

Flat River Grill pre-opening to raise funds for foundation

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Area Education Foundation will hold a benefit fundraiser at the new Flat focuses on enhancing and being an asset to the community," explained Greg Gilmore, chief executive and president of Gilmore Enter-

for things pertaining to children and education."

Every dollar raised for the foundation will be used toward activity work for children in the Lowell School District. "There are no administrative costs," said Dave Thompson, vice chairman for fundraising.

Tickets are \$35 per person; this will include appetizer, salad, entree, dessert and beverage (coffee, etc.). Cash bar and gratuities are extra. There is a limit of 50 diners per evening (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

The pre-opening fundraiser begins at 5 p.m. and runs until diners are finished on each of the three evenings.

"We think the tickets will

Gilmore, who bought the building two years ago, began the renovation work within the last year.

"Lowell's a wonderful little town. We're located on Main Street where there is a lot of hustle and bustle, we have the river, and a patio

River Grill the evenings of Jan. 7-9.

"Our five-point mission

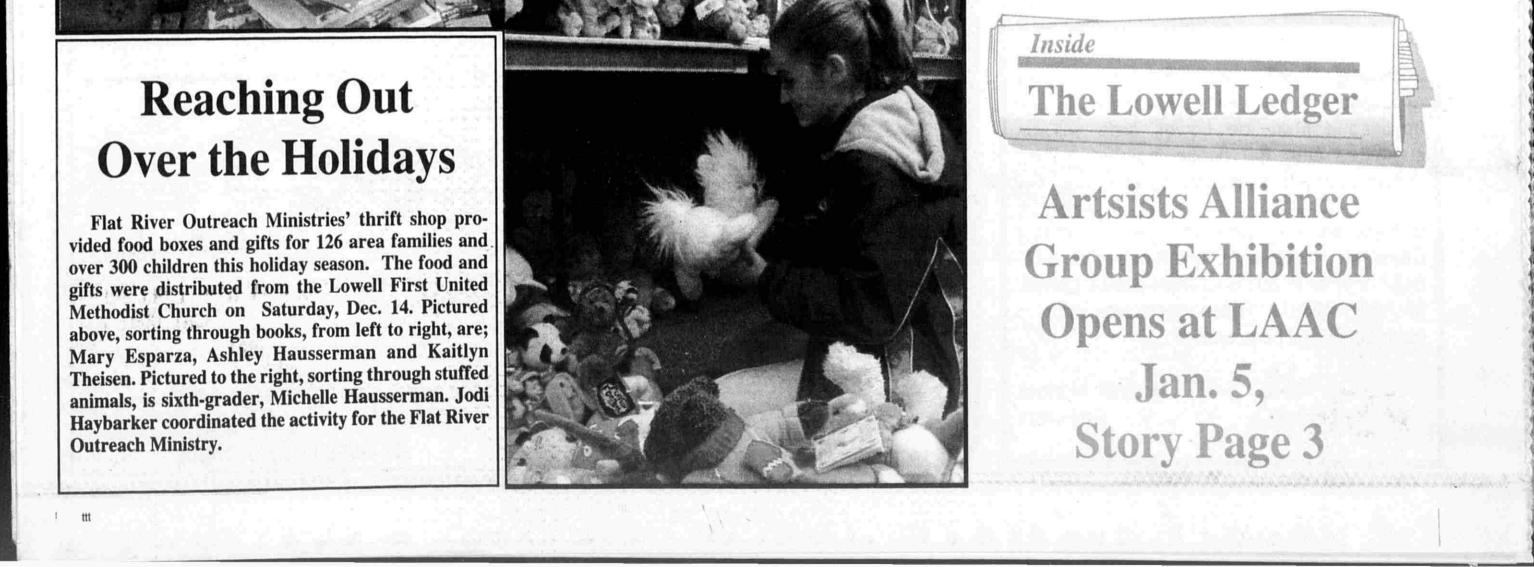
prises. "We try to do things for organizations throughout the community but really look

go quickly, so to be among the first Flat River diners, interested parties should call and make reservations," said foundation president, Marsha Wilcox.

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Reaching Out Over the Holidays



On Jan. 7-9 the Flat River Grill will hold a benefit preopening for the Lowell Area Education Foundation.

OBITUARIES

WIERCKZ - Patricia M. Wierckz, aged 59, of Lowell, went to be with her Lord, Wednesday, December 25, 2002. She was preceded in death by her parents Bertrand and Naomi Byrne. She is survived by her son Michael (Jessica) Wierckz and grandson Ouinn: brothers Jim Byrne of (Cheryl) Greenville, Jerry (Connie) Byrne of Montrose; sisters Donna Carter of Kentwood,

Rosalie McKay of Ada, Marilyn (Rich) Oldenkamp of Lowell; many nieces and nephews. She had been an employee of Amway for 37 years. Funeral services were held Saturday at Alton Bible Church, Rev. Ken Ford, officiating. Interment Alton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Alton Bible Church, 2780 Lincoln Lake Ave. NE, Lowell, MI 49331.

Travelers not driven by holiday season

Michiganians - 10 percent of day travel intentions. The avstate residents - had travel erage cost of this year's Christday period, according to an year. In 2001, survey respon-AAA Michigan survey.

crease over last year, when an compared with \$1,320 in 2002 estimated 1.7 million planned a Yuletide car, train or plane

partially attributable to an in- ing the Christmas holiday. crease in the number of unde- Thirty-eight percent flew to cided survey respondents this their final destination - an inyear compared to last. Those crease of 8 percentage points who did not traveling cited from last year. This year, 55 the economy as the main rea- percent said they traveled by son. Projected travel is also car, truck or van. The remaindown nationwide - AAA re- ing travelers went by train (5 ports 59.1 million Americans percent) or in an RV or motor had travel plans this Christ- home (3 percent). mas, a 1-percent decrease from last year.

for Christmas 2002 was the nine last year. lowest since 1996, when AAA

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An estimated 1 million Michigan began tracking holiplans over the Christmas holi- mas vacation was less than last dents indicated they would That's a 42-percent de- spend an average \$2,000, - a decrease of 34 percent.

Three quarters of those traveling (78 percent) trav-The decrease is at least eled outside of Michigan dur-

The average planned length for a holiday trip is Thenumber of travelers eight days, compared with

Other survey findings:

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 Sixty-five percent of those taking a vacation over Christmas will be visited relatives.

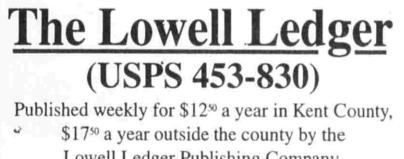
Upon arrival at the destination, plans for accommodations are: with relatives (48 percent): hotel/motel/resort (25 percent): rented cottage/second home (8 percent); trailer/RV (5 percent).

Michigan motorists paid about 20.4 cents more for a gallon of gas this year (\$1.348 as of Dec. 8), compared to last year at this time.

During last year's (2001) 102-hour Christmas holiday period, 12 persons died in Michigan in 12 fatal traffic crashes. Of the 12 fatal



Never judge a work of art by its defects. -Washington Allston ***



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NOTICE OF MEETING FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM **SMALL URBAN PROGRAM LOWELL AREA**

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Englehardt Public Library Community Room (200 North Monroe Street) to receive comments on eligible street improvement projects in the Lowell area for the Federal Surface Transportation Program allocated to the Small Urban Program.

Road and transit projects are eligible for funding under the Small Urban Program. All road projects must be located on the Federalaid highway system, and within the federal urban area boundaries of cities within 5,000 to 50,000 populations. Projects must be consistent with regional land use and development plans.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is accepting Small Urban Program project applications for the years 2004 and 2005. An application from the Lowell area will be submitted after the public meeting and in consultation with transportation agencies.

