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Santa Claus Arrives

The community of Lowell ushered in the holiday season with its annual Christmas Parade on Saturday. There were 62 entries taking part in the gala event which culminated with Santa's horse and buggy ride through downtown Lowell. This year's parade entry winners were Alton Bible Church, first place, \$150; Lowell Moose Lodge #809, second place, \$100; and Luscious Landscapes, third place, \$75. The theme of this year's parade was "Christmas Across the World." Poster coloring contest and Christmas decoration winners page 22.

Schematic design for City Hall renovation approved by Lowell City Council

••• The city will now focus its efforts on pursuing property acquisition and organizing financial efforts.

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The Lowell City Council took a major step forward in renovating City Hall. The council voted unanimously to approve the schematic

design presented by Dan Durkee of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr, and Huber as the development plan outline for the proposed renovation project of City Hall. By doing so, the council has set the wheels in motion for city officials to begin pursuing property acquisition and organizing the financing efforts for the project.

During his 15-minute presentation, Durkee went over the year-long process in putting together the schematic design, which included two public meetings, meetings with the Historical District and Downtown Development Authority, and several interviews and meetings with city officials and staff.

"We looked at everything from the city manager office to

the janitorial closets," Durkee said.

From those meetings, Durkee said his design firm determined that the city was using 6,250 gross square feet. On an estimated project of 25 years out, the city would need to triple the amount of space to about 19,970 square feet.

Further discussions revealed an emotional attachment to the current City Hall with many residents "identifying with this building," he said. Renovating the current City Hall and adding an addition also proved to be an economical move as well, Durkee said.

In the schematic design plan, it is recommended that an addition be made to the back of the building to house the police department. A new entrance would be created to connect the old building to the new portion, which would be designed to echo the original building's style.

The parking lot to the north of the building would be eliminated, which would force the city to have to acquire property further to the north for a new parking lot. A resident raised concern about the city eliminating the playground, which would be near the new proposed parking lot. City officials and Durkee said the city hoped to gain a small portion of the playground, but for the most part it would be left undisturbed.

"This is the first big step with many more to come," said city manager David Pasquale.

Industrial park's proposed septic system an uncomfortable subject for township

••• A community sewer/septic would far exceed waiting for public utility in expediency. It has, however, raised maintenance and contamination questions.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

What's best may not be most expedient and what's most expedient may not be what's best.

Sound like a riddle? It's not. It is the dilemma facing the proposed Bieri Industrial Park.

Ideally, Rich Bieri, developer, and project engineer Ray Zandstra would like public sewer and water for Bieri's 80-acre industrial park.

Vergennes Township learned that while the city of Lowell is interested in discussions, its wastewater plant is near capacity and a utility study is in the process of being completed to determine the necessity for plant expansion.

Its unavailability led Bieri's attorney, C. Blair Mohny, and Zandstra to propose a community sewer/septic whereby each of the 14 lots would have two tanks.

The second tank would pump waste into a commercial drain field area. The projected cost for the community sewer/septic (\$250,000) would be close to that of hooking up to public utilities.

While a community septic/sewer could be done now, it is unclear as to when public utilities will be available.

James Hegarty, Vergennes Township engineer, said it would be a shame to have a public utilities so close without giving a "college effort" to get it in the industrial park (at the end of Godfrey Street).

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OBITUARIES

BLASEN - Esther Susanna Blasen passed away at her home, the American House in Livonia, Michigan, November 30, 1998. She was born December 20, 1909, in Ionia County. She was born the daughter of Henry Paul (Fred) Blasen and Myrtle May Decker Blasen. She went through the Ionia School System and graduated in 1928. After attending business school in Grand Rapids, she worked for the Michigan State Department

of Rehabilitation in Lansing for many years. She was very active in the Ionia County Historical Society. She was an active member of the Saranac Community Church and worked locally in the Ruth Circle. She especially enjoyed entertaining on the holidays in her home and at the church. She is survived by her identical twin sister Ruth Blasen Morrison (Mrs. Morris) and also by her older sister Marguerite Blasen Caine (Mrs. Lewis); she also leaves two

nieces and their families Joan Caine Hoelaars (Mrs. George) and Patricia Caine Schramm (Mrs. Jones). Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 3, 1998, at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. Stanley Hagemeyer officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home, Saranac.

HALLER - Helen L. Bever Haller, aged 79, of Lake

Odessa, passed away December 4, 1998, in Ionia. She was born August 31, 1919, in Sebawa Township, the daughter of Clyde and Mary (Shaw) Bever. She married Royal Haller November 25, 1937. She was a member of West Berlin Wesleyan Church. She was on the Mission Society and Medical Fellowship boards for the West Berlin Wesleyan Church. She is survived by

her husband Royal Haller of Lake Odessa; son Gary and Barbara Haller of Lake Odessa; brother Freeman and Ellen Bever of Lake Odessa; grandchildren Lori and Donald Shepard, Todd and Donna Haller, Terry Haller, Becky Haller, Kristen Haller, Edward Haller, Ann Haller and Kari Haller; seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son Terry C. in 1969; 1 sister

Dorothy Shellenbarger; two brothers Earl Bever and Gail Bever; Funeral services were held Tuesday at the West Berlin Wesleyan Church with Rev. Chad Baird officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make memorial contributions to West Berlin Wesleyan Church Building Fund. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home, Saranac.

Blood - a great holiday gift of life

Lowell Area Fire Department community-wide blood drive Wednesday, Dec. 16

Just when it's needed the most, Lowell Area Fire Department is giving the gift of life through a community-wide blood drive scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the fire department, 315 S. Hudson. Any healthy person 17 or older who weighs 110 lb. or more and who has not given blood in the past 56 days may be eligible to donate at the fire department drive.

Increased need for blood donors," explains Mark Mundt, a firefighter, who has served as chairperson and chief organizer for the Dec. 16 drive. "Everyone is busier than usual this time of year, including regular blood donors. We want to remind people that the little bit of time it takes to give blood can literally mean a lifetime for someone who needs blood." From sign-in to after-donation snack, giving blood usually takes less than an hour.

Only seven to 10 minutes are needed to draw the blood; the rest of the time covers registration, screening and rest period after donating. "By scheduling a drive at this time, the fire department is really going the extra mile to help us keep the community blood supply strong throughout the holiday season," says Terri Schaab, mobile resources consultant at Grand Valley Blood Program, which is staffing the fire department drive. All blood donated at the drive will be available to patients in local hospitals, which rely on Grand Valley Blood Program for their entire blood supply.

This time, the fire department is making a special push to recruit first-time donors. "It's something any healthy person can do that's very simple but critically important," Mundt comments. "Quite often it's being 'needle shy' that keeps people from giving blood. Then, when they actually donate, they find out it's not at all what they imagined." For a similar sensation, Mundt suggests, pinch the skin inside your elbow. "That's approximately what it feels like." That temporary pinch in the arm can give the gift of life to someone else, which is why Mundt is hoping for a heroic turnout of first-time donors at the fire department on Dec. 16.

