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Food, fun and shopping follow Christmas Parade

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Food, fun and shopping await area residents following Saturday's annual Santa Claus Parade.

The theme for this year's parade is "Visions of Peace."

The Christmas festivities which follow the parade will provide opportunity to sample pastries, warm refreshments and other edible delights.

"After the parade we have a whole day of fun, food and shopping awaiting Lowell residents," said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, Liz Baker.

The Chamber is sponsoring "Pastries Around Lowell." Paradegoers will be able to stop in at the Chamber and taste their favorite cookies, pies and baked goods, prepared by area members.

Also featured at the Chamber office will be Lizzy's Chili and fresh gourmet coffee.

Along Riverwalk Plaza, residents will once again be treated to hot chocolate and hot dogs prepared by the Lowell Lions Club.

> The parade will start at 10 a.m. from the Kent County 4-H fairgrounds and proceed north on Broadway to Main Street, then east on Main to Jackson.

Featured in the parade will be the Lowell High School and Middle School marching bands as well as entries and floats from area churches, organizations and businesses. As always, its main attraction will be a visit from Santa Claus.

The Kent County Youth 4-Her's are sponsoring a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and hot chocolate from 8 a.m. until noon at the King Memorial Youth Center located at the fairgrounds. Santa will make a sneak appearance

from 8 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. Throughout the day many of the Lowell retailers will offer specials in their stores such as painting a Christmas pot, calligraphy and caricature drawings, as well as designer jewelry, a holiday wine sale and Christmas portraits. Along the way patrons can enjoy hot buttered popcorn, a winter warmup drink and a parade pita.

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will provide guided tours through historic downtown Lowell in horse drawn wagons. Rides will depart the King Milling parking lot at 11:30 a.m., noon, 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Flat River Snowmobile Club will sell raffle tickets for the Michigan Snowmobile Association Raffle from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the Riverwalk. Tickets are just \$1 apiece or 11 for \$10.

The Lowell Jaycees will give children an opportunity to have their pictures taken with Santa at the former White Swan following the parade until 3 p.m. Cost is \$3.

Rudolph's craft workshop, sponsored by Lowell Area Schools "Tots on Track for School," will also be held at the White Swan. Children, ages two-nine, can make a Christmas craft from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The Lowell Area Arts Council will display its Christmas Poster contest entries and winners at the same location.

Bob Schultz, ice sculptor, and students from Grand Rapids Community College will demonstrate how to carve ice and create special sculptures of the Navy ship, "John Paul Jones" and symbols of Peace. They will begin sculpting after the parade and finish at 2 p.m.

Chainsaw artist, "Bearclaw Jack" will be back again with his many creations.

For more information call the Chamber office at 897-9161.

Widening Foreman/Hudson street intersection commission's immediate solution

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

After some discussion, the Lowell Planning Commission decided the only immediate solution to the truck traffic on Foreman Road was to widen the intersection at Foreman and Hudson.

At Monday night's meeting, the commission reviewed a proposal by Lowell Planning Commission chair, James Hall that suggested an alternate route for the truck traffic by directing it from Foreman Road to Gee Drive and then down the proposed Ridgeview Drive to M-21. The plan had many positives: one being it would pull traffic away from the residential area and discourage truck traffic through the main part of the suburban residential area on Gee Drive.

However, one of the biggest pitfalls Lowell city manager, David Pasquale said he could see right now was that there would be no light at Ridgeview and M-21, making it very difficult for trucks to turn left on M-21.

"One of the items we have made the residents aware of

is that no matter what we do, it will not end the truck traffic on Foreman Road," Pasquale said.

Keeping that in mind, the planning commission decided its opinion, to be forwarded to the Lowell City Council, shall be that an immediate solution to the problem such as widening the intersection of Foreman and Hudson should be sought with efforts being made for a long-term solution such as the route of Foreman to Gee to Ridgeview.

Even widening the intersection to address the safety concerns for the residents could be tricky, Pasquale said. The road itself is very narrow, about 49 and a half feet, with many of the houses very close to the road.

"In terms of noise, the closer you are to the road, the more you hear it," Pasquale said.

Police chief, Jim Valentine said while accident reports do not indicate any service truck/car accidents at the Foreman/ Hudson intersection, the potential is there because the radius is not wide enough. Valentine said the same situation was occurring at Hudson and Main, but doesn't occur any more since the radius has been increased.

The issue for the Foreman and Hudson intersection is traffic heading north. When making a turn, the trucks are forced to go up on the curb in order to make the turn, Pasquale explained. Traffic in the lanes also has to back up, creating potential accident situations. Valentine did report of one bus/ car accident which was the result of the bus trying to back up to allow for a truck to turn with the bus hitting the car behind

Pasquale said information concerning the right of ways in that area has been turned over to the traffic engineer for further study and recommendations, which will be made to the city council.

Earlier this year, at the request of the residents living on Foreman Road, the city commissioned a traffic study of the Foreman and Hudson intersections. That study, done by Ed Swanson from Wade-Trim, said the truck traffic was not unusual for the road, but he did recommend widening the radius for the intersection.

Residents push forward a proposal with a more flexible ordinance

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

If a group of residents get their wish, Lowell city residents will be able to park their recreational vehicles in their driveways when in season.

Monday night, at the Lowell Planning Commission meeting, a group of residents presented their proposed changes to the current city ordinance which, at present, does not allow the parking of RVs, such as boats, trailers and motorhomes, in a homeowner's driveway.

Dwain Scheller, of 692 Birchwood Ct., spoke on behalf of the group and said the committee took a look at several ordinances including ones from Cascade, Saranac, and Rockford. The committee proposed to make some changes to the city's current regulations by adding the words "when out of season" so the ordinance would read: "The overnight parking of any truck over one ton, trailer, boat, or recreational vehicle is prohibited on any street, in any community parking lot, or in any front yard. Parking or storage of any RV shall be placed within a completely enclosed building or located in the rear yard, or outside of a required side yard when out of season."

The ordinance would then state that RVs or vehicles for camping and summer use

would be out of season Dec. 1 to April 1. Winter use vehicles, such as snowmobiles, would be out of season April 1 to Dec. 1.

Provisions would be made for a resident to park an RV for a seven-day period when out of season by making a call to City Hall and getting a permit. The same would be allowed for an RV being used as living accommodations for visitors.

"We believe this solves a lot of problems," Scheller said. "Of course, we don't know what the ripple effect will be for other changes, but this would help a lot of people.

"When we reviewed this

with the committee, the person with the RV said 'Yeah, I'm going to store my boat or RV in the middle of winter' and the guy with the snowmobile doesn't want it out there when he is cutting his grass."

The planning commission plans to review the recommendations at its Dec. 10 work session, when the group will also discuss several other ordinance issues including front yard lot lines for a corner lot, fences, and design of asphalt requirements for driveways along with reviewing its Vision 2002.

However, right off the bat, several of the commissioners had concerns about

the proposed ordinance.

"I would like to see it limited to one recreational vehicle," said planning commissioner, Jim Pfaller. "My front lawn is huge and I could park a jet ski, motorhome, boat, two airplanes, and still have room for a youth football game."

Planning commissioner. Deb Hinton said she was concerned about the seven-day pe-RV Ordinance, cont'd. pg. 25

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OBITUARIES

FORD-Kenneth James Ford, brother Joseph (Mary Jane), aged 76, of the Grand Rapids and sisters Evelyn (Bob) Home for Veterans, formerly Hammond, Mary (Norb) of Howard City, passed away Fisher and Dorothy Gridley, November 16, 2001. He was all of Grand Rapids; many a very good mother and took preceded in death by his wife nieces and nephews, and a great care to keeping track of Marcella and his brothers James. He is survived by his aircraft carrier USS Schools, a job she started bechildren Robert (Vicki) Sandoval of Newport Beach, Michigan Plating and Stamp-CA. Patricia (Dave) ing in 1967. Memorial ser- Beth worked at Gerber Prod- April 30, 1998. The Mass of Michael (Ellen) Ford, and Lori Williams all of Grand Rapids, Mary (Woody) Widmayer of Howard City, Timothy (Marsha) Ford of Sand Lake. Robert (Mary) Ford of Lowell, and their mother Velma Ford of Grand Rapids; 17 grandchildren; 11 MONROE - Beth A. Mon-

Yorktown. He retired from vices were held Monday at Grand Rapids Home for Veterans Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan or the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, 3000 Monroe N.W.

great-grandchildren; his roe, aged 48, of Holland, for-

ATTENTION LOWELL SENIOR PARENTS **Lowell Senior Class Trip 2002**

Thursday, May 23 is the tentative date for the party. Cost is \$100 per student. Payment of the entire amount can be paid in one lump sum or installments may be made. All checks should be made payable to Lowell Senior Parents. Collections committee members will be available during the following lunch periods to take reservations and collect money: Dec. 6 & 7; Feb. 7 &8 & March 7&8.

Payments may also be mailed directly to our treasurer: Carol Drenth, 10200 Bennett, Lowell, MI 49331

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE **PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE**

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.

Kent County Clerk

Dated: October 31, 2001 Mary Hollinrake

ROBERT N. SWARTZ Attorney at Law 1100 McKay Tower 146 Monroe Center N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 459-3303

merly of Newaygo, passed away early Saturday morning, November 24, 2001, at her home. Beth was an outgoing person who made friends readily. She enjoyed gardening, doing yard work, caring for farm animals, and sewing and making crafts for family and friends. Beth was number of special friends. Ken her children. She drove school served in WWII aboard the bus for Newaygo Public Meyers and Jessica Meyers; cause of her love for Special Olympics. For several years father Jerry M. Meyers on ucts as a safety coordinator.

Catholic Church in Parnell dren Catherine "Cathy Jo" with The Rev. Phillip D. Monroe of Hudsonville, and Nguyen as presider. Inter-Duane "DJ" Monroe and his ment St. Patrick's Cemetery fiancee Amy VanDyke of in Parnell. Those planning an Schoolcraft; her mother Mrs. expression of sympathy are Mary E. Meyers of Lowell; asked to consider Special her brother and sisters Roger Olympics or the Kandu Proand Julie Meyers of Walker. Joan and Doug Broek of Wyoming, and Jane Meyers and Dawn Meyers both of Grandville; nieces and nephew Sarah Meyers, Ryan

PRYS - Jessie Elizabeth Prys. aged 82, of Greenville, passed away November 21, 2001. She was preceded in death by her husband John. Mrs. Prys is survived by her children Roger (Rhonda) Wilson, Marjorie "Maggie" (Randy) Sorenson, Gary Prys; brother Frank Butler; grandchildren

Sarah, Matthew, Ruth and Zachary Chivell, Renee. Michael, Cory, Nicolas and Austin Wilson. She graduated from Central College in Pella, Iowa, in 1941, a teacher in the Lowell Area Schools from 1968 to 1980; a member of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell and a member of the church bell choir. A memorial service was held Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Rev. Vance M. Dimmick, officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Methodist Children Home Society, 26645 W. 6 Mile Rd., Detroit, MI 48240.

KDL mice quite lively over holiday season

aunts, uncles and cousins. She

was preceded in death by her

Christian Burial took place

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse . . . but at Kent District Library, the mice are quite lively! The Holiday Mice program will be coming to many branches in December.

Beth is survived by her chil- on Tuesday at St. Patrick's

It features lots of merry mouse fun for children ages six and under. Kids enjoy stories like the Mouse Before Christmas, Mouse's First Christmas, Christmas Mice, and If You Take a Mouse to the Movies; listen to some festive mouse songs; make a mouse ornament or door hanger and play a holiday bow toss game.

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The cost for the flu shot is \$15, or if you have medicare, bring your card and medicare will be billed directly. Patrons do not have to be a resident of Grattan Township.

For more information call (616) 691-8450.

Nothing can be so perfect while we possess it as it will seem when remembered.

day, Dec. 13 at 10:30 a.m. The Alto Library will present it on

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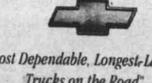
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"Dollar General stores are generally found in middle class areas," explains store manager, Sherri Newville. "We carry things which are needed on a week-to-week basis such as cleaning and personal hygiene items."

For some residents on the east side of Lowell, it means being able to walk to the store as opposed to driving to the west end of town.

"Dollar General is a nice clean store with brand names, good prices and friendly people," Newville said.

The chain store's corporate office is based out of Goodlettsville, TN. Dollar General employs six people, with all but one from Lowell.

Store hours are from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Sunday

10 YEARS LATER

••• City still waiting to learn if state will put in canoe launch.

