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Grant money to heighten visibility

••• The \$18,300 from the Lowell Area Community Fund will dress up the exterior of the LAAC building.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

By all accounts it has been a pretty good holiday season for the Lowell Area Arts Council.

The LAAC Christmas Gift Shoppe surpassed its sales goal of \$8,500; and last week LAAC received word that it was approved for an \$18,300 grant from the Harold Englehardt Lowell Area Community Fund.

The grant money will be used for capital improvements to the exterior of its building.

"We are very excited and pleased to be receiving the grant money," said LAAC executive director, Loraine Smalligan. "The renovation work will serve and protect the new windows and wall repair, and also professionalize our image to the community."

Through this second phase of renovation as outlined in the strategic plan, a two-foot wide by two-foot high cantilevered metal roof and eaves will be constructed around the south, west, and

north sides of the building. Plans also include large posts on the southwest and northwest corners under the eaves, an extended covered entrance with a brick walkway and handicapped ramp, lighting under the eaves for increased

visibility and security, and signage consisting of a 12-foot high by four-foot wide banner on the west side of the building.

more community-friendly and increases visibility to the gallery exhibition," Smalligan explained.

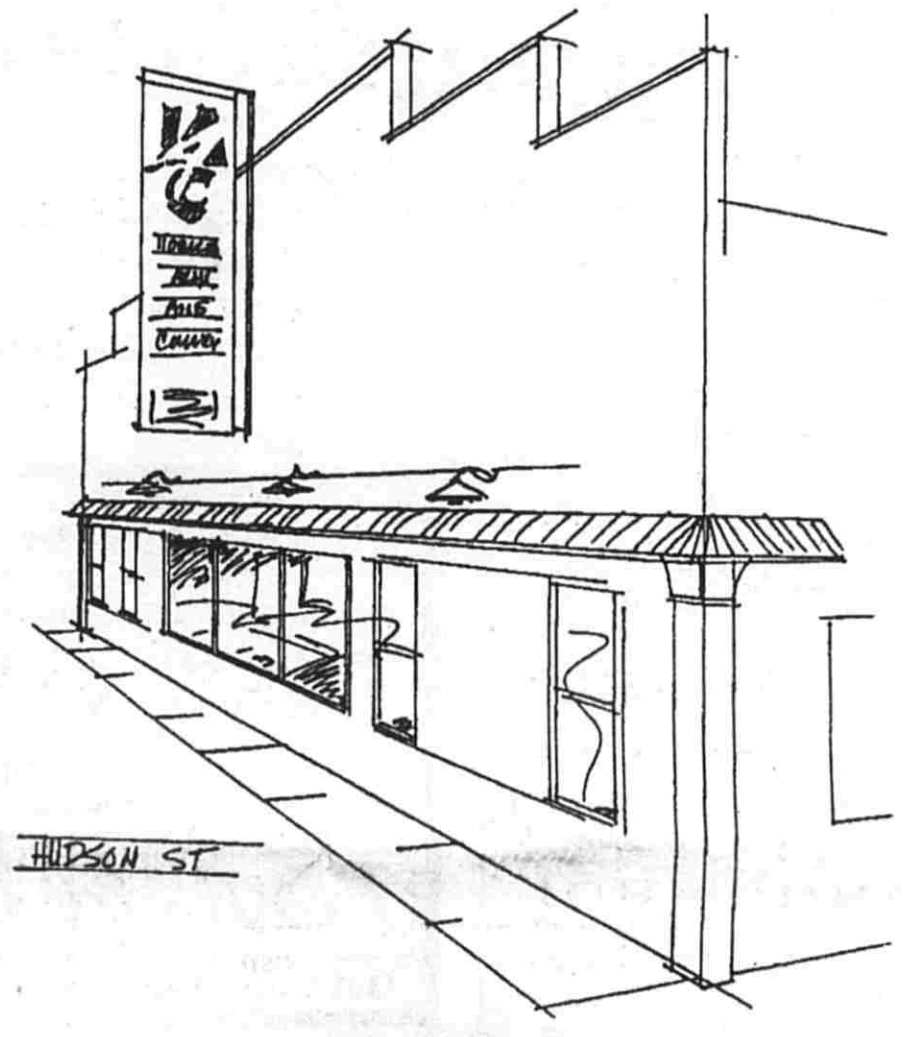
Other Notes of Interest:
 • Celebrate Lowell, an open invitational exhibition showcasing art created by residents in the greater Lowell community. The exhibition will feature two- and three-dimensional artworks by professionally trained artists and folk artists. Celebrate Lowell will run from Jan. 14 through Feb. 29 at the gallery center, 149 S. Hudson.

An opening reception is slated for Friday, Jan. 14 from 6 until 8 p.m.

• The LAAC will present recent watercolor paintings by 13 members of "Harry & Friends" at Huntington Banks, 414 E. Main. The exhibition will be on view from Jan. 6 through April 5 during regular business hours. This is the 12th year the LAAC has sponsored exhibitions by Harry & Friends.

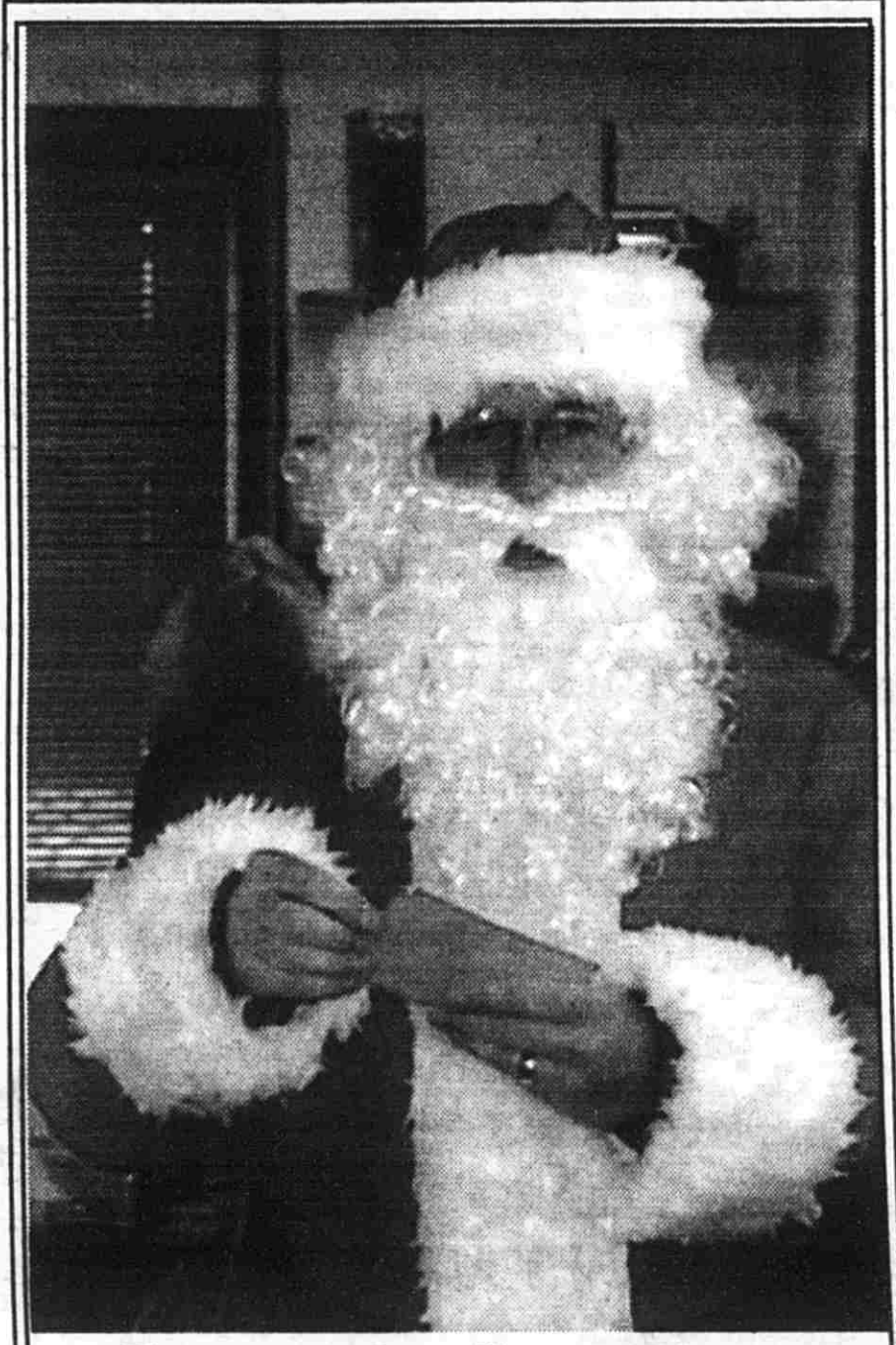
• Entry forms for the 14th Annual West Michigan Regional Competition at the Lowell Area Arts Council are now available. The non-refundable entry fee is \$10 per

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The LAAC renovation will include a cantilevered metal roof and eaves and a new sign on the west side of the building.

works).
 "I think the renovation work helps make the LAAC



Santa's Stopover

Santa Claus visited employees at the Lowell Ledger/Buyers Guide/Lowell Litho on Thursday. He came bearing gifts. Each employee received a coupon for a free ice cream cone at Ball's Softee Cream. In keeping with the Christmas spirit, Santa was served a tasty refreshment and some cookies.

City council seeks other bids for Main Street traffic light study

••• Council agrees with need for light, but says a bid process is necessary to determine true value of study.

By J.N. Boorsma
 Contributing Writer

No one would perhaps debate the need for a traffic light near Main and Monroe streets, but up for debate is exactly how to convince the Michigan Department of Transportation that a light is necessary.

At its Monday night city council meeting, Lowell City Manager David Pasquale made a recommendation to accept a bid from Ed Swanson of Wade-Trim for \$7,800 to cover the cost of a study to determine the need for a traffic light on Lowell's east side. A possible location that has been kicked around by city officials is Main and Monroe streets.

"I think we are all from the standpoint that because

of the amount of development in the area and the increase in pedestrian traffic, we have a need to interrupt the flow of traffic for pedestrian traffic," said Lowell Police Chief Jim Valentine.

No one on the council would disagree with the need for the traffic light. Councilor Charles Myers said, however, he would like to see the city put such a study up for bid.

"How do you know that \$7,800 is the value for this type of work?" said councilor Michael Blough, who pointed out that without other bids, the city really doesn't know whether it is getting its moneys' worth.

Pasquale said he approached Swanson about the project because of his past work with the city. He said

while Swanson or his firm are not the only possible choice, he is the local candidate for such work.

Swanson has done traffic studies for various communities in and around the Kent County area. He used to own his own firm, which was recently acquired by Wade-Trim. Swanson is best known for his work in developing studies to help convince MDOT of the need for traffic signals and other road signs.