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE OF WORK SESSION

A City work session will be held on Monday, December 14, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan to discuss the Transient Merchant Ordinance.

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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing before the Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, on

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 at 7:30 PM

At which time and place the following subject will be heard.

Dirk Oostveen has made application for variance from the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance(s) 3.01 (B) (3), requiring building separation of 10' and 6.03 (B) requiring a side yard of 20'. Mr. Oostveen has requested an 8' separation of buildings with a 9'4" side yard setback for an accessory building. The requested variance is for parcel 41-12-07-005 located at 7615 Nugent Avenue.

DESCRIPTION: N 86 FT of W 165 FT of E 371.25 FT of NE 1/4, Sec 7 T8N R9W 0.33 A.

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: George Poulas, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP Notice of Adoption Ordinance 98-9

An ordinance amending Section 202.005, Private Road Construction Specifications, was adopted at a regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on November 16, 1998, and takes effect upon publication. The wording has been amended to match the specifications of the Kent County Road Commission regarding local road construction, including minimum width, depth of sub-base, slopes, thickness and quality of bituminous mixture, and requirements for drainage and/or valley gutters. Also included as a part of the ordinance is a schematic road design from the Kent County Road Commission dated January 1, 1995, depicting a local road typical section and measurements of such.

A true copy of the ordinance is available for review and may be obtained at the Vergennes Township offices, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, during regular business hours of Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mari C. Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

Vergennes Township contracts Daneman as planning advisor

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone said she felt the escrow policy was the

most fair way to pass cost along.

In addition, Daneman is reviewing day-to-day land use zoning issues for the balance of the fiscal year. "The township needed someone to address issues that come up on a regular basis," he says.

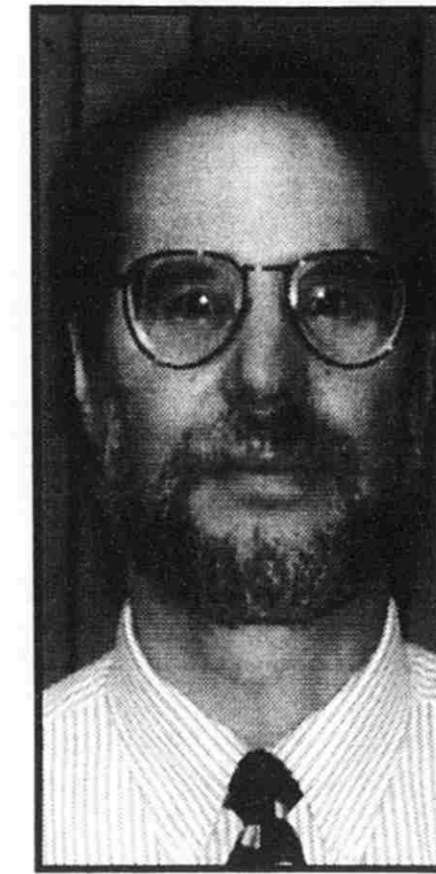
The attorney/consultant has been in community planning and public management for 25 years. Daneman was the Cascade Township manager from 1983-86.

Along with Vergennes Township, he also represents Lake Township in Lake County and communities in Oceana County.

Marc Daneman has been contracted by Vergennes Township to assist its planning commission and board in reviewing land use issues.

Daneman runs an attorney and consultant office (Daneman & Associates) in Grand Rapids.

Daneman who worked with township board member Susan Geiger-Hessler on a fee schedule due to a Kent County court case whereby a ruling prohibited escrow accounts for zoning activity. Last week, however, that ruling was overturned by a Michigan Supreme Court, enabling the township to return to its escrow policy. This issue will be discussed at its December or January meeting.



Marc Daneman

COLLEGE NEWS

Michigan State University has released the summer semester 1998 degree candidates.

Included on the list from Lowell were Gregory Karl

Biggs with a BS in Zoology and in Human Biology, and Michael David Pasquale with an MA in Linguistics.

Doreen J. Schneider of Alto was also included with

an MA in K-12 Ed Administration.

A total of 248 Michigan State University students earned a 3.5 or better grade point average for summer semester 1998. Students from Michigan numbered 217.

Pamela Ball Campbell and David Richard Hopkins,

both of Lowell, were included on the list.

You may now view an up-to-date list of honor students on-line at <http://www.esp.msu.edu/ro/deanlist/deanlist.asp>. This web site will not show students who have any part of their records marked as confidential.

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Industrial Park, continued.... From Page 1

Hegarty says he doesn't know of any community collections systems serving industrial areas in Kent County.

One of the main concerns with the community septic system is who takes care of the system when it goes bad. The state says the township would be responsible (and would bill the owners).

Zandstra said the industrial park would have its association fund an escrow account. "This would keep the township out of the sewer maintenance business."

Zandstra also recommended that a special assessment district be established so that when public utilities are avail-

able, bonds could be sold and public utilities could be installed.

Planning commissioner Mark Weber raised the concern of getting contaminants in the water and soil by disposing of industrial waste in the community septic matter.

Zandstra said the park is being set up for warehousing.

A Kent County Health Department spokesman said the health department would only deal with human sewage with a community septic system.

"I think it would be unconscionable to allow a septic that could pollute any part of the township," Weber said.

Vergennes Township planning chairman, Rick Gillette, said using a community septic system in industrial areas is uncharted territory for the county and the township. "At this point I am not comfortable with the septic system."

Other questions facing the industrial development include valley gutter versus ditches (drainage), the length of the industrial park's private road, and dual throat entrance.

The planning commission expects to give Bieri some direction on where it stands on these issues at its January and/or February meetings.

interested in playing, please contact Paul Whaley, 897-0103, or Jim Blair, 897-6436.

CHRISTMAS CONTINUES IN DOWNTOWN LOWELL

Children visit with Santa Thursday, Dec. 10 at Springrove Variety, 5-6:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 12 at White Swan, 4-6 p.m.; & Sunday, Dec. 13 at Ruperts Drop, 3-4:30 p.m.

Free carriage rides at the Riverwalk Plaza, Sat., Dec. 12, 3-6 p.m. & Sunday, Dec. 13, 2-5 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PARADE ON CHANNEL 2

Lowell Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Parade will be shown on Channel 2 at these times:

- Wednesday, Dec. 9, Noon
- Thursday, Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 11, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 12, 10 a.m.

AUDITIONS FOR LAAC PLAY

Auditions for the Lowell Area Arts Council play *Blihe Spirit* by Noel Coward will be held Dec. 9, 10 and 11 at the Arts Center, 149 S. Hudson St., at 7 p.m.

Preview scripts may be obtained at the center for a small deposit. The play requires two women and one man of similar ages and four women and one man of various ages. Performances will be at the Performing Arts Center in mid February. Jim Marron will direct.

