

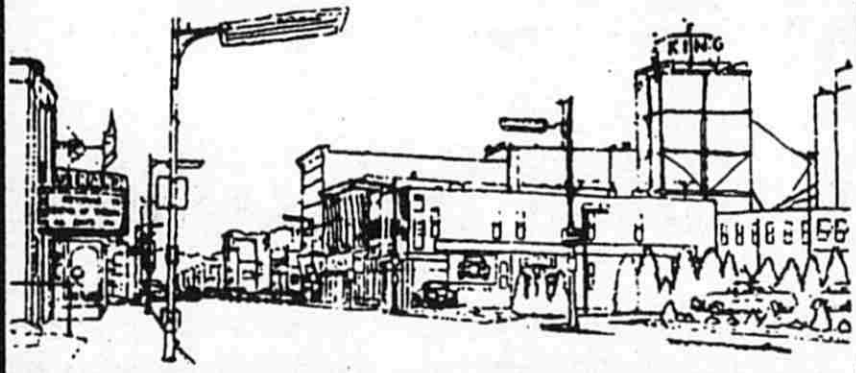
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Wednesday, December 27, 2000

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.

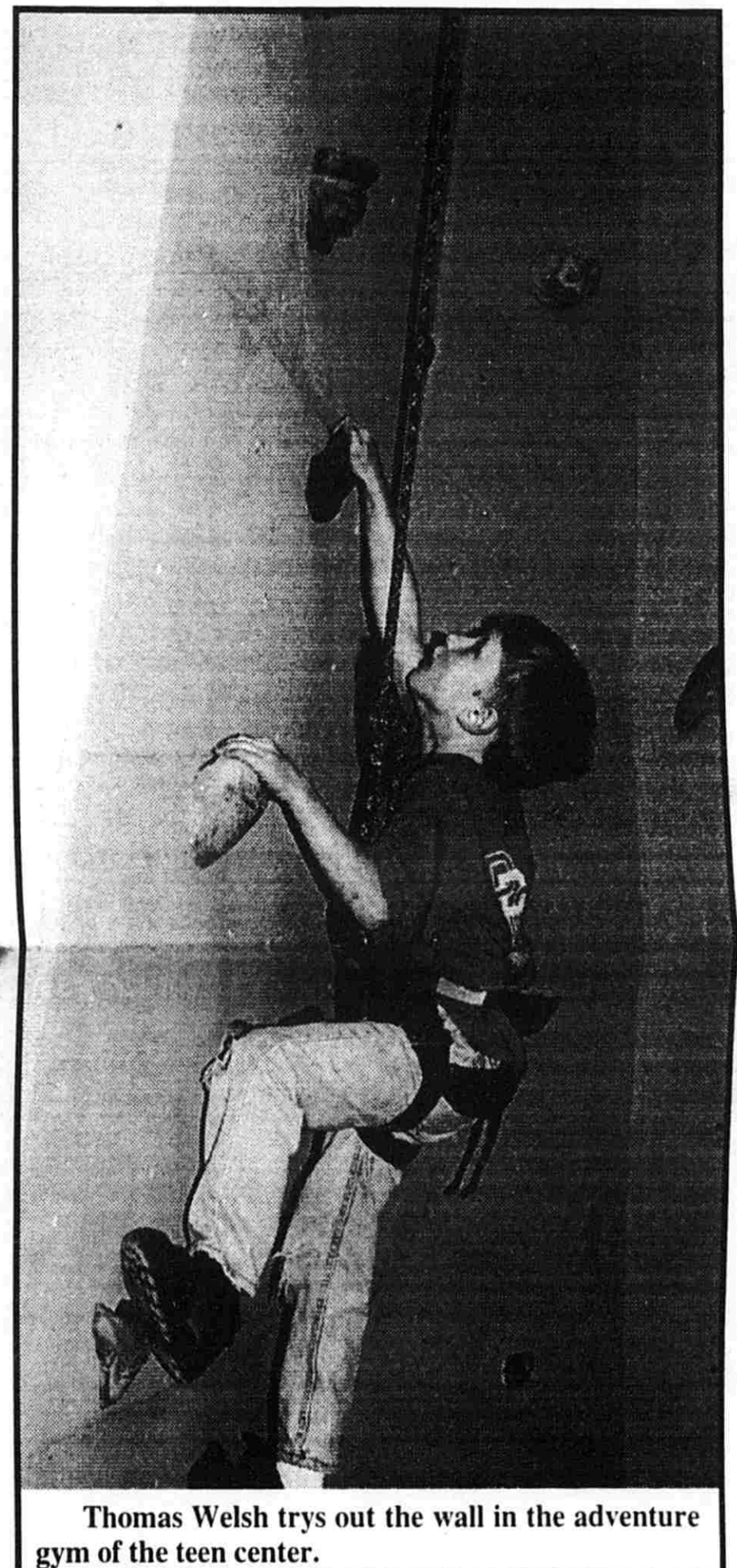
All community members are encouraged to stop by and tour the centers. The community is also welcome to get a "New Year's Resolution" work-out in. The 5,800 square foot wellness center will have 18 pieces of cardio equipment such as bikes, stair masters, treadmills, total body workout machines and Aerodynes.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



Happy
New
Year!

