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Along Main Street

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS AT KDL BRANCHES

All 18 branches of Kent District Library will be closed for New Year's Day on Monday, Jan. 1. Regular hours resume following the holiday.

YMCA YOUTH BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS

The Lowell YMCA is still taking sign-ups for its upcoming basketball season. Practice starts the first week of January. Call 897-8445 to register.

LACC CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Chamber of Commerce will be closed the week of Dec. 25th and will re-open on Jan. 2, 2001.

LUMINARY WALK AT WITTENBACH CENTER

The Lowell High School Environmental Club will be hosting a luminary walk at the Wittenbach Center on Saturday, Dec. 30 from 6-8 p.m. The Lowell community and surrounding area are invited to visit the center, walk, ski or snowshoe the trails of the Wege Natural Area. Rental is \$10 for snowshoes and \$5 for kids' snowshoes. Hot chocolate is \$1. This is a fundraiser for the Environmental Club.

NEW YEAR BRINGS ADDITIONAL HOURS TO LOCAL LIBRARIES

Beginning January 2001, the Englehardt Library will add eight open hours per week to better serve patrons. The new schedule is as follows: Monday - Wednesday: Noon - 8 p.m.; Thursday and Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Alto Library will be open seven additional hours per week. The new schedule is as follows: Monday and Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:

Noon - 8 p.m.

These additional hours were made possible with the approval of the Aug. 8 millage proposal.

LHS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING

For the month of January, the Lowell High School Athletic Boosters will hold their regular meeting one week later on Monday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. in the high school staff lounge.

New YMCA teen and wellness centers open in Lowell on January 1

"There are some things you do for your kids, there are some things you do for your family, and there are some things you do for your community; this project has allowed us to have an impact in all three of these important areas..."

Kurt Parks Parks Construction

Lowell YMCA executive director, Will Welsh announced that the new Teen Center and Community Wellness Center will open on January 1st from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. "Since October, we have been promising these centers will open on Jan. 1 and they will," said Welsh.

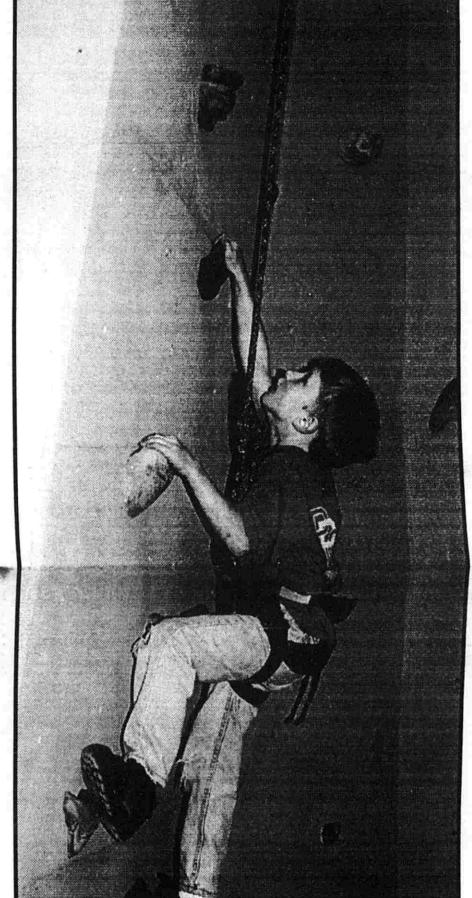
All community members are encouraged to stop by and tour the centers. The community is also welcome to get a "New Year's Resolution" work-out in. The 5,800 square foot wellness center will have 18 pieces of cardio equipment such as bikes, stair masters, treadmills, total body workout machines and Aerodynes. It will also have a free weight area and a 20-

station Cybex weight machine circuit. After working out, members may use the full service locker rooms.

The 2,800 square foot teen center will have a climbing wall, ping-pong, pool, bumper pool, air hockey, foosball, large screen TV, Play Stations, and a computer lab. Family members will be able to try out the climbing wall, as there will be YMCA staff available to harness in the climbers.

All of this would not have been possible without the contributions of the Lowell Area Community Fund, Lowell Ministerium, Look Memorial Fund, Rotary, Masonic, PPC

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Thomas Welsh trys out the wall in the adventure gym of the teen center.



FFA members welcomed at national convention

By Abby Payne and Jeannine Lovas National FFA organization

Louisville's population explodes by five percent when FFA comes to town. That's why the people of Louisville and Jefferson County welcome FFA with open arms. In 1999, the national FFA convention generated \$19.5 million in additional revenue for the area, bringing the greatest economic impact of any convention, according to Karen Williams-Goetz, senior vice president of the Louisville and Jefferson County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

At the largest FFA National Agricultural Career Show in history, 362 exhibitors strut their stuff in the south wing of the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center. Corporate sponsors, colleges



Lowell FFA members attending the National FFA Convention were: front, left to right: Megan Nyson, Courtnay Perkins, Kayla Ritenburgh, Brian Zook, Teresa Leasure, Holly Plattner; back, left to right: Heather Blough, Heather Canfield, Courtney Baker, Bill Zook, Danielle Nebelung, Matt Oesch and Jana Young.

and universities and the military have come to target FFA members.

Why do they need FFA members? As FFA members, employers and recruiters see a unique wealth of excellent qualities, sense of commitment and strong agricultural background. For 35 years, the national FFA convention has been a place for these people to connect about their future.

Fraternities, colleges and Fr

universities come to the career show in hopes of recruiting members and getting their names out into the public. Trina Kluever, the director of expansion for Ceres Women's Fraternity, is exhibiting at the career show in order to educate, recruit and publicize her fraternity. "FFA members have a lot of good traits not found in other students," Kluever said.

FFA convention, cont'd...pg. 8

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OBITUARIES

GEELHOED - Cornelius of Lowell; brother Raymond Geelhoed, aged 77, of Lowell, passed away on Monday, ell; sister-in-law Margaret December 25, 2000. He is Geelhoed; grandnephew ell, Dennis (Laura) Geelhoed Visitation Wednesday 2-4

(Lorene) Geelhoed of Lowsurvived by his wife Phyllis; Samuel Laase of Lowell; sevsons Marc Geelhoed of Low- eral nieces and nephews. of Rockford; special grand- and 7-9 p.m. Funeral services children Karlie, Jason and will be held on Thursday at Samantha; sisters Katherine 3:30 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Fox and Ella Thompson, both Funeral Home, 305 N.

Hudson, Lowell, Pastor Brian Bosscher officiating. Inter-

aged 61, of Lowell, passed away Friday, December 22, 2000. She was preceded in death by her husband Bryce in 1998. She is survived by her son James and Barb Austin: grandchildren Scott, Jamie, ciation. Shawna; great-granddaughter

Phyllis Ketchum, all of Low-ren, born November 11, 2000, ers Avis Warren of Howard ment Alton Cemetery. Me- ell. Funeral services will be weighing 8 lbs. and measur- City, Donna Wilcox of morial contributions may be held Thursday, December 28 ing 20" long, passed away Manton, MI, and Laih Marvin made to the charity of one's at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst unexpectedly December 17, of Lowell; aunts Dawn Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Low- 2000. She was greeted in (David) Stiles, Pam (Mike) ell, with Dr. Roger La Warre heaven by her great-grandfa- Rynearson; uncles Dan King POST-Maxine Mildred Post, of First Congregational ther Walter Marvin. Jenna is Mike, Bill (Marie), Brent and Church of Lowell officiating. survived by her parents David Doug (Lori) Warren. Funeral Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday Jordan Warren; sister Jessie day, Dec. 20 at the Christian and 7-9 p.m. Memorial King; grandparents Louis and Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash. contributions may be made to Louise King of Lowell, Betty Rev. Robert Holmes officiatthe American Diabetes Assoand Kathy Warren of Wyo- Cemetery.