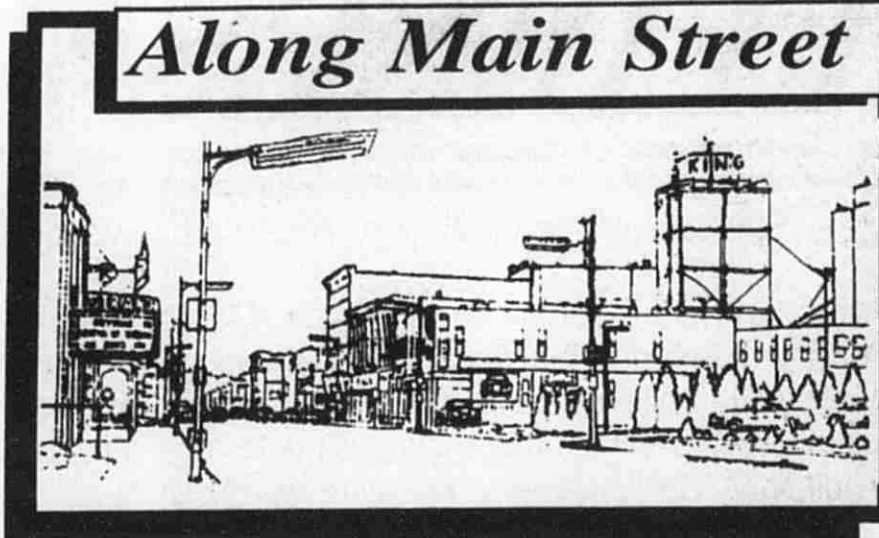
BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Fire Station is sponsoring a Grand Valley Blood Program blood drive on Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station.

LOWELL HOCKEY ALUMNI

The Lowell hockey program will host an alumni game at Michigan National Ice Center on Sunday, Dec. 27 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. If you are a former Lowell hockey player and are

to have the city pay for the removal of the canopy and awarded the work to the lowest bidder, D'Agostino Builders, from Lowell. D'Agostino Builders was one of two companies that bid on the project. Abstaining from the vote was councilor Mike Blough, who said he has a family member who occasionally works for one of the bidders.



LHS BAND CONCERT

The Lowell High School band concert will be held Wednesday (tonight), Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at the high school.

LMS BAND CONCERT

The Lowell Middle School seventh and eighth grade holiday band concert will be held on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. in the middle school gym.

City moves ahead with removal of old Rite Aid building canopy

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

After deeming it unsafe, and getting no response from the owners, city officials have decided to move ahead and tear down the canopy at the former Rite Aid building.

Earlier this year, building inspector, Doug Hopkins, determined the canopy at the old Rite Aid building, located at 411 E. Main St., to be unsafe. With that decision, city

officials have attempted to contact the owner of the building via mail, but to no avail. City manager David Pasquale said the letters were sent registered mail.

Monday night, city officials went before the board seeking approval to remove the canopy with the cost being assessed as a lien against the property.

Mayor William Thompson expressed his disappointment

that a business the residents of Lowell have supported has not attempted to work with the city in regards to this situation. Because of reports he has received about the inside of the building, Thompson asked that the city send in a fire inspector and zoning officials.

The Lowell City Council agreed, in a four to zero vote,

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NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

A Special Exception Use Permit will be considered at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on December 21, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

Roger O'Dell is requesting to use a barn located at 10651 Bailey Dr., in the SW 1/4 of Section 20, formerly used for agricultural uses as a rental storage facility for lawn and landscaping equipment. The requested use is allowed as a Special Exception Use under Section 201.304 C (10). Rental Storage, of the Vergennes Township Ordinance.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection at the township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Written comments will also be considered if received by the township clerk by 7:00 p.m. on December 21, 1998.

Mari C. Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

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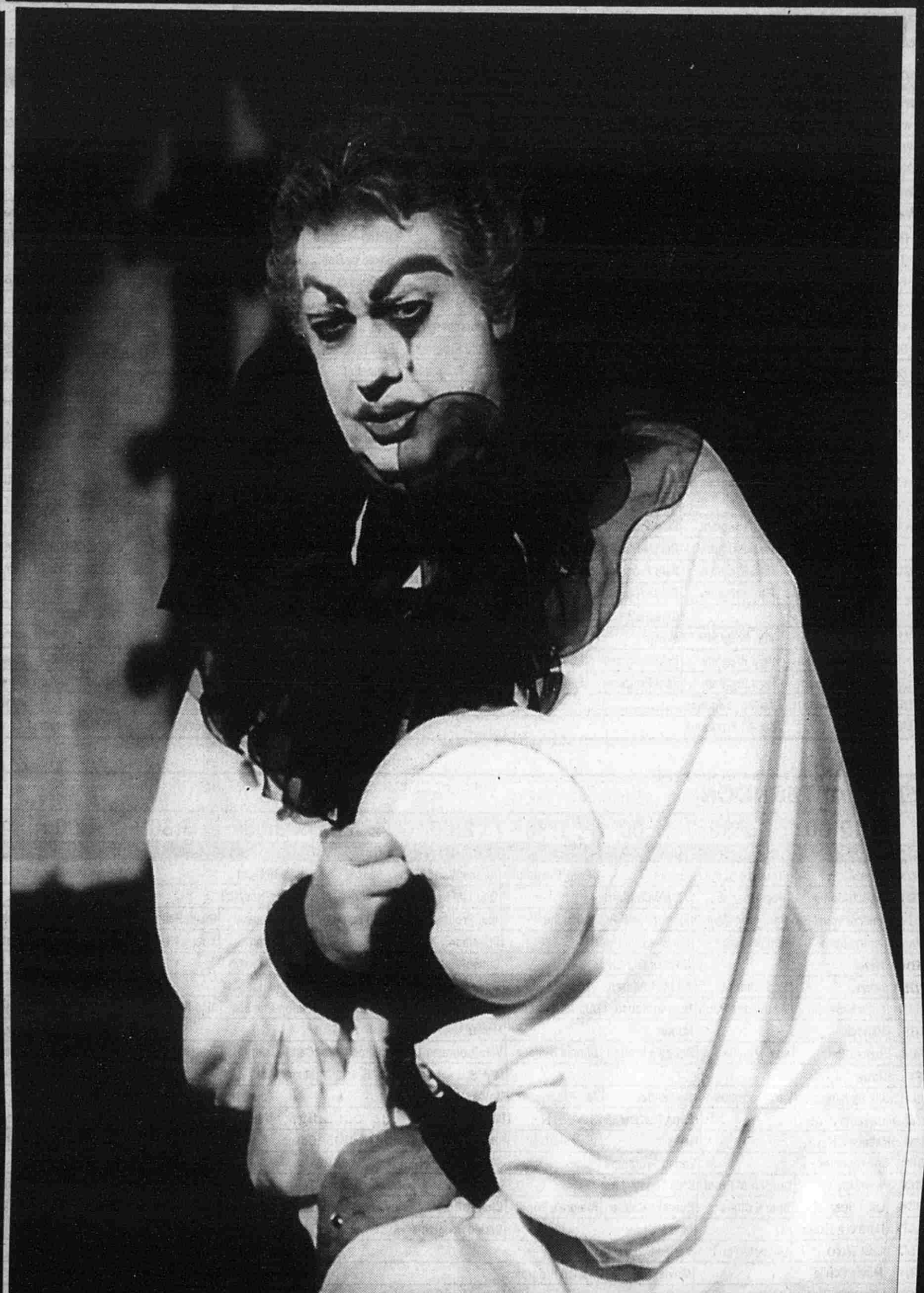
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One of the world's most famous tenors, Placido Domingo, stars in *The Kennedy Center Presents: The Washington Opera Production of Pagliacci*, airing Wednesday on PBS (check local listings). This production of the classic opera, in Italian with English subtitles, is directed by Franco Zeffirelli.