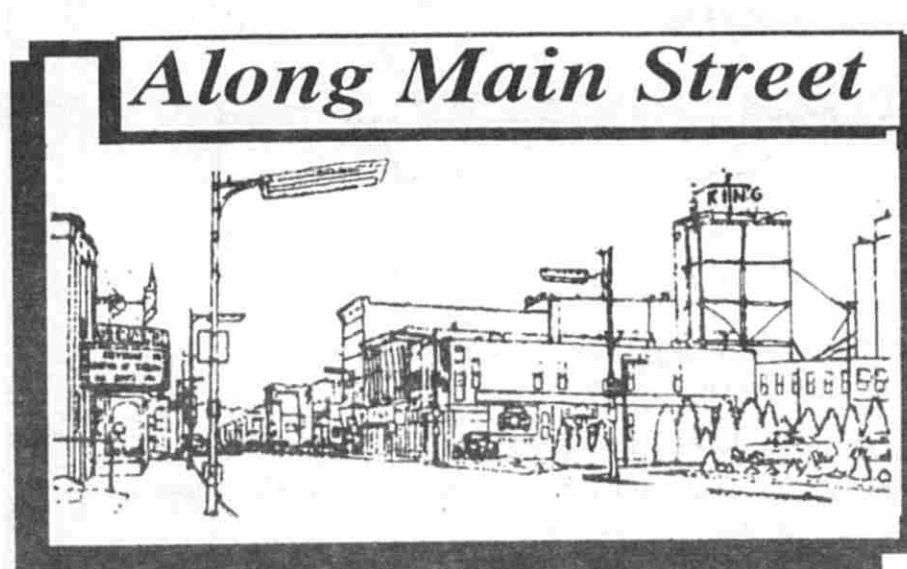
The city approached

MDOT about the possibility of putting a traffic light near Main and Monroe streets, but after MDOT conducted a study of its own, the department turned down the request.

According to Swanson, 11 different criteria are used to consider if an intersection needs a signal, Pasquale explained. MDOT only applied one criteria to the past request.

In Swanson's bid letter, he states the study conducted by his staff will provide the

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Along Main Street

LOWELL ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING

The athletic boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Monday, Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. Please come and help support our athletes.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY TRAINING CLASS

A snowmobile safety training home study course is offered and classes will be held from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8. It is held at the Flat River Snowmobile Clubhouse, 11841 Potters Rd., Lowell.

For more information phone 616-356-0505.

SLIDE PRESENTATION OF TRIP TO ETHIOPIA

A slide and video presentation will be shown on Monday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center by Kate Dernocoeur who traveled to Ethiopia this past fall. It will benefit Lowell Area Youth Development. Refreshments will be served.

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 New Year's Eve?**

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OBITUARIES

BAIRD - Essie M. Baird, aged 87, of Vergennes Township, passed away Tuesday, December 21, 1999, the daughter of Clyde C. Condon and Selene Huffman. She is survived by her sons Allan and Judy Baird, Bruce and Marcia Baird; grandchildren David and Tammy Baird, Carol and Bob Leyman, Christine (Sonny Clark) Baird, Bonnie and Patrick Ball, Dan and Cathy Kehoe, Doug and Connie Thompson, Brian and Barb DeLoof, Andy and Jayne

Rogers; brother-in-law Charles and Lola Baird; 14 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Baird was a member of Alton Bible Church since its beginning - over 60 years - and a school teacher all her working years. She was the great-granddaughter of Vergennes Pioneers Thomas Condon and Rochus VanDenBroeck. Her family has been in Vergennes Twp. for 150 years. Funeral services were held Friday at the Alton Bible Church, 2780 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, Pastor

Ken Ford officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Alton Bible Church, or old Alton Church.

BAYLIS - John E. Baylis, aged 57, of Saranac, passed away December 21, 1999 in Grand Rapids. He was born January 14, 1942 in Middleton, Michigan, to Ervin (Doris Kuhns) Baylis. He graduated from Ionia High School in 1959. He married Debra Fraser January 13, 1984 in Howell. Besides his wife he is survived by six children John and Sheila Baylis of Brighton, Mark and Ann Baylis of Howell, Daniel and Kelly Baylis of Fowlerville, Tiffany Mitchell of Lowell, Andrew Baylis of Orleans and Leif Frederick of Orleans; three brothers Lloyd and JoAnn Baylis of Belding, Richard and Gloria Baylis of Detour and Tom and Judy Baylis of Ionia; three sisters Evelyn Sherwood of Belding, Betty and Ronald Vining of Kalamazoo, Diana and Vern Rowley of Ionia; 14 grandchildren. He was preceded in

death by two brothers Dale and Jack. Funeral services were held Thursday at Shiloh Community Church with Rev. Kenneth Harger officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make contributions to Ionia Area Hospice or the Saranac Fire Dept.

KELLY - Tracey Lorraine Kelly, aged 7, of Lowell. The Lord received another angel December 24, 1999. Precious daughter of Jeffrey and Debra, loving sister of John Norman Kelly and James Patrick Kelly, all of Lowell. Also surviving are her grandparents John and Joan Kelly of Gowen, MI, Ronald Smith of Grandville and aunts, uncles and cousins. Mass for Angel Tracey was offered Tuesday at St. Mary Catholic Church, Lowell, Rev. George Fekete, celebrant. Memorials may be made to The DeVos Children's Hospital.

KINGMA - Mr. William (Bill) H. Kingma, aged 53, passed away suddenly Friday morning December 24,

1999. He is survived by his wife Beverly of Alto; his children David Kingma of Grand Rapids, Robert Kingma of Alto; a special granddaughter Makayla Kingma of California; his parents Harvey and Bernice Kingma of Newaygo; four sisters and one brother Marcia (Richard) Monisma, Gloria (Lynn) Moll, Carole (Larry) Poll, Harvey Jay Kingma, Debra (Dan) Smith; mothers-in-law Alice Slusser and Rosemary Crumback; sisters-in-law Reba (David) Pugh, Carrol (Len) Zoscsak, Kim (Vern) Kamper. Funeral services including committal were held Tuesday at the Zaagman Memorial Chapel with Rev. John J. Campbell officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the Building Fund of Grace Fellowship Church.

SHUSTER - Stacy Marie Shuster, aged 30, of Alto, went to be with the Lord Thursday, December 23, 1999, from accidental auto injuries. She is survived by her husband David Shuster; daughter Katelyn Elizabeth; parents Sandy (Donald) Heukels, Dwight Hughes; sisters Stephanie Hughes, Vicki (Eric) Kuiper, Angie

Heukels; brother David; parents-in-law Henry (Jane) Shuster; brothers-in-law Bill (Wendy) Shuster, Jim Shuster; sister-in-law Kathy (Tony) Roest; very special friend Jimbo Carr; grandparents; aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Stacy was a loving mother who lived and enjoyed life to its fullest. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the O'Brien-Eggebeen-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Gary Burdick of Ada Congregational Church officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Katelyn E. Shuster Education Fund.

SPECK - James M. Speck, aged 58, of Lowell, passed away Saturday, December 25, 1999 with his family at home. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Jean; children Tammie (Rabie) Almasri and Kelly (Mohammad) Almasri; grandchildren Alyssa, Mackenzie and Ameer; sisters Carol (Ron) Gorney and Lenida (Mike) Kelly; and brother Jack (Donna) Speck. Funeral Service was Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Rev. Ken Ford officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell.

Planes will fly on eve of 2K

... Many Northwest flights will only be half full. The number of holiday travelers is down six percent from its 10 percent average.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's Cindy Covell says she'd have no problem taking to the skies a little before midnight on New Year's Eve.

Covell tells of her indifference to flying while the digits turn from 1999 to 2000. She does this all the while loading her car with six gallons of bottled water, batteries and extra toilet paper.

"Just in case there is a Y2K problem," she says with a smile.

Covell isn't going any-

where, but insists even this New Year's would not stop her from taking a trip to Washington D.C. with her husband.

Northwest spokesperson Kathy Peach says the demand for flights on a holiday usually falls off about 10 percent. This year it has dipped approximately 16 percent.

There is no indication that confidence in airlines is an issue for travelers.

Kathy Peach
Northwest spokesperson

"Typically there is a low demand for air travel on a holiday. This year, I think, inflated prices have added to that and more people work on holidays than ever before," Peach explains from her office in St. Paul, MN. "There is no indication that confidence in airlines is an issue for travelers."

The low flight demand will cause Northwest and other airlines to reduce their flight schedule. "Northwest will cut its flights by nearly half," Peach said. "Yes, we will have planes in the air at midnight."

The airline spokesperson says those planes are a little over half full.

The latest Northwest flight leaving Grand Rapids will take off at 6:35 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

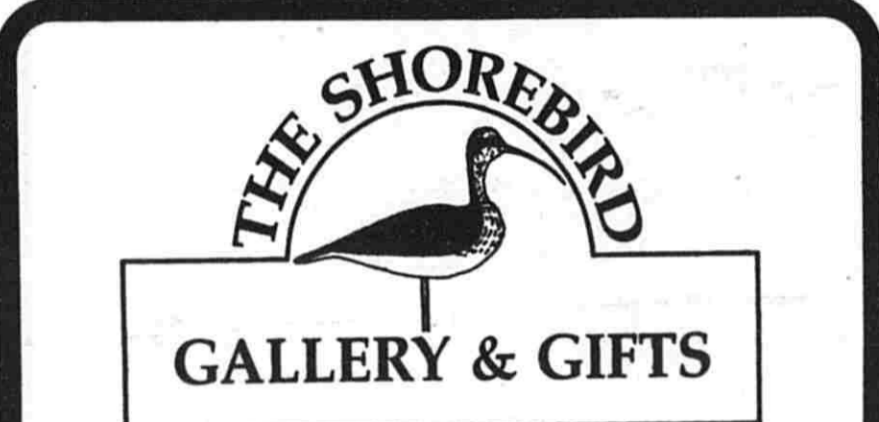
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The Vergennes Township Board will meet the third Monday of every month at the Township Hall located at 10381 Bailey Dr. at 7:00 p.m. Phone 897-5671 for further information.

THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2000 ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

January 17	July 17
February 21	August 21
March 20	September 18
April 17	October 16
May 15	November 20
June 19	December 18

THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR 2000 ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

January 3	July 10
February 7	August 7
March 6	September 5
April 3	October 2
May 1	November 6
June 5	December 4

All Planning Commission meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall.

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets as required or requested.

Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk

LL&P prepared for Y2K and electrical pole accident

Jeff Mullins, Lowell Light & Power operations manager, has good reason to believe there will be a power outage New Year's Eve.

"In each of the last five years, there have been isolated power outages in Lowell, because a driver has left the road and hit an electrical pole," Mullins reports. "If that happens this year, I'm sure the immediate response will be 'Oh no, Y2K.'"

Mullins and other crew members will stand vigilantly at the power plant from 11 p.m. Friday until 1 a.m. Saturday.

The reason for the two-hour watch is because the electrical grid which Lowell Light & Power depends on covers two time zones.

"We're pretty much at the mercy of our power supplier," Mullins explains.

If something goes wrong at midnight, the operations manager says LL&P will separate itself from the supplier and start its plant generators. "They will be able to supply power to the east side of town or about one-third of the people we serve," he explains.

Most power companies are not date dependent.

LL&P's accounting and book work department has backup tapes and backup sys-

tems to rely on in case of any problems.

Power customers need not worry; the backup system will ensure they get their monthly bill statement.

Jeff Mullins
LL&P Operations Manager

"We'll shut the computers down on Wednesday and I will come in on Sunday morning and turn them back on and see if everything is all right," office manager Mary Sawka said.

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NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

GYPSY MOTH SURVEY MAP
A map depicting the areas of concentrated Gypsy Moth infestation is available for review at the Vergennes Township offices. The offices are located at the corner of Parnell Rd. and Bailey Dr., at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 AM to 3 PM. The offices will be closed for the Holiday Season on Friday, December 24, and Friday, December 31, 1999.

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by Rev. George J. Fekete

For a proximate preparation to celebrate the Jubilee Year and beginning of the Third Millennium, I recommend reflecting on Jesus' statement in Matthew's Gospel 7:21. "None of those who cry out, 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of God, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven."

