

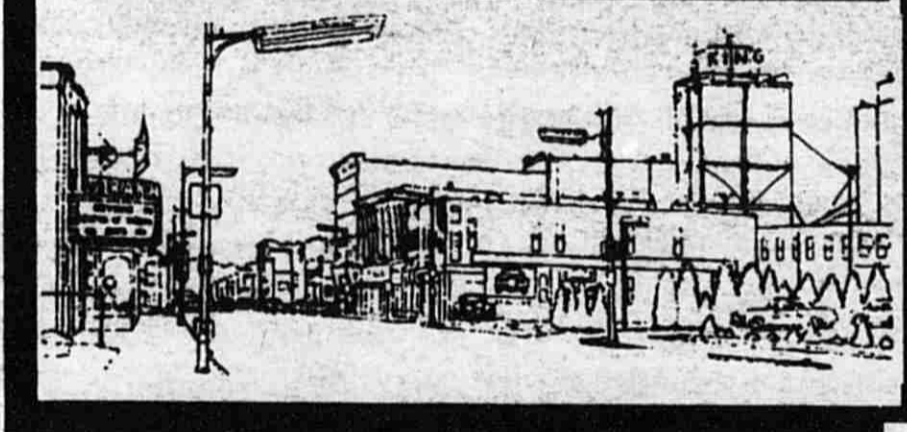
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Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Along Main Street



SPIRIT STORE HOURS AT LHS

The store will be open from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Monday thru Friday; also during the boys basketball games on Dec. 8 and Dec. 12 (4-9 p.m.)

For other hours, contact Mrs. Beachler at the high school. Check out the Spirit Store's NEW web page at HYPERLINK <http://www.lowell.k12.mi.us>. click on Spirit Store!

LHS AND LMS BAND CONCERTS

The Lowell High School holiday band concert under the direction of Robert Rice and Kathryn Bredwell will be Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Included in the performance will be all three concert bands. Preceding the concert at 6:40 p.m., the Jazz Band will entertain while the concertgoers are arriving. The Lowell Middle School band concert, under the direction of Dale Latva and Kathryn Bredwell, will be Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. in the middle school gym. The public is welcome to attend both concerts.

FOOTBALL AWARDS NIGHT

The Lowell football (JV and Varsity) awards night will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. in the high school Performing Arts Center saluting the OK White conference and district 3 champions. A dessert reception will follow and the community is invited to attend the celebration.

LEOTARD SALE

Gymnastics/Dance leotards from Foxy's Fitness Fashions priced at \$6, \$8 and \$10. Sizes from child's 4/5 to adult large. Two days only: Saturday, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16 (10 a.m. to noon) at Runciman gym, 300 High Street.

SADD FOOD DRIVE

A food drive, sponsored by Lowell SADD, will take place Sat., Dec. 9 from noon - 4 p.m. Students will go door to door to collect. Besides food, items needed include new or gently

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Wittenbach Center to offer community garden in the spring

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Support from the Wittenbach Center and the Lots of Growth program through the MSU Extension office may provide the elderly and the handicapped with its own community garden come spring.

Raquel Clark's quest to gain funding for a community garden at the corner of Jackson and Front streets will not be necessary, following Monday's announcement that the Wittenbach Center will provide the land.

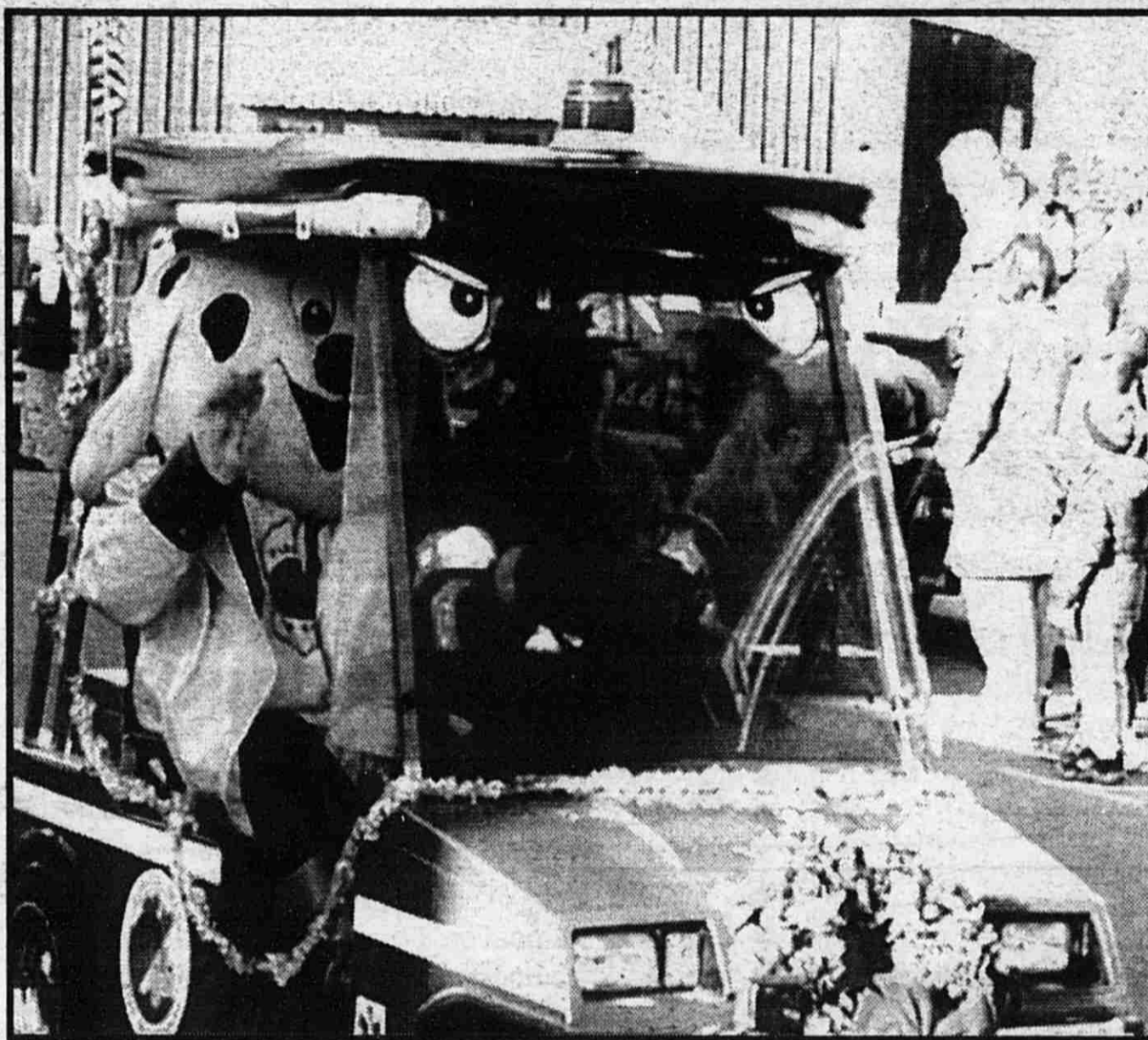
Clark, of 1102 Bowes Rd. Apt. 5, came up with the idea for a community garden through the internet. "I've read books on community gardens and found information on an internet site. It has always been a vision of mine."

That vision has become stronger since her family moved from a house into an apartment. "People who live in apartments have no yard to garden. Prior to moving I had a garden," Clark explained.

The Lowell resident said she will seek funding through the Lowell (Englehardt) Area Community Fund.

Residents interested in being involved with the com-

Community Garden, cont'd pg. 12



Firemen's Best Friend

Lowell Area Fire Department volunteer Bob Rogers is joined by "Fire Pup" for Saturday's cruise along Main Street during the annual Christmas Parade.

Lowell Showboat floats debt free

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Showboat was born during the Depression of the early '30s as a "pick-me-up" for the Lowell community.

"Over the years it has done that very well," said Showboat II board member, Ivan Blough.

Free from debt and in good repair, Blough and members of the Lowell Showboat II Board presented the boat and its assets to the city of Lowell Monday night.

Blough, who also rebuilt the Showboat with design help from Jim Hall in 1978, presented Mayor Mike Blough with the keys and a captain's hat. For the past 22 years Ivan Blough has cared and maintained the boat for the community.

Last spring, the Showboat Board elected a new board of directors, charged with the challenge of paying off the Showboat debt and dissolving the Lowell Showboat Corporation II.

The board consisted of the late Ray Quada, Chuck Myers, Jim Hall, Mike Sprenger, Ivan Blough and Liz Baker.

The board set a target date for the first week in December to meet these charges.

"In fact, final checks were written Monday, to pay all known debt, thanks to a grant of \$14,000 from the Lowell

Community Fund and a \$9,000 donation from Huntington Bank," said Myers.

With no existing debt and a boat in good condition, the board hopes the boat can serve as an artifact that reminds residents and visitors of its heritage.

The agreement is seen as a feasible arrangement between the dissolving Showboat Board, the city and the chamber. Some of the key points call for:

- The city to be responsible for boat maintenance and insurance costs.
 - The chamber to coordinate and schedule all activities that take place on or around the boat.
 - Showboat artifacts, including programs and memorabilia, be turned over to the Lowell Area Historical Association for preservation and museum viewing.
 - The Showboat calliope to become the property of the Lowell Area Historical Museum.
 - The small amount of Showboat seed money that remains be turned over to the city to establish a separate maintenance fund for the Showboat's upkeep in the future.
- "The city appreciates the effort and stewardship of the Showboat II Board," said Mayor Blough. "We are now ready to enter the next phase of the Showboat's success."

LL&P loan to Cable receives city's approval

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Light & Power and Cable Television boards received formal authorization for a loan from the city of Lowell.

The loan, executed nearly one year ago between the two departments, was for \$165,000 over a seven-year period. The interest rate has been determined to be 5.47 percent, equal to LL&P's investments in zero coupon and GNMA bonds.

The loan was made so that Lowell Cable could provide expanded services to its customers through a digital cable system. It provides for

new cable networks, audio program services, addressable programming tiers, premium channels and pay-per-view program services.

The board believes these services will be necessary to satisfy the growing demand for advanced television services in the present competitive environment.

The terms of repayment require equal payments of interest only for 36 months followed by repayment of the remaining interest and principal over the remaining 48 months.

"A conservative cash flow projection of the revenue from digital cable ser-

vice projects a positive cash flow in the 14th month of service and sufficient revenues to pay all capital costs by the sixth

year," said Tom Richards, Lowell Light & Power/Cable Television general manager.

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and Story,
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OBITUARIES

McDONALD (Alto) - Mr. John J. McDonald, aged 92, of Alto, went to be with his Lord, December 1, 2000 at home. Survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary K. McDonald; six daughters: Sister Maryellen McDonald, Pastoral Minister of St. Charles/St. Henry Churches, Rosebush, Mt. Pleasant, Ann (Joe) Druce of Grandville, Theresa (Tom) Powers of Kalamazoo, Bernadette (Bob) Norris of Hastings, Martha (Terry) Cliff of Grand Rapids, Judy McDonald of

Wyoming, MI; 12 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Tuesday at Holy Family Catholic Church, Caledonia, Rev. Fr. David E. LeBlanc as Celebrant. Interment St. Patrick Cemetery, Caledonia. Memorial contributions may be made to God's Kitchen, 303 S. Division, Grand Rapids.

SHEPARD - James Shepard, aged 60, of Kentwood, went to be with his Lord November 20, 2000. He was preceded in

death by his parents Floyd and Viva Shepard and a brother Roger Shepard. He leaves to mourn his wife Susan; two daughters Liz (Aaron), Michelle; a grandson Evan; a brother Floyd (Nancy) Shepard; a sister Bonnie (Rick) Novakowski; step-children Tom (Becky) Greenlee and their son Phillip, Michael Greenlee; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Jim will be remembered as an extremely hard-working man and for his generosity towards others. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 22 at the Ofield Chapel. Contributions may be made to James Shepard Funeral Fund c/o Sue Shepard, 4420 Curwood - Kentwood, MI 49508.

9, 1911. Having taught elementary classes for 23 years in the Lowell Schools as well as several years in Saranac, Hester and her late husband Charles retired from the Lowell Schools in 1971 and moved to California in 1973. She will

Monroe honored with farewell fly-by

A memorial service for Cara Monroe was held in Battle Creek on Dec. 1 at the Western Michigan University College of Aviation aircraft maintenance hangar. The College of Aviation honored Monroe's work with a thundering low-level, farewell fly-by at the conclusion of the sunset service.

Monroe had worked at the WMU College of Aviation as International Pilot Training Centre pilot flight instructor for only two years where she was involved in teaching students towards a career flying 737, 757 and 767 aircraft. She instructed on the ground, in the air and in simulators.

be sadly missed by daughter Lois and Matt Tomaszewicz of Cascade; sons James A. and Barbara White of Las Vegas, NV, Robert C. White and fiancée Linda Leonardi of Bandon, OR; five grand-children and six great-grand-

children. Those wishing to honor the memory of Hester White may do so with the First United Methodist Church of Lowell or with the Lowell Area Historical Museum, P.O. Box 81, Lowell, MI 49331.

Township calls into question city attorney's legal opinion

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

Not in agreement with city attorney Richard Wendt's interpretation of the wastewater agreement between it and the city, Lowell Charter Township will seek its own legal opinion.

Wendt indicated that the Wastewater Treatment Plant agreement with the township is based on a gallons per day capacity.

Article II, Section 2.1 reads the city, subject to terms of the agreement, shall reserve for the township the capacity to treat up to 18 percent of the design capacity of the treatment facility, i.e., 252,000 gallons per day.