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COMING EVENTS

ices in The Ledger's ... are free charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell, 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 MONTH: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 1841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and please call, 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

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.

EVERY THIRD MONDAY: MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meeting from 9:45 a.m. - noon at Saranac Community Church. Pre-register. Childcare provided. 642-6322. Begins in Sept.

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.

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 1016, for boys 11 & 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 Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 for information.

TUESDAYS: Flat River Woodcarvers are meeting at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

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

EVERY FOURTH TUES.: Showboat Board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Flat River Antique Mall.

TUES. & THURS: Flat River Running Club, 7 p.m. at Fallsburg Park-main parking lot, during summer months starting June 23. For more information call Mike Wojciakowski, 691-7455.

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

EVERY TUES.: Ladies Coffee Break Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time. Calvary Christian Reformed Church across from Burger King, 10 to 11:15 a.m. For information call 897-6462 or 897-7555.

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. Luke's 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.

WEDNESDAY: Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m., 15 and over.

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

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzhe-

imers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 for information.

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."

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.

THURSDAYS: Weight Watchers meets in Lowell at the Lowell Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson, at 7 p.m. Registration is a half hour before and after meetings. New members are invited to join at anytime. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational-help for pregnant women and adolescents at the school. From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on Mondays from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Phone 897-9393.

FIRST THURSDAY: 4H drama club meeting. The club examines theater related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held once a month at Lowell Middle School choir room. For more information call 897-9261.

EVERY FRIDAY: Respite day care for the elderly.

more information call 897-1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

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

EVERY 2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

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.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY: Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Call Janet 897-6845 or Laurie, 642-6195 for more information.

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

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.

THIRD THURS. OF EACH MONTH: West Mich. Parents of Murdered Children & Other Survivors of Homicide (POMC) at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1100 Lake Drive SE, Grand Rapids, 7 p.m., Discovery Rm. Contact Danni Smith, 897-2544.

EVERY FRIDAY: Respite day care for the elderly.

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THURS., DEC. 10: Keen Agers will meet at Vergennes Methodist Church at 10 a.m. sharp. They will be going to Noelle's in Jamestown for dinner at 11. This is the Christmas dinner.

SUN., DEC. 13: At 6 p.m. the First Baptist Church of Lowell will present *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. The public is invited, 2275 W. Main. For more information call 897-7168.

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

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Special Events
WED., DEC. 9: 6:30 p.m., High school band program. WED., DEC. 16: 9:30 a.m., Advisory council. THURS., DEC. 17: 6:30 p.m., high school choir concert. FRI., DEC. 18: 12:45 p.m., Christmas party and sing-along. WED., DEC. 23: 8 a.m., Men's breakfast. DEC. 24 & 25: Center closed. MON., DEC. 14: 4:30 p.m., Cracker Barrel & Old Kent Park. WED., DEC. 30: 8 a.m., Women's breakfast. TUES., DEC. 15: 10:30 a.m., Wellness class. (Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)

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Holcomb begins new role as LL&P and Lowell Cable superintendent

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ron Holcomb had many factors to consider when he was offered the superintendent position with Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable Television.

Factors he pondered included career growth, leaving Clarksville, TN (his home since 1976), quitting a job he had held for 15 years, and his family's welfare (wife Chrissy and two boys Kyle and Alec).

A walk with his wife along Lake Michigan, during his second visit to Lowell, ended up being the deciding factor.

"The truth be known, I made my decision while walking on the beach in Grand Haven," Holcomb explains with a smile. "It was a difficult decision. I left some dear friends in Clarksville. The excitement of the new job stomps out any

homesickness anxiety."

Holcomb spent 15 years as project engineer for the Clarksville Department of Electricity.

He has a bachelor of science degree in physics from Austin Peay and a master's in business administration from Murray State University.

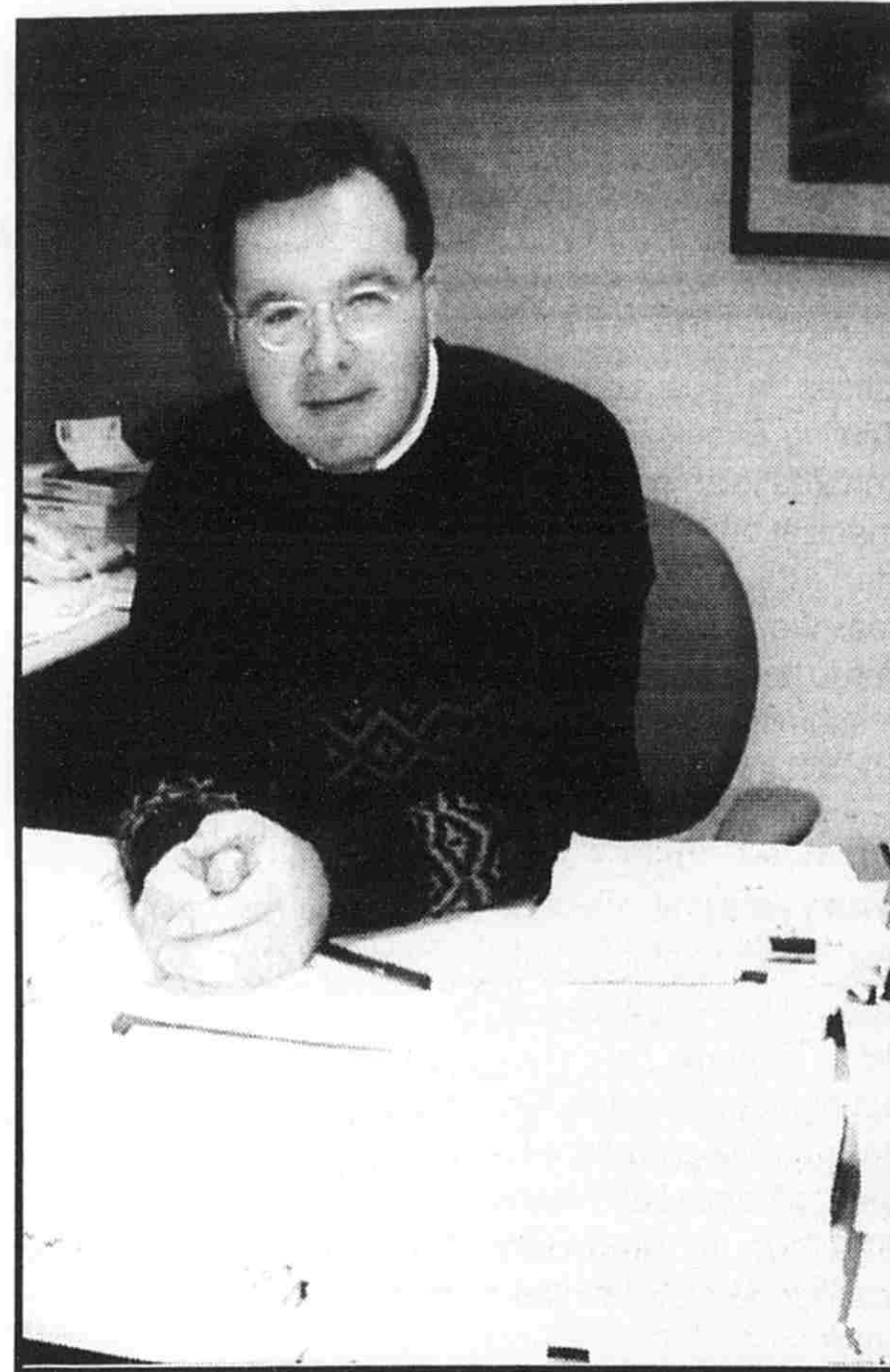
As superintendent of Lowell Light & Power and Lowell Cable, Holcomb will be given an opportunity to manage more facets of the operation. It won't be just engineering. It will include human resources and cable television.

