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## Lowell Planning Commission stands silent on Meijer rezoning request

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

With little discussion, the city of Lowell Planning Commission decided it would take no position on a proposed Meijer store in Lowell Charter Township.

The city was officially notified by the township for a request to rezone 21.7 acres from residential to commercial use to make way for the proposed Meijer store and a gas station, which would be located off the northwest side of M-21. The city was notified because the city limits are within 300 feet of the proposed rezoning.

"Lowell Township Clerk Carol Wells called as soon as it was filed," said city of Lowell clerk, Betty Morlock at the Lowell Planning Commission's regular Monday night meeting. Morlock said there had been a lot of talk about the possibility, but nothing official had come until last week.

"This is growing pains and it is going to happen one way or another," said Lowell Planning Commissioner Dan Pipe. "If it is not Meijers, then it would be Wal-Mart."

Primarily, indications from Meijer representatives have shown a building of about 157,000 square feet to be located on a 43-acre site, just west of Harold Zeigler Ford, Inc. For that to happen, the township would need to rezone about half of the required acreage. The township's planning commission has set a public hearing on the rezoning for Dec. 13 at its township office. The planning commission would make a recommendation to the township board, which would have the final decision.

The property line between the township and the city is Alden Nash. The city does not have any property abutting against the proposed rezoned area. The property on the east side of Alden Nash is zoned industrial and suburban residential. The city has notified those property owners of the rezoning request.

While the Lowell Planning Commission decided to remain neutral on the Meijer rezoning issue, the situation did prompt commissioners to discuss meeting with planning commissioners from both Lowell and Vergennes. **Rezoning, cont'd. pg. 8**



The trek across the Ethiopian countryside crossed farmers' fields, with the donkeys carrying their loads patiently.

## Adventure in Ethiopia: Excerpts from an Explorer's Journal

**Editor's Note:** Vergennes Township resident Kate Dernocoeur returned recently from a five-week excursion in Ethiopia. Dernocoeur and a National Geographic crew rafted through 475 miles on the Blue Nile River. The township resident agreed to share excerpts from her journal with Ledger readers. This is the first in a four-part series.

by Kate Dernocoeur

Friday, September 10: So...let the adventure/exploration begin! This traveler is sitting in Chicago. There is a 2-1/2 hour layover here, then 8 hours' flight to Germany, a layover, and 8 more hours' flight south to Ethiopia, via Cairo. The risks ahead:

- going so far away from home
- going to Africa!
- trekking 60 km
- rafting 850 km -- just the 10 of us
- drinking Nile water
- bandits
- hippos and other large creatures
- bilharzia & other tiny creatures
- snakes and bugs

But, I hear the night sky is head-shakingly brilliant. I hear the birds and wild flowers will be exceptional. The gorge? Gorgeous! What's the trade-off for taking some risks? A trip which promises to nourish my soul and my world view in an utterly unique manner...

Ten people on the planet are preparing for this trip. What's everyone else up to at this moment?

Sat, Sept 11, Frankfurt Airport (Germany): I am surrounded by cultural and racial diversity. An Indian couple is sitting next to me, and a man sitting nearby is reading an Islamic-text newspaper. None of the newspapers on the rack are in English.

I carry the dreams and excitement of an entire community on this trip. People at home are vicariously expanding their viewpoints because, maybe, they've been moved to pull out an atlas and pinpoint Ethiopia. Heck, it's the first thing I did! It's a wonderful feeling, to know that my adventure "belongs" to many more people than just myself.

Sunday, September 12, Addis Ababa: Airport pick-up went well. Mauritio [our in-town and resupply logistician] met me and Virginia [the National Geographic writer]; and Mike Speaks [the trip leader and river guide] was with the van in the parking lot -- an instantly likeable fellow. We went to

a restaurant, and there was a wonderful sense of joining when Nevada [National Geographic photographer], Bruce [oarsman, from Canada], and Mick [National Geographic videographer, from Australia] came through the door. None of them have met before this, either. This is quite an interpersonal adventure as well as everything else. I felt a quick sense of camaraderie.

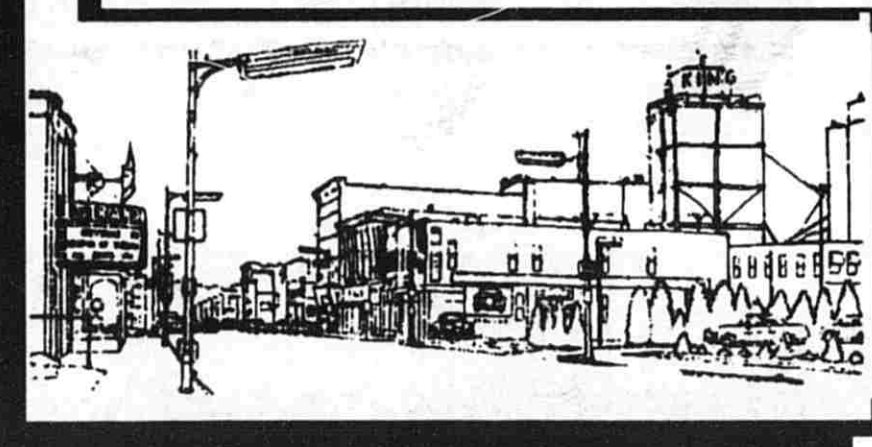
Talk about the expedition tells me a few new things. The war in the north is heating up, so security is heightened. There was talk of land mines... The Black Gorge has Mike Speaks' attention. The organized bands of 40-50 bandits in the gorge are said to be gone. And then there are the snakes, and so forth. No, this is not your basic Theme Park ride... Yet I'm not fearful. Watchful, yes! But fearful? Not until there's something in front of me to be fearful of.

Monday, September 13, Bahar Dar: Flying to Bahar Dar afforded tantalizing glimpses of the Blue Nile between the clouds. The Ethiopians call it "Abay Wenz," meaning "Grandfather River." Bahar Dar is quieter and greener than Addis. We have been joined here by Zelalem, who has been arranging things here for our trek. He will float the river with us. We went in a mini-van today to see the town. We went down one street to a place that resulted in an instant swarm of people saying "hello!" and "salaam!" and "money!" It was quite a melee. I loved watching Mick go to work with his video camera - he gets right in their faces and zooms around without being pushy, and isn't the least reserved. Bruce -- so tall and blonde and friendly -- has a delightful style.

I like our group. They are all adventurers by trade. Even Mick, at age 25, has been up and down Africa hitch-hiking and then filming Algerian refugee camps and the liberation of Kosovo. And here I am, just a Regular Human Being, joining up with an incredible crew to do something huge, even by

Ethiopia, cont'd. pg. 8

### Along Main Street



#### FREE PRESCHOOL

The child psychology class at Lowell High School will be conducting a free preschool as a learning lab for children between the ages of 3 - 5 from Nov. 30 through Dec. 16.

For more information or to register call Marsha LaHaye at 897-4125.

#### SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB INFORMATION

Lowell Ski and Snowboard Club information is available at Alto and Cherry Creek elementaries and Lowell Middle School in the offices.

For more information call Robin Briggs at 897-9904 or Kathy Talus at 897-4125.

#### DEMOGRAPHICS COMMITTEE TO HOLD INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Attention: High School Parents. The Demographics committee will hold an informational meeting discussing student growth and its future impact. Please attend to become informed, ask questions and give ideas. It will be held Tuesday, Nov. 30 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

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Cooking Secrets,  
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## Meaning of Christmas wrapped up in shoeboxes

•••• There were roughly 110 shoeboxes filled with toys and other small items sent out by the Lowell Middle School as part of Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child."

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Something as simple as a shoebox will carry the spirit of the holidays to many of the world's neediest children.

Adults and students from this area as well as children from around the country are shipping shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and a plethora of other small items.

Lowell Middle School students brought in enough gifts to fill approximately 110 shoeboxes which were wrapped by eighth-grade students and then mailed on Monday from the Holland distribution center as part of Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child."

"We've received a tremendous response with our first year of participating in the program," said Lowell Middle School eighth-grade teacher Diane Heikkila. "Students made gifts and monetary donations. We also received a variety of Operation Christmas, cont'd. pg. 7



Lowell Middle School eighth-grade students Sarah Swab, Mellissa Blattner and Renee Catlin finish some last day wrapping for "Operation Christmas Child."

## Cherry Creek's resource center gets space commitment

••• Cherry Creek Elementary's Family Resource Room also provides a home for the YMCA's before- and after-school program.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Parent and teacher donations have helped stock the shelves at Cherry Creek Elementary's Family Resource Center with informational resources on topics from toddlers to alcohol/drug abuse.

It's the long-term commitment of building principal Maureen Dorough that will sustain it.

"There are too many valuable things going on here for this not to be a long-range plan," said Dorough.

Concern for the program's longevity stems from the growing need for more classroom space.

"Cherry Creek's resource center is not planned for classroom use. There are other choices for classes," Dorough explains.

The district would lose two programs by turning the resource center into a classroom. "That room also serves our before- and after-school program run by the YMCA," Dorough explained.

The idea for the Family Resource Center was formulated during the 1998-99 school year.

The center not only provides space for PTO meetings and volunteer workers but offers access to five computers donated by Electronic Data Systems, parenting books and videos with an emphasis on academic help.

Program coordinator Ann Nichols explains volunteer involvement comes through spreading the news about the center and donating and funding materials for the center.

Nichols says there is still a need for parenting books and resources, bookshelves, plastic containers and baskets, craft supplies, chairs, a copy machine and coffee and paper products.

