference championships should have the most players named to the team," Lowell football coach Noel Dean said.

Leading the way for Lowell was quarterback T.J. Thayer. "T.J. worked hard and had a great year for us,"

Dean said. Chris Wieland, who worked in anonymity at offensive guard, did not go overlooked by the league or his coach.

"Chris is the best leader I've ever coached," Dean said. "He leads by example, he's disciplined, accountable and follows through."

Throughout the year, Lowell's fine secondary play was anchored by senior Tim VanLaan. "Tim played quite well for us. He put in a lot of

time over the summer in passing leagues and camps," Dean explained.

He wasn't the only VanLaan to be named to the team. His brother Steve, Lowell's top performer at the runningback position, was also recognized.

Kevin Teunis did not start the year as Lowell's number one receiver, but an injury to Andy Graham forced the senior to step up. He did that in a big way. "He answered the

challenge after Andy got injured and had a great year," Dean said.

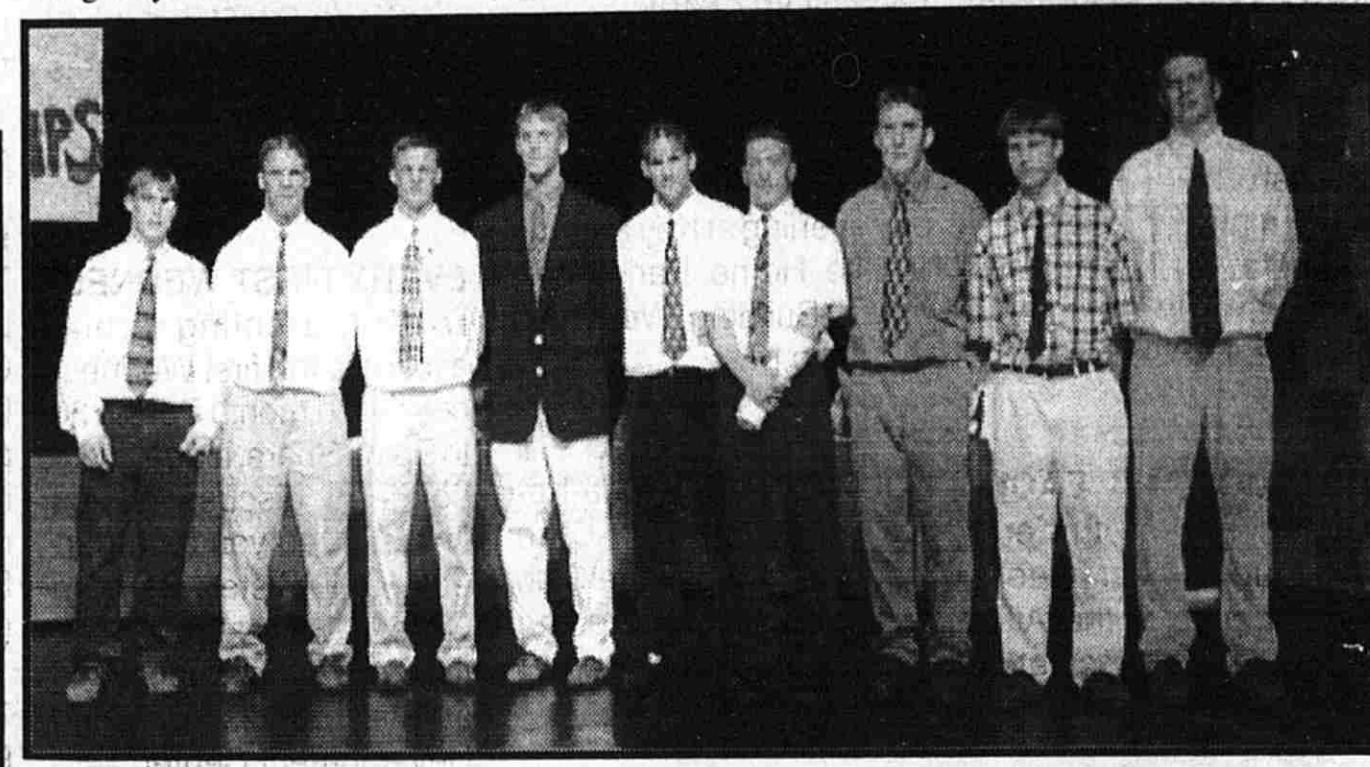
Nate Schoen was recognized for his play at tackle. "Nate is excellent at everything. I'll be working for him some day," Dean said.