If there are any questions, please contact David M. Pasquale, City Manager at 897-8457 or write to 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331. Written comments prior to the meeting will be accepted.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk



crashes, two (17 percent) involved alcohol. Restraints were not used by three of the 10 victims who had them available (30 percent).

During last year's 102hour New Year holiday period, 11 people died in 10 fatal crashes statewide. Of the 10 fatal crashes, five (50 percent) involved alcohol. Restraints were not used by two of the seven victims who had them available (29 percent).

Michigan's safety belt law requires that the driver and all front seat passengers be buckled, children under the age of four must be in a child safety seat, preferably in the back seat, and children up to age 16 must be restrained no matter where they're riding. AAA Michigan urges motorists to allow extra time, buckle safety belts, get plenty of sleep and avoid alcohol (for a complete list of nonalcoholic drink recipes, visit What's New at www.aaamich.com)

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Artist Alliance group exhibition at LAAC

Patrons of the Arts Council will be familiar with the group of artists displaying their work which includes pastels, watercolors, acrylic and other diverse mediums.

One of the first exhibits of the Artist Alliance was held in 1994 at the Ada Township Hall. Now this diverse and talented group returns to the area with an exhibit at the Lowell Area Arts Council at 149 S. Hudson. The public is cordially invited to attend the opening reception to meet the artists on Sunday, Jan. 5 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. The exhibit runs through Feb. 1.

"These artists have been very involved with the council in years past," said Lowell Area Arts Council's executive director, Lorain Smalligan. "Many have longterm relationships with the council that extend back to our origin.

This diverse show features the work of 11 West Michigan Regional artists with state and national recognition. Their artistic styles include nonobjective and abstract to realistic, offering an interesting combination of son" creates unique abstract technical skills and imaginative efforts for the viewer.

Well-known Grand Rapids' artists include "Eunice Bolt's" impeccable veils of sheer watercolor, and "Betts Casey's" non-objective black

ors in acrylic.

Holland papermaker centers and museums. "Alice Breese" produces sculptural vessels of leaves, figures and large compositions on floating sheets of in such far-off states as Conhandmade paper.

new to the group are "Howard Garet" with his realistic compositions of local scenes in pastel and watercolor, and "Anne Morgan's" unique sepia assemblages and works on paper.

Spring Lake artists' "Carol Brauer Schmidt" presents her landscapes and whimsical people with soft edges in oil pastels, the medium also used by "Carol Cousineau" who produces jewel-like colorful landscapes

Three other painters are also from Spring Lake: "Linda Baker" is well known for her transparent watercolors of her favorite wicker furniture and flowers, while watercolorist "Deborah Lass" has built a fine reputation for her water and Koi fish compositions. "Wanda Gringhuis Anderwatermedia pieces embellished with collage, stitching and patterning.

The Alliance was formed in 1992 as an offshoot of the an egalitarian fashion, every-Rivertown Artists' Guild out of a desire to show in more ning, marketing and shipping, and white abstracts on can- challenging areas and to mar- and all members are active in vas. "Lin Westra" offers hand- ket their work as a group pro- securing shows for the group.

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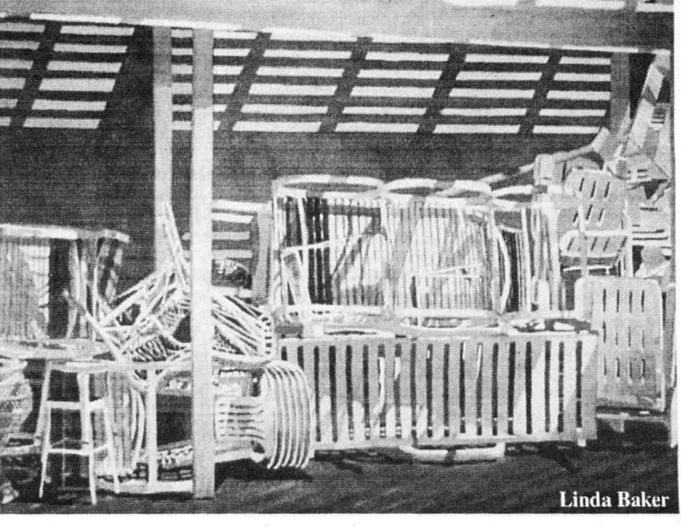
Approximately 20 shows later, this professional group has exhibited in Michigan and necticut, New Jersey and Two Grand Haven artists Florida. Though artists have changed through the years,

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Lorain Smalligan, **Lowell Area Arts Council's executive** director

their commitment to professional excellence has not wavered. They are united in their desire to artistically create. In one shares the work and plan-





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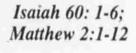
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What you've been missing...

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lighthouses. I don't know the ones called to shine. The quite why, but I have. They wise men came following the seem comforting and stable. light, a start to see the Light Perhaps it is because they of the world, but upon leavstand on the edge of what ing, they shown with the light seems to be the abyss and shine as they frustrated the attempts a light out into it. Especially of Herod to destroy it. For the in darkness or foul weather light of God reflected through the light stretching out over us is not overcome by darkthe water serves as a guide to ness. protect and welcome home safely those upon the water.

powerful lights that penetrate Christ that breaks through the the darkness covering the darkness to give comfort, waters, another famous pas- guidance and hope ... A light sage comes to mind: "The light that not only shines out to us, shines in the darkness and the but fills us with that very light darkness did not overcome it." and calls us to shine. (John 1:5, NRSV). In fact, dwell long upon the image of a lighthouse and scripture passages from throughout the Bible come popping into mind.

If a structure like a lighthouse can evoke such emotions, it should not be surprising that the metaphor for light is so readily applied to Jesus. Whether we see the hope of his coming in the prophecies of the Old Testament or the retelling of his life and significance in the New Testament, the metaphor or symbol of light is present, even pervasive.

We affirm that in the midst of darkness, our light has come. This light triumphs over the darkness of our lives and replaces it instead with reflections of the true light that is Christ. We are called to rise and shine because Christ has come and the glory of God is upon us. Shine because we can say now the darkness and all it holds is pushed back and

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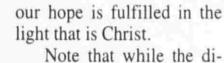
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Kindermusik offers child great start developmentally

gling bells, pounding drums emotional, physical and mu- Mary's Church choir. and floating scarves are just a sical development in children, few of the sights and sounds according to literature from and to register for the class, parents, caregivers and chil- Kindermusik International. dren can enjoy in the Kindermusik classroom all the Village curriculum for year round.

Englehardt Library.

structor, says, "Kindermusik ing stories. Each child then offers a wonderful opportu- receives an "At Home" nity for parents and caregivers packet, including a cd and mato spend precious bonding terials such as books, jourtime with their child, not only nals, and musical instruments, enjoying the fun activities but so activities can be extended also offering their child a great into the home. start developmentally."

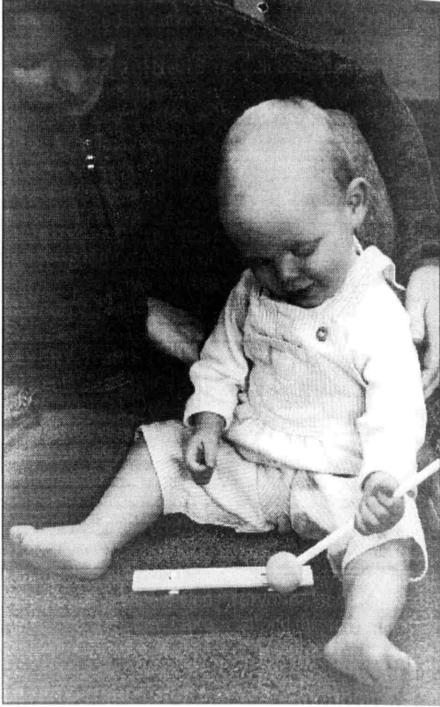
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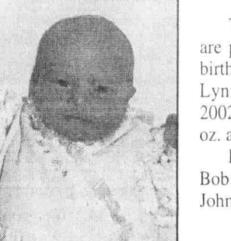
Reagan will be offering babies newborn to 1 1/2 years, This internationally re- and the Our Time curriculum spected music and movement for children ages 1 1/2 to 3 curriculum is now being of- years. In both of these classes, fered through the Lowell Area the parent or caregiver and Arts Council, with classes the child participate together beginning Jan. 4 at the in the classroom activities, ranging from skipping and Becky Reagan, the in- bouncing to rocking and read-

Reagan lives in Lowell Created by early child- with her husband Dr. Jim

Jingle bells aren't just for cifically designed to foster Lowell Women's Club as call the Lowell Area Arts Counthe holidays anymore. Jin- cognitive, language, social, well as sings with the St. cil at 897-8545 or visit www.kindermusik-For more information lowell.com.