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Councilmember, Don Green isn't exactly sure what triggered his memory about

"It might have been my dad," he said. "He tends to bug me about it."

to the state for a canoe launch happened at of the canoe launch. the first council meeting Green attended as wonder whatever happened to that project. he left the council.

City manager, David Pasquale said he isn't quite sure, but made some inquiries

and discovered that the project apparently had just fallen through the cracks.

Pasquale said he talked to David Olson of the Department of Natural Resource's the state putting in a canoe launch on the Plainwell office, which was the office in charge of the project. Olson told Pasquale that due to reorganization, the project didn't happen. That reorganization included the The event of the city transferring a development of a new DNR office in Grand parcel of land it owned near White's Bridge Rapids, which was charged with taking care

Pasquale said he hadn't had a chance to a city councilmember in January 1992. talk to the head of the Grand Rapids' office Green, who steps down as a councilmember yet, but was hoping to have some type of at the end of this year, suddenly began to answer for Green as to the time frame before

Canoe Launch, cont'd. pg.



Lowell's Sherri Newville is Dollar General's store manager.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gail Thomet, Kelly Sauber, Scott Swanson, Tara Propst. NOV. 30: Jason Craig, Todd Watrous. McClure-Cowan.

Denny Brenk II, Joyce French

Ryder, Joe Kiczenski, April DEC.2: Chelsey Treglia, Kari

Bergy, Mary Alice Starkweather. DEC. 3: Chris Chambers, Chris Darby, Amanda Sterzick, Richard Kline. NOV.29: Margaret Gardner, DEC. 1: Travis Briggs, DEC. 4: Tennille Bryant, Karolyn Batt, Deb Anchors, Autumn French, Casey

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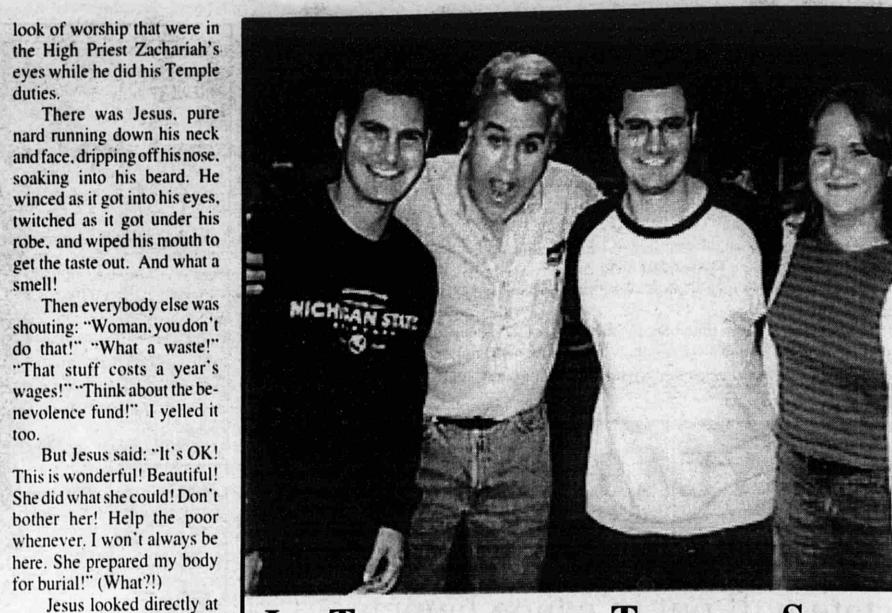
John VanderWall Calvary Christian Reformed Church

"Everyone was surprised that Jesus was at Simon the Leper's house for dinner. It usually smells bad there, except on that day they cooked with garlie. One of Simon's fingers and toes. We were reclining there at the table watching Simon hobble about.

Simon, but because of the one who healed him . . . Jesus. I can't seem to get enough of do that!" "What a waste!"

The sound of broken pot- wages!" "Think about the beso proud to have guests. We her eyes this time. Her eyes weren't there because of were on Jesus with the same me: "Wherever you go with

tery, the sudden sweet odor nevolence fund!" I yelled it of nard, a woman had quickly too. entered, and poured perfume on Jesus's head. I think she is This is wonderful! Beautiful! the same woman who dumped She did what she could! Don't a bowl of wine on a Roman bother her! Help the poor tax collector's head - he was whenever. I won't always be coming on to her. But she here. She prepared my body didn't have the same look in for burial!" (What?!)



JAY TALKING ON THE TONIGHT SHOW

Lowell's Mike Roudabush (left) and Tom and Sue Roudabush, right, visit with Jay Leno Thanksgiving Eve on the set of the Tonight Show.

AREA BIRTHS

the Gospel, remember her, and

tell all people about this beau-

tiful thing that she has done

for me." (Mark 14:3-9)

Jon and Christine Hendrick of Saranac are pleased to announce the arrival of Lauren Marie Hendrick, born September 25, 2001. She weighed 4 lbs. 13 oz. and measured 18 inches

She was welcomed home by her brother Blake.

Proud grandparents are Ed and Joanne Ridgway of Grand Rapids, Ed and Sue Deible of Saranac and Mitch Hendrick of Lowell.

Great-grandparents are Mary Jankowski of Lowell and Donna Grotsema of Scotts.

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"They agreed that something should have been done by now," Pasquale said. "Ten years is a long time for something to wait."

Green explained before the meeting that the decision to dedicate the land as a canoe launch did not meet with

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positive support from the residents of that area. The city owned the land as a measure to prevent a dam from being built near any of the city's own dams.

"If someone wanted to, they could go out there and launch a boat," Green said.

"That is what the property is

The city council was in hopes that the DNR would put up some facilities, such as toilets and a parking area.

Try to be conspicuously accurate in everything, pictures as well as text. Truth is not only stranger than fiction, it is more interesting.

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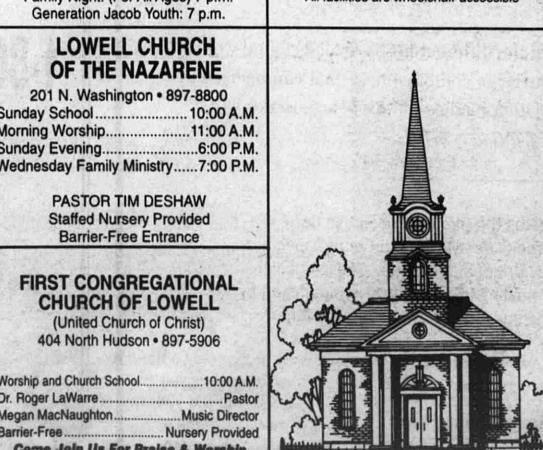
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Viewpoint...



ter and her family are living in Shanghai, China. In describing

comment. His exiguous letter was exceptional. Thankfully, Mr. Jones didn't really excoriate me in his comments. Using the word expectorate, Mr. Jones exhibited his command of the execute a correction. language... at least the portion of the language that begins with

I used ex-patriot (a word I apparently invented while in a jet-

this embarassment with the following explanation.

My daughter, her husband and all their friends refer to themselves as "ex-pats". They live in an ex-pat community. They frequent ex-pat restaurants. Their kids go to ex-pat exuberant as other examples of my work. However, it has been schools. Everything is ex-pat this, or ex-pat that.

The word is obviously a slang abbreviation of expatriates. Webster defines the word as "living in exile". A secondary definition is simply, "living outside of one's country". That I go extraterrestrial, extinct, existential or exhibitionist.

COUNSEL Donna Warber Rev. Bob Baird Kathryn Den Houter

Bedtime can be either relaxing and enjoyable or difficult

and frustrating. Children can come up with an endless number

of ways to stay up later. "I'm thirsty!" "May I have a drink of

water?" "I'm not tired." "I'm scared. There is a monster in my

bedroom." If these bedtime scenarios sound familiar to you,

you are not alone. Most parents have difficulty at one time or

another getting their children to bed and keeping them there.

By following a few suggestions, bedtime can become a pleas-

busy day. A consistent bedtime routine needs to be established.

Children are comforted by and look forward to routine. While

bedtime routines will vary from family to family, those that are

the most successful at helping children to calm down, get ready

for bed, get in bed and stay in bed will have certain elements

in common. Adequate time is needed to make a gradual

transition from the day's excitement to getting ready for bed.

Parents and children spend one-on-one time together. Bedtime

conversations are positive and reassuring. Bedtime routine

may last 45-60 minutes. The routine may consist of the

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INFLUENZA

vaccination. People are often confused about what is really the

flu and what is a common cold. Sometimes it can be hard to tell,

Flu season is nearing, and it is not too late to have your flu

In the evening families need time to wind down from a

ant experience.

following activities:

1. Take a warm bath.

4. Lay out clothes for next day.

5. Say good night to family members.

2. Brush teeth.

Put on pajamas.

fits. My word ... ex-patriot, brings into question their citizenship. I can assure Mr. Jones that my daughter's family members are all still U.S. citizens and have not extemporaneously defected to a communist country.

Back to "ex-pats". I'm not sure how it should be spelled. Perhaps, "expats" or even "X-pats". I like "ex-pats". They do pronounce the "a" as a short, or soft "a", as in, a "pat" on the head. If the abbreviation were true to the source, it should be a long "a" like, "the top of your head is a pate". That simple deviation may have triggered my extrapolation of parts into Holy excrement Batman! I really exposed my extreme the non-word ex-patriot. I realize that's extremely weak, but capacity for execrable spelling in a recent column. My daugh- it's the most explicable theory I have to extol.

Further, extenuating circumstances might help explain their existing situation, I extracted a non-word from my my extraordinary blunder. For starters, I was fresh off an extremely questionable vocabulary. For no explainable reason exhausting trans-Pacific flight when I exuded that particular column. Excessive sleep deprivation could have been a conlag induced fog) instead of the intended, expatriate. Excuuse tributing factor.

Writing at my son-in-law's executive desk, an exhaustive A reader, J. Ross Jones, couldn't let the blunder go without search did not turn up a dictionary. Also, Bill Gates let me down. I wrote the piece in Microsoft Word and examined it with spell-check. I must have thrown it such a curve it couldn't

Finally, the excellent proofreader at the Ledger has a last chance to examine my stuff before it goes to print. The Having no excuse, I'll attempt to extricate myself from proofreader usually does an exemplary job, but she failed to expunge my error this time.

This column is not as extensive or expansive as others. It is also not as expressive, explosive, exquisite, exhilarating or an extraordinary and exhaustive exercise in the excessive use of words that begin with ex. Please excuse me while I extricate my nose from this dictionary and exit this extravaganza before

Listen to favorite story.

7. Talk with parent about day.

8. Discuss plans for tomorrow. Share hugs and kisses.

10. Turn out light and go to sleep.

Once a specific bedtime is set, it is important to stick to it. Extra incentive may be given to the child by using a "Good Night" chart. Each night your child goes to bed on time, he receives a sticker on the chart. When your child earns several stickers for "super bedtime behaviors," he may be rewarded with a special privilege or surprise. If children are involved in setting up privileges or surprises, I find they are more likely to be cooperative with bedtime.

Try not to vary bedtime on weekends more than 30 minutes. Varying bedtime more than this on the weekends can contribute to bedtime problems during the week. Do not negotiate bedtimes. If you do this, you are setting yourself up pump connections arrive from Chicago. for an argument every night. It is important to note that some children have difficulty with transition times. Let them know bedtime is approaching.

Some children may also have difficulty slowing down their activity and relaxing. For this reason it is important to discourage high level activity or viewing television programs that may excite or upset your child. For children who have difficulty falling asleep it can be helpful to teach and practice relaxation exercises. These exercises can become part of the bedtime routine for children who find this to be helpful.

As a parent you are likely to be familiar with your child's night-time requests. Often what your child really is asking for is time with you. If you have spent time with your child during the day and during bedtime routine, you can prepare a "bedtime buddy box" that may consist of a glass of water for unquenchable thirst, a bathroom pass, a flashlight for checking mysterious shadows, and any other items you feel will be appropriate for your child. The "Buddy Box" offers your child an alternative to calling out to you. Be creative with your child's bedtime requests.

typically start gradually, with sneezing, a slight elevation in temperature (99-100 degrees), mild muscle aches and fatigue. Diarrhea and vomiting are not typical predominant symptoms of the true influenza virus.

There is no cure for the flu or a cold. These are viruses which are not affected by antibiotics. Your body must fight off the infection. To help your body fight the flu, drink plenty of fluids, stay home and rest while you have a fever, avoid alcoho and smoking, and gargle with warm salt water to help with a sore throat. Over-the-counter flu medications contain a variety of ingredients designed to help with all of your symptoms Some prescription medications help reduce the duration and severity of symptoms, but only if they are started soon after symptoms begin.