From Everyone
At The Ledger

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, Courtney 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

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.

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New residential parking restrictions, Page 8

Natural light in new elementary, Page 10

OBITUARIES

GEELHOED - Cornelius Geelhoed, aged 77, of Lowell, passed away on Monday, December 25, 2000. He is survived by his wife Phyllis; sons Marc Geelhoed of Lowell, Dennis (Laura) Geelhoed of Rockford; special grandchildren Karlie, Jason and Samantha; sisters Katherine Fox and Ella Thompson, both

Hudson, Lowell, Pastor Brian Bosscher officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

POST - Maxine Mildred Post, 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, Shawna; great-granddaughter

Kyrtsten; and brother Al and Phyllis Ketchum, all of Lowell. Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 28 at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, with Dr. Roger LaWarre of First Congregational Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

WARREN - Jenna Rose Warren, born November 11, 2000, weighing 8 lbs. and measuring 20" long, passed away unexpectedly December 17, 2000. She was greeted in heaven by her great-grandfather Walter Marvin. Jenna is survived by her parents David and Donna; brothers Justin and Jordan Warren; sister Jessie King; grandparents Louis and Louise King of Lowell, Betty Warren of White Cloud, Bill and Kathy Warren of Wy-

oming, MI; great-grandmothers Avis Warren of Howard City, Donna Wilcox of Manton, MI, and Laih Marvin of Lowell; aunts Dawn (David) Stiles, Pam (Mike) Rynearson; uncles Dan King, Mike, Bill (Marie), Brent and Doug (Lori) Warren. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, Dec. 20 at the Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash, Rev. Robert Holmes officiating. Interment Fairplains Cemetery.

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.

Dated: 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

set its 2001 meeting schedule at its last meeting of 2000.

The schedule calls for the group to meet the first and

third Mondays of the month, except for the following holidays: On New Year's Day (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 Pasquale replied no.

"If the city offices aren't closed, I don't see why we shouldn't have a meeting," Shores said.

Pasquale said several years ago, the council decided that out of respect for the holiday it should not meet on that day. Councilmember Charles Myers said he was

the one who proposed the change and he still felt that way.

Shores said she had no objection, so the council decided it would continue to not meet on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan. 15).

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 Mayor Michael Blough who was concerned the council would not have a quorum if it met April 2, which is during spring vacation.

The rest of the dates are Feb. 5; March 5 and 19; May 7 and 21; June 4 and 18; July 2 and 16; Aug. 6 and 20; Sept. 17; Oct. 1 and 15; Nov. 5 and 19; and Dec. 3 and 17.

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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 will 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 follows:

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

Signs & Lettering
by Ken
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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 feet.

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 (NHTSA) estimates that a quarter of a million accidents a year result from improperly inflated tires. In the winter, such factors as air pressure, alignment, rotation and tread become even more critical due to unpredictable and less-than-ideal road conditions.

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.

"Tires are one of the most important pieces of safety equipment on your car," says 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 launched in November urges motorists to "Be Tire Smart-Play Your PART: Pressure, Alignment, Rotation, Tread."

• Pressure

Underinflation is the leading cause of tire failure. It results in unnecessary tire stress, irregular wear, loss of control and accidents. A tire can lose up to half of its air pressure and not appear to be flat!

• Alignment

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 vehicle's tires will help you achieve more uniform wear. Unless your vehicle's owners manual has a specific recommendation, the guideline for tire rotation is approximately every 6,000 miles.

• Tread

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 for signs of damage

FLAT TIRE TIPS

Despite every precaution, tires are still susceptible to

puncture or sudden loss of pressure. Having a flat tire when driving is always a problem, but experiencing a flat or blowout on the freeway can present special challenges. To 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 brakes.

• Allow the vehicle to slow gradually by removing your foot from the gas.

• Steer the vehicle toward an exit if possible, or well off the traveled road.

• If a lane-change is necessary, 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.

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

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

Free Things 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.americanheart.org.



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

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.

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.

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City accepts \$70,000 loan for airport projects

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

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

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."

The rest of the money

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 loan.