"It was my belief that the township receives 18 percent of the design capacity," township supervisor John Timpson said, noting that when the agreement between the two sides was reached, 18 percent

of the design capacity was 252,000 gallons.

Former Lowell mayor, James Maatman, who served on the council when the agreement was drafted in 1987, said he wasn't sure, but didn't recall gallons being discussed. "I remember talking percentages."

Through the ratifying process, it is anticipated that the design capacity will increase 100-150,000 gallons per day or from 1.4 million per day to 1.5-1.55 million.

If that occurs, the township believes its capacity should increase to 270-279,000 (1.5/1.55 million x .18) gallons per day.

The city currently provides the township 252,000 (1.4 million x .18) gallons per day.

"I don't want to get into a shouting match with the city," Timpson said. "But if we're going to get cut off, then the

township needs to look to other means."

Wastewater Treatment Plant supervisor, Mark Mundt said if the township's gallons increase, so too would the revenue provided to the city.

Mundt said the net gain from treating more gallons would be greater than the added expense. He added the construction of Meijer and the 186-unit development is capacity Lowell Charter Township has coming without the rerating.

The plant supervisor added that the city is currently in good shape with regards to its capacity. "On the average day we're treating far less than the 82 percent of our capacity," Mundt said. "There are a few times during the year where the city uses more than its 82 percent, but it has never refused to treat any of the township's gallons."

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2000
10:00 - 11:00 A.M.



Michael Blough, Mayor
James Marfia, Assessor

WHITE - Hester R. White, former Lowell resident, died on November 29, 2000, at a nursing care facility in Novato, CA, after suffering a stroke. She was born in Munising, MI, on December

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Speakers at the service included her brother, Kent McKay who spoke on the first 30 years of her life; chief flight instructor, Bruce Morton who outlined her extensive flying

Covered Bridge to be decorated Saturday, Dec. 16

Celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas in the historic village of Fallsburg on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 6 - 9 p.m. The Covered Bridge will be decorated with roping and wreaths and lit with spotlights. A quarter-mile of luminaries will line both sides of Covered Bridge Road to the 1867 one-room schoolhouse, brightened with old-fashioned decorations. Wassail and homemade cookies will be served there.

Sponsored by the Fallsburg Historical Society, donations will be most welcome.

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SARANAC - 3 bedroom, 2-bath ranch. Inside you will find a remarkable all brick fireplace, a kitchen full of cabinetry, a home office and cathedral ceilings. Outside enjoy watching the wildlife from the large deck. \$170,000. Call Charles.

SARANAC - New listing: New home on 7+ acres. Close to expressway. Maple hardwood floors, hickory cabinets. Walkout finished. 4 bedrooms. Prepared for a pole barn. \$190,000. Call Joice.

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Reflections

Of Faith

Father George J. Fekete
St. Mary Church

If you were to go to New York City, outside of the United Nations building you would see a bronze sculpture showing the verse from Isaiah 2. "They shall beat their swords into plowshares." If you were to go to Jerusalem, as you came into the city you would see a sign from Psalm 122 stating: "And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem." The words of Isaiah are a promise, the words of the Psalmist

realize that the 20th century was the most violent in history. What further evils may be brought about in the third millennium ... we will have to wait and see.

As we begin this season of Advent, preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus and preparing for His Second Coming, too, let's refer again to those words of hope from Isaiah 2. We hear the call to climb the mountain of the Lord, to listen to and respond to His teaching and walk in His paths. We look with hope to Jesus Who has come, Who remains with us and Who is to come again. His healing power is now at work in our world but He needs our help.

Our Advent this year can be a time of reconciliation and of real concern for others, beginning with our family members.

The grand and final Second Coming of Jesus may not occur in our lifetime. But a reminder that the Second Coming of Jesus for each of us is the day He calls us through that doorway of death. If we truly tried to be His instrument of peace and reconciliation now, we would be better prepared for that personal Second Coming. We would also be a beautiful instrument of His peace for our new world of the 21st century. God Bless You!

give a declaration of promise fulfilled.

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is the fulfillment of that promise. But the way of life that Jesus teaches is not yet the way of life of every person. So the dream of world peace is still not a reality. We

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DEC. 7: Jennifer Berry, Alison Nugent, Ben Nugent, Deb Schuitema.
DEC. 8: Mike Cummings, Sara Triplett, Essie Baird.
DEC. 9: Allen Meternick, Alison Nugent, Ben Nugent, Deb Schuitema.
DEC. 10: Bill Fluger, Evelyn Heim, Barbara Decker.

DEC. 11: Blanche Smith, Dave Rhodes, Kathryn Doyle, Lois Elliot.
DEC. 12: Brad Briggs, Joyce Stormzand, Matt Newhouse, Sally Hacker.
DEC. 13: Chrys Thaler.

"Sugar Babe" named therapy horse of the year

The Kent Special Riding Program (KSRP) is proud to announce that Sugar Babe has been chosen from 10 regional finalists as the 2000 NARHA Therapy Horse of the Year. The announcement was made at the NARHA National meeting Nov. 8 through 11 in Bloomington, MN.

As the national winner, Sugar Babe will receive a ton of food from Purina Mills, a horse blanket donated by BMB, and a framed, watercolor portrait by noted animal artist B.J. Lewis.

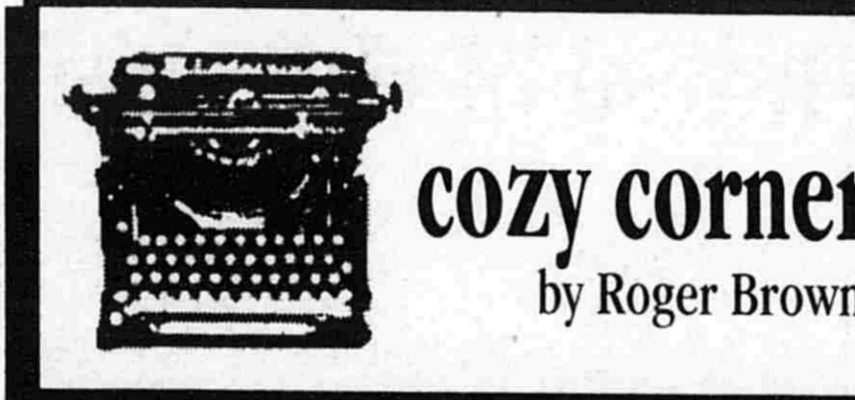
To win this honor, Deb Schumacher nominated Sugar Babe and filled out the necessary forms. A letter from a program instructor was needed, and Brenda Alters wrote a great summary of Sugar's traits and habits. Then a rider had to write a letter. Marge Palczewski, whose favorite pony is still Sugar Babe, wrote a touching letter. She has ridden in every session of KSRP over the past 24 years.

NARHA is a national organization based in Denver, CO. Their goal is to enhance lives through therapeutic equine activities. The KSRP has been approved by NARHA and is a member of the organization. It is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing high quality therapeutic and recreational horseback riding instruction to physically, mentally and emotionally challenged individuals in Kent and surrounding counties. KSRP strives to maximize the potential in all individuals involved in the program in a safe and stimulating environment.

KSRP has served over 5000 special riders since its beginning in 1976. The program is held at the farm of program directors Lynn and Bill Schumacher, 9705 Morse Lake Rd., Alto. At these donated facilities, 3 six-week sessions are run each year.

In 1975, Sugar Babe repeatedly escaped from her former owners and made her way to the Schumacher farm. After repeatedly showing up unexpectedly, the Schumachers decided to purchase the pinto pony; the best \$100 they ever spent. Little did they know what an important role this little runaway would play in the lives of countless riders seeking therapy at the KSRP.

Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner
by Roger Brown

I'm writing this early Tuesday morning, as usual. The latest news regarding the so-called presidential election is that Al Gore is down to his last few bullets and the Indians are closing in. The old Indian fighters used to save their last bullet for themselves. I'm thinking Al should do the same and concede before he's scalped alive.

Talking about guns and Indians may be a politically incorrect metaphor, especially when referencing someone as sensitive as Al. Oh well, it's early and I can't be held responsible for my thoughts when suffering from sleep deprivation.

I don't know about you, but since the O.J. trial have I been so disgusted with the news media. Television news is especially wearing. The parade of lawyers, politicians, pundits and anyone with a big mouth seems endless. I've pretty much tuned out.

I come in from my morning walk, pour a cup of coffee and turn on the Today Show. In a minute or two I've had more than I can stand and flip over to the History Channel where they run a "Real West" program at 7:00 a.m. It is hosted by Kenny Rogers. That must be where the Indian fighter metaphor came from.

Being the obsessive compulsive person that I am, I was shopping around for something, anything, to take my mind off current events other than an addiction to the History Channel. I landed on my son's back porch, literally and figuratively.

There is a 10 by 24 foot porch on the back of my son's old farmhouse. It has aluminum storm windows and two storm doors. There is a stairway to the basement that takes up a good portion of the porch. The stairway is necessary to get anything large, like a freezer or new furnace, into the basement. Otherwise, the interior stairway is sufficient. Our plan has been to build a substantial trap door over the stairway from the porch, thus making the entire porch useable space. When you are obsessive compulsive, a plan like this can be dangerous.

We actually got started on the project a few months ago. We completed the wiring, insulating and drywalling. We did the ceiling and a wainscot in tongue and groove pine with a natural varnish. It was a nice start, but that's all it was. Kinda like early settlers in their covered wagons as they set out across

the prairie. It was a long, long journey to California. (Another History Channel metaphor, just in case you missed it.)

Since that time life has been an absolute whirlwind for me and my son. Our diversions have included an entire household move for me, a job change for my son, travel for both of us, fall yard work, regular jobs and a little sleep. The next thing you know, there wasn't time to work on the porch project. There is nothing an obsessive compulsive hates more than to be distracted from their compulsion by something as mundane as a job.

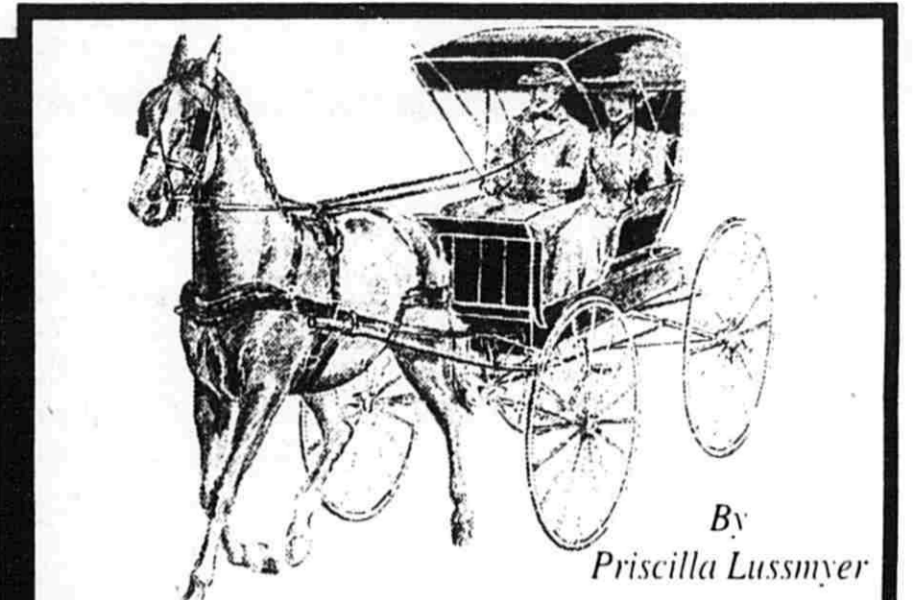
Less than two weeks ago, life settled down to a simmer. We were able to again devote nights and weekends to the porch project. We have painted, hung ceiling fans, installed lots of trim, caulked all the windows and painted some more. Last Saturday we were ready to build the trap door, the last step before the ceramic tile floor. I picked up the materials Friday after work and we dove into the project Saturday morning. Yeh, I know I should have been Christmas shopping, but I won't ever be obsessed with that.

The trap door is not as innocent as it sounds. Since we were using ceramic tile for the rest of the porch, the trap door had to be substantial, yet still be able to open. It is constructed of 2 by 6 inch joists, a 3/4 inch plywood deck and 1/2 concrete board. The entire four by ten foot door is then covered with ceramic tile and grout. It must weigh 300 pounds and is supported by 11 strap hinges. He'll have to invite the varsity football team over to help him open it. We had the thing done by late afternoon. Yeh, we're obsessive.

Then we were off to rent a tile saw and buy the tile, thinset, grout, etc. Sunday morning and we were on our knees. No, we weren't at mass. We were installing tile before most people get to the funny papers. The job involved numerous cuts because of the trap door and we weren't finished by evening. We obsessive types hate falling short of our goals.

My obsessive compulsive self ducked out of work early yesterday, and was hard at it trying to finish the tile job. Casey showed up after work. We finally finished the tile job, cleaned our tools and called it a night. This morning my back hurts so that I can't stand erect. The bursters in my shoulder is killing me from troweling mortar. My fingers are so sore and stiff I can barely type. Ah, but I'm grinning from ear to ear because I didn't waste one minute of my time watching election coverage on TV.

Just in case Al Gore doesn't concede soon, I still have to grout the tile, paint baseboard, install the baseboard and install the space heater on Casey's porch. I hope it's safe to watch TV by the time I get all that done. My old body needs a rest. Kinda like an old cowpoke after a long cattle drive. There I go again. Durn that thar History Channel.



By Priscilla Lussmyer

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL DEC. 8, 1875

This issue is missing. We substitute Dec. 7, 1870

The new sidewalk on Monroe from Lee's Addition to Bridge Street, is complete. A new building on the corner of Kent and Monroe will be Mr. C.S. Bill's wagon shop. The new drug store of C.T. Wooding and J.Q. Look has opened, succeeding C.R. Hine & Co.