The flu is spread by coughing, sneezing and hand-to-hand contact. The best way to prevent infection is by good hand washing or receiving a flu shot.

Most of the time you do not need to see your doctor for the as they both share many symptoms. The flu usually starts flu. You should see your doctor, though, if you have other suddenly and hits hard. Temperatures run 101 to 104 degrees. chronic medical problems, a cold that lasts longer than 10 days, Patients typically experience a severe headache, bad muscle ear ache or drainage from your ear, persistent temperature of aches, fatigue, dry cough, sore throat, and a runny nose. Colds 102 or higher, shortness of breath or wheezing.



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **NOVEMBER 29, 1876**

The mercury this morning stood at five below zero. The Iron Clad hay mower has taken five first premiums in Michigan fairs.

Prof. McAllister will exhibit pictures from the Bible, foreign lands, statues and comic pieces at Union hall Thursday night. Stocking and Claflin will furnish the music for a social dance afterwards.

The Kalamazoo Lowell and Northern Michigan Railroad (KLNMR) directors met last week and elected officers. They plan on selling more stock and securing right-of-way for the

Mrs. M.N. Brinkerhoff will speak at Union hall this Wednesday on "Women in Politics." She is said to be an interesting speaker.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 28, 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 DECEMBER 1, 1887

The Star Cutter Co. boiler cracks over the fire box, blowing furnace doors and boiler room doors open and transporting engineer Henry Tidd some 15 feet outside, fortunately unhurt A.A. Hall loses potatoes to a thief for the third time.

Telephone stock is booming and immensely profitable.

The new waterworks wells are ready to pump as soon as

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO DECEMBER 2, 1926

The Lowell High School football team wins the county championship, despite two losses and two ties.

At the urging of M.B. McPherson, who wishes to increase tax monies for two impoverished school districts in Vergennes, the county looks at the possibility for a hydroelectric plant on the Flat River.

Eight bushels of good lime, 16 of sand and one bushel of hair will make enough mortar to plaster 100 square yards.

Pete Kerr, Roy Dolloway, George Ingersoll, Earl Brown and Ed Adrian get a big buck in the Upper Peninsula. but two feet of snow make the going hard and slow.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **NOVEMBER 29, 1951**

Postmaster George Hale reminds patrons to mail early. Village electricians have started putting up the arched canopy of greens and colored lights over Main Street.

Lowell has 52 miles of streets. Detroit's long-sought expressway may be built soon. An

\$80,000 bond has been approved. The soaring birth rate means that Michigan needs 12.000

more classrooms.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **DECEMBER 2, 1976**

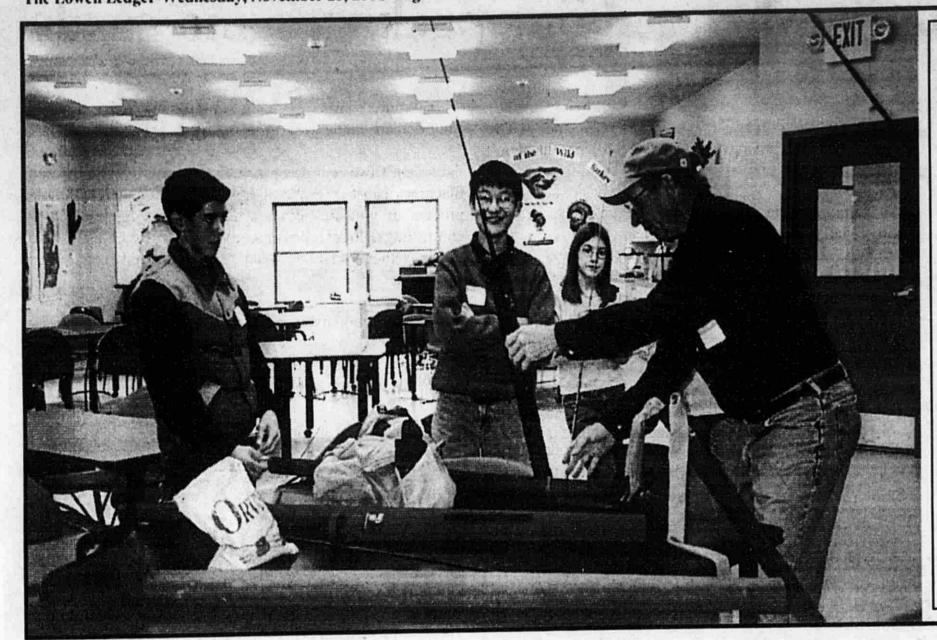
From Helen (wife of governor) Milliken's opening of the Artrain to its leaving, it is considered a success; the communit has shown great interest, and Arts Council members start dreaming of a community Arts Center. Showboat President Chuck Lippert remains up beat for the

coming season in spite of last summer's bad weather, so-so headliner and the Halloween fire.

The school board approves Principal Dennis McMahon's plans for in-house suspensions.

The Rikkety Rokkets, a Junior Achievement company sponsored by Root-Lowell, wins the state award for best product of the year, a toy rocket launcher.

State Police and Highway Depts. make plans to close freeways at times of heavy snow before they fill up with stalled and abandoned vehicles.



CHECK YOUR FLY

The Lowell High School Junior **Trout Unlimited Club will be** holding a free fly tying seminar on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Wittenbach **Agriscience Center and Wege** Natural Area. The seminar is free. If you have any questions or need more information call Tammy at 987-1002.

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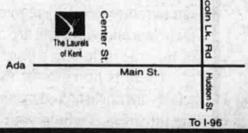
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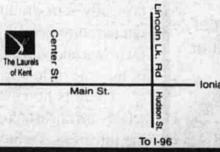
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Holiday do's and don'ts when sending packages and cards

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

projected to be the busiest mailing day of the year to postmark cards and letters.

To avoid the rush and to assure timely and safe delivery, post office patrons are encouraged to get an early jump on letters, cards and packages.

"The earlier the better," said Lowell postmaster, Gil

Because of the event on Sept. 11, and the ensuing heightened airline security, commercial airlines will not fly anything over a pound.

"They are limiting what they're accepting," Brown explained. "The U.S. Post Office has planes flying packages, but with commercial airlines limiting what they accept, we expect our planes to fill up fast."

Brown offered some tips for this year's holiday mailings:

A home study snowmobile safety training course con-

ducted by the Department of Natural Resources Law En-

forcement Division will be held at the Flat River Snowmo-

uled for Saturday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Jan. 12 from 9 a.m.

Testing for the snowmobile operators license is sched-

Testing will be conducted at the clubhouse. Students are

The class is required for operators between the ages of 0505.

bile Clubhouse, 11841 Potters Rd.

until noon.

• Print whenever possible. If it can't be read, it may not arrive at its destination.

• Use a return address. If it's been over a year since you've Since Christmas is Tuesday this year, Monday, Dec. 17 is corresponded, a person may have moved. Use a pen that won't run or smear in the rain or snow.

> • Do not use duct tape or string. "Post offices provide Priority Mail boxes free," Brown said.

• Put duplicate labels inside packages in case outer pack- by hand anyway. ages become unreadable.

 Any packages over a pound must be brought to the post office window. They must also have a return address.

· Foreign packages must have customs forms.

• To insure safe and timely delivery, send your holiday greeting cards and packages within the next week and a half.

required to bring their study materials, registration form

To request test and registration materials, write or tele-

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Law En-

forcement Division State Office Building, 6th Floor, 350

Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, or call 616-356-

No pre-registration is required and the class is free.

For more information call 616-897-7398.

(filled out) and Social Security Number.

phone the following:

 Express mail is available to most areas of the country. This method enables mail to get to its destination the next day.

• Don't use red, green or blue envelopes - automated machines can't read the addresses, slowing up the whole process. If you are going to do it anyway, at least use a contrasting color of ink to make them easier to read and bundle them together with rubber bands since they'll have to be sorted

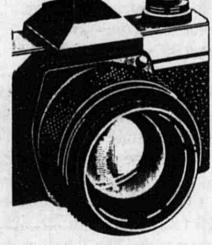
• Don't send anything that rattles, ticks or makes noise.

· When sending food, double-bag and use fresh goods and lots of Saran Wrap to help keep baked goods fresh.

· Gifts of alcohol are prohibited by federal law.

"Mailing cards and packages this holiday season will not be the same as it used to be," Brown concluded.

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COMMUNITY VESPERS SERVICE & LUMINARIES

Join the Lowell Area Ministerium Association on Friday. Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. on Riverwalk Plaza to pray for "Visions of Peace." Begin your holiday season in prayer and help light the Christmas season.

TROUT UNLIMITED JUNIOR FISHING CONSERVATION CLUB

The club will meet at the Wittenbach Center on Saturday. Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. - noon to fly tie, practice angling skills, fish and clean local rivers. Call Tammy at 987-1002 for info.

NEEDED: TOYS FOR TOTS

The Alto Girl Scouts will be walking in the Christmas parade on Saturday. Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program. Your donation will be appreciated.

OPEN HOUSE AT LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBOR CENTER

Stop by and check out the newly remodeled Lowell Senior Neighbor Center and enjoy coffee, punch and cookies at their open house on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 11 a.m - 2 p.m. Many projects have been completed in the center at 314 S. Hudson

PARADE BREAKFAST

A breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and hot chocolate with Good Ole' St. Nick will be served at the King Memorial Youth Center from 8 a.m to noon.

SANTA PICTURES

Come and have breakfast with Santa before the parade at the King Youth Memorial Building on the fairgrounds Saturday, Dec. 1 from 8 to 9:45 a.m. OR get your picture taken after the parade at the former White Swan building on Riverwalk Plaza. Cost: \$3.

HISTORIC TOURS AND WAGON RIDES

Enjoy a horse drawn wagon ride Saturday, Dec. 1 and learn some history of Lowell. Tours will depart the King Milling parking lot at 11:30 a.m., noon, 12:30, 1:30, 2:00 and

BAKE SALE IN THE CHAMBER OFFICE Would you like to bake a goodie for the bake sale

Saturday, Dec. 1 in the Chamber along Riverwalk Plaza? Call Linda or Darlene at 897-1140 for information.

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.

CHRISTMAS LUMINARY WALK ON WITTENBACH TRAILS

Bring your family to the Wittenbach Center on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 2-6 p.m. for a walk along the trails and some hot chocolate. Snowshoe rental is \$10/adults; \$5/child size.

FARM PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

The Wittenbach Center will have a farm photo display on

Dec. 1 from 9-6 p.m.; Dec. 2 and 8 from 10-2 p.m.; and Dec. 10 from 4-8 p.m. Photos are due, properly mounted, no later than Wed., Nov. 28 at 3 p.m. \$25 cash prize. Any questions, call Tammy at 987-1002.

FAMILY COUNCIL OF LAURELS OF KENT VOLUNTEER GROUP

Beginning on Sunday, Dec. 2, a volunteer group made up of Laurels of Kent residents' family members, guardians and concerned citizens will meet at 3 p.m. The purpose is to enhance the lives of residents and staff, promoting a more pleasant living and working environment in the home. The public is invited to attend.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING

The Boosters meeting will take place in the high school staff lounge on Monday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.

LOWELL AREA FIRE DEPT. BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood Program on Wednesday. Dec. 5 from 2-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson.

NATURE HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOP

The craft workshop will be held at the Wittenbach Center on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$20; payment and registration required in advance. Call 987-1002.