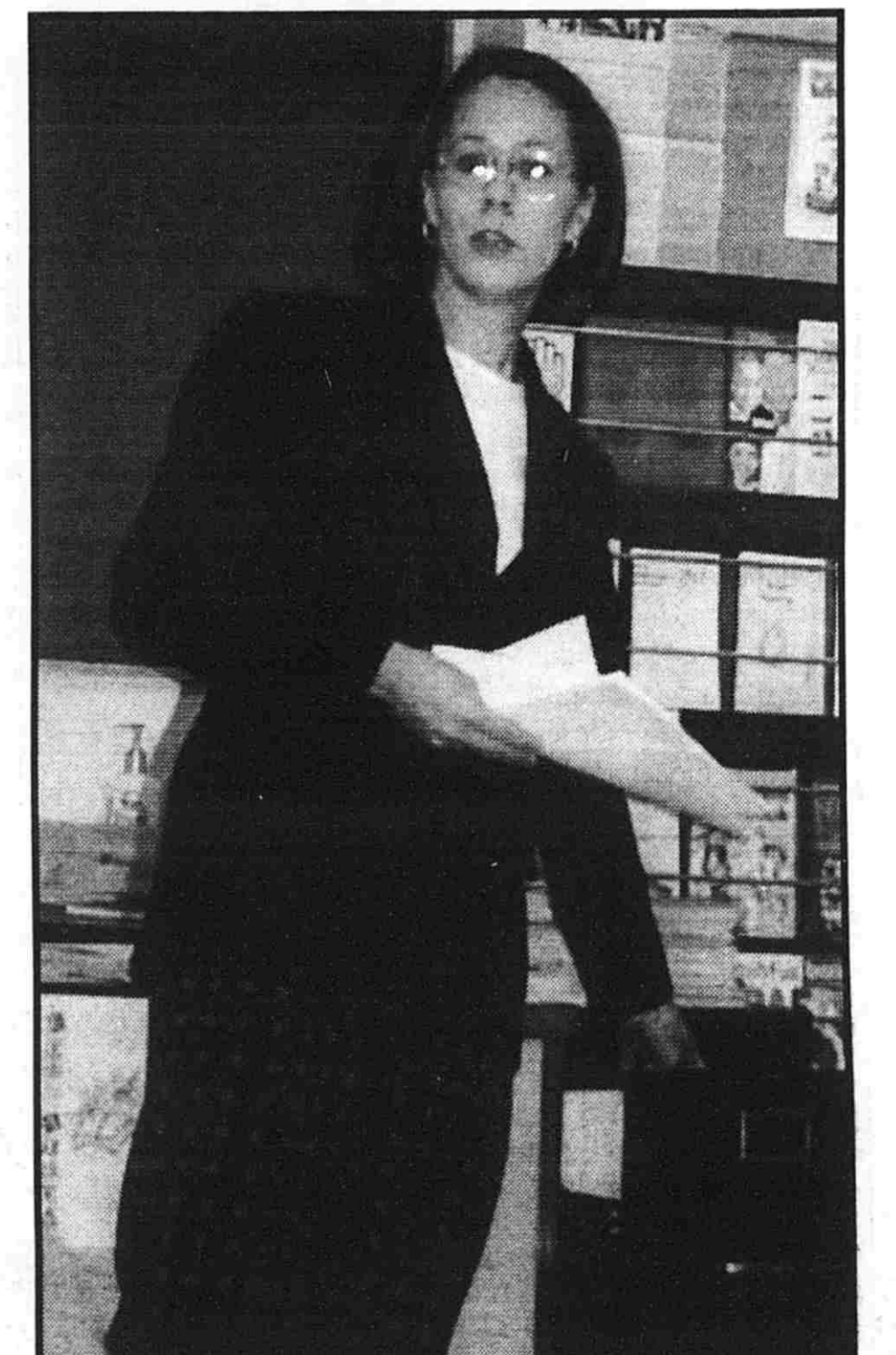
A resource center luncheon on Thursday at Cherry Creek afforded Nichols the opportunity to speak about material and program finance challenges and how the center can continue to operate when grant monies run out.

Currently, the resource center operates on funds from the

Safe and Drug Free Schools grant, along with monies from the school district and PTOs.

Funds are spent on resources (videos, computer programs, books) and hosting workshops.

Dorough says the center was implemented as a long-range plan and nothing to this point has changed that.



Family Resource Center program coordinator Ann Nichols spoke to Lowell residents about volunteer involvement at a luncheon on Thursday.

## Women's Club News & Notes:

The monthly meeting of the Lowell Women's Club was held on Nov. 10 at Schneider Manor.

The speaker of the day was Jim Valentine, Lowell

chief of police. His topic was "How safe is our community?"

He talked about the personnel, equipment and programs of the department and

also answered many questions from the group.

Laurie Biener, honorary senior high school member, gave an update on events at the Lowell High School.

Next month's meeting will be held on Dec. 8 at Schneider Manor. The Lowell High School choir will be performing.

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donated items from Spartan Stores."

The shoeboxes are being distributed to over 100 countries worldwide.

Each box is personalized to a boy or girl. Students were encouraged to enclose a note to the child.

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their standards. Part of my tossing/turning in the night had to do with the sense that all this is sort of a test for me - of spirit, of will, of ability (I'm gunning for "Most Improved"). Why else does a person forge into something like this?

Our trek has been expanded to a full five days. Tomorrow we'll put it all together at Tississat Falls, move across to the north side, and walk 4-5 hours before pitching camp. Off we go!

Tuesday, September 14, Trek Day #1: We walked

about 8 km. My part is going OK so far. I can stand tall. In camp, all we have to do really is pitch our tents. We all help out here and there, but overall the porters handle a lot of the tasks I'd normally busy myself with -- cooking, fire-building, and so on. It has begun to rain in earnest...

There's a rather big question about our route to the Broken Bridge (the put-in site, where our rafts will be carried in from the other side, and three more people will join us for the float). One of the Ethiopian donkey drivers insists it's

able, but Mike Speaks is skeptical. There's a rather significant tributary to cross...

Clean-up from the day was a walk alone to the near-by clear-water tributary, where I rinsed my clothes and was able to wash most of my slimy, sticky body and soak my head!

Wednesday, September 15, Trek Day #2: Curled up in my tent after 15 km of trekking. It poured just as we reached our campsite. Until then, it was a HOT, sweaty day. We saw lots of gorgeous, verdant vistas and people

working their fields, tending crops.

Friendly sense to it all. It's frustrating to have no clue what's being said around us. Our entourage includes about 10 Ethiopians, including the kitchen crew. The donkey drivers, all armed, have to re-arrange their donkeys' loads frequently.

I look at the people here and wonder who has the better grasp of reality. We have volumes of STUFF, and our escorts have literally the clothes on their backs, plus large swatches of cloth that serve multiple purposes. They move with the moment -- wet in the rain, hot and dry in the sun.

Thursday, September 16 (Trek Day #3): Our biggest excitement was the tributary crossing. It was about 100-150 feet wide, chocolate brown, and moving at a good clip.

When all but Mike and Mick and two Ethiopians were across, the river suddenly rose a couple of feet and it got hairy. They lost their footing and pushed across diagonally as they were swept toward the rocky rapids just downstream. The Ethiopian hugged Mick a long time after they got across, and then they offered some bread to the river.

Friday, September 17 (Trek Day #4): This is the site

of our very exciting night when I was awakened by gunfire, running feet, yelling, then two more shots in the night! [A "shifita" or bandit had tried -- unsuccessfully! -- to steal two donkeys. Fortunately, no one was hurt.] My role as camp doctor is evolving... These co-adventurers of mine are hardy and experienced, but each is human and in the end, as vulnerable as anyone, really. I am learning to limit my giving of nurturing care to those locals seeking help who look like they really need it -- or I'll be out of bandaids and aspirin before we get to Mota.

Saturday, Sept. 18 (Trek Day #5): We are surrounded by very friendly villagers, who live just a few minutes' walk away. We just spent a couple hours visiting two homes. We are the first "ferenj" ("foreigners" in the national language of Amharic) ever to come here. Zelalem tells us they feel very honored, and are extending delightful hospitality... Basics: picking out a good sitting rock becomes an important skill out here!

Monday, September 20 (River Day #1): It was sad at put-in at the Broken Bridge yesterday when all but Zelalem left us. The donkey drivers and kitchen staff were relieved to be on their way home. Mike Borcik, Kelly,

and Ephrem -- another Ethiopian -- have joined us, as well as Kassa, our armed militia man.

The flies are thick, but not so thick as they were at the last camp -- even the locals were overwhelmed! Otherwise we have not had much problem with bugs -- other than the 1-1/2" long spider in my tent yesterday, and the 3-1/2" creature against my screen last night (on the outside! Whew!).

Tuesday, September 21 (River Day #2): My first day of running a river anywhere in the world was truly lovely! I can understand the appeal. The river is fast. Saw two crocodiles yesterday. Eeks!

Wednesday, Sept. 22 through Sunday Sept. 26 (River Day #7 and resupply at Godjam Bridge): The river has the consistency and color of hot chocolate. This pattern of moving downstream will continue for three more weeks. I'm really enjoying it. Passage of time revolves utterly around the journey and who and what intersects our movement across this Ethiopian landscape.

Each time a medical event occurs, I am humbled by the limits of my knowledge and capabilities out here. Fortunately, everything (so far) has been minor. -end of Part One.

## Rezoning, cont'd.... From Page 1

townships.

Since the three communities share borders, city of Lowell planning commissioners said they believed it was important for the respected officials to keep abreast of what is happening in the individual areas.

"We should be meeting with the townships," said

Lowell commissioner Jim Hall, adding he felt that way because of planning issues in both townships and the city that could affect each other.