The Episcopal Society is sponsoring a Ladies Fair at Pullen's Hall later this month.

W. Morris turns over the editorship of the Journal to James W. Hine; Morris will remain as partner.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER DEC. 6, 1900

Gov. Pingree (picture upside-down on the front page) disgraces the final days of his administration by pardoning Will White during his first day in Jackson Prison. White, the "aristocratic thief," was tried and convicted of stealing thousands from the state.

Mabel Merriman, popular seventh-grade teacher, marries Arthur Baker during Thanksgiving vacation, and will continue to teach.

Someone replies to a discussion about the cruelty of fishing: the fish is happiest when pulled out of the water because it gets a full load of oxygen.

Lowell High School's first season of football results in "increased physical and mental vigor for the players, school spirit, and broadening of horizons by contact with other schools."

At teachers' meetings, teachers will take turns giving model recitations for discussion.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO DECEMBER 3, 1925

George McCarthy of Grand Rapids, head of Lowell's new airplane factory, has been trying out one of his machines, taking off from the Mange farm just west of town on M-21. He says manufacture will start about January 1.

Treasurer Bry Condon of Vergennes Township names the dates he will be collecting township taxes at the City State Bank in town.

Michigan (U of M) and Northwestern are tied for the Big Ten title (there are no playoffs).

Congress appoints a subcommittee to improve and simplify the tax laws.

The local columns are long with accounts of Thanksgiving visits.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER DEC. 7, 1950

The thousand colored electric lights over Main Street will be changed back to last year's pattern this week, says Supt. McMahon; this year's pattern was not as effective. Christmas trees along Main Street are again furnished without charge by Dan Televen.

Street crews with a tractor loader work several days to clear snow off Main Street for good parking. Unfortunately, a heavy downpour keeps Santa from appearing Saturday night, except for turning on the lights.

Petitions are circulated to exempt Dr. McKay and Dr. Wiarda, Lowell's only resident physicians, from the draft. They have both been classified 1-A.

"Foxy Grandma" has been confusing store clerks with her rapid-fire requests for change from a twenty, all this without teeth.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER DEC. 4, 1975

The Jaycees again open their paper drop box. Papers will be recycled as insulation for the area nearby.

Extra-high weekend temperatures precede a Monday snow-and-wind storm.

Congressman VanderVeen "speechifies" to the Rotary Club on his birthday.

Ada Township would like to buy water from Lowell. Grand Rapids has turned them down.



Week of 12/11 - 12/13

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*Chef's Salad & Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch options.
* Lunch: \$1.35 * Milk: 30c

MON: Crispy chicken patty/bun or dinosaur pasta w/franks, French bread, cinnamon apple slices, green beans.

TUES: Chili or chicken drumstick, mozzarella garlic toast, cool pears, iceberg lettuce salad, ice cream sandwich.

WED: Pancake dippers or cereal choice, scrambled eggs, orange juice, hash browns, spiced apple topping.

THURS: Cheese pizza or pork rib BBQ on bun, pineapple & mandarin oranges, veggies & dip.

FRI: Turkey gravy or baked ham, fruit mix w/cherries, whipped potatoes, biscuit, Candy Cane.

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* Lunch: \$1.50 * Milk: 30c

MON: Meatball sub sandwich or mini corn dogs, cinnamon apples, green beans.

TUES: Chicken parmesan on bun or chili w/2 soft pretzels, peaches, pasta salad, tater tots.

WED: Chicken nuggets or chicken gravy, biscuit, fruit medley, whipped potatoes, harvest bar.

THURS: Mexican Bar, Beef or chicken taco, meat, crunchy shells, soft shells, pitas, cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, black olives, onions, refried beans, rice, fruit choice.

FRI: Pizza wedge or chicken cordon bleu on bun, applesauce, corn.

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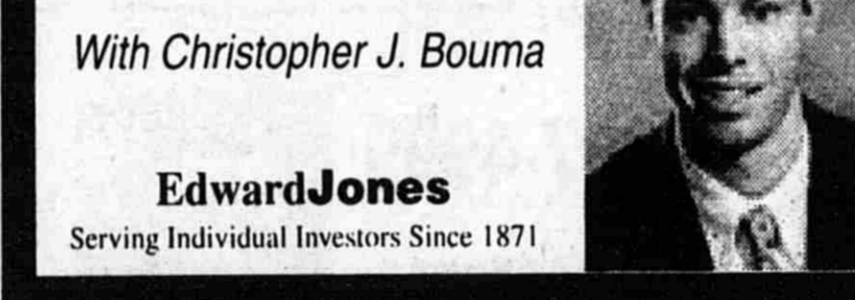
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Financial Focus



STAY CALM IN A VOLATILE MARKET

There are two things we can be fairly sure of in the investment world. The first is that prices will sometimes go up. The second is that prices will sometimes go down. When the ups and downs become too volatile, many investors may be tempted to make snap decisions based on short-term events. But the secret to successful investing during jittery markets is to stay calm.

Of course, that's easier said than done. However, you can do it. Here are a few suggestions that may make it easier: Concentrate on long-term objectives—It's important to develop an investment strategy, stick with it over time and keep your long-term objectives in sight. You may want to adjust your portfolio to reflect changing circumstances, but don't abandon proven principles of investment success, such as diversification and striking the proper balance between risk and reward.

Look for opportunities — During choppy markets, many people turn to defensive industries, such as consumer staples and drugs. These sectors are rarely out of favor for extended periods of time, for the simple reason that people will always

need these products and services. Other sectors, while struggling along with a down market, may still be poised to do well during the next upturn.

Accept normal market adjustments - Sometimes when the market appears to be going through convulsions, it's actually "shaking out" excesses of one kind or another in a move toward equilibrium. Such may have been the case this past spring, when overpriced technology stocks fell sharply, causing a drag on the market. While these shakeouts can seem unsettling at the time, they're often healthy for the market in the long run.

Put your idle money to work— It's probably not a good idea to ever get totally out of the market, no matter how turbulent things may get. By being on the sidelines, even for a short time, you're likely to miss out on opportunities for growth, especially given the speed with which markets can turn around. But if you do have money that's not invested in the market, at least make sure it's working for you — in a money market account, for example. Your money will earn a decent rate of return and, more importantly, will be available to invest when you're ready.

Shelter money in qualified retirement accounts—Put as much as you can afford into tax-qualified retirement plans, such as an IRA or a 401(k). The money you invest in these plans is certainly not immune to market fluctuations, but it will grow on a tax-deferred basis — which means it will grow much faster than if it were placed in an investment on which you paid taxes each year. (And, if you have a Roth IRA, your money will grow tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.)

By following these suggestions, you should be able to keep your composure, no matter what the market throws your way. And when it comes to investing, the less emotion that's involved, the better.

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

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The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



HUNTING NEWFOUNDLAND

Two years ago I would have had to search to find Newfoundland on a map. In the last year, I drove there once and flew on a second trip this past October. Moose and woodland caribou hunting drew me to this wonderful out of the way place. Newfoundland and Labrador make up a Canadian province under one provincial government. Newfoundland is an island located off the mainland of Canada in the North Atlantic. Getting there requires air transportation or a five-hour ferry ride from North Sidney, Nova Scotia, to Channel-Port-aux-Basque, Newfoundland.

I hunted out of camps that were located on the northern peninsula, where the scenery in this remote area is worth the trip. The only highway going north from the airport at Deer

Lake passes through Gros Morne National Park, which features numerous fjords, lakes, waterfalls, and mountains. Small fishing villages, adorned with stacked lobster traps and fish nets, occasionally appear on the rocky inlets on the drive along the coast. To each side of the Long Range Mountains, which divide the peninsula from north to south, lie extensive bogs covered with lichens and moss. Occasional stands of scrub black spruce (called islands) are scattered among the bogs.

The harsh winters and lack of a variety of forage limit the resident wildlife population to only the most hardy species. Moose and woodland caribou have adapted well to this environment and exist in relatively large numbers. Newfoundland is the only place I know where one can hunt woodland caribou, as they are on the endangered list in most other locations within their natural range. Black bear can make a living eating berries and preying on moose and caribou calves. There are also rabbits, fox and several species of grouse. Whiskey jacks (large gray birds) will start working over a moose quarter before you can bag the meat.

Moose and caribou hunting by aliens (non-Canadians) is only available through licensed outfitters, and the hunter must be accompanied by a licensed guide when in the field. A limited number of hunting licenses for specific game management areas are issued to each outfitter. Most non-resident hunting takes place from September through October, although the season runs into the first part of December.

The moose feed on the edges of the spruce stands in the

morning and evening. They tend to bed down in the wooded areas during the middle of the day. Woodland caribou, unlike barren ground caribou found on the mainland, do not migrate and are scattered about in small groups. These beautiful animals spend most of their time feeding out on the moss and lichen-covered bogs.

Newfoundland big game hunting usually involves walking and spotting animals. Water is on or close to the surface, even on high ground, so walking on the bogs is like walking on water soaked sponges. A good pair of knee-high rubber boots is standard equipment, but a wrong step can still mean a wet foot. Brush tangles and blow-downs slow progress through the spruce islands. The weather can go from warm and sunny to cold rain or snow-driven by 30 plus mile-per-hour winds in a short time; therefore, waterproof clothing is necessary. A backpack to carry extra clothing for layering and other typical hunting gear is convenient. Quality binoculars are needed to spot game at long distances. A good outfitter will fill the hunter in on what equipment and physical condition is required for a successful hunt.

I found the people of Newfoundland to be friendly and helpful.

Newfoundlanders are often of English and Scottish descent, and although they speak English, some folks are difficult to understand because of regional dialects. They are a lot of fun to be with, and if I don't go back right away, it will be the friends I made there that I will miss the most.

TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor,

The YMCA's mission is to put Christian Principles into practice through programs that build strong spirit, mind and body for all. Certainly the most significant aspect of our mission is for all.

With the addition of the new teen center and community wellness center, the YMCA will be able to more fully implement our mission. Until now, the YMCA has not offered many programs and services to our middle school teens. The Teen Center will become "ground zero" for community programs, recreation, asset development and program enhancement to

our YMCA, the youth we serve, the families we will be able to provide expanded services to and our community.

I want to thank Keith Ferguson from the Lowell Lions Club. Keith is the president of the Lion's Club and took the initiative to organize a crew of volunteers to build our Teen Center computer room. The Lion's involvement with this project not only shows the level of support this organization gives our community, but it also will allow us to put these "saved resources" to use in providing better quality computers for our youth.

I also want to thank Kurt Parks, owner of Parks Construction. In last week's article, Parks Construction was mentioned as the contractors of this project. Kurt and his team are putting in a tremendous amount of time and ef-

fort to ensure we will be open January 1, 2001. It is also worthy to note that Parks Construction is a strong partner in this project as they have donated \$25,000 towards renovations. Costs can range from \$40 per square foot to \$80 per square foot. Parks Construc-

tion cost is \$21.21 per square foot. Lowell is blessed to have individuals such as Kurt and Keith. Thank you from the

youth you will impact, from the families, and from the YMCA.

Will Welsh
Executive Director YMCA

From 1986 to 1988, the Emmy for Best Actress in a comedy went to a cast member of *The Golden Girls* (Betty White, Rue McClanahan and Beatrice Arthur.)



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Decedent's Estate

FILE NO.
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Date of birth: 8/1/14

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, LEONE J. VanTimmeren, who lived at 3385 Bewell, Lowell, Michigan died 10/10/00.

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17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CASE NO. 00-09690-DM

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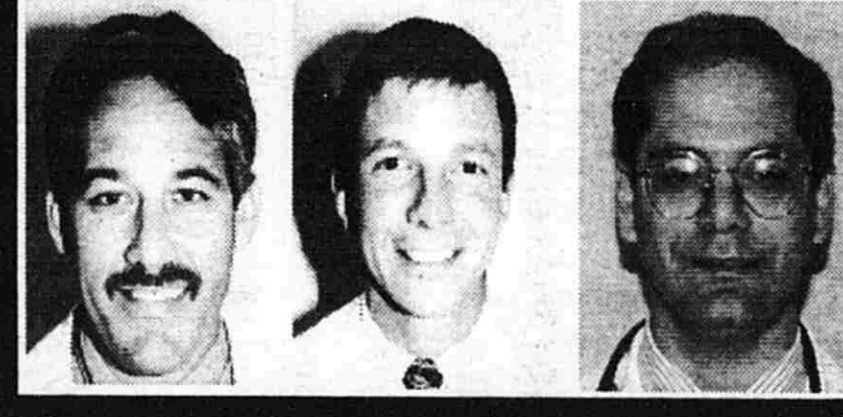
2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in THE LOWELL LEDGER for three consecutive weeks and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

p.m. The elementary intermediate strings will debut with a demonstration concert for the 4th and 5th grades at Cherry Creek on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 9:30 a.m. Parents, relatives and friends are welcome to attend.

LOWELL WOMEN'S CLUB BAKE SALE
A bake sale by the Lowell Women's Club will be held on Friday, Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Huntington Bank, 414 E. Main.

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CANKER SORES

Canker sores are shallow, painful sores occurring in the mouth. While they are usually red, they will often have a white coating over them. Canker sores are different than "cold sores" or "fever blisters" which generally occur on the outside of the lips or the corner of your mouth. We don't know what causes canker sores, and they tend to affect those in their teens and twenties more often than others.

Treatment of canker sores is symptomatic. The use of ibuprofen or tylenol may help. Topical preparations include Orabase and Zilactin-B. Canker sores are different than the canker sore.