Kyrsten; and brother Al and WARREN-Jenna Rose Warming, MI; great-grandmothand Donna; brothers Justin and Services were held Wednes-Warren of White Cloud, Bill ing. Interment Fairplains

CITY OF LOWELL

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 00-7

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND **SECTION 19.04 OF CHAPTER 19** OF APPENDIX A. ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

Councilmember MYERS, supported by Councilmember SHORES moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

THE CITY OF LOWELL ORDAINS: Section 1. Amendment of Appendix A Chapter 19, Section 19.04. Section 19.04 of Chapter 19 of "Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell is amended to read as follows:

Section 19.04. Parking Restrictions.

F. After the effective date of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for the owner, holder, occupant, lessee, agent or trustee of any lot in a residential district to permit or allow the open storage or parking, either day or night, thereon of all vehicles (over one (1) ton rated capacity), semi-trucks and trailers, manufactured homes, construction equipment, and/or any other similar equipment or machinery used for commercial purposes.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after notice of its adoption is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city.

YEAS: Councilmembers MYERS, SHORES AND MAYOR BLOUGH. NAYS: Councilmembers GREEN.

ABSENT: Councilmembers BRUBAKER ABSTAIN: Councilmembers NONE.

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

Date: December 18, 2000

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Lowell, Michigan, certify that the above ordinance is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Lowell City Council held on Dec. 18, 2000, pursuant to notice given in compliance with Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended, and notice of its adoption, including a summary of its contents, was published in the Lowell Ledger on Dec. 18, 2000. I further certify that the above ordinance was entered into the Ordinance Book of the City on Dec. 18, 2000, and was effective Jan: 6, 2001, ten (10) days after its publication.

Dated: Dec. 18, 2000

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

Lowell City Council determines meeting dates for 2001

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

The Lowell City Council

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at its last meeting of 2000.

Thad Kraus

Editor

The schedule calls for the days: On New Year's Day way. group to meet the first and (Jan. 1), the meeting has been moved to Jan. 2; Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan. 15) will be Jan. 16; President's Day (Feb. 19) is scheduled for Feb. 20; and Labor Day (Sept. 3) is Sept. 4.

"Is the City Hall closed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day?" asked Jeanne Shores, to which city manager, David Mayor Michael Blough who Pasquale replied no.

closed, I don't see why we shouldn't have a meeting,"

years ago, the council de- 7 and 21; June 4 and 18; July cided that out of respect for 2 and 16; Aug. 6 and 20; Sept. the holiday it should not meet 17; Oct. 1 and 15; Nov. 5 and on that day. Councilmember 19; and Dec. 3 and 17.

set its 2001 meeting schedule third Mondays of the month, the one who proposed the except for the following holi- change and he still felt that

> Shores said she had no objection, so the council decided it would continue to not meet on Martin Luther King

> > The council also decided

to move its April meeting dates to the second and fourth Mondays of the month. This was done at the suggestion of was concerned the council "If the city offices aren't would not have a quorum if it met April 2, which is during spring vacation.

The rest of the dates are Pasquale said several Feb. 5; March 5 and 19; May

Gight Lettering In by Ken by Ken 616-897-6197

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 3, 2001 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan wil hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Miedema Auctioneering for a special land use for two private roads to serve multiple parcels of land and to consider approval of a proposed land division covering parcels to be served by the private roads. Said parcels of land are zoned in the A Agricultural District, are located approximately at 7601 Nugent Avenue, N.E., and are legally described as

The Southeast 1/4 of Section 6, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, except the South 1782 feet of the East 660 feet, but also that part of the South 157.75 feet of the East 660 feet lying Westerly of the centerline of Nugent Avenue, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

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

Dated: December 21, 2000

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

Hearing of the Public Grattan Township Planning Commission

A Public Hearing before the Grattan Planning Commission for a Special Use Permit will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, on:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2001, AT 7:30 P.M.

at which time and place the following request will be heard:

Ron Goodyke of 12499 Woodland Park Drive, Belding, parcel number 41-12-10-257-021 has made application for a Special Use to construct a dwelling on an existing non-conforming lot less than 10,000 square

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Nancy Benner, Grattan Township Planning Commission, 12050 Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

AAA Michigan has tire care, safety tips

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ing cause of tire failure. It pressure. Having a flat tire (NHTSA) estimates that a results in unnecessary tire whendriving is always a probquarter of a million accidents a year result from improperly inflated tires. In the winter, such factors as air pressure, alignment, rotation and tread flat! become even more critical due to unpredictable and less-than-ideal road condi-

AAA Michigan says that, by taking a few safety precautions, motorists can protect themselves from injury and/ or death when the rubber meets the road.

important pieces of safety Jerry Basch, manager of Community Safety Service for AAA Michigan. "Checking your tires on a regular basis is an important step in protecting your safety, as well as your automotive investment."

TIRE CARE TIPS

According to the Rubber Manufacturers Association, proper tire care is simple and easy. A nationwide campaign for signs of damage launched in November urges notorists to "Be Tire Smart-Play Your PART: Pressure, Alignment, Rotation, Tread." Pressure

By J.N. Boorsma

Contributing Writer

Another year has passed

and the city has several mile-

including the purchasing of

property for the City Hall/

foundation for the develop-

ment of the City Hall/police

station project which in turn

will have an impact on future

projects," said Lowell

mayor, Michael Blough.

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"We were able to lay the

police station project.

control and accidents. A tire can lose up to half of its air

A bad jolt from hitting a curb or pothole can throw your front end out of alignment and damage your tires. Have a tire dealer check the alignment periodically to ensure that your car is properly aligned. Rotation

Regularly rotating your "Tires are one of the most vehicle's tires will help you achieve more uniform wear. equipment on your car," says Unless your vehicle's owners manual has a specific recommendation, the guideline for tire rotation is approximately every 6.000 miles.

Advanced and unusual wear can reduce the ability of tread to grip the road in adverse conditions. Visually check your tires for uneven wear, looking for high and low areas or unusually smooth areas. Also check

FLAT TIRE TIPS

City winds up a busy

year full of activities

ing on for the past several

years. For 2000, it became

more of a reality when the city

purchased part of the

Runciman School property

and the VFW Hall for the ex-

pansion of the building and

the development of new park-

station project was not the only

accomplishment of the city

for the year 2000; there was

also the upgrading of the

Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The project was some- other foundation for the city

"Again, this is laying an-

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But the City Hall/police

Despite every precaution. tires are still susceptible to

Underinflation is the lead- puncture or sudden loss of stress, irregular wear, loss of lem, but experiencing a flat or blowout on the freeway can present special challenges. To pressure and not appear to be cope successfully when your tire fails, AAA Michigan offers the following tips:

•Grip the steering wheel firmly on both sides.

 Don't over-react by steering hard or slamming the

gradually by removing your foot from the gas. Steer the vehicle toward an

Allow the vehicle to slow

exit if possible, or well off the traveled road. If a lane-change is neces-

sary, signal your intent and proceed carefully. Apply light pressure to the

brakes until stopped off the main roadway.

· Once you have control, turn emergency flashers on. · Exit the vehicle away from

traffic. Use your cell phone to call for help.