In a recent book about physical fitness, the author, trying to motivate his readers to persevere in their efforts to get, and stay in shape, makes a point about the difference between interest and commitment. Regarding interest he says, "When you're interested in doing something, you do it when circumstances permit."

We just celebrated the

Cooper and Intrain set June wedding

Judson and Janet Cooper, of Reece, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Emily May to Gregg J. Intrain. Intrain is the son of Dick and Mary Alice Intrain of Lowell.

The future groom is a graduate of Lowell High School, attended Olivet Nazarene University and graduated from Ferris State University.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Reece High School and Western Michigan University.

The Rockford couple will be married June 3, 2000 in Reece.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER 30: Stacy Klahn, Ben Hodges, Kyle Triplett, Joe Hunt, Stacey Craig, Joshua Gee, Maliree Trierweiler, Matthew Trierweiler.

DECEMBER 31: Marcie Page, Bill DeHaan, Charles Boerema.

JANUARY 1: Tory Abel, Alice Hesche, Carolyn Yonker, John Wenger.

JANUARY 2: Rose Nead.

JANUARY 3: Jon Vezino, Agnes Kent, Audrie Olszewski, Lloyd Callihan.

JANUARY 4: Donna Johnson, Nicholas Knonenwetter, Nita Baker-Czapek.

JANUARY 5: Ryan Sauber, Craig Carpenter.

COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 1,251 students achieved placement on the fall quarter dean's list at Michigan Technological University by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Dr. Martha Janners, dean of students, reported that 236 students earned straight 'A' averages of 4.00 (indicated with an asterisk).

The following students from Lowell were honored: Dena Marie Beers, David James Bosscher, and Sean Bernard Ellison*.

Lowell's Peterson an Alpha Lambda Delta

Albion College student Melissa K. Peterson is a new initiate to Alpha Lambda Delta, a national scholastic honors society for freshmen, and is also one of 47 Albion College students selected for the 1999 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Alpha Lambda Delta was established at Albion College in 1940 as an honorary society for academically outstanding freshmen. The honorary is given to students who have earned a 3.5 out of 4.0 grade point average at the end of their first semester or have an accumulative 3.5 at the end of their freshman year, based on at least three units of graded courses per semester.

"Who's Who" honors outstanding students from 1,900 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Students are nominated by their home campuses based on their academic achievements, service to the community, campus leadership and potential for continued success.

Peterson is a senior majoring in anthropology and sociology and women's studies and is a member of the Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. She is the daughter of Kay E. Oligney of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell High School.

Albion College is a private liberal arts college located in the south central Michigan town of the same name.

BUSINESS MATTERS

of Michigan Hospital, received rehabilitation at the Laurels of Kent.

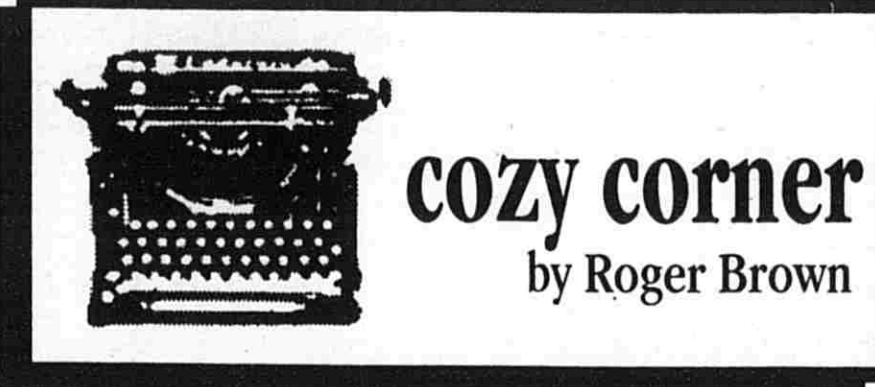
During his stay, Detmers received occupational and physical therapy, and 24-hour nursing services.

Detmers' goal was to return home independently and resume his prior lifestyle which includes involvement in the church and community services.

Correction...

In an article relating to a Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission discussion of the proposed Meijer store, Deborah Clements asked if the Meijer store would take away Lowell's cozy homey feeling. In the Dec. 22 edition of the Lowell Ledger, Clements' name was misspelled.

Viewpoint



Here we are on the cusp of a new millennium and me without an AK47 to defend my home, a supply of dehydrated water or 10,000 kw generator to keep me online and ordering e-mail merchandise. I've covered these Y2K fears in this space over the previous months. You should all know my stand by now. I'm pretty much the grasshopper in the old fable or the, "What, me worry?" Alfred E. Neumann character from Mad Magazine. I may be singing a different tune come Saturday morning, but for now I'm sticking with bait in the freezer and gas in the boat as my Y2K readiness plan.

Actually I've had bigger fish to fry than this whole KY Jelly thing. It's an annual crisis. It is thankfully over for another year. I am, of course, referring to the Christmas "pond scum" dilemma. Every year I procrastinate on all my Christmas gift shopping. Every year I rush around at the eleventh hour trying to recall gift ideas I have had and failed to make note of. Every year I lower myself to visiting the big stores and malls in a desperate attempt at stumbling across some great gift idea. Every year I end up groveling for gift ideas from my wife. Every year I beg my daughter to tell me what Terese has gotten for me so that I might come close in numbers of gifts and dollars spent. All this is a usually fruitless attempt at not looking like "pond scum" when the gifts are opened Christmas morning.

This year I did okay. Maybe the pond water was a little murky, but there was no real scum layer. A couple of weeks ago Terese made the mistake of mentioning she would like a bread machine. This was a definite faux pas on her part to give me a good gift idea so near Christmas. I made a flying trip to a large

electronics store where they had several to choose from. They were all very similar in options, features and price. I made the educated choice. I opted for the one I thought would look the best on our kitchen counter.

As a sidebar, this experience is exactly why I'm not an online shopper; well, this experience and the fact I'm not actually online. When making a purchase, I need the look, heft, smell, fit and feel of a product. In this case the look was the most important aspect of my final decision and I never could have gotten a proper perspective from pictures on a computer monitor. Even something so seemingly mundane as a bread machine has a certain presence that must be experienced firsthand. There, I've again justified the fact I'm too cheap and lazy to buy a computer and learn how to use it.

Seriously, I consider online shopping akin to catalog shopping. Besides the above-stated drawbacks, there is the freight to pay and the wait. Then there is the hassle of boxing the stuff back up and returning it if it isn't what you really wanted or if it was damaged in shipment. On top of all this, there is the fact you are not supporting your local economy. I digress. In fact, I digress to the point this might actually qualify as an editorial.

Back to the pond scum nonsense. So, with one gift down, and armed with the information I'd pried from my daughter, I figured one more major gift, a few small things and the usual stocking stuffers would put me home free. Terese is no different than most women. That is, jewelry always works as a gift idea. I asked a jeweler and customer of mine for an idea. Again, this is a holiday tradition. He looked at me this year and said, "I believe the woman has just about one of everything by now." I hate it when a retailer is so brutally honest. Aren't they supposed to sell you stuff they know you don't really need?

Finally, I did manage to pry out of Terese a gift idea. She said she'd always wanted a bracelet of gold conch shells. I asked some of my customers here in the keys where they would buy such a thing. I got a couple of ideas and found a selection of three at the very first store. The one I like best was a bit pricier than I had hoped for, but now was not the time to dawdle. I made the purchase and had it wrapped. From there I

was within a few stops of having stocking stuffers (cosmetic items, fancy candy and a usable item or two) purchased and I'd be done. As Homer Simpson so aptly puts it when life is good, "Woo-hoo!"

Christmas morning came and went. Terese loves her new bracelet. The house smells like fresh baked bread. I am not pond scum and I am ready for Y2K with a new fishing rod and reel I found under the tree. We're now stockpiling fresh baked bread and have a sizeable stash of candy from all the stockings. Bring on the new millennium!



Ledger Entries of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL DEC. 30, 1874

This issue is missing. 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER DEC. 28, 1899

"As all have seen by last week's issue of the Journal that John Shaw has me advertised, I would like to say that as for me leaving his bed and board, I took my bed and I earned my own board and his for two years, and as for my getting anything on his name, I couldn't." Etta Shaw.

Caterpillars and mosquitoes were seen last week, and sparrows built a nest in November in Vergennes, says Bridget's column.

Mr. Gristwood makes prime stone-process graham flour (with grindstones).

The Pere Marquette RR has acquired the Grand Rapids Belding & Saginaw railroad.

The widely-circulated Grand Rapids Herald publishes twice a week.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO DEC. 25, 1924

Automobile driver V.H. Matthews, "the apple man," in an uncontrolled slide backwards down an icy hill toward an approaching train, guns his car, still backwards, and beats the train by six inches.

Grand Rapids has had 21 deaths due to automobile accidents in the past year.

"The man who didn't know it was loaded is succeeded by the man who closes the garage door and starts his motor running."

Congress ponders \$100,000,000 aid for setting up commercial aeroplane transportation service in the U.S.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER DEC. 29, 1949

It was a wonderful Christmas week in spite of several days of rain.

Bill Kerekes' annual subscription to the Ledger says in part that married couples who stayed home Thursdays to read the Ledger had better memories than couples who paid out \$104 to babysitters on Thursday nights and couldn't remember what was trump.

Kent County prosecutor and Lowell resident, Roger McMahon receives telephone threats in his campaign against organized gambling and vice.

Automatic gates and flashers are recommended for the hazardous Jackson Street railroad crossing.

25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE DEC. 26, 1974

Lowell's David W. Miller will be the project engineer for the divided highway construction on M-21 east of Ada and resurfacing the rest of M-21 to Lowell, totaling about \$3.6 million.

Property taxes are probably going up, chiefly due to inflation, says Kent County Bureau of Equalization director James Neller.

The Ledger staff will take a vacation, so the next edition will be January 9.

Jaycees treated kids under 13 to movies and snacks at the Lowell High School auditorium Saturday.

Thirty-five juniors and seniors are inducted into the National Honor Society.

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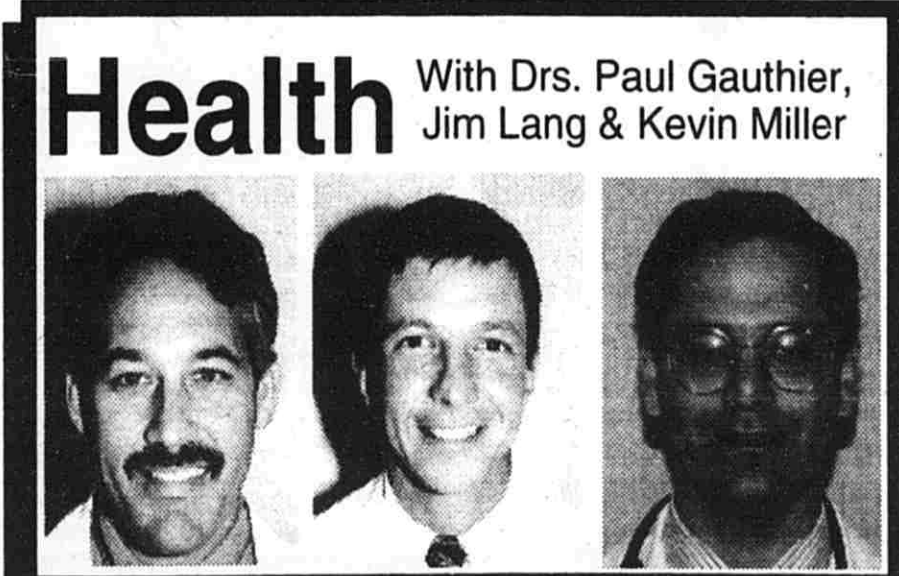
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I can be reached by mail at: 2952 Green Meadow Drive #8, Jenison, MI 49428, or by e-mail at flenger@usxchange.net.