If your sores are large, or last longer than two weeks, you should see your doctor. If they last that long, there may be a different diagnosis, or there may be a secondary infection that needs to be treated.

SENIOR PICTURES NEEDED

Parents - now is the time to look through those boxes of pictures of your son or daughter who is graduating in 2001. This is for the Senior video and pictures or photocopies must be in by the end of January. Put the name and tel. # on the back of the pictures along with a SASE and drop them off in the drop box in the high school office.

COLLEGE NEWS

Davenport University is pleased to announce Nancy L. Jones has graduated from Davenport University - Alma Campus. She has earned a preparation for certification - corrections officer training. She graduated from Lowell High School in 1974 and is the daughter of Rex and Joyce Crout.

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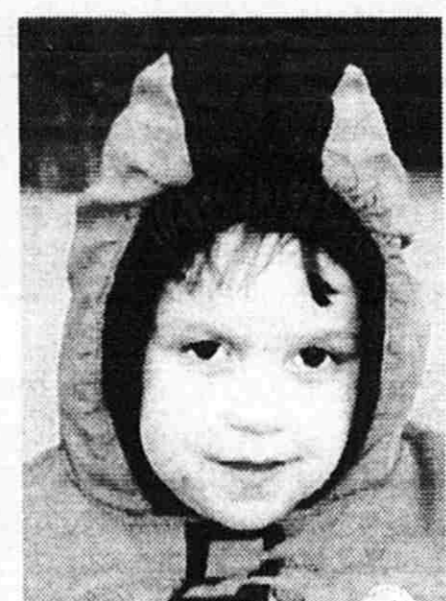
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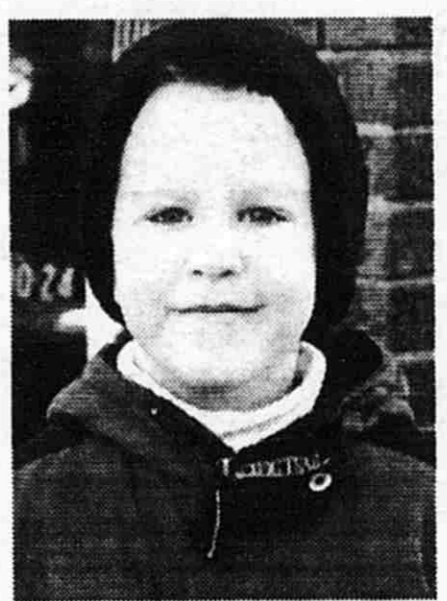
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I want a baby.



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I would like a scooter.



Gwyn Lammas (11)
I want new clothes - brand name clothes.



Michelle Blanchard (12)
I would like some jewelry.



Justin Rottier (11)
I want a metal detector.



Matt Burton (11)
I want a go-cart.



Tommy Mark (9)
A G-I Joe medical kit.



Andy Mark (11)
A new stereo.



Paul Heemstra (5)
A big train with windows.



Justin Gilchrist (3)
A truck and a shovel.



Corrina Wenger (2)
I want a big dolly.



Michael Duvernay (9)
A snowboard.



Amanda Duvernay (6)
Skis.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2000.**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Blough and the Clerk called Roll.
Present: Councilmembers Brubaker, Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Blough.
Absent: None.
Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Police Chief James Valentine, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden and Waste Water Treatment Superintendent Mark Mundt.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2000 regular meeting as corrected.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Myers noted the disbursement made from the Carr Fund to Lowell Friends of the Library for \$500.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (11/20/00)	
GENERAL FUND	\$104,451.02
MAJOR STREET FUND	\$433.35
LOCAL STREET FUND	\$442.81
DDA FUND	\$83,534.35
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND	\$650.50
AIRPORT FUND	\$5,649.60
WASTEWATER FUND	\$27,272.41
WATER FUND	\$33,063.12
DATA PROCESSING FUND	\$1,118.81
EQUIPMENT FUND	\$2,183.23
CURRENT TAX FUND	\$4,978.32
CARR FUND	\$500.00

Item #1. ROOT - LOWELL MANUFACTURING CO. (1000 FOREMAN ROAD) APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES CERTIFICATE (P.A. 198) - PUBLIC HEARING. As noted at the last meeting, Root-Lowell has applied for industrial tax abatement related to the construction of a 70,000 square foot building addition and related equipment.

In reviewing the application, Root-Lowell would qualify for twelve years of abatement under the point system adopted by the Council. It was noted the cost of improvements total \$1,323,708 in facilities and equipment. One hundred thirty existing jobs would be retained and two new positions created within two years.

In response to Council inquiries, the City is estimated to lose (primarily through the Downtown Development Authority) \$87,223 over twelve years from the Root-Lowell abatement. A total of \$8,861 would not be realized for the first year.

Root-Lowell Manufacturing Co. Financial Administrator Marvin Lacey thanked the City Council for reviewing the application. He indicated this has been exciting for the company as it continues to grow. Within the next six months to a year, one of the company's major customers is predicted to grow in excess of 20 percent a year. Lacey stated part of the warehouse is to support this activity. There will be a minimum of two jobs created. But in addition, they will consider possibly more within the next six months.

Councilmember Myers questioned if any written or verbal responses were received. City Clerk Morlock responded no.

Mayor Blough noted there were other items of information, which were provided from the last meeting relative to the annualization of the tax deferral. He said information was included in the packets and asked if there were any questions.

Councilmember Brubaker questioned if Root-Lowell was seeking an abatement of the State Educational taxes or just local taxes. City Manager Pasquale believed it was across the board. He understood there would be some reimbursement from the State concerning Educational Tax.

Brubaker was unsure of the exact procedure, but believed a letter needed to be obtained from the City. A process is then taken to receive the Educational Tax abatement. Pasquale stated he had never heard of an agency requesting this information.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BRUBAKER to close the public hearing.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Myers expressed appreciation to City Assessor James Marfia for helping him understand the formula. He explained the bottom line is twelve years of tax abatement on \$1,323,708 of improvements. Overall, a total of \$87,223 with the first year abatement of \$8,861. He felt this was the type of activity the Council can do to help foster economic growth in the community.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to approve the application from Root-Lowell Manufacturing Co. (1000 Foreman Road) for an Industrial Facilities Certificate (P.A. 198) as proposed encompassing 12 years of property tax abatement on \$1,323,708 of improvements.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH HOPE NETWORK WEST MICHIGAN (NORTH KENT TRANSIT) INVOLVING CDBG ALLOCATION AND SUBSIDY RATE FOR RIDERSHIP - TABLED.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BRUBAKER to reopen this item for discussion.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Blough noted there is a motion on the table from the last meeting minutes to support this. The meeting minutes documented the motion by Councilmember Myers and seconded by Councilmember Green to accept the amendment changing the rate to \$11.81 per ride for both ambulatory and wheelchair users utilizing North Kent Transit.

Myers questioned the chart of use for the last twelve months which indicates 151 handicapped rides and 201 ambulatory rides. He noted the amount paid for service in the past twelve months was \$4,438, while if the new rate was applied the amount would have been \$4,157.12. He explained his point as he would not have understood a rate increase would have brought a reduction in revenue with an increase of use over time.

Dan Gowdy of North Kent Transit explained the transportation provides service for elderly and handicapped individuals. The City of Lowell allocates funds from the Community Development Block Grant for its residents. Earlier in the year, Hope Network began discussions with staff at the County Community Development office to discuss a new rate. The old rates have been in place for three years and have not increased with inflation. One idea presented was to have one rate for the services.

He noted the Block Grant year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. Gowdy explained some of the discussions did not meet this deadline. Therefore, it was decided to go ahead with the original contract in order to provide continued service. Once an agreement was established, an amendment could be presented with an effective date of July 1.

Gowdy noted City of Lowell is unusual. The composite rate does include a rate increase because the City of Lowell's ridership is predominately individuals who use a wheelchair. Under the old rates, the City of Lowell would have been billed \$109 more than the new rates.

Mayor Blough questioned an increased ridership of an additional 154 rides. He stated this is a 71% increase over the same time period from last year. Gowdy re-

sponded this is due to one significant rider who has since moved to Lowell Township. The rides for this individual equate to approximately 30 to 40 a month.

Blough questioned how often these rates are negotiated. Gowdy responded the rates are reviewed approximately every three years. However, the expense of the operation does increase each year.

Councilmember Shores inquired regarding the amount of \$11.81 and asked if this was the charge for a one way trip. Gowdy responded yes.

Shores noted a call she received from a resident of the City. This resident has difficulty with transportation and used this service for a price of \$17.82. Shores believed this was a steep price to have to pay for travel just within Lowell.

Gowdy stated Lowell shares the vehicle cost with Rockford, Village of Sparta, Plainfield Township and all the other participants in eastern and northern Kent County, except for Cedar Springs. The cost of this particular ride is to have the vehicle from a location and then pick up and drop off in Lowell. He noted the cost to this passenger would have been \$3 because this is inside the service area. The City or the Block Grant office is then billed \$11.81. Shores clarified the passenger only has to pay \$3. Gowdy responded yes. He noted the City of Lowell is only subsidizing these trips for the elderly and handicapped. Therefore, if the caller does not fit any of those classifications, they are considered "General Publics" and would have to pay the full fare.

Myers questioned if senior citizens and handicapped riders are both charged \$3. Gowdy responded yes. He noted the passenger fare does increase if the person goes outside of the service area (i.e., Grand Rapids).

Myers questioned if the service would wait for a passenger while a prescription was being picked up. Gowdy responded on occasion, yes. The service encourages individuals to schedule a return time. He explained it is the driver's discretion whether there is enough time to transport another passenger or simply sit and wait.

Shores asked regarding the length of time needed for scheduling a pick up. Gowdy responded it is best to make reservations by noon the day before service. He noted the transportation runs Monday through Friday. Gowdy also stated individuals who ride regularly can be billed.

City Clerk Morlock questioned the cost for the service. Gowdy responded it cost \$3 for transportation in one direction within the area and \$6 for a one way trip to Grand Rapids.

Councilmember Brubaker inquired why the ridership for the ambulatory category increased in March of 2000 through September of 2000. Gowdy responded this had to do with the individual mentioned earlier who recently moved into Lowell Township.

Myers questioned if there were regular riders who use the service as a means of traveling to work. Gowdy responded some individuals do use it for work but was unsure of how many.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to approve the amendment changing the rate to \$11.81 per ride for both ambulatory and handicapped from North Kent Transit utilizing Community Development Block Grant funds.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Blough noted there is also a recommendation from Pasquale to increase the subsidy amount from \$2,000 to \$4,000 per fiscal year 2000-2001.

Blough questioned the effective date of the new rate. Gowdy responded July 1, 2000.

Blough asked if \$4,000 would cover the amount needed for the year. Pasquale explained the City could monitor progress and then if necessary, seek another amendment.

Blough suggested when expenditures have reached \$3,500 it be brought back before the City Council for further review.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS

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to increase the Community Development Block Grant subsidies amount from \$2,000 to \$4,000 for North Kent Transit.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Blough noted City staff should alert the Council when subsidies reach approximately \$3,500.

Item #3. PROPOSAL FOR RERATING THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT TABLED FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by MYERS to return the item to the agenda.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Blough stated the Council needs to discuss the proposal to perform a study of rerating the Wastewater Treatment plant at a cost of \$8,600. The Council must also reviewed the information provided from City Attorney Richard Wendt.

Blough clarified the letter from Wendt indicates the agreement is based on a gallons per day capacity. Pasquale responded yes.

Pasquale noted he spoke with Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson concerning the position of the township board. Timpson indicated the board is on record as supporting an 18% share of the study.

Councilmember Shores questioned if the township believed a larger percentage would be received if the capacity is increased. Pasquale felt there was an expectation there would be additional capacity. He said regardless of how it is interpreted, as far as the township is concerned, additional capacity is needed. The township mentioned their engineers predict 500,000 gallons a day based on future growth. Pasquale believed there would be a need to provide an expansion of the plant in order to meet this need.

Pasquale explained it is up to the Council to decide (1) to have the Township participate in the cost of the study. (2) to do the study and (3) Assuming the study does provide a positive additional amount of gallons for treatment, to initiate any negotiations with Lowell Township in terms of allocating any additional capacity for the township as well as for the City.

Blough stated the City of Lowell has an opportunity to rerate the plant for \$8,600. He suggested the City Council support paying for this in its entirety. Once this is completed, the Council can then discuss at what capacity the City wishes to provide service to other municipalities.

Shores clarified the plant has enough capacity at this time for the City. Pasquale responded yes. She questioned if Earth Tech envisioned the City being out of capacity in the near future. Earth Tech Vice President Lucy Pugh responded the City is in good shape, but if Lowell Township truly increases to 500,000 gallons per day, the plant would be out of capacity.

Shores was bothered by the fact Lowell Township plans to have 185 homes built and noted the construction of Meijer's. The township will undoubtedly want to use the City's services. She questioned what benefit the City would receive if these services were provided. Shores noted the City would not receive tax funds. This may provide some citizens with jobs, but may place us in the position to have to spend tax dollars to enlarge the plant. Pugh expected the township would contribute toward funding the expansion, if needed.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Mark Mundt clarified when Shores mentioned the taxpayers contributing toward the expansion. He noted the wastewater and water operations are self-funded. These do not receive the benefit of tax dollars, but rather user fees. Shores responded this may be so. But, when a new facility is built, the taxpayers are still paying more. Mundt commented on the construction of Meijer's and the 186-unit development. He stated this is truly capacity Lowell Township has coming without the rerating. The township is looking further down the road.