The Red Arrow linebacking core had some question marks when the season began, but the stellar play of Brian Bellechasses helped

erase concerns. "Brian had a great year and worked hard."

Honorable mention honors were handed out to defensive tackle Jeff Altoft and offensive guard Kevin Condon.

These nine Red Arrows are also getting the job done in the classroom. "They have a combined GPA of 3.41," Dean noted.



Lowell football players, pictured from left to right, are: T.J. Thayer, Steve VanLaan, Chris Wieland, Nate Schoen, Kevin Teunis, Brian Bellechasses, Jeff Altoft, Tim VanLaan and Kevin Condon.

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

Please take notice that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission is seeking written questions and comments about a proposed ordinance to amend the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance concerning home occupations and home-based businesses. This proposed ordinance would only allow a business to operate on the same premises as a single family dwelling if it is clearly an incidental and secondary use of the dwelling.

If you have questions or concerns about business activities within Vergennes Township, please send them to the following address by December 18, 1997:

Vergennes Township
10381 Bailey Dr.
Lowell, MI 49331
Attention: Clerk

Comments and questions received by this date will be reviewed at the regularly scheduled January 5, 1998 meeting of the Planning Commission. This meeting will take place in the Lowell High School band room, 11700 Vergennes Road, and will begin at 7 p.m. Questions will be answered by the Planning Commissioners, Steve Langworthy, of Langworthy & Leblanc Community Planning Consultants and township attorney Jim Doezema. **In order to use this assistance efficiently, only written questions received by December 18th will be addressed at this meeting.**

On February 2, 1998, at its regular meeting, the planning commission will discuss the draft of the proposed ordinance as it stands at that point. From 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. the public may address the Planning Commission with any further comments and concerns. After discussion, Planning Commission members will work on final language.

A Public Hearing on the Home Occupation and Home-Based Business Ordinance is tentatively scheduled for March 2, 1998, for which formal notice will be published, with presentation to the Township Board for possible adoption tentatively scheduled to take place at the regularly scheduled March board meeting.

Copies of the draft of the ordinance are available at the township offices during regular business hours.

Rick Gillett, Chairman

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BIRTHDAY.....2/13/90

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November "No Cavities" Club Members

Brittany Holst	Mackenzie Roering	Amanda Bouwkamp
Stephanie Hahn	Elizabeth Mosher	Dylan Schneider
Krista Foster	Kyleigh Newman	Shelby Pieroni
Malley Cahoon	Natasha Eickoff	Maggie Lancaster
Kristen Lee	Melissa Hahn	Kirk Roering
Brandon Lee	Dan Gerard	Sara Mosher
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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.

EVERY THIRDSUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:00 p.m., meeting at 1:00 p.m. New members and guests are welcome. No Sept. meeting.

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

FIRST MONDAY: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at the High School during lunch periods in the cafeteria for updates on coming events and information.

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.

EVERY THIRD MONDAY: 4-H Drama Club (Life's a Stage). Open to middle and high school students. The club examines theater related topics and personal development skills. Meetings held once a month at Lowell Middle School choir room. For more information call 897-1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

EVERY MONDAY: 7:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous. No fees. No dues. No weigh-ins. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 10305 Bluewater Hwy. 3 miles East of Lowell on M-21. 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 Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash. 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-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club meets, 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

EVERY TUES.: Ladies Coffee break Bible study. Freenursery and preschool story hour/crafts time. Calvary Christian Reformed Church across from Burger King. 10 to 11:15 a.m.

TUES. THRU SUN.: Shop at Christmas on Main Street, Lowell Arts Council's World of Unique Gifts. Located at 222 West Main St. Open 1 - 5 p.m. Call 897-8545 for information.

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 St. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4-Mile N.E. (at the intersection of 4-Mile and the East Beltline), 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 mothers 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 897-9310 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: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

SECOND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: 2 to 3:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all the residents. Interested persons are welcome to meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR
897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.

TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.

WED.: 12:45 Shopping assistance. Center open to 3 p.m. for videos with volunteers.

