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## Development leads to closure of 25-mile stretch of WMSC snowmobile trail

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A 25-mile stretch of Western Michigan Snowmobile Council's (WMSC) snowmobile trail has been closed due to urban encroachment.

"With more people from the city moving out to the country, and farm land being sold and split up, it has become impossible to maintain a continuous trail from Deer Run Golf Course north," said WMSC grant coordinator and Flat River Snowmobile Club treasurer, Brad Potter.

There are two parcels on which the council couldn't renew leases. "One land owner just didn't want snowmobiles on the property anymore and the other parcel was

purchased by a developer," Potter said. WMSC pays \$200 a mile to lease land for its trail which now runs from Deer Run south 175 miles. It currently leases from 243 land owners at a cost of \$28,100.

"This comes with regret. We've been leasing property for more than 25 years providing thousands of snowmobilers with a safe trail," Potter said.

The council first became aware it would have to dissolve 25 miles of trail earlier this summer.

With the trail now closed in the Lowell area, Potter said the Flat River Snowmobile Club got rid of its groomer. "We no longer groom trails but we will continue to help mark them, brush them out and put signs up," Potter concluded.



## Council's resolution asks LL&P/Lowell Cable for loan approval request

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It appears that the communication lines may have had some static in them when the departments of Lowell Light & Power and Lowell Cable Television, and city attorney Richard Wendt discussed how funds should be provided to acquire, construct and install a digital cable system.

The loan of \$165,000 from LL&P to Lowell Cable was approved by the board in July.

When Wendt's opinion was requested from the council in regards to this matter,

the city attorney said the council must approve and establish the terms and conditions of such a loan.

Tom Richards, Lowell Light & Power/Cable Television general manager, said he and former superintendent Ron Holcomb sought Wendt's counsel for the proper procedure in carrying out an inter-departmental loan. "We do not recollect Dick (Wendt) ever advising us to seek counsel approval for the loan," Richards said. "We cannot explain why the city attorney's opinion now differs from our recall of the advice that was

given or the procedure that was followed."

Wendt, in a letter to the city, said Holcomb was insistent on treating LL&P and Lowell Cable Television as a single autonomous department with a single board.

"He (Holcomb) sought, I believe, to interpret Ordinance No. 99-8 adopted by the council (Sept. 20, 1999) as action unifying the boards," Wendt said. "The ordinance, however, only provides that the same three members who serve on the LL&P board also serve as the board of cable television."

The city attorney explained that the city's Code of Ordinances is clear stating that any loan to the cable television department requires council approval.

Former Lowell Cable Television chairman Ivan Blough said during the years he served on the cable board, it looked into the feasibility and how a loan would be financed, and then sought the approval of the council.

"LL&P has a different charter and different set of rules than Lowell Cable. The rules for LL&P do not extend to Lowell Cable," Blough said.

The council approved a resolution asking that LL&P/Lowell Cable submit for approval a request for the council to support the loan.

Wendt said LL&P/Lowell Cable Board appears to have entered into an agreement with itself to lend money to itself. "This is both incorrect and inappropriate," Wendt said. "Within the context of municipal government, there is no such thing as an inter-departmental loan."

## THE HUNT IS ON

... This weekend while many men are out hunting for that elusive buck, their spouses or girlfriends will be tracking down holiday crafts and gift ideas at the 9th annual Christmas Through Lowell.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The majority of Lowell residents will be out hunting this weekend.

While the men are seeking to bag a few bucks, the women will search out creative holiday gift ideas for

the fast approaching Christmas season.

The 9th annual Christmas Through Lowell opens on Friday and runs through Sunday. This year, patrons will be able to shop at 23 homes and six businesses for hundreds of hand-crafted items

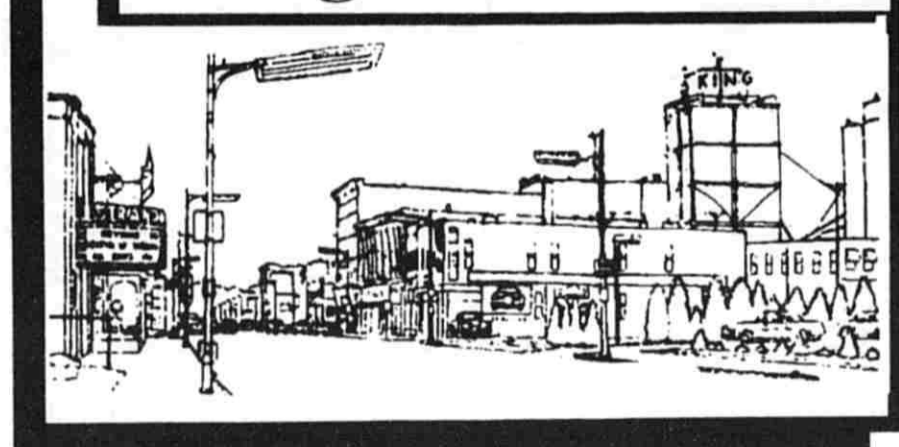
made by over 50 local artists.

Shopping on Friday begins at 9 a.m. and runs until

homes and three new businesses this year. "Every year we drop and add a few homes and businesses."

its proceeds to the American Cancer Society to help win the battle to cure cancer.

### Along Main Street



#### COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTED

Commodities will be distributed Thursday, Nov. 16 from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Come early to the Lowell Moose Recreational Building at 1320 E. Main.

#### LMS STUDENT HARVEST FESTIVAL

Lowell Middle School Family Links will be hosting a hayride/bonfire/food event on Friday, Nov. 17 from 7-9 p.m. at the Wittenbach Center, Vergennes Rd., across from the high school. Tickets are \$2 during students' lunch hours. Adult supervision; parents welcome. Cancelled if rain or snow. Call 897-8786 for more information.

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9th Annual  
**Christmas**  
through Lowell 2000

Friday	Nov. 17	9:00 am	-	9:00 pm
Saturday	Nov. 18	9:00 am	-	7:00 pm
Sunday	Nov. 19	11:00 am	-	5:00 pm

9 p.m. Homes are open on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. and from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

"Christmas Through Lowell is a unique opportunity for residents to see home and holiday displays," said event coordinator, Jody Haybarker. "Women gather in groups and go from house to house - making a day of it."

Haybarker said the 9th annual Christmas Through Lowell has added four new

The 23 homes are throughout the Lowell area. The furthest from the city of Lowell is 7.6 miles.

Haybarker said over 1,000 patrons visited homes last year. "We hope to add to that total this year," she explained.

First United Methodist Church Holiday Craft Show/Bake Sale will be open to the public on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Joy's Angels, 11579 Foreman, will donate all of

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White Title,  
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## OBITUARIES

**ARNDT** - Joan Elaine Arndt, aged 86, of New Orleans, passed away peacefully November 7, 2000. She was preceded in death by her husband Howard C. Arndt; sisters Aleta Kerns, Helen Purmort, Betty Rettmann. Mrs. Arndt is survived by a niece Joan Mashaw; great nieces Heidi Walker, Gretchen Langschwager, Kristie Perez; great nephews, James Langschwager, Richard Mashaw, Joseph Mashaw; and many great-great nieces and nephews. She was an active member of the Christian Science Church and was involved in many bridge clubs. Private memorial services will be held by the family.

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## American Education Week Be a part of the education team!

American Education Week was first observed back in 1921 when the National Education Association and the American Legion joined forces to raise public awareness of the importance of education. It was to be "an educational week...observed in all communities for the purpose of informing the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs."

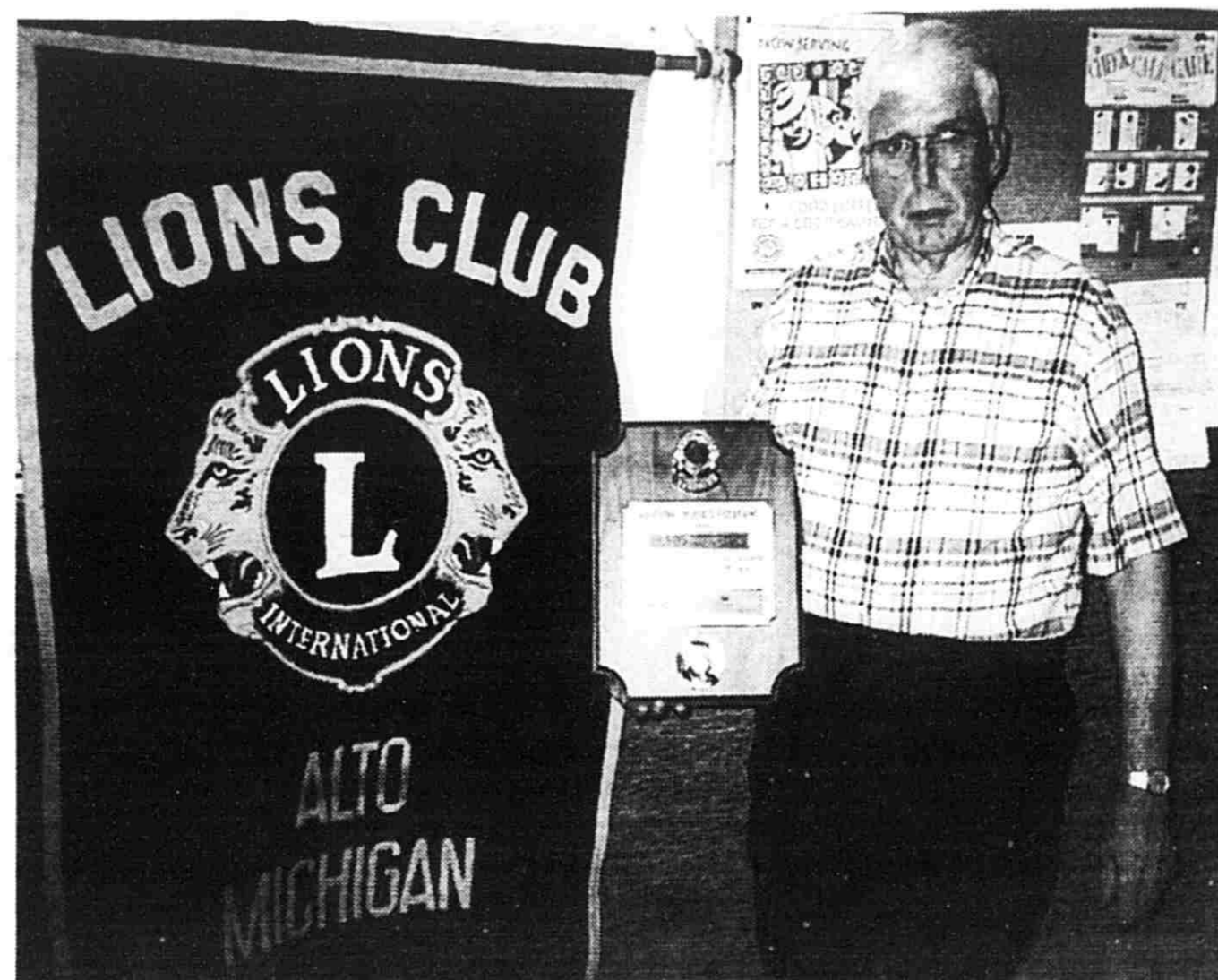
That tradition continues this year with November 12-18 being designated as the week to spotlight education and the important role communities play in the educational future of our children.