Lowell Planning Commission chairperson Dan Brubaker said he would draft a letter to the respective planning commissions of the two

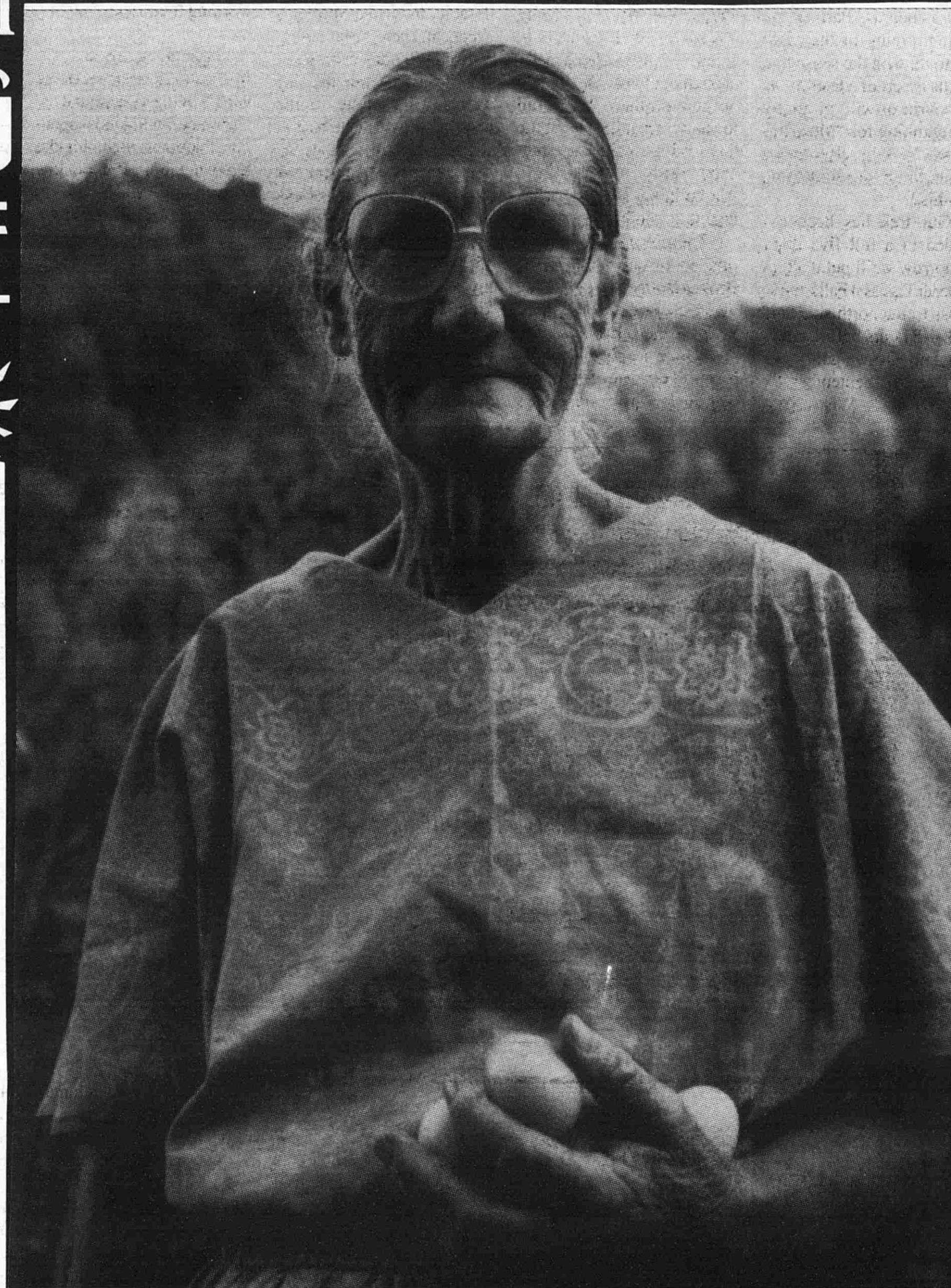
townships inviting the representatives to a joint meeting to discuss planning issues.

Mejor officials have indicated that if all goes well with their request, they plan to start construction in April. It would take approximately a year for the project to be completed.

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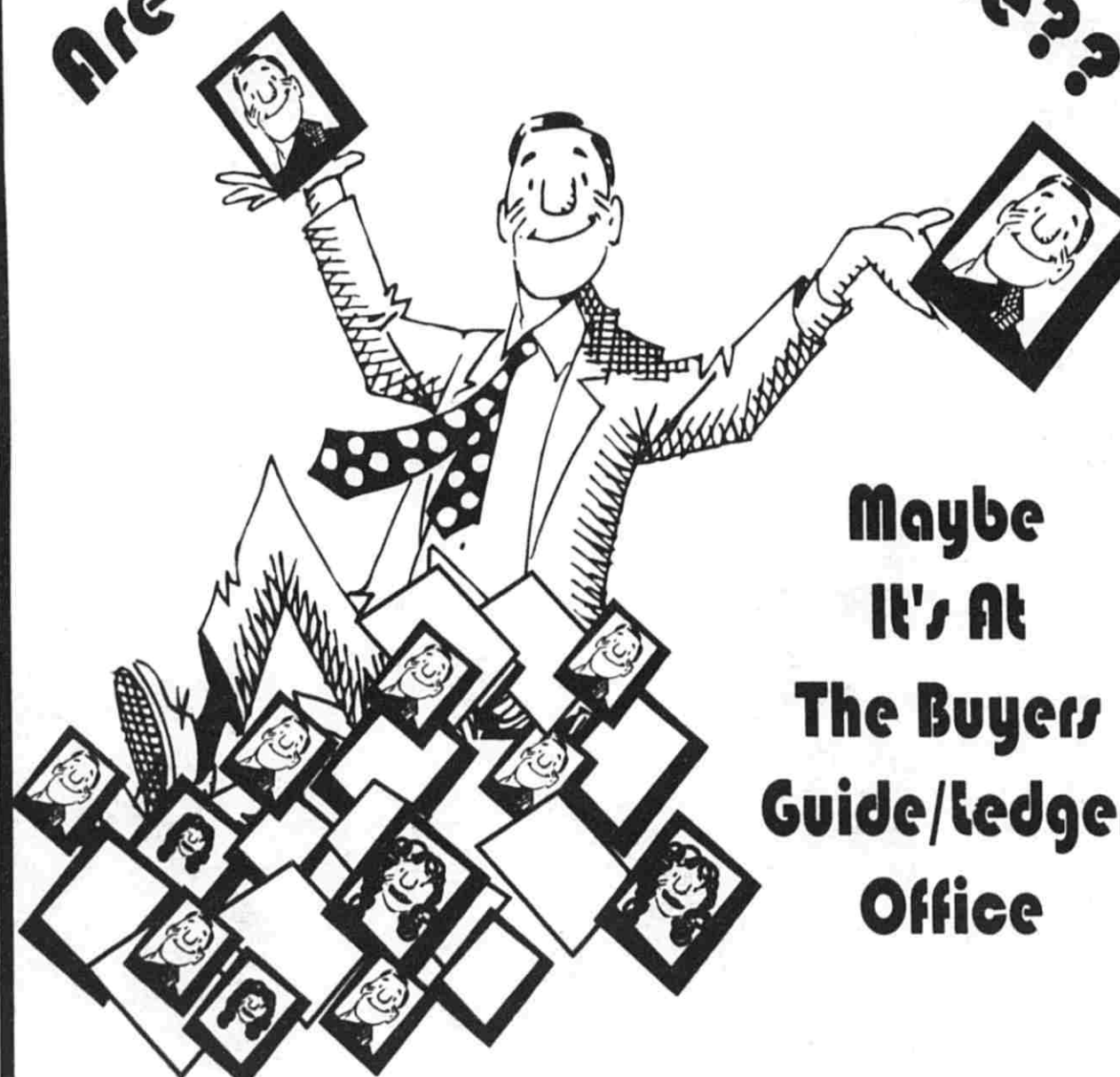
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HOCKEY: ESPN Fri. 4 p.m. NHL Hockey Mighty Ducks of Anaheim at Dallas Stars. (Live)
SOCCER: FOXDT Sun. 12 a.m. English Premier League Soccer Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)
TENNIS: ESPN Fri. 1:30 p.m. Tennis ATP World Championship -- Early Rounds. From Hannover, Germany. (Live)
WINTER SPORTS: ESPN Sun. 1:30 p.m. World Cup Skiing Men's Slalom. From Beaver Creek, Colo. (Taped)

SKATING: WVMT Fri. 1 p.m. Figure Skating Ice Wars: USA vs. the World. Tara Lipinski, Brian Boitano and Kristi Yamaguchi lead the U.S. stars against a team of world stars including Oksana Baiul and Surya Bonaly. From Baton Rouge, La. (Taped)
BICYCLING: ESPN Tue. 3:30 p.m. Cycling Van's Freestyle Motocross. From San Diego. (Taped)
BILLIARDS: ESPN Wed. 12 a.m. Billiards WPBA Classic Tour Final. From Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Taped)
BOXING: FOXDT Sun. 7 p.m. Boxing Sunday Night Fights -- Best of Fight Time. (Taped)
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Table with columns for time slots (12:00-6:30) and rows for various broadcast channels (WVMT, WVTV, WGVU, etc.) and cable channels (M\*A\*S\*H, FX, etc.).



SUNDAY EVENING / LATE NIGHT NOVEMBER 28, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (7:00-4:30) and rows for various channels (WVMT, WOVY, WGVU, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS. Table listing premium channels and their programming for Sunday, November 28, 1999.

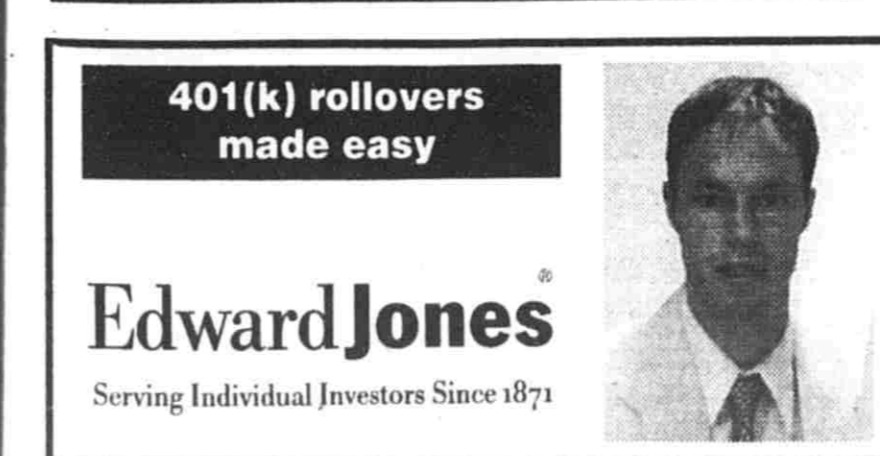


We have all new state of the art equipment and cleaning products to clean, protect & dry your vehicle. Our new soft cloth equipment is saturated with soaps and water so your vehicle is gently pampered.

