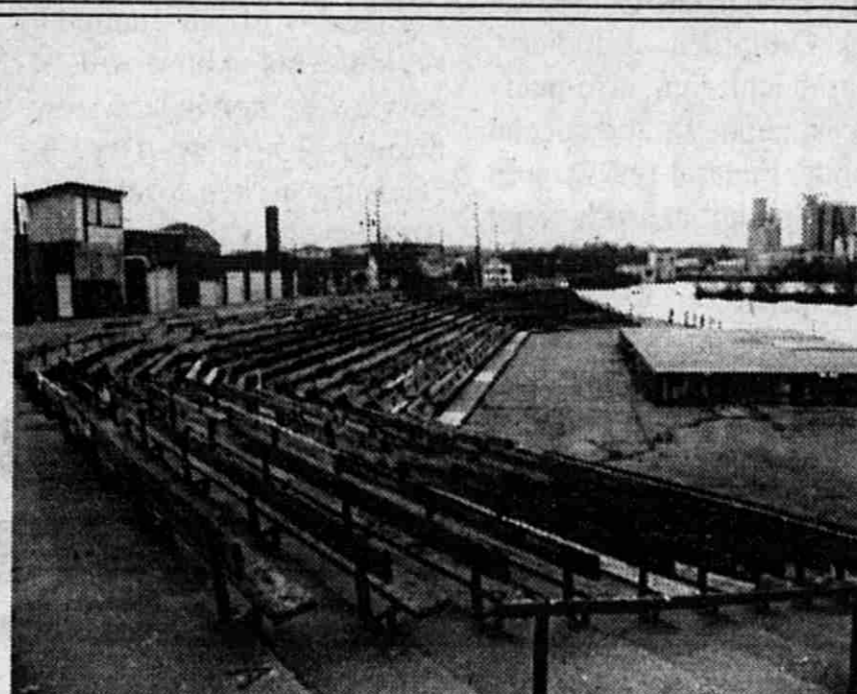
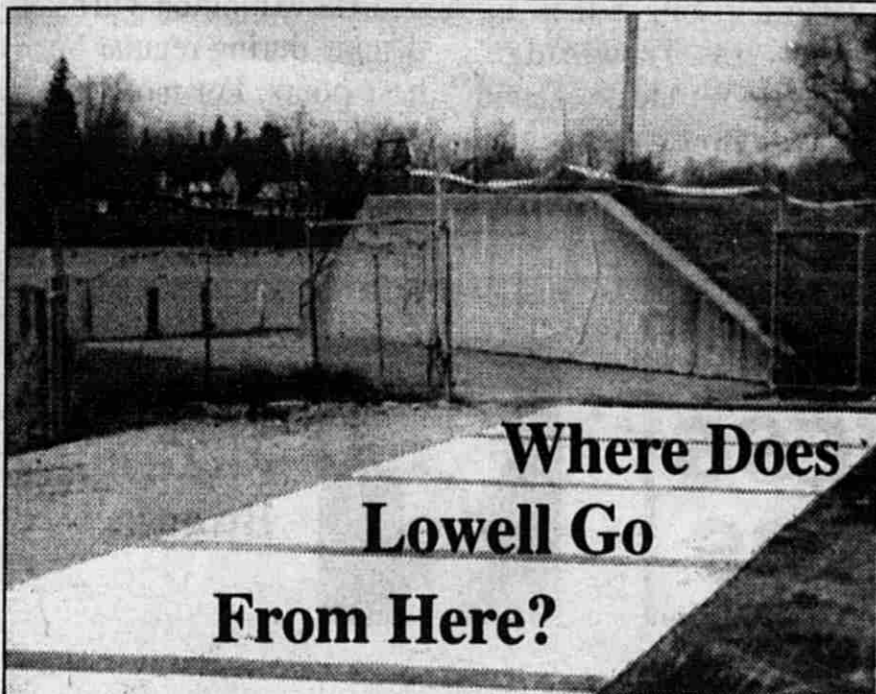


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School, LEA and support staff ratify two-year contracts

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It may have seemed like it took longer than six months to reach settlements in the contract negotiations between the Lowell Education Association, support staff, and Lowell Schools.

But after approximately five-and-a-half-months, all sides have ratified a two-year agreement.

"As always, negotiations are settled through compromise. If both sides find parts they don't like, then it's probably fair," Lowell superintendent, Bert Bleke explained.

The Lowell Education Association contract calls for a 2.99 percent increase, plus a step increase this year and a 3.0 percent increase plus a step increase in 2002-03.

The 2001-02 increase will represent about a half-million dollars of this year's \$28 million school budget.

Connie Gillette, Lowell assistant superintendent for finance and personnel, said what the district budgeted for was pretty close to that total.

The average step increase for the first year of the contract is 1.8 percent; for year two, 1.7 percent.

Of the 232 teachers in the district, 72 percent will get step increases, while 65 teachers will not receive step increases. Gillette said that signifies there are a lot of young teachers in the district.

When combining both the pay increase and step increase, 26 percent will receive pay increases ranging from 2.99 percent to 6.8 percent; 43 percent will receive increases of 6.8 percent or higher.

The LEA's two-year contract does not include any changes in its benefits.

"I think all sides believe the contract is fair. I don't think either side feels it gave away the ship," said Gillette.

The two-year settlement will end a three-year string of negotiating contracts every year.

The contract for the support staff (para-educators, custodians, maintenance/grounds, administrative assistants (formerly referred to as secretaries), office assistants and food service is also for two years.

The first year of the contract (the current school year) calls for a 2 percent increase this year except for administrative assistants and maintenance/grounds.

"Because those two areas were near the bottom in Kent County, their pay was adjusted to bring them closer to the middle," Gillette said.

The support staff took a lesser pay increase in exchange for increased insurance benefits.

Year two of the support staff contract will deliver a 2.8 percent increase for all the different groups except the administrative assistants who will receive an adjustment in their pay.

The increase in year one of the contract will account for \$70,000 in the budget and \$74,000 in year two.

Residents express their vision for amphitheater's role in Lowell's future

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

What do you do with a desolate location which once played home to a rich, storied tradition in Lowell history?

This past summer the Riverwalk was extended to the amphitheater's gates. Now what?

That was the question a group of 40 Lowell residents pondered at an open forum, coordinated by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Thursday night in the basement of the Lowell First United Methodist Church.

Led in discussion by Mohahan & Associates' senior project director, Sandi Frost Parrish, the group discussed whether the amphitheater should be renovated, and if not, what other possible uses there might be for that location.

"My biggest concern with renovating the amphitheater are the on-going maintenance and upkeep costs. Who would be responsible? If we don't know long range whether the Showboat will even be there, maybe it's best used for something else," said Gordon Gould, past Showboat board member, president and interlocutor.

Planning commission chairman, Jim Hall left no doubt as to what he thought shouldn't be done.

"The facility is 26 years old, the wiring is bad, it's not a good site - no shade, no boat, and it's old and tired. Its time has passed. The amphitheater should not be renovated," he said.

Some weren't willing to let Hall slam the gate shut. They pointed to successful area events held in fields, on lawns and ski slopes. "There is opportunity for successful events at that location if the community wants to work at it," said Tom Richards, general manager of Lowell Light & Power/Lowell Cable Television.

Ivan Blough, longtime Showboat historian, concurred

that the location can no longer be used to bring in big crowds. "The Riverwalk has been extended and leads up to what? I envision that location becoming a sheltered pavilion with picnic tables."

Rick Seese, of Greenridge Realty, while not in favor of bringing back the Showboat days, suggested that the Summer Concert Series got the ball rolling so that there's a chance an image related to, the Showboat could be brought back.

Overall, the consensus was to create a space that lends itself to flexibility... a space where a small concert, church service, teen dance, weddings, family reunions could be held. Or a space where the general public could go and just enjoy the river.

Jim White, Lowell Area Schools' assistant superintendent to curriculum and instruction, thought the location could be used for outdoor plays, a film festival or even a mini-outdoor movie theatre.

"I also think it could be a good location for some of the Chamber events held on Main Street," White said.

Planning commission member and newly elected city councilman, Jim Pfaller added, "Any good idea that a case can be made for - money can be found."

The data compiled will be given to the Lowell Area Schools, city of Lowell and the Lowell Downtown Development Authority.

"Our goal was to come away from the focus group with information for the city and DDA to help direct future discussions and decisions on the amphitheater," said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, Liz Baker. "From this point forward, any decisions will be in their hands. We hope that they will see a need and urgency to begin serious discussions."

Pfaller picks up council seat vacated by Green

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Jim Pfaller and incumbent Jeanne Shores were awarded four-year seats to the Lowell City Council by the voting electorate.

Pfaller, who garnered the most votes (251), will replace councilman Don Green who did not seek re-election.

Only 11 percent of the city's registered voters (2,684) made their way to the polls.

The council newcomer listed the City Hall/police station and road improvements on the top of his priority list of things that need to be completed.

"I didn't run for city council because there's a hot button or something the council's done that I want to change," Pfaller explained. "I ran because I have a strong belief in giving back to the community. I want to be a participant instead of a spectator."

Pfaller, who has served on the Lowell Planning Commission for the past year, will resign from that board come the first of the year.

Shores, who is completing her eighth year on the council, claimed 237 votes, earning her a third straight four-year term.

"Lowell is progressing so much and I'd like to be a part of it," Shores explained. "There are still things to be done - the renovation of the City Hall/police station; and the road situation needs work."

Shores said she is 99 percent sure this will be her last term, "but never say never," she explains. "Lowell is a nice town with nice people and I like giving back to it."

Incumbent Charles R. Myers earned 184 votes and with it a two-year term.

Dan Brubaker, running unopposed, was elected to fill the remaining two years of the late Ray Quada's unexpired term.

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OBITUARIES

COLES - Alice A. Coles, aged 90, of Greenville, passed away November 7, 2001. She was preceded in death by her husband Stanley and daughter Shirley Hughey. Mrs. Coles is survived by her children Roger (Jean) Coles of Greenville, Jim (Diane) Coles

of Detroit; brother Henry (Maxine) Johnson of Alto; sister Helen Bryant of Greenville; eight grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Pastor Joseph

Fremmer of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society or Detroit Fireman's Fund.

DESJARDEN - Janice Ann Desjarden, aged 62, of Alto, passed away November 9, 2001. She is survived by her husband Elroy; sons William (Jessie) Warren of Lowell, Gregory (Sandy) Warren of Jenison, James (Michele) Warren of Lowell; stepchildren Wendy Potts of Alto, Jody Desjarden of Sparta, Rick Desjarden of Indiana; 10 grandchildren; also many nieces, nephews and special friends. Funeral service was held Monday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. John Kirkman officiating. Interment Rosedale Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Heartland Hospice, 500 Cascade West Parkway, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49546.