Jenny, warms up on the xylophone.



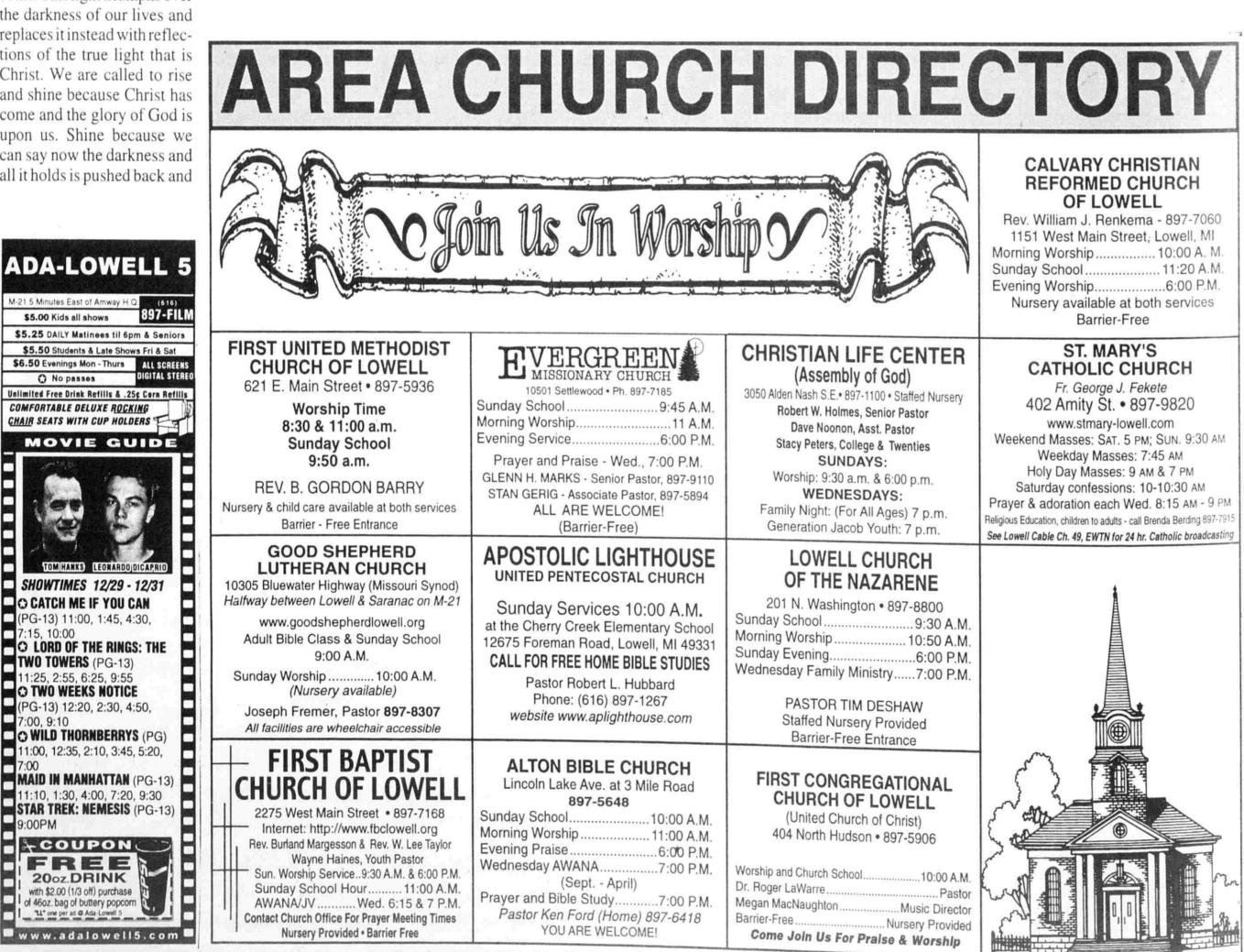
Kayla Lynn Boersen

are pleased to announce the been named Kurtis Eugene birth of their daughter, Kayla Clouser, Jr. Lynn, born December 20, Proud grandparents are 2002. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 Robert and Barb Sturgeon of oz. and measured 20 inches. Newaygo and Ralph and Fran

Bob and Marlene Boersen and John and Cheryl Allen.

A son was born to Kurtis . Clouser and Bobbie K. Sturgeon on October 13, 2002. He weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and was Tom and Jenni Boersen 21 1/2 inches long. He has

Proud grandparents are Clouser of Lowell, Greatgrandparents are Kate Hole of Morley, Eva Sturgeon of happen. Newaygo, and Donna Arlt of Kingsley, Mich.

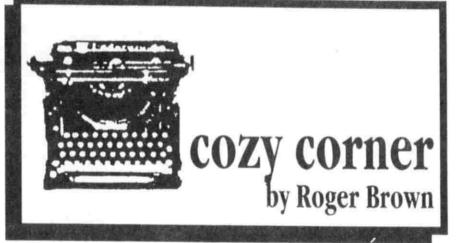


Ceilidh Wagner, right, with the help of her mother,

The thing always happens that you really believe in; and the belief in a thing makes it

Frank Lloyd Wright





'Twas the day after Christmas ... Is it just me, or does that line seem vaguely familiar? Oh well ... 'Twas the day after Christmas. Terese and I were running some errands when we realized it had been a long time since Christmas dinner.

We agreed on the basic premise that it was definitely time for lunch. As usual, and as I suspect is the case with most couples married a long time, we couldn't agree on where to go to get lunch. After a short debate, I broke the stalemate with a suggestion to try a new place I'd heard about on the radio.

The restaurant was, in a word, interesting. The menu was you get for Christmas?" Oh-oh! printed on large boards tacked up around a couple windows where you placed your order and picked up your food. It was no time did I feel like I was in a Mac Donald's.

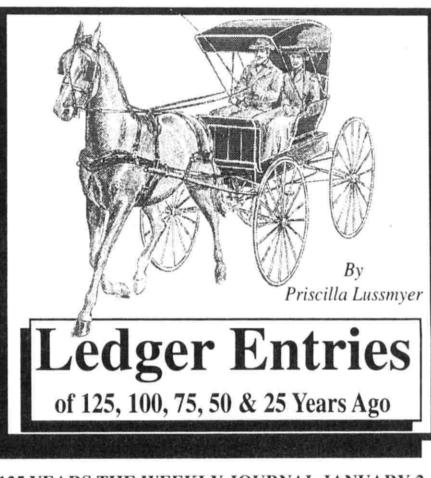
As I approached the order window, I was greeted by a ready." "Jewelry, your order is ready." "Everything on my list, friendly woman sporting a Santa hat. She said, "Happy Holidays! What did you get for Christmas?" The question caught me off guard, but after a second or two of thought, I offered a reply. The woman in the Santa hat laughed, then repeated my answer to the cooks. The cooks laughed as well. Then we got down to the business of lunch.

With our order placed, Terese and I went to the self-serve drink station and filled our cups. We then located a table. I swear this was not a Mac Donald's. As we waited, people were order was ready for pickup.