· If you don't have a cell phone, raise the hood of the car. · In severe cold weather, stay inside the vehicle as you wait

for help.

thing the city has been work- as the initial work on the plant

 If changing a flat, make sure you are well off the traveled

will have an impact on the

residents of Lowell along with

Blough said.

the plant's other customers,"

plant, including the upgrade

of filters, was designed to help

provide better service and in-

crease capacity as the entire

community of Lowell grows.

used for the city's growth is

the development and comple-

tion of a Streets and Side-

walks Master Plan to aid the

City year, continued, pg. 6

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Another tool that will be

The refurbishing of the

Winter Tire Care Tips

Check air pressure frequently in winter. Tires lose 1-2 pounds for every 10-degree drop in temperature. Check tires when cool.

Rotate tires on a regular basis (approximately every 6,000 miles) to maintain uniform wear.

If you observe signs of uneven wear, have a technician check for proper alignment and tire imbalance.

Visually check tires for wear. When the tread is down to 1/16th of an inch, or wear bars are showing, the tire must be

Never reduce tire pressure to increase traction in snow, ice or mud. Underinflation is the leading cause of tire failure.

To Send for 🕭

(NAPS)-For information about how you can escape gaining the extra ten pounds that many Americans gain during the holiday season and which can contribute to heart disease and stroke, call 1-800-AHA-USA1 or visit www.american heart.org.



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Healthy Living Is the Healing Remedy

Lifestyle Seminar Series

LOCATION: Collins Elementary Gym, 4368 Heather Lane (Forest Hill & M-21)

January 7, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

"None of These Diseases," by Dr. Bruce Hyde. MD

Bruce R. Hyde, MD serves as Medical and Lifestyle Director at the Battle Creek Lifestyle Health Center. Dr. Hyde is a 1986 graduate of Loma Linda University School of Medicine, emphasizing Lifestyle Medicine.

January 14, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

"Rx: Healthful Living is the Healing Remedy," by Dr. Bruce Hyde. MD Dr. Hyde also served in the U.S. Air Force, in Emergency Medicine. Consistently for over 10 years, Lifestyle Medicine has been his underlying commitment in medical practice, resulting in the blessing of seeing

January 21, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

"In the World but Not of It - Overcoming Heavy

Metal Toxicity," by Jann Gentry Glander

Jann Gentry is the Vice President for Public Affairs at the Battle Creek Lifestyle Health Center. Jann's special field of health interest is in environmental toxicities. She has recovered from heavy metal poisoning using natural methods and is eager to share her story with others.

so many restored to health. Dr. Hyde has a special interest in diabetes.

January 28, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

"Networking for a Healing Solution," Amiable blending of

traditional medicine & lifestyle medicine, by Tim Heischberg

Tim Heischberg serves as the Operations Manager at the Battle Creek Lifestyle Health Center in Battle Creek. He has a strong interest in nutrition, health, and natural remedies, spanning nearly two decades.

Register at Door: \$10 per Seminar or \$30 for entire Series

For more information, call Marian at 897-0581

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tion for the new millennium. Then last New Year's Day. the moment came and went, and life went on pretty much as it always has.

On Monday, we'll again Year's Day.

Trierweiler.

Callihan.

DEC. 29: Amanda Martin, Donna Baker.

JAN. 2: Rose Nead, Helen Kuiper.

year is a true change: out goes the old year and in comes the new one. No one knows what Remember last year at the year 2001 will bring, but this time we were concerned faith tells us that God will be about the Y2K effect of the therewith us to help us through

We can only have such confidence if we pause and would still operate, and our seriously remember during bank savings would still be this year, and former years. that when we went to the Lord A lot of time, effort and in prayer and allowed Him to money went into the preparabe in charge, He always came through. We realize that many times it was not as we were asking but wasn't our prayer, "In accord with Your will. O Lord?

From this weren't we be at the beginning of another strengthened, and saw more year - one which many clearly that God was in people hold is the correct be- charge? If we remember God bless you and have a

The first day of the new very fruitful new year!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DEC. 30: Stacy Klahn, Ben Hodges, Kyle Triplett, Joe Hunt,

Stacey Craig, Joshua Gee, Maliree Trierweiler, Matthew

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

JOWS SPOKEN

Kristine Kay Kelley and Jay Charles Rickert of Lowell were married on September 30, 2000. The wedding took place at Saranac Community Church and the reception was held at

The bride's parents are Mike and Char Kooistra of Lowell and N. Steve Kelley of Newport News, VA.

The groom's parents are Darle and Joan Rickert of Lowell. Matron of honor was Karen Potter. Bridesmaids were Doreen Rademacher, Darcie Myers, Jill Bruinekool and Jody Yaw. The flower girl was Brenna Myers.

The best man was Jerry Laveque. Groomsmen were Jeff Rickert, Ross Myers, Kelly Potter and Brian Kelley. The ringbearer was Kyle Potter.

Masters and mistresses of ceremonies were Dan and Jean Hoffman and Shirley Kloosterman and Joe Laveque.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE

FILE NO. 00-170,638 DE

RALPH Estate MEGGITT

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Including Donna Cochran whose address and where-

abouts are unknown. The decedent, RALPH MEGGITT, who lived at 1134 Hollywood, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 11/24/00.

An application for informal probate was filed by Anna L. Philpott 2003 Coit Ave., N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

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On 12/05/00 the Kent County Probate Court 320 Ottawa Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 granted informal probate.

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



Week of 1/1 - 1/5

Chef's Salad & Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch

Lunch: \$1.35 * Milk: 30¢

TUES: NO SCHOOL

WED: Mini corndogs or dinosaur pasta w/franks,

THURS: Macaroni cheese or beefy burrito, cinnamon roll, sweet peas,

FRI: Italian dunkers w/meat sauce & cheese stick or egg, ham & cheese bagel, ossed salad, fruit mix.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

*Chef's Salad & Peanut

THURS: French toast sticks or pancake dippers scrambled eggs, potato wedges, juice, warm cinnamon apples, cherry topping & syrup.

Kristine Kay and Jay Charles Rickert ginning of the new millen- God's faithful love in the nium. Whatever opinion is past, we can take on the chalright, it will be another New lenges of the year 2001. AREA BIRTHS

(Nelson) Hefron of Grand Ledge are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Macie Jo, born November 11, 2000 at 10:57 p.m. DEC. 28: Lisa Stormzand, C.J. Sokolowski, Matt Francisco. She weighed 9 lbs. 10 oz. and

Scott and Melanie

measured 21 inches long. Welcoming her home is big sister, Malorie.

Proud grandparents are Dan and Mary Kay Nelson of JAN. 1: Tory Abel, Alice Hesche, Carolyn Yonker, John Lowell and Cheryl Hefron of Clarksville. Great-grandmothers are Mary Phillips of JAN. 3: Jon Vezino, Agnes Kent, Audrie Olszewski, Lloyd Lowell and Emma Stowell of

Macie Jo Hefron



ELEMENTARY

MON: NO SCHOOL

breadstick, cinnamon apple slices, green beans.

peaches.

Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch

MON: NO SCHOOL

TUES: NO SCHOOL

WED: Chicken nuggets or mini corndogs, breadstick, blueberries & cream whipped potatoes.

FRI: Pizza wedge or sweet sour chicken over rice v/dinner roll, tossed salad. pineapple tidbits.