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 designers/ artists will be selling specialty items; 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

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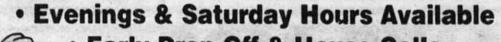
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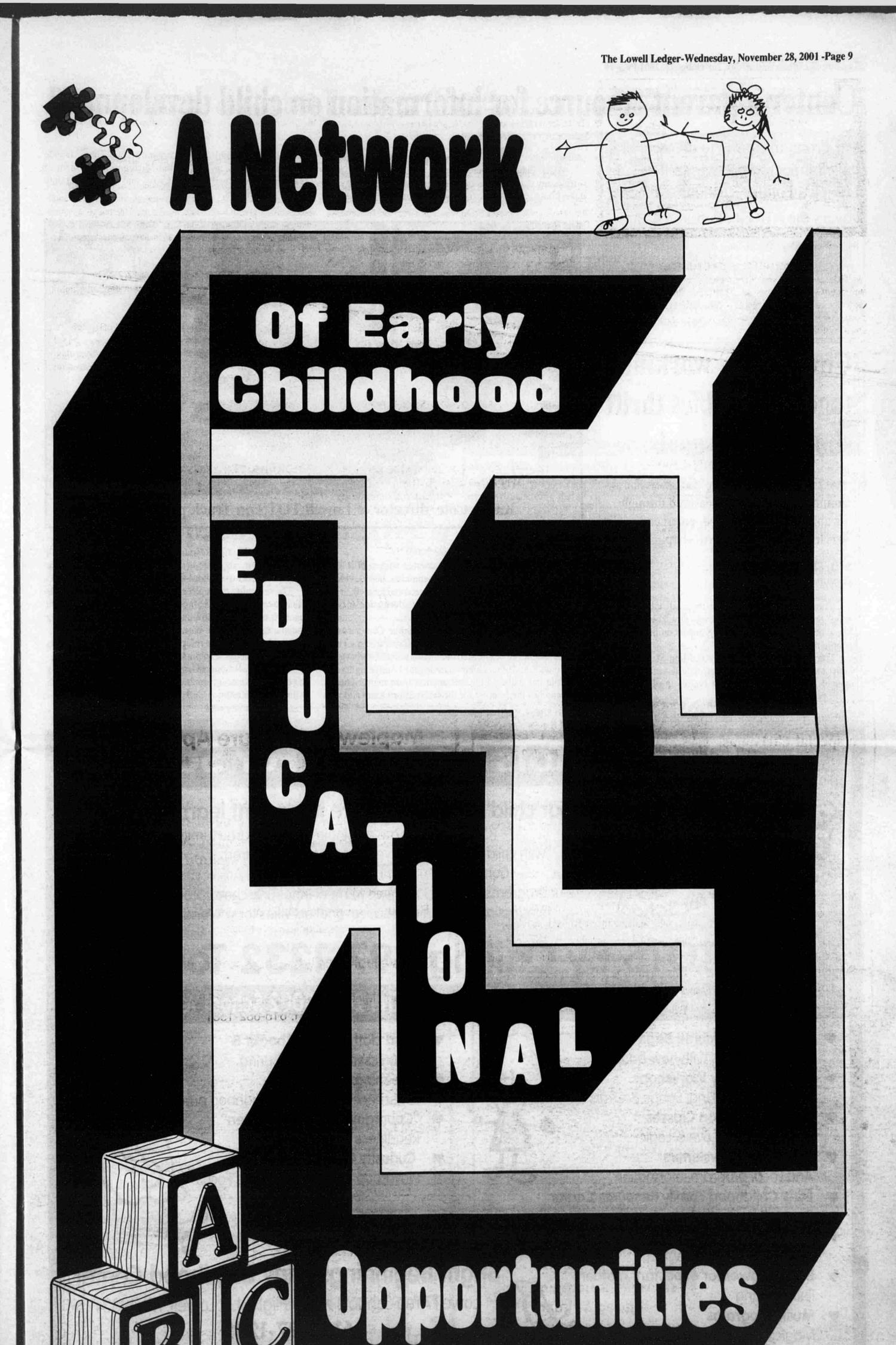
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A Supplement To The Lowell Ledger

Center a parent resource for information on child development

•••• From discipline to divorce; brain development to potty training, Lowell's Family Resource Center covers the ABC's of child rearing.

By Jessica Cilley Contributing Writer

A main objective for Kathy Cole in the past four years has been to gather as much information about child rearing up to age five as she possibly can.

As the director of the Lowell TOTS on Track program. Cole's job is to provide a place where any parent with a

Community working together enables thrift shop to meet goals.

•••• Flat River Outreach Ministries community impact is measured through its ability to provide food, emergency service and operate a thrift shop.

By Jessica Cilley Contributing Writer

Thousands of people drive by the small, white "thrift shop" on the east side of Lowell every day. They may not know that this building has a big impact on the lives of people throughout Lowell.

The building, located at 519 E. Main St., was lovingly and painstakingly restored a few years ago. It opened in June 1999, and now houses the Flat River

Thrift Shop, cont'd. pg. 11

An Early Childhood

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question about their child's development can find an answer. At the Family Resource Center, which doubles as Cole's office, any parent has access to free information that they can take home. Cole keeps the resources current, with almost

gets help from child focused organizations. These include different charities, as well as the Michigan Department of Education, the American Red Cross, and the Kent County Health Department.



everything gathered since October 2000.

Cole's office is pleasantly decorated with wall-to-wall shelving; each shelf is stuffed with pamphlets, books, videos, games and more. Everything is organized and labeled, and is a feast for a parent hungry for any type of information on child rearing they can think of.

The information in the Family Resource Center covers everything from brain development to potty training. There are books that can be checked out on discipline, family issues like divorce, and other common issues any family might face.

Cole has gathered the information from many sources. She searches the Internet for the latest information and also

Since the Family Resource Center is a resource for all child-rearing needs, there is also free screening provided for any parent concerned about their child's development.

The screening takes place each April for any child who is at least two-and-a-half years old. It is intended for parents with concerns and also for low-income parents who are seeking placement in an income-based program.

"Each parent will be referred to a program that best meets their child's needs," explains Cole.

The Family Resource Center's goal is to reach each family that desires help or information. To get involved with TOTS or the Family Resource Center, call Cole at 897-1232.

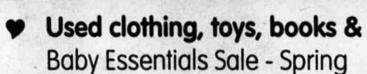
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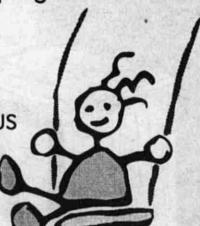


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For over a quarter of a century Franciscan Center has been a model for preschool education

By Jessica Cilley Contributing Writer

Just north of Lowell. there is a 280-acre farm that doubles as a preschool program for children. A woman named Mother Rita, who still works there almost every day, created it 26 years ago.

The Franciscan Life Process Center prides itself for its unique goal of teaching children by example. According to Charlie Knudstrup, a preschool teacher there, the Center focuses on "learning through play - how to get along with others, helping children to be as self-sufficient as possible by working out conflicts as they arise.'

Since the Center is lothere are many different activities that children can learn from each day. Classes are

split between learning on the many opportunities to expefarm and inside a classroom.

Daily activities include music, cooking, and art classes. During art time, the children are taught the process versus product art form. "They have to create their own art instead of following a premade model," says Knudstrup. Snacks are also

When the children venture outside to the farm, they learn about the many animals that live there. These include pigs, sheep, cows, horses, chickens, goats, ducks and

This is especially exciting in the spring, when the baby animals are born. "Then," says Knudstrup, "we teach them how the animals are growing just like the chil-

rience nature. Children are often taken outside to see what happens in the woods with

the changing seasons. The Center's preschool program follows Lowell's school schedule. There are two half-day sessions each day of the week. Children can be on either a two-orthree-day schedule.

Morning or afternoon classes are available. During the school year, there are four sessions per week, totaling about 100 kids who can participate each year.

Each class has 24 children, and is taught by both Knudstrup and Suzanne Marne. There are also volunteers for each class. With Mother Rita coming in to teach Bible stories, this makes the teacher-to-student ratio The Center provides Franciscan, cont'd. pg. 14



Sister Rita, creator of the Franciscan Life Process Center preschool program, has worked in that program for 26 years.

Thrift Shop, cont'd... From Page 10

Outreach Ministries, a nonprofit organization whose three goals are very simple.

Roger LaWarre, who chairs the Ministries' Board of Directors, refers to the goals as the "three prong program." The first is to get food for anyone who needs it.

The food pantry is located on the first floor of the Outreach building. It is supplied

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VFC provides state required immunizations for 11 diseases

By Jessica Cilley Contributing Writer

One of the more widely used services in the Lowell Health Department clinic are the immunizations that are provided free to any person who needs them.

The majority of the immunizations are given to infants, toddlers, and children just entering public schools. There are 11 total diseases covered by the immunizations given, and all are required by the state of Michigan.

The Health Department clinics participate in the federally funded Vaccines For Children (VFC) program. This program provides all childhood immunizations regardless of whether or not a family has health insurance.

Every child that needs vaccines is covered by VFC. In some cases, a family may have insurance, but it does not cover immunizations, while other families may be on Medicaid or other state assistance.

All a parent or guardian has to do is walk in to any clinic to get their child signed up for VFC.

The Lowell Health Department clinic offers walk-in immunizations on Wednesdays. The busiest immunization time for the clinic is in August because parents are trying to make Lowell clinic, call 897-5406. sure that children have all school-required vaccines.

There are handouts on the immunizations and the diseases they protect against at the clinic for parents who want more information.

The clinic keeps records of who is using the free immunization program by asking each patient what kind of insurance they might have.

This is important in order to keep track of how much funding the state of Michigan needs to allot to its clinics.

The state of Michigan follows closely how many immunizations are given to children ages 19-35 months to ensure that children are getting the vaccines they need in each area of is given.

All shots are given by the registered nurses at the clinics, whose training and knowledge about immunizations are constantly being updated.

For more information on immunizations given at the

Many parents have concerns about how a specific immunization will affect their child. Any question about immunizations can be answered by calling the Kent County Health Department at 336-2233.

It is very important to the state of Michigan that every child receive immunizations throughout childhood.

One immunization that often gets missed is the Tetanus shot, which is initially given between the ages of 11 and 12. This is a vaccine that needs to be administered every 10 years.

The state of Michigan stresses that a child's immunization record be presented and updated every time an immunization

Move puts KCHD on the inside reaching out

By Jessica Cilley Contributing Writer

The Kent County Health Department has had a clinic in the Lowell area for at least 12 years. At lot of people might not exams at the clinic. know this because it was located outside of town.

"We want more people to take advantage of our help." says Bobbi Peacock, "so we are moving into town to be more accessible for the people in Lowell who need us."

Peacock is the Clinical Staff Supervisor for the Health Department clinics in Lowell. Sparta and Cedar Springs. She believes that the Lowell area clinic, in particular, hasn't been used to its capacity because of where it was located.

The clinic has moved from the Lowell Township Hall on Alden Nash to the First United Methodist Church on Main Street, right next to the Flat River Outreach Ministries.

The move has enabled the Lowell clinic to meet their growth demand. It is currently open only on Wednesdays, and the staff is ready and eager to help everyone who enters the and pregnancy testing.

There are four main services that the Lowell clinic is able to provide, and all are free of charge and open to the public. child exams.

They involve immunizations, the WIC program, child health screening, and Public Health Nurse Counseling.

Licensed nurses with four-year medical degrees give all

The aim of the Public Health Nurse Counseling is to provide care, health education, referral, and counseling from a nursing perspective with a focus on wellness and preventive

Any person can use the clinic's services. A nurse will try to give the best advice as to what steps a person should take about seeing a doctor. They can also provide referrals, should there be a need for one.

The Counseling program is not meant to take the place of a family physician. It is a walk-in program that is used to monitor health between doctor visits.

The three main services provided by a Public Health Nurse are blood pressure measurement, head lice screening.

Medicaid or who have insurance that does not cover well-

The Child Health Screening is for families who are not on

There are two appointments available each Wednesday The clinic exams include all developmental screenings that would be given by any pediatrician. The nurses at the clinic can also refer a family to a suitable pediatrician.

The clinic would like families to try to take two-week old infants to a family pediatrician. All infants are welcome at the clinic, but visits are preferred after a child is one month old. Children can be seen at the clinic until the age of 20.

"We want to be a one-stop shop for families seeking health promotion," explains Peacock.

Patients are asked about what kind of insurance, if any, they have. This is a state requirement and is only used in order to keep track of clinic usage throughout Michigan.

The Lowell Health Department clinic can be reached on Wednesdays at 897-5406. Call the Kent County Health Department at 336-3030 for any questions or concerns that need to be addressed when the Lowell clinic is not open.

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Federally funded program provides "Head Start" for both child and parents

By Jessica Cilley Contributing Writer

Head Start, a federally funded program that started in 1965, has been in Lowell for about 10 years. It is a free preschool for families, with children ages three to four years, who meet the income guidelines... but it is not just a preschool program.

"We really, strongly try to promote family involvement," explains Linda DeRoos, Lowell's Head Start teacher.

When children enroll in Head Start, their parents get the opportunity to attend monthly meetings. During these meetings, which are held at the Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center, speakers are brought in to talk to parents about issues that concern parenting.

These issues include everything from positive discipline techniques to budgeting to low cost recipes/food preparation. Free child care is available at each meeting.

Along with a monthly parent meeting, there is an opportunity for one parent from each Head Start group to attend meetings at the Kent County Head Start office. This is called the Parent Policy Council. The parent helps to develop and approve policies that affect the Head Start

Head Start also offers Child Development Specialists for each child enrolled in the program. If any child displays a need for help in any developmental stage. Head Start works to get aid for that child.

The aid is provided by agencies involved with Head Start, and can only be used with parental consent.