As customers were paged, I immediately noticed something peculiar ... they were not being paged by name or number. The holiday music would cut out and an amplified something like, "My two front teeth, your order is ready."

It's a given that I can be a little slow on the uptake, but ordering, nor had I been assigned a number. It was evident that

Terese and I waited patiently as other orders were paged. "A long weekend in Key West, your order is ready." "Lots of



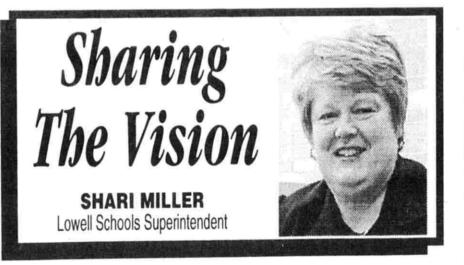
125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JANUARY 2, 1878

Deputy sheriff Edle's horse, kicked during the night by membered. another horse, suffers a broken leg and must be shot. Greenville and Stanton are competing to be the Montcalm

County seat. The state Board of Health sponsors a Dr. Ames to travel

around Michigan giving his lecture, "Poison in Our Homes." There were 2,451 boats which passed through the Sault Ste. Mary ship canal this season. It is now closed for the winter.

The open, warm winter has produced mud everywhere, stalling commerce and closing lumber camps.



One of the accountability measures for the Lowell Area Schools Vision is observation. This measure particularly in the area of character may not be readily available. We as adults and students are more likely to exhibit good character traits when we know someone is watching us. A more accurate measure of our character traits or behavior occurs when the observation takes place without our knowledge.

I received a letter this week from someone who observed some of our students and wanted to share his/her perspective of their behavior. I have included the letter as part of this article.

Dec. 11, 2002

Dear Mr. or Mrs. Superintendent:

I was fortunate to be eating lunch today at Old Country Buffet in the west side of Lansing when two bus loads of Lowel (found out when I went outdoors) young men came in to lunch. You and their parents must be very proud of them. They were an exceptional group of well-dressed, well-mannered young men. With them coming along, I'm surely not worried about the future of America.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 1, 1903

Elmer Schaefer is elected to the American Institute of The Detroit train leaves Grand Rapids too soon and telescopes the rear coach of the Saginaw train as it is stopped Management (he's also running for the village presidency), and Supt. W. W. Gumser is elected president of the Michigan to take on passengers at McCords. Nobody badly hurt. King Milling, as usual, gave employees a turkey for Association of School Administrators. Christmas. This year the coopers (barrel-makers) were in-It's finally getting cold enough for ice skating on Foreman's

cluded.

Quite a few marriages Christmas week; lots of visitors, little news.

With enough snow on the ground, logging is in full swing in the Upper Peninsula, but labor is hard to find and expensive. Telephone operators Agnes Perry and Hattie Lynn thank subscribers for their Christmas gifts.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JANUARY 5, 1928

School naturalist, Steve Harrington will guide a dozen Martin Eickhoff suggests that the new park on Page Creek students in testing water quality in the Flat and Grand rivers as be named "Flat River Park" instead of Fallasburg Park, since part of a countywide program, federally funded. it is not on Fallas property. Isabel Fallas Rutherford defends the name because historic Fallasburg village should be re-The County Department of Social Services starts taking food stamp applications in Lowell, Cedar Springs and Sparta as well as in Grand Rapids. Kent County has a cash balance of \$100,000.

Art Schneider will host a Power Farming Entertainment with demonstrations, movies and free lunch next Wednesday at City Hall.

The MSU Department of Forestry suggests burning waste Subscribers who pay arrears plus a year in advance, and wood in electric generating plants to lessen dependence on new subscribers will receive the Valet Auto-Strop Safety fossil fuels. Razor outfit.

May God Bless!

A 78-year-old onlooker from Michigan with no ties or knows no one from Lowell.

The young men referenced in this letter were in Lansing to be recognized at the state Legislature and are members of the Lowell Red Arrow football team. I extend to the team members, their coaches, their families and this community my compliments. These young men clearly represent this district and the Lowell community very well.

Best wishes from the Lowell Area Schools for a happy and healthy 2003. It takes all of us working together to have a great school district.

As we move into this new year, let us review our commitment to work together to make this the best school district possible and to provide a caring and nurturing learning environment for all of our children. Your ongoing support as parents and community members is very much appreciated.

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed 250 words. "Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledgerbg1@aol.com. Letters must be signed and please include a phone number when emailing.

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your order is ready." Of course all the patrons gaped at the people approaching the pick-up window. I guess it's human instinct to pair a person up with what they got for Christmas. I tried to talk Terese into going after our order, but I knew that was a hopeless cause. I waited for my moment of truth while sipping my iced tea.

Before we go any further, I want to clarify that my response was not original with me. I first heard it from my sonin-law, who uses it to threaten my grandkids as what they will paged over the public address system and informed that their get for Christmas if they aren't good. My daughter says her husband picked it up from my son. My son, who can recite every line from "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" got it from a Chris Farley skit on Saturday Night Live. It's the routine about the inspirational speaker who lives in a van down by the voice would blurt, "Snow skis, your order is ready." Then river. My son has that committed to memory as well. Yes, it's a very strange family I live in.

Suddenly, the holiday music cut away (some Beach Boys after awhile I realized I hadn't been asked for my name when thing about Santa with a hotrod sleigh), the speakers blared, "A HOT CUP OF JACK SQUAT, your order is ready." I rose and customers were being identified by their answer to, "What did shuffled up to the window, trying not to make eye contact with anyone. To my surprise, nobody tried to slip me a few bucks to buy a gift with. I guess I don't look destitute enough.

My long list of New Year's resolutions has to include kinda like a fast food joint, only very homemade and folksy. At clothes, your order is ready." "A trip to Florida, your order is cutting down on the wisecracks. Happy Holidays everybody!

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 1, 1953

pond and the recreation building at the 4-H grounds.

Chicken pox and scarlet fever are making the rounds. "Twinkle," the prize pig, is auctioned off at a record \$4 a pound, bringing the Rotary Club 4-H fund \$800.

An article points out that keeping a good hired hand on the farm is helped by good housing (bathroom and furnace) and machinery in good repair.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER JANU-ARY 4, 1978

Jack Fonger and Bill Dawson retire from the post office. Condemnation starts for relocating part of Parnell Avenue and closing its dangerous intersection with M-21.