Viewpoint... cozy corner

by Roger Brown

For about 25 years this weekly column has been written about what's going on in my little world. My attention span is a roaring sound like a Harley. He was grinning from ear to ear. too short and my imagination too limited for me to drift too far A neighbor on a real Harley stopped, talked some biker talk from the parameters of here and now. Since I'm writing this the with the kid, and they rode down to the corner together. Too day after Christmas, I'm going to write about Christmas. To cute! that you say, "Duh!" There is one big problem with that. My Christmas was spent below the palm tree line. It was sunny and welder's helmet. I nearly forgot the partial solar eclipse. I made nearly eighty degrees. If you love a white Christmas and can't imagine palm trees strung with lights and a Santa in shorts, then look. I'm glad we didn't miss it, there won't be another by all means, read on. However, if you're already sick of snow and cold and can't believe how far off spring is, then I'd suggest you move on to the sports page. I don't want to be

responsible for adding to someone's post holiday depression. Santa comes to our neighborhood here in the Florida Keys on Christmas Eve. He arrives atop a fire truck with sirens fashioned pogo stick. I began to wish my table saw had wheels wailing and Christmas music blaring from the P.A. system. Dogs howl and kids rush from the houses to clamor for the candy canes Santa tosses as the fire truck cruises from street to Fisherman's Hospital. street. I was fresh out of the shower when he came by so I watched from my front porch in boxers and a t-shirt. Because boat with a new knee board. Other kids were running around

of my attire. I resisted the temptation to run after candy canes. For only the third time in nearly thirty years, Terese and dogs. Because of other commitments, Casey and Angie couldn't be here. Consequently, we've compensated by spreading the holidays with the kids over early November until late January. their stocking. Who needs kids? We leisurely opened our gifts the sun while the turkey roasted. We enjoyed a great meal as the dogs looked on through the open doors to the deck. When cleaned up the mess and watched sunset from the balcony. all the gifts were opened I figured my last-minute buying spree being Christmas "pond scum."

traditional turkey dinner on Thanksgiving so she went to work preparing one for our Christmas meal. As for me, I'd been yours had a pleasant one. Merry Christmas. given a new table saw as a Christmas gift. It was complete with

Along The Trails

You will find lots of blessings in the Lowell area ...

blessings, the many gifts I have received from the Lowell and

homemade cookies for the workshops at the Wittenbach Sci-

ence Center. Only in Lowell do I find families who are willing

to donate money and land for the betterment of all of the

students and families who donate time and effort to build trails.

Only in Lowell do I find an elementary school which helps kids

bake cookies and learn the many processes of business and

events developed around fundraising dinners for families in

need. Only in this area do I find an orthodontist who takes his

for my lunch on cold winter days. In my busiest longest days

I found many community members approach me and say,

"Any help you need, please call me right away and I will be

there to help you out," and another community member

community members and their families hanging around, help-

ing me clean up and move chairs, late into the evening ... for

free. Only in Lowell do I find women who come in to help me

clean and put things away, preparing for the Grand Opening

celebration. These women come in on their own time, carrying

their own cleaning supplies and vacuums, with smiles on their

Long after a tedious day of work for many people, I find

chimes in and says, "They really mean it."

Only in Lowell and the surrounding area do I find social

I find families who drop off hot, homemade vegetable soup

Alto communities come to mind immediately.

marketing.

client families ice-skating.

As I reflect on the past few months and count my many

Only in Lowell do I find community members who bake

Wittenbach Center

By Tammy DeBaar

stand and extensions. The dreaded, "some assembly required" translated into a rather enjoyable hunk of the day out on the carport putting the thing together. I drank coffee, downed gummi bears, fiddled with wrenches and watched the world go by. And, go by it did!

If you've never experienced Christmas Day where it's sunny and warm, you've never seen this. About mid-morning the street came alive. First out were a gaggle of people from across the street. Their four- or five- year-old-son and grandson had received a battery-powered Harley from Santa. After about ten seconds of instruction, the kid took off down the street on the thing. It cruised at about walking speed and made

I saw people across the street looking at the sky through a a viewer from a cardboard box and called Terese down for a Christmas Day solar eclipse until 2300 and something. There were people going up and down the street using about any conveyance imaginable. There were new bicycles, tricycles, roller blades, roller skis, skateboards and, of course, dozens of those trendy little scooters. I even saw some kids with an oldso I could push it around to show it off. Given all these wheeled gizmos, I wondered just how busy they were in the E-room at

Across the canal a bunch of kids and a dad loaded into the yakking on walkie-talkies. One kid belched into his repeatedly and asked if the person on the other unit had heard him. I saw I spent Christmas alone. Well, alone if you don't count the a couple pass by in the canal paddling what looked like brand new kayaks. People were out enjoying their new toys every- Congress: Colorado, and (under the name of "Lincoln"). New where I looked. My son called from Michigan and I made it a Mexico. point to ask if anybody was out and about up there. He said it Bonus!!! Christmas morning we got up when we felt like it, not was pretty quiet. I guess unless you got a toboggan or snowwhen wild, overzealous children came howling into our bed-blower for Christmas, you probably wouldn't be outside. My room. We made coffee and began with our stockings. Terese daughter and her family are in Michigan for the holidays. She had her first chocolate truffle down before 8:00 a.m., I was into called to tell me she had my four wheel drive Jeep stuck in the my gummi bears and the dogs were begging for treats from driveway. Terese and I spent the rest of the afternoon sitting in

That was our Christmas in the Keys. As native Michiganhad saved my bacon. By my tally I had once again avoided ders, Terese and I have spent a majority of our Christmases up there. Having experienced both, we are coming to the conclu-Because of our holiday shuffle, Terese had missed a sion that white Christmases just might be a little over-rated. No matter where you spent the holiday, our wish is that you and

In this area, I find many local businesses which have

donated money, time, supplies and equipment to make the

Wittenbach Center better. I have been blessed by a group of

Only in this area do I find community members dropping by in

the early morning to shovel snow and to help clean the barn in

As you reminisce on your blessings of the new millen-

nium, please keep in mind the comment of one of my workshop

attendees. As he finished his second homemade cookie, he

said, "Only in Lowell can I find homemade goodies this good

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **DECEMBER 29, 1875.**

This issue is missing. We substitute Dec. 28, 1870. A letter to the editor describes a "holiday ride" on the train from Lowell to Grand Rapids, involving waiting for other trains to pass, and multiple stops ("every start had a stop") for

It is said that more than half of railroad accidents are due to drunken carelessness of employees.

A large amount of snow on the 26th delayed rail travel between Grand Rapids and points west several hours.

Two new states may be admitted to the Union during this

Patent Plastering board is a cheap and durable substitute for lath and plaster and is for sale by West Bros.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **DECEMBER 27, 1900**

Two columns of front-page space are filled with death notices this week (other columns are ads).

The Grand Rapids Press says that country people had fewer errors on their ballots in the recent vote than city people. Congress says that West Point will lose its funding if hazing is not stopped.

The Royal Arcanum Society will initiate about 30 candidates tonight. The Ionia society is coming on a special train to do the work.

Gov. Pingree pardoned and paroled at least 13 prisoners before the year, and his term, ended.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO DECEMBER 24, 1925

Masons who have spent several full days volunteering their Baseball season will open one week earlier next spring, on time to build a floating dock for students to study Cherry Creek

The national budget totals nearly four billion dollars for

Only in this area am I blessed with a woman who has worked countless hours to develop community gardens for A council of the League of Nations is appointed to study students, with raised beds for the handicapped and the elderly substituting other crops for the opium poppy in Persia.