Sincerely,
Judy Straub, President
Lowell Area Historical Association



BLOOD IN THE URINE
Blood in the urine is termed "hematuria," and is something which should not be treated lightly. Sometimes the blood is not visible to the naked eye, but is visible under the microscope. It is then termed "microscopic hematuria." Some of the more common causes of hematuria are:
urinary tract infection
kidney stone
taking certain medications
a tumor in the urinary tract (kidney or bladder)
inherent kidney diseases
(glomerulonephritis, cystic kidney disease)

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Fred Lenger

If you have blood in your urine, your doctor will take a history, perform a physical exam, and likely will order some tests. If you have an infection, you will be treated, then your urine will be rechecked after therapy. If the urine is not clear, kidney X-ray (IVP) or ultrasound tests may be ordered.
Most adults with hematuria will ultimately end up having a cystoscopy done - this is a test usually done by a urologist, where a tube with a special light source is introduced into the bladder via the urethra. This direct visualization technique is often very important in identifying causes for blood in the urine.

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The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.



Carrying Out Character

Cherry Creek Elementary students had an opportunity to practice the character traits of compassion and respect with their "Twelve Days of Christmas" project.

Students accomplished this by bringing in a different gift each of the 12 days.

There were roughly 850 newly purchased gifts brought in by students between Dec. 2nd and Dec. 12th.

The Twelve Days of Christmas were represented by wrapped Christmas candy (day one); toothbrush (day two); toothpaste (day three); canned or boxed food item (day four); small toy (day five); shampoo (day six); bar of soap (day seven); wrapping paper (day eight); comb/hair brush (day nine); color-

ing book (day 10); crayons (day 11); and children's book (day 12).

Students from the second-grade classrooms of Kim Lum and Jackie Tousyly delivered the items to the Flat River Outreach Ministries Thrift Shop where Pastor Roger LaWarre gave them a tour of the new facility.



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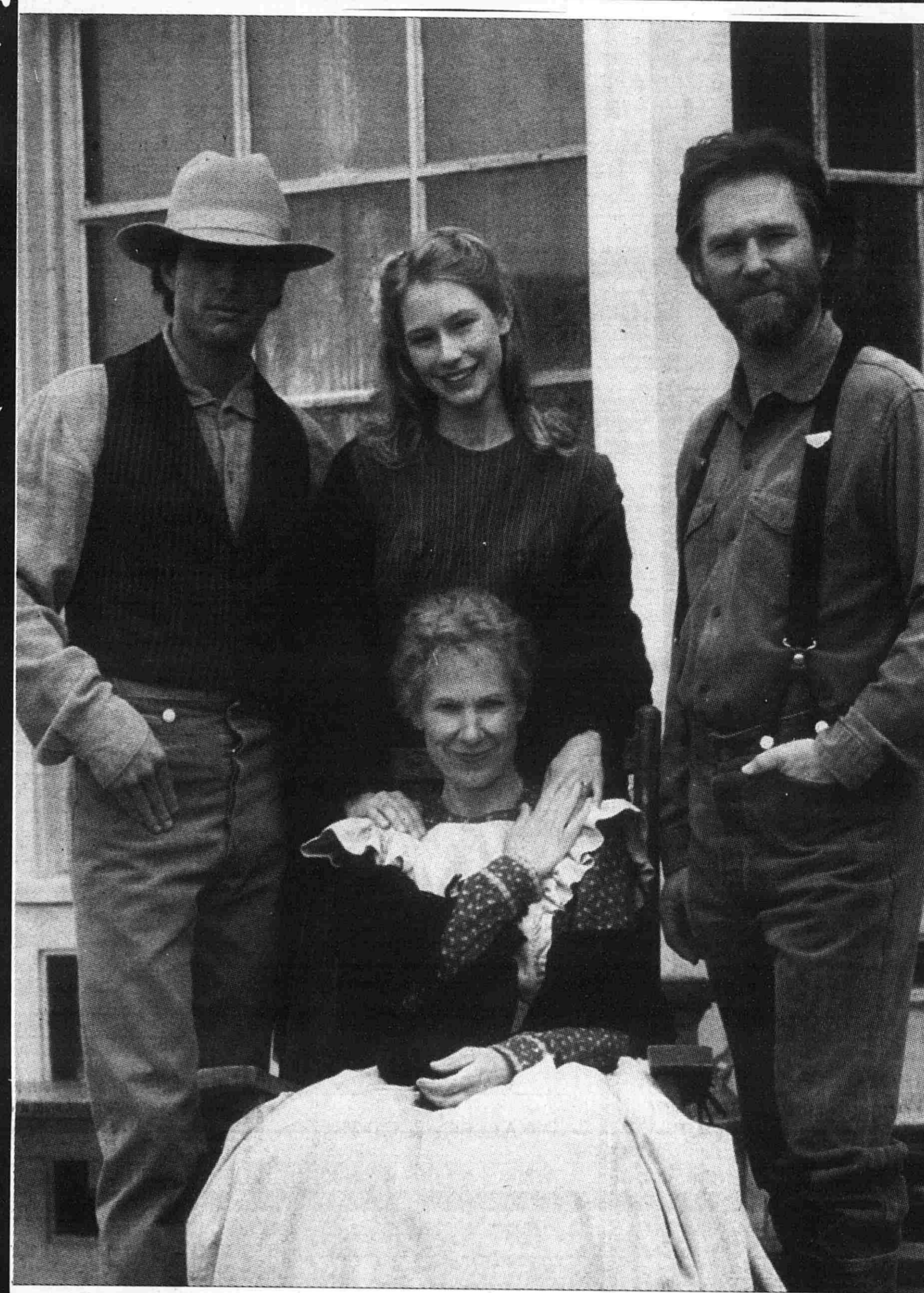
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FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 31 THRU JANUARY 6

Sunday on CBS, Walton Goggins, Meredith Monroe, Richard Thomas and Lindsay Crouse (clockwise from left) star in *Beyond the Prairie: The True Story of Laura Ingalls Wilder*, a charming new TV movie that remains faithful to the original series without being too sentimental.

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WVMT	CBS Up-Minute	CBS News	News	News	Early Show	Jerry Springer	Sally	Price Is Right						FX	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Picket Fences	Var. Programs	Beverly Hills	Var. Programs	Beverly Hills	Var. Programs	
WVOT	ABC Mid News	ABC Mid News	News	Good Morning America	Varied Programs	Martha Stewart Living	Extra	Real TV	The View					FAM	Creflo Dollar	Benny Hinn	Life in the Word	Var. Programs	New Addams	Varied Programs	Mary-Kate-Ash	It's Bitty Time!	CBN Special	700 Club	Varied Programs	It's Bitty Time!		
WGVU	Body Electric	Great Drives	Morning News	Arthur	Zoboomafo	Barney-Friends	Teletubbies	Sesame Street	Instructional Programming	Varied Programs				MTV	After Hours	Var. Programs	Down Patrol	Var. Programs	News Link	MTV Jams	Beat Suite	Music Videos	Varied Programs	Music Videos	Return of Rock	Spankin' New		
WXMI	Shepherd's Chapel	Shepherd's Chapel	Kenneth C.	Doug	Garfield	Recess	Boy Mts. World	Nanny	Grace Under					VH1	Insomniac Music Theater Cont'd	CardioVideo	Back to Back Videos	Back to Back Videos	Back to Back Videos	Back to Back Videos	Back to Back Videos	Back to Back Videos	Back to Back Videos	Back to Back Videos	Back to Back Videos	Back to Back Videos	Back to Back Videos	
WOOD	News	News	News	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	USA	Bloomberg Television	Bloomberg Television	Bloomberg Television	Bloomberg Television	Bloomberg Television	Bloomberg Television	Bloomberg Television	Bloomberg Television	Bloomberg Television	Bloomberg Television	Bloomberg Television	Bloomberg Television	Bloomberg Television	
WLNS	CBS News	News	News	Early Show	Early Show	Early Show	Early Show	Early Show	Early Show	Early Show	Early Show	Early Show	Early Show	DISC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
WILX	News	News	News	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	Today	WGN	Matlock	Matlock	Matlock	Matlock	Matlock	Matlock	Matlock	Matlock	Matlock	Matlock	Matlock	Matlock	Matlock	
WTLJ	Praise the Lord Cont'd	TCT Today	Benny Hinn	John Hagee	Life in the Word	James Robison	Victory Christ	Creflo Dollar	Walk-Faith	Digging In	Benny Hinn	Kenneth C.	Var. Programs	ESPN	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	
WKAR	(Off Air)			Arthur	Zoboomafo	Barney-Friends	Teletubbies	Sesame Street	Instructional Programming	Varied Programs				CNN	Head of the Curve	Head of the Curve	Head of the Curve	Head of the Curve	Head of the Curve	Head of the Curve	Head of the Curve	Head of the Curve	Head of the Curve	Head of the Curve	Head of the Curve	Head of the Curve	Head of the Curve	
WZZM	ABC Mid News	News	News	Good Morning America	Varied Programs	Martha Stewart Living	Extra	Real TV	The View					CNN2	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	
WSYM	Shepherd's Chapel	Shepherd's Chapel	Kenneth C.	Doug	Garfield	Recess	Boy Mts. World	Nanny	Grace Under					NICK	Dick Van Dyke	Newhart	Nick News	Busy World	Franklin	Rocko's Life	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Kipper	Franklin	Gullah Island	Busy World
WZPX	Worship	Worship	Paid Program	Paid Program	Pokamon	Histerial	Archie's World	Life Today	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	A&E	Movie Cont'd	Var. Programs	Simon & Simon	Classroom	Northern Exposure	Night Court	Night Court	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.					