Mundt believed one benefit for the City is the township does pay a per gallon fee on a monthly basis. Therefore,

as their gallons increase so will the revenue provided to the City. Shores noted the expenses to treat those gallons will also increase.

Shores questioned the bottom line and asked if the City would benefit from this or just break even. Mundt believed the City would net positive from it.

Blough believed dollar for dollar, rerating the plant, with very little capital investment, gives the City direct capacity as well to utilize. He stated this is a very effective investment of \$8,600.

Blough said City of Lowell has to come to a decision of whether it wants to enter into the business of providing this kind of service to areas outside City limits. This is really what it comes to when discussing the option of selling more capacity in a plant as this or expanding the plant.

Myers agreed noting it isn't any different than Cable TV providing service outside the City.

Shores stated she would be in favor of the study if she was sure this was based on a gallon amount. Pasquale responded it is Wendt's interpretation the City provides 252,000 gallons per day to Lowell Township.

Shores verified when the plant is rerated, the City would not be obligated to furnish Lowell Township with any more than what the City is obligated to furnish at the present time. Pasquale responded this is correct.

Myers questioned how confident Mundt was that spending \$8,600 would yield more capacity. Mundt responded 99.9% sure.

Councilmember Brubaker stated as a City, subsidizing sewer use outside of the City is not wanted. However he felt this was a question to be brought back at a later time and should be considered when the study is completed.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to have the City exclusively pay \$8,600 for the study of the rerating at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to be performed by Earth Tech.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Blough questioned the time line for a response. Pugh responded a few months.

Item #4. FLAT RIVER MAIN CROSSING - RECONSIDERATION OF DIRECTIONAL BORE. At its June 19, 2000 meeting, the City Council approved the bid from Nagel Construction to open cut the water main across the Flat River.

When staff initially reviewed this, they were considering a water main river crossing which would replace a main currently out of service. Initially, it was felt an open cut method of the river crossing would be to the City's best advantage. Upon further review with the engineer, Steve Nichols and the contractor, it became more and more evident the directional bore method would be as good a method and provide some cost savings.

Additionally, there are some additional smaller projects related to the river crossing which could be undertaken while maintaining the same budget as previously approved by Council. A letter was provided by Steve Nichols explaining the basic reasoning for this.

Councilmember Green questioned if Water Distribution Supervisor Bob Robinson still had concerns regarding this method. DesJarden responded no. He explained Robinson's principal concern was in regard to having the main break and then digging it up. Pasquale explained an open cut method would be approximately five feet, while a directional bore between eight to ten feet deep. A directional bore is slightly deeper, but Nagel was confident this would not create a problem with the main itself. Also, once the main is in place, it is very unlikely to have repairs.

Blough recalled a discussion held with Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber (FTC&H) last June. At the time, FTC&H was very leery of doing the directional bore project, which is why the City opted for the actual dig. Now months later, it should be done this way because we don't want to move the muck. Nothing has changed in our specifications, yet now the engineer returns the original decision four months later and states "well, just because the subcontractor doesn't want to move muck, we're

going to go with the directional bore method".

Blough questioned why the eight-inch main on Elizabeth was not needed before and why it is needed now. DesJarden responded the eight-inch main being referred to proceeds straight across the river, doubles back towards the river and catches the main on Riverside. The replacement of the river crossing is just a straight across pipe. After reviewing, and because the contractor will be over there already along with the entire intersection being excavated, why not take the pipe which was installed back in the early 30's. This would take the old main out and place the new valves in, replacing the whole new section and install a valve on it to head out in the other direction.

Blough referred to the letter received from FTC&H, which states their concerns with this method. However in the last paragraph, the method is recommended. He questioned if the contract with FTC&H was also bounded by a low bid based upon whichever method is implemented or will there be additional costs from the engineering firm if the directional bore problem has problems. Blough understood they were saying the directional bore costs is fixed but will the engineering costs also be fixed? Pasquale responded it was a not to exceed figure which was placed in the engineering contract.

Myers noted the letter indicates the directional bore is \$10,000 less than the other method.

Roger Roberts of 433 Alden Nash questioned if trees would be taken out on the west bank with the directional bore method. DesJarden responded there is a possibility.

Councilmember Shores questioned if DesJarden felt comfortable with this method. DesJarden thought the way the contract reads is that no matter which direction, it has to be done with the price quoted.

Blough stated the \$179,895 is a cap which needs to be followed. FTC&H needs to cap their bid too as if they are doing the engineering for the directional bore.

DesJarden believed the engineering work was almost done except for the inspection work on the job.

Blough believed the additional \$7,680 should be taken as a separate decision on a capital expenditure because this is not a decision the Council would have made at the time the directional bore selection was advocated.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BRUBAKER to proceed with the directional drill method with an amount of \$179,895 cap along with capping Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber engineering costs as presently provided.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to support an eight-inch water main on the east side of Riverside Drive and the installation of two valves for a cost of \$7,680 with no additional Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber engineering.

Blough questioned how much FTC&H would charge the City for the additional engineering associated specifically with this capital investment. DesJarden responded there would be no additional cost.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. MONTHLY REPORTS. Councilmember Myers commented on the report from the Wastewater Treatment Plant and questioned if Chadelee Farms (Lighthouse) is progressing as anticipated. Superintendent Mark Mundt responded the Chadelee pretreatment plant continues to be on schedule. He also noted the plant is scheduled for an inspection.

Myers questioned if this would increase the Wastewater Treatment Plant's capacity. Mundt responded yes. Blough clarified this would not really increase the capacity, but rather reuse the capacity the City already has in a different way.

Myers also stated the police report indicates crime rates have increased. He noted breaking and entering in-

Lowell Schools' budget a fluctuating target for Gillette

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Some are surprised with how a school budget fluctuates from June to January.

Connie Gillette, Lowell assistant superintendent of finance and personnel, is not among them. In fact, Gillette is

surprised when it doesn't change from day to day. Gillette observes a sheet of paper with a list of 40-50 changes in the payroll since July. On a second sheet of paper is a list of non-payroll changes.

"There are fewer non-payroll changes, but they are more costly," Gillette said. As an example she points to the news of a broken hot water coil in the high school. "That will cost the district \$30,000 - it's a non-budgeted expense."

That's the second time in two weeks that has happened. The budget has also had to deal with a compressor going out. Part of the cost of the Alto gymnasium wall was also added to this year's budget.

The district's final school count was 3,805, more than the 3,790 budgeted for in June. However, it is not enough to make up the low numbers in February.

The June deficit budget was for \$568,427. Of that, \$161,000 was to finish the Wittenbach Center. Six months later, it looks as if the district will deficit spend in the amount of \$300,000.

That's assuming all budgeted revenues are collected and every penny on the expenditure side is spent.

Gillette will assume nothing. The only thing she is sure of is that she cannot be sure what the amended budget total will be in January.

Community Garden, cont'd...

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community garden are asked to reply by Dec. 20. Replies should be sent to Tammy DeBaar, the center's director of outdoor education. Interested Lowell residents should send their name and address on a post card or sheet of paper.

Clark says she envisions the garden having plots that are handicap accessible and a children's area.

"My target is for the garden to be totally organic," Clark explained.

The Lowell resident has already received donations from Erb Lumber (a 12x12 shed) and Hahn Hardware has agreed to provide a 35 percent discount on items for the community garden.

He that fears not gives the advantage to the danger.
—Francis Quarles

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creased from 20 to 30, disorderly conduct increased from 75 to 100 and larceny from 120 to 180.

Item #6. CITIZEN COMMENTS. No comments were received.

Item #7. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Brubaker noted he found the Commission he was searching for earlier concerning Act 198. It is the Michigan Jobs Commission. He was curious because he has helped companies prepare Act 198 Abatement Request and has only had one company where someone had their State Education taxes abated. He did not think employers asked for this abatement and was curious as to why.

Councilmember Myers stated the holiday decorations look attractive in the downtown area and noted the carriage rides over the weekend. He stated these Christmas activities are provided for through the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Green congratulated the Lowell Red Arrows on a great football season.

Mayor Blough stated he met with Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV Manager Tom Richards, Light and Power and Cable TV Chairman Norm Borgerson and Pasquale to discuss various issues and provide some strategies for increased communications between the Lowell Light and Power Board, Cable TV Board and City Council. It became apparent each sensed a lack of knowledge relative to the FERC accounting method, which has been enacted by Light and Power.

Blough explained City Manager Pasquale would discuss this with the Council and he requested the Council act on this at that time concerning a suggestion for a joint worksession.

Blough also discussed a recommendation which has jointly been brought before the Council indicating the wish to provide a liaison in place from the Council to attend the Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV Board meetings.

Blough nominated Councilmember Brubaker to act as a liaison. This responsibility would be to attend the respec-

tive Board meetings for Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV. This is a nonvoting position. It is a position used to stimulate some communication between both Boards and the City Council.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to appoint Councilmember Daniel Brubaker to act as a liaison between the Lowell Light and Power Board, Cable TV Board and City Council.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #8. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

- The following meetings minutes were provided:
 - Airport Board meeting of October 3
 - Chamber of Commerce meeting of October 10
 - Look Memorial Committee meeting of October 18
 - Downtown Development Authority meeting of October 19
 - Downtown Historic District Commission meeting of September 20

2. On Tuesday, November 9, Mayor Blough, Light and power/Cable TV General manager Tom Richards, Light and Power and Cable TV Chairman Norm Borgerson and Pasquale met to review issues of mutual concern.

There is a need as far as staff and Councils concern to know more about the FERC process and also about the firm Virchow Krause. It was recommended a worksession meeting be scheduled to provide Council with a better understanding of the accounting firm as well as the FERC process.

It was suggested such a meeting be held on Monday, January 8, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. It was also noted a representative from Virchow Krause should be present.

Mayor Blough recommended the meeting be held in the new offices at Lowell Light and Power.

Blough noted this meeting is open and should be advertised.

3. The City Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Myers questioned if the City communicated with Light and Power and Cable TV concerning days off. Pasquale responded both try to coordinate days off. However there are some discrepancies. Light and Power and Cable TV has the entire day off for Good Friday while the City offices are only closed for a half day.

Pasquale noted these dates could be provided during the meeting.

Myers felt all offices should be closed on the same days.

Item #9. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Blough received a letter from Alan Mathews of 822 Grindle Drive concerning the open position on the Planning Commission. He has been a Lowell City resident for the last 18 years and a life long resident of the Lowell area. He has spent over 25 years experience in the building, construction and excavating profession. Mathews felt his expertise would be beneficial to the Planning Commission.

Chairman Jim Hall spoke with Mathews and recommended he fill the position.

Blough noted Mathews has also taken active interest in some of the Ad Hoc committee meetings.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to appoint Alan Mathews to the Planning Commission to a term expiring June 30, 2003.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, December 4, 2000

Michael K. Blough, Mayor
Betty R. Morlock, Clerk

COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac areas. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

joy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For info call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

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 THIRD THURS.: 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 FOURTH 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.

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

FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club examines theater-related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held at Lowell Middle School choir room. For information call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

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 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.

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

EVERY SECOND THURS.: Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary #8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main St., Lowell.

EVERY THIRD 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.

WED., DEC. 6: LHS holiday band concert at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at high school. Jazz band performing at 6:40 p.m. Public welcome.

THURS., DEC. 7: Vergennes Cooperative Club and guests at Schneider Manor (12 p.m.) for Christmas dinner and musical program. Bring food for ACCESS - 6 in place of gift exchange. Sponsor: Danni Smith; decorations: Doris Ellis, Norma Noall.

THURS., DEC. 7: LMS band concert at 7 p.m. in the middle school gym. Public welcome.

FRI., DEC. 8: Cyclamen Chapter #94 OES potluck dinner (6 p.m.) before the regular meeting (7:30 p.m.) Bring a dish to pass/own table service. Meat, potatoes & beverage furnished. In lieu of Christmas gift exchange, bring a Teddy Bear for the "Hug a Bear" of Kent County.

SUN., DEC. 10: The Clark-Ellis American Legion and Auxiliary Christmas dinner (1 p.m.) at Schneider Manor. Meat & beverages furnished. Bring own table service/dish to pass. Sponsor: John DeHaan.

TUES., DEC. 12: Reg. meeting of the Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Sewing Guild at Plainfield Senior Center (7 p.m.) Program: Make It - Take It and Christmas Show 'N Tell. New members welcome. Call Melody, 361-6697 for info.

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.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2000

Called to order at 6:55 p.m. 7 board members present. Minutes of October 16, 2000 and November 6, 2000 approved.

Bills paid:

General Fund.....\$36,239.76
Sewer Fund.....\$8,813.41
Water Fund.....\$10,905.67

Business Conducted: Motion to sign an amendment to the Hope Network Contract for a subsidy rate change; motion to accept the proposal from Terry Smith Snowplowing; motion to start meetings with Pledge of Allegiance; received reports from Alto Library, Planning Commission Chairman, and Lowell Cable Advisory Board. Adjournment at 8:00 P.M.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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.

Strong sophomore class to lead a blossoming Lowell gymnastics program

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Others' surprise has been replaced by self-imposed high expectations.

"We surprised people last year with all of our freshmen," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan said. "There will be more pressure this year. We have higher expectations and other schools now know about us."

Seven freshmen who made a big impact in 2000 are back as sophomores for the 2001 season.

Leading the way will be Holly Plattner and Krystal White. "Both girls went to camp at MSU and took lessons," DeHaan explained. "They have definitely improved and will add difficult new tricks to their routines."

Both White and Plattner, two of Lowell's top four gymnasts, will compete in all four exercises.

Captains of this year's squad are juniors April Telman and Katie Blough (also a camp participant this past summer). Both will be looked to for leadership. "I expect when

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Michele DeHaan
Lowell Gymnastics Coach

things aren't going well and we need a good score, Katie and April will step forward and lead," DeHaan said.