Joe Yeiter and family, returning from Alto on M-16. escape serious injury when hit by an auto, but the horse is hurt and the buggy destroyed.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **DECEMBER 28, 1950**

Ice skating is great, especially since Tuesday's near-zero There will be a luminary walk at the Wittenbach Center on Dec. 30 from 6-8 p.m. Feel free to bring your own XC skis or

A study of the Grand Trunk crossing at Jackson Street snowshoes, or rent a pair at the center for \$10; kids' snowshoe showed that 521 vehicles and nine trains used it in one 24-hour period. Gates and flashers were recommended, but none have

Assistance in filing income tax returns will be available at the post office for four days in January and February.

Percy Jones Hospital in Battle Creek may specialize in treatment of frostbite as well as combat wounds, as most soldiers from the Korean conflict have both conditions. Meanwhile, hospital attendants are needed at Fort Custer.

Rep. Jerry Ford warns businessmen against trying to employ "five-percenters" to help them land Defense contracts.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **DECEMBER 25, 1975**

This issue is also for January 1, 1976.

Old Kent Bank opens its farthest east office, in Ada near the Amway plant. Ada Township considers purchase of land on Knapp

Avenue for another fire station. Two of the YMCA classes for the new year will be

Painting on Clothing and Dog Obedience classes. The Arkansas Lassies, a girls' basketball team, will play

the men's faculty teams at Saranac and Lowell in January.

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10:00 A. M.

. 11:20 A.M.

..6:00 P.M.

City accepts \$70,000 loan for airport projects

Contributing Writer

The Lowell City Council agreed to a \$70,000 loan for the state's Aeronautics Commission for the Lowell Air-

The council had approved the submission of an \$80,000 loan application to the commission earlier this month. The Aeronautics Commission approved a \$70,000 loan representing 90 percent of the project costs involving taxiway construction and air easement acquisition. The loan has a 10-year duration with a 5.5 percent interest rate.

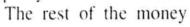
"About \$20,000 of the loan will be used for the taxiways which are currently turf right now," said Lowell Airport manager, Jim Sowle. "In the winter (the taxiways) get muddy and in the spring, they are pretty unusable.

would go toward hiring a consultant to help the Lowell Airport Board reduce safety and hazard problems.

"We are in the process of getting the consultant since the loan won't be granted until then," Sowle said. "That way the consultant is kind of preapproved by the commission, and the Aeronautics Commission will accept the person's proposal as viable projects for the airport."

The loan may also be rolled over into a grant which would have a 90/10 split, meaning the city may end up paying only \$7,000 for the

Recognizing the need for continuing improvements at the airport and to keep the facility as safe as possible, the council unanimously approve the loan at its Monday night meeting.





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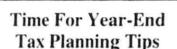
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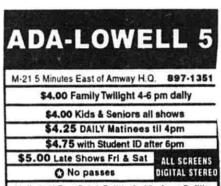
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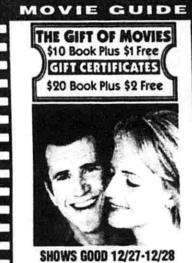
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your tax situation. If so, that's great. But even if you haven't. it's not too late to act.

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Siler and Bell recognized as Michigan Farm Bureau Educators of the Year

hands-on activities to teach in their teaching. their students about agricul-

of the Year during the ell High School. organization's annual meet-

30 years experience, Ken Bell are reaching out to teach agriciation and awareness of agagriscience and FFA program of Grand Traverse County and culture to students. The award riculture.' Pete Siler of Kent County rec- criteria includes making ognize the importance of edu- projects and lessons readily cating youth about agricul- adaptable for other educators, for his outstanding work in ture. Each individual uses and using creative techniques the classroom. Bell uses his

Educator of the Year award, Michigan Farm Bureau - is a seventh-grade teacher at to the world. He also has stuthe state's largest general farm Traverse City East Junior High organization - recognized School. Siler, recipient of the mythical farm, and watch how their commitments and con- Agriscience Educator of the the weather and economy can tributions to agriculture by Year award, is the former take their toll on a farm. honoring them as Educators agriscience instructor at Low-"Both instructors are out-

ing, Dec. 6, in Traverse City. standing spokesmen for agri-The Educator of the Year culture to their students," said award was designed six years Deb Laurell, manager of Farm ago by Michigan Farm Bureau's Promotion and Edu-Bureau's Promotion and Edu- cation Department. "Teach-

Pete Siler accepts Educator of the Year award.

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Farm Bureau nominated Bell geography class to implement Bell, recipient of the K-12 agricultural concepts to show how important agriculture is dents make decisions about a

> Kent County Farm Bureau nominated Siler for his work in and out of the classroom. Siler began at Lowell

- and revitalize he did. Dur-Northwest Michigan inghis 26-year tenure at Lowell, Siler reconstructed the

> the state's leaders. "Mr. Siler was the type of teacher that encouraged students to try new things, and if you did your best, that was fine with him," said Lynn Drown, a former student of Siler's who now resides in Cedar Springs.

At his retirement in 1999. Siler had instructed more than 10,000 students and led numerous students to outstand-High School in 1974 with a ingawards and achievements.

gree winners and 11 State Officers. In addition, 13 students received the American FFA Degree, the highest degree program and made it one of given by the National FFA Organization.

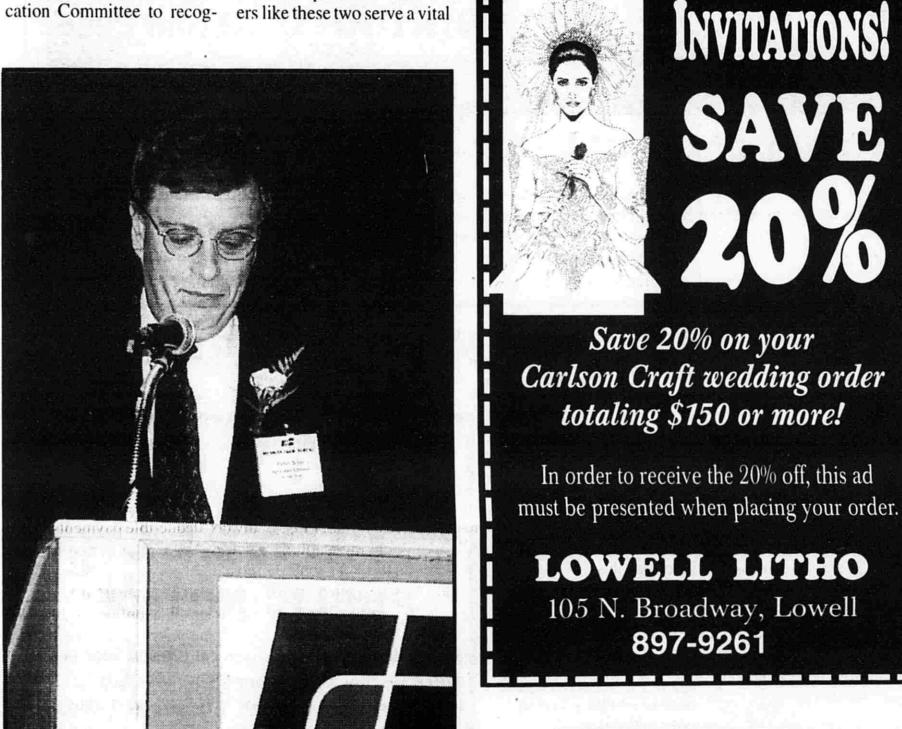
"Mr. Siler has been instrumental in developing a great understanding of agriculture, for students who come from both rural and urban settings," said Michelle Francisco, a member of the Kent County Farm Bureau.