Building better schools takes the participation and contributions of all segments of our society. How well our schools do is a reflection of how much emphasis and value our communities place on education.

Schools should be a major priority of every community, because education is the very foundation on which our future will be built. It is an investment in people—a critical investment that will help shape a better tomorrow.

Please join us in celebrating American Education Week by getting to know your public schools better!

Lowell Education Association



Dick Johnson receives plaque naming him as the recipient of a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

## Alto Lion recognized with Melvin Jones Fellowship

The Alto Lions Club recently awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship to one of their members, Dick Johnson. Named for the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones, the fellowship is recognition of commitment to humanitarian service. Johnson, one of the club's original charter members in 1975, has been active on many committees and has served repeatedly in various offices, including being the immediate past president.

As a result of his many years of volunteerism, his fellow members chose Johnson to be honored in this way.

## Laurels of Kent hosts "The Art of Visiting"

Nursing home visitation can be difficult even for close family members. Although their intentions are to bring comfort and encouragement, they don't know just what to do or say. In response to that need, The Michigan Institute of Public Health has put together a one-hour program and discussion session to help make visits in the nursing home more enjoyable and rewarding for both visitors and residents.

The Laurels of Kent is pleased to announce that The Michigan Public Health Institute will present "The Art of Visiting" for residents, family members of their facility and the community on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 1 p.m. Those attending will learn about communication techniques, suggestions for fun things to do and new ideas for further developing relationships with friends or family members.



## Lowell Christmas Parade DECEMBER 2, 2000

### Alto Girl Scouts COLLECTING TOYS FOR TOTS

Alto Girl Scouts will be collecting for "Toys for Tots" along the Lowell Christmas parade route. **Look for our Float... "Girl Scouts Showboating Around the World" to donate your new unwrapped toy!**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL ENTHUSIASTS

••• Kari Zigterman and Ashley Alsop hope that Lowell High School's Environmental Club is fun and draws the energy of their peers in carrying out environmental activities.

By **Thaddeus J. Kraus**  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Ashley Alsop is more scientific and Kari Zigterman is more of an outdoorsman; together they hope that fun and environmental activities nurture a natural growth to the newly formed Lowell High School Environmental Club.

Since its inception in week two of the school year, the club has grown to 20-25 students.

"We want it to be fun for club members and not school oriented, but we also want students who are willing to help out with environmental activities," Alsop explains.

Some of the initial activi-

ties Zigterman, Alsop and Wittenbach Environmental Center director Tammy DeBaar have listed include adopt-a-road, a luminary walk, an overnight study at the Center's cabin, backpacking and a snow shoeing activity on Saturday, Dec. 9 (fundraiser for the club) this winter.

The club has begun monitoring office paper recycling and will make it available for teachers at the high school.

Deb Schollaart's Girl Scout troop and Unity High School students carved pumpkins for a Halloween party hosted by the Environmental Club.

Alsop is hopeful the club

will also provide its members with mentoring opportunities.

"The Environmental Club is a great thing to do," DeBaar said. "I think it will help bring awareness to environmental issues."

The club currently meets once a week during seminar. "It's very exciting. It's all I talk about," said Alsop. "It's the first time I've become involved and taken the initiative to start something."

Zigterman is also excited about the opportunity it gives her to spend more time in nature. "I grew up in an area surrounded by woods and spent a lot of time at my grandfather's farm."

## Wittenbach Science Center News & Notes:

December will be a busy month for the Wittenbach Science Center located on Vergennes Rd. across from the Lowell High School.

There will be a National Wildlife Education Wolf Educator's Workshop on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The cost is \$13 and is payable in advance by Nov. 22 to Wittenbach Science Center, 11715 Vergennes. (\$3 goes toward lunch; \$10 will be returned to you upon attendance.)

On the following Saturday, Dec. 9, there will be a Nature Holiday Craft Workshop. The cost is \$20 payable by Dec. 1 and will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

On the same day from 1-3 p.m., a Snow Shoeing Workshop will take place. Snow shoe rentals are available for \$10.

For more information on any of these events, contact

Tammy DeBaar, the director of the center, at 987-1002.



According to tradition, engravers kept emeralds on their benches. They would look at them to relieve eyestrain.



Ashley Alsop and Kari Zigterman are the enthusiasts behind the Environmental Club.

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# Reflections

## Of Faith

John VanderWall,  
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### GREAT TREASURE

*Psalm 119:162 "I rejoice in your promise like one who finds great spoil."*

My wife and I have four daughters. Char and Betsy are married. Emily is getting married next summer, and Kate graduates from Reformed Bible College next spring. Not too long ago, when they were all home and younger, Halloween was one of those times of great spoil. My wife loves to make homemade costumes. She uses a glue gun.

When everyone came home, all the jam-packed bags of candy were dumped out in the middle of the floor. The room was filled with the smell of chocolate, the crackle of plastic wrappers. It looked like

The Psalm writer joins us to say, "I rejoice over God's promises like one who finds great spoil." Here are a few of my favorite promises from God that I rejoice over greatly. Please reflect on what they say to you.

2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but every one to come to repentance."

Lamentations 3:22-23 "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness."

Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

great spoil. Wow! Who got the most? We'd sort it all out. Our family really loves chocolate. The Nestle's Crunch, and Almond Joy bars are my favorites. We would talk about all the decorations and costumes we saw; and the friends and neighbors who greeted and laughed with. Was our hand out as good as the others? What about next year?

There was too much candy to spoil our appetites and diets greatly. This time of great fun and rejoicing becomes an opportunity to warn ourselves of greed, gluttony, safety, and the evil that is so much of Halloween.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- NOV. 16: Cheryl Lilley.
- NOV. 17: Scott MacNaughton, Cory DuBridge, Tyler Shindorf, Mary Schutts, Anastasia Barnes.
- NOV. 18: Brent Noskey, Fran Powell, Sandy Roe, Lillian Briggs.
- NOV. 19: Ken Mulder, Jamie Zoodsma, Evelyn Roudabush, Marlene Nash, Lewis Powell.
- NOV. 20: Brian Brown, John Butler Sr., Michelle Wernet.
- NOV. 21: Gert DeHaan, Michael Hewitt, Tammy Gildner.
- NOV. 22: Carrie Borton, Lou Green, Carla Briggs, Andrea Richmond, Joshua Gerard, Dylan Olin.

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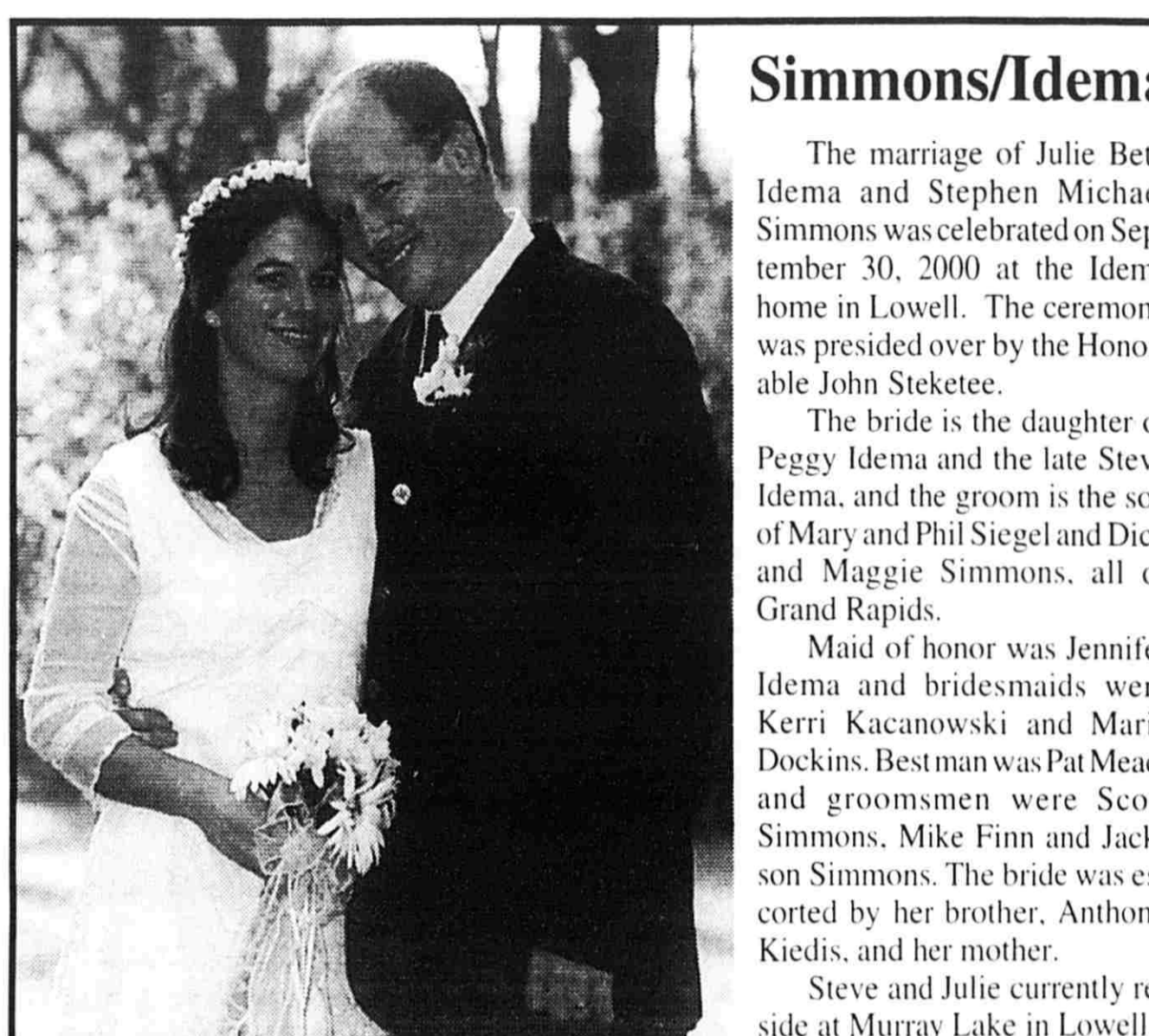
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### Simmons/Idema

The marriage of Julie Beth Idema and Stephen Michael Simmons was celebrated on September 30, 2000 at the Idema home in Lowell. The ceremony was presided over by the Honorable John Stekete.