"This move will be good for my career growth. Personally, it will be good for me. It will make me think again and that is always fun," Holcomb said. "It is an opportunity to apply what I've learned."

Both Holcomb and his wife were impressed by the kindness of the LL&P board and the people in the Lowell community.

Holcomb's real life goal is to play the guitar like Chet Atkins and Eddie VanHalen.

"When you grow up 30 miles from Nashville, you have to play the guitar," Holcomb says.



Ron Holcomb's first day on his new job was Monday, Dec. 7.

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participating are asked to take an angel from the tree and buy a gift for the age and gender written on the angel.

Again this year, through a unique partnership between Toys for Tots, the Salvation Army, and ACCESS 6, which coordinates Kent County food pantries, even more families will be served.

Lowell wrestlers win titles at five weight classes in Battle Creek Invitational

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Plenty of good wrestlers could be found at Battle Creek Invitational on Saturday. Unfortunately for the eight team, many of them were penciled in throughout the Charlotte Lowell lineups.

The two teams easily distanced themselves from the rest of the field as the Orioles won the tournament with 198.5 points and the Red Arrows placed second with 193.5.

"Our boys went there ready to do business. They were sharp," Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejc said.

Lowell earned individual titles at the 112, 119, 130, 171 and 215 pound weight classes.

Red Arrow junior varsity hockey team splits games

The Lowell junior varsity hockey team played a pair of divisional games this past weekend at Michigan National Ice Center. In their second match up of the season against South Christian, the Red Arrows came out to top 5-1. Lowell struck quickly with a goal by Mike Hoonhorst only 20 seconds into the game. Three minutes later, Eric Austin put the puck in the net with a great move on the South Christian goal tender. Austin then went on to score the only goal by either team in the second period. The third period belonged to Lowell center, Andi Larisch. Larisch scored his first two goals of the season sealing the Red Arrow win.

Lowell's defense, led by Bryan Posthumus and Chad Rau, held South Christian scoreless until late in the third period. With only five minutes left to play, a 3 on 0 breakaway allowed South Christian to finally put the puck past Lowell goal tender Jay Blair for their only score of the game.

The Red Arrows' second game of the weekend was against Jenison. This was also the second time Lowell and Jenison have squared off this season. In their first outing, Lowell dominated the Jenison team. However, the tables were turned in their second meeting. Jenison jumped out to a two-goal lead in the first period and held the lead for the remainder of the game. A third-period charge with goals by Rau on an assist from Ryan Hopkins and an unassisted goal by Bobby Oliver were not enough as Jenison held on to beat the Red Arrows 5-2.

Lowell is now 3 and 1 in Division play and 3 and 2 overall. Their next game will be Saturday, Dec. 12 at Michigan National Ice Center at 9:30 p.m. against Forest Hills Northern.

Bill Stouffer, state runner-up at 215 pounds last year, pinned Dave Nichols of Battle Creek Pennfield at 5:13 of the third period. Nichols placed at state last year.

The Lowell junior was named co-outstanding wrestler of the tournament along with Charlotte's Toby Dickson.

"Billy moves well and has great agility for someone wrestling at 215 pounds," Strejc explains.

Captains Steve VanLaan (171) and Denny Snuffer (119) wrestled with authority. "They were determined and mature which is what you expect of senior captains," Strejc said.

VanLaan pinned Justin Stratton of Gull Lake at 1:10 of the first period in the finals. Snuffer pinned Charlotte's Chris Howe at 3:23 of the second period.

Sophomore Caleb O'Boyle used excellent technique enroute to a championship at 130 pounds. He decided on Charlotte's Scott Kinney 8-6.

The surprise of the day may have been the performance of sophomore John Mendez (112 pounds).

"I was impressed with John's performance his first time out. His mental toughness and the level of technique he showed was very good," Strejc said.

Mendez pinned Tom Peterson of East Kentwood at 5:59 of the third period.

The Red Arrows also received a strong performance from John McKay (103 pounds). "John wrestled well. He showed excellent basic skills," Strejc said. The sophomore finished second. Jordan Early of East Kentwood technical felled McKay in the championship match.

Lowell's Dan Rottier, placed second to Dickson at 125 pounds. Rottier was pinned in 52 seconds of the first period.

T.J. Forward, 152 pounds, was the only Red Arrow to place third. Strejc said Forward looked good doing it.

"It was a wonderful first tournament," Strejc said. Lowell travels to Hemlock on Saturday.

PARENTS OF SENIORS

Pictures are needed of your high school seniors for their school video to be available at the Senior All-Night Party.

Baby pictures to Jr. High to present day, funny or serious, individual or group shots may be dropped off at the high school office or media center. Deadline is Jan. 15, 1999.