Lowell School Superintendent Bert Bleke concurs.

"The agriscience and FFA program has an incredible standard of quality in Low-

including 67 State FFA De- ell." Bleke said. "Mr. Siler may have retired, but his presence will be felt for many

> "The Northwest Michi gan and Kent County Farm Bureaus, along with the Michigan Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee, feel Ken Bell and Pete Siler provide students with the correct information to make them outstanding spokespersons for agriculture to our non-farm audiences." said Michigan Farm Bureau vice president Wayne Wood in presenting them with the awards.



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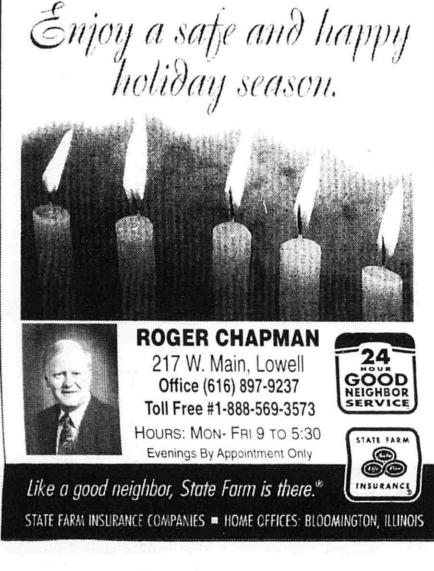
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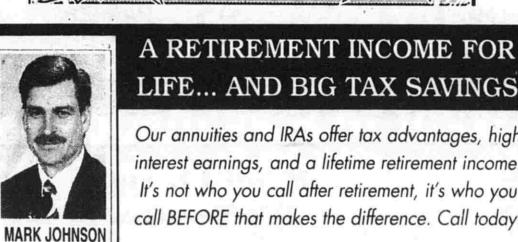
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FFA convention, continued...From Page 1

Norton from the University the FFA. "There's a lot of free merchandise. Informaof Arkansas also have hopes potential here, and lots of good tion about internships or fuof recruiting FFA members. quality students," Master Ser- ture employment opportuni-Because members here have geant Schafer of the U.S. Air ties are also available, as well an interest in agriculture, the Force Recruiting Service said. as many fun games and acnational FFA convention is a This is his second year at the tivities. great place to showcase their career show and his purpose schools' agriculture pro- is not only to recruit mem- FFA Convention and the Nagrams. "We serve as a per- bers, but also to give them the tional Agricultural Career sonal contact for the students opportunity to examine and Show is full of opportunities and answer any questions they explore different careers avail- for FFA members looking for may have," Norton said.

Colleges and fraternities aren't the only ones with their hibit at the National Agriculeyes on FFA members. The tural Career Show, offering shirts. military also sees many valu- students everything from

able through the military.

Many companies also ex-

Sherry Copelin and Jenny able traits in the members of scholarship opportunities to

All in all, the National a scholarship, a college, an internship, a fun time and even some free pens and T-

Mrs. Para deSilva of Chi-

Michigan State University lists 2,420 degree candidates for fall 2000.

COLLEGE NEWS

From this area is Katherine Michele Post of Alto who received a bachelor of arts degree in Human Resource Management.

There are 1,730 candi-

dates for bachelor's degrees, 483 for master's degrees and 196 for doctoral degrees.

Rohan deSilva has earned a Ph.D. in sociology from Northwestern University. He is the son of Dr. and

The new Dr. deSilva is

narried to Maria Ritzema deSilva, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ritzema of Lowell. The couple live in Chicago where Dr. deSilva is on the staff of North Eastern III University as well as the University of Ill. at Chicago and Maria is on the staff of WGN-

Equipment, still protected by dust covers, awaits the opening next week of the YMCA Wellness Center.

Center, continued...From Page 1

When Kurt Parks, of Parks Construction, was asked why and how he was able to make a \$25,000 contribution and complete a schedule in only two months, he responded, "There are some things you

do for your kids, there are some things you do for your family, and there are some things you do for your community; this project has allowed us to have an impact in all three of these important four- month construction areas. We are lucky to have a

YMCA in Lowell.' formation. The wellness center will

open January 2. Hours are from 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Weekend hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Contact the YMCA at 897-8445 for additional in-

Worry often gives a small thing a big shadow. -Peb Jackson

Over a ton? Don't park it on the streets of Lowell

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

road hazards, the Lowell City the city created a more en-Council voted, at its Monday night meeting, to prohibit the department could enforce. parking of all vehicles over one ton on a residential street.

came from Lowell police under another city ordinance chief, Jim Valentine, who said of storage and parking. Valhis department had an inci- entine said his department dent not too long ago involv- would look at that ordinance Blough ing a bus being parked on a when dealing with RVs. residential street. The current ordinance read that trucks over council member Don Green. one ton could not be parked on the streets, but it said noth- 19.04 on parking restrictions ing about buses.

clean up legislation," Valen- restrictive," Green said. "I

compassing ordinance that the

The ordinance would not The recommendation hicles, which are governed

Opposing the change was

"I didn't like section when we came up with it and "Again, this is what I call I don't want to be any more

deal with recreational ve-

tine said, adding that by chang- want to go on the record that Citing them as possible ing the word truck to vehicle, I oppose it, because I can." ordinance Councilmember Charles

Myers said he could see where such large vehicles parked in the street could become safety hazards.

"There are lines of sight issues, aesthetics issues, not to mention plowing around them," said Mayor Mike

The council approved the Councilmember Brubaker was absent.

The ordinance will take effect 10 days after publishing, which should take place

> Setting an example is not the main means of influencing another, it is the only means.

-Albert Einstein

Dan



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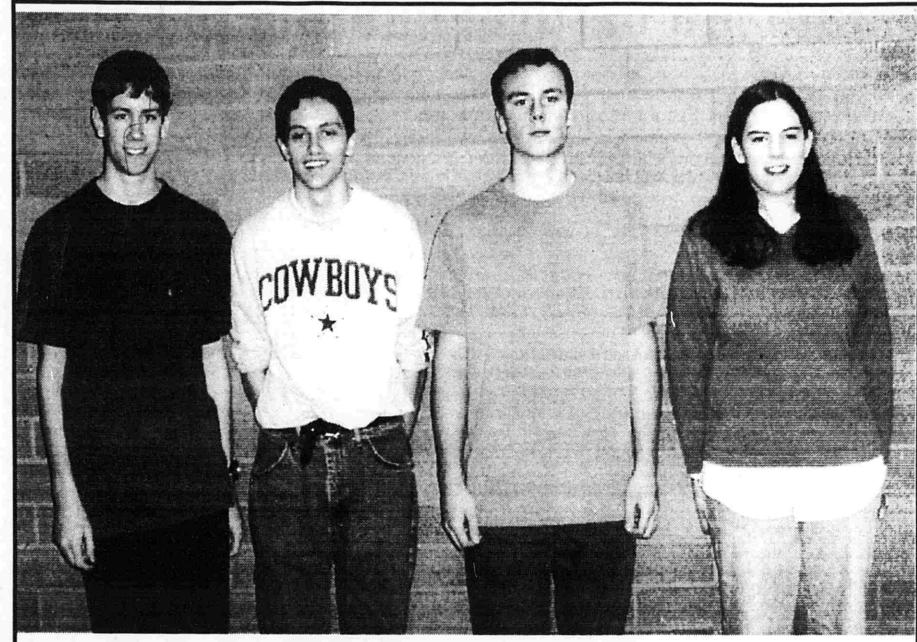
Laura Miller was chosen by the Foreign Language Department. She is a senior and the daughter of Tracey and Penny Miller. At L.H.S. Laura is a member of the debate team, the equestrian team and the Art and Drama Club. She is employed by Moonlight Video. Her teacher talented, motivated and a with the ultimate goal of obyear she plans to attend Grand Valley State University.