TOWNSEND - Ruth Charlotte Townsend, aged 90, of Rockford, passed away November 8, 2001. She was pre-

ceded in death by her husband William. Mrs. Townsend is survived by her children Kay Halverson of Edgerton, Wis., Lynne (Jack) Harms of Rockford, Lea (Wayne) Chambers of Naples, Fla.; brother Dean (Mildred) Knutson of Texas; sister Francis (James) Menown of St. Louis, Mo.;

"Autumnal Joy" on display at Huntington Bank

Artist David Davis and the Lowell Area Arts Council present an exhibition reflecting the joy of our autumnal season. This exhibit will be on view in the Galleria now through Thursday, Dec. 6. Davis has invited several artists to create paintings espe-

cially for this exhibit, titled "Autumnal Joy: Aspects of the Season." Participating artists include: Ira Trowbridge, Maribeth Weadock, David Davis, Janet Krueger, Kathleen Mooney, Linda

Hopkins, Jan Johnson, Roy Brown, Sue Gillis and Judy Moleski.

The exhibition will be on display during regular business hours. For more information call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545.

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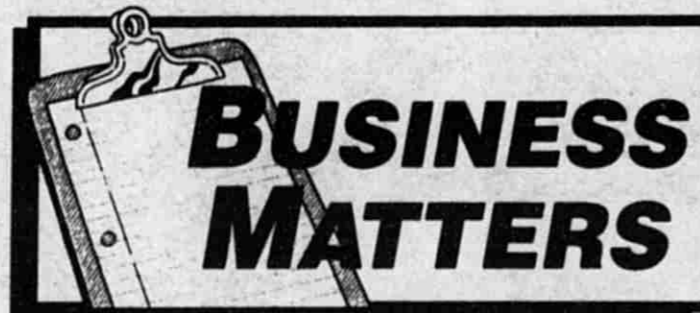
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Greenridge Realty announced that Mara Bukala received Realtor of the Month in October. This award recognizes Mara for her outstanding success and achievements.



Mara Bukala

NOTICE

Lowell Charter Township is accepting applications for the position of receptionist/secretary. The applicant should possess good people skills and have previous office experience. Interested applicants can apply in person or send their resume to: 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI 49331.

Lowell Charter Township
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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

EDUCATION FOUNDATION
Board of Trustee Meeting
Nov. 8, 2001 • 6:00-9:00 PM
Lowell Board of Education Office
AGENDA

Welcome
Call to Order- Attendance
Approve October 11, 2001 Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Report from Marsha
Work Session Outline
Bylaws Distributed
Committee Chairs
Decision: Board Organization Chart
Sample Policies Discussion
Property Donation Update
Projects Committee Report
Fund Raising Committee Report
PR Committee Report
New Board Members and Officers
Property Donation
Brochure
Three Year P.R. Plan
Assignments
Next Meeting Dates
Other Issues
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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing before the Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809 on:

Wednesday, November 21, 2001
at 7:00 p.m.

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

Ray Christian of 11253 Crooked Lake Drive, Belding, MI - Parcel #41-12-20-476-075 has made application for variance from Article 4, Section 4.04 C. request variance to construct a new house with a height greater than 20'-0" on a non-conforming lot. Owner's lot is non-conforming because it does not have the minimum 80'-0" of frontage. Also a request for Variance from Article 4.04 A.3., request variance to reduce side yard from the required 10'-0" to 3'-0" on north side yard line.

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Al Berry, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing for a Special Exception Use Permit Application will be held at a special scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Planning Commission on Monday (third Monday) November 19, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. before the Township Board meeting at the Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public.

ITM Division of Citation Corp, located at 533 Godfrey St., Lowell, in the SW 1/4 of Section 35, parcel #41-16-35-351-009, is requesting an Amendment to their Special Exception Use Permit to construct an addition to the rear (north side) of their existing building.

The complete application and site plan is available for public inspection at the Township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Written comments will be considered if received by the Township Clerk or Planning Coordinator before 6:00 p.m. on November 19, 2001. Written comments can be mailed to the Township offices P.O. Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331, dropped in the mail slot in the door or faxed to 897-5674 or emailed to: zoning@vergennestwp.org.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

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Reflections Of Faith

John VanderWall
Calvary Christian
Reformed Church

As Outreach coordinator at Calvary Christian Reformed Church (we're across from Burger King), I go on a team that visits people who have recently moved into the 49331 Zip Code area, talking to them about God and inviting them to church. The team of three, made up of both men and women, goes out usually Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Almost always, Lowell neighbors in our community are very friendly to us, and interested in discussing religious ideas. Following are some comments and ideas we have heard on our calls:

A young man with many body piercings and tatoos says, "My mom is giving me religious crap too; I'm not listening to her either!"

"No one before ever explained the Gospel to me so I could understand it. Yes I will pray to ask Jesus to be my Savior!"

"I'm quite skeptical about the Jonah story."

"God doesn't control you. Aliens do!"

"It is so wonderful that I can give all my stress to the Lord in prayer. I can sleep at night!"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOV. 16: Cheryl Lilley.

NOV. 17: Scott MacNaughton. Cory DuBridge, Tyler Shindorf, Mary Schuttis, Anastasia Barnes.

NOV. 18: Brent Noskey, Fran Powell, Sandy Roe, Lillian Briggs.

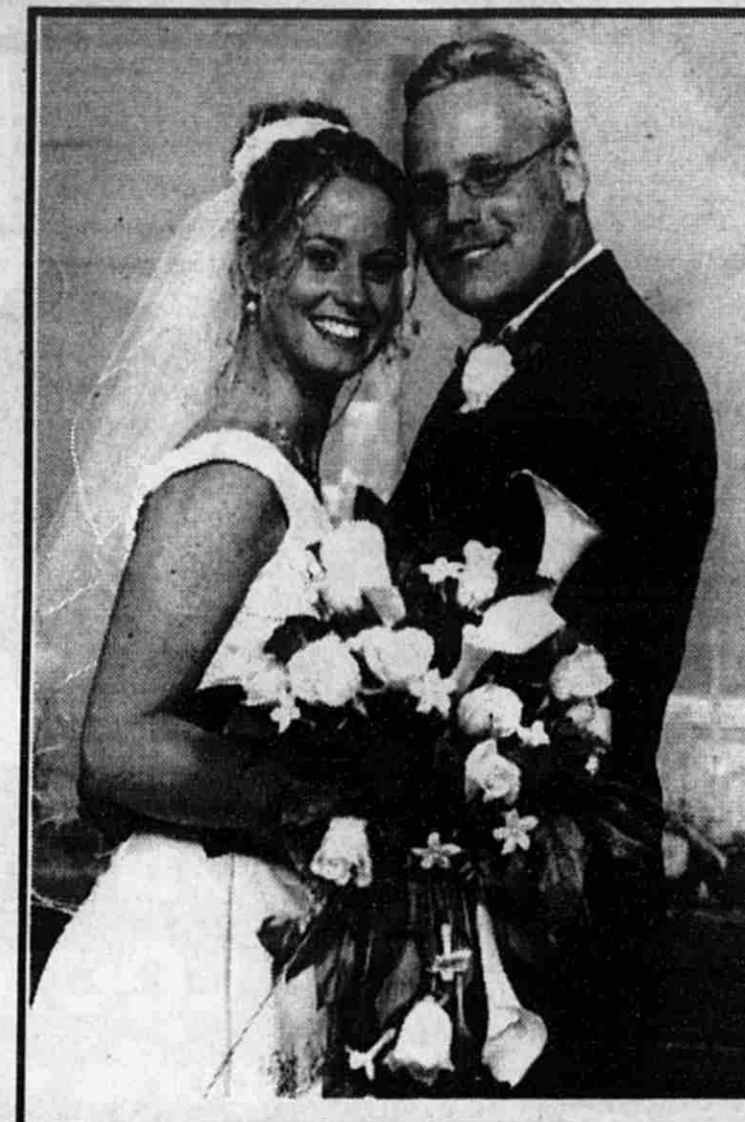
NOV. 19: Ken Mulder, Jamie Zoodma, Evelyn Roudabush, Marlene Nash, Lewis Powell.

NOV. 20: Brian Brown, John Butler Sr., Michelle Wheet.

NOV. 21: Gert DeHaan, Michael Hewitt, Tammy Gidner.

NOV. 22: Karrie Borton, Lou Green, Carla Briggs, Andrea Richmond, Joshua Gerard, Dylan Olin.

On Nov. 29, Jim Goode,



Vanden Akker/Martin

Stacy K. Martin and Brian H. Vanden Akker were united in marriage on Oct. 19, 2001 at the First Congregational Church of Lowell, Dr. Roger LaWarre officiating.

Parents of the bride are Frank and Norene Martin of Lowell. The groom's parents are Hank and May Vanden Akker of Grand Rapids and Robert and Sandi Pagel of Big Rapids.

Matron of honor was Toni Anderson, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Misty Anderson, Danielle Hulst, Amanda Mutschler, Tracy Meeuwesen, Kacy Anderson and Lindsay Anderson.

Best man was Kurt Sage. Groomsmen were Rich Anderson, CJ Hauck, Nick Hauck, Christopher Vanden Akker and Keith Vanden Akker.

Forum to answer questions about today's headlines

The Center for Faith and Practice wants to help people explore answers to questions about what is happening in and to the United States right now.

Three workshops will facilitate questions and exploration into what is going on in the Middle East; why there is so much hatred towards the United States; terrorists' faithfulness to Muslims; and what does Islam say about terrorism, war and justice.

The workshops are scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 29; Tuesday, Dec. 4; and Thursday, Dec. 6. All three gatherings will be held at the Lowell First United Methodist Church.

On Nov. 29, Jim Goode,

professor from Grand Valley State University, will share information about the situation in the Middle East which brought us to this point; on Dec. 4, he will share more directly about Afghanistan; and on Dec. 6, Ghazala Munir, a Grand Rapids Muslim woman, will share the Islamic perspective on holy war and terrorism.

Each workshop will begin at 7 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. Donations are encouraged. Munir has degrees in chemistry and biochemistry from Peshawar University in Peshawar, Pakistan. She lives in Grand Rapids and is active in community organizations that provide exposure to cultural and religious differ-

ences. She is presently an adjunct professor for Kendall College in the area of world religions.

Goode is a professor of history at GVSU, teaching courses on Middle Eastern history and Islamic Civilization. He has served as coordinator of the Middle East Studies program there since 1997.

Blue Christmas service, Dec. 2

How will you be spending Christmas this year? Lowell First United Methodist Church is inviting the community to a "Blue Christmas" service on Dec. 2 at 3 p.m.

He lived in Iran from 1968-74, serving as a Peace Corps volunteer. He also has traveled widely in Afghanistan as well as in Iran and neighboring countries.