THURS: 9:00 a.m. Walk

WED., DEC. 3: 8 a.m. Men's traveling breakfast.

WED., DEC. 3: 9:30 - 11:15 a.m., blood pressure.

FRI., DEC. 5: 12:30 p.m., Tour VanAndel Museum.

TUES., DEC. 9: 12:30 p.m., Meijers & Eastern Floral.

THURS., DEC. 11: 12:20 p.m., Tour Sr. meals program, Ronald McDonald House.

TUES., DEC. 16: 10:30 a.m., Wellness class.

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 Darl'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.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting is held the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m.; Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-6038.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Monday & Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Tuesday & Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Thursday & Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

WED., DEC. 3: The judging for the Christmas lighting contest. Gift certificates for Lowell businesses to the winners. Sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. For information call 897-9161.

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SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in individual homes for huddle meetings for fellowship and devotions.

THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in the high school cafeteria during seminar time for planning sessions for activities.

FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high school teachers dining room for a light breakfast. For information concerning FCA call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

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.

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2, Sweet Adeline Quartet at 2:30, collect at 3. Reservations by Dec. 1 to Char Siciliano or Dorothy Randall. Sponsor, Evelyn Briggs.

SAT., DEC. 6: An all-you-can-eat fish fry will be held at Lowell Masonic Temple from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$6.50; children, 6-10, \$4; under 6 free. Public welcome.

SAT., DEC. 6: Hastings wood carver Pete DeDecker will be at the Lowell Area Arts Council's Christmas on Main St., 222 West Main, demonstrating the carving of wildlife, figures and more. Stop in from 2 to 4 p.m.

MON., DEC. 8: The Clark-Ellis American Legion and Auxiliary will hold their family Christmas dinner at Schneider Manor at 6 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and own table service. Ham and coffee will be furnished. There will be a Christmas sing-a-long. Sponsor is Angeline Mulder.

DEC. 6, 13, 14, 20 & 21: The Lowell Chamber of Commerce will be offering free carriage rides throughout the holiday season. Call the chamber for more information at 897-9161.

THURS., DEC. 11: (NOTE DATE CHANGE): Keenagers will meet at Vergennes Methodist Church at 10 a.m. Christmas ham dinner, bring assigned dish to pass and own table service. Also bring three prizes for the Bingo game.

SAT., DEC. 13: Testing date for the Snowmobile Home Study Course held at Flat River Snowmobile Club, 11841 Potters Rd. For more information contact the DNR at 456-5071.

TUES., DEC. 16: Upgrading your personal computer. How to add ram memory, hard disk drivers and upgrade the processor on your computer. One night only, 7 to 9 p.m. at Lowell Community Ed, Riverside Building. Cost \$25.

SAT., DEC. 20: Live Nativity, Bowne Center United Methodist Church, 6 to 9 p.m. Located at corner of 84th St. (Alden Nash) and M-50. Drive thru, no charge. Township Historical Museum open same time.

DEC. 22 TO JAN. 2: Lowell YMCA Christmas Break Fun Club. Ages kindergarten thru 12 yrs. old. For information call 897-4371.

HEY KIDS! Saranac American Legion's **SANTA CLAUS PARADE** December 13 at 10 AM Santa Claus will be at the American Legion from 11 AM to 1 PM Tom & Sherrie Hagen will be there too.

Township approves rezoning for Karp development

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Following the recommendation of the Lowell Township Planning Commission, the township board approved the rezoning of approximately 60 acres of land at Foreman Road and Cumberland Avenue.

With the rezoning, the

acreage will change from low-density to medium-density residential.

Lowell Township supervisor John Timpon said he felt the rezoning was in line with the master land use plan and fit the trends of the township. "Following the master plan is the right thing to do. This will also give the town-

ship more control over the development and the curb cuts."

Neighbors who opposed the rezoning questioned the environmental and traffic impact and the need to protect the rural character of the area.

Thomas Karp, developer, plans on building approximately 58 home sites. Lot sizes will range from 40,000 square feet to three acres.

Timpon said private roads will be developed within the development. "The township did not feel it wanted curb cuts every 75 feet along Foreman," Timpon said.

All homes within the development will be required to have a dry sewer lines in place for future hookup into township sewer lines.

While the township doesn't have a time frame, it eventually would like to bring sewer to the area.