lected by the Math Department. He is a senior and the son of Eric and Sue Huffman of Lowell. Dan's extracurricular activities include International Club, National Honor Society, Amateur Radio Club and the tennis team. He is employed at Taco Bell in Lowell and his favorite classes are math and science. that Dan has an excellent understanding of calculus and watch

attend college next year to study pre-med. Mike Wierenga is being honored by the Science De-

partment. He is a senior and the son of Bill and Laurie Wierenga of Lowell. Mike is a member of the cross country and track teams and served as captain of the cross country team. He also is a member of the Math Club. Mike's favorite classes are math and science. He plans to attend Grand nominator says that Laura is Rapids Community College pleasure to have in class. Next taining his commercial pilot's Dan Thaler was selected

Dan Huffman was se- by the Drama Department Dan, a junior, is the son of David and Carolyn Thaler. His extracurricular activities include Model U.N., marching band, National Honor Society and a role in the all-school play. In addition, Thaler is a youth leader at his church and is employed at Meijer. His teacher nominator says that Dan is a talented actor and His teacher nominator says after the first drama assignment knew he was the one to



Pictured from left to right: Dan Huffman, Dan Thaler, Mike Wierenga and Laura Miller.

Lowell to become national headquarters for North Country Trail Association

Soon, that trail will lead to plete, North Country Trail

from the Lowell Area Com- tablishing a small trail shop of a larger space.

The agency plans to move development. into two storefronts being renovated at the corner of national headquarters of our Main and Monroe. They will association, Lowell would

With a grant of \$52,471 tor, Bob Papp anticipates esmunity Fund, a component and resource room full of reffund of the Grand Rapids erence materials about the trail ing out of a small office in organizations. He anticipates downtown Grand Rapids hikers from around the counsince 1996, but is now in need try coming to Lowell and boosting the local economic

Association is a national or- years, after which they will home of the North Country ceed the Appalachian Trail ate maps of the various sec- tiate and lead programs that ganization working to build a determine whether to continue Trail," Papp says. "Just as in length premier hiking trail from leasing or build their own fa- Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, North Dakota to New York. cility. After the move is com- is seen by many across the country as the heart of the Association executive direc- Appalachian Trail, Lowell could become the national focal point for the North Country National Scenic Trail." There are 1,600 miles of Community has been work- and publications about hiking trail completed, with more

than 2,000 to go, mostly through private lands. Last fall, local hikers and public officials dedicated a section of the trail that passes through "By serving as host to the Fallasburg Park. Papp anticipates that in the next five years, the finished portions of the

The NCTA received a

\$32,500 grant from the Grand Rapids Community Foundation this past year to train

tions of the trail.

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New elementary building will incorporate balanced sound and natural lighting to enhance learning

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The new elementary building scheduled to open in that small groups, natural the fall of 2003 will do more light, buildings that have a than just provide additional building space for the Lowell -Area School District.

In fact, a lot of time and to enhanced learning. study is being put in to ensure

The research has revealed small feel to them, and equal sound throughout a classroom are traits that lend themselves hallway will be curved so that a parent room," White said.

on how elementary students pensive to do," White said. best learn," said Jim White, "Young children, because of

Lowell assistant superinten- colds and ear difficulties, of- serve as its own little village dent to curriculum and instructen times suffer from muffled and each classroom will have vided for the YMCA's before

Sound will be dispersed ing. throughout the room by way of wireless communication offer volunteers a parent room. \$10 million.

"Incorporating equal entire length. Again, it is de- much success in other disthat it also enhances student sound of the teacher's voice signed to give it a small comthroughout the classroom is munity feeling. There will be "We have studied research important and relatively inex-four wings coming off the arclike hallway. Each wing will

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some degree of natural light-

The new school will also building is projected to cost "Parent involvement is impor-The elementary building tant, thus we've incorporated as a prototype if and when a students cannot see down the The concept has been met with

and after school care. The new K-5 elementary

"This building will serve

second elementary building is needed. The design work for a second elementary school will be basically the same footprint," White said.

The WBDC Group, of Grand Rapids is doing the design work for the school.



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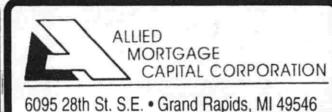
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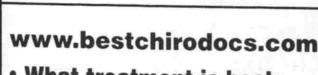
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Pictured is Brandon Bouwkamp presenting Heather Kohtz with gift certificates.

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place. SADD presented 13 gift certificates to Heather Kohtz She and the student council coordinate the Adopt A Family program at the high school. SADD was able to help all groups with their families.

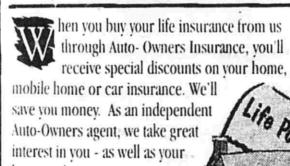
On Saturday, Dec. 9. SADD students held a food drive. They went door to door collecting food items, mittens. hats, scarves, blankets and toiletries which were donated to Mel Trotter Ministries.



Pictured, left to right, are: Chris Huyser, Justin Peterson, and Jen Hathaway

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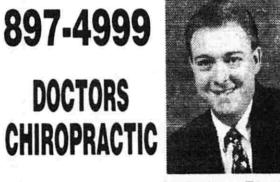
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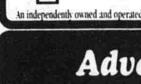
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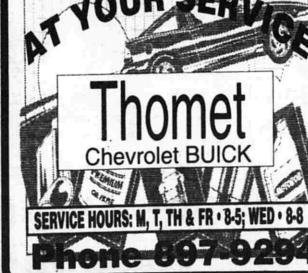
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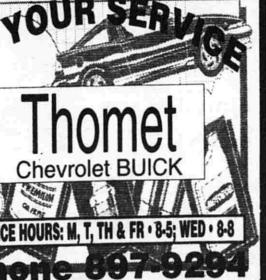
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The establishment's grand opening was celebrated over "We're thrilled. It is going to Main Street Restaurant, the weekend (Friday and Satwith the knowledge that she Lounge and Banquet will be urday) as customers were is the first acquisition we treated to hors d'oeuvres and "There will be a sports live music from "Mane

> Sherman's new business adventure brings to a close a cited for Sherman and McBain who will serve as the storied past. For the patrons of Main Street Pub, Captain ter (former Main Street Pub The restaurant portion of Jack's, Shaney's and Mel's, owner) have been wonderful the business is not expected to the closing of the building at to work with. They have a open until March. "We expect 916 W. Main served up some beautiful new building."

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The building was sold to Lounge and Banquet will employ approximately 35 people once the kitchen is opened in March, according to Sherman.

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DEC. 25 to JAN. 2: The

SAT., DEC. 30: Environmental Club will host a luminary walk at Wittenbach Center (6-8 p.m.) Snowshoe rental: \$10/adults. \$5/ kids. Hot chocolate/\$1.