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Thurs., Dec. 17	TBA	A	TBA
Thurs., Jan. 7	FHN	FHAC	7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 9	Invitational	FHAC	TBA
Thurs., Jan. 14	Union	A	7 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 28	Northview	H	7 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 4	Hudsonville	A	7 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 11	Rockford	H	7 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 18	Zeeland	H	7 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 20	MISCA	EMU	all day
Thurs., Feb. 25	EGR	A	7 p.m.
Thurs., March 4	Conference	TBA	5 p.m.
Fri., March 5	Conference	TBA	5 p.m.
Sat., March 6	Conference	TBA	Noon
Fri., March 12	State	Oakland Univ.	TBA
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A forklift.



Nicole Platz
A baby bear and mama bear.



Christopher Platz
A tiger and a Power Ranger.



Nicole Cummings
A tool bench.

Bryan Burnham
A GameBoy.

Sean Wolfe
A guitar, train, and army tank.



Matt Lee
A gas powered truck and a dirt bike.



Brandon Lee
A sky driver and a remote control bulldozer.



Kristen Lee
A Barbie dream house and a Barbie bed that opens and closes.



Joe Johnson
A remote control car.



Ryan Wolfe
A race car and Hot Wheels.



Jill Alexander
A Barbie and a remote control car.

NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a Public Hearing prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on Monday, December 21, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to receive comment on a request for a Liquor License for Beer and Wine from Tom Widerski, owner/operator of Shady Acres, 10336 Bailey Drive, Lowell.

Further information on the request may be obtained at the Vergennes Township offices, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mari C. Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

Thank You

FAMILY COUNCIL PREPARES THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR NURSING HOME STAFF

The family council at Laurels of Kent in Lowell prepared and served a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at the nursing home for the staff who worked Thanksgiving Day. Families teamed up to prepare turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes and pies.

Jeanne Shores, family council president, explained, "The council decided to express our appreciation to the staff for their dedication to residents and for working on a holiday."

Don & Mary Strong

50th Anniversary • December 18th



The children will have an
OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, December 19
from 2 to 5 p.m.
at Barryton Senior Center
Barryton, Michigan

CASUAL - NO GIFTS

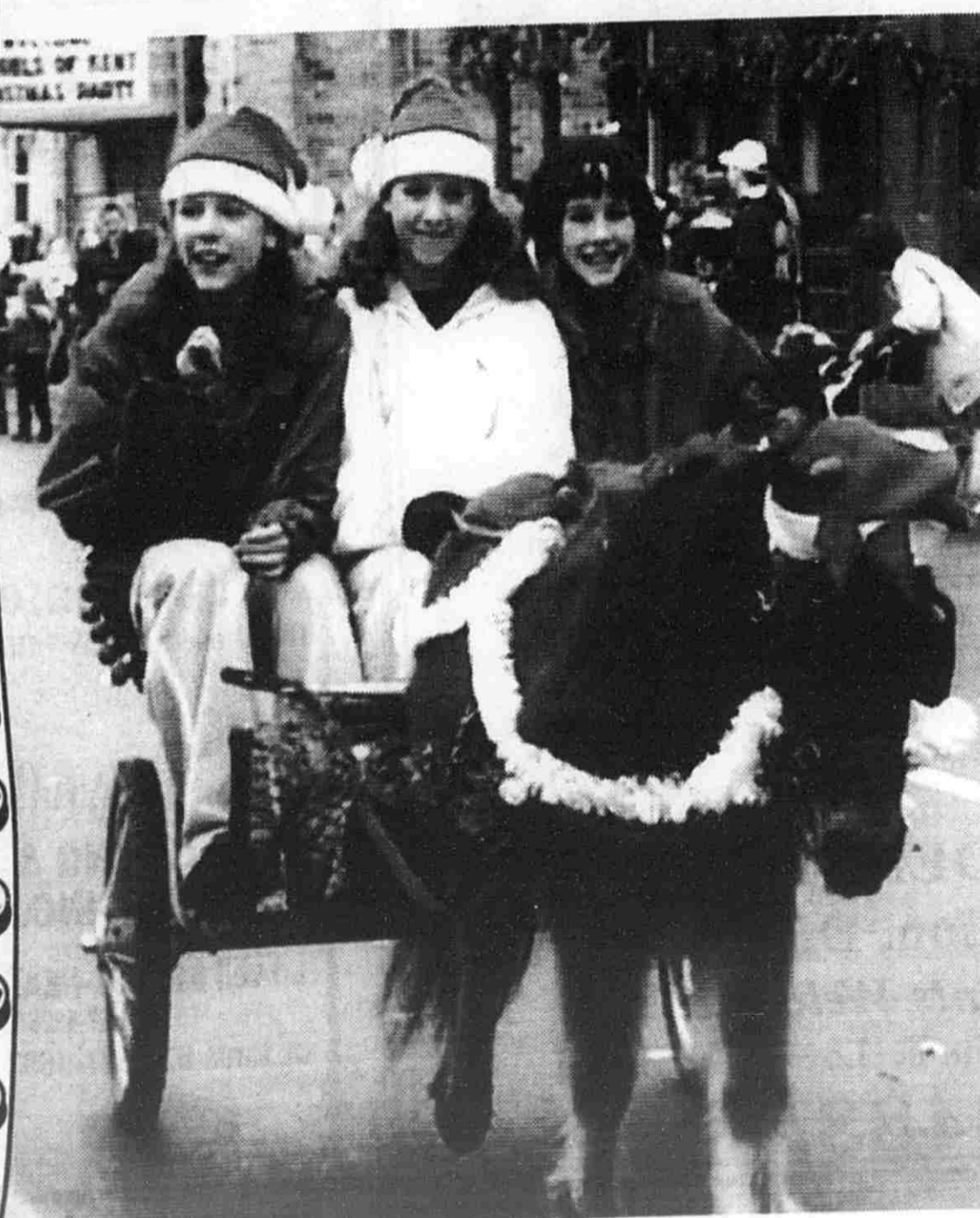
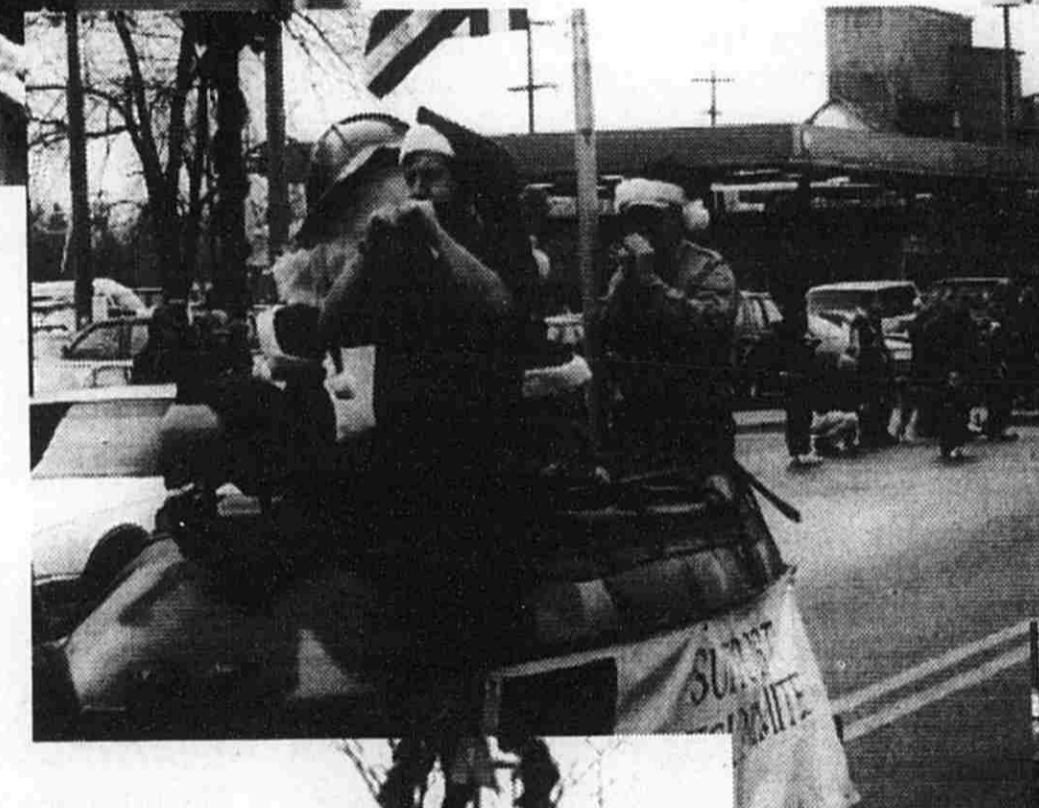
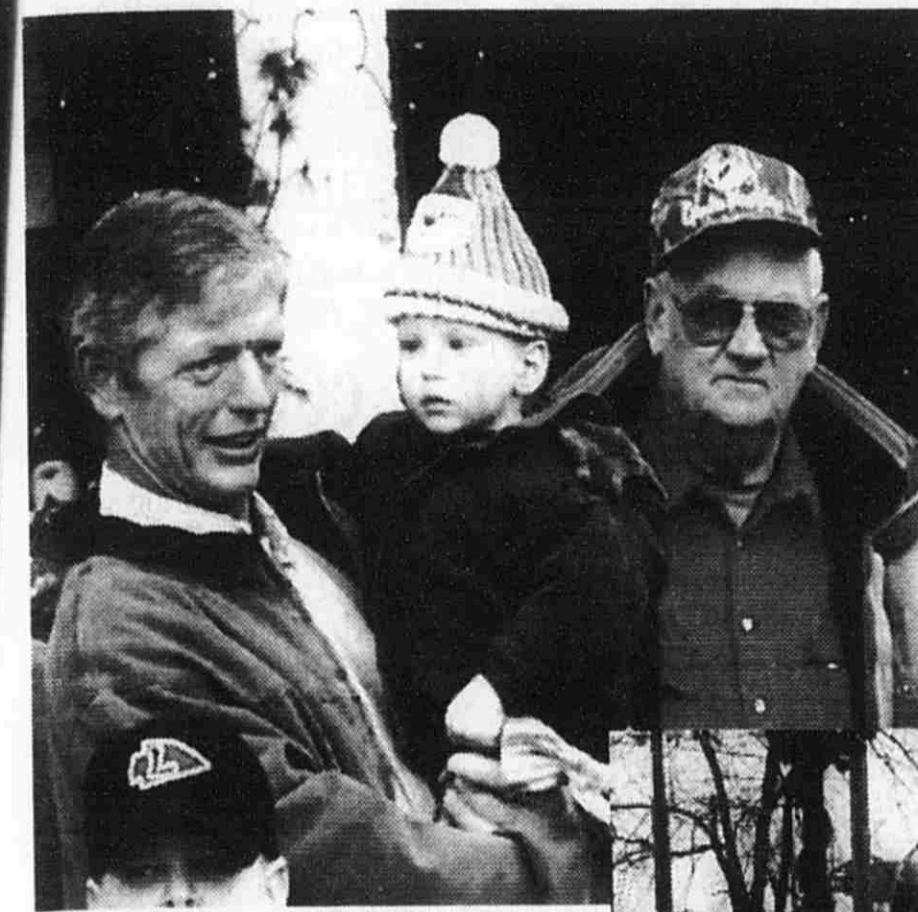
If you see these two Brown cousins on December 7th & December 11th wish them a Happy 16th Birthday!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
JOSH & JESSI