Blough's best exercise is the vault, but DeHaan notes that the junior is much improved on the balance beam. The coach expects that Telman will be a strong all-around gymnast.

Sophomores Carisa Sayer and Melissa Neubecker will also be all-around gymnasts. Sayer's strength is on the bars

while Neubecker's strengths are in the floor exercise and on the balance beam.

"Carisa stands tall and has nice lines to her routines. Melissa hasn't added anything to her routines, but has really cleaned them up," the Lowell coach said.

Carmen Datema, Kim Hoogewind and Kim Seaman will also contribute. Datema will contribute in the floor and on the vault; Hoogewind's and Seaman's strength are in the floor exercise and on the beam.

The new face is freshman Heather McQueen. "She has some learning to do, but she's picking things up quickly."

Last year 10 of Lowell's 13 gymnasts qualified for the state tournament. "It's my hope that all the girls will qualify for the state tournament this year."

DeHaan and her Red Arrows are also shooting for a top three finish in the O-K Rainbow. Lowell placed fifth last year.

Dan Vosovic returns for a second year as DeHaan's assistant. Jenna Dickerman is the team's manager.

New coach focuses on turning around Lowell's volleyball fortunes

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Volleyball veteran and first-year Lowell volleyball coach Connie Black won't guarantee a victorious season, but he is promising that the Red Arrows will display the knowledge and skills to compete.

"The young ladies on this year's team are eager to improve upon last year," Black said. "Building a program and turning things around take time. You can't go from A to Z without filling in the letters in-between."

Black made the commitment to filling in those letters while at an AAU volleyball camp in Chicago this summer.

"With some influence from Amanda Stoutjesdyk and Sunny Moyer, I got the courage to try coaching high school again," Black explained. "There is a warm, comfortable feeling that has come with this job."

A good coaching staff, teaching basic skills early on (middle school/junior high) and building a base/foundation for the program are essential elements, according to Black. "Freshmen coming into the program must be able to execute basic skills and technique."

Black has coached at the AAU level for 12 years; served as an assistant at Kellogg Community College; coached clubs at Western Michigan University and Cornerstone; and coached girls teams at Grandville, Creston and Union.

"With all the potential and athletic talent I see, the Lowell program can do better," Black said.

If it does better in 2000-01, it will be because everyone contributed. "I will teach all the girls to be able to play through six rotations. There will be no free rides. I am going to use everybody. No

one person can carry a volleyball team. Everyone must feel confident about their ability to pass, set and put the ball away," explained Black.

Stoutjesdyk will be the marquee player. The senior recently was awarded a full-ride volleyball scholarship from Central Florida University.

"It's a great opportunity," says Stoutjesdyk who is embarking on her third year of varsity high school volleyball.

"Amanda has great skills. Sometimes I don't know if she understands how good her skills are," Black explained. "She has great awareness and is a terrific blocker."

Sophomore Blair Meyer and junior Kelly Fitzpatrick are viewed as young and upcoming hitters/blockers.

"They are going to play together quite a bit so they can build court awareness and some confidence," Black said.

Other hitters include seniors Jenny Williams and Abby Goff; juniors Jenny Wagner, Colleen Myers and

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Connie Black
Lowell Volleyball Coach

Kristi Anderson; and sophomores Amanda VanSpronsen, Kellie Baker and Molly Clark.

The setters will be Moyer and Theresa Happpie.

Black says success will come with the girls staying focused on using proper technique and their effort being as hard on the last point as it was on the first point.

Lowell opens its season Saturday at Creston.

Red Arrow Roundup

Lowell's junior varsity hockey team upended West Catholic 1-0 at the Belknap Arena.

Red Arrow Dustin Hofert scored the game's only goal in the second period to secure Lowell's win.

A strong team effort aided goalie David Maylone in recording a shutout.

The Battle Creek Bullets shot down Lowell 11-1 at the Michigan National Ice Center. Lowell's lone goal was scored by Brandon John on a breakaway.

Southside Arena is the site for the next junior varsity games on Saturday against Wayland (2 p.m.) and against Lansing on Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

The Lowell/Caledonia junior varsity hockey team is a cooperative program.

Lowell Hockey Returns

For the first time since 1987, the Red Arrows field a varsity hockey team.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Five games into its inaugural varsity hockey season, two things have become clear to the Lowell hockey team.

The intensity level is greater at the varsity level than at junior varsity, and lack of defensive positioning results in goals for opponent.

"We have a young team, mostly sophomores, and we're hoping to build and grow as the season progresses," said Lowell hockey coach Paul Jacobus.

The Red Arrows will compete in the third tier of the OK Rainbow conference against Ottawa Hills, Wayland, Grand Haven and Forest Hills Northern.

"I think we can be competitive. Grand Haven is probably the best team in our league. Northern is also pretty good," Jacobus said. "The boys have to get used to playing varsity hockey. It's a big step up from junior varsity."

The Red Arrow junior varsity and varsity rosters each carry 15 players.

"Right now I'm rotating two lines. Eventually I may go to three lines," Jacobus explained.

Chad Rau, Eric Austin and Chris Rybicki

anchor the wings. They are supported by Erik Hays, Ryan Hopkins, Chad Maxlow, Brandon Gillikin, Matthew Horan and Brad Maxlow.

The defensemen are led by Bryan Posthumus and Jordan Terrell. Others include Josh Baker and Darrell Cromer.

"It's nice to have some strong forwards and defensemen," Jacobus explained.

Sharing the goalie duties this year are Jeremy Stein and Jay Blair.

This is the first time since 1987 that Lowell has fielded a varsity hockey team.

Lowell's record dropped to 2-3 following Saturday's 8-0 defeat at the hands of Jenison.

The Wildcats found the Red Arrow net four times in the first period, twice more in the second period and once in the final period.

"We just didn't have good positioning. We were not in the right place at the right time," Jacobus said. "Jenison had a couple of good forwards who did a nice job of pushing the puck up the ice and we had a hard time staying with them."

The Lowell coach said his club would work on positioning in the defensive zone.

One positive aspect from the loss to Jenison was the Red Arrows committed just three penalties.

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Lowell hopes best part of wrestling season comes in March

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Through Russian translation the "best part" of the 2000-01 Lowell wrestling team, prior to taking to the mat, will be the shanks atop its wrestlers' heads.

Once inside the squared circle, the Red Arrows are expected to redefine the "best part" with their depth in numbers.

"The raw numbers give this team the potential to be the most talented wrestling squad yet," said third-year Lowell coach, Dave Strejc.

That's a "big time" statement from a coach whose last two teams have finished runnerup in each of the previous two Division II state finals.

The shanks are expected to build team identity; the depth gives hope for a state championship.

"We're nowhere near ready for that yet," Strejc explained. "But it's not where you start, it's where you finish."

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Dave Strejc
Lowell Wrestling Coach

Lowell has quality wrestlers in every weight class. "We're two or three deep with quality kids who can do the job on a moment's notice," Strejc explains.

Quality grapplers returning from last year's 35-6 squad are John McKay, 125 pounds, 8th in the state; John Mendez, 130, 6th; Caleb O'Boyle, 140/145, 3rd; J.J. Wilder, 140/145, state qualifier; and Ben Fleet, 215 pounds, regional qualifier.

Other Red Arrow wrestlers returning who found some success at the varsity level in 1999-00 are Beau Wilder, 135

pounds; Alan Stiver, 152; Pete VanLaan, 160; Matt Oesch, 171; and Ben Vaught, HWT.

New faces expected to make an impact are David Kropf, 103 pounds; Haslett transfer Brandon Kinney, 112; 6th in the state; Mason transfer Ian DeRath, 119, 8th in the state; B.J. Frazier, 189, 6th freestyle nationals.

One accomplishment that has eluded Lowell the last couple of years is a conference championship. The Red Arrows tied Forest Hills Central for the league title in 1998 and last won it outright in 1995.

"Conference titles are nice, but the big part is at the end," Strejc said. "You win league titles by training to be state champions."

The Lowell coach expects the Rangers to be as tough as usual and that Northview may also challenge for the conference title.

"There are heightened expectations for this team; it's up to the boys to work hard to meet them," Strejc concluded.

Bigger, better, stronger - a prognosis for victory increase in 2000-01

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's primary offensive threat on the hardwood in 1999-00 came from the perimeter.

How effective the Red Arrows are from the outside this year will be a direct result from their play inside.

"If we're effective getting the ball inside, that will open up shots on the perimeter," Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush said. "If we get open shots on the perimeter, I'm confident we will hit them."

Bush, entering his sixth season, is also confident that the program and players are better, but knows that the tangible reward called 'victories' needs to reflect that.

"We're bigger and physically stronger than last year," Bush says.

Anchoring the front line will be the physical presence of senior Brad Koetsier (6'6", 240 lbs). Joining him will be junior Logan Dykstra (6'6", 200), sophomore Landon Trierweiler (6'3", 165) and senior Andy Curtis (5-11, 220).

The Red Arrow coach expects senior James Bosserd and Zach Stauffer to also step

in and provide significant minutes.

"Trierweiler had an excellent summer - both at the AAU level and at the summer camps," Bush said.

Troy Gillan returns as point guard. Supporting him will be Bill Harrison, Dave Rozema and freshman Sam Oberlin.

"Sam is a very good basketball player and knows the game," Bush said. "Harrison played at the junior varsity level last year and Rozema will provide us with some significant minutes."

Other guards who will contribute are Chris Cress, Travis DeVoid and Pat Cavanaugh.

While this year's club has added size and strength, Bush says it is a little slower. "We're not as quick. I think with a mix of zone and man-to-man defenses we can still play good, solid defense and contest jump shots."

Defense, rebounding and limiting the number of turnovers in the end will determine the success of Lowell's basketball campaign.

A good number of quality seniors graduated from the O-K White which leads many to believe that a more balanced year is ahead.

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Pete Bush
Lowell Basketball Coach

"I think there are five-six teams that could win the title. I like the mix of size and perimeter players that Central has. Zeeland has great size and Mike Austin, Northview returns a lot of seniors, and size and quickness," Bush said. "Northern is also loaded with seniors."

Hudsonville returns 11 of 12 players from a year ago, but that Eagle team finished last in the league.

Both East Grand Rapids and Hastings lost much of last year's roster to graduation.

Lowell opens the season at Lakewood and plays its home-opener on Friday against Creston.

Lowell grapplers finish fourth at Michigan Duals

It takes six tie-breaking criteria to separate Red Arrows from defending state champion Panthers.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Back in March, one point separated Lapeer West from Lowell in the Division II state finals.

At the Michigan Duals on Saturday in Bay City, the schools were separated by even less.

It took the sixth criteria to break the Red Arrow/Panther 35-35 tie in the semifinals.

"The kids wrestled great. Everyone gave a great effort and showed a lot of heart out there," Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejc said.

Lowell advanced to the semis after posting three wins in its pool. The Red Arrows defeated Bay City Western 42-27; Williamston 46-27; and Constantine 61-18.

Lapeer West built a 35-23 advantage with matches at 215 and heavyweight still remaining.

Lowell's Ben Fleet pinned Joe Thick at 4:25 of the third period, cutting the deficit to 35-29.

Ben Vaught followed with a pin at 52 seconds of the first period against Josh Johnson to even the score.

New faces to the Red Arrow lineup in 2000-01 contributed mightily against Lapeer West.

Brandon Kinney, Haslett, transfer, 112 pounds, decisioned James Ranger 2-1.

Ian DeRath's 15-7 major decision against David Sclaud at 119 pounds gave Lowell a 7-6 advantage.

"Both Brandon and Ian were very focused in their matches," Strejc said.

Lapeer grabbed a 14-7 lead with decisions against John McKay (16-3), 125 pounds, and Kevin Frazier (11-2), 130.

John Mendez, 135, followed with a 16-4 major decision against Josh Cross, bringing Lowell to within three at 14-11. Caleb O'Boyle gave Lowell a 17-14 advantage with a pin at 1:10 of the first period against Chad Roge.

Alan Stiver suffered a pin at 1:45, but J.J. Wilder picked him up with a pin at 3:52 of the second period against Brett Sierakowski.

Wilder did not lose in any of Lowell's five matches. "In our match against Williamston, J.J. beat a state runnerup," Strejc said.

Lapeer West rallied with wins at 171 and 189 pounds. Matt Oesch was pinned at 43 seconds of the first period and Pete Serne was taken to his back at 4:27 of the third period.

Lowell freshman David Kropf lost the opening match at 103 pounds; he was pinned in 40 seconds.

"David had a tough day; he faced some state level competition. He will improve. David has the skills and talent," Strejc said.

In the consolation match Lowell was upended by Dundee 42-31. "Dundee has a stacked lineup. They are very good," said Lowell's coach.

In the finals, Lapeer West beat up Davison in the finals 46-21.

Tri County finished fifth followed by Williamston, sixth; Grandville, seventh; and Forest Hills Central, eighth.

Three Red Arrows earn all-state soccer recognition

Success of Lowell's soccer program earns Red Arrows a number of post-season honors.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

First-year Lowell soccer coach Paul Legge has never accepted the premise that he or his team could not do well.

"If you work hard and prepare for each game, you can be successful and achieve even if you don't have the best athletes," Legge explained.

By the end of Lowell's 2000 season, Red Arrow players believed in Legge and, more importantly, believed in themselves.

The result was a district championship and a 12-8-1 record.

"The first half of the season we were up and down (inconsistent)," Legge said. "The second half of the boys' play was more fluid."

The program's success earned the Red Arrows a number of post-season honors.