For information contact Susan Gray, director of the United Methodist Center for Faith and Practice at (616) 956-1520.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

Join Us In Worship

<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 Worship Sundays.....8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Coffee Hour.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....9:50 A.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Satterwood • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....8:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:00 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God) 3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery Robert W. Holmes, Pastor Jonathan Walker, Youth Pastor Jason Grear, Children & Young Adults SUNDAYS: Worship: 10:00 & 6 p.m. WEDNESDAYS: Family Night: (for All Ages) 7 p.m. Generation Jacob Youth: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 www.iserv.net - goodshp Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>
<p>THERE'S NO BETTER TIME TO BE AFFILIATED WITH A CHRISTIAN CHURCH Come worship with us. SUNDAY AT 11 A.M. LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH 1070 Lincoln Lake 1/2 mile north of Main Street</p>	<p>APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Sunday Services 10:00 A.M. at the Cherry Creek Elementary School 12675 Foreman Road, Lowell, MI 49331 CALL FOR FREE HOME BIBLE STUDIES Pastor Robert L. Hubbard Phone: (616) 897-1267 website www.aplighthouse.com</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M. PASTOR TIM DESHAU Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road 897-5648 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>
<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: http://www.fclowell.org Rev. Burland Margesson & Rev. W. Lee Taylor Wayne Haines, Youth Pastor Sun. Worship Service: 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA/JUV.....Wed. 6:15 & 7 P.M. Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times Nursery Provided • Barrier Free</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Megan MacNaughton.....Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided Come Join Us For Praise & Worship</p>		

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Viewpoint . . .

By Priscilla Lussmyer

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half-full, never blow down on the flame to put it out, and trim wicks in daytime.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

NOVEMBER 14, 1901;
This issue is missing as well as every issue until May, 1902; we substitute columns from the first year Ledger Entries was published, 1987.

114 YEARS NOVEMBER 14, 1887.

Star Cutter Co. begins work on "swell bodies." The panel lumber was received late, but by Dec. 15 they will have turned out 16,500 cutters as this season's work.

Dedication of the new St. Patrick's Church at Bowne will be held Thanksgiving Day.

Clarksville reports, "The scene witnessed in the streets one night last week shows what 'orchard tea' can do for a person swinish enough to imbibe to excess."

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO NOVEMBER 18, 1926

Sponsored by the American Legion, an Armistice Day celebration in Port Huron, is attended by and participated in by "Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Negroes and the Ku Klux Klan." The ceremony takes place at the church of former Lowell Methodist pastor, Russell Bradley.

The Clover Leaf and Lowell Literary clubs meet in joint session to hear a physician speak on the "Health of Our Daughters."

The American Legion here will have a dinner tonight at City Hall, followed by "Circus Solly," a play using local talent.

There are 867 dogs in Kent County which don't have licenses and the game warden asks the prosecuting attorney how to handle the situation, especially of those dogs running at large.

Douglas Fairbanks in "The Black Pirate" and Pauline Frederick in "Her Honor, the Governor" (reflecting Texas' governor) are standouts at the Strand this week.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 15, 1951

The sand pile left from construction of the new Ledger building has proven very useful during the heavy snows. The Ledger even furnishes the shovel if necessary.

Paint your barn roof with "aluminum paint left over from a big job" is the latest scam to hit Michigan farmers.

There were 255 deer licenses issued in Lowell. Deer hunters traveling north find that the recent rains that washed away the early snowfall have created plenty of mud.

Farmers are urged to round up heavy scrap metal for the war effort. It pays pretty well now, too.

Doubling of escapes and walkaways from Ionia prison in the past two years is attributed to a shortage of guards.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDER NOVEMBER 18, 1976

John Wierenga gets his seven-point buck at 8 a.m. on opening day and wins the trophy.

The Butcher Block in Saranac has 19 deer come in for processing on opening day.

There were 40 volunteers who helped 4,000 local residents get their swine flu shots.

The Artrain will stop in Lowell next Wednesday for four days. Seventeen local artists will demonstrate their work in the Studio Car and a concert of local talent will be held at the United Methodist Church. Joe Kinnebrew will have an exhibit at the wine and cheese party opener at Deer Run Golf Club.

TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor,

I do not agree with the extreme anger of persons regarding Roger Brown's Oct. 24 article. I do not have an intrinsic need for him to be globally or politically correct.

Mr. Brown's column is not named "Agree with Me on Top of the Mountain" but "Cozy Corner." The image I have when I read it is me sitting in the kitchen, having a cup of coffee and letting someone share his life's experiences with some wit and subtle insights. Hopefully I would have the grace and maturity to chew what is palatable and spit out what I cannot swallow without condemnation.

I do not want to read a lifeless column without any individuality or personal perspective from the author. Also, I do not want to read from a guilt-ridden, overly sensitive automaton who is persuaded by tyrannical opinion or ideology. I just want to listen to the man as he is. If I come across something written that I disagree with, I will choose to "lighten up" and let Roger Brown be Roger Brown.

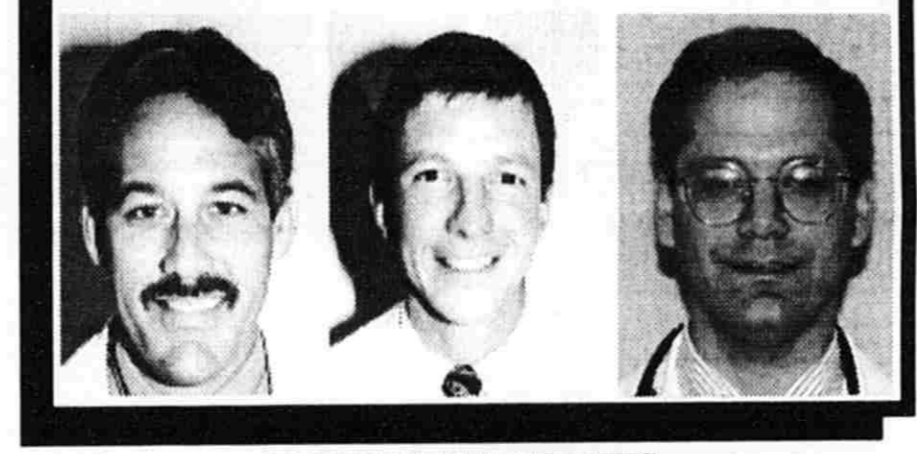
Michael Pelz

Dear Editor,

After reading "Cozy Corner" in Volume 23, issue 5, I was mad enough to expectorate. Knowing the young couple in question I cannot believe they have become ex-patriots after living for such a short time in an expatriate village, albeit in a communist country.

R. Hull Jones

Health



With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller

RSV BRONCHIOLITIS

As winter approaches, so does the typical season for colds and flu. It is also the season for RSV. Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is the most common cause of bronchiolitis and pneumonia in children under one year of age.

Bronchiolitis most frequently begins with a fever and profuse runny nose, progressing in days to a cough, and sometimes wheezing. Sometimes, breathing becomes very rapid and difficult. This may require hospitalization. Most children recover in 7-14 days. The majority of hospitalizations occur in infants less than six months of age.

Some things to do if your child has bronchiolitis: use a cool mist vaporizer while your child is sleeping; run hot water in the shower to steam the room and sit there with your child if he/she is coughing hard; use tylenol to treat the fever.

You should call your doctor if: your child is breathing 40 times a minute or more; a bluish discoloration occurs around your child's lips; you can see the skin retracting between your child's ribs with breathing, or he/she has to sit up to breathe.

RSV bronchiolitis is spread through close contact with saliva or mucus. One should frequently wash their hands, and not allow sharing of cups or utensils to help decrease the spread of this illness. Older children in the home are not usually affected by this illness.

Financial Focus

Edward Jones
Serving Individual Investors Since 1871
With Christopher C. Godbold

WHAT TO DO IF THE "PINK SLIP" ARRIVES

In recent months, we've seen report after report of companies making major layoffs. It may not happen to you, but if it does, what financial moves should you make?

Before you take any steps, just remember one thing: You don't need to panic. While getting laid off is certainly not pleasant, it's also not the end of the world. In fact, many people who go through this experience land on their feet, with jobs as good as or even better than they had before.

Nonetheless, you'll still want to ensure you make the right decisions during any time you are laid off. Here are a few ideas to consider:

- Be prepared. The best time to deal with any financial pressures resulting from a layoff is well before the layoff occurs. That's why you should maintain an emergency fund to cover at least six months' to a year's worth of living expenses. You may want to keep these funds in a money market account that offers liquidity and competitive returns. Then, if you do get laid off, you won't have to rush into selling off your long-term investments.

- Protect your 401(k). If you're laid off, your 401(k) will present you with a tempting target. After all, it's just sitting there - and it may contain a lot of money. But raiding your 401(k) could be one of the worst mistakes you make. If you do cash it out, you'll have to pay income taxes on the proceeds, and if you're under 59 1/2, you also may have to pay a 10 percent premature distribution penalty. And, just as bad, you'll be depriving yourself of a major source of retirement income. If you're really cash-strapped, you may be able to take out a loan on your 401(k) but you should take this step only as a last resort. You'll be better off either keeping your 401(k) in your former employer's plan, moving it to your existing IRA, or transferring it to a "rollover" IRA, from which you can eventually move it to your new employer's 401(k).

- Consider adjusting your asset mix. If you've maintained a diversified portfolio of investments, you'll be in good shape to make some needed adjustments in case of a layoff. For example, if you have a lot of growth-oriented investments, such as stocks, you may want to think about selling some and then investing the proceeds into income-producing vehicles, such as bonds. That way, you won't have to deplete all your assets - and once you're employed again, you can readjust your portfolio to match your investment personality, time horizon and long-term goals.

- Borrow wisely. If you have to borrow, be smart about it. A loan from a family member or close friend may affect your pride, but it's less expensive than one offered by a high-interest rate credit card.

- By planning ahead and using your resources wisely, you can almost certainly get through a layoff with your financial future intact. So take the necessary steps - and keep moving forward.