FRIDAY EVENING														DECEMBER 31, 1999													
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WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Late Show	The Brooklyn Philharmonic	stupid pet and stupid human tricks. (In Stereo)	Grammy's Greatest Performances	Memorable performances from the Grammy Awards. (In Stereo)	America's Millennium: A Celebration	Will Smith hosts this event featuring Trisha Yearwood and Muhammad Ali. (In Stereo Live)	News				FX	Millennium Frank	no longer living at home, investigates a series of animal attacks. (In Stereo)	Millennium Frank	investigates a homicide at the site of an American Indian burial ground. (In Stereo)	Millennium An evening with his daughter quickly becomes a Halloween nightmare for Frank. (R)	Millennium "19:19"	Frank must capture a prophet who is convinced that World War III has begun. (R)	Millennium Frank	Watts and Andrews search for the Millennium Group's ancient roots. (In Stereo)				
WVOT	(4:50) ABC 2000 Millennium celebration around the world. (In Stereo Live)		ABC 2000 Millennium celebration around the world. (In Stereo Live)							FAM	(5:30) Backstreet Boys: Coming Home (R)	(In Stereo)	Random Acts of Comedy (In Stereo)	Random Acts of Comedy (In Stereo)	Random Acts of Comedy (In Stereo)	Random Acts of Comedy (In Stereo)	Random Acts of Comedy (In Stereo)	Random Acts of Comedy (In Stereo)	Random Acts of Comedy (In Stereo)	Random Acts of Comedy (In Stereo)	Random Acts of Comedy (In Stereo)						
WGVU	(5:00) Millennium 2000 Millennium celebrations from around the world. (Live)		Millennium 2000 Millennium celebrations from around the world. (Live)							MTV	(5:00) 2 Large New Year's Eve Party		2 Large New Year's Eve Party	Performances by Bush, Blink 182, Christina Aguilera and others. (In Stereo)							2 Large New Year's Eve Party	(In Stereo Live)					
WXMI	Drew Carey Professional	Selfhelp "The wrestler dates Kate. (In Stereo)"	Millennium "Kramer's big party is threatened. (In Stereo)"	"Star Trek Generations" **1/2 (1994, Science Fiction)	Patrick Stewart, William Shatner, Malcolm McDowell. The Enterprise crew encounters a deranged scientist. (In Stereo)	News				VH1	Behind the Music "Donna Summer" (R)	(In Stereo)	Behind the Music "Donny & Marie" (R)	(In Stereo)	Behind the Music "Rocky Horror Picture Show" (R)	Behind the Music (R)	Behind the Music (R)	Behind the Music (R)	Behind the Music (R)	Behind the Music (R)	Behind the Music (R)						
WOOD	Inside Edition Top stories of the millennium. (In Stereo)		Friars Phoebe helps the Salvation Army. (In Stereo)	Dateline Society has many new advancements to look forward to with the onset of 2000. (In Stereo)	Millennium Special Y2K developments, discussions with newsmakers and celebrations welcoming in the new year. (In Stereo Live)					USA	JAG "The Brotherhood"	Harm has a deadly confrontation with a Los Angeles street gang. (In Stereo)	Walker, Texas Ranger "Soul of Winter"	Walker and the Sons of Thunder take on a gang of white supremacists. (In Stereo)	"Sudden Death" ** (1995, Drama)	Jean-Claude Van Damme, Powers Boothe, Raymond Barry. A fire marshal races to save his daughter from terrorists. (In Stereo)	WWF Eve of Destruction										
WLNS	Entertainment Tonight (In Stereo)		Hollywood Squares (In Stereo)	Late Show	The Brooklyn Philharmonic; stupid pet and stupid human tricks. (In Stereo)	Grammy's Greatest Performances	Memorable performances from the Grammy Awards. (In Stereo)	America's Millennium: A Celebration	Will Smith hosts this event featuring Trisha Yearwood and Muhammad Ali. (In Stereo Live)	News				DISC	Real Millennium Bugs "Secret Lives of Ants"	The complex social behavior of ants is magnified. (R)	Real Millennium Bugs "Deadly Bugs"	The life-sustaining capabilities of disease-carrying insects. (R)	Real Millennium Bugs "Cannibal Mites"	Mites are parasites that cause disease and allergies. (R)	Real Millennium Bugs "Tarantulas and Their Venomous Relations"	Rare species of spiders. (R)	New Detectives "Web of Clues"	Forensic entomologists provide crucial evidence. (R)			
WTLJ	(5:00) Praise the Lord		TCT Today	Real Families (In Stereo)	Lakewood Church	Dr. Frederick K. Price	Praise the Lord (Live)			WGN	Full House "Happy New Year"	(In Stereo)	Caroline in the City (In Stereo)	"Perry Mason Returns" **1/2 (1985, Mystery)	Raymond Burr, Barbara Hale, William Katt, Perry Mason's former secretary is accused of murder. (In Stereo)	News (In Stereo)	Paul Konrad's Millennium Mementos	Countdown Chicago (In Stereo Live)									
WKAR	(5:00) Millennium 2000 Millennium celebrations from around the world. (Live)		Millennium 2000 Millennium celebrations from around the world. (Live)							ESPN	(5:00) College Football: Liberty Bowl - Colorado State vs. Southern	Mississippi, Memphis, Tenn. (Live)	College Football: Independence Bowl - Mississippi vs. Oklahoma	Shreveport, La. (Live)													
WZZM	(6:30) ABC 2000 (Joined in Progress) Millennium celebration around the world. (In Stereo Live)		ABC 2000 Millennium celebration around the world. (In Stereo Live)							CNN	Continuing Millennium Coverage		Larry King Live		Continuing Millennium Coverage												
WSYM	Home improvement "Dollars and Sense"	Fraser "Agents in America, Part Three"	Boys get a monetary gift. Fraser stages a sickout.	"Star Trek Generations" **1/2 (1994, Science Fiction)	Patrick Stewart, William Shatner, Malcolm McDowell. The Enterprise crew encounters a deranged scientist. (In Stereo)	News				CNN2	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News							
WZPX	(6:00) Millennium... Humanity's Broadcast	Millennium celebration coverage from around the world. (Live)	Millennium... Humanity's Broadcast	Millennium celebration coverage from around the world. (Live)						NICK	Oh Yeah! Cartoons!	Journey of Allen Strange (In Stereo)	Spongebob Squarepants (In Stereo)	Catdog (In Stereo)	Kenan & Kel "Futurama" (In Stereo)	100 Deeds of Eddie McDodd (In Stereo)	Chalk Zone "Future Zone/Pie Day" (In Stereo)	Angry Beavers (In Stereo)	Kablam! (In Stereo)	Nicktoons TV (In Stereo)							

MONDAY - FRIDAY AFTERNOONS														DECEMBER 31, 1999 - JANUARY 6, 2000													
BROADCAST CHANNELS														CABLE CHANNELS													
12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30
WVMT	News	Young and the Restless	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Oprah Winfrey	News	News	News	CBS News				FX	Movie	Varied Programs		M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue	In Living Color	In Living Color	Beverly Hills, 90210	Beverly Hills, 90210				
WVOT	Nat'l Enquirer	Port Charles	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	People's Court	Maury	News	ABC Mid News					FAM	It's Bitty Time!	Wiggles	Storytime With	Life With Louie	Donkey Kong	3 Friends, Jerry	Varied Programs	Sixth Gr. Alien	Big Wolf-Camp	New Addams	Two of a Kind	Partridge Family	Who's Boss?
WGVU	Instructional Programming Cont'd	Instructional Programming	Varied Programs	Mister Rogers	Read. Rainbow	Dragon Tales	Wishbone	Arthur	Kratts Creature	Var. Programs	Business Rpt.			MTV	News Special	News Link	Hot Zone	Varied Programs	Real World	Real World	TRL	Say What Krke	webRIOT	Blame Game	MTV Jams	Beat Suite	
WXMI	Judge Lane	Judge Lane	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	Forgive or Forget	Monster Ranch.	Power Rangers	Best Wars	Digimon-Digital	Home Improve.	Simpsons	3rd Rock-Sun	Simpsons	VH1	Var. Programs	List	Back to Back Videos	Videos	Var. Programs	Pop-Up Video	Behind the Music	Varied Programs	Where Are They Now?				
WOOD	News	Young and the Restless	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Rosie O'Donnell	News	News	News	CBS News				USA	Working	Naked Truth	Single Guy	Boston Com.	Movie			Baywatch	Pacific Blue				
WLNS	Divorce Court	Nat'l Enquirer	Days of Our Lives	Passions	Divorce Court	Nat'l Enquirer	Caroline In-City	3rd Rock-Sun	News	Seinfeld	News	NBC News		DISC	Christopher Lowell	Home Matters	Design	Christopher Lowell	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Gimme Shelter	Var. New House					
WTLJ	Var. Programs	Life in the Word	TCT Today	Marvin Gorman	James Robison	Benny Hinn	700 Club	John Hagee	Make Your Day	Praise the Lord				WGN	Dream Maker	News	MacGyver		Caroline In-City	Bzz!	Cosby Show	Full House	Declassified	Parent 'Hood	Wayans Bros.	Fresh Prince	
WKAR	Noddy	Varied Programs		Theodore Tug	Read. Rainbow	Arthur	Wishbone	Zoom	Kratts Creature	Var. Programs	Business Rpt.			ESPN	Sportscenter	Varied Programs		Up Close	Sportscenter								
WZZM	News	Port Charles	All My Children	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Montel Williams	Judge Judy	News	ABC Mid News					CNN	NewsDay	Burden of Proof	CNN Today	Varied Programs	Talkback Live	Street Sweep	Showbiz Today	Inside Politics	Worldview	Moneyline Nws			
WSYM	Lezaa	Nanny	Monter Ranch.	Power Rangers	Beast Wars	Digimon-Digital	Judge-Brown	Judge-Brown	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Change of Heart	Simpsons		CNN2	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Franklin	Kipper	Hey Arnold!	Ace Ventura	Garfield-Friend	Rocko's Life	Figure It Out	Kenan & Kel	All That	Catdog	
WZPX	Paid Program	Paid Program	Eight Is Enough	Bonanza	Big-Cartoonie	Batman-Supnm	Batman-Supnm	Touched by an Angel	Varied Programs					A&E	L.A. Law	Law & Order	Northern Exposure	Night Court	Night Court	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.		L.A. Law				