The bride is the daughter of Peggy Idema and the late Steve Idema, and the groom is the son of Mary and Phil Siegel and Dick and Maggie Simmons, all of Grand Rapids.

Maid of honor was Jennifer Idema and bridesmaids were Kerri Kacanowski and Maria Dokins. Best man was Pat Mead, and groomsmen were Scott Simmons, Mike Finn and Jackson Simmons. The bride was escorted by her brother, Anthony Kiedis, and her mother.

Steve and Julie currently reside at Murray Lake in Lowell.

## AREA BIRTHS



Alexis Katherine Pawloski

Ryan and Tammy Pawloski are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Alexis Katherine. She was born on October 12, 2000 at 8:45 a.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and measured 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Rick and Pat Wilcox and Ron and Maureen Pawloski, all of Lowell.

Craig and Ingrid Anderson are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Liako Astrid Simone. She was born at Spectrum East Hospital on October 16, 2000.

Her excited grandparents are Carlen and Bev Anderson of Lowell, Liako and her parents will soon be returning to Guadalajara, Mexico, where Craig is employed with the U.S. State Dept.

### Advent wreath workshop for families, Nov. 18

The Franciscan Life Process Center will be offering a creative and educational workshop on Advent for the entire family on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Individuals and families can create their own Advent wreath with the help of professional artists throughout the program. Many types of materials will be available to create your own special Advent wreath. Live medieval music and a presentation on

the meaning of Advent in preparation for the Christmas season will also be provided. The program is \$5 per person or \$25 per family.

For more information please call 897-7842.

# Viewpoint . . .

## cozy corner

by Roger Brown

Having steamed on past my 50th birthday I've noticed a trend among those of us in this age bracket. We don't celebrate our birthdays like we used to. We try to sneak by these little milestones and hope nobody notices that we are getting long of tooth. (Whatever that means???) I felt that way about this edition of the Ledger but Priscilla Lussmyer tripped me up.

Priscilla writes our "Looking Back" column each week. She gleans newsy tidbits from old Ledgers of 10, 25, 50 and 100 years ago. This week marks the 25th anniversary of my purchase of the Ledger. In her research Priscilla caught that fact and tipped off Editor Thad Kraus, to two columns written for that long ago edition. Like parents showing off their teenager's naked baby pictures, they thought it would be a good idea to run them in this edition.

One of the columns was written by me; the other by my father. Both pieces spout rather ambitious, noble and lofty ideas that haven't necessarily panned out over all these years. Hence the naked baby picture metaphor. I caught wind of the plan to run the columns and decided to let Priscilla and Thad have their fun. You'll find the two columns around here somewhere.

Okay, so maybe I haven't built a newspaper empire here in Lowell as I predicted in that long ago column. Despite lots and lots of changes, I can take comfort in the fact that I'm still here.

and so is the Ledger. Twenty-five years is a pretty good run in the world of small business.

Gary Laux of Gary's Country Meats just celebrated 35 years of doing business in Lowell. By my count, that makes him the granddaddy of active businessmen here. The scary part is, I think I'm next down the list.

To be honest, I don't have much to do with the Ledger these days. Thad pretty much runs the Ledger while I concentrate on trying to make a buck with the Buyers Guide. Economically, the Ledger is a small part of what we do here at 105 N. Broadway. Yet, if you ask a local to identify our building, chances are they'll call it the Ledger office.

The Buyers Guide had been the Ledger's chief competitor for a long, long time. When I was able to buy the Buyers Guide 13 years ago, Thad was working there and hired on with me. He quickly took over the reins of the Ledger. Now he is the one toting a notebook and camera to all those meetings, sporting events and other activities. He seems to love it. I honestly don't miss it.

I know a lot of folks like to poke fun at the Ledger as being small time, and for lack of a better word, hokey. I'd have to agree to an extent, but the fact remains that Lowell has a good little community newspaper that has been in continuous operation for well over one hundred years. Not many small communities can say that.

Simple longevity may not be much for me to hang my hat on after 25 years, but I must say that I am proud to be a part of the Ledger's long history.

Hopefully, 25 years from now there will be someone like Priscilla, dredging up this edition and making note of the week's happenings in the 132-year-old "Lowell Ledger." I just hope they don't run that "naked baby picture" column of mine from 1975.

## Sharing The Vision

BERT R. BLEKE  
Lowell Schools  
Superintendent

On Tuesday, Nov. 7, local residents and voters across the state not only tried to elect a president... they also defeated the school voucher concept known as Proposal 1. This voucher concept would have radically altered Michigan's funding system. The proposal raised emotions for many even prompting a privately funded front page advertisement regarding vouchers by the Lowell Area Schools' Board of Education. Now as the emotions cool, it is appropriate to more objectively examine several of the issues facing education in Michigan and indeed in our country.

Putting aside the core issue of using public monies to fund private and parochial schools, it is my belief that the critical issue still remains the quality of existing public schools. We have heard much over the past decades of American schools failing its children. I would suggest that with few exceptions, this is not true. What is true, however, is that all public schools are failing some children and parents, and that all public schools must do a better job to assure a quality education for all children. Over the last several decades, the world has changed enormously. Likewise, public education has changed - yet not as effectively as necessary. As educators we must be increasingly open to change, improvement, and accountability. We must actively solicit ongoing support from parents and

community, and community must include private, parochial and individuals who home school.

Many thousands of Michigan voters supported Proposal 1. As public educators we must be sensitive to these voters' issues, attitudes, and concerns. It is critical in public education to avoid the temptation to gloat and to continue business as usual. It is at this critical time that we must redouble our efforts to improve all schools by reaching out to our community to help all children learn.

Where schools are failing, it is as much a "community failure" as it is a "school failure." No school, especially schools in urban poverty stricken areas, can be successful through its own efforts. It is not possible. Only a community effort to support all children will create a successful school. This does not preclude the school's responsibility to improve by being more open, more creative and more accountable. That is a given. Yet without active community support these schools cannot succeed. Quoting a recent Grand Rapids Press editorial, "Churches, parents, civic groups and others who work for or against Proposal 1 should stay involved in the important work of educating children. No army of workers is too big for the job." If we truly desire success for all children, here is the prescription for success - internal improvement of the schools, and community involvement.

\* For example, at the Grand Rapids Public Schools 62 percent of the students receive free or reduced lunches because of low family income.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331.

## Financial Focus

With Christopher J. Bouma

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### IS IT TIME FOR A BOND SWAP?

If you own bonds, then you know they can provide you with a regular source of income and a way to diversify your portfolio. You also can improve your tax situation or gain other financial advantages through bonds, using a strategy called a "swap."

What does it mean to swap bonds? Basically, when you make a bond swap, you sell a bond and simultaneously purchase another bond with the proceeds from the sale.

Depending on the type of bond swap you make, you can accomplish any of several different objectives, including the following:

**Lower your taxes** — Tax swapping is the most common of all swaps. Essentially, a tax swap allows you to use a capital loss — incurred by a bond that has lost value — to offset a capital gain you may have realized from selling an appreciated asset, such as a stock. If you have no capital gains, you can use the capital loss to offset ordinary income.

In a traditional tax swap, you would sell a bond that is worth less than what you paid for it and then purchase a bond with similar, but not identical, characteristics. Your interest rate, maturity and quality of bond will be the same as before — and you will have realized a loss that will save you money on taxes in the year of the bond sale.

Before making any tax swaps, consult with your tax adviser. You may want to avoid buying a new bond within 30 days of selling one that is substantially identical. The IRS will not recognize tax losses from these so-called "wash sales."

**Increase your return** — You may be able to improve the return of your bond portfolio by making a bond swap and extending the maturity of your bonds. That's because longer-maturing bonds generally pay a higher rate than short-term bonds. For example, you could sell a two-year bond with a 5.5 percent interest rate and purchase a 15-year bond that offers a 6 percent rate.

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By Priscilla Lussmyer

## Ledger Entries

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

### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL NOVEMBER 17, 1875

This issue is missing. We substitute Nov. 16, 1870. With cold weather approaching, all who are putting up stoves should first look well to their flues to see that they are safe.

The tower of the Methodist Church has a bad season check on the east and west sides, probably the effects of the late earthquake. It must be bolted up and should not have the heavy bell installed.

The Masons are remodeling their third-floor hall, leased in the Graham Block, "in a suitable manner for the purposes for which it is intended." They have held the lease for 10 years.

The editor pushes for incorporating Lowell as a city on the Big Rapids plan, which included a hefty tax of \$300 on saloons, thus reducing the number of saloons and defraying city expenses on the taxes collected.

### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 15, 1900

The Grand Rapids-Lowell-Saranac-Ionia electric railway, to be known as the Grand Rapids & Eastern Friction and Electric company has capital, contracts and surveys and will start construction next spring.

The rate per child of primary school money is \$2.15 this year, the highest ever paid.

The editor says that correspondents' political views were OK before elections, but not now, as the reason for argument has passed.

John Nash of Bowne Center caught a coon weighing 26 1/2 pounds.

The Prohi (Prohibition) vote has increased since the last election all over the county.

### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO NOVEMBER 12, 1925

The new home of the H.L. Weekes, at King and Jefferson, is featured on the front page.