There are also home visits during the summer for each family enrolled in the program. Since individual goals are established for each child, it is important that the teachers get to know the families of the children they will be working with.

Teachers in the Head Start program work one on one with every child. This enables them to recognize the strengths and weaknesses of children, and also to help teach any special needs child that may be enrolled in the

"We provide developmentally appropriate activities for children that promote their well-being and development," explains DeRoos.



Preschool children get a healthy start at Head Start. Children take a break in their morning activity for eggs, toast, fruit and a glass of milk.

Lowell Head Start has grown this year. In the past few years, Head Start met once a day, four times a week. This year, there are two sessions of Head Start per day, Monday through Thursday, due to the growing interest in Lowell's Head Start enrolled in Lowell Head Start who lives in Kent County.

DeRoos focuses on learning by play in her classes, which start around Labor Day and run through Memorial Day.

"The kids learn about getting along with others, washing hands, cleaning up after themselves, as well as learning math,

dramatic play, and sensory skills," says DeRoos.

Breakfast, lunch and a snack are provided for children every day. Transportation is also available for a child

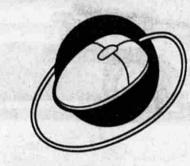
Enrollment usually takes place in the spring, but openings can occur throughout the year. Call Hope DeKorte, the Family Service coordinator, at 897-7920, for information on how to get involved with the program.

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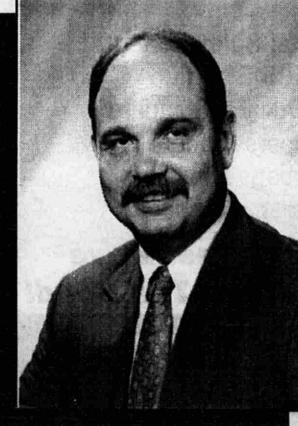
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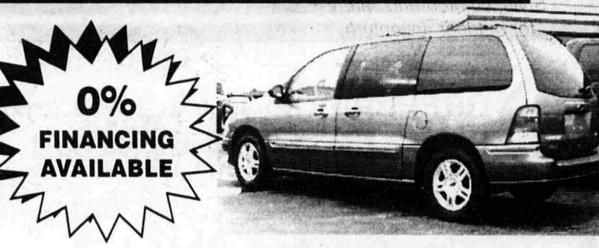
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WIC made convenient through community partnerships

By Jessica Cilley Contributing Writer

The biggest misconception about the WIC program is that it is an FIA or a welfare program. It is, in fact, a supplemental nutrition program that is available to all postpartum women who meet certain guidelines.

program. We want to reach out to people who are okay. WIC is not a crisis program," explains Monica Smith, who oversees the WIC program in Kent County

WIC requirements include being a resident of Michigan. a migrant worker currently living in Michigan, or onehaving a nutrition or medical-related risk

There is an income level requirement that is based on the Federal Poverty Level.

The income guideline increases as a family unit gets bigger. For example, a mother with two children cannot exceed an income of \$27.066 per year.

For each additional child, including an unborn child, an approximate amount of \$5,587 can be added. All of the amounts are determined before any deductions to a paycheck

Once enrolled in the WIC program, each family receives "We miss a lot of people because they think it's a welfare about \$40-50 per month in food assistance. Mothers with formula- fed babies can receive up to \$110 per month for

> Women who are breast-feeding their infants can use WIC to help connect them with the LaLeche League. This is a national organization that can be reached at 1-800-LALECHE.

Women can also receive referrals for education and nutrition programs, as well as information about birth control.

Pregnant women on WIC can also receive help with referrals for neonatal care and finding a pediatrician.

All of the people who work in the WIC program are health care professionals with four-year degrees. Kent County cur-

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"We want to reach out and grab people that live and work in Lowell. It doesn't matter if they live here - if it is convenient for them to come to the Lowell clinic, then they can," says

Smith adds that the goal of the Kent County WIC program is for women to have a "healthy birth outcome and healthy children. We want to find out what the barriers are to healthy,

All WIC benefits are available at the Lowell clinic and can be used as soon as families are signed up for the program.

This eliminates the hassle of going to different places to pick up resources. All coupons and WIC information are already at the Lowell Health Department clinic.

Appointments need to be made at the Lowell clinic to sign up for the WIC program. Call the Kent County Health Department at 336-3011 to make an appointment to get signed up for

Smith sees a need for WIC in the Lowell community. "WIC is not growing enough here," she says. "We have partners in the Lowell community who can help families in need. Without them, we would not be effective. All of the services are here, just waiting to be used."

MOPS brings mothers together regarding family related issues

By Jessica Cilley Contributing Writer

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is a nationwide organization that is a recent addition to the Lowell community. Its goal is to reach mothers who would like an opportunity to spend quality, undisturbed time with other moms.

"We wanted to do something as an outreach, where moms can connect with each other without having kids as a distraction," explains Anna Leininger, who helped bring MOPS to

MOPS meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at the Lowell Wesleyan Church. Childcare is provided for any mom who wants to attend the meetings. There is a nursery for infants and a playgroup for toddlers.

who spend most of the time during the meeting playing or Several adults watch over the preschoolers, who are dubbed MOPPETS, and are there to make sure that each child

has fun so that they don't miss their moms too much. Each meeting has different themes for moms to enjoy, ranging from craft projects to speakers. The speakers are brought in to talk with moms about family-related issues, such

as budgeting or reading to children. The meetings focus on "helping moms learn how to fulfill their roles as mothers in this unique time of life. Also, moms can get together and form friendships," says Leininger.

The Oct. 9 meeting featured Crystal Bowman, who writes children's books aimed at families with preschool children. The MOPS committee includes many women from other

churches in the Lowell community. Anyone is invited to attend a MOPS meeting, whether or not they are a member of

"We want to be a community program," says Leininger, "and we want people to know that this is not a Bible study, although some things are presented from a Biblical perspec-

Each meeting costs \$4 per mom. Refreshments are proided for both children and their moms.

Pre-registration is appreciated in order to plan for childcare, but it is not mandatory. As many as 30 moms can attend each meeting, and with 19 attending the first one on Sept. 11, Lowell MOPS is off to a good start.

To pre-register for a meeting, or to get general information on MOPS, call 897-6890. An answering machine is provided.

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Readiness program prepares wide range of four year olds for kindergarten

get a child enrolled, call the

Lowell Area School District's

central office at 897-8415.

By Jessica Cilley Contributing Writer

Not every child is ready to enter kindergarten when they reach the age of five. Lowell's Four-Year Readiness Program focuses on the developmental needs of children with specific risk factors who would like to start school with confidence.

The Readiness Program is available for any family with a child who displays a need as followed by the risk factor guideline.

With 21 risk factors used as a guideline, the Readiness Program can reach a wide range of children who need help before they can enter kindergarten.

"Each child must have at least two risk factors," says Karen Eldridge, who is the teacher for Lowell's Readiness Program.

"Some of these include children who had low birth weight, have a speech impediment, or who have had severe ear aches that played against development," explains Eldridge.

Parents must bring children in for screenings and fill out papers to determine if child. their child is eligible to participate in the Readiness Pro-

The only other requirement is that a child must be four years old before Dec. 1 of the year they wish to enroll in the program.

as cutting, coloring and learn- classroom an 8 to 1 childing to get along with each teacher ratio.

Eldridge points out, "The rolled in Readiness any time children are taught how to use words to get through conflicts. We focus more on their fine motor and gross motor development than ABCs and

"The Readiness Program help with childcare before or encourages the physical, social and emotional development of young children and also responds to the needs of the family," explains Eldridge.

Parents of children enrolled are required by the state to go to group meetings twice a year. The Readiness Program is funded by the state of Michigan, and always welcomes parental involvement in the program.

Since this is not a program for children over the age of four, children are watched very closely to ensure that positive development is happening.

Each year, children are tested by Eldridge to discover whether or not they are ready for kindergarten. Eldridge, along with local kindergarten teachers, evaluate each

Parents are also encouraged to provide input on whether or not they believe their child is ready to move

With two sessions a day, five days a week, Eldridge can teach up to 32 children Once enrolled, children per year. She has a helper focus on learning skills such each year, which gives her

A child can become enduring the school year. "We still have openings," Eldridge says, "and starting at any point of the year won't interrupt the learning schedule." Any family who may need after Readiness can contact the Lowell YMCA, which has childcare scholarships for families who qualify. For more information on the Readiness Program or to

Four-year readiness teacher, Karen Eldridge interacts with Destinie Pantoja.

Expectant mothers can turn to St. Mary **Pregnancy Center**

By Jessica Cilley Contributing Writer

Every expectant mother needs a place to turn to when she needs help. In Lowell, that place is the St. Mary Pregnancy Center.

The Center opened a little over three years ago. Ruth Collar is the director of the Center, which is a resource for "anyone who needs help," she says. "We don't turn anyone away, no matter what."

Collar focuses on helpng women who need everything from prenatal care to the basic needs of a child up to two years old.

All of the resources at the Center are given out on a confidential basis. The Center tries to focus on low-income, poor, or unwed mothers who can't afford the basic items an infant child needs.

There is almost nothing that the Pregnancy Center can't provide. Starting with a pectant mother can get cribs, and clothing to help with the first years of moth-

If an expectant mother can't afford medical insurance, the Center helps with

the paper work to obtain State aid, as well as WIC.

Referrals for prenatal care are also given by the Center, providing women with good health care with help from

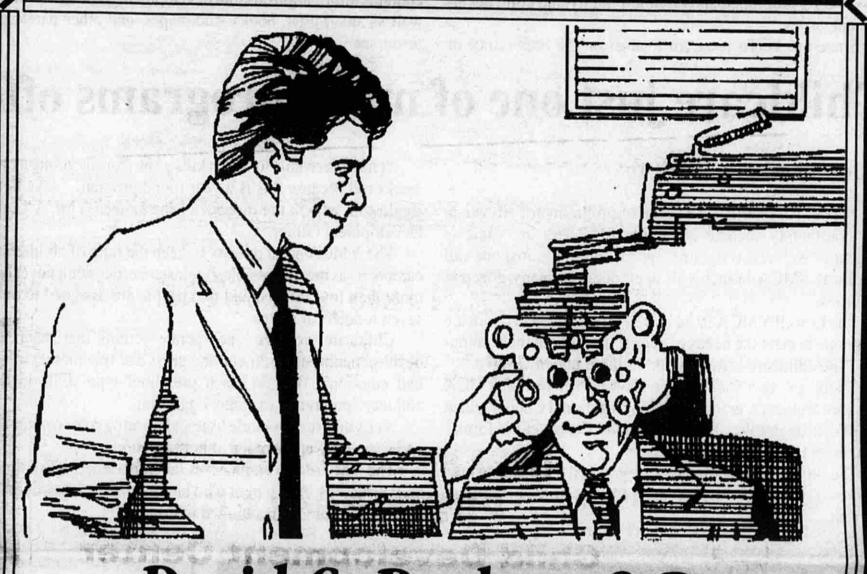
Since confidentiality is the Center's policy, the only information an expectant mother must provide is based on what they need for their

Mothers must fill out papers on what they use and need each week. This is to ensure equal help and supplies for each mother who needs it. An average of 80-100 women a month use Lowell's St. Mary Pregnancy

Women who seek the help of a counselor are provided with referrals. They can also obtain information on anything from STDs to abstinence at the Center.

The Center relies on donations for most of the supplies it provides for women. Anyone can drop off items such as clothing or furniture when the Center is open.

To contact the St. Mary Pregnancy Center, call 897-9393. It is open on Monday evenings and Thursday after-



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TOTS puts the focus on value of family

By Jessica Cilley Contributing Writer

Kathy Cole has left no detail out of her program. She is so thorough, in fact, that Lowell's TOTS on Track may be used as a model for other TOTS programs in the county.

The TOTS program is available for all parents with children from birth to beginning school. There are a few classes that require a very small fee of \$1 per week. The rest are free to all families.

TOTS offers a wide variety of activities each month for families. There are weekly play groups, in which parents participate with their child during games, songs and stories.

There is also a different handout given to families each week. Cole knows that families don't always have time to read a book, so she makes sure that her material is quick and easy to read, while giving out the most comprehensive infor-

A newsletter is sent out every other month to local money, like dinner or a movie. families involved with the TOTS program.

Each newsletter contains information about school readiness, TOTS programs, and common family and child devel-

Since the TOTS program focuses on the importance of resources.

family. Cole schedules a family night into each month. On family night, the whole family, including siblings, is

invited to participate in activities like stories and games that are geared towards having fun as a family.