FRIDAY EVENING														DECEMBER 31, 1999													
BROADCAST CHANNELS														CABLE CHANNELS													
7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30								
WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Late Show	The Brooklyn Philharmonic	stupid pet and stupid human tricks. (In Stereo)	Grammy's Greatest Performances	Memorable performances from the Grammy Awards. (In Stereo)	America's Millennium: A Celebration	Will Smith hosts this event featuring Trisha Yearwood and Muhammad Ali. (In Stereo Live)	News				FX	Millennium Frank	no longer living at home, investigates a series of animal attacks. (In Stereo)	Millennium Frank	investigates a homicide at the site of an American Indian burial ground. (In Stereo)	Millennium An evening with his daughter quickly becomes a Halloween nightmare for Frank. (R)	Millennium "19:19"	Frank must capture a prophet who is convinced that World War III has begun. (R)	Millennium Frank	Watts and Andrews search for the Millennium Group's ancient roots. (In Stereo)				
WVOT	(4:50) ABC 2000 Millennium celebration around the world. (In Stereo Live)		ABC 2000 Millennium celebration around the world. (In Stereo Live)							FAM	(5:30) Backstreet Boys: Coming Home (R)	(In Stereo)	Random Acts of Comedy (In Stereo)	Random Acts of Comedy (In Stereo)	Random Acts of Comedy (In Stereo)	Random Acts of Comedy (In Stereo)	Random Acts of Comedy (In Stereo)	Random Acts of Comedy (In Stereo)	Random Acts of Comedy (In Stereo)	Random Acts of Comedy (In Stereo)							
WGVU	(5:00) Millennium 2000 Millennium celebrations from around the world. (Live)		Millennium 2000 Millennium celebrations from around the world. (Live)							MTV	(5:00) 2 Large New Year's Eve Party		2 Large New Year's Eve Party	Performances by Bush, Blink 182, Christina Aguilera and others. (In Stereo)							2 Large New Year's Eve Party	(In Stereo Live)					
WXMI	Drew Carey Professional	Selfhelp "The wrestler dates Kate. (In Stereo)"	Millennium "Kramer's big party is threatened. (In Stereo)"	"Star Trek Generations" **1/2 (1994, Science Fiction)	Patrick Stewart, William Shatner, Malcolm McDowell. The Enterprise crew encounters a deranged scientist. (In Stereo)	News				VH1	Behind the Music "Donna Summer" (R)	(In Stereo)	Behind the Music "Donny & Marie" (R)	(In Stereo)	Behind the Music "Rocky Horror Picture Show" (R)	Behind the Music (R)	Behind the Music (R)	Behind the Music (R)	Behind the Music (R)	Behind the Music (R)							
WOOD	Inside Edition Top stories of the millennium. (In Stereo)		Friars Phoebe helps the Salvation Army. (In Stereo)	Dateline Society has many new advancements to look forward to with the onset of 2000. (In Stereo)	Millennium Special Y2K developments, discussions with newsmakers and celebrations welcoming in the new year. (In Stereo Live)					USA	JAG "The Brotherhood"	Harm has a deadly confrontation with a Los Angeles street gang. (In Stereo)	Walker, Texas Ranger "Soul of Winter"	Walker and the Sons of Thunder take on a gang of white supremacists. (In Stereo)	"Sudden Death" ** (1995, Drama)	Jean-Claude Van Damme, Powers Boothe, Raymond Barry. A fire marshal races to save his daughter from terrorists. (In Stereo)	WWF Eve of Destruction										
WLNS	Entertainment Tonight (In Stereo)		Hollywood Squares (In Stereo)	Late Show	The Brooklyn Philharmonic; stupid pet and stupid human tricks. (In Stereo)	Grammy's Greatest Performances	Memorable performances from the Grammy Awards. (In Stereo)	America's Millennium: A Celebration	Will Smith hosts this event featuring Trisha Yearwood and Muhammad Ali. (In Stereo Live)	News				DISC	Real Millennium Bugs "Secret Lives of Ants"	The complex social behavior of ants is magnified. (R)	Real Millennium Bugs "Deadly Bugs"	The life-sustaining capabilities of disease-carrying insects. (R)	Real Millennium Bugs "Cannibal Mites"	Mites are parasites that cause disease and allergies. (R)	Real Millennium Bugs "Tarantulas and Their Venomous Relations"	Rare species of spiders. (R)	New Detectives "Web of Clues"	Forensic entomologists provide crucial evidence. (R)			
WTLJ	(5:00) Praise the Lord		TCT Today	Real Families (In Stereo)	Lakewood Church	Dr. Frederick K. Price	Praise the Lord (Live)			WGN	Full House "Happy New Year"	(In Stereo)	Caroline in the City (In Stereo)	"Perry Mason Returns" **1/2 (1985, Mystery)	Raymond Burr, Barbara Hale, William Katt, Perry Mason's former secretary is accused of murder. (In Stereo)	News (In Stereo)	Paul Konrad's Millennium Mementos	Countdown Chicago (In Stereo Live)									
WKAR	(5:00) Millennium 2000 Millennium celebrations from around the world. (Live)		Millennium 2000 Millennium celebrations from around the world. (Live)							ESPN	(5:00) College Football: Liberty Bowl - Colorado State vs. Southern	Mississippi, Memphis, Tenn. (Live)	College Football: Independence Bowl - Mississippi vs. Oklahoma	Shreveport, La. (Live)													
WZZM	(6:30) ABC 2000 (Joined in Progress) Millennium celebration around the world. (In Stereo Live)		ABC 2000 Millennium celebration around the world. (In Stereo Live)							CNN	Continuing Millennium Coverage		Larry King Live		Continuing Millennium Coverage												
WSYM	Home improvement "Dollars and Sense"	Fraser "Agents in America, Part Three"	Boys get a monetary gift. Fraser stages a sickout.	"Star Trek Generations" **1/2 (1994, Science Fiction)	Patrick Stewart, William Shatner, Malcolm McDowell. The Enterprise crew encounters a deranged scientist. (In Stereo)	News				CNN2	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News							
WZPX	(6:00) Millennium... Humanity's Broadcast	Millennium celebration coverage from around the world. (Live)	Millennium... Humanity's Broadcast	Millennium celebration coverage from around the world. (Live)						NICK	Oh Yeah! Cartoons!	Journey of Allen Strange (In Stereo)	Spongebob Squarepants (In Stereo)	Catdog (In Stereo)	Kenan & Kel "Futurama" (In Stereo)	100 Deeds of Eddie McDodd (In Stereo)	Chalk Zone "Future Zone/Pie Day" (In Stereo)	Angry Beavers (In Stereo)	Kablam! (In Stereo)	Nicktoons TV (In Stereo)							


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SATURDAY MORNING JANUARY 1, 2000. Table with columns for time slots (5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Channels, Cable Channels, and Premium Channels.

SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

HOCKEY
FOXDT 31 Sun. 7:30 p.m.NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Pittsburgh Penguins. From the Civic Arena in Pittsburgh. (Live)
ESPN 23 Sun. 8:30 p.m.NHL Hockey San Jose Sharks at Chicago Blackhawks. From the United Center in Chicago. (Live)
FOXDT 31 Mon. 7:30 p.m.IHL Hockey Orlando Solar Bears at Detroit Vipers. (Live)
FOXDT 31 Tue. 7:30 p.m.NHL Hockey Phoenix Coyotes at Detroit Red Wings. From the Joe Louis Sports Arena in Detroit. (Live)
FOXDT 31 Wed. 12:30 a.m.IHL Hockey Utah Grizzlies at Detroit Vipers. (Same-day Tape)
FOXDT 31 Thu. 7:30 p.m.NHL Hockey Nashville Predators at Detroit Red Wings. From the Joe Louis Sports Arena in Detroit. (Live)
SKATING
WOOD 3 Sun. 4 p.m.; WILX 10 Sun. 4 p.m.Figure Skating Brian Boitano's Holiday Spectacular. From Las Vegas, Olympic gold medalist Brian Boitano heads a cast including Kristi Yamaguchi and Brian Orser in solo and group skating performances. (Taped) [E]

SOCCER
FOXDT 31 Sun. 5 p.m.English Premier League Soccer Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)
TENNIS
ESPN 23 Sun. 3 p.m.Tennis Chris Evert Pro-Celebrity Classic. From Delray Beach, Fla. (Taped)
WINTER SPORTS
ESPN 23 Wed. 3:30 p.m.Snowmobile Racing Snocross World Championship. (Taped)
WRESTLING
TNT 62 Mon. 8 p.m.WCW Monday Nitro (Live) [E]
GOLF
WOOD 3 Sat. 4 p.m.; WILX 10 Sun. 2 p.m.Golf Williams World Challenge -- Third Round. From Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz. (Live) [E]
WOOD 3 Sun. 2 p.m.; WILX 10 Sun. 2 p.m.Golf Williams World Challenge -- Final Round. From Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz. (Live) [E]
ESPN 23 Sun. 4 p.m.Golf Senior Match Play Challenge -- Final Round. From Dorado, Puerto Rico. (Taped)
ESPN 23 Thu. 7 p.m.PGA Golf Mercedes Championships -- First Round. From Kapalua, Hawaii.

BASKETBALL
FOXDT 31 Sun. 2 a.m.Women's College Basketball Colorado at Stanford. (Same-day Tape)
FOXDT 31 Sun. 4 a.m.Women's College Basketball Texas Tech at Iowa State. (Same-day Tape)
ESPN 23 Wed. 7 p.m.College Basketball Delta Airlines Classic -- Georgia Tech vs. Kentucky. From Louisville, Ky. (Live)
WXMI 7 Wed. 7 p.m.College Basketball Penn State at Michigan State. (Live)
FOXDT 31 Wed. 7:30 p.m.NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Atlanta Hawks. From Philips Arena in Atlanta. (Live)
TBS 63 Wed. 8 p.m.NBA Basketball Charlotte Hornets at Utah Jazz. From the Delta Center in Salt Lake City. (Live)
ESPN 23 Wed. 9 p.m.College Basketball Duke at Virginia. (Live)
WXMI 7 Wed. 9 p.m.College Basketball Michigan at Minnesota. (Live)
FOXDT 31 Thu. 10:30 p.m.College Basketball Arizona State at Stanford. (Live)
BOXING
FOXDT 31 Sun. 12 a.m.Boxing Sunday Night Fights -- Best of Fight Time. (Taped)
CHEERLEADING
ESPN 23 Tue. 11 p.m.Cheerleading U.S. National Championships. From Anaheim, Calif. (Taped)

FOOTBALL
ESPN 23 Fri. 1:30 p.m.College Football Insight.com Bowl -- Boston College vs. Colorado. From Tucson, Ariz. (Live) [E]
WVMT 23 Fri. 2 p.m.; WLNS 3 Fri. 2 p.m.College Football Sun Bowl -- Minnesota vs. Oregon. From Sun Bowl Stadium in El Paso, Texas. (Live) [E]
ESPN 23 Fri. 5 p.m.College Football Liberty Bowl -- Colorado State vs. Southern Mississippi. From Memphis, Tenn. (Live) [E]
ESPN 23 Fri. 8:30 p.m.College Football Independence Bowl -- Mississippi vs. Oklahoma. From Shreveport, La. (Live) [E]
WXMI 7 Sat. 11 a.m.; WSYM 13 Sat. 11 a.m.College Football Cotton Bowl -- Arkansas vs. Texas. From the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. The 64th classic features the Texas Longhorns battling the Razorbacks of Arkansas. (Live) [E]
ESPN 23 Sat. 11 a.m.College Football Outback Bowl -- Georgia vs. Purdue. From Tampa, Fla. (Live) [E]
WOOD 3 Sat. 12:30 p.m.; WILX 10 Sat. 12:30 p.m.College Football Gator Bowl -- Georgia Tech vs. Miami. From Jacksonville, Fla. (Live) [E]
WOTV 23 Sat. 1 p.m.; WZZM 13 Sat. 1 p.m.College Football Citrus Bowl -- Florida vs. Michigan State. From Orlando, Fla. (Live) [E]
31 Sun. 1 p.m.NFL Football Detroit Lions at Minnesota Vikings. From the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis. (Live)

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SUNDAY EVENING / LATE NIGHT JANUARY 2, 2000. Broadcast Channels table with columns for time slots (7:00-4:30) and station programming (WWMT, WOV, WGVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS table with columns for channel numbers and station programming (FX, FAM, MTV, VH1, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS table with columns for channel numbers and station programming (SHOW, HBO, TMC, MAX, etc.).

MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 3, 2000. Broadcast Channels table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and station programming (WWMT, WOV, WGVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS table with columns for channel numbers and station programming (FX, FAM, MTV, VH1, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS table with columns for channel numbers and station programming (SHOW, HBO, TMC, MAX, etc.).

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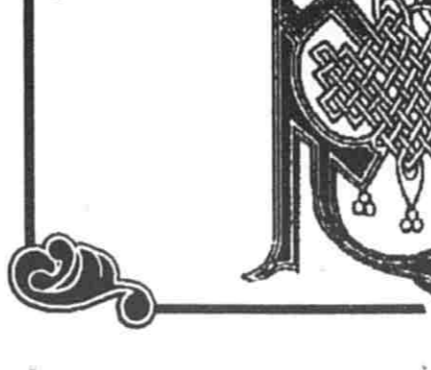
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Table with columns for TUESDAY EVENING (7:00-11:30) and JANUARY 4, 2000 (7:00-11:30). Rows list broadcast channels (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WLX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, WZPX, CABLE CHANNELS, FX, FAM, MTV, VH1, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN2, CNZN, NICK, A&E, FOXD, TNT, TBS, DISN, TRAV, TLC, SCI-FI, COM, TWC, HIST, AMC, H&G, LIFE, TOON D, MSNBC, CSPAN, EWTV, SHOW, HBO, TMC, MAX) and their respective program titles and descriptions.

Table with columns for WEDNESDAY EVENING (7:00-11:30) and JANUARY 5, 2000 (7:00-11:30). Rows list broadcast channels (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WLX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, WZPX, CABLE CHANNELS, FX, FAM, MTV, VH1, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, FOXD, TNT, TBS, DISN, TRAV, TLC, SCI-FI, COM, TWC, HIST, AMC, H&G, LIFE, TOON D, MSNBC, CSPAN, EWTV, SHOW, HBO, TMC, MAX) and their respective program titles and descriptions.