It is almost certain that M-21 from Ionia to Lowell will be paved next year.

Col. Billy Mitchell pleads not guilty to all charges at his court-martial.

The first issue of a school paper should be out Thanksgiving week, says the student council.

### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 16, 1950

The thunder and lightning and snow of last week is a memory, and nobody has reported bringing in the first deer of the season.

Citizens are asking for a recount, with the slim 1,152-vote margin of "Soapy" Williams for governor over Harry Kelly.

The mussel-dredging industry of Michigan has largely disappeared, due to plastic buttons and scarce mussels.

Chains are still better than the new "winterized" automobile tires, says the National Highway Safety Board.

Alaska and Hawaii should be added to the union by year's end, says Jerry Ford.

### 25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE NOVEMBER 13, 1975

Art Warning, Robert Christiansen and Leo Pfaffler win the City Council seats.

Flowers have been budding and blooming with the recent above-average temperatures.

The new Ford dealer in the Lowell area, Harold Zeigler, is offering senior discounts on repairs Fridays.

The state will reimburse part of the expense of two-way school bus communications, something the transportation department has asked for many times. It will now be possible.

The issue of students smoking on Foreman Road, with the resultant traffic hazard, is still not solved.

# Lowell School District to join Durant III litigation

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell School District will be one of at least 296 Michigan district litigants in Durant III.

This continues a four-year saga between school districts and the state. The Durant III litigants claim that while the state has given the appearance of complying with its special education obligation - it has not.

It will cost the district \$3-\$4000 to be a litigant in Durant III. Litigation is currently at the court of appeals level.

## Financial Focus, cont'd.... From Page 5

**Improve your portfolio's quality** — When you make a quality swap, you move from a bond with a lower credit quality rating to one with a higher rating — or vice versa. Independent rating agencies give bonds a "grade" ranging from AAA to C, or a similar scale. These grades reflect the agency's view of the bond issuer's ability to fully repay principal and make timely interest payments. Generally, the higher rated the bond, the lower the interest rate. The difference between the rates of bonds with different credit quality

Connie Gillette, Lowell assistant superintendent of finance and personnel, said Lowell has been underfunded this year by \$800,000 in the area of special education and is projected to be underfunded by \$832,000 in 2001-02.

"While we hate to bite the hand that feeds us, it must be remembered that the state must meet its requirement to fund mandated programs," said board trustee James Reagan.

Earlier this year Durant II litigants were rewarded in a court case which found the state had underfunded special education by \$375-\$400 million.

generally narrows during good economic times and widens when the economy weakens. So, if you expected the economy to slow significantly, you might swap from lower-quality to higher-quality bonds, with only a small loss in the rate you receive.

You may want to review your bond portfolio carefully with an investment expert. If you can identify areas in which you'd like to improve, the chances are pretty good that you can do it with a swap.

As a litigant in that suit, Lowell received a one-time payment of \$595,000 and will receive payments of \$59,600 a year for 10 years.

"The recommendation to be a litigant in Durant III comes with reluctance," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said. "This issue should have been settled a long time ago. I hope logic and clear-headed thinking will prevail."

## Root-Lowell seeks tax abatement

The city of Lowell will consider Root-Lowell for a 12-year tax abatement at its Nov. 20 city council meeting.

Root-Lowell, an assembler of pressurized sprayers primarily used in commercial and lawn and garden applications, has applied for an industrial tax abatement related to the construction of a 70,000 square foot addition and related equipment.

The primary purpose for the addition is to warehouse finished goods.

The cost of improvements will be \$1,323 million in facilities and equipment. The addition will create two new positions.

Root-Lowell qualifies for the abatement under the point system adopted by the council.

# Editorials provide glimpse back to the Ledger publisher's debut a quarter century ago

**Editor's Note:** In 1975, a 25 year old with vision and conviction began his journey as the publisher of a weekly newspaper in a small rural town called Lowell. The editorials that follow document the conviction and aspiration of a young Roger Brown and the support and pride he received from another publisher he worked closely with - his father (Dwight C. Brown). Some will recall reading these editorials; others will read them now, for the first time. Priscilla Lussmyer, author of the weekly column "Ledger Entries," forwarded these recollections as a way to celebrate Brown's 25 years in the publishing business. Enjoy!

Being in business for yourself is a dream that, at one time or another, has been shared by nearly everyone. For people in the printing and publishing business, that dream must touch on owning, and being editor of a newspaper.

A weekly newspaper is something that is often taken for granted by a community. It is in your mail or on the newsstand, carrying the local news: from births to deaths, church news to crime reports, building projects to fires, and on, and on it goes. Covering this news and trying to present it in a proper manner, is a never-ending challenge to the people who are the newspaper.

My goal, as the editor, is to make this newspaper grow

and prosper. I must put together, every week, a newspaper that the readers will find informative, enjoyable and, at times, controversial. If this can be accomplished, the Ledger's circulation will grow and with every new subscriber, our advertising becomes more and more effective and therefore, more marketable. The end result is, of course, a successful newspaper. And that, folks, is what I am striving for.

You might ask why I have changed the name to *The Grand Valley Ledger*. My answer is that the communities of Ada, Alto, Cascade, Forest Hills and Saranac are all without newspaper coverage. My intention is to cover the news of these communities, as well as Lowell's.

Therefore, I felt that the name *Lowell Ledger* was too restrictive, when considering the large area to be covered.

With all of this in mind, I would like to urge you to phone or drop by the Ledger office with anything newsworthy. We want to cover the news - the single most important ingredient in a successful newspaper.

I am looking forward to meeting as many people as possible and becoming as active in these communities as my time will allow.

Roger Brown  
Editor,  
Grand Valley Ledger

## Guest Editorial By Dwight C. Brown

This week my son pursues the *American Dream* as he becomes your editor and publisher. As I observe him in the throes of this, his first edition, my thoughts revert to the day seventeen years ago when I assumed my first challenge as a weekly newspaper publisher. It is with this in mind that I salute this young man who has taken the helm with firm convictions that he

can produce the best newspaper that area has ever known. Time will prove him right or wrong, but thank God for the spirit of youth, without which there would be no progress at all.

There was a time when weekly newspapers were a thriving cog of nearly every community, but times have changed. With the advent of television, we all are aware of world and national news almost as fast as it happens. In this age we flit from city to city at expressway speed and consequently, small town loyalty is not what it once was. First, to notice the change of trend was the local merchant who began losing business to his big city counterparts. This, in turn reflected upon the community weekly newspaper through a decline in advertising revenue that allowed the paper to exist.

Gathering, writing and printing news is an expensive proposition and your newspaper derives absolutely no revenue from it. The news is printed because the advertiser pays for it. And, without the advertiser, there can be no newspaper.

We all know that the course of history of the world, nations, states and yes, even communities such as ours, have been changed by the printed word. So, it goes without saying that a community without a voice soon will begin to recede into oblivion. If you have ever lived in a community without a newspaper, then you know whereof I speak.

In summation, let me say that I sincerely hope that the merchants and people of this area will indeed see fit to support this young man in this, his greatest endeavor. As his

father, I know him to be ambitious and aggressive, and I believe you will like him and the things he does.

When William Allen White became editor of the *Emporia, Kansas, "Gazette,"* a friend of his father's challenged him by saying, "Will, if you will run this newspaper in such a way that you cannot possibly become elected to public office, then you can honestly say you are running a good newspaper." William Allen White went on to become America's most famous editor, and this bit of advice given to him certainly holds true today.

To you, son, let me say: Be fair, honest and factual, and the success of the future is bound to be yours.

Good luck,  
Your Dad

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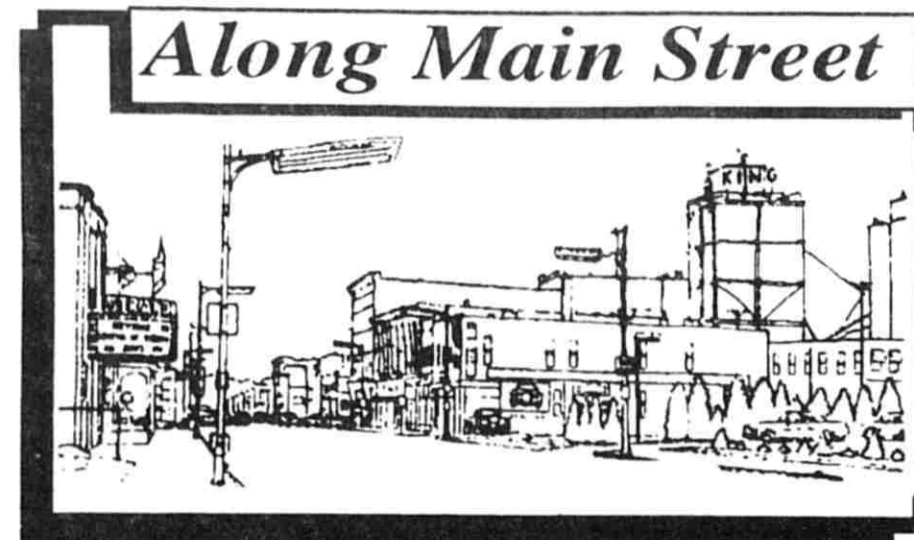
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**SYNOPSIS  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
VERGENNES  
TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**OCTOBER 16, 2000 - 7:00 P.M.**

Motions Approved:

- Minutes of September 18, 2000 Regular meeting
- Treasurer's Report/Invoices
- Motion to adopt Ordinance 2000-4, regarding manufactured home developments
- Motion to accept agreement with Aquatic Services to perform survey and produce 2001 gypsy moth spray block map
- Motion to Approve Inclusion of Sparta Township in Kent County Fire Commission
- Motion to hire Williams and Works to produce computerized zoning map and overlays
- Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled meeting November 20, 2000

Mari C. Stone,  
Vergennes Township Clerk

**CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL**

The annual Christmas through Lowell will be held on Nov. 17, 9 am to 9 pm; Nov. 18, 9 am to 7 pm; and Nov. 19, 11 am to 5 pm; 23 homes and six businesses. Fliers/maps are available at Michael's Farm Market, Cousin's Hallmark, Dream Pieces, Shorebird Gallery & Gifts, Touch of Country, Rupert's Drop and State Farm Insurance.