All-conference honors went to Ryan Phillips and Zach Stauffer. Jake Billingsley was bestowed with honorable mention accolades.

Five Red Arrows earned all district honors. They were Billingsley, Stauffer, Phillips, Tom Hobbs and Sam Oberlin. All region honors were given to Billingsley, Stauffer and Phillips.

Stauffer, Billingsley and Phillips were also named to the third team all-state.

Legge calls Stauffer the best sweeper in the league and area. "I think I could make a good argument for Zach being one

of the best, if not the best in the state," Legge explained. "Zach gets out on the marks, and because of him we were able to build an offense out of the back."

Phillips netted nine goals and assisted on eight others. "He was our offensive leader and put pressure on the opponent's defense, opening things up for others," Legge said.

Politics may have kept Billingsley off the all-league team, but his skills dictated that he be on the all-district, all-region and third team all-state.

"It's a shame he didn't get all-conference honors, but Jake, I believe, can play at the Division I or NAIA level. He was one of the top six goalies in the state," Legge said.

Billingsley posted seven shutouts, 161 saves and finished with a .91 goals-against ratio. "He has great reflexes and

Lowell football team garners a number of post season honors

••• Palcowski, Brown and Catlin earn all-state honors.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Team success brings individual accolades. Nine Red Arrow football players and its coach were honored individually following a 9-0 regular season and a post season which ended in the regional final.

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positioning, and he knows when to come off the line," Legge added.

Oberlin, a freshman, recorded seven goals and three assists in roughly half of the season.

"Had Sam played the entire season he too would have been on an all-state team," Legge said. "He is physically mature, coordinated, moves well without the ball and has great skill on the ball."

Legge describes Hobbs as Lowell's unsung hero. "He did the grunt work... the running and the banging and did it on a consistent basis. Tom always drew the other club's number one player."

Legge insisted that the awards bestowed on the five players came about because of the work and effort of 16-17 other players on the team. "There are many players who did things to make those five players better," Legge explained. "James Bossard and Troy Gillan made things happen out there and made those players better."

Matt Jackson earned a spot on the league's honorable mention team.

"Good teams get more players named to the all league team," Lowell football coach Noel Dean said. "They're all good players. They've worked as hard as everyone else has."

Brown is the third Lowell quarterback in six years to earn all conference honors. He rushed for a team-leading 1,061 yards and 17 touchdowns. Through the air Brown completed 51 of his passes and threw for 12 touchdowns.

"Our offense provides for more quarterback use than most," Dean said.

Brown also returned 14 kicks for 406 yards - a 29-yard average per return.

Catlin, a sophomore, earned all league honors as a receiver. He caught 33 passes for 583 yards (17.7 yard avg.) and 10 touchdowns. He returned 24 kicks for 457 yards, an average of 19 yards per return.

"To make all conference as a sophomore is an amazing feat. At his age he is the best football player I've ever coached," Dean said.

Palcowski was named to the team as a running back. The fullback rushed the ball for 917 yards in 141 carries, averaging six-and-a-half yards per carry and scored six touchdowns.

Running was made easier because of the work of Rittersdorf, an offensive tackle. The Red Arrow caught the eye of the league and thus earned league honors.

On the defensive side of the ball, Biggs, defensive lineman, garnered 27 solo tackles, assisted on 19 others, tallied 5 1/2 sacks and recovered two fumbles.

Borth, defensive end, recorded 26 tackles, assisted on 19 others, four quarterback sacks and came away with two fumble recoveries.

Reimbold was selected to the league team as linebacker. He had a team-leading 58 tackles, 32 assists, two intercep-

tions and three sacks. Van Laan, defensive back, posted 28 tackles, 25 assists, one interception and one touchdown.

Earning all area team honors were Catlin, Biggs and Brown.

Palcowski and Reimbold made second team all area and Borth was named as honorable mention.

All-state honors were bestowed upon Palcowski, Brown and Catlin.

"The key to our success is we've been a program. These kids don't know any different," Dean explained. "The players before them knocked down the doors. Players now expect to win. No excuses."

The players' expectations are only exceeded by the person in charge (Dean).

Dean, in his fifth year as Lowell football coach, was named the Class A coach of the year after his club's 9-0 regular season.

Under Dean, the Red Arrows have won or shared in two league titles, made three playoff appearances and posted the school's only two post-season victories.

During his five years, Lowell was 27-8 in the O-K White and 39-11 overall.

At the lower levels, Lowell was 24-3 this year and 23-4 the year before.

"There are some who still have a problem accepting Lowell as a good football program, a great community and a great place to live," Dean explained. "Lowell has a wonderful education facility, teachers and civic-minded leaders."

The Red Arrow coach also praised the genuine help of parents and the athletic boosters. "The help has come out of the woodwork," Dean said.

The success has also been built on maintaining relationships with players. Players receive birthday and Christmas cards from the coaching staff, have get togethers for quality time after school, and do community service projects together.

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Mari Stone, Clerk

Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa has arrived!

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's Christmas parade and the festivities that followed Saturday had all the elements of the holiday season.

From Santa to hot chocolate, carriage rides to carolers, Lowell residents lined Main Street and Riverwalk Plaza as the holiday season enveloped the Lowell community.

The parade, starting at 10 a. m., ran from the fairgrounds to Main Street, then east to Jackson. It didn't end until Santa made his way along Main Street some 45 minutes later.

Following the parade, patrons had the opportunity to vote on their favorite non-profit organization's decorated Christmas tree, have their picture taken with Santa on the Robert E. Lee Showboat, watch ice sculptors from Grand Rapids Community College, enjoy a hot cup of coffee/hot chocolate and/or a hot dog from the Lowell Lions Club or sip hot cider and donuts at Rare Finds.

Christmas Parade (sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce) entry winners were the Kent County Youth Fair, first place, \$150 gift certificate to shop Lowell; Greenridge Realty, second place, \$100 gift certificate to shop Lowell, and Brenda's Hair Designs, third place, \$75 gift certificate to shop Lowell.

Christmas coloring contest winners were Derek Bitterman, five; Meredith Lane, six; Rebecca Kempker, 10; and Anna Lane, 11. They all received a \$25 gift certificate to shop Lowell.

The coloring contest was sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council and the Lowell Ledger/Buyers Guide.

Seven homes received gift certificates for their Christmas decorations. The Joshua Milley family, 10801 Woodbushe St., was first in the spectacular residential category. They won a \$50 gift certificate. Kurt Beimers, 10946 Woodbushe St., second place, won a \$35 gift certificate; and Arnie DeLoof, 829 Jefferson St., third place, won a \$25 gift certificate. Andrew Milley, 1415 Baywicke, received honorable mention status.

Gary and Sharon Pieroni, 329 N. Washington, earned top honors in the traditional category. They won a \$50 gift certificate. Kelly Bishop, 220 N. Jefferson, second place, won a \$35 gift certificate. Richie Curtis, 529 Avery, third place, won a \$25 gift certificate.

In the spirit of Christmas category, Ernest Schafer, 618 Lafayette, was the winner, earning a \$50 gift certificate.

The plaque for the best decorated business went to Dream Pieces, 219 W. Main.

Honorable mention recognition was given to Riverbend East, 203 E. Main; Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson; and Chapman State Farm Insurance, 217 W. Main.

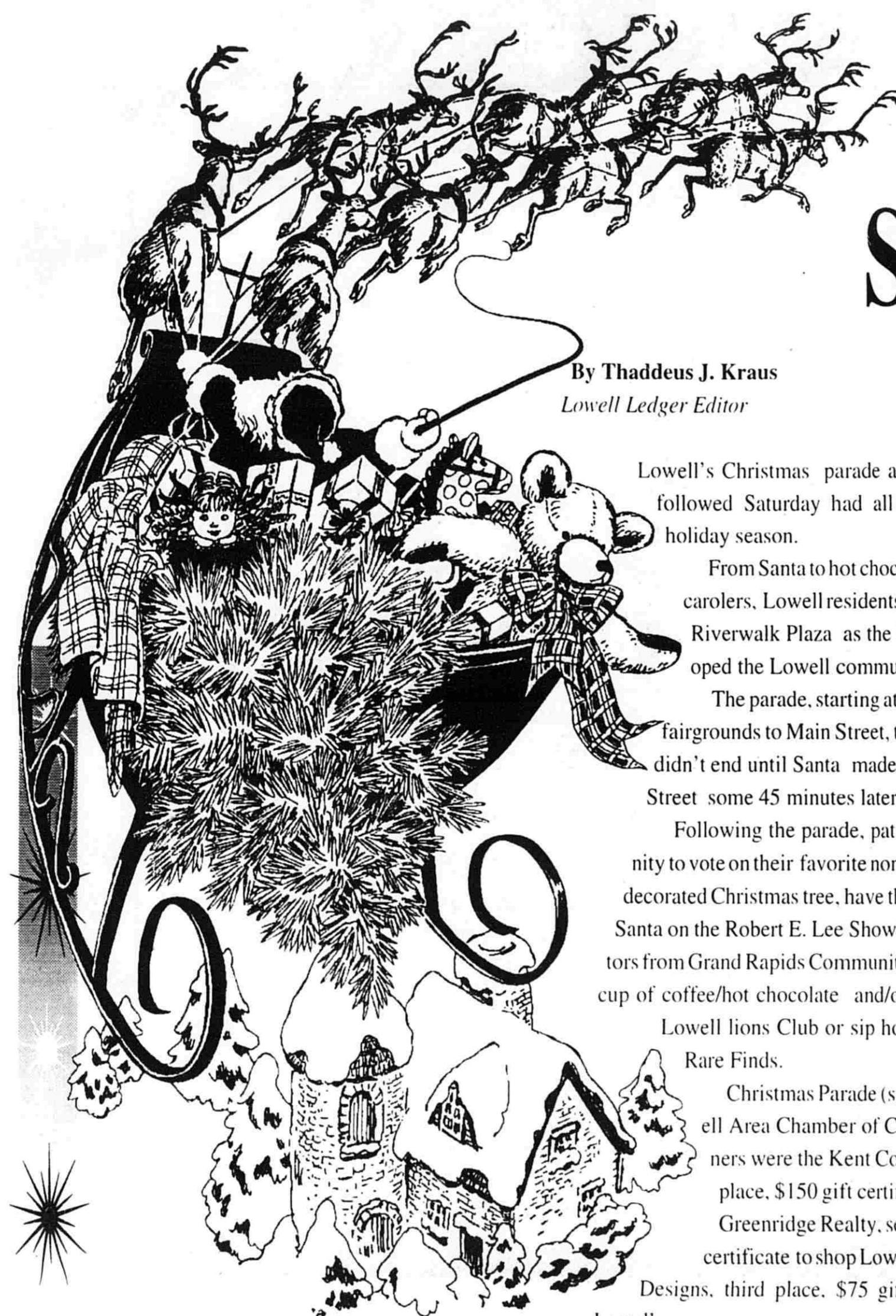
The Christmas celebration continues in Lowell throughout December.

Children may visit with Santa on the Showboat on Sunday, Dec. 10 from 4-7 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 17 from 4-7 p.m. Pictures with Santa are \$3.