That matter is what worried township treasurer Jean Huver, who opposed the rezoning. Her main concern was whether the development would end up with septic system troubles like those in Eastgate.

Timpon concluded by saying the rezoning was for the good of all the people.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 9, 1997 • 7:30 P.M.

The Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 9, 1997 at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of hearing a request from Tim & Kathy Metternick, 8725 Fawn Crest Drive, for a variance of Article 3.02 in the A-2 District. They wish to place a pole building in a side yard.

Donald Schriemer
Secretary-ZBA
Bowne Township



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- Keep fireplace use to a minimum. Although a fire can add to the holiday spirit, it will send more heat up the chimney than it generates. Be sure to close the damper afterwards, to keep out cold air.

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3. Always include your tax bill for prompt accurate payment of your taxes.
4. Mail your tax bill in the YELLOW envelope provided.
5. If you want a receipt mail all copies of your tax bills (s) with a self-addressed envelope. One copy of the paid tax bill will be returned.
6. Your parcel number must be on your check.
7. PLEASE do not pay our taxes in cash. The township office is not allowed to maintain large amounts of cash on hand and will not have the proper amount of change. Obtain a cashier's check from your bank.
8. DO NOT INCLUDE sewer payments or dog license payments with your tax check. Separate payments are required.
9. After hours deposit your payments in the brass mail slot to the left of the entrance.

TREASURER'S OFFICE
HOURS FOR DECEMBER

December 2, Tuesday	8am - 5pm
December 5, Friday	8am - 5pm
December 9, Tuesday	8am - 5pm
December 12, Friday	8am - 5pm
December 16, Tuesday	8am - 5pm
December 19, Friday	8am - 5pm
December 23, Tuesday	8am - 5pm

Closed December 24 thru January 4, 1998.
If you have any questions please call the township office 691-8450.

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Grattan Township
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STARSHIP TROOPERS R
WED/THUR: 4:40, 7:10, 9:45

***ALIEN: RESURRECTION** R
SIGOURNEY WEAVER
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***FLUBBER** PG
ROBIN WILLIAMS
WED/THUR: 5:20, 7:40, 9:35

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Thank You

The Educational Support Services Dept. of Lowell Area Schools thanks those parents and adults who attended the November 20th presentation on "Parenting a Child with A.D.D." There were 64 persons in attendance, listening to Dr. Brett May offer excellent suggestions on helping kids be more successful. If you are parenting a child with A.D.D. and have any questions or need resources, call Pam Thomas, director, at 897-8415. Thank you again for such a wonderful turnout for our children.

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Financial aid night, Dec. 10

The Student Services Center will host the annual Financial Aid Night on Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

Jill Nut, director of financial aid at Grand Rapids Community College, will review the process of applying for aid through the federal government and state of Michigan programs.

Other scholarship information will be covered. Parents and seniors are strongly encouraged to attend this informative evening. Juniors and their parents are also invited to attend. For more information call 897-1465.



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MRS. CLAUS ANNUAL BAZAAR & CRAFT SHOW - 180 booths. Sat., Dec. 6, 9-4. Ionia Middle School, Union St./M-21, E. of M-66. Breakfast, lunch, snacks available. FREE admission. Door prizes all day. Sponsored by Ionia County Commission on Aging.

WANTED TO BUY - Standing timber. Call 616-798-9023.

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PERSONALS

DEAR MR. ERICKSON & MR. BEACHUM - Would you PLEASE do your "Christmas Thing" this year for our little kids (and also us big kids?) We so missed your Christmas touch last year. Merry Christmas, Your Neighbors.

SARANAC AREA - Centerline Rd., Rolling Meadows Development for sale. M-21 E. of Lowell to Pinckney Rd., N. 1 mi. to Centerline Rd., E. 1 mi. to plat, S. side. 10 acres, completely wooded with pond, guaranteed perk, rolling with walkout potential. Spectacular view. Also 1 acre parcel completely wooded, can be bought on land contract, 25% down, 3 year balloon, restrictions available in box at plat. For further information call Phil Bishop 616-367-4900.

CUMBERLAND RETIREMENT VILLAGE - is seeking caregivers who have experience working with the elderly. Knowledge about the "Aging Process," dementia & the distribution of medication a must. Starting wages as high as \$7.50 hr. Great benefits plus a 401K plan. All shifts available, full & part-time. Contact Joy Fezler for more information 897-8413.