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



LOWELL BRANCH YMCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Front row, left to right: Lynn Wolbers, Jackie Bottomley and Mark Blodger; second row: Bob VanNoller, Lan Hamilton, Barry Getzen and Dan Brubaker; third row: Tod Nyson, Bob Perkins, Jim Bosserd, Libby Richardson and Don Dubbink. Not pictured: Perry Beachum, Dave Bush, Maureen Dorrough, Greg Eldridge, Dean Lonick, Kurt Parks, Heather Posthumus, Rick Seese, Katie Herring and Wendall Torrey.

Financial Focus

With Christopher J. Bouma



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Time For Year-End Tax Planning Tips

When you filed your taxes last year, did you tell yourself that you'd make some positive changes for the next tax season? Well, guess what? It's here.

Of course, there's no "official" beginning of tax season. You may have taken steps this entire year to improve

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

Here are some year-end tax planning tips you may want to consider:

- **Make tax swaps**—To make a "tax swap," you sell an investment at a loss, and then immediately use the proceeds to purchase a similar investment. For example, you may decide to "swap" out of a bond whose value is less than you originally paid, and purchase another bond of similar maturity, quality and yield. You can then use your tax loss to offset some capital gains. If you don't have any capital gains, you can use up

to \$3,000 of capital losses per year to offset ordinary income.

A tax swap may be useful, but you need to keep in mind that when you purchase a security, achieving a tax loss shouldn't be your only consideration—you also have other goals you're trying to achieve. And the IRS has strict "wash sale" rules governing these swaps. You can't claim a loss if you purchase the same security, or a "substantially identical" one, within 30 days of the sale. So, for example, if you wanted to do a bond swap, your new bond would have to differ in either the issuer or both the interest rate and maturity.

- **Donate appreciated securities to charities**—If you want to support a charity, you may wish to consider giving an appreciated security, such as a stock. You'll get an immediate income tax deduction of the fair market value of your stock, as long as you held it for at least a year. Plus, you'll avoid paying capital gains taxes on the stock when it's sold. And by getting the stock out of your taxable estate, you may help reduce the estate tax burden your heirs could face.

- **Make deductible payments in 2000**—If you make any tax-deductible payments, such as the interest on your mortgage, get them in before 2000 comes to an end. If you pay your bills online or by telephone, your deduction will be applied in the year the payment is credited.

- **Contribute to your IRA**—You've got until April 16, 2001, to contribute a total of \$2,000 to either your traditional IRA or Roth IRA for the 2000 tax year. Depending on your circumstances, your

traditional IRA contributions may be tax-deductible. Although Roth IRA contributions are not tax-deductible, your earnings may grow totally tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.

With your year-end tax planning moves, but the quicker you act, the better off you're likely to be when it's time to file your returns.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE OF
INFORMAL PROBATE
FILE NO. 00-170,638 DE

Estate of RALPH MEGGITT

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Including Donna Cochran whose address and whereabouts 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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Siler and Bell recognized as Michigan Farm Bureau Educators of the Year

Both carrying more than 30 years experience, Ken Bell of Grand Traverse County and Pete Siler of Kent County recognized the importance of educating youth about agriculture. Each individual uses hands-on activities to teach their students about agriculture.

Michigan Farm Bureau - the state's largest general farm organization - recognized their commitments and contributions to agriculture by honoring them as Educators of the Year during the organization's annual meeting, Dec. 6, in Traverse City.

The Educator of the Year award was designed six years ago by Michigan Farm Bureau's Promotion and Education Committee to recog-

nize classroom educators who are reaching out to teach agriculture to students. The award criteria includes making projects and lessons readily adaptable for other educators, and using creative techniques in their teaching.

Bell, recipient of the K-12 Educator of the Year award, is a seventh-grade teacher at Traverse City East Junior High School. Siler, recipient of the Agriscience Educator of the Year award, is the former agriscience instructor at Lowell High School.

"Both instructors are outstanding spokesmen for agriculture to their students," said Deb Laurell, manager of Farm Bureau's Promotion and Education Department. "Teachers like these two serve a vital

role in giving youth an appreciation and awareness of agriculture."

Northwest Michigan Farm Bureau nominated Bell for his outstanding work in the classroom. Bell uses his geography class to implement agricultural concepts to show how important agriculture is to the world. He also has students make decisions about a mythical farm, and watch how the weather and economy can take their toll on a farm.

Kent County Farm Bureau nominated Siler for his work in and out of the classroom. Siler began at Lowell High School in 1974 with a

mission of revitalizing the agriscience and FFA program - and revitalize he did. During his 26-year tenure at Lowell, Siler reconstructed the program and made it one of 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 outstanding awards and achievements,

including 67 State FFA Degree winners and 11 State Officers. In addition, 13 students received the American FFA Degree, the highest degree 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-

ell," Bleke said. "Mr. Siler may have retired, but his presence will be felt for many decades."