Starting this year, Cole has added the Bright Beginnings Parent Group, a workshop for parents that will cover a different topic of child development each month

The parents choose the topics, so each class is unique to the concerns of the parents who are enrolled in the program. There will also be special speakers at these meetings to help cover a wide range of concerns.

Another activity is the monthly mom's night out in which all moms enrolled in the TOTS program get together and have fun while their children are at home.

The moms decide what they do each month. There is no charge except for if the group does something that requires

The TOTS program also delivers free New Baby Welcome Bags to Lowell area families with a new baby. Each bag contains information on child development in the first year, as well as small gifts, books, audiotapes, and other parenting

Additionally, an "Almost New" sale is held every spring. This gives families the opportunity to buy, sell or trade toys, clothes, and other baby essentials with families in the area.

Cole believes that "The early years are critical years for a child's social and emotional development. (We) want parents to take advantage of that time. The mission of the TOTS program is to help all families raise children that are healthy and ready to learn," Cole explains.

This is the fourth year that TOTS on Track has been helping to educate parents and children in Lowell.

With over 750 families participating in some way with the Lowell TOTS program, Cole keeps very busy trying to make sure that each family receives the guidance they need from her.

To get enrolled in the Lowell TOTS program, which is located in the Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center, call 897-1232 and ask for Kathy Cole.

There is also a website, www.schoolnotes.com, that has schedule and enrollment information.

TOTS is funded by the Lowell Area Community Fund and the Lowell Area Schools.

Childcare just one of many programs offered through YMCA

By Jessica Cilley Contributing Writer

The YMCA has a wide range of programs for anyone in any community to take advantage of. There are exercise programs, wellness programs, sports, and more. Just one call activities.

The Lowell YMCA branch even offers different childcare programs to meet the needs of people throughout the community. The childcare is mainly for children under age five.

There are two locations in Lowell where the YMCA provides childcare: at the First Congregational Church and at the Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center in the former Runciman Elementary School.

The program at the First Congregational Church starts for children as young as six weeks and provides childcare through age four.

"I have been able to watch kids grow from as young as six weeks old because this is a year round program," says Beth Eggleston, who is the director of the Lowell YMCA Child Development Center.

The YMCA has a priority to keep the ratio of children to to a local YMCA branch will open doors to many different caretakers as low as possible. For instance, one adult never has more than four infants, and two people are assigned to only seven toddlers at a time.

> Childcare workers "incorporate actions that reach all developmental stages, including gross and fine motor, social and emotional. We do teach preschool type skills in the childcare program," explains Eggleston.

Activities such as circle time and learning colors, numbers

and shapes are encouraged at both locations. The YMCA also emphasizes the importance of family in their programs. Any parent who has the chance to participate snack. during childcare is encouraged to do so.

Each day, breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack are provided at the church location.

The childcare program at Bright Beginnings is only for children who are enrolled in either the Readiness Program for four year olds or Lowell Head Start.

These programs both take place at Runciman, so children who are in these programs and YMCA childcare need only to be transported to and from Runciman by their parents. The YMCA does not provide transportation.

The childcare at Bright Beginnings is provided in the morning before each program and in the afternoon until parents can come to pick up their children. Both locations are open from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

While the children who stay at Runciman have to bring their own lunches, they do receive breakfast and an afternoon

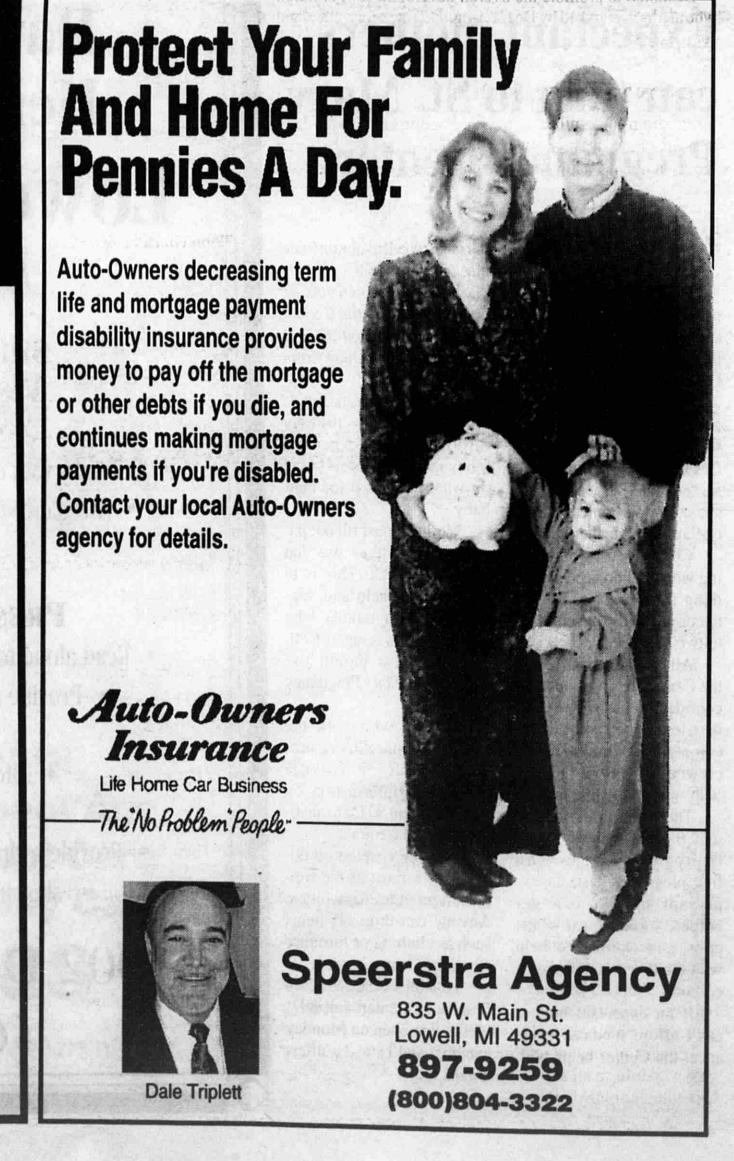
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Making the Right Connections

LOWELL AREA FAMILY RESOURCES

PRESCHOOLS

• FRANCISCAN LIFE PROCESS CENTER

11650 Downes NE PH: 897-7842

LOWELL FIRST UNITED METHODIST PRESCHOOL

621 E. Main PH: 897-8690

LOWELL HEAD START

Local: PH: 897-7920 Central office: PH: 453-4145 Program for children 3 - 5 years Designed to meet the special needs of children from low income families.

YMCA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

404 N. Hudson PH: 897-4371 Before and after school programs Cherry Creek School Age Child Care 12675 Foreman SE PH: 897-2688 Runciman Administration Building 300 High St.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

 300 High Street, Lowell PH: 897-8415

Bert Bleke, Superintendent of Schools · Bus transportation available for all preschool programs.

PRE-PRIMARY IMPAIRED PROGRAM (PPI)

• Program for children 2 1/2 - 5 years with "special needs" as defined by state special education guidelines.

READINESS PRESCHOOL

· Designed to promote the overall development of children who are four years old by Dec. 1. Eligibility factors considered for placement.

TOTS ON TRACK FOR SCHOOL

· Program for families to promote health and school readiness. Includes a new baby welcome gift bag, parent education, family activities, family resource center playgroups, and news-

LOWELL COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Riverside Building 320 N. Monroe PH: 897-8235

Day and evening adult high school completion and GED preparation classes. Many enrichment classes offered.

KENT REGIONAL 4-C's

PH: 451-8281 Organization to assist families in locating licensed child

PARENT HELPLINE PH: 1-800-942-HELP

 POISON CENTER PH: 1-800-356-3232

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There are no income requirements in order to get involved with the YMCA childcare programs. However, if a family needs assistance to afford childcare, the YMCA offers scholarships and also accepts FIA.

The state of Michigan offers grants to receive free or reduced childcare with the YMCA for children who are enrolled in either the Readiness or the Head Start program.

Eggleston may be reached at 897-8445, ext. 3. She can help with information on which YMCA childcare program is best suited for any family situation.

HEALTH RESOURCES

LOWELL FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER

2550 W. Main, Lowell PH: 252-5600 Paul R. Gauthier, DO; James C. Lang, DO; John G. Meier, D.O.; Kevin E. Miller, D.O.I Larissa Hollander, P.A.

LOWELL MEDICAL SPECIALIST, P.C.

1150 N. Hudson, Lowell PH: 897-8436 Mark A. Evenhouse, MD John R. Mogor, MD Joan C. Miedema, MD

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 Doctors Chiropractic 11827 E. Fulton, Lowell PH: 8974999

 Wellman/Harrison Chiropractors 2531 W. Main St., Lowell PH: 897-6526

LOWELL PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC

 Lowell Township Hall 2910 Alden Nash SE, Lowell PH: 897-7600 Wednesdays only: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Free immunizations for children.

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 RITE-AID PHARMACIES 1401 W. Main, Lowell PH: 897-5606

· LOWELL PHARMACY/FAMILY FARE

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TODD GILLAN DDS PC

2186 W. Main St., Lowell PH: 897-8491

· JOHN MONTICELLO DDS MS

505 W. Main St., Lowell PH: 897-6463

JAMES REAGAN DDS

207 W. Main St., Lowell PH: 897-7179

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1150 N. Hudson, Lowell PH: 897-8429

· STEPHEN WATKINS DDS 1460 Hawthorne Hills Dr. SE, Lowell

PH: 897-5237

OPTICAL SERVICE

· ADA VISION CENTER 416 Thornapple Village, Ada PH: 676-1283 Thomas P. Reyburn, O.D. Stacy L. Davis, O.D.

· KENT OPTICAL, INC. 505 W. Main St., Lowell PH: 897-0330

 LOWELL VISION CENTER 2186 W. Main St., Lowell PH: 897-2020 David G. Durkee, O.D, FAAO

LOWELL AREA LIBRARIES

 ALTO LIBRARY 6071 Linfield, Alto PH: 868-6038

 ENGLEHARDT PUBLIC LIBRARY 200 N. Monroe, Lowell PH: 897-9596

LOWELL AREA PARKS

· RICHARDS PARK

320 N. Hudson St.

CREEKSIDE PARK

1550 Gee Drive

· STONEY LAKESIDE PARK 1200 Bowes Road

· FALLASBURG PARK

1110 Fallasburg Road

ACCESS 6/FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES

519 E. Main PH: 897-5936

· Emergency food bank and assistance with rent and utilities. Used clothing, toys, books, housewares.

If you need emergency shelter, food, or help paying utility

FIRST CALL FOR HELP (616) 459-2255

• FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY (FIA) (616) 247-6000

. THE SALVATION ARMY - BOOTH FAMILY SERVICES (616) 459-9468

If you need to ask questions or get help with parenting issues: · CHILD AND FAMILY RESOURCE COUNCIL

(616) 454-HOPE (4673) • PARENT HELPLINE

(24 hours a day) 1-800-942-4357

If you are pregnant and have questions or need help with health care issues:

· KENT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (616) 336-3030

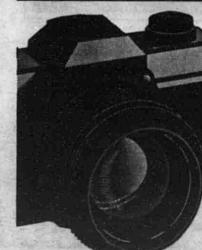
· MARCH OF DIMES - RESOURCE CENTER

1-800-MODIMES (663-4637)

If you have questions or need help with child development

· EARLY ON OF KENT COUNTY (616) 365-2310

Attention All Coaches, Proud Parents Athletes & Others Who Wish To Submit Photos In The Ledger...



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Parents play a significant role in teaching early basic skills

•••• Parents as Teachers funded in part by the Englehardt Lowell Area Community Fund is free to any family with children under the age of three.

By Jessica Cilley Contributing Writer

There is one thing that Ronda Delnick knows for sure, and that is that parents are the most important tool in their child's education. In January she helped bring Parents As Teachers to the Lowell education system.

PAT is a nationwide organization that has existed for close to 20 years. With the help of an Englehardt grant. Lowell has been able to start this program, which is free to any family with children under the age of three.

Delnick is so far the only parent educator. She has been a busy one at that, having visited 18 families at their homes since the program started.

The important ingredient in PAT is that the parent educators go into the homes and help parents understand how important it is to start teaching children basic skills at the earliest possible age: birth.

There are a lot of areas the PAT program focuses on with each child. Parents are taught what to expect with each development of motor, language, thinking and social skills. They are also taught how to make the most of each skill by developing activities in the home that will encourage their child to learn and thrive.