MON., JAN. 15: Lowell High School Athletic Boosters meeting at 7 p.m. in high school staff lounge; not Jan. 8 as previously scheduled.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 00-170,707 DE

Estate of BARBARA L. ALBRECHT Date of birth: May 14,

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS: The decedent, BARBARA ALBRECHT, who lived at 3825 Ivy Dr., N.E.,

Creditors of the dece-

died August 3, 2000.

less presented to ERIC ALBRECHT, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. December 22, 2000

dent are notified that all

claims against the estate

will be forever barred un-

CRAIG A. BRUGGINK (P29358) 429 Turner N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 456-5048

ERIC ALBRECHT 3825 Ivy N.E. Grand Rapids, MI 49525 (616) 363-2572

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk

at Woodland Mall. TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 10:40 a.m. Armchair Exercise.

at the malls: 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre. FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at

WED., JAN. 10: 12 p.m.

MON., JAN. 15: 12:40 p.m.

WED., JAN. 17: 10 a.m.

THURS., JAN. 18: 12:00

p.m. Dance, West Side

TUES., JAN. 23: 1:30 p.m.

Tour of Lowell Middle

FRI., JAN. 26: 12:40 p.m.

Shopping at Meijer

Advisory Council.

Woodland Mall.

THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk/shop

WED.: 12:30 p.m. Shop at Family Fare.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Movie.

Club.

WED., DEC. 27: 8 a.m. Women's breakfast.

FRI., DEC. 29: 12:45 p.m. Grocery Bingo.

MON., JAN. 1: Center TUES., JAN. 16: 12:40 closed. Happy New Year! p.m. Shopping at Sam's

TUES., JAN. 2: 12:40

p.m. Mystery Tour. WED., JAN. 3: 8 a.m. Men's breakfast; 9:30

a.m. Blood pressure. THURS., JAN. 4: 12:00 p.m. Dance, West Side

Complex. FRI., JAN. 5: 12:40 p.m.

Shopping at Meijer. TUES., JAN. 9: 12:40

White House."

Grocery Bingo. p.m. Travelogue "The WED., JAN. 31: 8 a.m.

Complex.

School.

Women's breakfast.

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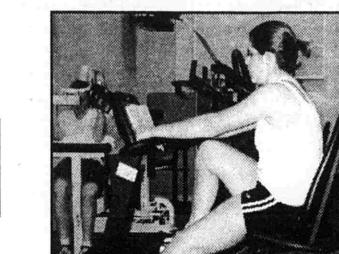
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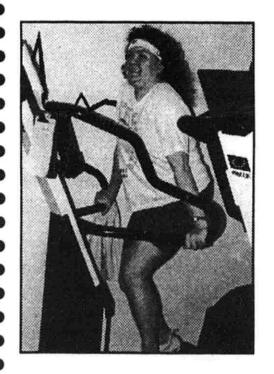


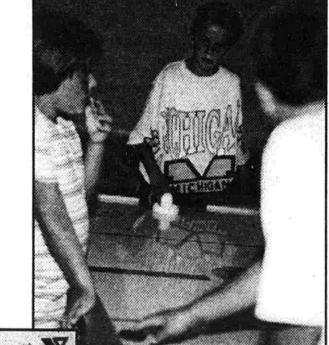
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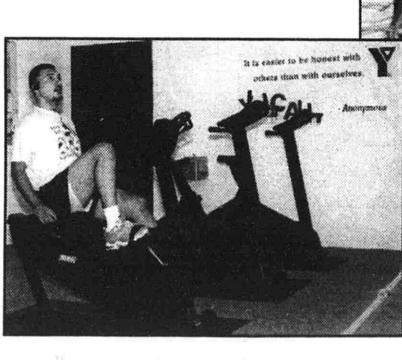
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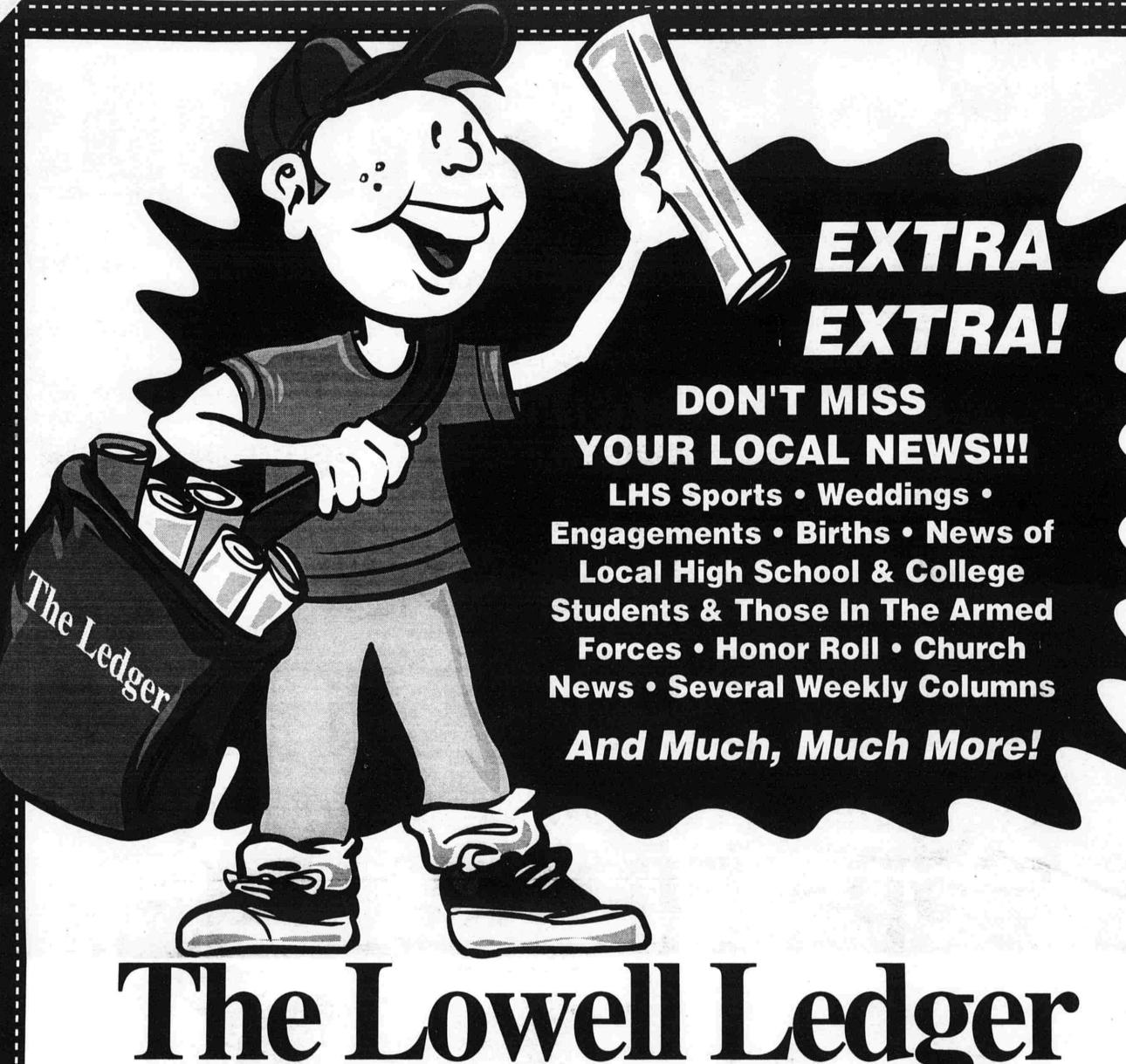
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