"The Northwest Michigan 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.



Pete Siler accepts Educator of the Year award.

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- MISS CONGENIALITY (PG-13) 12:00, 2:15, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40
- CASTAWAY (PG-13) 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20
- EMPEROR'S NEW GROOVE (G) 1:00, 2:45, 4:25, 6:40, 8:30
- HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS (PG) 12:25, 2:35, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

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FFA convention, continued...From Page 1

Sherry Copelin and Jenny Norton from the University of Arkansas also have hopes of recruiting FFA members. Because members here have an interest in agriculture, the national FFA convention is a great place to showcase their schools' agriculture programs. "We serve as a personal contact for the students and answer any questions they may have," Norton said.

Colleges and fraternities aren't the only ones with their eyes on FFA members. The military also sees many valu-

able traits in the members of the FFA. "There's a lot of potential here, and lots of good quality students," Master Sergeant Schafer of the U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service said. This is his second year at the career show and his purpose is not only to recruit members, but also to give them the opportunity to examine and explore different careers available through the military.

Many companies also exhibit at the National Agricultural Career Show, offering students everything from

scholarship opportunities to free merchandise. Information about internships or future employment opportunities are also available, as well as many fun games and activities.

All in all, the National FFA Convention and the National Agricultural Career Show is full of opportunities for FFA members looking for a scholarship, a college, an internship, a fun time and even some free pens and T-shirts.

Mrs. Para deSilva of Chicago.

The new Dr. deSilva is married 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 Ill. University as well as the University of Ill. at Chicago and Maria is on the staff of WGN-TV.

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

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

Over a ton?

Don't park it on the streets of Lowell

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Citing them as possible road hazards, the Lowell City Council voted, at its Monday night meeting, to prohibit the parking of all vehicles over one ton on a residential street.

The recommendation came from Lowell police chief, Jim Valentine, who said his department had an incident not too long ago involving a bus being parked on a residential street. The current ordinance read that trucks over one ton could not be parked on the streets, but it said nothing about buses.

"Again, this is what I call clean up legislation," Valen-

tine said, adding that by changing the word truck to vehicle, the city created a more encompassing ordinance that the department could enforce.

The ordinance would not deal with recreational vehicles, which are governed under another city ordinance of storage and parking. Valentine said his department would look at that ordinance when dealing with RVs.

Opposing the change was councilmember Don Green.

"I didn't like section 19.04 on parking restrictions when we came up with it and I don't want to be any more restrictive," Green said. "I

want to go on the record that I oppose it, because I can."

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 Blough.

The council approved the ordinance 3-1.

Councilmember Dan Brubaker was absent.

The ordinance will take effect 10 days after publishing, which should take place Dec. 27.

Setting an example is not the main means of influencing another, it is the only means.
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Equipment, still protected by dust covers, awaits the opening next week of the YMCA Wellness Center.

Center, continued...From Page 1

Electric, Canfield Plumbing and Parks Construction.

When Kurt Parks, of Parks Construction, was asked why and how he was able to make a \$25,000 contribution and complete a four-month construction 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 areas. We are lucky to have a YMCA in Lowell."

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 information.

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

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The following offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25th and 26th, 2000 in observance of the Christmas Holiday and Monday and Tuesday, January 1st and 2nd, 2001 in observance of the New Year Holiday.

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Students of the month for December

Each month, Lowell High School honors students who have made significant contributions in a particular area. The December Students of the Month are as follows:

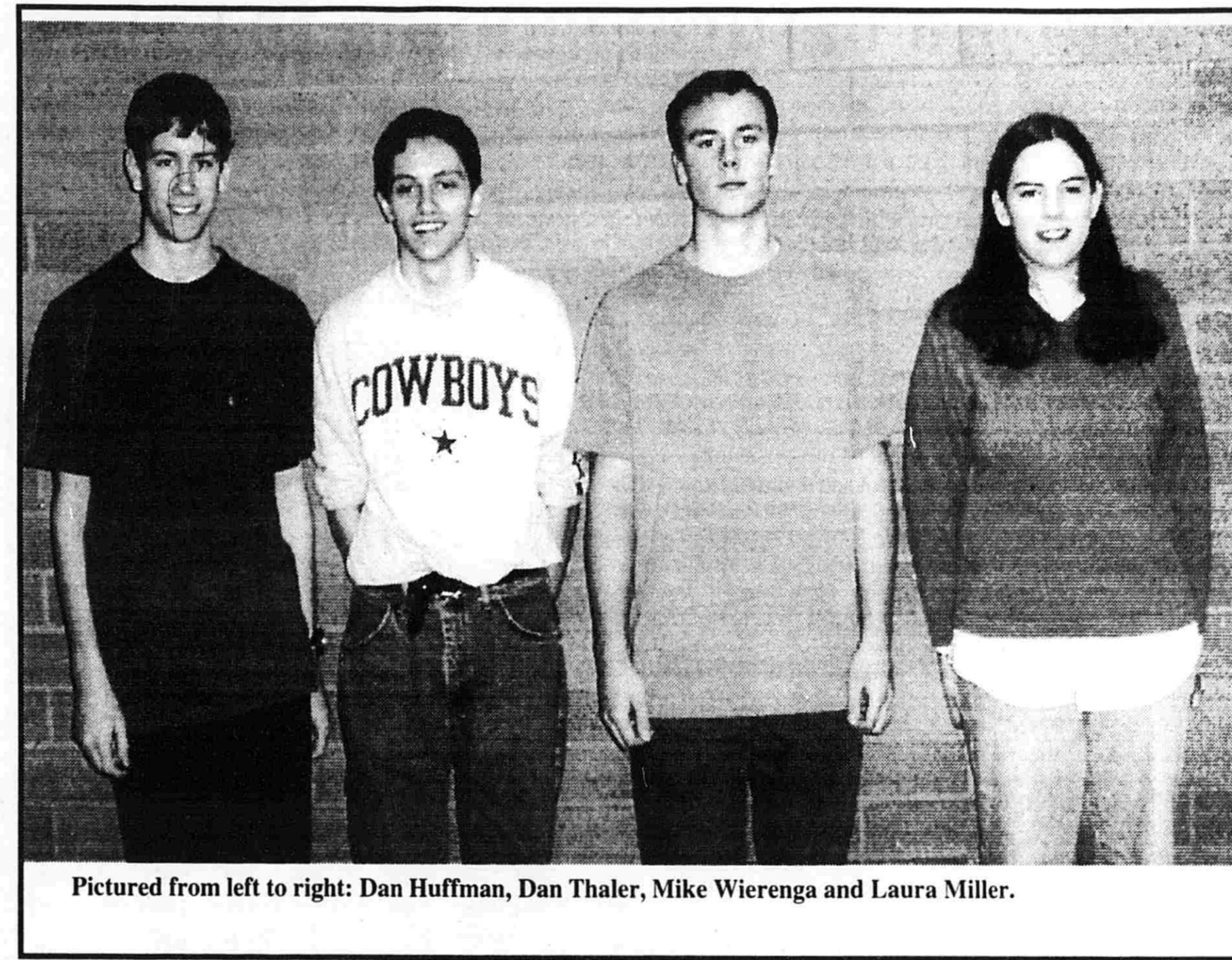
Laura Miller was chosen by the Foreign Language Department. She is a senior and the daughter of Tracey and Penny Miller. At L.H.S. Laura is a member of the debate team, the equestrian team and the Art and Drama Club. She is employed by Moonlight Video. Her teacher nominator says that Laura is talented, motivated and a pleasure to have in class. Next year she plans to attend Grand Valley State University.

Dan Huffman was selected 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. His teacher nominator says that Dan has an excellent understanding of calculus and

is willing to help others in solving problems. He plans to attend college next year to study pre-med.

Mike Wierenga is being honored by the Science Department. 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 Rapids Community College with the ultimate goal of obtaining his commercial pilot's license.

Dan Thaler was selected 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 after the first drama assignment knew he was the one to watch.



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

Lowell to become national headquarters for North Country Trail Association

The North Country Trail Association is a national organization working to build a premier hiking trail from North Dakota to New York. Soon, that trail will lead to Lowell.

With a grant of \$52,471 from the Lowell Area Community Fund, a component fund of the Grand Rapids Community has been working out of a small office in downtown Grand Rapids since 1996, but is now in need of a larger space.

The agency plans to move into two storefronts being renovated at the corner of Main and Monroe. They will

lease the space for at least four years, after which they will determine whether to continue leasing or build their own facility. After the move is complete, North Country Trail Association executive director, Bob Papp anticipates establishing a small trail shop and resource room full of reference materials about the trail and publications about hiking organizations. He anticipates hikers from around the country coming to Lowell and boosting the local economic development.

"By serving as host to the national headquarters of our association, Lowell would

also establish itself as the home of the North Country Trail," Papp says. "Just as Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, is seen by many across the country as the heart of the Appalachian Trail, Lowell could become the national focal point for the North Country National Scenic Trail."

There are 1,600 miles of 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 Fallsburg Park. Papp anticipates that in the next five years, the finished portions of the

North Country Trail will exceed the Appalachian Trail in length.