**CARRIAGE RIDES**

Free carriage rides given at King Milling parking lot, Nov. 17 from 6 to 9 p.m.; Nov. 18 and 19 from 4 to 7 p.m. Gratuities are welcome.

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT/BAKE SALE**

The First United Methodist Church will hold a craft sale with 30 crafters on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 621 E. Main in conjunction with the Christmas Through Lowell event. There will be a sandwich, soup and dessert luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

There will also be a bake sale. If you are interested in providing baked goods, they may be dropped off in the church office on Friday morning or Saturday at the baked goods table next to Fellowship Hall.

**KENT DISTRICT LIBRARIES  
CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING**

Englehardt and Alto libraries are among the 18 branches to be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving and on Friday, Nov. 24. All branches will open again on Saturday, Nov. 25 and resume regular open hours.

**FREE PRE-SCHOOL OFFERED**

The Child Psychology class will be conducting a free short-term preschool beginning Tuesday, Nov. 28 and running through Dec. 20. This will be held at the high school on an every other day basis from 9:50 - 11:20 a.m.

For more information or to register, call Marsha LaHaye at 897-4125 ext. 435.

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PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, November 20, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, Michigan. The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following:

- Root-Lowell Manufacturing (applicant) has petitioned for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (P.A. 198) on real and personal property (located at 1000 Foreman) parcel 41-20-03-276-007. The applicant qualifies for twelve years of abatement for improvements of \$1,323,708 in facilities and machinery.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street or appear in person at the Englehardt Public Library.

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**WATER-PAINTING WORKSHOP AT LAAC**

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**WANTED: CHRISTMAS PARADE ENTRIES**

The annual Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2. The theme is Showboating Lowell. Call Liz at the Chamber for an application for entry, 897-9161. Prizes awarded to the best entries. Deadline is Nov. 27.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST**

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**WATCH FOR LOWELL AREA FIRE  
DEPT. BLOOD DRIVE**

The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood Program on Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 3-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

**Blue Nile Expedition in December's  
National Geographic**

The Blue Nile Expedition, in which Lowell's Kate Dermocoeur took part, will be featured in the December issue of the National Geographic magazine.

The National Geographic Television Explorer Photographer Profile on the Nile Expedition will air Sunday, Dec. 24 at 8 p.m. on CNBC.

**SOCIAL WORK - RESIDENT ADVOCATE**

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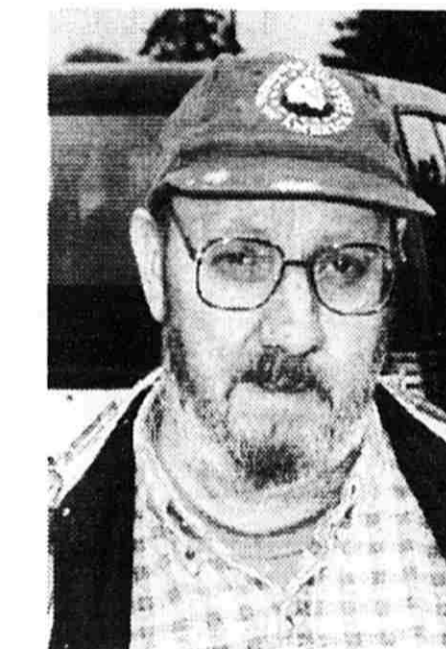
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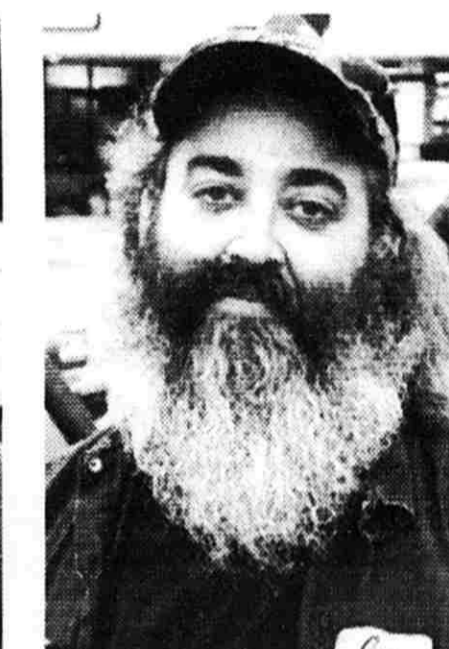
**With the verdict from the presidential election still in the balance, do you think it's reached the stage of a Constitutional Crisis? If not, when will it?**



**Jerry Hibbard**  
*I don't think there is any crisis - just a mix up in votes. It will get resolved without any crisis.*



**Mike Brindle**  
*No, there's no crisis and we won't reach one. The laws will be observed.*



**David Kornoelje**  
*No and I don't think we will reach a crisis. I do think the electoral college should be representative of the Congressional Districts and not the state.*



**Nancy Altoft**  
*This whole thing is absurd. It's all going to work itself out. I do think this will bring about a change in the way we do things.*



**Trish Robinson**  
*No! There will only be a crisis if we make it or allow there to be one. Governor George Bush is the only person who thinks there is a crisis.*

**Richard Lansing**

*No. I don't think there will be a Constitutional Crisis. The process will work itself out and there will be a victor.*

**Doria Bannen**  
*No. I really don't think it matters when they decide.*

**Gail Parker**  
*My life is not in a crisis. Our Constitution will guide them and prevent any crisis.*



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**COMING EVENTS**

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**EVERY MON.:** Boy Scout Troop 10210, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th-grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For info call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

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

**EVERY SUN.:** Misner House and Fallasburg Schoolhouse museums open from 2-6 p.m. in Fallasburg Historic Village, across the Covered Bridge from Fallasburg Park.

**SECOND SUN. EACH MONTH:** 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all residents. Interested persons meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

**FIRST MON.:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at the high school during lunch periods in the cafeteria for updates on coming events and information.

**SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH:** Fallasburg Historical Society holds its monthly board meeting in the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m. Public invited.

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

**SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH:** The Bowne Township Historical Society holds its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

**MON. OR TUES.:** Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, in Alto or in Lowell. Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more information.

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

**EVERY 1ST MON.:** V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, 7:30 p.m.

**EVERY WED.:** Pioneer Clubs 6:30 - 8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church, 10501 Settlewood Dr. Children ages 4 thru 7th grade. Call 897-5894 for details.

**WED.:** 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement.

**EVERY WED.:** Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

**FIRST WED. EACH MONTH:** Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 for information.

**EVERY SECOND WED.:** G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at 12 p.m. in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

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

**EVERY WED.:** Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. (at 36th St.) No fees, no dues, no weigh-ins.

**EVERY THURS.:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333, Saranac, meets at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

**THURS.:** Weight Watchers meets at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 7 p.m. Registration is 1/2 hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

**EVERY 3RD TUES.:** Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. For info, call Linda at 874-5662. For teen group info., call Sarah 281-6588.

**EVERY 1ST TUES.:** Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

**EVERY OTHER WED.:** 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club at Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Girls ages 8-13 welcome. Call 897-8694.

**FIRST AND THIRD THURS.:** The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

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

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

**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Please call 752-7524 for more information.

**SECOND THURS. OF EVERY MONTH:** The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

**THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN.:** Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley open 1 to 4 p.m.

**ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS:** Mon. & Wed., 1-8 p.m.; Tues. & Fri., 1-5 p.m.; Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:** Business meeting held third Mon. of each month at 8 p.m.

**LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL:** Open Tues., Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs., noon - 7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

**FRI., NOV. 17:** LMS Student Harvest Festival, Wittenbach Center, Vergennes Rd., 7-9 p.m.; bonfire, hayrides, food. Adult supervision. Cancelled if inclement weather. Call 897-8786 for info.

**NOV. 17, 18, 19:** Christmas Through Lowell; 23 homes and 6 businesses. Fliers/maps at Michael's Farm Market, Cousin's, Dream Pieces, Shorebird Gallery, Touch of Country, Rupert's Drop & State Farm Ins.

**NOV. 17, 18, 19:** Carriage rides at King Milling parking lot. Gratuities welcome.

**SAT., NOV. 18:** Advent Wreath Workshop at Franciscan Life Process Center, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$5 per person/ \$25 per family. Contact 897-7842 for more info.

**SAT., NOV. 18:** Annual Holiday Craft Sale at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main. 9-3 p.m. 30 crafters. Sandwich, soup & dessert luncheon from 11 to 1:30 p.m.

**WED., DEC. 13:** Lowell Area Fire Dept. blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program, 3-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

**SAT., NOV. 18:** Bake sale at First United Methodist Church, Lowell, from 9-3 p.m. along with the craft sale. If you are interested in donating baked goods, they may be dropped off at the church office or the morning of the sale at the baked goods table next to Fellowship Hall.

**SAT., NOV. 18:** Roast beef dinner, 5-7 p.m., at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, Alden Nash/84th St. Adults \$7; children 6-12, \$3; under 6, free.

**THURS. - SAT., NOV. 24-26:** Historic Bownes Mills, fresh cut Christmas trees, family horse-drawn rides, photos w/Santa. No admission charge. Call 616-795-7530.

**THURS., NOV. 30:** Judging Christmas lights at area homes and businesses. Call Liz at the Chamber 897-9161 for info.

**SAT., DEC. 2:** Alto Girl Scouts collecting Toys for Tots at Lowell Christmas Parade.

**SAT., DEC. 9:** Retreat for single young adults at Franciscan Life Process Center, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. RSVP by Nov. 18 to Sister Mary Margaret Delaski at 897-7842.

**WED., DEC. 13:** Lowell Area Fire Dept. blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program, 3-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

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**MON.:** 8:30 a.m., Walking, Woodland Mall. **THURS.:** 9 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

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

**WED.:** 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

**Special Events**

**WED., NOV. 15:** 10 a.m. Advisory Council. **TUES., NOV. 21:** 12:40 Shopping at Sam's Club.

**WED., NOV. 15:** Noon Movie. **THURS., NOV. 23 & FRI., NOV. 24:** Center closed for Thanksgiving.

**WED., NOV. 15:** Noon, Thanksgiving Dinner, Order by Nov. 9. **MON., NOV. 27:** 12:40 Christmas shopping at Hobby Lobby.

**THURS., NOV. 16:** Noon, dance, West Side Complex. **WED., NOV. 29:** 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast.