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THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 6, 2000. 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, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WILX, WTLJ, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, WZPX, CABLE CHANNELS, PREMIUM CHANNELS).

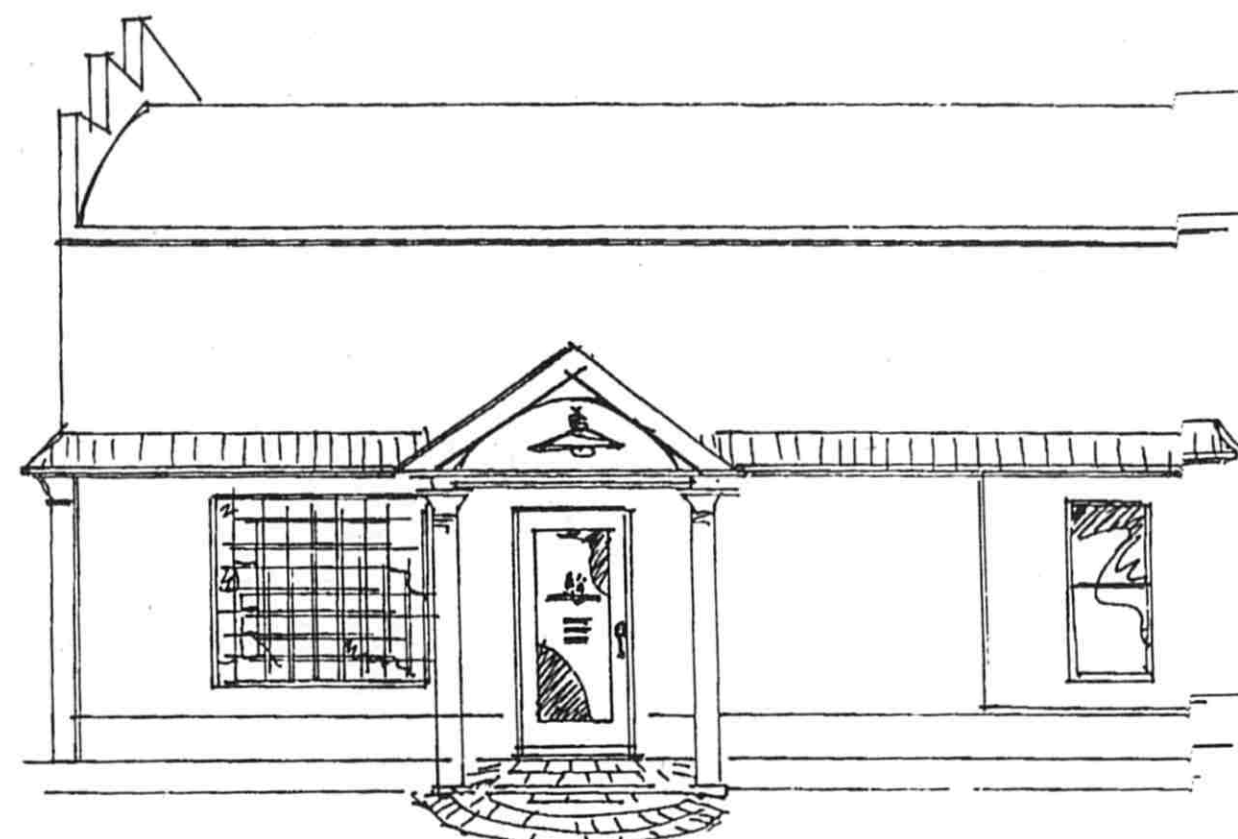
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artwork. Each artist may submit up to three entries.

Artwork drop-off dates and times are: Thursday, March 2 from 1 until 5 p.m.; Friday, March 3 from 1 until 8 p.m.; and Saturday, March 4 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The exhibition will open to the public on March 12 with an opening reception and awards ceremony from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m.

For more information on these activities or others, call LAAC at 897-8545.



Renovation plans also include an extended covered entrance with a brick walkway and handicapped ramp.

Study, cont'd... From Page 1

city with the necessary information to determine whether any location proposed by city officials meets MDTOT's Signal Warrants. The study will include traffic counts as well as a pedestrian count over an eight-hour period.

The Lowell City Council voted to table the study, giving staff a chance to solicit bids from other companies. Pasquale said bids should be received by the end of January.



Greenridge Realty announced that Scott Grim received Realtor of the Month in November.

This award recognizes Grim for his outstanding success and achievements.

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-Victor Hugo

KEENE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, January 4, 2000 at 7:30 PM

Keene Township Hall 8505 Potters Rd. Saranac, MI 48881

Ionia County

The following Zoning Ordinance Amendments will be heard:

Keene Township Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing and accepting comments from the public for zoning ordinance amendments to the existing Land Division Ordinance and a proposed new Private Road Ordinance.

The proposed amendments to the Land Division Ordinance changes the review process by removing the Township Board approval requirement. The Zoning Administrator and the Planning Commission will review and approve land division applications.

The proposed private road ordinance will regulate an application and review process for the construction of new private roads. Current existing private roads are proposed to be exempt from this ordinance.

Copies of the ordinance amendments will be available at the Keene Township Hall on two Thursdays: 12/16/99 and 12/30/99 between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM.

Planning Commission of Keene Township

Revenues Have It

Lowell Charter Township revenues for the 1999-2000 fiscal year exceeded expenditures by \$1,447.

By Jeffrey Redmond Contributing Writer

The end-of-the-year financial statement of the Lowell Charter Township budget report shows the township to once again be in the black.

For the 1999-2000 fiscal year, the township had incomes from such sources as property taxes, \$75,000; state revenue, \$315,000; licenses and permits, \$14,700; cable TV, \$12,000; and a state grant for \$142,000.

Total revenues amounted to \$606,700, and with transfers from other funds equaled \$729,094.

Expenditures for the township included \$26,800 for the assessing office; \$190,000 for road maintenance; \$73,300 for fire protection; \$150,000 for recreation; and \$51,900 for general operating costs.

With the total of all expenditures at just under \$727,635, the final balance was \$1,460 to the good.

Township officials continue their policy of fiscal responsibility as before. A slight increase in pay for the supervisor, clerk and treasurer will put their salaries at \$16,254 each for the coming fiscal year.

LAHA seeks info on servicemen

In an effort to preserve the history of some of the area's servicemen and women, the Lowell Area Historical Association is collecting information on its service activity.

Service activity can be during either war or peace time. "We ask that the servicemen and/or women write as much or little as they like," Judy Straub said.

The forms will be placed in an alphabetized record book for current and future research used by anyone.

"We would like to collect this information about our servicemen and women before it becomes lost and unavailable to our future generations," Straub explained.

Forms are available at the LAHA office, 323 W. Main. Completed forms, information and photos may be mailed to the LAHA office (P.O. Box 81, Lowell, MI 49331).

For more information call LAHA at 897-7688 or Straub at 897-7904.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 99-11 ADOPTED BY THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL ON DEC. 20, 1999

Ordinance No. 99-11 amends Section 2.03 of Chapter 2, Section 2.20 of Chapter 2 and Section 12.03 of Chapter 12 of Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Ordinance No. 99-11 is effective ten (10) days after its publication.

David M. Pasquale City Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 99-10 ADOPTED BY THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL ON DEC. 20, 1999

Ordinance No. 99-10 amends Section 2.03 of Chapter 2, and Section 12.03 of Chapter 12 of Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Ordinance No. 99-10 is effective 10 days after its publication.

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Backing Gets His Buck

Lowell's Aaron Backing, 1545 Spicewood Ct., dropped this 11-point buck in northwest Montana on Thanksgiving Day. The outside spread on the rack was 22 1/2 inches. Backing was with his father Eric Hysell.

Academy prepared for any Y2K problems

The Grattan Academy Board of Directors announces that Grattan Academy is prepared for community use in the event Y2K problems interrupt essential services in our region. The section of the building that houses childcare and lunchroom is designated as its Y2K Readiness Room. Electricity, lights, food and other essential services will be available should someone have a need.

The academy will be opened immediately should an emergency situation occur at the turn of the New Year, Jan. 1, 2000.

Board member Shelly Hitchings directs the Y2K Readiness Project for the academy. Board members Betsy Koett, Melody Powell, Tracy Colley, Shari O'Brien, and Ernie Blanchard, and Choice Schools Associates CEO Sid Faucette are active members of the Readiness team.

The board is confident that there will not be a disruption of services.

For additional information, contact Faucette at 517-321-3320.

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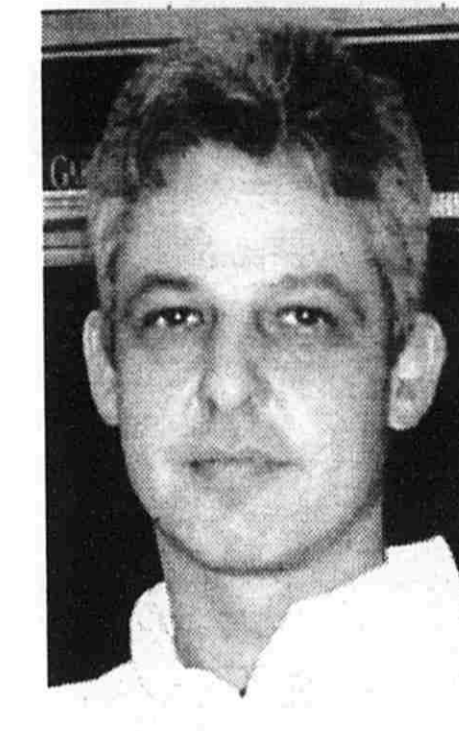
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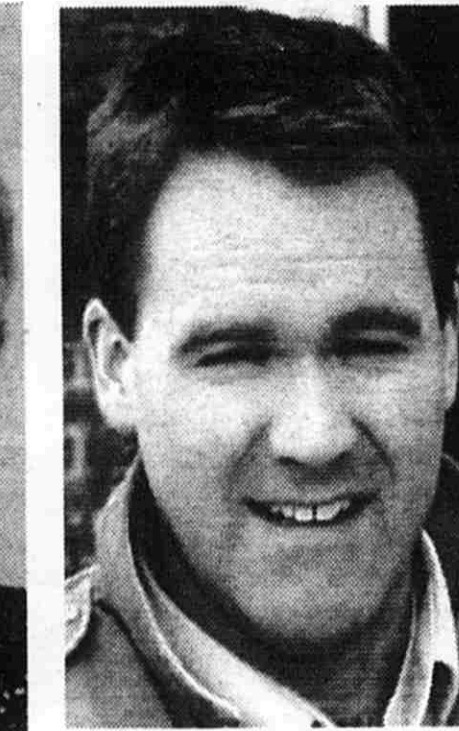
Jeff Mullins
I would have to decline. Getting in an airplane is one thing I wouldn't do. Everything in a cockpit of an airplane is computerized.



Amanda Geiger
Yeah, I would go. New Year's Eve is not a problem.



Chris Simmons
No way.



Steve Doyle
No, I am not going to fly, especially a non-domestic flight.



Jim Doyle
No, because of the possibilities with airline communications, and terrorists seem to like airports.