Love, from the whole family

Christmas parade '98



Chamber names decoration and poster coloring contest winners

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce announced the winners of its Christmas lighting and poster coloring contests.

Seven residents' homes received gift certificates for their Christmas decorations.

Dale Reed, 813 Avery, received first-place honors in the spectacular category. He was awarded a \$50 shop in

Lowell gift certificate. Maxine Post, 14115 Grand River Dr., was second, and awarded a \$35 gift certificate; and Dave and Dawn Stiles, 1800 West Main St. Lot #37, was third and received a \$25 gift certificate.

Earning honorable mention honors were Jack Ryan, 12991 Ryan Ridge Dr., and Mark Todd, 1740 Faith Dr. Fred and Nancy Shortle, 1833 Woodpine Ct., took top prize in the traditional residential category, winning a \$50 shop in Lowell gift certificate.

Ernest and Helen Schaefer, 618 Lafayette, was second, and awarded a \$35 gift certificate; and Rudy Smith, 1607 Stonewood, was

third and received a \$25 gift certificate.

Honorable mention distinction was bestowed on Gary and Sharon Pieroni, 329 N. Washington, and Ned Swift, 1001 N. Washington. Joshua Milley, 1801 Woodbushe, was awarded \$50 in the spirit of Christmas category. Honorable mention

was given to Andrew Milley, 1415 Baywicke.

Business decoration top honors went to Hahn Hardware, 207 E. Main St. For its effort, the business was given a plaque.

Honorable mention recognition was given to the Showboat, Galaxy Signs & Awards, Cousin's Hallmark and Lowell Bed & Linen

Shop. Winners named in the 1998 poster coloring contest were Jordan Drake, preschool five and under; Byron Yokes, five-seven years of age; Rebecca Kempker, eight to 10 years of age; and Lorri Myers, 11 to 16 years of age. The winners in each category won a \$25 shop Lowell gift certificate.



The CLASSIFIEDS

Call The Ledger - 897-9261

HELP WANTED	FOR SALE	FOR SALE	BUSINESS SERVICES	BUSINESS SERVICES	BUSINESS SERVICES
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COUNTER CLERK NEEDED - 2-3 days a week. Stop in or call Laura or Karen at Flat River Antique Mall. 897-5360.

MATTRESS - queen size, firm & box springs, \$100, 2 years old. Call 897-0488.