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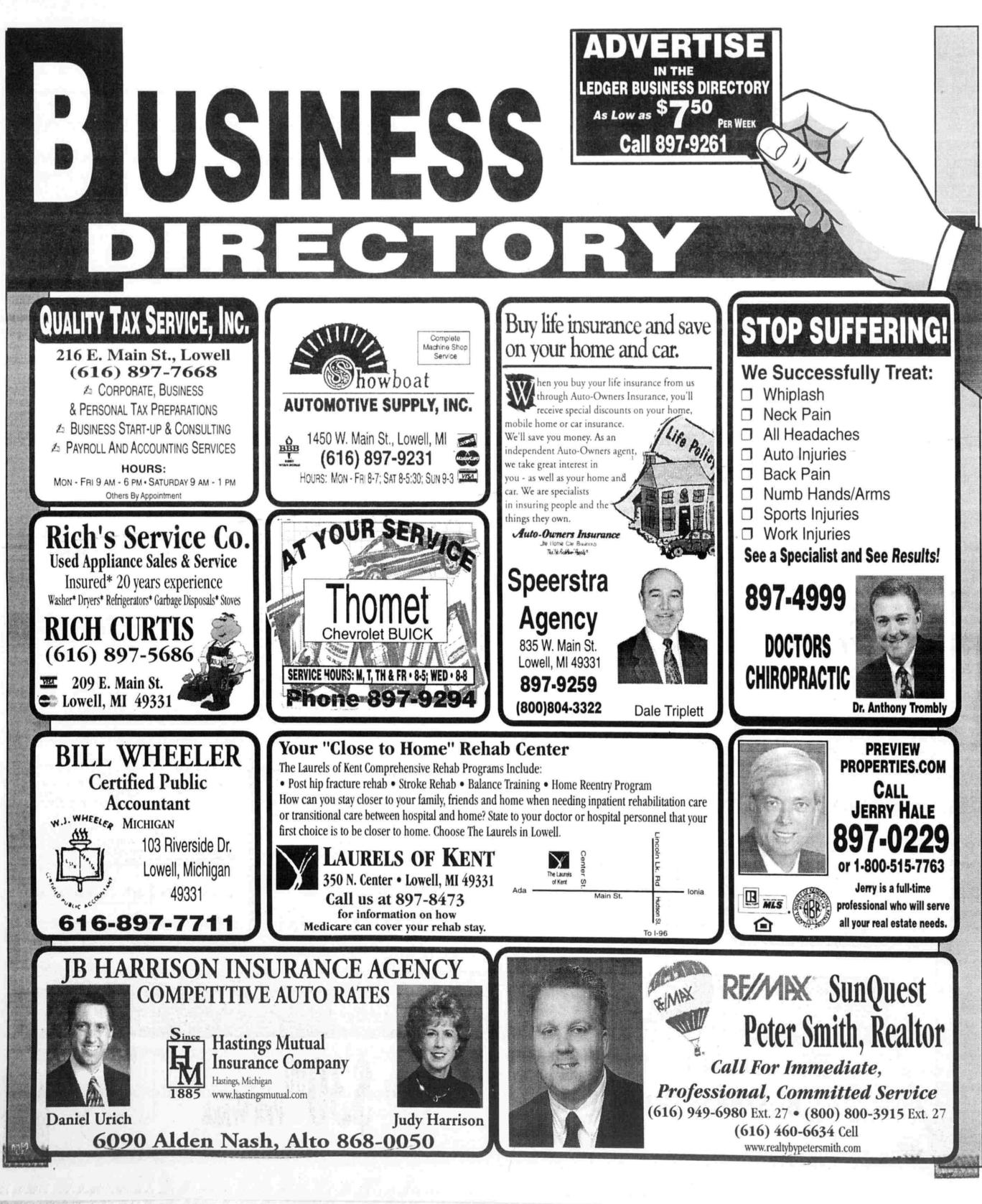
The December Students all-school play, all-school muof the Month at Lowell High School are being honored for Tyler plans to attend the Unitheir exceptional talents and interest in a particular area.

Tyler Nethercott, a se-Foreign Language Department. His extracurricular ac- dition to being a fine person. tivities include SADD, International Club treasurer and president, National Honor State, Homecoming Court, Drama Department. Her ex-

month pictured, back row, musicals. Art and Drama chemistry left to right, are: Tyler Club, FFA, International CAD. He hopes to study elec-Nethercott, Megan Thomp- Club, SADD and manager of trical or mechanical engison and Anthony Mauric; the girls varsity soccer team. neering in college. His teacher front row: Timothy Freed She plans to attend Grand nominator says he has taken and Jordan Nawrocki.

sical, cross country and track. versity of Michigan or Notre Dame to study French and/ or International Business. His one of her top students in ad-He is the son of Michael and Bonnie Nethercott of Lowell. Megan Thompson, a se-

Valley State University in the fall. Her favorite classes are



drama, chemistry and genetics. Her teacher nominator says she displays outstanding efficiency in stage management and takes responsibility for many things without neednior, is being honored by the teacher nominator says he is ing to be noticed. She is the daughter of William and Helen Thompson of Lowell. Anthony Mauric, a jun-

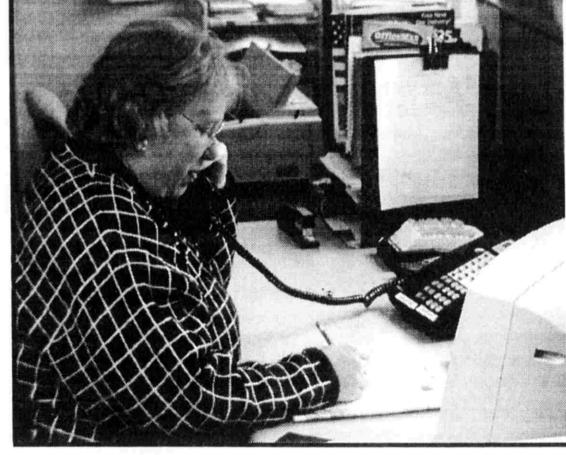
ior, was selected by the Math Department. He is active in Society, Model UN, Boys nior, was selected by the his church youth group and is a math tutor during the tracurricular activities include week. His favorite classes December students of the LHS all-school plays and are AP calculus, honors

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calculus. He is the son of Michael and Cynthia Mauric of Ada. tional Club. He is employed at the Alto Marathon and Taco

responsibility to work diligently to improve his grade in AP Department. His activities include marching band and Interna-Timothy Freed, a senior, was chosen by the Science Bell. He plans to attend Olivet Nazarene University. His



Vergennes' Newest

Janine Mork is the newest smiling face at Vergennes Township Hall.Mork began her role as the township receptionist in early December. Lowell Middle School and Cherry Creek Elementary students will recognize Mork as a district kitchen and playground employee. Mork and her husband Steve, and three children, Ellen, Kirsten and Katy have lived in Vergennes Township since March of 1995.Her role as township receptionist includes answering the phone and waiting on customers. Mork's hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.



teacher nominator says his work shows a true ability to grasp concepts and problem-solve at the highest level in a very difficult physics class. He is the son of Rev. Greg and Chris Freed of Lowell.

Jordan Nawrocki, a junior, is the choice of the Social Studies Department. His activities include swim team, International Club and Young Republicans. Jordan's teacher nominator says he was selected for his extraordinary responsibility and curiosity in the field of history. He is the son of Chris and Kathy Hills of Lowell.

IN THE SERVICE

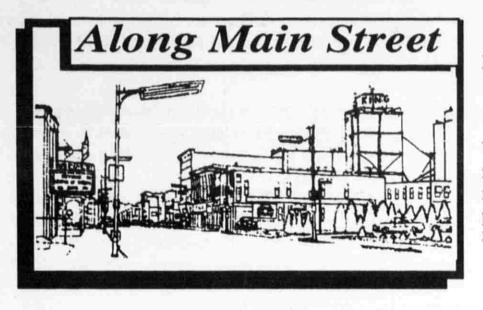
Air Force Master Sgt. David A. Wheelock Jr. has been named the winner of the 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron's non-commissioned officer of the year award and fourth quarter Force Base, Phoenix, Ariz. award

Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, sig-

nificant self-improvement, and other specific achievements and notable accomplishments

The newly promoted master sergeant is an aerospace ground equipment technician assigned at Luke Air

Wheelock is a 1982 graduate of Saranac High School. He is the son of David and Julia Wheelock of Saranac.



LUMINARY WALK AT WITTENBACH CENTER There will be a guided luminary walk on Saturday, Jan. 4

from 5-7 p.m. at the Wittenbach Center. Rent snowshoes! \$10 adults, \$5 kids. The HS Environmental Club will provide Christmas tree shredding from noon - 4 p.m. and there will be live music by Lowell Music Ensemble.

The years teach much which the days never knew. -Ralph Waldo Emerson

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS REGULAR MEETING The Lowell Athletic Boosters meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. in the staff lounge at the high school.

VOLUNTEER DOCENT TRAINING

The Lowell Area Historical Museum is conducting a Volunteer Docent Training on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. at the museum (corner of Hudson and Main streets). If you are interested in learning more about Lowell area history while providing a much needed service, please call Judy Straub at 897-7688.

L.H.S. BAND CONCERT RESCHEDULED

The Lowell High School Bands Holiday Concert is rescheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Admission is free; everyone is welcome to attend.