THE CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR - will be held at West Catholic High School, 1801 Bristol NW, Grand Rapids, Dec. 6, 1997 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 50 cents admission. 180 booths.

CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS SALE - Dec. 4, 2-8 p.m.; Dec. 5, 9-6 p.m. & Dec. 6, 9-12 p.m. Alice & Sandy Rooker, 7647 Fase Street, Ada.

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FOR SALE - Yamaha Alto Sax. \$500 or best offer. Call 897-0269.

CHRISTMAS TREES - cut your own 5' - 8' Scotch pine tree for just \$7. Come Sat., Dec. 6, 13 or 20 to 2345 Biggs, Lowell. (Can call for directions 897-7440.)

HELP WANTED

THE LOWELL YMCA CHILD CARE CENTER - is seeking caring, experienced individuals to work in all areas of child care. Call Penny at 897-4371.

WALLACE FLESER IS MOVING - from Lowell to Kentwood due to his health. Friends can reach him at: 4647 Carrick SE, Kentwood, MI 49508. Ph. 538-5878.

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Thank you, Don, for a job well done in the cemetery. Margaret Gardner & Grace Nowak.

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PCNU COMPUTERS - new & used, repair & upgrades. Tue.-Sun. 2 to 8 p.m. 150 South Hudson St., Lowell, MI 49331. Call 897-9389.

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CHERRY ANGELS
1 can (16 oz.) dark sweet cherries

2 teaspoons butter
3 egg whites
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 cups shredded or flaked coconut
1 tablespoon cornstarch
Drain cherries; reserve liquid. Bring cherries, 1/4 cup reserved liquid and butter to boil in skillet; simmer over medium heat until liquid evaporates. In

mixer bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add sugar, while beating, until stiff peaks form. Beat in vanilla and salt. Toss coconut and cornstarch together; fold into egg whites. Drop by heaping teaspoons onto greased cookie sheet. Make an indentation on mound with back of spoon large enough to hold one or two cherries. Bake at 325°F about 20 minutes or until edges are browned. Cool cookies on a wire rack. Store in airtight container. When ready to serve, place 1 or 2 cherries in indentation on top of each macaroon. Makes 3 dozen.
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City approves upgrading of DPW telecommunications system

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

When a disaster hits Lowell, residents often have discovered it is difficult to get a hold of anyone at Lowell's Department of Public Works.

It isn't because no one is answering the phones, but because when the electricity goes out, the DPW's phone system goes with it, said Dan DesJarden, the department's director.

DesJarden asked for and

received approval from the Lowell City Council Monday night to upgrade the DPW's telecommunications system.

"The current system, as indicated in the memo, was installed in 1981 and is really piecemealed together,"

DesJarden said. "The intercom system is a phone-to-phone system, where you have to know what room the person is in before being able to reach that person."

Under the proposal, the department would add disas-

ter jacks so that phones could be hooked right into the telephone lines without the need to have electricity. Also the proposal would add an integrated internal paging system in the department along with an answering machine for staff

to pick up phone calls when no one is there, DesJarden explained.

City manager David Pasquale said three bids were received from telecommunication suppliers with the lowest coming in from Lucent Technology for \$4,235. The council awarded the project to Lucent.

Staff recommended Lucent for several reasons including its cost effectiveness, proven service record, knowledge compatibility with City Hall's telecommunication system, and system upgradability.

The equipment included will be one control unit equipped for three central office lines and eight stations, which are upgradable; seven digital telephone sets, one cordless telephone set, a one-year warranty, installation, and training. The paging system will include two horns, one ceiling speaker, wiring, and installation.

Money for the new system was already provided for in the budget. The new system would match the upgrades made in City Hall and the police department, which were done earlier this year.

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During the eight-week program, Willett completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness.

Willett and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values - honor, courage and commitment - and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Willett joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and at shore commands around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Willett and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Even as the naval service gets smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like Willett are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical naval force in history. This year alone the Navy will have more than 57,000 job openings and opportunities which include guaranteed training. For more information on an exciting career in the Navy, call 1-800-USA-NAVY or visit the internet at www.Navyjobs.com.

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