**FRI., NOV. 17:** 10:30 Advisory Council Orientation meeting at Sparta.

*(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)*

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# Lowell Police Department to upgrade computer system

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Advances in technology have made it necessary to upgrade the Lowell Police Department computer system.

The conversion from AS/400 to LAN Communication will cost \$3,202,04.

The update will enable the department to:

- Separate to a single dedicated telephone line rather than a shared line with Cedar Springs;
- Plan for future technical advances such as accessing digital photos from the Kent County jail or Secretary of State;
- Electronically register guns on line;
- Network other PCs in the office, allowing multiple access to records from within the office.

"When we upgraded to the 56k digital line, we entered a five-year contract with Ameritech for this line. In doing so, we received the best monthly rate; in addition, installation charges were waived," Lowell police chief, Jim Valentine explained. "As part of the current request, we are asking to extend the existing contract for another five years, thus receiving the best monthly rate and waiver of installation charges."

The Lowell Police Department records management system is part of a shared computer network, which has been in

place since 1988. The network is a cooperative effort of the following departments: Kent County Sheriff, Kentwood Police Department (PD), East Grand Rapids PD, Cedar Springs PD and Grandville PD.

Originally, the Lowell department consisted of one IBM PC with emulation software accessing the AS/400 via DOS environment. Since then, the department has added a second

PC, the maximum it can have on the system with the modem set up.

The dedicated telephone line consisted of a 9600-baud analog line. Two-and-a-half years ago, the department upgraded to a windows environment, improving its dedicated lines.

## City reaches agreement with Century Cellunet

The city of Lowell approved a communication site lease agreement with Century Cellunet.

The five-year term comes with the right to extend it for one five-year period.

Also included in the lease agreement are a rent fee of \$1,500 per month with a three percent increase per year payable to Lowell Cable Television; and a one time sum of \$3,000 to reimburse the city for reasonable administrative, professional costs and expenses.

Approval for the telecommunication antenna on the cable television tower downtown was conditioned upon acceptance of the airport board's recommendation to install a strobe light (white at day and red at night) and not exceed a height of 183 feet; construct a seven foot high wall around the enclosure in place of a chain link fence and ensure another carrier will collocate at the site.

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## COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 598 people are on the official list of those who received degrees from Western Michigan University in August at the end of the summer session of the 1999-2000 school year.

Students from this area include **Renee Patricia Brogger**, MA, Teaching in the Elementary School; **Betsy Renee Elzinga**, BS, Elementary Group Minors; **Denise Michelle Southland**, MA, Reading; and **Jennifer Lynn Taratuta**, MA, Early Childhood Ed., all of Lowell; and **Bradley Kent Warren**, MA, Educational Leadership, of Alto.

Kansas State University is awarding \$6 million in scholarships to more than 4,000 students for the 2000-2001 school year.

Students from the Lowell area include **Aaron John Plattner**, \$1,500 Perdita Bell Memorial Scholarship and \$1,000 Rose Straka Fowler and William M. Fowler Fund for Home Economics; and **Brett William Plattner**, \$700 June D. Hull Sherrid Cancer Center Scholarship and Education Fund.

The scholarships are made possible through donations and gifts to the KSU Foundation.

Parents of these students are Howard and Kristin Plattner of Lowell.

**Shannon Finnegan**, a sophomore at Alma College majoring in Communications, has been awarded a \$100 Slaymaker-Kinsey Academic Achievement Award from the Alpha Xi Delta Foundation.

Finnegan is a member of the Zeta Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta Women's Fraternity at Alma. The award recognizes her achievement of the highest cumulative GPA in the chapter at the beginning of the 2000-2001 academic year.

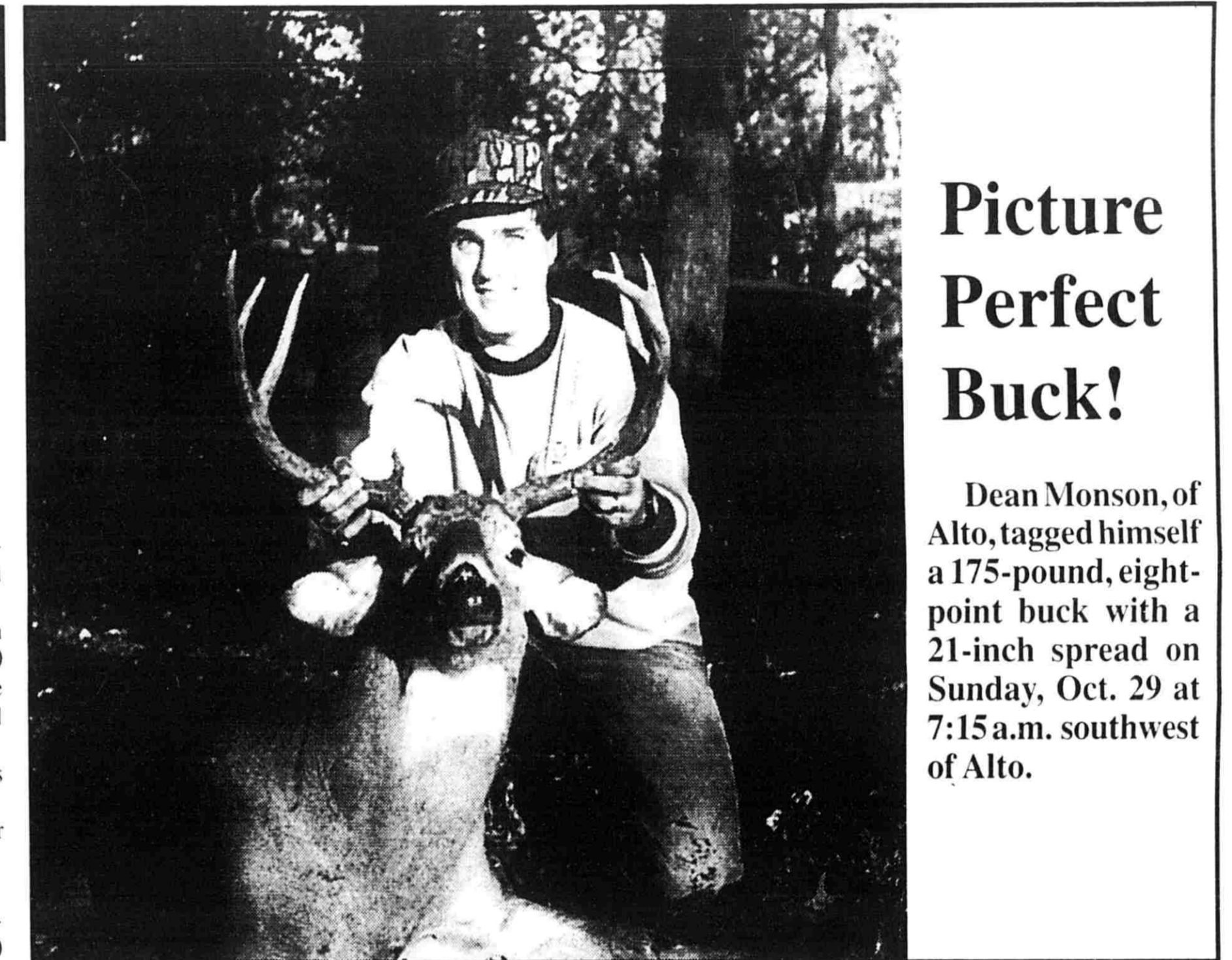
Finnegan has received several academic honors including the 2000 Presidential Cup Award and the Trustees Scholarship. She is a 1999 graduate of Lowell High School and the daughter of Nancy Finnegan of Lowell.

## Perry inducted into Alma's Golden Thistle

Bob Perry, Lowell resident and longtime teacher at Lowell High School, was inducted into Alma College's Order of the Golden Thistle during Alma's October 14 Homecoming festivities. The Order of the Golden Thistle honors Alma alumni who return for their 50th class reunions.

Alma's Scottish heritage is represented by the thistle, Scotland's national flower. The thistle is celebrated because of its role in the defense of Scotland in the eighth century. According to legend, Viking warriors, hoping to launch a surprise attack on the Scots, crept up on them in the middle of the night. When a Viking ran barefoot into the prickles of a bull thistle, his surprised cry awakened the Scottish soldiers in time to defend their country.

Thirty-four members of the class of 1950 attended this year's Homecoming celebration.



## Picture Perfect Buck!

Dean Monson, of Alto, tagged himself a 175-pound, eight-point buck with a 21-inch spread on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 7:15 a.m. southwest of Alto.

## Thayer earns MIAA honors

T.J. Thayer, a sophomore at Kalamazoo College from Lowell, was named MIAA Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance in the Hornets' 24-10 victory at Adrian College this past Saturday.

Thayer returned three kickoffs 124 yards including a long of 50 yards. He also returned a punt 18 yards and had two receptions totaling eight yards.

For the season, Thayer leads the Hornets with 25.1 yards per kick return. He also led the MIAA with 23.6 yards per kick return in league games. He also led the Hornets in receptions (53) and receiving yards (551). His 53 receptions rank fourth in school history.

Kalamazoo finished the 2000 season with an overall record of 5-4, its best finish since 1993.

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# Powers uses second half rally to charge past Lowell

••• The Red Arrows' run at a state title dies in Flint. An early 14-0 lead evaporated as Flint Powers scored 24 unanswered points to win the Division 3 regional.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Both coaches agreed no specific play determined the outcome in the Division 3 Regional football championship in Flint on Saturday.

Lowell had a series of big plays early, but Flint Powers' series of big plays late proved to be the difference as the Chargers put an end to Lowell's perfect season with a come-from-behind 24-14 win, advancing them to the state semifinal against East Lansing.

"I think it was a series of things which took place," said Charger coach Jack Pratt. "Lowell's defense forced us to do some things differently and time after time our boys rose to the occasion."

Flint Powers Catholic's vaunted running attack was held to 106 yards, while it passed for just 45 yards.

The opportunistic Chargers, however, turned an interception, fumble and a blocked punt into 21 points.

The latter came with 4:01

to play in the contest. On fourth down and 18 from the Flint 40, the Red Arrows attempted to pin the Chargers deep inside their own 20 with a punt.

Instead the Chargers' Joe Leoni blocked the Nate Borth punt attempt and when all the dust had settled, Flint Powers had advanced the ball all the way down to the Lowell eight yard line.