LOWELL WATER WORKS WIN FREE CAR WASHES. Bring in this coupon when you get your next wash & ENTER THE DRAWING FOR 1 YEAR OF FREE CAR WASHES!

MONDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 29, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and rows for various channels (WVMT, WOVY, WGVU, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS. Table listing premium channels and their programming for Monday, November 29, 1999.



401(k) rollovers made easy. Call or stop by today. Which IRA is right for you? Focused on planning for retirement? A traditional IRA or Roth IRA...

Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WVMT, WOVY, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, and various news and entertainment shows.

SPRINGGROVE VARIETY advertisement. Features the store name, address (123 W. MAIN • LOWELL, MI 49331), phone (897-9918), and promotional text: 'DOWNTOWN LOWELL Shop in an atmosphere of days gone by! Bulk candy, crafts, fabric, yarn, crochet thread, collectibles, 1/2 price greeting cards, toys, stationery, household & hardware items. Lots more, shop where the customer counts!'.

Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WVMT, WOVY, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, and various news and entertainment shows.

Touch of Country advertisement. Features the store name, address (9175 Cherry Valley (M-37) Caledonia, MI 49316), phone (616-891-0647), and promotional text: 'AFFORDABLE SOLID OAK FURNITURE (Step in for a free catalog) Lamps • Pictures • Dried Floral Heritage Lace Cottage Collectibles'. Includes a '10% Off ALL LAMPS' coupon and a 'CLIP & SAVE' graphic.



# Sharp-shooting Comets end Lowell's run in district final

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

There was an early sign indicating Lowell was in trouble in its Class A District girls basketball championship game with Grand Ledge. Comet guard Tracy

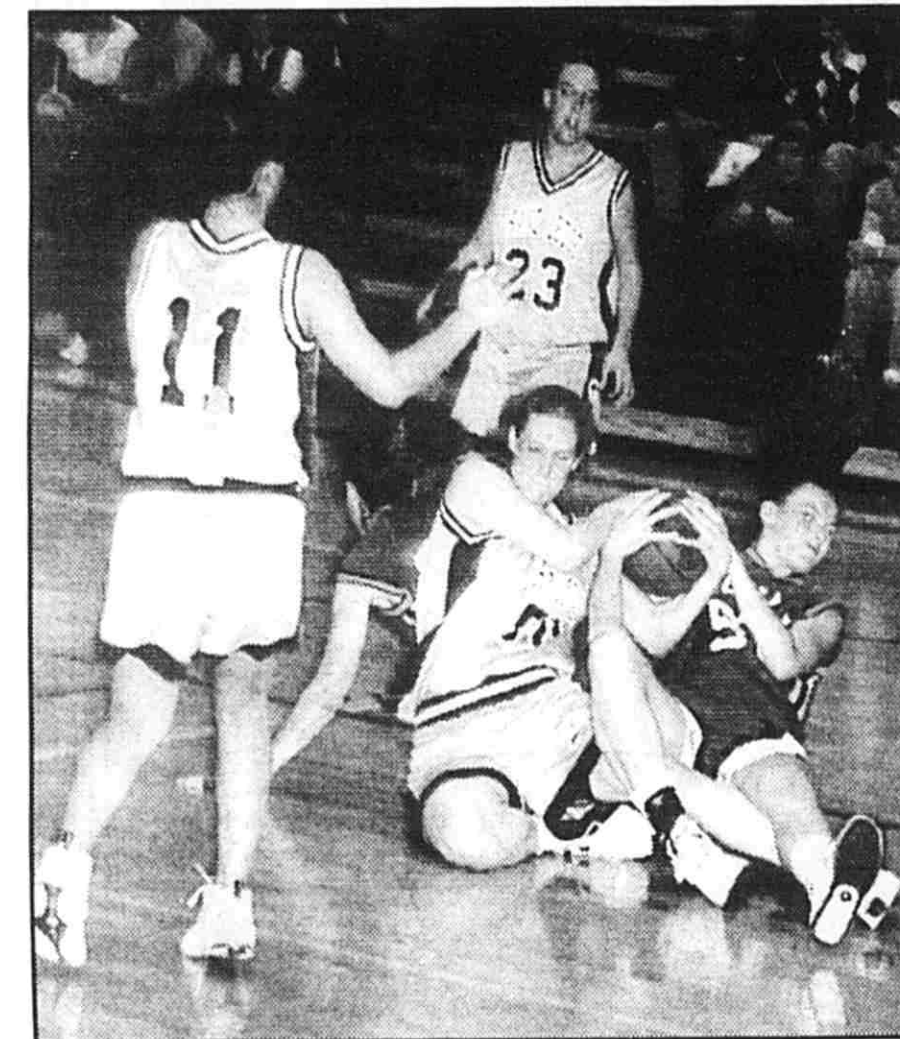
Buchholz hit her first three-point shot. The 5-foot-6 senior guard connected on just about every shot that followed. Buchholz tallied a game-high 24 points (six 3's) in leading Grand Ledge to a 53-24 win over Lowell.

"After I hit that first shot, I knew I had my stroke," Buchholz explained. Comet coach Deb Traxinger enjoyed the shooting performance of Buchholz and her teammates. "Tracy can shoot the ball.

three-point shooting. There isn't much you can do to stop that," Lowell girls basketball coach Ken Akers said. "Our girls played their hearts out, but they couldn't buy a basket."

I was disappointed that we didn't pass more and dribble less against it." Lowell led 19-14 at half-time and 31-26 after three quarters of play. The Red Arrows outscored the Bearcats 21-17 over the last eight minutes of play. "We didn't shoot very well, but we're moving on," Akers said.

Red Arrows to a district final for the first time since 1996. Freshman Blair Meyer led all Lowell scorers with 13 points. She also pulled down eight rebounds. Amanda Stoutjesdyk tallied 11 points and grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds. Katie McPherson scored nine points and snared six rebounds.



Lowell's Amanda Stoutjesdyk battles for possession.

*I didn't think our defense was that bad. They just annihilated us with their three-point shooting. There isn't much you can do to stop that.*

**Ken Akers**  
Lowell Girls Basketball Coach

She picked a good time to get hot. A coach always looks great when the ball goes in like it did for us tonight," Traxinger said.

Lowell trailed by just one point (10-9) after the opening quarter of play which ended on a Bethany Fredline steal and layup.

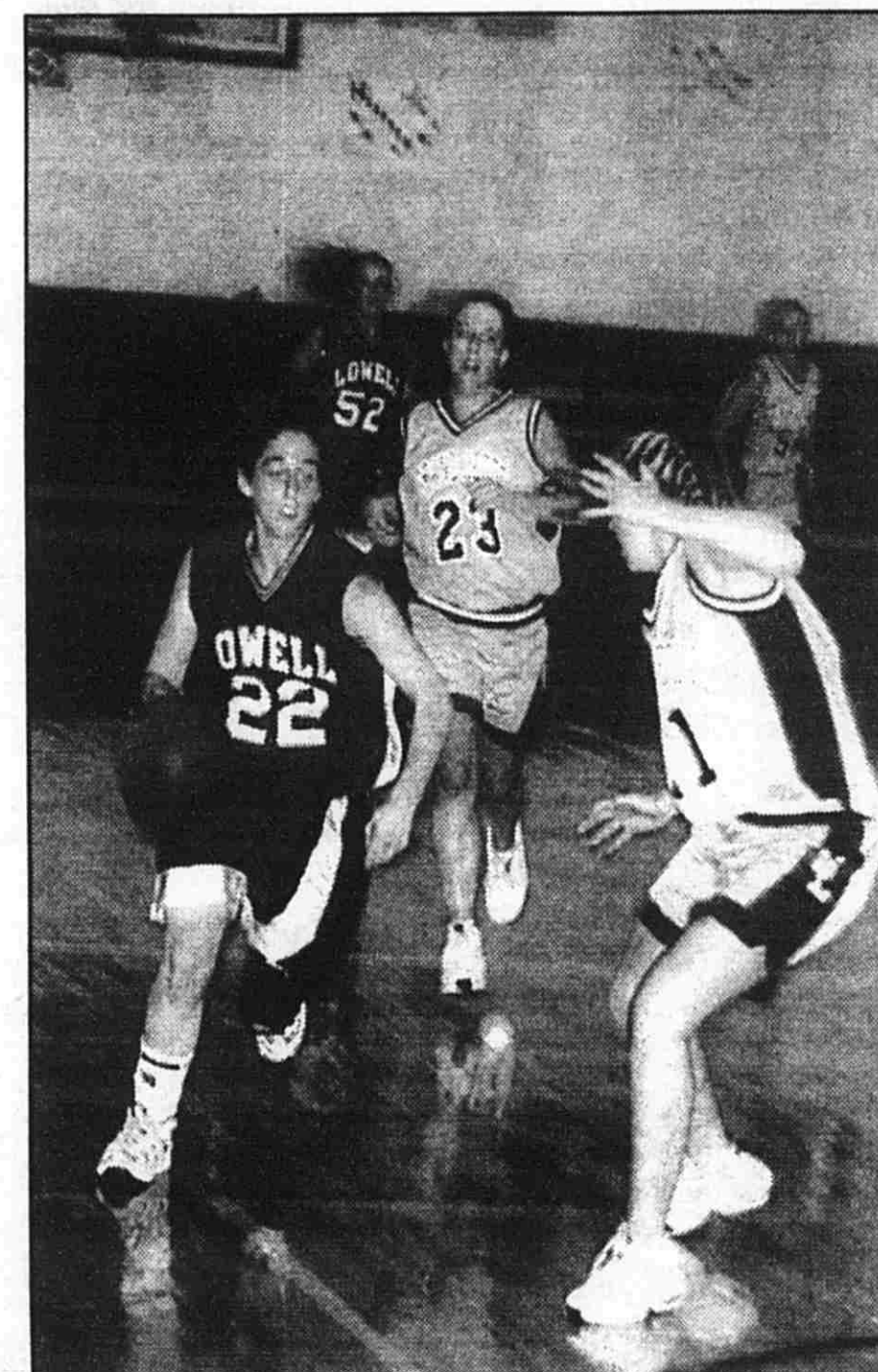
Then, led by Buchholz, Grand Ledge put on a shooting performance the likes Lowell has not seen all year. "I didn't think our defense was that bad. They just annihilated us with their

Lowell with 12 points. Lowell finishes the season with a record of 11-12.