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

interns in cartography to create maps of the various sections of the trail.

The Grand Rapids Community Foundation, the oldest community foundation in Michigan, was founded in

1922. It continues to fund, initiate and lead programs that benefit the Grand Rapids area in the arts, community development, education, environment, health and human services.

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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 the fall of 2003 will do more than just provide additional building space for the Lowell Area School District.

In fact, a lot of time and study is being put in to ensure that it also enhances student learning.

"We have studied research on how elementary students best learn," said Jim White.

Lowell assistant superintendent to curriculum and instruction.

The research has revealed that small groups, natural light, buildings that have a small feel to them, and equal sound throughout a classroom are traits that lend themselves to enhanced learning.

"Incorporating equal sound of the teacher's voice throughout the classroom is important and relatively inexpensive to do," White said. "Young children, because of

colds and ear difficulties, often times suffer from muffled hearing."

Sound will be dispersed throughout the room by way of wireless communication technology.

The elementary building hallway will be curved so that students cannot see down the entire length. Again, it is designed to give it a small community feeling. There will be four wings coming off the arc-like hallway. Each wing will

serve as its own little village and each classroom will have some degree of natural lighting.

The new school will also offer volunteers a parent room. "Parent involvement is important, thus we've incorporated a parent room," White said. The concept has been met with much success in other districts.

Space will also be provided for the YMCA's before and after school care.

The new K-5 elementary building is projected to cost \$10 million.

"This building will serve as a prototype if and when a

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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LHS SADD chapter sponsors holiday projects

The Lowell High School SADD chapter completed two community service projects this Christmas season.

During the week of Dec. 4, SADD sponsored a penny drive to fund its programs and

to help with the Adopt A Family program. The penny drive was a competition between seminar classes with the winning class getting a pizza party. Tom Stahr's class edged out Tammi Dent's class for first 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 is Brandon Bouwkamp presenting Heather Kohtz with gift certificates.



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

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New "Main Street" facility opens at new location

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

Between them, Lois Sherman and Ken McBain have 39 years of restaurant experience.

They will use all of the knowledge gained during that time to ensure the success of Main Street Restaurant, Lounge and Banquet, formerly Main Street Pub, Captain Jack's, Shaney's and Mel's.

Sherman purchased Main Street Pub from Ron Potter back in January. She did so with the knowledge that she would build a new facility across the street at 901 W. Main.

That work has been completed and the new facility

was opened to the public on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Main Street Restaurant, Lounge and Banquet will be more food oriented.

"There will be a sports bar and grill, but we're also offering a more quiet dining atmosphere for families," says McBain who will serve as the chef.

The restaurant portion of the business is not expected to open until March. "We expect that with it will come a huge influx of new customers," McBain explained. "We will also offer specialty nights and Sunday brunch buffets. The menu will focus on steaks, pasta and seafood."

The establishment's grand opening was celebrated over the weekend (Friday and Saturday) as customers were treated to hors d'oeuvres and live music from "Mane Street."

Sherman's new business adventure brings to a close a storied past. For the patrons of Main Street Pub, Captain Jack's, Shaney's and Mel's, the closing of the building at 916 W. Main served up some melancholy.

The building was sold to Vennen Chrysler Dodge Plymouth Jeep, Inc.

"From a business viewpoint, it creates a tremendous opportunity," said Vennen

president, Darryl Kuiper. "We're thrilled. It is going to make a huge difference. This is the first acquisition we needed to meet our long-term goal of a new Vennen building."

Kuiper said he is also excited for Sherman and McBain. "They and Ron Potter (former Main Street Pub owner) have been wonderful to work with. They have a beautiful new building."

Main Street Restaurant, Lounge and Banquet will employ approximately 35 people once the kitchen is opened in March, according to Sherman.

Burton Brothers "Steered" in Right Direction



Philip and Matthew Burton finished second and sixth respectively in the Junior Division Winter Classic at Michigan State University. Matthew Burton showed his steer "Buddy" and Philip showed "Rascal." They were 11 participants in their classes in one of the state's toughest competitions.



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EVERY MONTH: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. just east of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and times call 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

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

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. See poster in high school cafeteria or call 676-1355 for details.

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 10210, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end

of N. Washington St. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For info call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

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

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. No cost. All welcome. For info. call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST TUES.: WINGS Parent Group meetings from 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings are on odd months & program meetings on even months. Open to any interested parents.

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

EVERY TUES.: Women's Community Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time from 10 to 11:15 a.m. & women only at 7:30 p.m. Calvary Chr. Ref. Church across from Burger King. For information call 897-7060 or 897-7555.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, S. Hudson.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY THURS. - ST. 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 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.