Three Justin Barcey rushing plays later and the Chargers had their first lead of the day at 21-14.

The junior tailback finished with 56 yards rushing. His 40 yard field goal with 46 seconds to play covered more ground than Barcey did on his 21 carries.

Flint tied the game at 14-14 late in the third quarter. Following a Lowell fumble, Barcey ran the ball four consecutive times covering 19 yards; the last carry was a two-yard touchdown run.

The Red Arrows opened the scoring early in the second quarter on a 42-yard

touchdown pass to Mark Catlin. The sophomore caught a seven-yard-out pass, then used some nifty foot work and a straight arm to zip past his defender and down the Lowell sideline.

On Lowell's next possession, Josh Brown connected with Travis DeVoid on a screen pass which covered 37 yards for a touchdown and a 14-0 Lowell advantage.

"The Red Arrows were driving for their third score of the first half when it was halted by an interception at the Flint 20 by Kevin Minor.

"We're up two scores and driving for a third right before the half," Lowell coach Noel Dean recalled afterwards. "They get that interception and then drive down and score a touchdown before the half ends. Instead of us being up 17 zip or 21 zip, they are only down seven."

Flint's second quarter touchdown came on an eight-yard pass from Tim Herman

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Above, the Red Arrow defense smothers Flint Powers' tailback Justin Barcey. The Charger back was held to 56 yards rushing, however, he scored three touchdowns and kicked a 40-yard field goal. Tim Herman, left, Charger quarterback, is hit from behind in the first half by Lowell's Ken Palowski.

# Lowell girls earn share of O-K White conference title with wins over Zeeland and Hudsonville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Both Lowell and Zeeland clinched shares of the O-K White Conference girls basketball title Thursday night.

Lowell defeated Hudsonville (1-18) 54-28 while the Chix upended Forest Hills Northern 57-52.

"We're very excited to get to the top of the league. Winning the conference was a goal we set at the beginning of the year along with getting more than 15 wins.

The "must win final game" scenario for both schools was set up earlier in the week when Lowell defeated the Chix 54-44.

Zeeland's pressure man-to-man defense pulled the Chix close. Lowell's clutch perimeter shooting pushed them back.

In a battle with OK White Conference championship overtones, Lowell's push was mightier than Zeeland's pull.

"When we got close and

had an opportunity to make the big play, we didn't do it," said Zeeland girls basketball coach Bob Riley. "To Lowell's credit, they made a number of big perimeter shots."

The loss was only Zeeland's second in the OK White this season. Both teams finished the year with identical 12-2 records in conference play. The Chix' only two league losses came at the hands of the Red Arrows. "I'm sure their height has something to do with that," Riley said. "We just don't match up well with it."

Lowell's only two losses were two, one-point defeats dealt by East Hills Central.

The Pioneers finished second with a record of 10-3; two of those losses came at the hands of the Chix and a third was to Forest Hills Central.

Lowell led 24-18 with less than 10 seconds to play in the first half. Red Arrow forward Leslie Crowley pulled up and drained a 30-footer as the final

seconds ticked off the clock and gave Lowell a 27-18 lead at halftime.

The Red Arrows led 36-32 in the final minute of play in the third quarter when Lauren Vashaw netted a three-point shot from the wing in front of the Lowell bench, giving the Red Arrows a 39-32 third quarter advantage.

Lowell led 41-35 with seven minutes to go in the fourth quarter when Vashaw stepped up and dropped her second three pointer of the night.

Red Arrow coach Dee Crowley didn't want to talk about big shots; instead defense was on her mind.

"Our defense won the game. Zeeland has scored 60-plus points per game most of the season and we held them to 44 tonight and 38 points in our first meeting," Crowley explained. "Defense covers up for mistakes."

Lowell committed a number of mistakes against Zeeland's pressure defense. The Red Arrows were forced into 26 turnovers.

"We kind of got into the turnover mode in the third quarter. We didn't handle the ball well for a stretch there," Crowley explained.

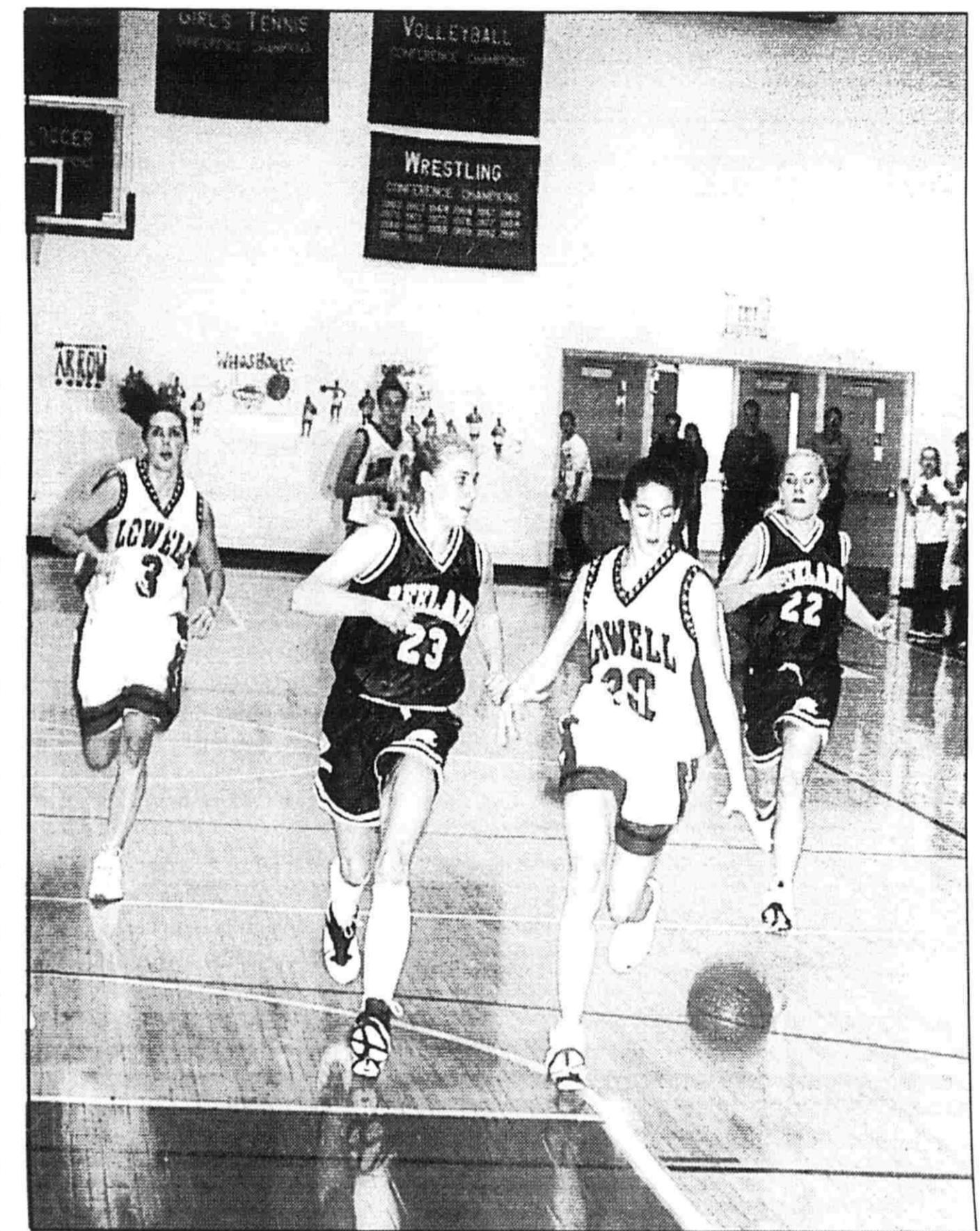
As for her club's perimeter shooting, Crowley said her girls have the okay to shoot if they are open.

"We do a ton of shooting drills in practice. We have a number of good shooters," Crowley said.

Sophomore Crowley led all Red Arrow scorers with 19. Vashaw and Amanda Stoutjesdyk each tallied 10 points apiece.

Kristi Schipper led Zeeland with 15 points. Julia Verplank contributed with nine points.

In its win over Hudsonville, Lowell blew



Becky Bosserd (#20) breaks to the hoop in action against Zeeland. Lowell won the pivotal league game 54-44.

the game open in the third quarter, outscoring the Eagles 16-3.

The Red Arrows, despite leading 28-15 at halftime, caught the wrath of their coach

Dee Crowley. "I just felt we should have been up by a bigger margin," she explained.

Lowell was led in scoring by Leslie Crowley with 14

points. Becky Bosserd netted 10 and Lauren Vashaw and Amanda Stoutjesdyk both contributed with nine points.



Amanda Stoutjesdyk puts up a short jumper in traffic.

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Barcey. The Chargers' 80-yard scoring drive was fueled by 32 yards in Lowell penalties.

"What the boys must remember is that 11 wins preceded this loss. That sum total is a pretty good one," Dean said.

Lowell finished with 126 yards rushing and Brown was 9-of-20 for 172 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions.

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# Red Arrow Roundup

Lowell's freshman girls basketball team ended its season on a winning note, defeating Hudsonville 26-20.

Larinda Marker led the way with 10 points followed by Heather McQueen with six and Amanda Grochowalski with five points.

Earlier in the week, the Red Arrows lost to Zeeland 41-30. Lowell was led by the hot shooting of McQueen who tallied 16 points, including two 3's (one of which came from mid court).

Grochowalski and Marker both contributed with four and three points respectively.

Katie Capps, Renee Catlin and Sara Vuong all added two points apiece.

The freshman squad finished the season with an overall record of 8-11.

**Editors Note:** The tail end of the cross country story was omitted in the 11-8-00 edition of the Lowell Ledger. Below is the entire story.

The Lowell girls cross country team capped off its successful 2000 season with a 16th place finish in the Division II state finals at the Michigan International Speedway on Saturday.

"The girls ran a good race in a very competitive field," said Lowell cross country coach Clay VanderWarf. "The girls had a great year - winning the OK White conference title for the first time; placing third at the regional and now 16th in the state meet."

The Red Arrows placed 18th in 1999.

Sarah Swab was first to finish for Lowell. The Red Arrow was 49th in a time of 20:09. Teammate Lisa Wojciakowski came home in 20:14 placing 53rd. She was followed by Holly Plattner, 60th, 20:19; Molly Kirsch, 84th, 20:39 and Abby Vos, 88th, 20:43.5.