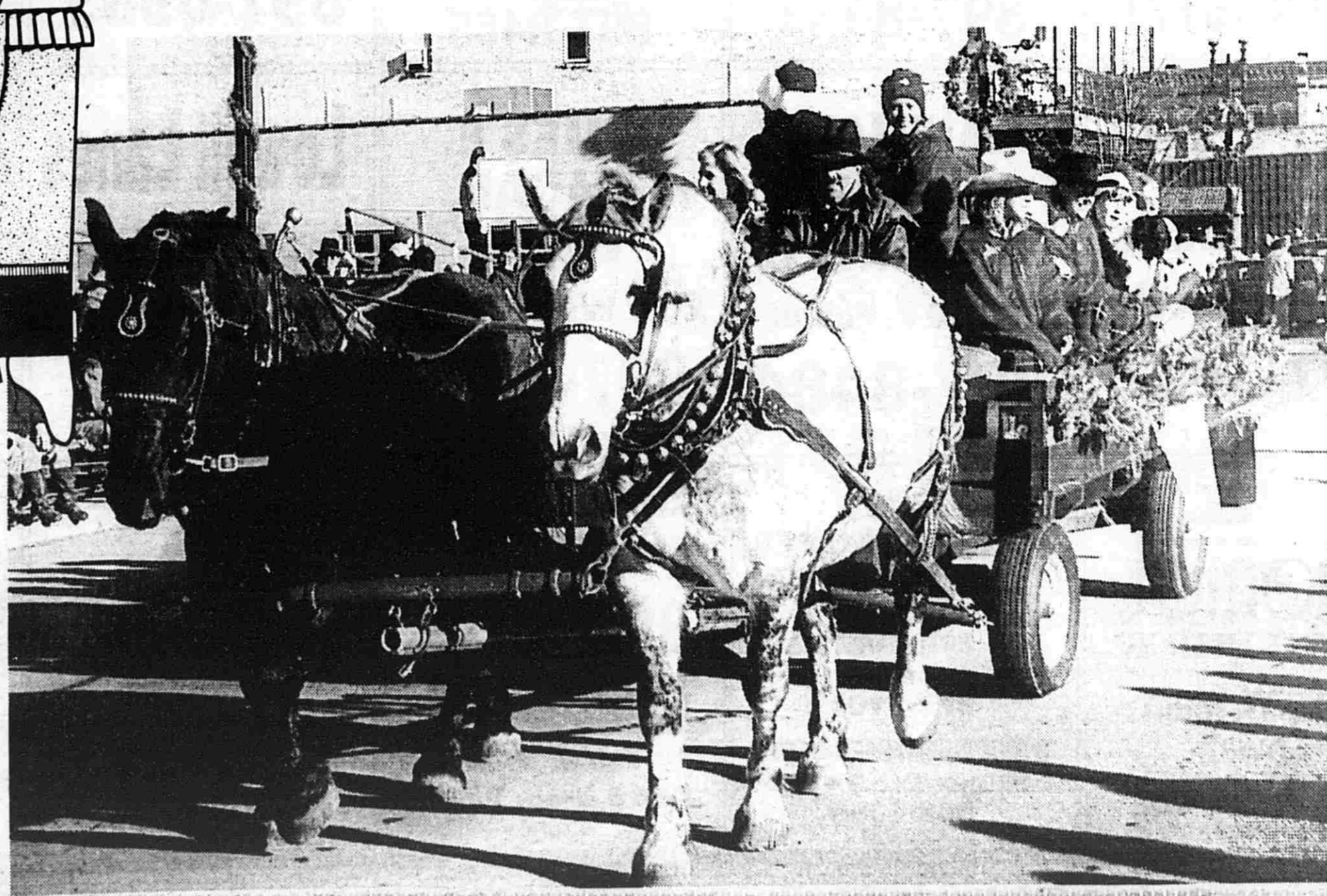
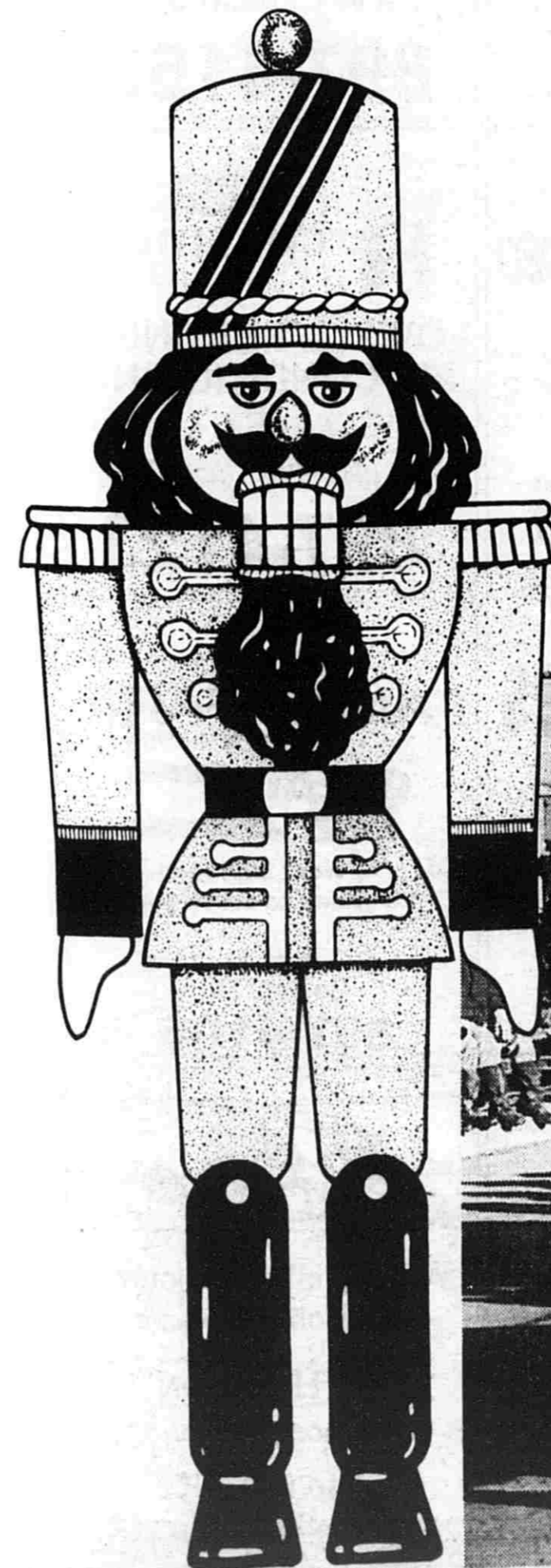
Family pets may also visit with Santa on Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 6 until 7 p.m. at Lowell Animal Hospital.

Free horse and carriage rides will be available along Main Street on Sunday, Dec 10 & 17 from 4 until 7 p.m. and on Saturday, Dec. 23 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Luminaries will be along Historic Main Street on Sunday, Dec. 10 and 17 at 5:30 p.m..

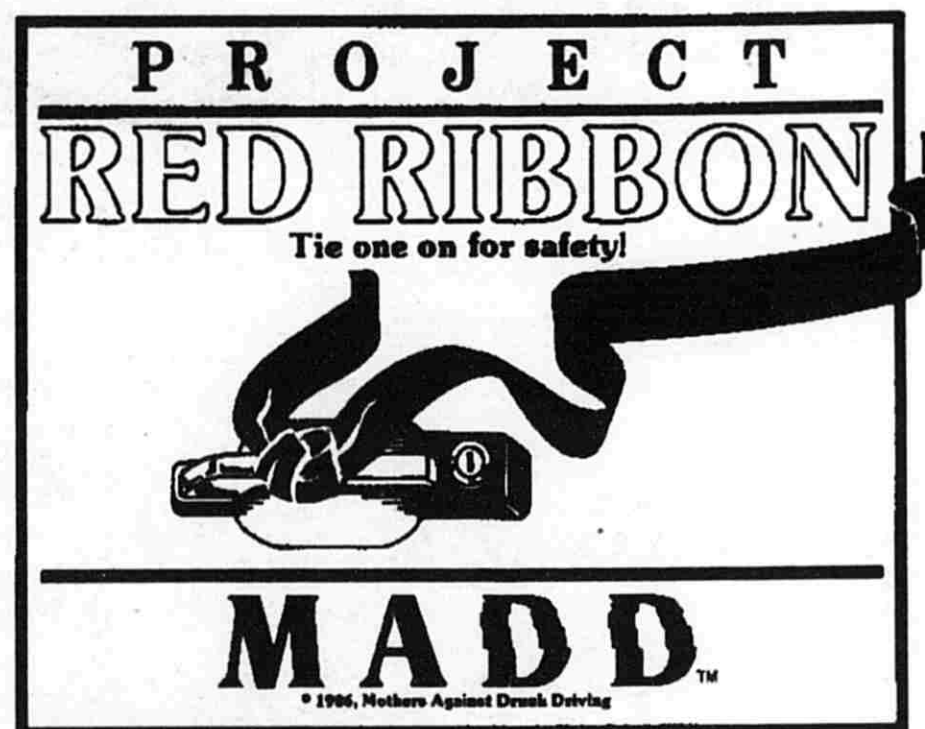


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My husband and I are taking a trip to Europe for 10 days. We have three young children who are going to be watched by my husband's sister while we are gone. While putting together a list of instructions, including the name, address and telephone number of our children's pediatrician, I was reminded of a friend who once told me that when she and her husband went away on vacation, they gave their power of attorney to the couple watching their children while they were gone. Apparently, this power of attorney gave that couple the right to make decisions on behalf of the children if something happened while the parents were away. Would you please explain this in more detail?

JONATHAN SAYS:

Under Michigan law, a parent or guardian may delegate their parental or guardian powers over children to another person for a period not to exceed six months. This is done through a written power of attorney and it is a very useful document. Basically, by you and your husband delegating your parental powers to your

sister-in-law while you are away, your sister-in-law would be empowered to make whatever decisions are necessary regarding your children's care, custody or property while you are away. The power of attorney may not need to be used at all, but in the event something happens, such as a medical situation, it would be a very useful document to have on hand.

The powers that can be delegated include any powers a parent or guardian has over a child regarding the child's care, custody or property except for the power to consent to marriage or adoption of a minor ward or the release of a minor ward for adoption.

If you have any interest in having such a power of attorney drawn up, you should consult with an estate planning attorney who can make sure that it is prepared in conformance with Michigan law. Have a nice trip.

DEAR JONATHAN:

I have several small life insurance policies which I purchased many years ago. My wife, who died a few months ago, was the beneficiary on all of those policies. There is no contingent beneficiary named on any of those poli-

cies. Do I need to name a new beneficiary for each of those policies? If I don't name a new beneficiary, what will happen to the death benefits?

JONATHAN SAYS:

No, you do not have to name a beneficiary to receive those death benefits in place of your wife. However, when there is no beneficiary named or alive to receive the death benefits of a life insurance policy, then the insurance company will pay those death benefits to the owner's estate. Consequently, in your case, if you fail to name a new beneficiary, then all the death benefits will be made payable to your estate. As a result, those death benefits will need to be probated prior to passing to the beneficiaries named in your will or if you do not have a will, then to your heirs pursuant to state law.

My recommendation is that you name a new beneficiary for each one of those policies. Before doing so, however, you may want to consult with an estate planning attorney to have whatever estate planning you currently have in place, reviewed and possibly updated. At the same time, he or she can review with you how to go about naming a new beneficiary or beneficiaries for each of your life insurance policies.

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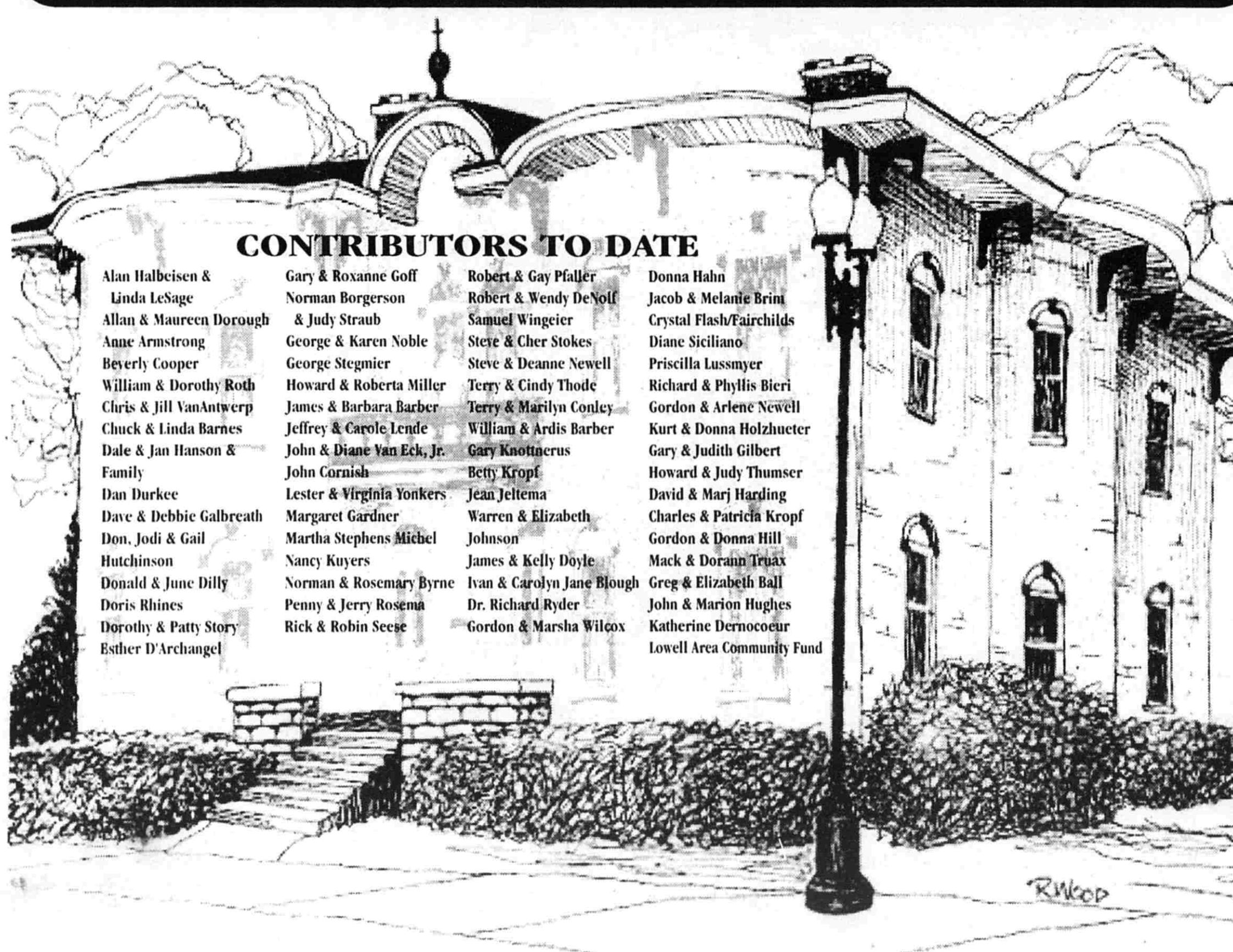
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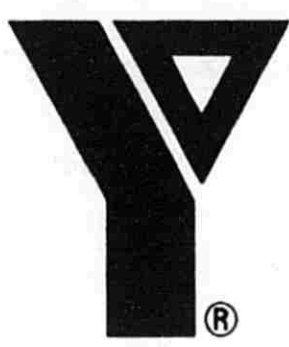
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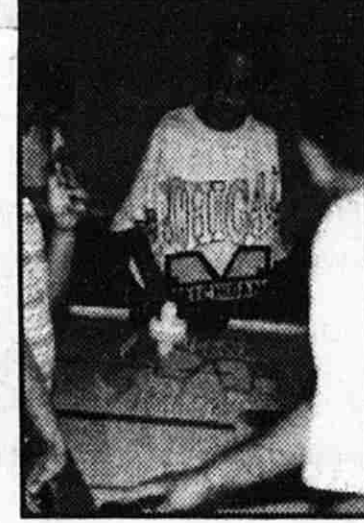
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