WINTER FAST PITCH CLINIC

The Lowell High School softball coaches will be holding a winter fast pitch pitching clinic at Riverside gym for girls interested in becoming a softball pitcher. Wednesdays: Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5, 12, 19. 6th graders and under report at

6 p.m.; 7-8 graders at 7 p.m. Clinic: \$25; applications at Lowell Middle School, Cherry Creek, Alto and Bushnell. Call Bob Rodenhouse at 897-4125 or 245-4596 for more information.

SNOWMOBILER TRAIL MAPS The West Michigan Trail System is marked and ready to ride. The Trailhead is Deer Run Golf Course where maps are available as well as at other sites along the trail.For more information call Flat River Snowmobile Club at 897-5015.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT JAN. 9 IN LPAC The counseling staff at Lowell High School will have a financial aid night Thursday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center for students planning to attend college next fall. Juniors, seniors and their parents are welcome.

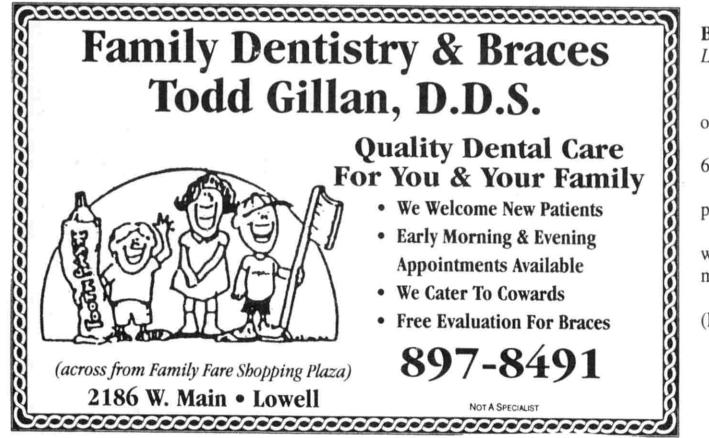
FOODMOBILE COMING TO FAIRGROUNDS The Foodmobile will be at the 4-H Fairgrounds, Foreman Building on S. Broadway on Saturday, Jan. 11 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. or until the food is gone. Bring your own box or bag. This food (mostly produce) is available to anyone. Distributed by Flat River Outreach Ministries.

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Maplewood Square Apartments **New-Upscale-Energy Efficient**

All apartments on one level, laundry room, attached garage, covered porches, all appliances included. Now Available: One 2-bedroom & one 3-bedroom unit!

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with sun," Gilmore said. "Flat River Grill is also centrally located amidst other small towns. We're excited to be and specialty beers here in Lowell.'

Flat River Grill, like other Gilmore Enterprise bistros, offers unique wood-fired feasts.

Nearly everything is come without challenges. made from scratch using fresh

food and vegetables, and is cooked over burning wood. The grill also offers wines

The new bistro is the 15th restaurant opened by Gilmore Enterprises. While there has been plenty of success, Gilmore says none of it has

Changes may be in the offing for township ordinance

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Vergennes Township will begin the new year tackling changes to its home based business The changes will be discussed at the Vergennes Township Planning Commission's Jan. The proposed changes will require a zoning compliance permit instead of a special use This will require that a resident sign a legal agreement stating they understand that if and Rental storage application (for existing buildings) only applies to those living in an RA A public hearing will be held on the proposed changes on Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. The township's home-based business ordinance was first adopted in 1998.

ordinance 6 meeting (7 p.m.) must either move their business or downsize. (Rural-Agricultural) district.

when their business (home based, rental or home occupation) grows out of compliance, they



for our success is the people working for us. Chris West will be our general manager in Lowell and she is just top notch," Gilmore said. "The fact she is a very familiar face in Lowell never crossed our mind in the selection process."

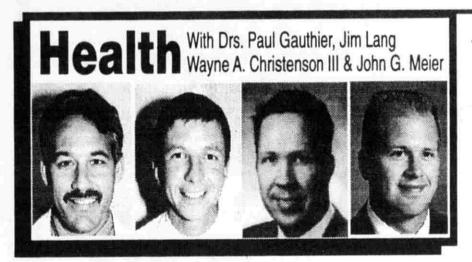
"The number one reason





GILLMANIA

Last year was not, for me, a good year for ice fishing. The moderate temperatures last winter were not favorable for making solid ice. The water on some lakes finally froze solid enough to walk on, but I missed getting on them when the fish were biting. The hunger for a mess of fresh bluegills will motivate me to pay more attention to ice conditions and



KICKING THE HABIT

As we enter the New Year, many will make a New Year's hockey team had hoped for. mas Lowell hosted the Bay a reverse of the previous day, resolution to quit smoking. If you are a smoker, quitting is the The Lowell/Caledonia icers Area Thunder at Standard the Thunder scored an empty absolute best thing you can do for your health. Smoking causes cancer, heart disease, emphysema and increases your risk of stroke. Nicotine, which is present in tobacco, is the agent holiday break. responsible for the physical addiction of smoking.

Ouitting smoking is hard but thousands of people have been successful by using a number of different strategies. Pick a date and inform your family and friends of your decision. Joining a smoking cessation group through one of the local the Jackson Optimist Arena some assistance from his unassisted goal by Brandon hospitals will give you support in your effort to quit.

Nicotine replacement therapy will help reduce the physi- mas. In a very physical con- The Red Arrows took a 2-1 rarily pulled the Red Arrows cal cravings for nicotine. Studies have shown that the various test, the Red Arrows held their lead when the John brothers within one goal of the Thunnicotine replacement products will increase your chances of own through both the first and reversed the scoring with Josh der. successfully quitting. Nicotine gum can be used as needed when the smoker feels a craving for nicotine. Nicotine patches are worn throughout the day to keep a steady level of nicotine two teams going into the third for the Red Arrows was scored

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP Notice of Adoption Ordinances 2002-16 and -17

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a public meeting held on December 16, 2002, the Vergennes Township Board adopted Ordinances 2002-16 and -17, amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance A summary of the text amendments follows:

Ordinance 2002-16

Section 201.3075 "R-L" Lake Residential Chapter 3/Article III Zoning Districts

The amendments add clarification provisions for lots not served by public sewer to meet lot size, width and setbacks equivalent to the R-1 District (1 acre, 165' lot width).

Ordinance 2002-17

Section 201.309 Industrial District - Chapter 3 Article III Zoning Districts

The amendments add lighting standards fo the Industrial District that mirror curren standards of the Commercial District, with the purpose being to keep lighting at a minimum and within each development site.

The complete text of the adopted ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 Phone: (616) 897-5671. They will also be posted to the township web site www.vergennestwp.org.

> Mari Stone Vergennes Township Clerk

locate unannounced hot-spots.

Early in the season when the first safe ice forms is a good time to fish gills. The fish generally feed aggressively at this time and are easier to find and catch. Later in the season the bite tends to slow down and one must work harder for a mess of gills. Keep your ears open and check with fishermen and bait to find fish. shop proprietors to get tips on where the fish are biting. Driving around to different lakes and looking for groups of busy to fillet and scale the fish leaving the skin on. As soon as anglers can be an effective method for finding productive water. If none of the above work, you're on your own and will need to put in the time fishing spots that produced in the past or seek new locations and drill a lot of holes.