Middleville won the Division II state title with 170 points; Lowell with 334.

Rockford's girls won their third straight Division I state title. The Rams' boys team celebrated their first state title. Rockford's Dathan Ritzhenhein broke the course record with his amazing time of 14:10.

VanderWarf was flabbergasted. "I don't know how he does it. His closest competitor was 55 seconds behind him. The times boys are running today are so much better than when I ran. We were running in the mid-to-low 16s and high 15s." VanderWarf ran in the early 90's for Lowell.

Rochester Adams' Katie Boyles won her fourth consecutive state individual title, coming home in 17:17.6.

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- Inspect your insulation. If necessary, add extra insulation to attics, basements and crawl spaces.
- Pamper your pipes. Make sure your water pipes are adequately protected from the cold. If you wish to install "heat tape" on your pipes, hire a professional. Improperly installed heat tape can cause fires. Do not attempt to thaw pipes using an open flame; hairdryers have been known to do a great job.
- Stay warm and safe. Only as a last resort, use alternate heat sources. Kerosene, propane and electric heaters are a frequent cause of home fires. When using, always follow manufacturer's guidelines and never leave unattended. Keep heaters away from curtains, corners and walls. Keep electrical cords off carpeting. Refuel kerosene heaters outdoors and use only kerosene recommended by manufacturers.
- Gas ovens should never be used as an alternate heat source.
- Clean your chimney and have your furnace inspected annually. These services can each range between \$50-\$100, but could prevent your house from burning down. Change your furnace filter every month to 45 days.
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- If planning to purchase a wood-burning stove, have it installed by a professional, meeting all codes and manufacturer installation guidelines. Use a humidifier to add moisture to the dry winter air.
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Stewart, youth services specialist at Grand Rapids Public Library, will lead the workshop.

For more information, call the Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe, at 897-9596.

1. Coopersville (12-0) - The Broncos make good on a two-point conversion in a 22-21 overtime win against Three Rivers.
2. Hudsonville (11-1) - The Eagles continue to excel in post-season play with a 21-14 win over Northville.
3. Lowell (11-1) - The Red Arrows were unable to protect the momentum that came with a 14-0 lead in their 24-14 loss to Flint Powers.
4. Rockford (9-3) - A Grand Ledger field goal as time runs out ends the Ram season 30-27.
5. Creston (9-2) - City League champions.
6. Cedar Springs (11-1) - The Red Hawks' remarkable season continues with 27-22 upset win over Kingsford.
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8. South Christian (10-1) - O-K Gold champions.
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<p><b>1</b>  <b>OUR SECRET GARDEN</b>                  Come visit the cabin in the woods. Love and Time of                  10620 Ware Road 897-6862                  Wreathes, Florals, and Gifts                  (Formerly 1028 N. Hudson)</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>Over the River and Through the Woods</b>                  Tree skirts, table runners, ornaments &amp; gift tags                  10462 Ware Rd.                  897-0397                  4.2 miles from the Hudson St. traffic light</p>	<p><b>Rose's Wood Crafts</b>                  Rose &amp; Robert Bonga                  Closed Sunday                  11350 Cascade Road                  Lowell - (616) 897-9338                  e-mail: <a href="mailto:bbonga@iserv.net">bbonga@iserv.net</a></p>	<p><b>COUNTRY CALICOES</b>                  by Connie Kennedy                  "SWEATSHIRTS &amp; MORE"                  Applique - Machine Embroidery - Monograms                  Sizes: Medium to 2X                  "My design or yours"                  3980 Alden Nash SE                  Lowell, M. 49331                  Phone: (616) 897-6806</p>	<p><b>"Something for Everyone"</b>                  creations by Brooke, Jo Ann and friends                  Fall/Thanksgiving/Christmas gifts and decorations, rubber stamps / gift packs, pillows, vests, dog beds, jewelry, designer barrels, wood items, gift bags, shadow boxes... too much to list!                  Quality crafts at affordable prices  <b>3776 Segwun</b></p>
<p><b>Porcelain Treasures</b>                  Dolls-Ornaments-Candle Holders-Small Nativities-Angels and more!                  Handcrafted by Melissa and Cindy                  3081 Alden Nash SE                  (616) 897-8713</p>	<p><b>Sister &amp; Me</b>                  Gourd items: Birdhouses, Reindeer, Snowmen, Angels                  Christmas, Snowmen, Decorations, Ornaments and MORE                  810 Bowes Road                  Madelyn Pfaller 897-7579                  Bonnie Brunsink 897-5384</p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>Crafts by Collins</b>                  Shaker &amp; Country Style Furniture and other wood crafts                  213 Maple Street                  Featuring Seasonal Treasures and Sunny Lane Farm Dressing.                  Closed Sunday                  897-0064 Bill Collins</p>	<p><b>9</b> <b>The Lowell Area Arts Council</b>                  A variety of artful gifts for everyone on your list!                  149 S. Hudson                  897-8545</p>	<p><b>"ALL IN THE FAMILY"</b>                  Come visit our home with lots of hand crafted items to choose from...                  11756 Bluewater Hwy.                  (616) 897-1725</p>
<p><b>6</b> <b>HOMESPUN HOLIDAY</b>                  Primitives, Painted Country Furniture, Unique Handcrafted Folkart, Antiques and many great gift ideas.                  Karrie Scudder and Karin Jelsma 897-6374                  820 N. Jefferson Closed Sunday</p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>Pen and Ink Origami</b>                  Marla Mesler                  426 Avery                  897-6428                  Pen and Ink pictures Bird houses, Santas, Baby Blankets, Angels, Snowmen, Ornaments                  Lots and lots of Goodies!</p>	<p><b>DOWN HOME CRAFTS</b>                  292 Donna Dr.                  • Hand crafted Oak &amp; Walnut items                  • Hand painted items                  • Crocheting &amp; knitting                  • Miscellaneous crafts                  Closed Sunday                  13315 Beckwith Drive</p>	<p><b>14</b> <b>"FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS"</b>                  249 Roberta Jayne                  897-5653 897-0026                  American Girl Clothes Wood Crafts                  Eucalyptus Wreaths Six Crafters</p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>Corner Crafts</b>                  Quality handmade gifts &amp; accessories - santas, angels, ornaments, shelves &amp; wreaths                  423 Suffolk - 897-8829                  7 blocks North of the Hudson St. traffic light                  Jody Haybarker &amp; Morna Ford</p>
<p><b>16</b> <b>Crafts by Chris</b>                  All hand made crafts including doilies, bears, geese, clothes, hats, mittens, pinecone trees, and much more                  Chris • Grandma • Chris                  928 Riverside Drive                  897-9347</p>	<p><b>17</b> <b>River Bluff Creations</b>                  Cher Stokes &amp; Gladys Fletcher                  164 Foley's Grade                  897-6100                  Dried, freeze dried, and silk wreaths, dried herb wreaths, floral arrangements, jewelry boards, and quilting items</p>	<p><b>The Honey Farm</b>                  Watch candles being made! Purchase your own supplies!                  897-9404                  • 100% Beeswax Candles                  • Scented Candles                  • Aromatherapy Candles                  • Hand Crafted Bulk PotPourri</p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>JOE KNAUF</b>                  1950 Parnell NE at 2 Mile                  Quality Handcrafted Wood Products                  Christmas Reindeer and other yard ornaments                  897-8852</p>	<p><b>Rustic Yule</b>                  Nature's Christmas... Naturally.                  Decorative baskets beautifully arranged with the gifts of winter and the holiday season.                  And many other Christmas delights.                  "Yule" be amazed!                  11105 Vergennes                  897-2120</p>
<p><b>21</b> <b>Joy's Angels</b>                  All proceeds donated to the American Cancer Society to help win the battle to cure cancer                  Needle Arts - Woodworking                  Candles - Nature Crafts - Gifts                  Decorations - Angels - Snowmen                  11579 Foreman</p>	<p><b>22</b> <b>A Wee Bit of Christmas</b>                  • Lots of Carolers • Wooden painted Santas                  • Travel pillows • Cookie jars • Ornaments                  Jan and Alissa Bosscher                  897-6215 Closed Sunday                  11615 Foreman</p>	<p><b>23</b> <b>Precious Past Times Handmade Treasures</b>                  Cottage charm abounds in our selection of unique Christmas ornaments, gifts, and decor.                  Visit us to choose from a variety of angels. We have a large selection of hand painted and stained glass ornaments, wood crafts, glass trees, grapevine swags and roping. So many unique hand painted items, it is hard to mention them all. This stop is worth your TIME!                  11174 Woodbushe                  897-7691</p>	<p><b>24</b> <b>Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.</b>                  250 Atlas - Free while supplies last</p>	<p><b>Rupert's Drop</b>                  for the artful pursuer of cultures.                  Art, books, music, beads, crystals, tuot carts                  214 E Main Street                  Lowell, MI 49331                  (616) 897-3081</p>
<p><b>Michael's Farm Market</b>                  Wreaths Crafts Bird Feeders and Seed Specialty Jellies &amp; Jams Sweatshirts Baskets &amp; More                  Poinsettias Produce Boyds Bears Bulk Candy Candles &amp; Holders Cinnamon Brooms                  Corner of Hudson and Main                  Randy &amp; Brenda Crawford                  897-2156</p>	<p><b>Hallmark Cousins'</b>                  223 W. Main Street                  Lowell, MI 897-5000                  Mulling Spices, Ty Plush                  Woolrich, Yankee Candles, Boyds Bears                  Check out our new addition - River Hollow - Casual &amp; Rustic Decor                  Free Tea and a Treat!</p>	<p><b>Dream Pieces</b>                  Special Furnishings and Accessories                  Home or Office                  219 West Main Street                  897-4311                  In Historic Downtown Lowell</p>	<p><b>THE SHOREBIRD GALLERY &amp; GIFTS</b>                  M.T. &amp; C.L. Stahl Proprietors                  215 W. Main • Lowell, MI 49331 • (616) 897-1197</p>	<p><b>Touch of Country</b>                  96 W. Main Street                  Lowell, MI 897-0329                  Oak plant stands • Oak shelves                  Ornaments • Lace • Floral                  Welcome signs w/ post</p>