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.: Parents Supporting Parents is a support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offering a variety of topics and discussion geared to parents of children all ages. Call 897-7842 for time.

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.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: 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.

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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.

DEC. 25 to JAN. 2: The Chamber of Commerce office will be closed.

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

dent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless 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.

Estate of BARBARA L. ALBRECHT
Date of birth: May 14, 1938

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, BARBARA L. ALBRECHT, who lived at 3825 Ivy Dr., N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan died August 3, 2000.

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

Creditors of the decedent

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.

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

THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk/shop at the malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.

FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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

MON., JAN. 1: Center closed. Happy New Year!

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 p.m. Travelogue "The White House."

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

MON., JAN. 15: 12:40 p.m. Shopping at Meijer.

TUES., JAN. 16: 12:40 p.m. Shopping at Sam's Club.

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

THURS., JAN. 18: 12:00 p.m. Dance, West Side Complex.

TUES., JAN. 23: 1:30 p.m. Tour of Lowell Middle School.

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

WED., JAN. 31: 8 a.m. Women's breakfast.

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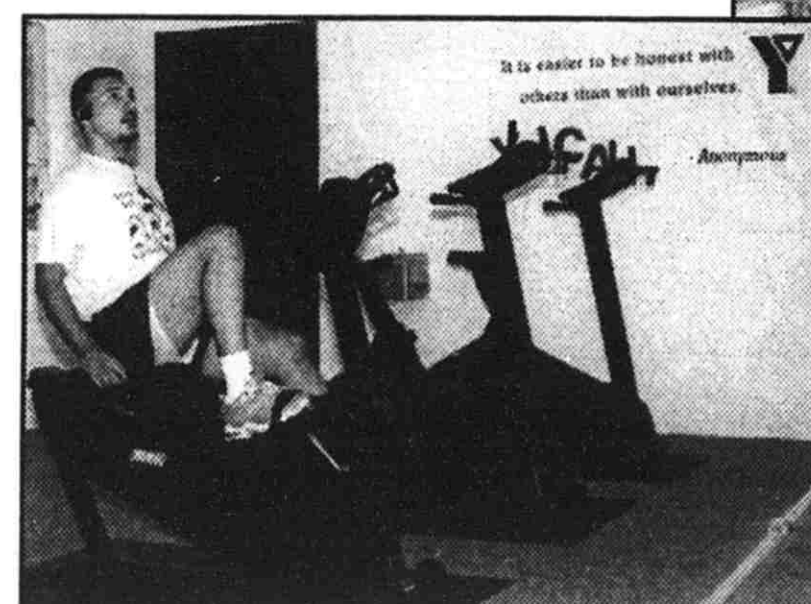
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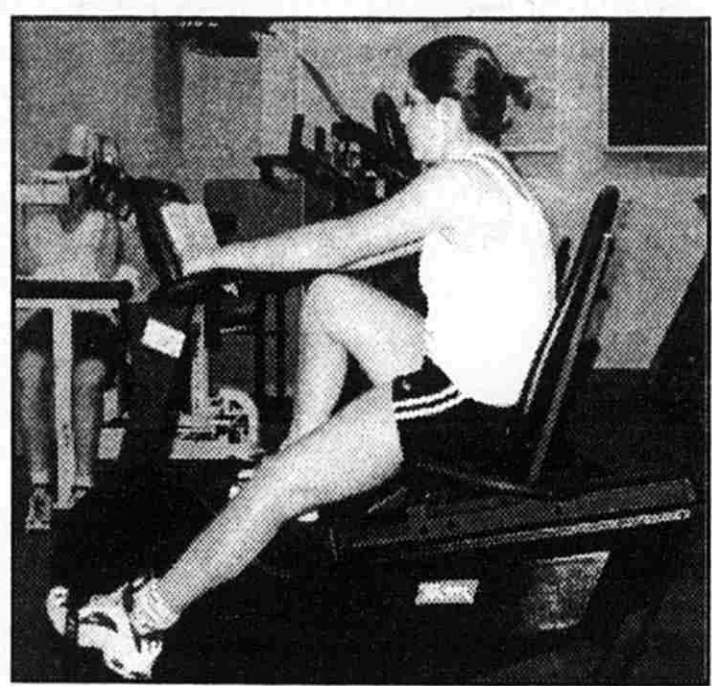


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PERSONALS

NOTICE
To whoever or whomever took our baby Jesus out of our nativity scene off our front porch on Christmas day. Please bring it back. Did you also turn the switch off on the nativity figures earlier on the same day? After all, if it were not for the birth of Jesus we would not celebrate the Christmas season. Again, please bring baby Jesus back to us.
Thank you,
Mrs. John
(Lucille) Erickson,
517 Avery St.,
Lowell.