**Lowell 52**  
**Battle Creek Central 43**

Lowell led throughout much of its game with Battle Creek Central, but its lead was never big enough to feel comfortable.

"Their style of play makes it difficult," Lowell girls basketball coach Ken Akers said. "They play a scramble type of defense and they are quick.



Lowell's Beth Fredline drives to the basket in the closing seconds of the first quarter.

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Everyone is a millionaire where promises are concerned.  
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—Ovid

## LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL Demographic Meeting

The Lowell High School will be conducting a Demographics Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 30, 1999 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the cafeteria for any interested parents or citizens.

- Do you know what our schools' capacities are?
- What impact will growth of the school district have on our schools?
- What information has been researched so far?

Please come with questions, suggestions, and ideas because student growth involves everyone.

*We cordially invite you to join in the honor of*

**Bob & Jan Kropf's**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**



*December 3, 1999 • from 5-9 PM*  
*At The Lowell Township Hall*  
*2910 Alden Nash S.E.*

## SOCIAL WORK - RESIDENT ADVOCATE

Seeking resident advocates to work in a residential program for adults with mental illness and/or developmental disabilities located 20 minutes east of Grand Rapids. Responsibilities include intakes, discharges, development and implementation of treatment plans, medication distribution and crisis intervention.

Wages begin at \$8.65 per hour with a \$0.50 increase upon completion of orientation and training. \$0.50 shift differential on weekends. Excellent written and verbal communication skills are a must.

*If you are interested in this gaining valuable Mental Health experience, send/fax your resume to, at: Horizons Of Michigan, West Lake Location 11652 Grand River Avenue, Lowell, MI 49331 or call 897-5900, ext. 27 to schedule an interview, H/V/M/F, Affiliate of Hope Network.*

## NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

**BOARD OF REVIEW**  
**DECEMBER 14, 1999**  
**NOTICE OF CORRECTED PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT**

ACT 14 OF 1985, being Section 211.53(b) of General Property Tax Laws, provides for correction of clerical errors and due to a mutual mistake of fact with respect to assessment roll figures, upon verification of the local assessing officer and approval by the Board of Review at a meeting called for that purpose, on Tuesday following the Second Monday in December at 9:00 a.m.

On December 14, 1999, a meeting will be called for this purpose at 9:00 a.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall to conduct business as provided for in Section 211.53 (b), Michigan Compiled Laws.

Mari Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk

## CITY OF LOWELL

**KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**  
**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE**  
**NO. 99-9 ADOPTED BY THE**  
**LOWELL CITY COUNCIL**  
**ON NOV. 15, 1999**

Ordinance No. 99-9 adds Section 11.05 to Chapter 11 of Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell. Said section, with limited exceptions, prohibits the location of wires, cable, conduit or similar article used in connection with providing electricity, gas, telephone, cable television, fiber optics or similar service on the exterior walls of buildings and structures located within the C-2 Central Building District zoning district. The restriction applies to new buildings and structures, additions to existing buildings and structures and existing buildings and structures where existing wire, cable, conduit or similar article is no longer used or is replaced.

Ordinance No. 99-9 is effective 10 days after this publication.

David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

# Christmas Through Lowell



For some, Christmas shopping doesn't begin until the day after Thanksgiving, but for the many Christmas Through Lowell patrons, the shopping season began in earnest last weekend (Nov. 19-21). Pictured left to right are Lisa Alexander, Ellery Alexander and Ann Huver.



With wreath in hand, Barb Rogers stops to see what her daughter's (Melanie Rogers) eye caught.



At left, having just finished at one of the 18 stops, this group of shoppers discusses their next destination.



Tana Bredeweg and Beth St. Pierre had a grand time trying on hats at the Lowell Area Arts Council' Spectacular Christmas display.



Tana Bredeweg, left, found the perfect hat for when the weather outside is frightful.

## Students attend SADD conference at Shanty Creek



Students who attended from Lowell were: Lisa LaHaye, Sarah Schoen, Christy Lacic, Nicole Briggs, Sean Pullen, Becky Trierweiler, Stacy Arnswald, Bethany Fredline, Keith Valentine, Jolynn Stalsonburg, Alisa Gilliken, Elisha Kinney and Anne Zalokar.

Lowell High School SADD Advisory board members (13) and their advisors attended the 14th annual SADD Michigan Conference at Shanty Creek Resort on Nov. 6-8. Over 700 students from across the state converged on Shanty Creek for the three-day conference.

The theme of this year's conference was "Building Today for Tomorrow." One of the highlights of the conference for the students was a Lip Sync Contest hosted by O.J. Anderson.

The Lowell groups performed a medley of songs from *Grease*. Many different break-out sessions were held along with several dynamic keynote speakers. The students learned many positive ways to say no to a variety of destructive decisions, not just alcohol.



For tips on relieving e-mail overload, call 1-800-2EU DORA (1-800-238-3672)

## Koning meets Backstreet Boys

Steven Koning, of Lowell, didn't just attend a concert at the Palace in Auburn Hills on Nov. 6... He had the opportunity of a lifetime by meeting the Backstreet Boys. Koning is a winner of a "Larger Than Life" award sponsored by Sears, Roebuck & Company which recognizes young people who are improving their communities through volunteer service.



Kent County Youth Fair Royal Court member, also involved with Ada Cadets, LMS Service Learning, and Leeping Lizards Camp Fire Boys & Girls. Koning is the son of Steve and Cindy Koning of Lowell.

## Performance raises \$2,000 for John Ball Zoo

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It's the kind of inspiration Jackie Robinson, Lou Gehrig and Wilma Rudolph would have hoped their success would provide future generations of young people.

Life's a Stage Performing Arts 4-H Club focused on education and community service with its second annual musical production of "Let's Hear It for the Heroes."

The Nov. 5 performance at the Lowell Performing Arts Center raised \$2,000.

The proceeds were donated to the John Ball Zoological Society Wildlife Conservation Endowment Fund and Footsteps to the Future. The funding will assist projects around the world that support wildlife research, conservation and education.

"The musical produc-

tion 'Let's Hear It for the Heroes' highlights a number of characteristics and attitudes that contribute to success," said club leader Penny Rosema. "The examples set by these sports heroes not only represent success in athletics, but provide a source of inspiration for the lifetime goals and aspirations of young people everywhere."

Last year, the club raised \$1,275 for ACCESS Six food pantry.

Along with putting in 25 hours of rehearsal time, "the club also took time to learn about the importance of wildlife conservation and how it affects everyone," said 12-year-old Anna Parker.

Life's a Stage Performing Arts Club also performed as guests on WOOD Radio's Sunday morning show with Rod Kackley.

FOX 17's Miranda joined the club's rehearsal for tap-



Life's a Stage Performing 4-H Club cast members of the musical "Let's Hear It for the Heroes."

ing of three, 30-second spots shown on its kids' show for-

merly known as "Fox Pause."

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION  
Independent Probate

FILE NO. 99-168,489-IE

Estate of PATRICIA PERRY, Deceased  
SSN: 352-22-6950

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, whose last known address was 920 52nd Street SW, Wyoming, Michigan 49509

died 11/06/99. An instrument dated 06/07/99 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, SUSAN M. POTYRAJ, 410 Bridge St. NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504, or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, 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 per-

sons entitled to it, and to the admission of the decedent's will to probate. Objections to the admission of the decedent's will to probate must be filed within 90 days of the date of publication of his notice.

SUSAN M. POTYRAJ (P46249)  
410 Bridge St. NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
(616) 454-4119



Week of 11/15 - 11/19

**ELEMENTARY**  
\*White & chocolate milk offered daily.  
\* Lunch: \$1.35

**MON:** Pizza pocket or turkey & cheese sub on a bun, corn & mixed fruit.

**TUES:** Chicken nuggets & breadsticks or pork ribBQ on a bun, California veggies, sweet applesauce, cookie.

**WED:** Ravioli & cheese & french bread or tuna croissant, blueberries, green beans, animal crackers.

**THURS:** Taco boat w/ cheese & lettuce, corn dog on a stick, smooth applesauce, tossed salad, pasta salad.

**FRI:** Ham & bologna sub sandwich or chili w/soft pretzel, potato wedges, cherries.

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS**

\*White & chocolate milk offered daily.  
\* Lunch: \$1.50

**MON:** Pizza wedge or turkey & bacon sub sandwich, corn, mixed fruit, pasta salad.

**TUES:** Chicken nuggets & breadstick or 2 ham, egg & cheese English muffins, California veggies, applesauce/cookie.

**WED:** Chicken stir fry over rice & biscuit or French dip on bun/au jus, blueberries, corn.

**THURS:** 2 beef or chicken tacos in soft or crunchy shells, refried beans, Spanish rice, nacho pieces, fresh fruit.

**FRI:** Sub sandwich w/ toppings or chili w/ hot dog on bun, potato wedges, sweet cherries.

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 1, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of A. Frank Wing III for a special land use so as to permit each of two parcels of land in the A Agricultural District to have parcel depths exceeding four times their respective parcel widths, under the terms of Section 3.45 of the Township Zoning Ordinance. The lands which are the subject of the application are commonly described as 4925 Ashley Avenue, N.E. and are legally described as follows:

That part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, described as commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 26; thence North 00°28'53" West 642.44 feet along the East line of said section to the point of beginning; thence South 89°02'41" West 1333.24 feet; thence North 00°3'8'23" West 3 52.61 feet along the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said section; thence North 89°06'17" East 1334.20 feet; thence South 00°28'53" East 351.22 feet along the East line of said section to the point of beginning; and also that part of said Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 26, commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 26; thence North 00°28'53" West 331.22 feet along the East line of said section to the point of beginning; thence South 88°59'06" West 1332.39 feet; thence North 00°38'23" West 312.61 feet along the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section; thence North 89°02'41" East 1333.24 feet; thence South 00°28'53" East 311.22 feet along the East line of said section to the point of beginning; and also a 20-foot wide strip of land for access purposes described as commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 26, thence North 00°28'53" West 642.44 feet along the East line of said section to the point of beginning; thence South 89°02'41" West 1333.24 feet; thence North 00°38'23" West 20.00 feet along the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said section; thence North 89°02'42" East 1333.29 feet; thence South 00°28'53" East 20.00 feet along the East line of said section to the point of beginning, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, within the Township, prior to the public hearing.