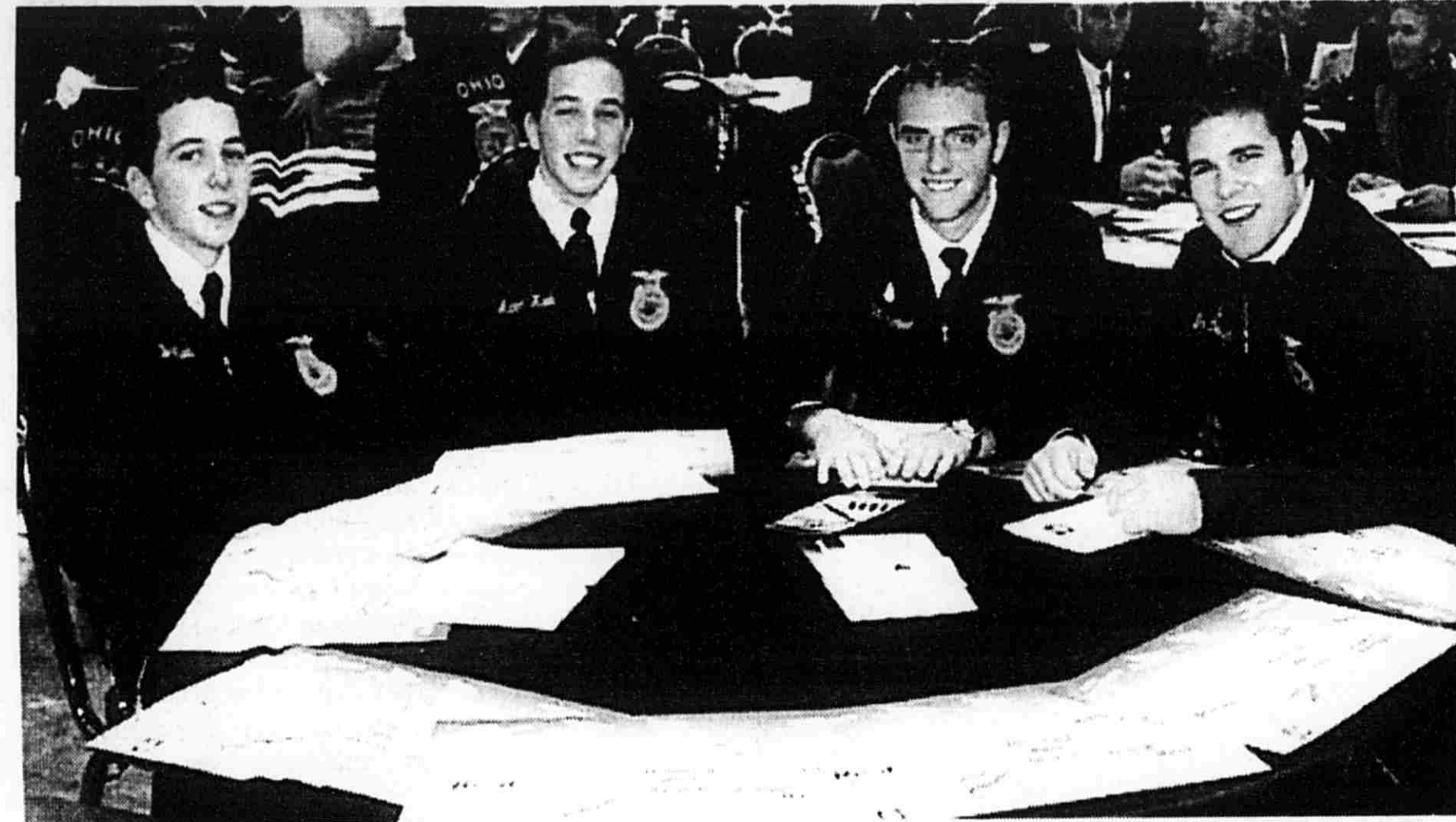
Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

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

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledgergl@aol.com. Letters must be signed and please include a phone number when emailing.

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.



Seated, left to right, are: Ben Kaeb, Aaron Kaeb, Brad Jackson and Tom Oesch. They attended the American FFA Degree luncheon at the National Convention to recognize their outstanding achievement.



NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM SPONSORED BY CARGILL AND LAND O'LAKE FOUNDATION AS A SPECIAL PROJECT OF THE NATIONAL FFA FOUNDATION

Standing, left to right, are: Dan Young, FFA advisor; Megan Nyson and Teresa Leasure, chapter members; and Jessica Spry, FFA advisor.

Four Lowell FFA members earn highest award at national convention

Members of the Lowell FFA Chapter attended the 74th National FFA convention in Louisville, Ky. where they were recognized as one-, two- or three-star chapter winners in the National FFA Chapter Award Program.

Chapter members from Lowell were Megan Nyson and Teresa Leasure. Their FFA advisors were Jessica Spry and Dan Young.

The program recognizes FFA chapters for conducting a wide variety of activities that focus on student, chapter and community development. Members are encouraged to develop a detailed Program of Activities (POA). These activities

and projects provide citizenship, personal and leadership development opportunities to students by giving them a chance to work with community leaders, partner groups and school organizations.

The award program is sponsored by Cargill and Land O'Lakes as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. It is one of many ways FFA members are encouraged to make a real difference in the lives of fellow students, as well as in their communities.

Earning the American FFA Degree from the Lowell chapter were Ben Kaeb, Aaron Kaeb, Brad Jackson and

Tom Oesch, all of Alto. This degree is the highest membership award bestowed by the National FFA Organization on the basis of their occupational and leadership achievements.

FFA is a national youth organization of 455,306 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with 7,226 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. FFA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

After market accessories and factory ad-ons will take customers there; quality service will bring them back to Special FX

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

There's a new car stereo and truck accessories business in Lowell Charter Township at 11390 E. Fulton called Special FX.

"Robert West, co-owner, along with Ralph Anheuser, hopes customers go away with a sense that they are dealing with a service-oriented business.

"I live in the community and we plan on being here a long time, so taking care of our customers is important to us," West said.

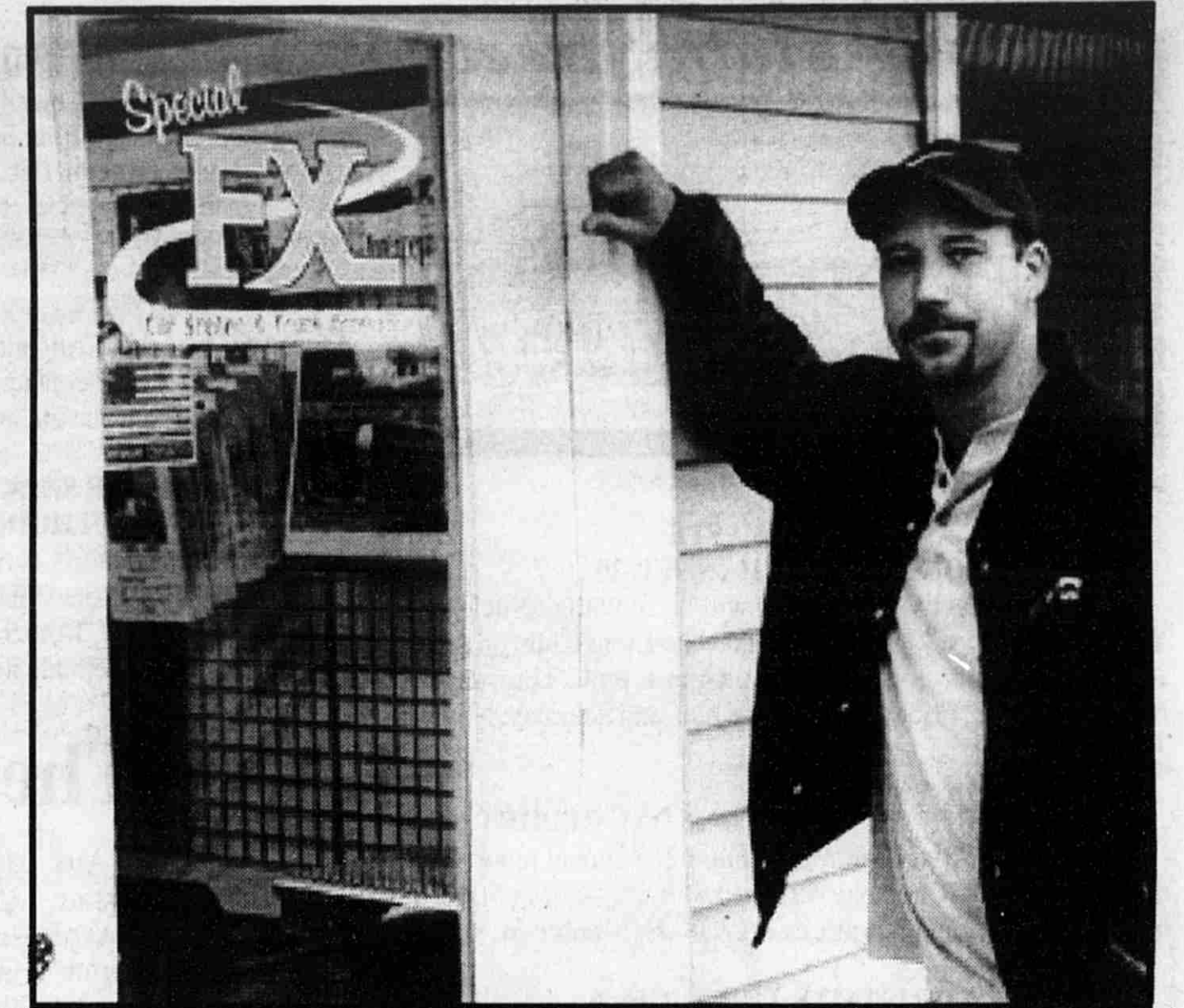
One way to do that is to offer big dealer prices with better service. "Customers will be able to get anything in aftermarket accessories and factory add-ons," West explains. This includes replacement radios, car stereos, truck caps, electronic accessories, vent visors and bug shields.

Both West and Anheuser are nationally certified installers and Anheuser is also state certified.

West has been in the business for 14 years; he recently left a mobile business to open Special FX with Anheuser.

"There is no one else in the market doing this. We're local, we're targeting the local," West said. "I want my customers to return. If they think of Special FX first when they think of good service, there's a good chance they will."

Special FX will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.



Robert West, pictured above, and Ralph Anheuser are co-owners of Special FX at 11390 E. Fulton.

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Along Main Street

NUCLEAR WASTE PROGRAM ON CHANNEL 20

Lowell Cable TV Channel 20 will be showing "Nuclear Waste in the News," sponsored by the Alto Lions Club, on the following dates: Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 15 at 5 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 16 at 4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 17 at 10 a.m.

ENGLEHARDT FUND 2ND ANNUAL REPORT

The Lowell Area Community Fund 2nd annual report to the community will be held Wednesday, Nov. 14 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe St.

CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL THIS WEEKEND

Maps for the Christmas Through Lowell event, held on Nov. 16, 17 and 18, are available at Michael's Farm Market, Cousin's Hallmark, Dream Pieces, Touch of Country and State Farm Insurance.

SKI AND SNOWBOARD MEMBERSHIPS

November is the month for Ski and Snowboard Club memberships through the schools for Cannonburg. The elementary advisor is Heather Kohtz and the middle/high school advisor is Kathy Talus. Look for information and registration materials at the school.

AUTUMNAL JOY EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY
The Lowell Area Arts Council is presenting the exhibition Autumnal Joy: Aspects of the Season at Huntington Bank, 414 E. Main now through Dec. 6 during regular business hours. For more information on this exhibit, call the arts council at 897-8545.

LOWELL FFA SALE
Lowell FFA annual Fruit and Nut Sale is going on now through Nov. 16. Please contact any FFA member or John Schut at 897-4125 to place an order.

CRAFT/BAKE SALE & LUNCHEON AT 1ST METHODIST CHURCH
Make one of your stops during the Christmas Through Lowell event the First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St. on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. There will be over 30 booths of homemade items for gift-giving and the

home as well as a baked-goods sale to stock up for that Thanksgiving dinner, and a soup and sandwich luncheon from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

DEADLINE FOR COMMUNITY FUND
The deadline to request funds from the Lowell Community Fund is Saturday, Dec. 1. Contact Bob Reagan at 897-7515 with any questions.

ROGUE RIVER ARTISANS SHOW AND SALE
The 19th annual Rogue River Artisans Show will take place at Lowell High School (formerly at Deer Run) on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. At least 75 designer artists will be selling specialty items and a light breakfast and lunch will be available as well. \$1 admission is charged at the door with all proceeds going to the 2003 Lowell High School class.