SNOWBLOWERS - Chainsaws, all sm. engine repair. 897-5028 (Welding also).

CARD OF THANKS
The family of Kevin Kyser would like to express a heartfelt thank you, for all of your comforting words and acts of kindness, during the loss of our brother, son and uncle, Kevin Kyser. A big thank you to Rev. Gordie Barry for the wonderful service. Ed and Penny Armstrong for arranging the luncheon and the VFW. Also thank you to the Carey's and Maki's for the dinners brought to Kysers and to Jennifer Grochowalski for the meal taken to the Hills and for being there when we needed you. Also thank you to the following Eula Lenneman and Amanda Dykhuis, Sam Wingeier and Jim McCoy and everyone else for the flowers and words of kindness during this hard time.
Thank you,
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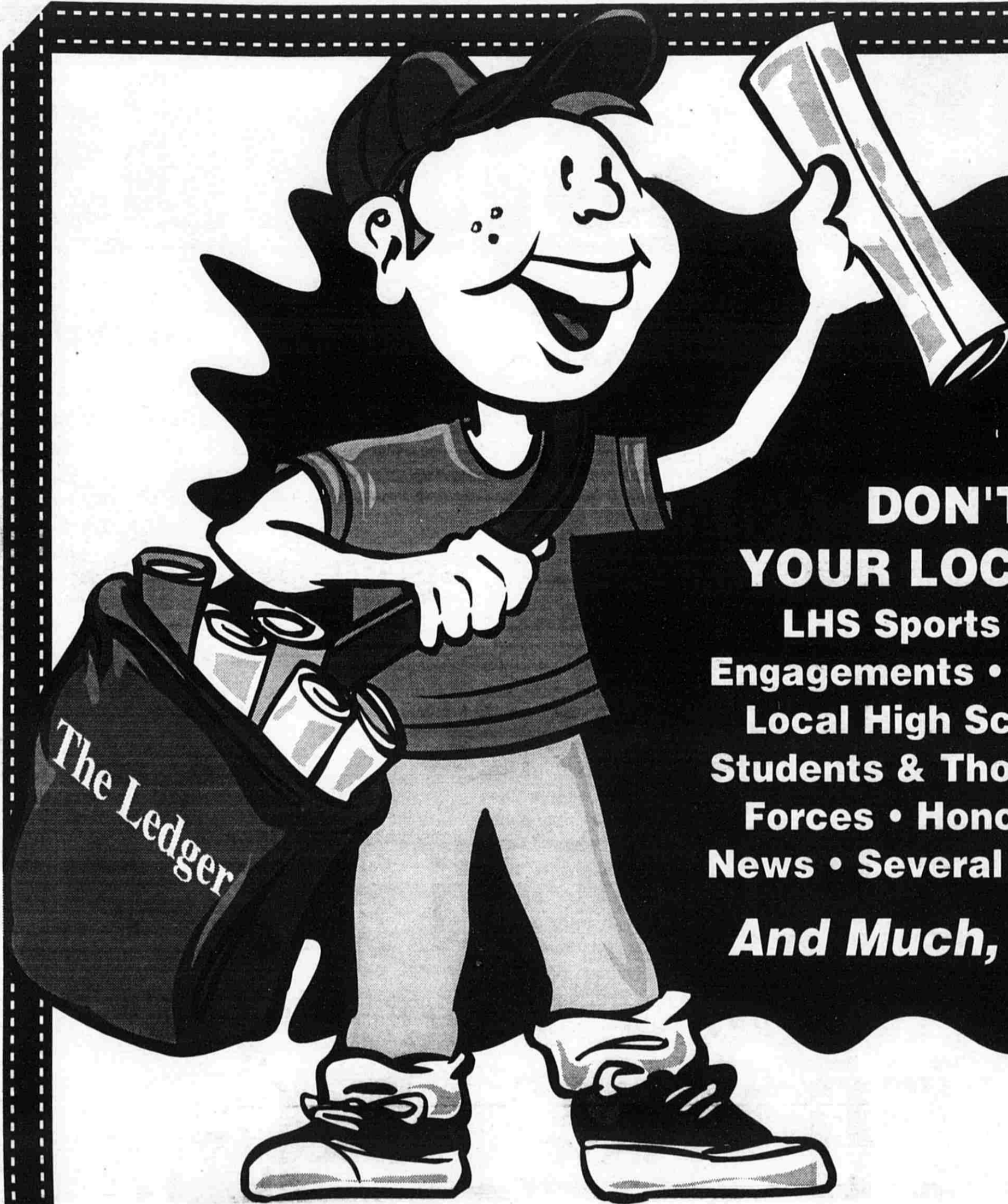
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