Each time Delnick goes to a family's home, she brings along information which helps the parents understand each phase of development before or as it occurs in order

to better appreciate and respond to their child's evolving needs. "I bring information on typical things a

child at a certain age may be experiencing potty training, temper tantrums, discipline techniques and more," she explains She tries to focus on what is unique to the developmental stage of each child, so

different families will receive different in formation each time she sees them, which is typically once a month.

Each visit is centered on the nap schedule of the child Delnick is working with and lasts for about an hour.

Delnick also works with teen moms she meets through Lowell's Unity High School. She has one-on-one meetings with each mother and child once a month, as well as weekly group meetings.

Since Delnick is the only parent educator in Lowell, she hopes to obtain more help so the Lowell PAT program can expand. Her goal is to teach parents that "buying toys is not enough" to raise a healthy, happy child.

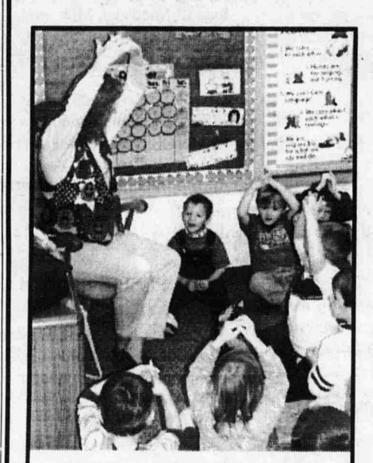
PAT provides periodic screening to check a child's developmental and lan guage skills. There are also opportunities for parents to join in play activities with their child in order to learn about parent child play interaction.

For more information on how to get involved in PAT, call the Lowell Area Schools office at 897-1232.

Meeting children's developmental needs ... the charge of Lowell's PPI program

By Jessica Cilley Contributing Writer

For the past 11 years, Lori Ingraham has been working to improve the education of special needs children. She is a teacher in the Pre-Primary Impaired (PPI) program that is offered through the Lowell School system. PPI is a class which focuses on the developmental needs of two-to-five-year-old children that have a state-identified impairment. These may include significant delays or differences in speech and language development, learning, behavior, or large- or small-muscle coor-



Sandy Keeney, PPI teacher, has the children join her in a song.

The program includes many activities that can be seen in any preschool classroom, including painting, coloring, cooking (real and pretend), play dough, and computer, as well as daily circle times, snack, outdoor play, gym,

The classes are provided during the regular school-year schedule. Both Ingraham and Sandy Keeney teach two classes per day. Each class runs about two hours and 15 minutes per day. These classes are free to any child who has undergone screening and has been determined to have special needs in

Each class has a maximum of 12 children, and requires frequent visits from parents. These visits will be lengthened to around one-and-a-half hours per family per day this year, enabling the parents to learn how their child is doing as well as helping the teachers know if positive developmental changes are happening in the home. The meetings are designed to open communication for parents with questions or concerns about their chil-

Ingraham believes there are many children who do not get the developmental help they need because many parents don't know that these types of programs exist. Moreover, she is concerned that parents may not want their kids in a special needs program.

To that she says, "We focus on the positive elements of our special needs program - we try to offer the same kind of program as in any other preschool but we focus on special needs."

Any parent with a concern for their child's development can call the Lowell Area School District office at 897-8415 to set up an appointment to have their child screened.

The free screening takes place at Ken-O-Sha, where there is a range of diagnostic tests, including emotional, social and language that determines what kind of help a child needs. A pediatrician can also make a referral for a parent to Ken-O-Sha.

The Lowell Area School District has its own screening which is done only in the





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Notices in The Ledger's "Comin the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and 868-6481. Saranac areas. We prefer such notices to be kept brief TUES .: Take Off Pounds and to be submitted by mail, phone at 897-9261.

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

MON.: Family Council of Laurels of Kent volunteer group meets at 3 p.m. to 897-6325 or 248-2423. discuss enhancing the lives of residents and staff, promoting a more pleasant living and working environment in the home. Public is invited to attend.

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 ca 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 7:00 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.

EVERY1STMON.: 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 5thgrade, 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 ing Events" are free of charge that can last a lifetime. For to any nonprofit organization infor call Terry Cavanaugh,

Sensibly Tops MI#372 but will accept notices by meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45

Woodcarvers meet at of Montcalm Ave. For LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members wel-

1ST TUES.: Adults with 1ST SUN. OF EACH AD/HDatCalvinCollege,7-9p.m. No cost. All welcome. For info. call Gary Engle at

of Columbus #7719 meets 897-7842. St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

Masons are welcome.

ents of children with AD/ teen group info., call Sarah p.m. 281-6588.

meeting at Calvin College bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

EVERY OTHER WED.: 800-651-6000. 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. tian Reformed Church. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church, dren ages 4 thru 7th grade. p.m. Phone 897-9393. Call 897-5894 for details.

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meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

tion available. Call Pat at Nash) at 7 p.m.

897-7842.

Grand Rapids Machine Knitters Club meets at Kentwood Library, 4799 TUES .: Flat River Kalamazoo Ave. SE at 1 p.m. Call Sara Coates 365-1247 or Bette Frieswyk at 949-8655 for info.

> G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's 897-5981 for info. Club meets at 12 p.m. in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

ent Group meetings from Elderly volunteers needed 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in to participate in the Board Room at 300 High Intergenerational program St. Business meetings are with school-age children Parents Supporting Paron odd months & program from Lowell in seasonal meetings on even months. activities. Times available: Franciscan Life Process 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. Open to any interested 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 Center offers topics and leen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at EVERY SECOND & the Franciscan Child De- 7842 for time. FOURTH TUES.: Knights velopment Center,

at the Masonic Center, 119 Church, 2560 Lake Michi-Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All gan Dr. N.W., Grand Rapids. Call 897-9794.

Lowell Lions Club meets at Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to 6:30 p.m. at Look Memo- Forest Hills Presbyterian mother support for pregrial Fire Station, S. Hudson. Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. nant & breastfeeding (at 36th St.) No fees, no women. Nursing children EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par- dues, no weigh-ins.

HD Issues Group meeting EVERYTHURS .: Take Off Please call 752-8300 for at St. Luke's Lutheran Pounds Sensibly Tops MI more information. Church, 32156 4 Mile NE No. 333, Saranac, meets (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. at the Saranac Public Li-Call Linda at 874-5662. For brary. Weigh-ins at 6:45

THURS .: Weight Watch- seum of Ada, 7144 Headley EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults ers meets at Lowell at 1 p.m. with AD/HD Issues Group Nazarene Church, 201 N. Rm. 206 of the Commons 7 p.m. Registration begins EACH MONTH: Geneal-

Girls Club - Calvary Chris- EVERY THURS. - St. ONCE A MONTH SAT .: Center, 402 Amity St., non- Center program for siblings EVERY WED.: Pioneer pregnant women and ado- needs, ages 5-15 from 1-4 lescents at the school. From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; on ing, music, arts, crafts, etc. 10501 Settlewood Dr. Chil- Mondays from 5:30 - 8

FIRST THURS .: 4-H drama WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON club examines theater-re- SECOND SAT.: Lowell lated topics, creative and gational Church basement. personal development at Lowell High School. 9 skills. Meetings held at a.m. social gathering; 10 EVERY WED.: Rotary Lowell Middle School choir a.m. meeting. LARC sponroom. For information call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

EVERY WED .: The "Pep- FIRST AND THIRD EVERY FRI. & SAT .: pers" (senior adults) meets THURS .: The Alto Lions at Franciscan Life Process Club meets at Bowne Cen- of Ada at 7144 Headley is Center from 1-3:30 p.m. ter Fellowship Hall, corner \$10 per week. Transporta- of 84th & M-50 (Alden

EVERY 2ND THURS .: LOWELL AREA HIS-EVERY SECOND WED.: N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

Community and Area Music Makers at Saranac High School. Choir: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Band: 7:30-8:15 p.m. EVERY SECOND WED .: Call Kathy at 642-6316/

EVERY SECOND THURS.: Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary #8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. 1ST TUES .: WINGS Par- EVERY FOURTH WED .: Post, 307 W. Main St., Low-

> **EVERY THIRD THURS.:** ents-support group at Thurs.: noon-7 p.m.; Sat.: to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Col- discussion for parents of children all ages. Call 897-

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Royal Arch Masons regu-EVERY FOURTH WED.: lar meeting at 7:30 p.m. at nity Vespers Service & EVERY SECOND TUES .: Support group for Periph- the Lowell Masonic Cen- Luminaries at 6:30 p.m. Lowell Masonic Lodge eral neuropathy meets at 4 ter, 119 Lincoln Lake, on Riverwalk Plaza with regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Lowell Area Ministerium

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES .: EVERY WED .: Overeaters 6:30 p.m. for socializing; be a resident of the twp.) are welcome to attend. Located at a church in Ada.

> SECOND SAT. OF EV-ERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Mu-

Washington, at 5:30 and SECOND THURS. OF 1/2 hour before meetings. ogy - The Alto Family Tree New members are invited Club meets at Alto Public to join at any time. Call 1- Library from 6:30 p.m. - 8

Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Franciscan Life Process denominational help for of children with special p.m. Activities include cook-Call Sister Mary Margaret 897-7842 to register and find out dates.

> Amateur Radio Club meets sors the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

Averill Historical Museum open from 1 to 4 p.m. Open other times by appointment: Call 676-9346.

TORICAL MUSEUM HOURS: - Tues., Sat. & Sun.: 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; indi-EVERYTHURS.: Saranac viduals \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members are free.

> ENGLEHARDT BRARY HOURS: Mon.-Wed.,12-8p.m.; Thurs. & Fri.: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

> 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., NOV. 29: Commodities distribution at Lowell Moose Recreational Center.

FRI., NOV. 30: Commu-Association.

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

SAT., DEC. 1: Pancake breakfast at King Memorial Youth Center at fairgrounds 8 a.m. - noon. Pictures with Santa from 8 - 9:45 a.m. \$3 each.

SAT., DEC. 1: Christmas Luminary Walk on Wittenbach Center trails. 2 - 6 p.m. Snowshoes available: \$10 adults/\$5 children. Hot chocolate.

SAT., DEC. 1: Pictures with Santa after the Christmas parade at former White Swan, \$3 each.

SAT. & SUN., DEC. 1 & 2: Saranac Community & Area Music Makers concert on Sat., 7 p.m.; Sun. 3 p.m. at Saranac High School. Adults: \$5/Sr. Citizens & students: \$3. Call 522-0152 with ?'s.

MON., DEC. 3: Athletic Boosters business meeting at Lowell High School staff lounge at 7 p.m.

WED., DEC. 5: The Lowell Area Fire Dept, is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

SAT., DEC. 8: 19th annual Rogue River Artisans of Michigan show & sale from 9 - 4 p.m. at Lowell High School. Over 75 designers/artists; admission at door to support Lowell class of 2003. Light breakfast and lunch available.

> SAT., DEC. 8: Franciscan Life Process Center offering a program for siblings of children with special needs, ages 5-15, 1-4 p.m. Call Mary Margaret 897-7842 to register.

> > SUN., DEC. 9: The Clark-Ellis American Legion and Auxiliary annual Christmas dinner will be at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Meat and beverage will be furnished. Bring a dish to pass and own table service. Sponsors are Richard and Phyllis Bieri.

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. 28: 8 a.m. Women's breakfast: 12:40 p.m. Shop Family

THURS., NOV. 29: 12:00 p.m. Dance at West Side Complex.

THURS .: 9 a.m. Walk

Shop at the Malls: 9:30

a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Eu

FRI .: 8:30 a.m. Walk

Woodland Mall.

FRI., NOV. 30: 12:40 p.m. Bingo.

Lee's Towing moves into industrial district approved by commissioners

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

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Jonathan David

sion to discover the city doesn't allow for such businesses

Kass is interested in moving his business. Lee's Towing, to 609 Ottawa in an existing building. However, review of the city ordinance made Kass and real estate agent, Joice Smithrealize the city doesn't allow for towing services within its

Kass and Smith went before the planning commission Monday night in hopes of getting an interpretation of the ordinance that would allow Kass to move his company, Lee's Towing, to the Lowell city location.

"When we were here a year ago, didn't we allow for

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vehicle service stations?" Smith said to the commission.

City manager, David Pasquale said that was for Top The decision of Bruce Kass to move his towing service Notch, which located on Main Street and is a detailing busibusiness out of his home has led the Lowell Planning Commis- ness. It was determined such vehicle service stations were permitted by right. The problem faced by Lee's Towing is that towing services are defined with body shops in the ordinance because of the issue of storing cars.

"I think the real issue behind that is the storage of the vehicles," said planning commissioner, James Pfaller.