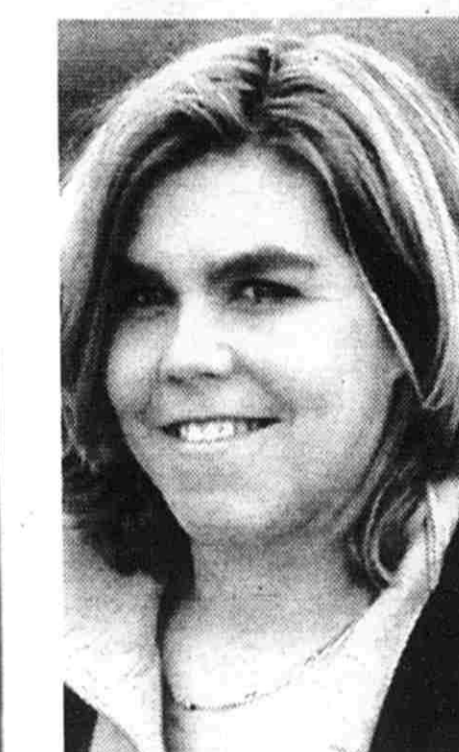
Teresa Kruskowski
No. It's too dangerous.



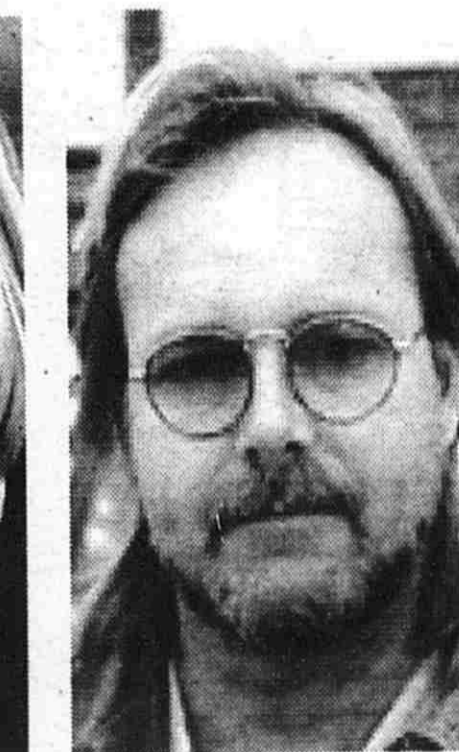
Pat Nugent
Yes. I don't think there will be any major problems. The expense-paid trip outweighs any fears that I might have.



Cindy Covell
Yes, I would take the flight. I'd take my husband to Washington D.C. although, I have purchased bottled water, batteries and extra toilet paper in case there is a Y2K problem.



Ginger Roberts
No, I wouldn't go unless I could take my baby with me.



Robert Lacie
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Mary Sawka
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Thank you, Lowell Ledger Buyers Guide



Being a part of the process something Thompson relished

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Bill Thompson

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Annoyed with the work of the city building inspector, a young Lowell resident took his troubles and differences to then city manager, Ray Quada.

"I got things straightened out," says Lowell mayor, Bill Thompson, in reflecting back some 16 years ago. "Afterwards, he told me that I ought

to run for city council. It would be a way for me to make a difference and change things."

Thompson heeded Quada's advice and ran for a council seat in 1984. He won a four-year term and has been a permanent council fixture ever since.

Thompson's tenure as a councilman came to a close Monday (Dec. 20). During the



Bill Thompson

last four years he presided over the council proceedings as mayor.

The irony, in all of this, is the person responsible for persuading Thompson to run in 1984 is the same person (Quada) who will fill

Thompson's seat on the council beginning in January.

"It's been fun to be involved and to see and be a part of the changes that have taken place," Thompson said. "The value from serving on the council comes from what a person learns and understands, and the wisdom one gains.

"My children are at a young age now and I want to be more involved with what they do," he added.

The sewer treatment plant, improved park system, and improvements to the downtown are three significant projects in which Thompson is proud to have been involved.

"I think roads and infrastructure will continue to be an issue for the city," Thomp-

son explained.

The waste water /sewer treatment plant was the first project Thompson tackled as a councilman. As he leaves the council, the system is nearly maxed out and with the new millennium, discussions of adding or building on will commence.

An item Thompson did not see completed before he left was the purchase of all the properties needed in the City Hall/police station renovation.

"I would like to have seen all the properties finalized, but I think we will be close," Thompson explained. "Throughout the process, I've tried to make sure that we use and treat the taxpayers money correctly."

As a councilmember, Thompson said he has stepped away when there is a personal conflict and has never let his personal opinion get in the way of what's best for the city. "I also think it is important for councilmembers to keep open lines of communication to the taxpayers," he said.

Thompson sees the position of mayor as someone who leads and guides the council. "The mayor should challenge the council but never guide and lead in his/her own direction. It should be a team decision."

Thompson says he will miss serving on the council, but will step back for now. "I enjoy board work. Eventually, I will be involved some way, again."

Broadcast journalism club to begin at LHS in January

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Beginning in the fall of 2000, Lowell High School students will have the opportunity to enroll in a broadcast journalism class.

The educational opportunity is made possible through a gift to the district from Video Trax, 2600 Horizon Dr., Grand Rapids.

If purchased new, the equipment would cost approximately \$100,000.

Video Trax sold the equipment to the district for \$58,000, but then donated \$20,000 of its worth, lowering the district's actual cost to \$38,000.

The equipment includes a Sony camera with case, broadcast lens, dockable recorder, power adaptor, four batteries and a complete video edit suite production system.

Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw said the equipment is to be installed prior to the beginning of the second semester.

A broadcast journalism club will then be run from January to June to develop interest and information of the equipment capabilities.

The board also accepted gifts from the Alto Lions Club (\$1,000) to purchase books for Alto Elementary's accelerated reader program; Jeffrey and Renee Jones, trombone and case (\$150 value)

for Lowell Middle School band; Ajacs Die Sales, computer monitor (\$25 value); Grand Rapids Art Museum, two large weaving looms (\$400 value) for the art department; Gerald Persha, (\$500) for the Alto Elementary Globe Project; Sandy VanStee, Macintosh computer, color printer, modem and scanner (\$800 value) for the Cherry Creek media center; and Dean Lonick, upright piano (\$2,500) for the Cherry Creek Elementary School.

When you come to a fork in the road, take it.

Yogi Berra

Council approves variances

••• The city's action allows for Main Street Restaurant/Lounge and Banquet Facility to be built at 901 W. Main.

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

A local business has finally received the approvals it needs to move across the street.

At its Monday night meeting, the Lowell City Council approved two variances for the Main Street Restaurant/Lounge and Banquet Facility, which will soon be the former Captain Jack's, located at 916 W. Main.

Lois Sherman, who is purchasing Captain Jack's from owner Ron Potter, was seeking the variances so she could construct a 4,600-square-foot building located at 901 W. Main, where her new business would be located.

The only questions raised by the council concerned an easement Potter has with Erb Lumber for the use of its parking spaces during the evening. Potter said the easement is on file with the Kent County Clerk's office and is to stay with the property.

"We have no business during the day time and, vice versa, they have no business during the night," Potter said, adding that

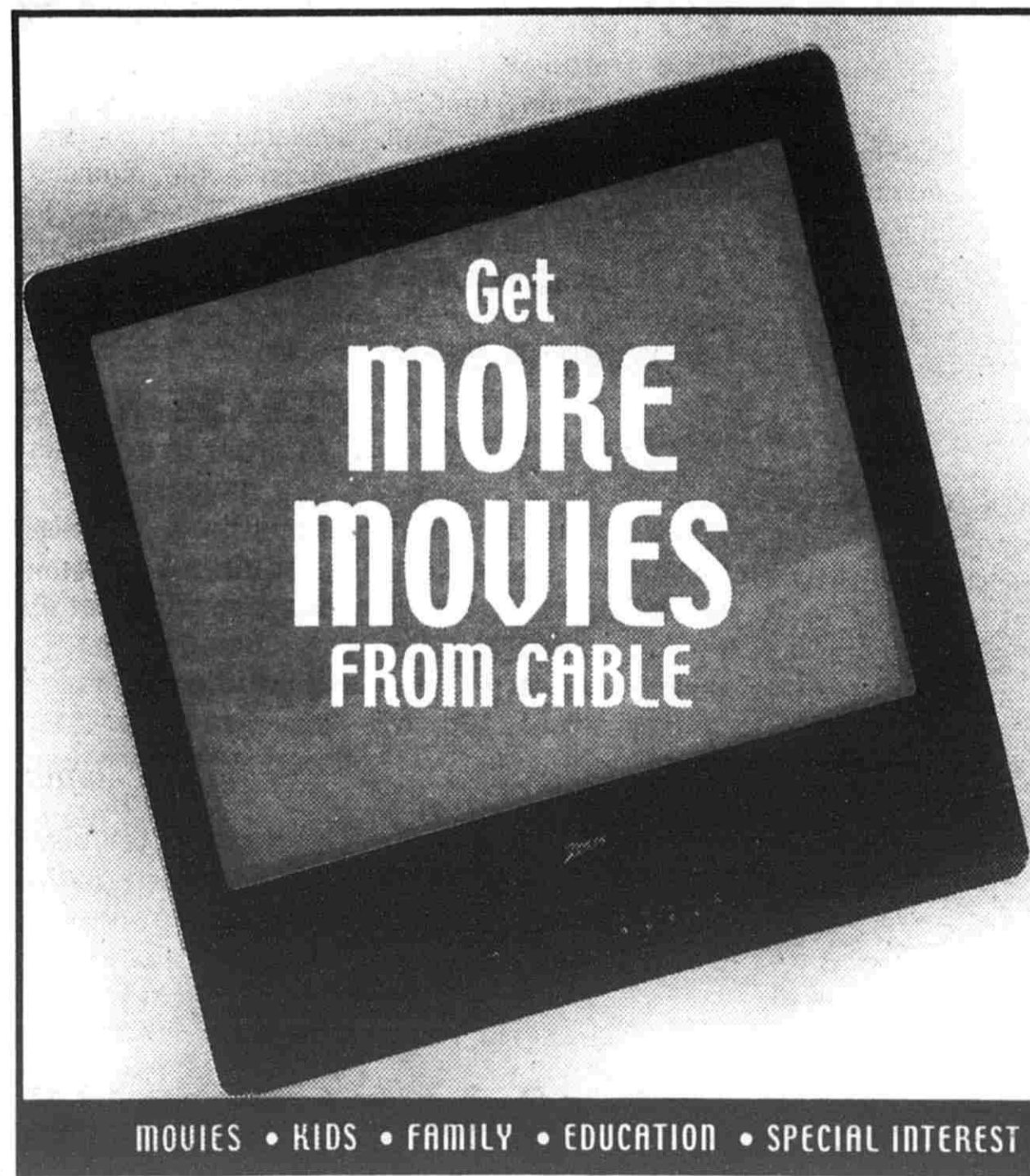
the easement agreement has worked well for both organizations over the past few years.

The council did question whether the business would accept parties during the day. Potter said he still would have 40-plus parking spaces available to him without using the Erb Lumber spaces.

According to the ordinance, 65 parking spaces would be needed for the proposed establishment. According to the plans, the business has 58 spaces, which includes Erb Lumber's spaces of 23. This would leave the business seven spaces short.

Also, for safety reasons, Sherman was asking for a variance in the rear of the property. This would give her building 24 feet instead of the required 35. At the planning commission meeting in November, Sherman explained she wanted to push the building to the back and have all of the parking in front so patrons would be in the light of traffic from Main Street and officers would have a better view of the parking lot from the road.

The council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, unanimously approved the variances following the planning commission's contingencies involving frontage landscaping, detailing of lighting and drainage, and providing a masonry trash enclosure.




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