A short ultra light ice rod with a spring bobber, two to four pound-test monofilament line, an assortment of small #12 jigs in different colors, wax worms for bait, an ice auger, and a depth finder (a lead weight to clip onto the line) make up the eating bluegills is a good way to spend a Michigan winter. required basic equipment. An electronic fish locator is helpful.

able.

medication Zyban. It is a prescription medication that affects a 20 percent long-term quit rate. certain chemicals in the brain to alleviate withdrawal sympin combination with nicotine replacement systems. Usually for your health. Good luck and best wishes in the New Year.

in the body. Nicotine inhalers or nasal sprays are also avail- you take the medication for abcurreek prior to quitting. It is the most effective medication able for successful One of the most successful agents to help you quit is the quitting. Even with use of this medication there is only about

If you are one of those who decided to quit this year, toms. It is not a nicotine replacement drug and it can be used remember that it is the single most important thing you can do

Red Arrow hockey team salvages one of three holiday games

season did not bring the cheer build on their lead. that the Red Arrow varsity

Arrows short-handed for most Brown. of the remainder of the third

second periods with only a getting the goal and Brandon one-goal deficit separating the the assist. The game winner period of play. Jackson scored by Brandon Gillikin late in quickly in the third; then a the second with assists going series of penalties left the Red to Josh Baker and Kraig

The following day Low-

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

All meetings are held at the Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Dr., at 7:00 pm. For further information, phone 897-5671, or for a calendar o these and other events visit the township web site a www.vergennestwp.org.

THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2003 ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

January 20 February 17 March 10 April 21 May 19 June 16

October 20 November 17 December 15

July 21

August 18

September 15

THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR 2003 ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

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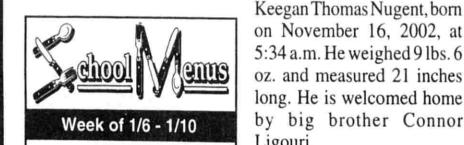
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The Zoning Board of Appeals meet as required or requested.

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The Christmas holiday period allowing Jackson to ell traveled to Bay City to take on the Thunder at the now stands at 4-4-1 and they The Friday after Christ- Bay County Civic Center. In are 1-0 in conference play. This week they will take on Union on Thursday, Jenison on Friday, and will travel to were dealt losses in two of the Federal Ice Center. An open net goal in the waning mothree games played during the net goal by Brandon John in ments of the game to defeat Holland on Saturday for their the closing seconds sealed the the Red Arrows 4-2. The Red second conference game Jackson High School 4-2 win for the Red Arrows. Arrows chased the Thunder against West Ottawa. ended a three-game winning The Thunder struck first but the entire game, trailing 2-0 streak for the Red Arrows by Lowell quickly responded at the end of the first and 3-1 handing them an 8-4 loss at with Brandon John getting at the end of the second. An the Saturday before Christ- brother Josh to tie to the game. John in the second tempo-

> Eric Austin teamed with Chad Rau and Dustin Hofert to bring the Red Arrows within striking distance once again late in the third. With a little over a minute remaining, goaltender David Maylone skated to the bench and the ensuing six-man rush came within inches on two occasions of tying the game but the Thunder held on until they sealed the win with the empty netter.



ELEMENTARY

MON: Chicken nuggets or chili, bread slice, pineapple tidbits, garden salad

TUES: Pancake dippers or assorted cereal, scrambled eggs, juice choice, tater tots.

WED: Italian dunkers with meat sauce or Crispito and roll, cheese stick, sweet peas, cling peaches.

THURS: Taco in crunchy shell w/ lettuce and cheese or pork RibBQ on bun, fresh fruit choice. baked beans, homemade cookie.

FRI: Cheesey pizza or soft shell chicken taco, pasta salad, pears, car-

fishing reports this year. I also plan to aggressively explore to A friend has a Vexilar flasher and it works great. Wear plenty of warm clothes and you are in business.

Jig the bait at different depths. Most often gills hold just off the bottom, but will sometimes bite just below the ice or suspend in between. Sometimes fish will bite in one location and at other times it will be necessary to keep moving around

If you catch some gills, the best part is yet to come. I prefer possible after catching the fish, roll them in flour and fry them quickly in hot sunflower oil. If you prefer baked or deep fried fish they will taste great cooked that way too. Bluegills are excellent table fare no matter how you fix them.

Pike, perch, and crappie (specks) could also be on the menu this time of the year, but that's another story. If you are not going to spend the winter in the Bahamas, catching and

The Red Arrows' record

AREA BIRTHS

birth of their second child,

Keegan Thomas Nugent, born

on November 16, 2002, at

oz. and measured 21 inches

long. He is welcomed home

by big brother Connor

Jim and Sharon McFall and

Terry and Jean Nugent of

Lowell. Great-grandparents

are Paul and Eleanor

Dintaman and Bonnie

Jakeway. He is also wel-

comed home by aunts and

uncles Renee Nugent, Sheila

and Conan Burkhardt, Betsy

and Mike Nugent and Kim

and Russ Race, as well as

cousins Tyler and Kristen

Burkhardt, Steven Bouwman.

Jacob and Nicole Nugent, and

Logan, Garrett, Holly and

When love speaks, the

voice of all the gods

make heaven drowsy

with the harmony.

-William Shakespeare

Love's Labor's Lost

Breyden Race.

Proud grandparents are

Ligouri

Keegan Thomas Nugent Tom and Kathy Nugent are proud to announce the

Red Arrow grapplers stumble to Tri County; third at Grandville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

History bares this out... Lowell has not enjoyed much 32. success at the Tate and Marge Frederick Invitational in Grandville.

Saturday as the Red Arrow wrestling team placed third ing his club's difficulties. in the 10-team field.

secutive year. This time the point could also be said of battle out a victory against ell, it's big," said Tri County that match today." Vikings upset the defending Division II state champion 34-

"It's always something. Something always seems to beginning of February. go wrong here and at Lake-It repeated itself again on wood," said Lowell wrestling squad on the mat for the Gary coach, Dave Strejc in explain- Rivers Memorial Tourna-

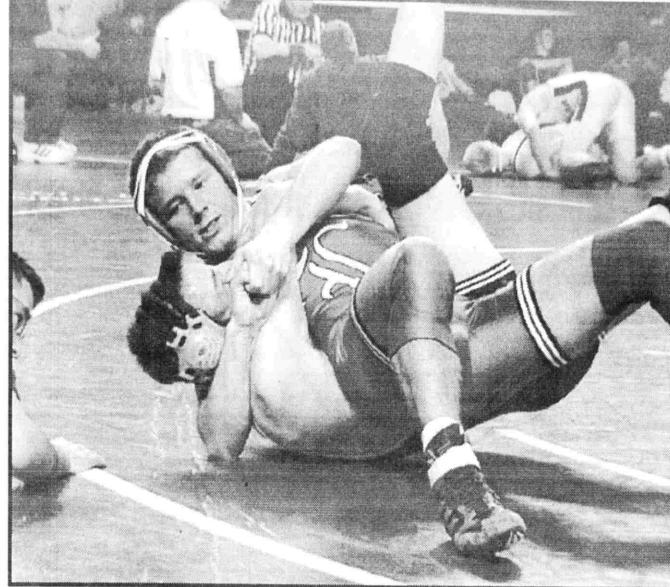
Lowell lost its opening tributed to not yet being able wood." match of the tournament to to field his projected starting

Grandville and Tri County.

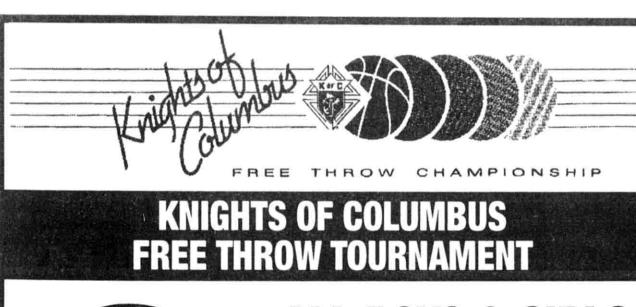
Strejc is now focused on getting his full squad on the mat by the end of January,

"I'd like to have the full ment," Strejc explained. "If Some of that can be at- not that, then definitely Lake-

Minus its 103 pounder, Tri County for a second con- lineup. However, that same Tri County found a way to



Beau Wilder needed all of 52 seconds to pin his Jenison challenger.