Dated: November 22, 1999  
PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

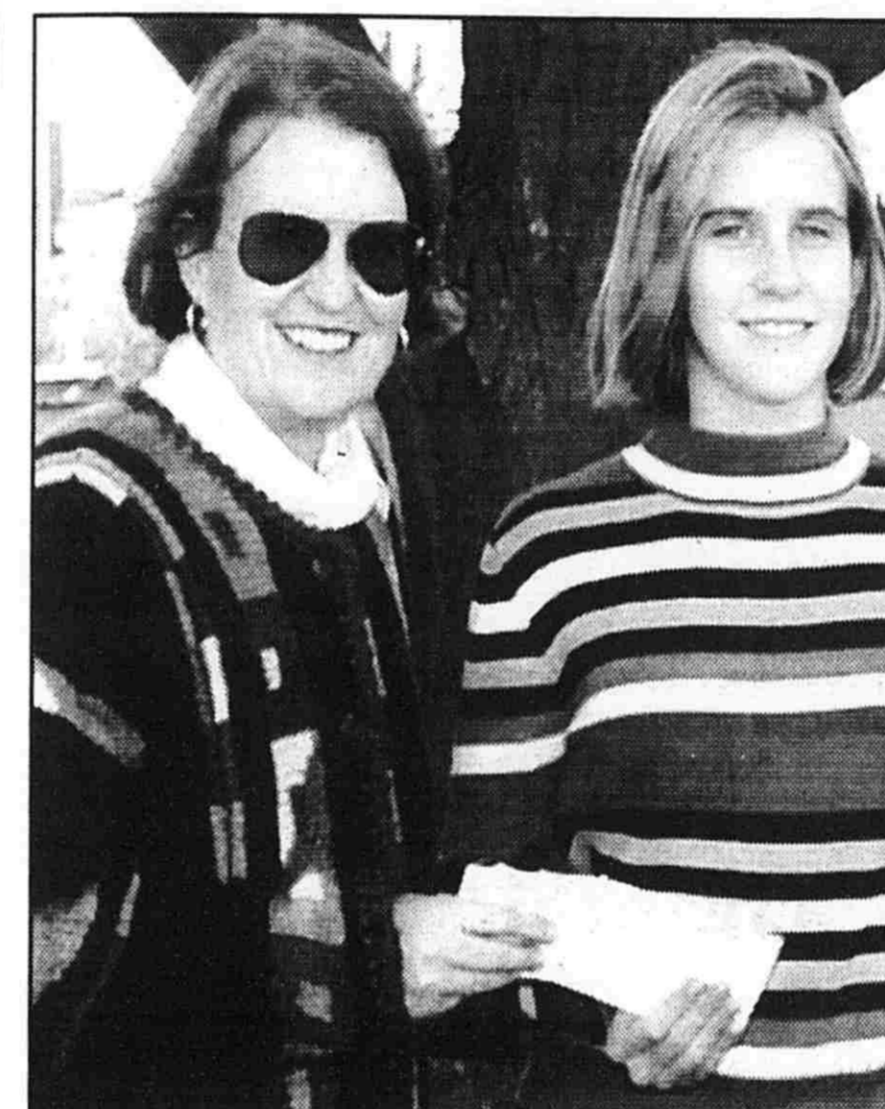
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Part of the Southwest 1/4 commencing 345.33 feet East along the South section line from the Southeast corner of the West 660 feet of the Southwest 1/4; thence North parallel with the West section line 659.59 feet, thence West parallel with the South section line 345.33 feet to the East line of the West 660 feet; of the Southwest 1/4; thence North along said East line 659.60 feet to the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, thence East 674.36 feet to the Northeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, thence South 1318.97 feet to the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4; thence West along the South section line 330.0 feet to beginning, Section 15, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

The requested special land use also includes the division of the above-described lands into four parcels, for residential and other purposes permitted under the terms of the A Agricultural District.

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Dated: November 22, 1999  
PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN



Anna Parker, right, presents Julie Ridenoir, director of John Ball Zoological Society, with a check for \$2,000. The funds will assist projects around the world that support wildlife research, conservation and education.



The first direct dial coast-to-coast telephone call made without the aid of operators took place in 1951 when the mayor of Englewood, N.J. called the mayor of Alameda, Calif. For the first time a three-digit area code was used.

## One person CAN make a difference EVERYONE SHOULD TRY!

Life's a Stage 4-H Performing Arts Club extends a sincere thank you to those individuals and organizations that donated their time, talent and financial support to our 4-H project. We successfully met our community service goal of making a difference for our environment.

Through donations and ticket sales to our performance of "Let's Hear It for the Heroes" we raised \$2,000. All of our earnings were donated to the John Ball Zoological Society Wildlife Conservation Endowment Fund and to the Footsteps to the Future Program. These programs support wildlife research, conservation and education locally and around the world. We continue to pledge our Head, Hands, Heart and Health to our Club, Community, Country and to our World.

Thank you for helping us make a difference.

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Huntington Bank, Lowell  
Mrs. Betty Story  
Mrs. Susan Sejat  
Galaxy Sign  
Shawn Rosema  
Family Fare  
Tom & Mary Bamborough  
Jack Wood  
Mrs. Pamela Vroman  
Rebecca Coogan & Sons

Mancino's  
Fry Daddy's East  
Mr. & Mrs. Drown  
Mrs. P. Dignum  
Overbeck Construction  
Kent County 4-H Extension Office  
Michigan Action Team  
Steve & Cindy Koning  
Mr. & Mrs. Jay Babler  
Mr. & Mrs. Durkee  
Keiser's Kitchen  
Mr. B's  
Station Break Video  
Brenda's Hair Designs  
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Feuerstein  
Howard & Nancy Coogan  
The Sierra Room, Grand Rapids

## ATTENTION DENNY'S DISPOSAL CUSTOMERS

## IMPORTANT ROUTE CHANGE NOTICE

Effective Monday,  
December 6, 1999

All carts in the city limits  
of Lowell  
will have a MONDAY pickup

Please remember this is for  
Denny's Disposal  
CART customers only

Be sure to have  
your trash out by 6 AM

# Change in contract causes some delays in trash pickup

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale confirmed that there have been delays in the timely pickup of trash since a new solid waste contract went into effect Nov. 1.

The combination of a new contractor and unfamiliarity with city streets appear to be the cause of the delay.

"With a new contractor, it is understandable that there are going to be some misses," Pasquale said. "Denny's had worked in the city for over 20 years. They had the routes down."

With the change from

Denny's to Pitsch, the city was receiving roughly eight calls a day for the first couple of weeks. That has since diminished to about two a day.

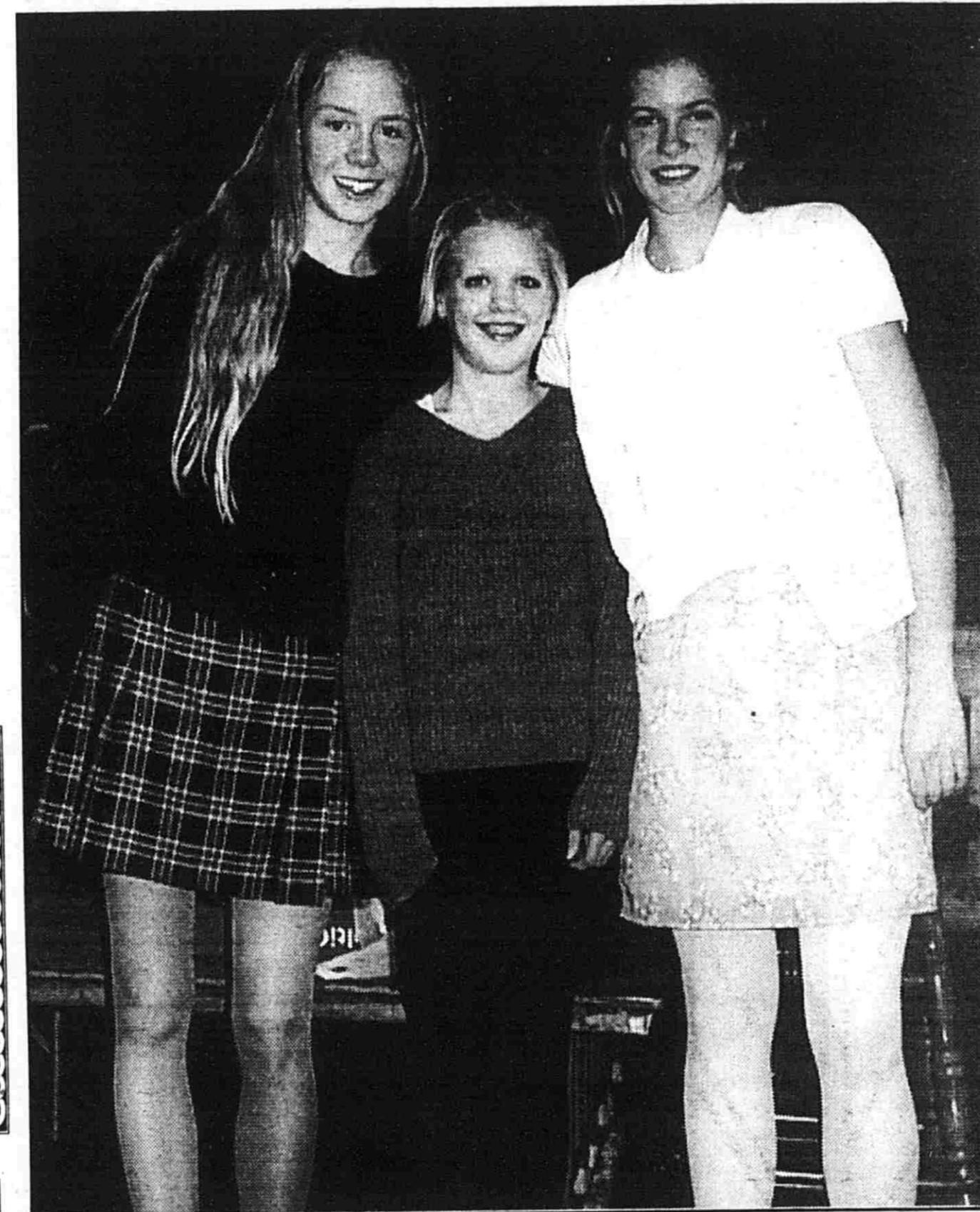
Lowell's city manager said the pickup schedule is the same. "If a resident's trash was picked up on Tuesday, it's pickup day is still Tuesday. The complaints have been less and less."