LAAC Thebes Players call for auditions

The Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players are seeking actors for *The Nerd* by Larry Shue. Public performances of this dinner theatre production will be at Larkin's OtherPlace in downtown historic Lowell from Thursday, March 7 - Saturday, March 9.

This play requires four males, two females and one child (6-8 years old.) Auditions will take place at the Englehardt Library from Jan. 8 -10 between 7 and 9 p.m. Callbacks are on Jan. 11.

The story is about an aspiring young architect in

Terre Haute, Indiana. Willum Cubbert has often told his friends about the debt he owes to Rick Stedman, a fellow ex-GI whom he has never met but who saved his life after he was seriously wounded in Vietnam. Willum is delighted when Rick shows up unexpectedly at his apartment on the night of his 34th birthday party. But his delight soon fades as it becomes apparent that Rick is a hopeless "nerd" - a bumbling oaf with no social sense, little intelligence, and less tact. And Rick stays on and on, his continued presence among Willum and his friends leading to one uproarious incident after another, until the normally placid Willum finds himself contemplating violence - a dire development which, happily, is staved off by the surprising "twist" ending of the play.

For more information and to borrow a script for review call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545.

Abe visits LMS on Thursday

Fallsburg Historical Society will present Gerald Bestrom on Thursday, Nov. 15 at the Lowell Middle School at 7:30.

As honest Abe Lincoln, Bestrom has toured the country giving his insightful portrayal of this country's 16th president.

With fact and humor, Abe is brought to life, giving viewers a rich portrayal of one of the country's most respected leaders.

The performance is free to the public. It is being underwritten by C&W Tool Sales, Harold Zeigler Ford, Lowell Animal Hospital and Pet Complex and Keiser's Kitchen.

Bestrom tours over 25 states (mainly the east coast and midwest); bringing quality programs of factual historic content, humorous entertainment, and an amazing link to inner moral virtues and strengths

Traditional homey feeling keeps Christmas Through Lowell special for its coordinator

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Of the 24 stops along the 2001 Christmas Through Lowell trail, only one can claim it was one of the original eight who started the event 10 years ago.

Corner Crafts, 423 Suffolk, also the home of Jody and Kraig Haybarker, first began creating crafts 15 years ago for the First United Methodist Church Holiday Craft Show before choosing to become a fixture in Christmas Through Lowell in 1992.

"It's fun to have people come into your home," Jody Haybarker said. "I enjoy being a part of that shopping atmosphere."

The Haybarkers, in setting up for the event, clear out their living and dining rooms, making way for homemade gifts and accessories - Santas, angels, ornaments, shelves and wreaths.

Haybarker's Corner Crafts' partners have been Morna Ford (mother) and Carol Hovinga. "Mom does oak crafts and Carol will provide floral design wreaths," Haybarker said.

"We start preparing for Christmas Through Lowell in August - we probably should start earlier." New items will be offered at Corner Crafts. Joining them and providing new items this year will be Sharon McDermitt.

Haybarker is not only a participant, but for the last eight years has also been the event coordinator. "I think it's been successful because it's nice, traditional and has a homey atmosphere," Haybarker explained.

Christmas Through Lowell starts Friday, Nov. 16 (9 a.m. until 9 p.m.) and continues through the weekend. It's open from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Christmas Through Lowell cookbooks will be available at all stops. The idea for the book and the work behind putting it together came from Mischele Johnson. The cookbooks will cost \$8. Proceeds from the sales will go to the Flat River Outreach Ministries.

A book of poems titled, "Those Who Went Before Us - Prayers to Heaven" will also be available at various locations

during Christmas Through Lowell. The cost of the book is \$10.95. For each book sold \$1 will go to the Flat River Outreach Ministries.

Any individual who brings in clothing or nonperishable food items to the Flat River Outreach Ministries will get \$1 off the book's purchase price.

"The weather is supposed to be nice again this weekend," Haybarker concludes. "We're expecting 1,200 or more to participate in Christmas Through Lowell."

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NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

DECEMBER 11, 2001

NOTICE OF CORRECTED PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT

ACT 14 OF 1985, being Section 211.53 (b) of General Property Tax Laws provides for correction of clerical errors and due to mutual mistake of fact with respect to assessment roll figures, upon verification of the local assessing officer and approval by the Board of Review at a meeting called for the purpose, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday following the Second Monday in December.

On December 11, 2001, a meeting will be called for the purpose at 9:00 a.m. in the Vergennes Township Hall to conduct business as provided for in Section 211.53(b), Michigan Compiled Laws.

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Work includes: 10 ft. wide asphalt paths, elevated boardwalks, fishing pier, picnic pavilion/restroom, storage building and all related work.

Bidding Documents may be obtained at the office of Fleis & VandenBrink: Telephone (616) 541-6000. A non-refundable payment of forty dollars (\$40.00) will be required for each set of Contract Documents. An additional, non-refundable payment of ten dollars (\$10.00) will be required for mailing the Bidding Documents. Bidding Documents may be examined at the following locations on or after Nov. 12, 2001:

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Funding assistance is provided through the Clean Michigan Initiative/Recreation Bond Program, Michigan Department of Natural Resources CM00-175. Prevailing wages are not required for this project.

Lowell Charter Township reserves the right to accept any bid, reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and make the award in any manner deemed in the best interest of Lowell Charter Township.

Lowell Charter Township
John Timpson, Supervisor

Guns & Hoses basketball game raises funds for Teen Center scholarships and awareness for Big Brother, Big Sister program

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Guns and Hoses benefit basketball game raised \$1,357 for Teen Center membership scholarships for at-risk middle school kids or kids who show a need.

"When the Teen Center opened, many kids went there (if it was free); now that they have to pay for memberships, not all can afford them," said Lowell school liaison officer, Steve Bukala.

The liaison officer says

the Teen Center is a positive image in a kid's life - one he/she can relate to.

The Guns & Hoses benefit game promotes a positive image of the local police and fire departments. "Many of the kids associate dealing with the police in a negative consequence. This promotes a positive image."

A membership to the Teen Center costs \$140 a year. Bukala says the scholarship fund will be able to pay for most or all of it for at-risk students or those students in need.

Scholarship applications can be picked up and processed through the YMCA office. For more information call 897-8445.

Proceeds from the event



Trevor Slot, middle, hit the winning shot to give the Lowell Police Department a 36-34 win.

were raised through gate donations, 50-50 raffle and Guns & Hoses shirt sales.

A basket by Lowell police officer, Trevor Slot, with two seconds remaining, gave the police department a 36-34 win. It was the department's first lead of the game.

Jim Dreyer, Big Brother/Big Sister spokesperson and holder of five world records in swimming, spoke of the program's values at halftime of the game.

Following the game the

traveling trophy was presented to the winning team. Each team was allowed one ringer on their roster. Lowell's Brent Noskey filled that role for the police department.



Jim Dreyer speaks to the crowd at halftime of the Guns & Hoses basketball game.

Faith embraces many truths which seem to contradict each other.
—Pascal

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With relocation of water main, Metric takes on maintenance responsibility

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The relocation of a water main at Metric Manufacturing, 1001 Foreman SE, will also eliminate it as part of the city water service.

During the initiation of construction for an addition to Metric Manufacturing, it was determined that an 8" water main would have the building constructed over it. The main, which tra-

versed the Metric site, had previously serviced the city wellhouses.

Metric currently uses the main as a service line for fire protection. Lowell Area Schools also uses the main for

service to its bus garage and baseball field.

The Metric addition necessitated abandoning a portion of the main and providing a new water service to the bus garage.

The new water service for the school had to be extended 600 feet for the bus garage

and baseball field. The cost for the project will be \$9,500.

It will be shared between the city, school and Metric. Lowell Area Schools will pay \$3,500, Metric \$3,000 and the city \$3,000.

Upon completion of the work, the main will be recognized as a Metric water ser-

vice. Metric will also be responsible for the maintenance.

19th annual Rogue River Artisans Show & Sale, Dec. 8

The sights and sounds of the holidays will bring combined pleasure to your holiday shopping experience and your holiday spirit at the nineteenth annual Rogue River Artisans Show and Sale on Saturday, Dec. 8.

It will be at a new location this year! Formerly at Deer Run Golf Club, it will now be held at Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes St., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This exceptional hand selected group of artists and craftspeople represent many Michigan communities. A total of at least 75 designer artists will be selling specialty items including beautifully crafted pottery, glass art, jewelry, wearables, Santas and Snowmen, carvings, wildlife art, sculpture, accessories, weaving, holiday decor, furniture and lamps, prints and paintings, wood art, floral,

soaps and fragrances, candles and much more.

There will be new artists, as well as exciting items from your favorite artists of the past. Everything is displayed in a festive atmosphere.

A light breakfast and fabulous seasonal lunch will be available for purchase. A \$1 admission donation will be

charged at the door with all proceeds going to Lowell Senior High Class of 2003 activities.

There is plenty of close and convenient parking.

If you have any questions or would like more information, call Susan Frasier at 897-4125 or Robin White at 874-6932.

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Vergennes Township is seeking applications for the following Boards/Commissions:

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The Planning Commission normally meets on the first Monday evening of every month. The zoning and construction boards meet as needed. Applicants should be willing to commit the time necessary to perform the duties of the position. These positions are compensated per diem. A job description is available upon request.

Applications should be received by Friday, November 30, 2001, and will be considered at the December 17, 2001 meeting of the Vergennes Township Board.

Application forms may be obtained at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331, or on the township web site at [HYPERLINK "http://www.vergennestwp.org"](http://www.vergennestwp.org) www.vergennestwp.org under forms.

The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 3pm. If you wish to receive an application through the mail, kindly send a stamped self-addressed envelope to PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331-0208, and a form and job description will be sent. For further information, call 897-5671 during office hours.

Mari Stone, Clerk

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Public notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Circuit Court for the County of Kent, State of Michigan, on the 17th day of September 2001, in the action known as RICHARD G. BISHOP, Plaintiff versus BRADLEY JAY FELTY, Defendant, Case No. 01-6029-CH, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder, at a public auction to be held at the West Entrance on the first floor of the Kent County Courthouse, 180 Ottawa Avenue N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, the place of holding the Circuit Court within Kent County, Michigan, on December 19, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. local time, the following described property:

Lot 5, Rathbone's Addition to the City of Grand Rapids, Section 2, Town 6 North, Range 12 West, according to the recorded plat thereof in Liber 20 of Plats, Page 28, Kent County Records Commonly known as 1219 Rathbone S.W., Wyoming, Michigan.

This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale.

Dated: October 31, 2001

Mary Hollinrake
Kent County Clerk

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Lady Arrows Varsity Club perform mentoring tasks in PE and reading

Several members of the Lady Arrows Varsity Club recently began a mentoring project with 1st graders at Bushnell Elementary School.

Front row, left to right: Vallen VanZyll, Courtney Phillips, Jacque Benedict, Jenny Wagner, Laura Horsley; back row, left to right: Kim Huyser, Heather Becker, Mandy Kettel, Kelly Fitzpatrick, Shelby Tomczak and Leslie Crowley.