HOME FOR SALE - N of Lowell, 5 years old, 3-bedroom, 2-bath ranch, central air, 2-car finished garage. Large custom oak kitchen, finished lower level, nice landscaping. \$156,000. Call for appt. 897-0974.

AIRLINE TICKETS - at farewar prices. Any city no fee. Call Carol for details. 957-8964.

WOODY'S VACUUM CLEANERS - great deals, Rainbow vacuums \$599 on up. Full warranties. 897-0044.

PREFAB - Easy to build all steel buildings. Year-end clearance. Every building on sale. Save up to 40%. Free storage till Spring. Major manufacturer. 1-800-222-6335.

CAROUSEL CHILD CARE - is looking for a full-time assistant caregiver. Please call Barb for an interview at 897-6954.

'82 BUICK CENTURY - runs great, looks good, \$800 obo. Call 897-6143 after 4 p.m., ask for Bill.

FOR SALE - 1988 GMC Sierra SLX, shortbox, stepside. New 350, bedliner, Tonneau cover, mag wheels, etc. Cleanest '88 around! Must see! \$6,500 or offer. Call 897-6045 or can be seen at 11310 Bluewater Hwy.

ABORTION AFTERMATH - Grieving after an abortion? Struggling with depression, remorse and confusion? Referrals for help in your area. 1-800-800-8284. PROJECT RACHEL Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing.

STEEL BUILDINGS NEVER PUT UP - 40x30 was \$6,212, will sell for \$3,497; 50x86 was \$17,690, will sell \$8,970. Chuck 1-800-320-2340.

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COOK - The Laurels of Kent has an immediate opening for a relief cook. This is a part-time day position requiring general cooking duties & assistance on the tray line. Past experience preferred but not necessary. Please call us at 897-8473.

SNOWMOBILE FOR SALE - 1979 John Deere Spitfire 340, needs some work, new top end, \$300. Call 897-7016.

MOBILE HOME - Fairmont, 14x60, 2 bedroom, excellent condition, Valley Vista. \$7,000 obo. Call 676-9856.

INNOVATIVE MANUFACTURING COMPANY - has immediate openings available: Janitorial, new manufacturing facility; Machine operators, all shifts; Hi lo, 1st. shift. Apply in person at Concept Industries, 4950 Kraft SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512.

1993 TOYOTA TRUCK - 4 cyl, 5-sp., excellent running & body condition. Blue book, \$7,200, asking \$6,000. Call 868-6463.

FOR SALE - 1996 Chevy Cavalier, auto, cruise, air, tilt wheel, stereo, 26,000 miles. \$7,000. Call 897-7389 or 897-1597.

FOR SALE - Snapper rear-engine riding mower, \$800. Also, portable ice shanty on skis, fits 3, used only a few times. 897-7091.

1990 CARAVAN - air, PS, PB, rack, tilt, great exterior & interior, needs motor, \$1,000; 1987 Chevy Sprint, \$500 obo; 1981 Ford 4x4, \$500 obo. 691-7776.

DIETARY AIDES - The Laurels of Kent currently has 2 part-time openings in the dietary department. They both are day positions from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. General duties will include washing dishes, working on tray line, reading tray cards, etc. Qualified candidates should call the Laurels of Kent at 897-8473.

NEW HORSE TROUGH - \$50. Playskool dollhouse, many extras, \$75. Professional dark room door, countertop, cabinets, two shallow sinks. \$350. 897-8369.

STORE FIXTURE/EQUIP. LIQUIDATION - Pallet rack; display/storage shelving; show cases; office equip; pallet jacks; shopping carts; stacking baskets; more! Everything goes cheap. Make offers! 715 Center Dr. NW/Grand Rapids, Green Orchard Shopping Center (off Alpine next to Kohl's). 616-785-0013 or 800-613-6865. 10% buyers premium.

City council extends assessor's contract

The Lowell City Council has agreed to extend its contract with its current assessor. For the past 11 years, the city of Lowell has contracted its assessor services out to Jim Marfia. Monday night, city manager David Pasquale recommended, and the council unanimously agreed, to extend Marfia's contract another two years with a change in the compassion schedule to reflect a four-percent increase each year.

will be \$26,625. In the year 2000, his salary will be \$27,690.

Marfia will maintain his office hours as all day Wednesday and Thursday. Currently, Marfia works as the assessor for Lowell and Belding.

City books given clean bill

It was music to city officials' ears when the auditors gave the city of Lowell a clean bill on its books.

Virgil Biggs and Tom Dickinson of Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson, and Dickinson reported to the Lowell City Council Monday night that the city financial matters were in good shape. The accounting firm audited not only the city's general fund, but also that of the Light and Power and Cable TV.

Biggs said the city should be quite proud of its staff who, even through a transition year with different heads leaving, was able to maintain good financial records. "They do an excellent job in record keeping," he said.

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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Independent Probate
FILE No. 98-166,636-IE

ESTATE OF JOSEPH J. SIENKIEL DECEASED
SS# 384-05-8510

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 215 LANE SW, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504 died 11/26/98. An instrument dated June 9, 1998 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative ROSEMARY SIENKIEL, c/o John D. Mitus, Attorney-at-Law, 410 Bridge Street NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504 or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

JOHN D. MITUS (P-31244)
410 Bridge Street NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
(616) 774-4001

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Independent Probate
FILE No. 98-166,628-IE

ESTATE OF EDYTHE HELEN DOLAN DECEASED
SS# 379-32-3815

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 1608 Mackinaw, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506 died 11/19/98.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative CAROLE J. CARBERRY, c/o John D. Mitus, Attorney-at-Law, 410 Bridge Street NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504 or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The 1996 State Building Code has been approved and becomes effective on November 28, 1998. This means the 1995 C.A.B.O. is now in effect as is the 1996 B.O.C.A. from this date, November 28, 1998, forward any building permits pulled must comply with the above codes.

Doug Hopkins
Building Inspector

Show Us Your Smile!

NOVEMBER SMILE OF THE MONTH:

NAME:.....Andrew Perry
AGE:.....5 years old
BIRTHDAY.....11/15/93

Andrew receives a prize for his great checkup.

November "No Cavities" Club Members

Dakota Holford	Kait Cummings	Todd Smith
Andrew Oesch	Allison Young	Austin Kempker
Doug Hartley	David VanKuelen Jr.	Sarah Mosher
Sean Burrows	Maggie Lancaster	Stephanie Kempker
Courtney Schmidt	Rebecca Kempker	Kayla Bergeron
Christopher Hunt	Kayleigh VanKeulen	Elizabeth Mosher
Andrew Perry	Melissa Mosher	Brittany Moore
Kyle Kaminski	Brandon Lee	
Larry Gallimore	Nicole Cummings	

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Lowell, Michigan

897-9237

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Lowell, Michigan

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Lowell, Michigan

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11610 E. Fulton
Lowell, Michigan

897-8484

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897-9555