The city of Lowell agreed to a three-year solid waste

recycling and yard waste contract with Pitsch Hauling and Disposal in October. It replaced Denny's Disposal which had served the city for 22 years.

The change came about after Denny's asked the city to accept the assignment of its contract to Sunset Waste and to extend the contract one year.

The Lowell City Council denied the request.



## All Conference Runners

Post-season conference honors were awarded to members of the Lowell girls cross country team. It placed 18th in the Class A state meet. Lisa Wojciakowski, Holly Plattner and Katie Clements, pictured left to right, were named to the OK White all conference team. Molly Kirsch, not pictured, received honorable mention status.

### LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
43RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 99-235-DM  
Courthouse, 110 N. Broadway, Cassopolis, MI 49031  
(616) 445-4416

(Plaintiff)  
ROBERT CHRISTOPHER CONNER  
208 South Street  
Cassopolis, MI 49031

(Defendant)  
DALELYNN ANN CONNER  
5686 Buchanan S.W.  
Wyoming, MI 49548

STEPHEN H. RAMBEAUX  
(P54024)  
Legal Aid Bureau of SW MI, Inc.  
P.O. Box 381  
Cassopolis, MI 49031  
(616) 445-2118

TO: DALELYNN ANN CONNER  
IT IS ORDERED:  
1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law in the above divorce action. If you fail to do so, a default judgement may be entered against you for the relief demanded, in the complaint filed in this case.  
2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Lowell Ledger for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.  
3. A copy of this order shall be sent to DALELYNN ANN CONNER at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

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**NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP**  
Vergennes Township is seeking applications for the following Boards/Commissions:  
Planning Commission  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Construction Board of Appeals  
These positions are compensated per diem.  
Application forms may be obtained at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331. The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A summary of job descriptions is also available. If you are unable to visit during the office hours, send a stamped self-addressed envelope to the above address and a form and job description will be sent.  
Mari Stone, Clerk

**Lowell Light & Power will receive sealed Bids for construction of office renovations at their facility located at 127 North Broadway Street in Lowell, Michigan, until Tuesday, December 21, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. local time.**

The project consists of furnishing all supplies, construction and placing in operation the renovations to office and related building areas and systems, as described in the project bidding documents (drawings and specifications) prepared by the project architect/engineer, Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. (FTC&H).

Bidding documents may be examined at the following locations after Tuesday, November 23, 1999, 2:00 p.m. local time:

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|---|---|
| Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc.<br>6090 East Fulton<br>P.O. Box 211<br>Ada, Michigan 49301<br>(616) 676-2666 | F.W. Dodge Corporation<br>Grand Rapids, Michigan  |
| Builders & Traders Exchange<br>Grand Rapids, Michigan   | Lowell Light & Power<br>127 North Broadway Street<br>P.O. Box 229<br>Lowell, Michigan 49331<br>(616) 897-8402 |

Bidding Documents may be obtained at the office of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc., Ada, Michigan upon payment of a \$75 refundable deposit.

Mandatory prebid conference will be held on Friday, December 3, 1999, 2:00 p.m., local time at Lowell Light & Power, 127 North Broadway Street, Lowell, Michigan. Prospective bidders are required to attend and participate in the conference.

# Classifieds

## HELP WANTED HELP WANTED FOR SALE FOR SALE FOR RENT

**HOMEMAKER TO MONEY MAKER** - Local office of a national organization needs two full-time, career-minded persons willing to work hard. We offer training. Potential first-year earnings in excess of \$24,000. Call Craig Sanborn at Westdale Better Homes & Gardens 942-2300.

**LOVE YOUR JOB?** - Can't wait to get to work each morning? Impossible? Maybe Not! Supervise staff and residents in a specialized adult foster care home in Lowell. We are looking for someone who can direct a motivated group of staff to provide the best possible supports for adults with developmental disabilities. One-year experience with developmental disabilities and high school diploma or GED required. Starting wage \$22,060. More for experience and training. Benefits! Call Jeff at 248-0106 or 897-8261 for more information. EEO/AA/H.

**DRIVER** - Must have CDL Class B with Hazmat. Mon.-Fri. with required overtime. Load & unload own truck. Start \$12. Excellent benefits. Call Catherine 616-451-3055.

**29 PEOPLE WANTED** - To lose weight & earn extra money. Call 616-752-7016.

**HOME MAILERS NEEDED** - Earn \$635 weekly mailing letters. Easy! Limited open positions. Call 1-800-520-4638 ext. 3300, 24 hours

**HAVING FUN AT WORK?** - Feeling valued, appreciated, making a difference in someone else's life? No? We are hiring people to work in our group homes in the Lowell area, supporting people with disabilities. You'll have an opportunity to change someone's life for the better and change your own life at the same time. Career advancement opportunities are also available. Full-and part-time positions available. Weekends and third shifts available. \$7.85 per hour to start. Call Jeff at 897-8261 or 248-0106. EEO/AA/H

**AKC CHOCOLATE LAB PUPS** - Dew claws, 1st shots, ready mid-Dec. males & females. \$400-\$450. Call 691-7615.

**WAIT STAFF** - Tree Top dining room at Sentinel Pointe Retirement Community is accepting applications for full- & part-time wait staff. Very flexible hours. Benefits include vacation, personal days, meals & holiday pay. Apply at 2900 Thornhills, Cascade or call 957-2898.

**'91 MAXIMA** - 137,000 miles, \$4,900 obo. Call 949-6424.

**1998 DODGE CONVERSION VAN** - high-rise, V8, new tires, many new parts, runs good. Must sell. \$2,000 obo. Call 897-4258.

**1990 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL** - very good condition, \$3900 obo. Call after 5. 897-7867.

**'91 HONDA LX FOR SALE** - new tires, air conditioning & cruise. Drives great, \$6,000 obo. Call 642-9046.

**DIRECTV** - mini-satellite dish. \$59 - lowest price ever! This week only! 1-800-459-7357, K-D.

**1987 CADILLAC** - Runs great, body good, just rolled 100,000. Great winter car. \$1,500 or best. 897-4388 before 9 p.m.

### SERVICES

**HAWAII** - Lowest price from GR. Package includes hotels. Call Carol for details. 957-8964.

**CHILD CARE & PRE-SCHOOL OPENINGS** - for 3-6 year-olds at Big Steps Little Feet Christian Child Care in Ada. 682-8300.

**STORAGE UNITS** - 5 x 5 to 20 x 40, heated units available, household goods, boats, cars...you name it! Rates from \$15 per month. LANDMAN STORAGE CO. 897-8451.

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**THE LOWELL YMCA** - Child Development Center has openings in the Preschool and Toddler rooms. Enroll full time and receive a YMCA youth membership free. Call Penny at 897-8445.

### FREE

**FREE TO GOOD HOME** - Black lab, good with kids & cats. Call 897-6975.

**HOUSE FOR RENT** - 4 big bedrooms, 1 large bathroom, nice patio, big yard. 721 N. Washington. \$750 per month plus all utilities. Call 897-9357.

**LOWELL APARTMENTS** - is taking applications for 1-bedroom apartments available now. Rent starts at \$338 (based on income). Specials on deposit. For more information call 897-7135. TDD 1-800-760-1997. EHO.