The Varsity Club members performed a variety of tasks from helping in PE class to listening and assisting student readers. The lady athletes enjoyed their time at Bushnell and will be mentoring there on a regular basis throughout the school year.

The Lady Arrows Varsity Club was recently formed at the high school to promote leadership, recognition and community service on behalf of the many fine female athletes who attend Lowell High School.

So far this school year the Varsity Club has mentored 6th graders and 1st graders, and sponsored a Father/Daughter dance for students.

Members of the Lady Arrows Varsity Club have been successful in their athletic endeavors as well as with the girls Cross Country team taking 5th place in the Division 2 State Cross Country meet and the girls Basketball team winning an outright undefeated OK White Conference Championship.

Author, Robert Morgan to visit KDL

Kent District Library kicks off its annual "Let It Snow (Somewhere Else)" Reading Club For Adults with a visit by best-selling author Robert Morgan at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 29 at the Frederik Meijer Gardens. Admission is free and guests may come early and tour the Christmas Around the World exhibit.

Morgan is the author of the best-selling novel *Gap Creek*, an Oprah Book Club selection in 2000. His most recent novel, *This Rock* came out in September. He currently teaches English at Cornell University.

The Reading Club, now in its eleventh year, begins Dec. 1. Read 10 books by March 31 to receive a commemorative mug or tote bag; take the reading challenge and read five additional books in different categories to enter your name in a drawing for a two-night getaway to your choice of 49 destinations.

Registration materials will be available at the kick-off program and at all 18 branches of Kent District Library. Last year KDL saw a record number of 4,718 participants. The program is sponsored in part by The River, 100.5 FM.

For more information, call the KDL at 784-2007 or a branch near you.

The Melodeon by Glendon Swarthout on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. Copies are available at the checkout desk or call 897-9596.

For more information about other book, contact the Kent District Library at 784-2007.

KDL branches closed for Thanksgiving

The 18 branches of the Kent District Library and the KDL Service Center will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22 for Thanksgiving. New this year, the branches will open again on Friday, Nov. 23 and resume regular open hours.

The Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe, invites adult readers to get together at the library for a friendly, informal discussion of the book,

closed on Thursday, Nov. 22 for Thanksgiving. New this year, the branches will open again on Friday, Nov. 23 and resume regular open hours.

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COMING EVENTS

NOTICES IN THE LEDGER'S "COMING EVENTS" ARE FREE OF CHARGE TO ANY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IN THE LOWELL, ADA, ALTO, AND SARANAC AREAS. WE PREFER SUCH NOTICES TO BE KEPT BRIEF AND TO BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL, BUT WILL ACCEPT NOTICES BY PHONE AT 897-9261.

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

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallsburg 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 7:00 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 102, 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 & FOURTH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 meetings at St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

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 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 Saddlewood Dr. Children ages 4 thru 7th grade. Call 897-5894 for details.

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

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

EVERY WED.: The "Peppers" (senior adults) meets at Franciscan Life Process Center from 1-3:30 p.m. \$10 per week. Transportation available. Call Pat at 897-7842.

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

EVERY SECOND WED.: Grand Rapids Machine Knitters Club meets at Kentwood Library, 4799 Kalamazoo Ave. SE at 1 p.m. Call Sara Coates 365-1247 for info.

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 seasonal activities. Times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Support group for Peripheral neuropathy meets at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. N.W., Grand Rapids. Call 897-9794.

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 5:30 and 7 p.m. Registration begins 1/2 hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. 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 FRI. & SAT.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada at 7144 Headley is open

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

EVERY THURS.: Saranac Community and Area Music Makers at Saranac High School. Choir: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Band: 7:30 - 8:15 p.m. Christmas Concert Dec. 1, 2. New members invited Call Kathy at 642-6316/897-5981 for info.

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-support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offers topics and discussion for 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. Located at a church in Ada. Please call 752-7524 for more information.

SECOND SAT. OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 1 p.m.

SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Genealogy - The Alto Family Tree Club meets at Alto Public Library from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

ONCE A MONTH SAT.: Franciscan Life Process Center program for siblings of children with special needs, ages 5-15 from 1-4 p.m. Activities include cooking, music, arts, crafts, etc. Call Sister Mary Margaret Delaski at 897-7842 to register and find out dates.

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club meets at the west end of Lowell High School. 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

EVERY FRI. & SAT.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada at 7144 Headley is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Open other times by appointment. Call 676-9346.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOURS: - Tues., Sat. & Sun.: 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$5; adults: \$3; 5-17: \$1.50; free/members & under 5.

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WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting held the third Monday 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.

THRU NOV. 16: Lowell FFA annual Fruit & Nut Sale. Call FFA members or John Schut at 897-4125 to place an order.

WED., NOV. 14: Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. SE will serve a family turkey & dressing dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults: \$7; 5-12: \$2.

THURS., NOV. 15: The Fallsburg Historical Society will hold its annual Fall Banquet at the Lowell Middle School. Dinner

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., NOV. 14: 10:45 a.m. Nails by Sharon; noon: Movie in G.R. "Citizen Kane."

THURS., NOV. 15: Noon, dance at West Side Complex.

FRI., NOV. 16: 12:40 Shop at Aldi's & Wal*Mart.

MON., NOV. 19: 12:40 Shop at G.R. Meijer and K-Mart.

TUES., NOV. 20: 7:20 McDonald's at Rockford for Breakfast and Country Music; 12:40 Bible Study.

WED., NOV. 21: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:40 Shop Family Fare.

(6:30 p.m.) for members is \$8.50. Program at 7:30 p.m.: Abe Lincoln. For reservations, call 897-0849 by Nov. 14.

NOV. 16, 17, 18: Annual Christmas Through Lowell. Maps are available at Michael's Farm Market, Cousin's Hallmark, Dream Pieces, Touch of Country, State Farm Insurance.

SAT., NOV. 17: Craft/baked goods sale and luncheon (11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) at 1st United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St. from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. In conjunction with Christmas Through Lowell.

SAT., NOV. 17: Monthly program for siblings of children with special needs, ages 5-15, 1-4 p.m. at Franciscan Life Process Center. Call Sister Mary Margaret at 897-7842 to register.

SUN., NOV. 18: Jubal Brass in Concert at 1st Baptist Church, 2275 W. Main at 6 p.m.

FRI., NOV. 30: Flu shots given to all (don't have to be a resident of the twp.) at Grattan Twp. Hall from 9-11 a.m. Cost: \$15/ or bring Medicare card and Medicare will be billed direct. Twp. office #691-8450.

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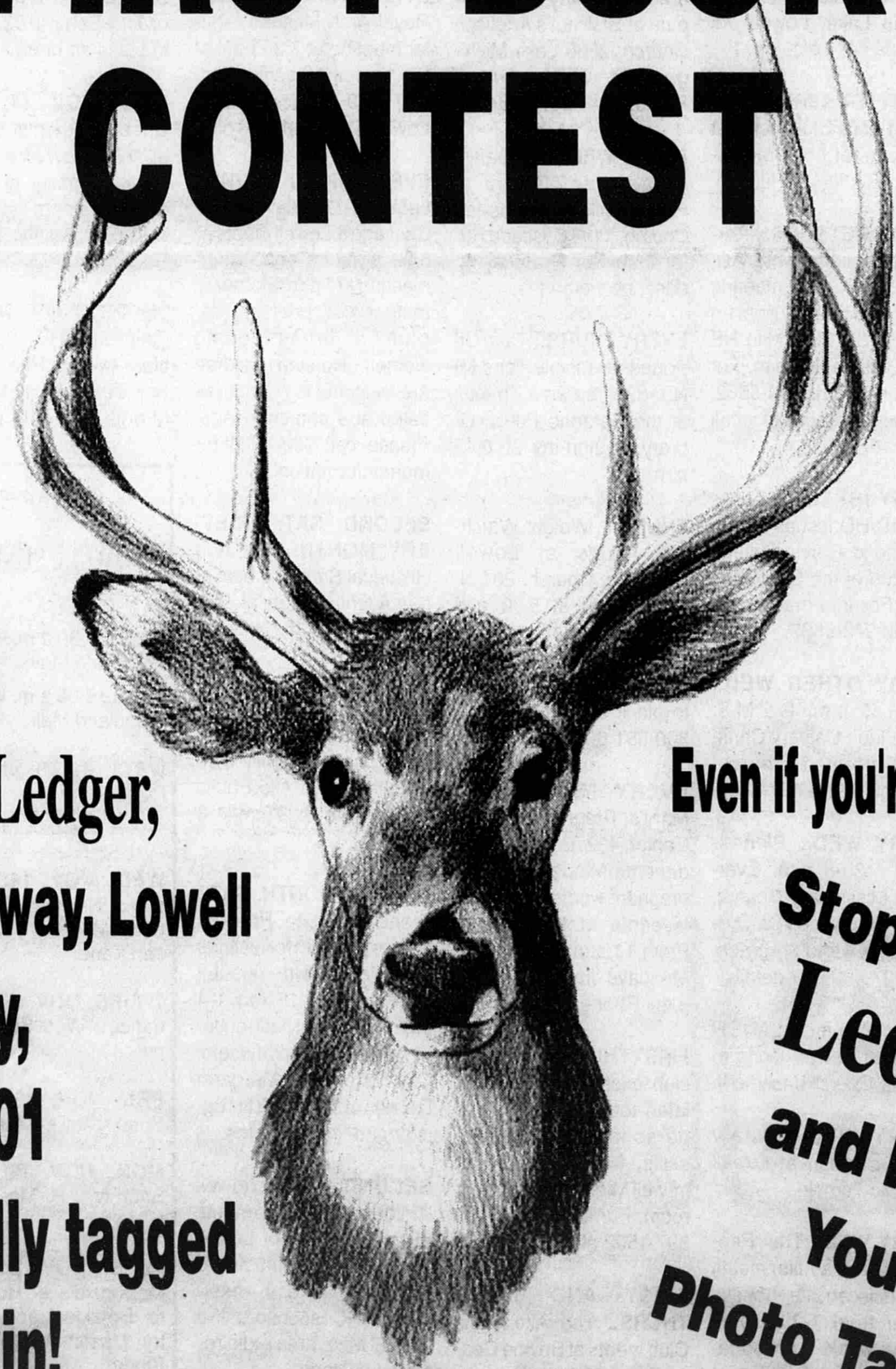
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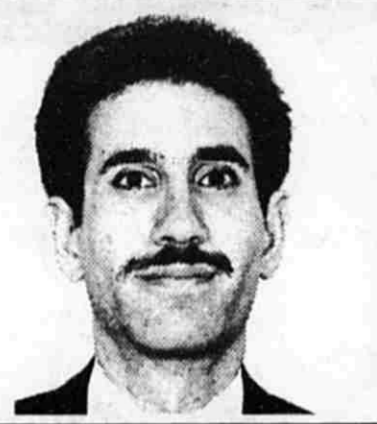
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LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN: A couple of years ago I transferred my home to my living trust. I am going to be placing my house on the market in the near future. Do I have to transfer the house back out of the trust before I sell it? Do I sign the sales agreement and the other documents in my name or in the trust's name?