Kass said he could understand the city's concern of an area not becoming a junk heap. In his business, about 90 percent of the vehicles are usually towed to a mechanic, dealer or

"Occasionally, I have to hold one over night, and seldom,

The location on Ottawa would be for the storage and

maintenance of the business's vehicles, office space and when necessary, to store vehicles. Part of Kass's reasoning to move his operation from home is because his current location to store vehicles, which is offsite, was not as secure as he

After some discussion, the planning commission agreed that since Kass did not plan to make any changes to the building, the business could move into that location with interior storage only. Over the next couple of months, the planning commission plans to review the issue of exterior storage for such a business and add the listing to the industrial zone, which the property is zoned.

Kass said he could agree to the interior storage and wait for the planning commission to work out the other issues.

DEAR JONATHAN: My in the will to take in his place. grandmother died last month. I naturally assumed that I would receive that \$100,000 just six months after making her will. I am the sole benefialso. However, the attorney ciary of her estate. My father who read the will indicated that the \$100.000 was to go to was named as a beneficiary of the cash sum of \$100,000 my father's children in equal shares. Since I have four sibbut he died a few weeks prior to my grandmother's death. lings, then I would only take a Since there was no one named 1/5 share of that \$100,000 if

this attorney is correct. The otherwise, the beneficiary's not state it this way, then the \$80,000 question is whether descendants take the deceased \$100,000 gift will be divided he is right. I normally beneficiary's gift in his orher in equal shares among you wouldn't care, but my brothers and sisters had nothing to do with my grandmother and says, "to Joe Smith, if he surthan the entire \$100,000 share. it almost seems hypocritical vives me", and nothing more, that they would be entitled to a portion of her estate

JONATHAN SAYS: The attorney is right. Michigan's and if he does not survive me, Estates and Protected Indi- then to his descendants who

viduals Code (EPIC), which became effective on April 1. 2000, is very clear on this if it were her intent that the of us got substantially more point. If the beneficiary is a gift made to your father was to than others and there does not grandparent, a descendant of go to you if he predeceased appear to be any rhyme or a grandparent or a step-child her, then what she should have reason for what he did. My of the donor and that benefi- said is something similar to ciary predeceases the donor, the following: "To my son, est share of his estate, do not

then this language will be in- DEAR JONATHAN: I have Joe Smith, if he survives me,

In your grandmother's case, then unless the will states Joe Smith, if he survives me, and if he fails to survive me, Smith, Jr.".

Since your grandmother did

place. In other words, if the and your siblings, leaving you language in the will simply with a \$20,000 share rather

terpreted to actually say, "to four brothers and sisters. My father recently died and after reading his will, all of us were surprised (some were shocked) at how he divided up his estate among us. Some sister and I, who got the greatneed the money and would like to equalize our shares with then to my grandson, Joe those who got less than us. Are we able to do this, or are

the will reads? JONATHAN SAYS: Under Michigan law, beneficiaries under a will can alter the amounts to which they are entitled under that will in any way they want so long as it is put in a written agreement signed by all the beneficiaries who are affected. In other words, you and your brothers and sisters can provide in a written agreement that notwithstanding your father's will, his estate is to be divided equally among each of you, subject to the rights of creditors and taxing authorities. If you do this, the personal representative of your

father's estate is required to

abide by the terms of the

we simply stuck with how

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City approves liquor license for proposed Main St. Bistro

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

The Lowell City Council made it official Monday night that it welcomes the Bergin Building Management company's efforts to turn a current vacant property into a bistro by supporting the company's quest for a Class C Liquor License.

Bergin-Gilmore Partnerships plans to convert the former White Swan, located at 201 E. Main St., into a bistro-type restaurant which would include dancing. The city council along with the Downtown Development Authority offered its support for the company to acquire a liquor license for a business operating in a Downtown Development Authority

"I did check with the state and they have not reserved a license at this point," said Lowell city manager, David Pasquale. "This is an important part of the process and hopefully, soon, we will hear if they get a license or not."

The next step in the process is for the city to give its formal approval for the license and forward that on to Michigan's Liquor Control Commission, which has the power to grant or deny a license request.

The license being sought also included the request to allow dance/entertainment at the facility. For clarification, councilmember Don Green said that approval for the dance/ entertainment portion would not endorse topless activity at the

restaurant. An establishment may actually request for different permits with a Class C Liquor License, one of which includes topless dancing

Lowell chief of police, Jim Valentine said this particular request (in reference to topless dancing) has been crossed out. Furthermore, during the inspection of the facility, the owners will have to show where the dance floor will be and indicate its size, Valentine explained.

The city council once again showed its support for the proposed restaurant, giving it unanimous approval for Bergin to receive the Class C Liquor License with the dance/entertainment permit

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When Planning For Retirement, Ask The Right Question

Time goes by quickly. One day, you'll look up and realize that "retirement" has changed from an abstract concept to a fast-approaching reality. How can you avoid letting retirement sneak up on you? Right now, you may not have all the answers - but you should at least know the questions.

And the first question you need to answer is this: What type of retirement lifestyle do you envision? Will you open a small business or do some consulting? Will you quit work altogether and devote your time to travel, family and volunteer activities? Will you spend part of the year in a warmer climate?

You may not really know the answers to these questions for decades. Nonetheless, it's important that you establish some type of general vision for your retirement as early as you can - because it's this vision that ultimately will determine how much money you'll need to achieve your chosen lifestyle. If, for example, you plan to retire early and never again have anything to do with the world of work, your savings and investment strategies will need to be considerably different from those of your neighbor, who plans to work until he's 70 and then immediately open a consulting practice.

Once you've established your basic idea of the type of retirement you want, and you've come up with a reasonable estimate of how much that retirement will cost, it's time to look at specific strategies for generating the income you'll need That means you need to ask yourself some more questions. such as these: Are you investing in a diversified portfolio with long-term goals? Are you contributing as much as you can afford to your 401(k), IRA or any other type of tax-deferred

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vehicle to which you have access?

If you can confidently answer "yes" to these questions, you're making some smart moves. But you must still consider other factors: Have you done anything to protect your income before retirement? Have you taken steps to protect your financial independence during retirement? If you were to become incapacitated, would you have the resources to pay for a nursing home or other long-term care services?

If your answer is "no," your entire retirement vision may some day be jeopardized. That's why the final pieces to your

retirement puzzle might be some kind of disability income protection and long-term care insurance.

As you can see, you must answer many questions to make sure you're on track toward achieving the type of retirement lifestyle you've envisioned for yourself. All these questions can seem overwhelming - especially if you try to deal with them all at once, and within a few years of your retirement. But if you get started early, you'll have the time you need to address these questions - and that means you'll have time to come up with some pretty good answers.

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VanderWilp, who recom-

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Brenda's Hair Design cutting out of strip mall location

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Brenda Bergy came fully prepared with a request to move her beauty salon into a

former residence. move her business, Brenda's Hair Design, into 617 W. Main St., the former residence of Mike and Kim Harding. The area has been zoned C-3

General Business, which allows for such establishments. With her, Bergy had a erty. She also presented an asphalting

quirement code and noted that Bergy was seeking to the Hardings planned to re- reconfiguring the east drive; parking area.

required parking of 12 spaces was met, which means Bergy did not need to lease the extra four spaces from her neighletter from her neighbor giv- bor, Pasquale said. Accordng her permission to use the ling to the ordinance, a beauty neighbor's drive at 611 W. salon must have three spaces Main as well as leasing four for every styling chair. Bergy

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To receive a grant application packet, call Kate Luckert, program officer, at the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, 616-454-1751, or download an application from the Grand Rapids Community Foundation web site at www.grfoundation.org. You may also pick up an application at any of the following locations: Lowell Township Hall, Vergennes Township Hall, City Offices of Lowell, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, the Englehardt Public Library or any Lowell area school.

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Today, the fund is valued at more than \$15 million. In the impact in the Lowell area. The LACF funds innovative last fiscal year, ending June 30, 2001, community grants totaled \$711,446.50. Grants ranged from \$2,000 to establish the Ray Quada Community Tribute program to \$160,000 for a Lowell Y.M.C.A. community fitness and teen center.

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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Planning commission will seek funds for Fairground master plan

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Growth has taken over the Kent County Youth Fair area with some city services such as fire, wastewater, Department of Public Works, and youth football having encroached upon the fair's prop-

For that reason, and after discussions with Kent County Youth Fair director, Ron Wenger, Lowell Planning Commission chair, James Hall sought and received consensus support from the planning commission to seek funding from the Lowell Area Community Fund for the defor the fairgrounds.

"Push has come to

shove," Hall said, adding that Road that is connected by an because of these other needs. land has been added and deleted from the fairgrounds over the years.

From his knowledge, owned by Dr. James Reagan there has never been a master plan of the area, however city and his wife. manager, David Pasquale said the Parks and Recreation Commission did do some

mation to Hall. "There is a nice piece of property located across from the fairgrounds on Bowes

planning for the grounds and

underpass," Hall said, adding that the property could be an area for the fair to expand The land happens to be

"I did tell them that this might lead to something, and then it might mean nothing,"

he would forward that infor-Hall plans to write a grant proposal to the Lowell Area Community Fund for the funds to create the master

Give a man health and a course to steer; and he'll never stop to trouble about whether he's happy

-George Bernard Sha

RV Ordinance, cont'd... From Page 1

riod for living accommodations, since someone might have a person staying longer than that Planning commissioner, Dan Pipe raised concerns over a person who says they use their RV year-round. Planning commissioner, Clark Jahnke said he would like to hear from the zoning officers and police department on enforcement of the proposed issue by the Dec. 10 work

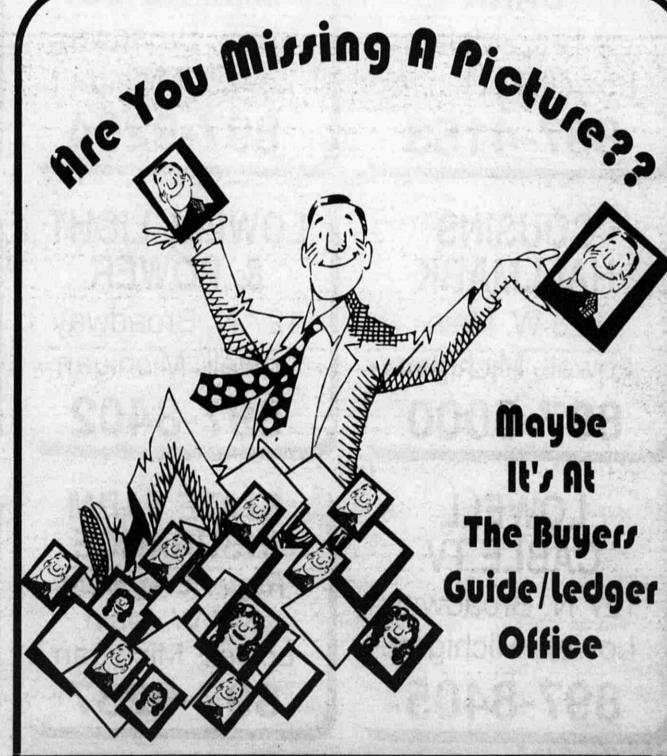
The issue of the RV ordinance came to a head when the city hired a zoning officer to enforce the regulations. Several residents attended last month's planning commission meeting, along with the following city council meeting to raise their concerns about the ordinance. At that time, planning commission chair, James Hall challenged the group to review the ordinance and make a recommendation for changes.

While the RV ordinance is under review, the city has suspended all activities of enforcement of the ordinance per a city council decision.

Too bad the only people who know how to run the country are busy driving cabs and cutting hair.

George Burns





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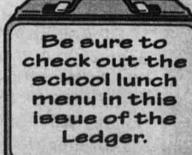
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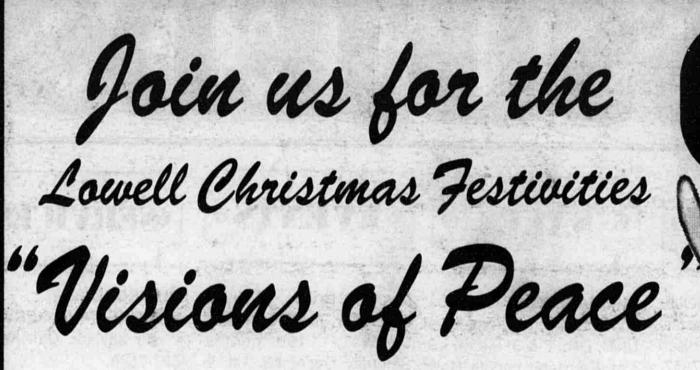
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