**FOR RENT** - Small one-room house in country, close to city. \$450 a month includes heat. Call 897-6414.

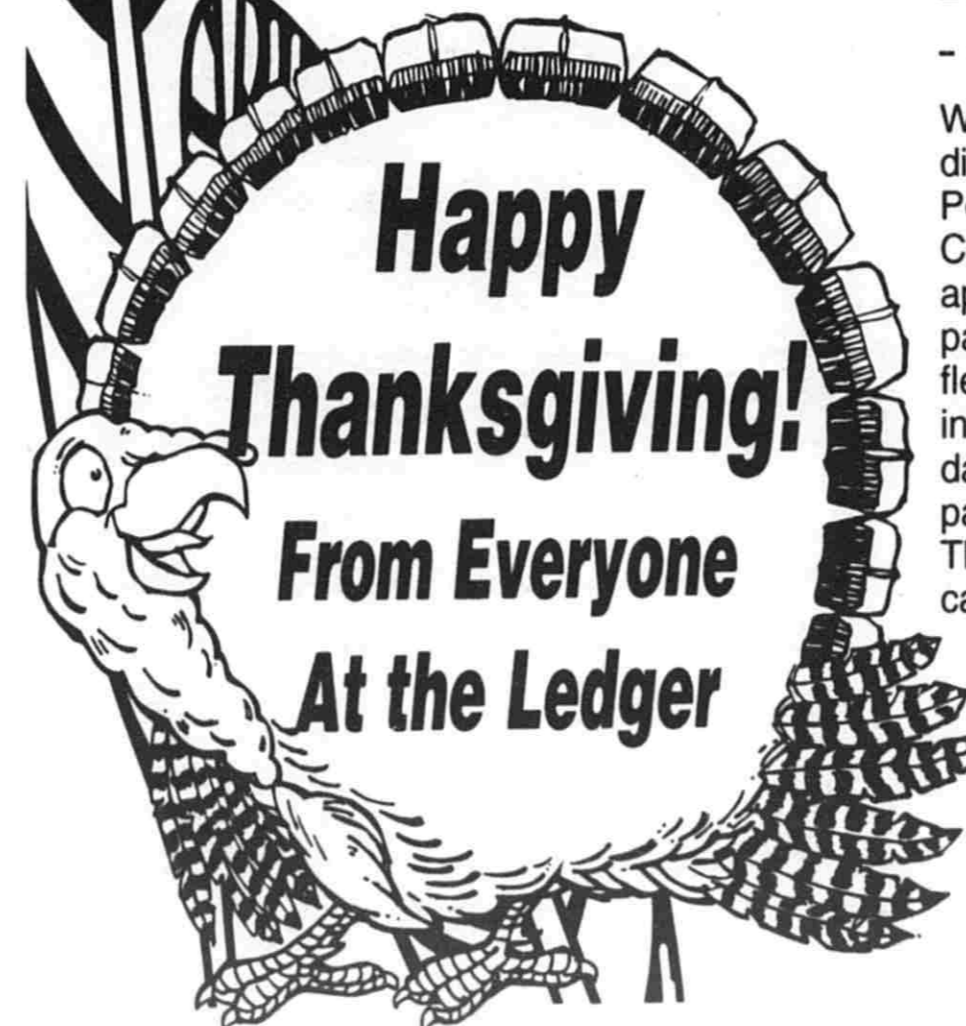
### WANTED

**WANTED** - Used, in good condition, Game Boy & games. Call 897-0686.

### EVENTS

**A CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR** - will be held at West Catholic High School, 1801 Bristol NW, Grand Rapids, Sat., Dec. 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 75 cents adm. 180 booths! Senior raffle, luncheon, tree sale. Proceeds go toward "Project Falcon."

**MRS. CLAUS ANNUAL BAZAAR & CRAFT SHOW** - 150 booths. Sat., Dec. 4, 9-4 p.m. Ionia Middle School, Union St./M-21, East of M-66. Breakfast, lunch, snacks available. FREE adm. Door prizes all day. Sponsored by Ionia County Commission on Aging.





# TOWN TALK

With the Thanksgiving holiday upon us, the Ledger asked Lowell second-graders how their family prepares their turkey and what they serve with it.



**Brad Johnston**

My mother cooks the turkey. It weighs about 20 pounds. She cooks it for 10 minutes at a medium temperature. We have stuffing, carrots, drinks and pumpkin pie with our turkey.



**Dominic Stillstra**

My grandpa cooks the turkey. It weighs 10 pounds. He cooks it for 60 minutes at 70 degrees. We have stuffing and mashed potatoes with it.



**Kyle Marks**

My mom and dad cook our turkey. It weighs about 65 pounds. They cook it for 12 minutes at 104 degrees. We have potatoes, beans, pickles and apple pie with the turkey.



**Seth Rosenbaum**

My dad cooks the turkey. It weighs 25 pounds and he cooks it for 11 minutes at five degrees. We have apple dumplings and stuffing with it.



**Lauren Dood**

My grandma cooks it. It weighs 21 pounds. She cooks the turkey for 12 minutes at five degrees. We have mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie with it.



**Carli Lewis**

My grandpa cooks the turkey. It weighs 20 pounds. He cooks it for one hour and 50 minutes at 30 degrees. We have mashed potatoes, corn, carrots, pumpkin pie and cider with it.



**Samantha Shank**

My grandma and mother cook the turkey. It weighs seven pounds and is cooked for 3 1/2 hours at 47 degrees. We have corn, potatoes and orange juice with our turkey.



**Gina Giuliano**

My dad cooks the turkey. It weighs 70 pounds. He cooks it for 20 minutes at 20 degrees. We have corn, carrots, beans, apple pie and cake with it.



**Kaily Gillan**

My grandpa cooks the turkey. It weighs 20 pounds and he cooks it for a half hour at 20 degrees. We have corn, apple pie, beans and jello.



**Brittany Wielinga**

My grandma cooks the turkey. It weighs 20 pounds and he cooks it for 70 minutes at 90 degrees. We have corn, beef, macaroni and cheese, potatoes and ice cream with the turkey.



**Brandon Lee**

My uncle cooks the turkey. It weighs 55 pounds. He cooks it for 43 minutes at 30 degrees. We have dressing and pumpkin pie with it.



**Leah Whorley**

My grandma cooks the turkey. It weighs about 50 pounds. She cooks it for two hours at 60 degrees. We have potatoes, corn, carrots, macaroni and cheese, chocolate cake and waldorf salad.



**Torin Haker**

My mom cooks the turkey. It weighs seven pounds. She cooks it for 20 minutes at 15 degrees. We have corn and chocolate cake with the turkey.



**Erin Fleet**

My dad cooks the turkey. It weighs about 50 pounds. He cooks it for one or two hours at 160 degrees. We have stuffing, corn, bread, soup, cake or pie.



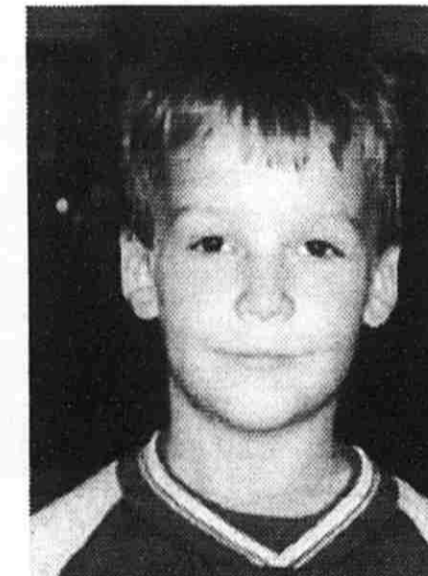
**Kelly Stevens**

My grandma cooks the turkey. It weighs 10 pounds and she cooks it for 10 minutes at 40 degrees. We have apple sauce, pumpkin pie and fruit salad with it.



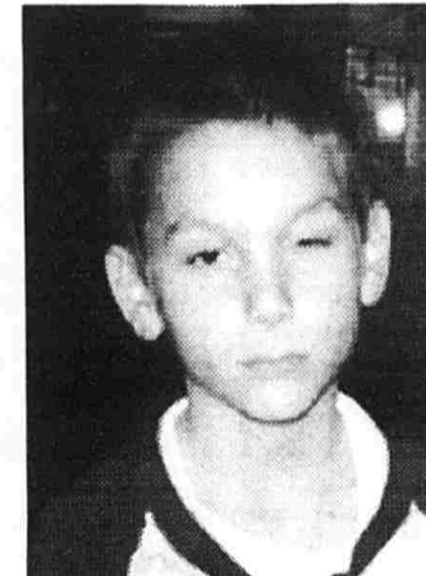
**Haleigh Timmers**

My uncle Bill cooks the turkey. It weighs about six pounds. He deep fries it for about one hour. My whole family brings something - jello, pumpkin pie, apple sauce, cupcakes and a fruit surprise. My dad brings what my mother cooks.



**Lukas Thompson**

My grandma cooks our turkey. It weighs about 15 pounds and she cooks it for a half hour. I'm not really sure what temperature she cooks it at. I never really watch her. We have potato chips, macaroni and cheese, potatoes, and apple or pumpkin pie.



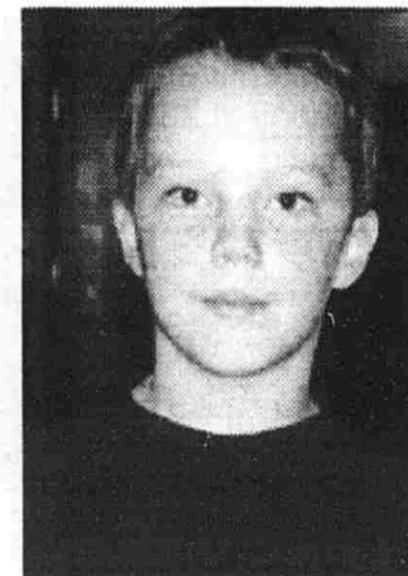
**Dylan Moore**

My mom or grandma cook it. It's about 20 pounds. They cook it for one hour at 40 degrees. We have corn with the turkey.



**Eric VanSledrite**

My mom cooks the turkey. It's about nine pounds. She cooks it for a half hour at 60 degrees, I think. We have stuffing, pumpkin pie, mashed potatoes and gravy.



**Austin Tackmann**

My grandpa cooks our turkey. It weighs 20 pounds or so. He cooks it for 15 minutes at 20 degrees. We have stuffing, salad and pasta with it.



**Marissa Shambeau**

I'm not sure who is going to cook the turkey this year. Usually my grandma does. It weighs about 85 pounds. She cooks it for 25 minutes at a really hot temperature. We also have apple sauce, ham, mixed vegetables, and apple pie with it.



**Isaac Tawney**

My dad cooks the turkey. It weighs about 50 pounds, maybe. He cooks it for two hours at 300 degrees. We have mashed potatoes, stuffing and pumpkin pie with it.



**Chelsey Slotsema**

My mom cooks the turkey. It weighs 30 pounds, maybe. She cooks it for a half hour at 20 degrees. We have bread and pumpkin pie with it.



**Emily Alguier**

Mom and grandma cook the turkey. It weighs 65 pounds. They cook it for 30 minutes at 40 degrees. We have muffins, stuffing and apple pie with the turkey.