JONATHAN SAYS: No, you do not need to transfer the house out of the trust prior to selling it. Since the trust is the current titleholder of the property, then the trust can enter

into the agreement to sell the house and execute all closing documents regarding the sale of the house. In fact, the deed transferring the house from the trust to the buyer, should show that the trust is the seller and not you individually. My answer is predicated on the fact, however, that the deed transferring the title to the house was actually recorded. If the deed was never recorded, then you will need to record the deed so that there will be clear evidence of record showing the chain of title flowing from you to the trust.

Assuming that you are the trustee of your trust, then you

would be executing all of the pertinent documents regarding the sale of the house, as trustee of your trust, and not in your individual name.

DEAR JONATHAN: My wife and I own a house on 10 acres of property. We were able to buy the property five years ago, in part, by borrowing approximately 60 percent of the amount we were required to pay; we paid the balance, our son has approached us about purchasing two acres so that he and his wife can build a house. Can we sell the property to him without contacting our lender, or do we have to notify them first?

JONATHAN SAYS: You need to contact your lender before you enter into any transaction with your son. There is most likely a "due on sale" clause in your mortgage which, in effect, requires you to pay off the mortgage immediately if you transfer any part of the property without your lender's consent. It is possible that your lender will work with you and release the two acres from its mortgage allowing

the sale to your son to go forward. However, it will only do so if it feels that the loan is adequately secured by the balance of the property. Further, your lender will probably require you apply the proceeds received from any such sale against the principal due on your mortgage.

DEAR JONATHAN: When I bought my house several years ago, I put my daughter's name on the title with mine as a joint tenant with full rights of survivorship. Many of my widowed friends did this as a way to avoid probate and I thought it made sense. Now that I have decided to sell my house, do I need to get her approval?

JONATHAN SAYS: Since your daughter's name is on the

title of that property, she has rights in that property, and as such, she will be required to sign the deed, along with you, consummating the sale of the property. Since she has to sign the deed, then in a sense, her approval would be required.

By the way, when you buy your new home, rather than put your daughter's name on the title for probate avoidance purposes, you might consider setting up a living trust instead. By setting up a living trust and transferring the home's title to the trust, not only will the house avoid having to be probated, but you control the ultimate disposition of that property without having to get your daughter's consent.

Grattan Twp. flu shots, Nov. 30

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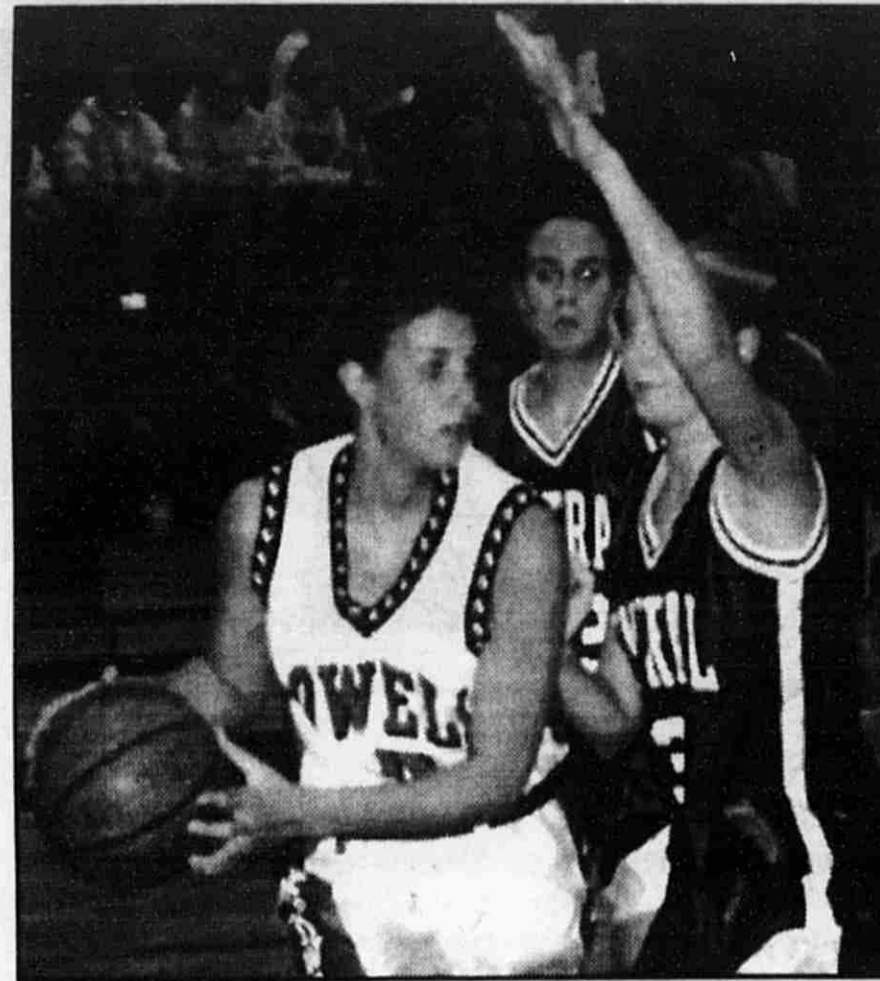
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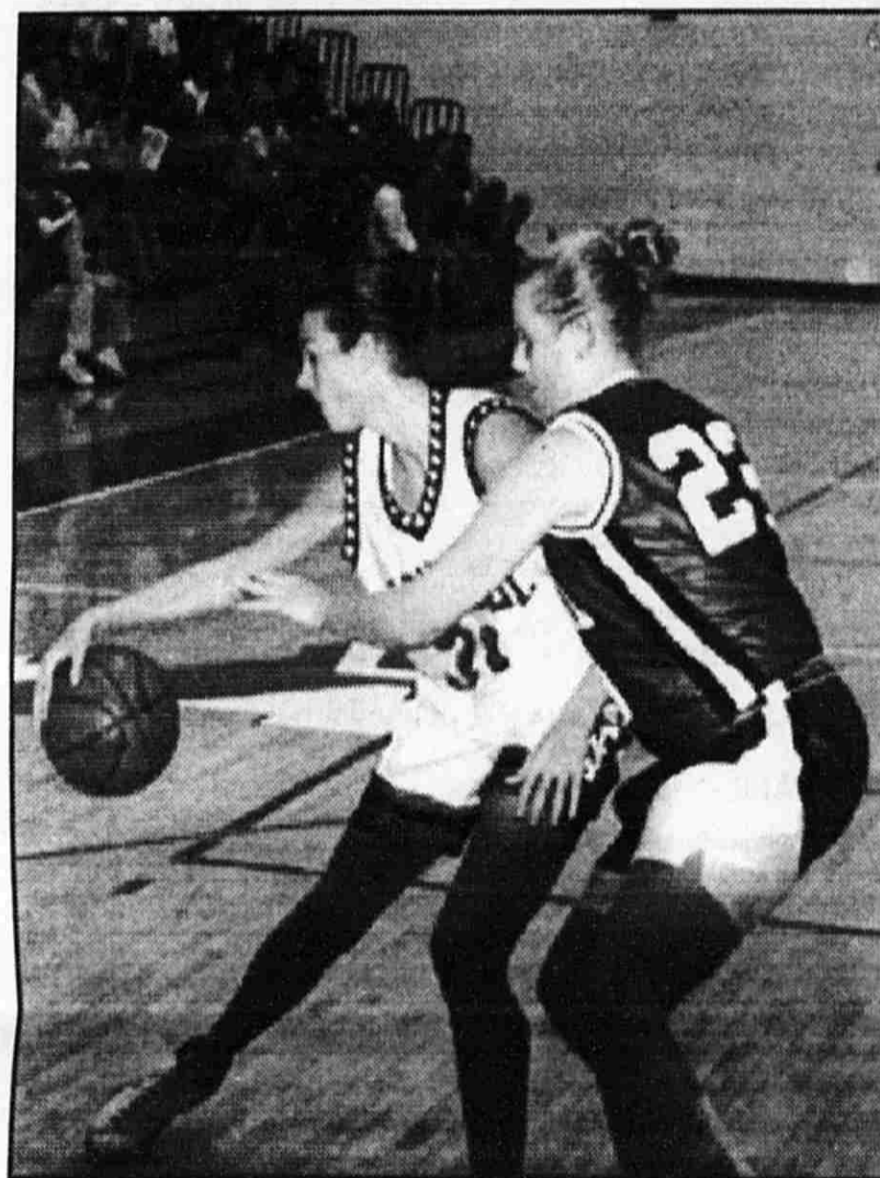
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Lowell's Leslie Crowley drives to the basket against her Central defender. Crowley scored a game-high 21 points in Lowell's win over the Rangers.

Lowell buries Forest Hills Central

••• The Red Arrow girls basketball team dominated from start to finish in its district-opening win against the Rangers.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Leading 19-4 at halftime, Dee Crowley challenged her Red Arrow girls basketball team to finish the job.

The Red Arrows (19-1) responded with their single biggest offensive output in one quarter this season. Lowell netted 30 third quarter points en route to a 56-17 thrashing of Forest Hills Central (12-8) in the opening round of the Class A Michigan High School Athletic Association district tournament.

"I reminded the girls at halftime that the last time we played Central they had a decent lead at the half and they let Forest Hills back into the game," Crowley said. "I challenged them tonight to go out in the third quarter and finish the game."

If it was Lowell's offense that put the game away, it was the defense that took Central out of its game.

The Red Arrows held Central to just two field goals in the

first half. "It was one of our best defensive efforts of the year against one of the more talented squads in our league (O-K White)," Crowley said afterwards. "Although they had some easy shots which they missed in the first half, if those go in, it's a totally different ballgame."

Kendra Gallert staked Lowell to an early 3-0 lead during a shaky opening couple of minutes. A Ranger bucket cut the Red Arrow lead to 3-2. Lowell outscored the Rangers 9-0 to finish the quarter, building a 12-2 advantage and was never challenged the rest of the way.

"Lowell outplayed us in every phase of the game. Our girls weren't aggressive and didn't play tough," said a disappointed FHC coach, Bill VanderWoude. "Our play tonight is not indicative of how we've played this year or how we practiced this week."

Leslie Crowley led all scorers with 21 points, 12 in the third quarter. Becky Bossard netted nine and Lauren Vashaw added eight. Gallert dished out nine assists.

The Red Arrows had nearly a week between their last regular season game and the start of the district.

"I would have preferred not having so much time off," Crowley explained. "The rest, I think, allowed the girls to get their legs and I think it refreshed them mentally."

Lowell plays Forest Hills Northern on Wednesday (Nov. 14) at 6 p.m. A win would send them into the district final on Friday at 7 p.m.

Lowell enters tournament with the confidence to repeat its regular season successes

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Following its 75-44 drubbing of Hudsonville, the Lowell girls basketball team gathered for a group hug, behind its closed locker room doors and out of view from reporters and fans.

The hug replaced the on court jubilation that is associated with teams who have won a league title or finished their regular season at 18-1 and with a 17-game winning streak.

This time, though, the hug may have represented an exhale of relief. The high regular season expectations, which others held for them,

had been lifted and replaced with a sense of pride for their own success accomplished through devotion and hard work.

"There were extremely high expectations placed on these girls," said Lowell girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley. "Even with some of the early season injuries to Leslie (Crowley) and Kendra (Gallert), I believed that this would be a successful season. The way the girls went through the first half of the season really helped their confidence."

With increased confidence came an amendment to their goal of winning the conference. Now they wanted to finish their conference schedule undefeated.

The 31-point dismantling of Hudsonville accomplished that. With that behind them, the Red Arrows must now turn their focus to the Michigan High School Athletic Association Class A basketball tournament.

Crowley believes when her Red Arrows play at the top of their game, they are one of the best teams in the state.

"To get that sort of recognition, though, you must make an impact in the tournament," Crowley explains.

Lowell can begin to do that this week as it opens tournament play against league rival, Forest Hills Central. "It's not an easy district. Central is a very talented, athletic team. Greenville is much improved and Rockford is a young talented team and then there is Ionia who played us tough early this year."

Some of the intangibles which have brought Lowell to the top of the West Michigan basketball summit are defense, rebounding and P.E.I.

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which works on agility, jumping, quickness and footwork. "It's probably helped our defense the most. Our girls don't get beat one-on-one," Crowley explains. "P.E.I. works on so many different areas. It also makes for a confident athlete."

Losing a dominating center to graduation may have helped Lowell's steam rebounding in 2001. "We're a better rebounding team. Amanda (Stoutjesdyk) did a wonderful job for us last year. With her gone, everybody has had to do their part because we don't have Stoutjesdyk to rely on," said the varsity coach.

Crowley's preseason knee surgery seems to have also nurtured a deeper, more balanced offensive attack.

A combination of balanced scoring, stifling defense, strong rebounding and fewer turnovers served Lowell well during the regular season, and the Red Arrows could do very well by them in the post-season.

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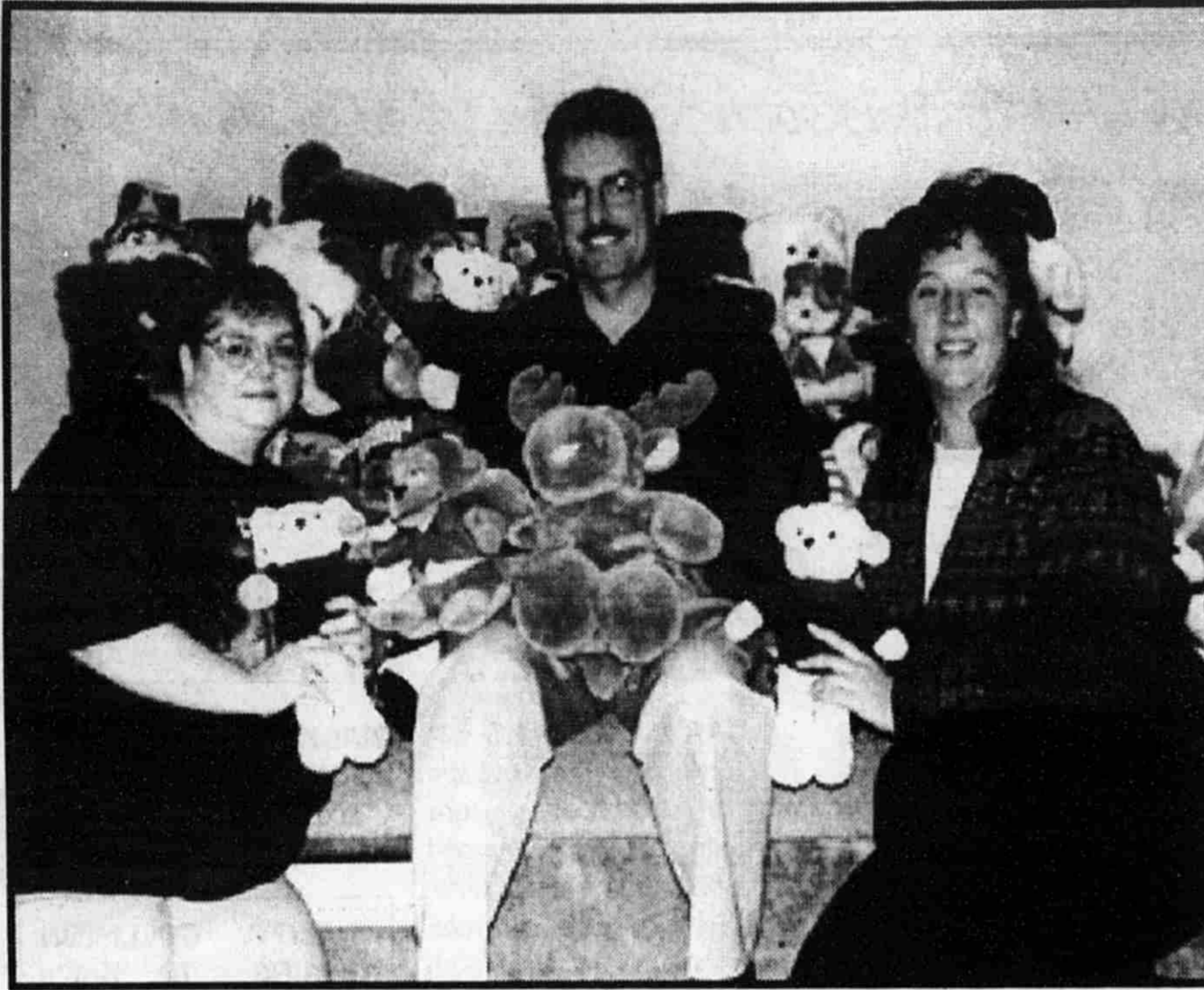
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Uncertain economic times have district thinking ahead

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

In these uncertain economic times, Connie Gillette, Lowell assistant superintendent to finance, has begun working on a schedule which will designate in advance where cuts will fall if needed.

"If the district looks at it now, then in the spring it will

be in position to make decisions," Gillette said.

With Michigan residents buying less, sales tax revenue is down. That is bad news for schools because sales tax revenue goes toward the state aid fund.

"School districts are nervous about the foundation allowance," Gillette said. "I

appreciate that legislature is helping us maintain our budgets."

The anticipated hike in Lowell's foundation allowance to \$6,700 per student next year looks shaky, a direct result of the struggling economy.

By a vote of 106-0, the Michigan House of Represent-

tatives authorized a withdrawal of up to \$350 million from the Budget Stabilization Fund (BSF) "Rainy Day Fund," to maintain school funding for the current year. Indications are that Gov. John Engler will support the legislation.

Gillette notes that some tentative conclusions can be drawn from the recent Revenue Consensus Conference.

Any significant withdrawal from BSF for next year, such as the amount be-

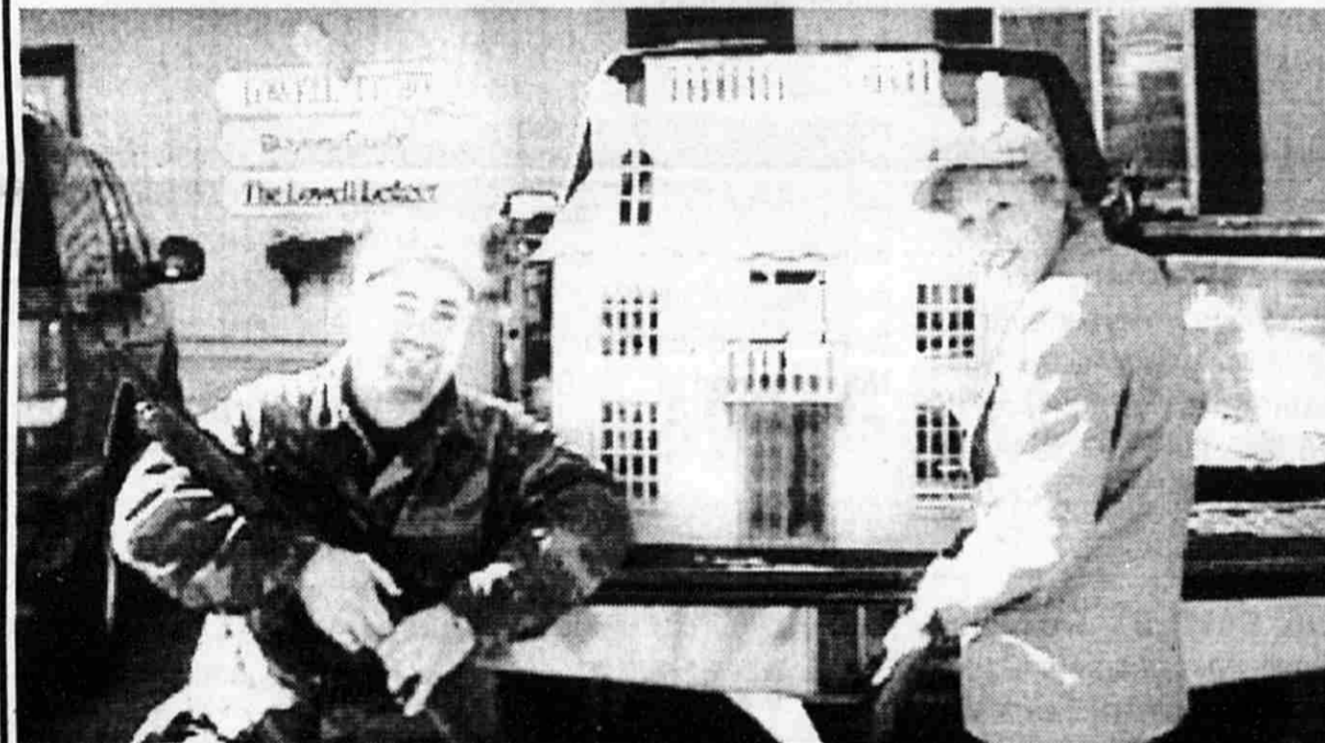
ing taken for this year, is unlikely.

• Categoricals (e.g., At-Risk and the Readiness programs) are at serious risk of being cut or eliminated for next year.

• Data from the January 2002 Revenue Consensus Conference, which the Legislature will use to guide a new state aid act, is not likely to be encouraging.

The school audit, reported by Phil Sauerman, from the firm of Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols & Carter, showed that the district's fund balance dropped \$64,000 to about \$3.2 million. The previous year the school had designated \$64,000 toward the completion of the Wittenbach Center, but had not yet spent it.

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the same day as your trash.**

Please have your trash bags, cart, recyclable bin and yard waste bags out at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your designated pickup day.

If you have questions please call the
Pitsch Sanitary Division office at 285-4646.

If you are not currently a Pitsch Sanitary Division trash customer, we would appreciate your business. Feel free to call with any questions you may have.

Thank you for your cooperation and
patience during this transition.

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