ALL BOYS & GIRLS AGES 10 THRU 14

are invited to participate in the 2003 St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. Participation is free. Winners at each age level receive trophies and the opportunity to move on to the district competition.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with more than 1.6 million members. Last year, Knights donated over 57 million volunteer hours and \$116 million to charitable causes to benefit their church, councils, communities, families and youth.

> **TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2003** 7:00 P.M. AT CHERRY CREEK ELEMENTARY YOU MAY REGISTER AT THE COMPETITION

QUESTIONS? CALL BRENT NOSKEY 897-4982 Lowell. "That was a huge win.

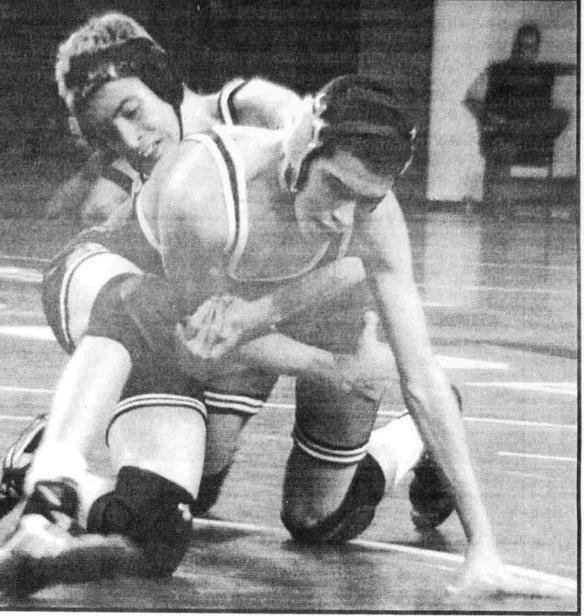




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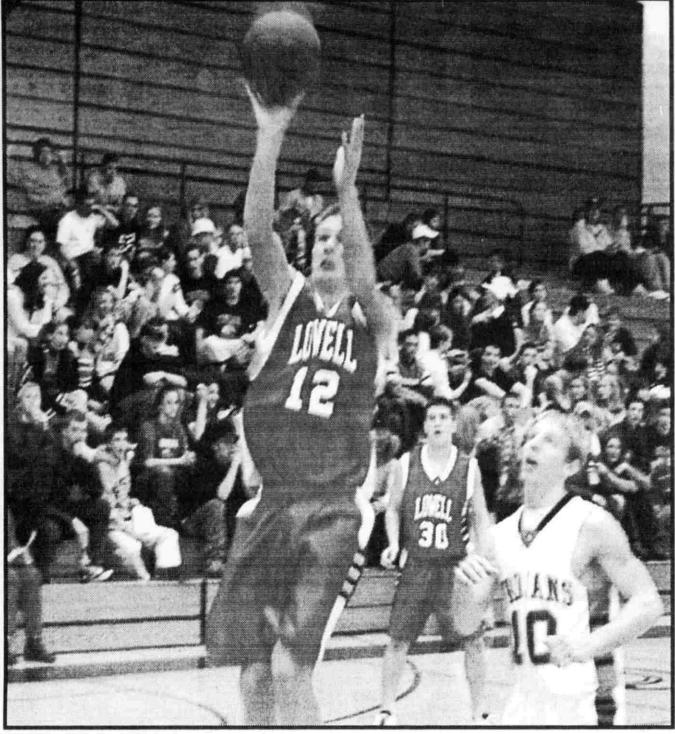
coach, Mike VanderHyde. "We beat them here last year. Anytime you can beat Low- We wrestled really well in

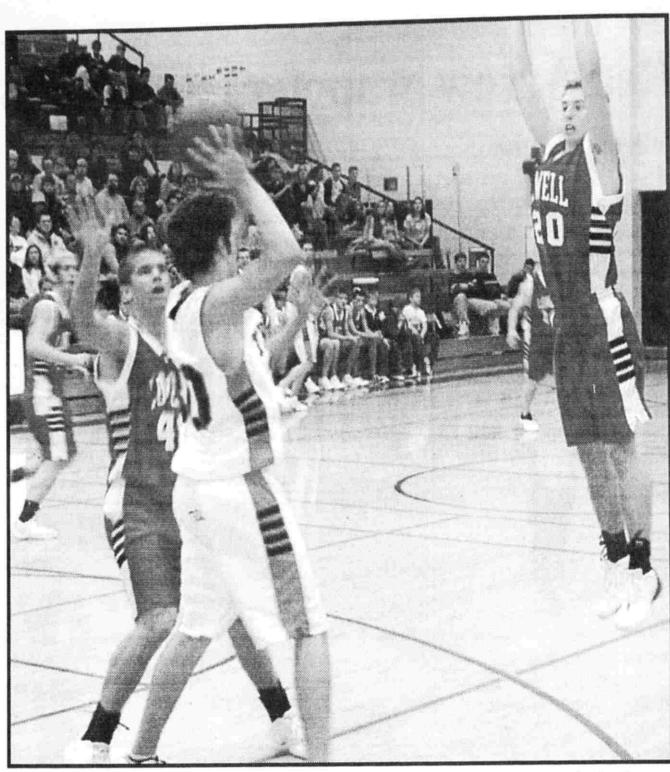
Tri County won eight of the 14 matches, including a Wrestling, cont'd. pg. 12



David Kropf recorded a 9-1 major decision in Lowell's 50-22 win over Jenison.

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Mike Koster pulls up for a short jumper in the lane in second half action against Middleville. The Red Arrows lost to the Trojans 62-57.

Andy McQueen (#40) and Craig Carpenter (#20) pressure Middleville's Devon Huisman in the backcourt.

Trojans shoot down Red Arrows, 62-57

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Kurt Holzhueter wanted his Middleville club to look for more shots from beyond the three-point arc.

His Trojans not only looked, they found and they drained seven treys in their 62-57 nonconference win over the visiting held a 48-41 lead to begin the final eight minutes of play. Red Arrows Friday night.

explained. "The key to the game, though, was our quick start in the third quarter. We also had a good finish to the first half after Lowell controlled much of the second quarter."

For a second straight game, Lowell struggled from the floor. "There, for a while, we were trading missed layups for their made triples," said Lowell varsity basketball coach, Jeff McDonald

While happy with his club's effort and energy, McDonald said his club needs to do some fundamentals a little better. "I thought we could have done some fundamental things a little differently... like ball fakes, getting the ball into the middle, and penetrating better.

Lowell was also hurt by a lack of offensive rebounds. "I have to do a better job of coaching and getting the guys into

situations to get some offensive rebounds," McDonald said The Red Arrows trailed 16-12 after one quarter of play and minute of play to seal the victory. the two clubs were tied 30-30 at halftime

Middleville opened the third quarter on a 7-0 run. They Lowell got to within five at 56-51 with the ball but a

"I thought we got our outside shots tonight," Holzhueter turnover on an in-bounds pass prevented the Red Arrows from cutting into the deficit.

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advantage

A Beau Wilder (135 pounds) 17-12 decision against Mike Cole pulled the Red Arrows within four at 26-22.

Kevin Frazier (23-5) and Jamie DeLiefde (8-7) to extend its Eaton Rapids (48-15). lead to 34-22.

A 16-4 major decision by Bobby Gingerich (152) and a

Middleville netted six of eight foul shot over the last Mark Rolison and Brett Knight led Middleville in scoring

with 14 points apiece.

Central on Friday.

string of five in a row from 189 to 112 to build a 22-10 pin by Ryan Dykhouse at 160 pounds made the final deficit

While Lowell may have started its day in an inauspicious manner, it finished it with four victories over Lansing Eastern Tri County responded with back-to-back decisions over (55-21); Grandville "B" team (60-21), Jenison (50-22) and

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Sam Oberlin netted 15 to lead Lowell while Mike Koster scored 11 and Andy McQueen added 10 for the Red Arrows. Lowell drops to 3-2 overall and travels to Forest Hills



Notices in The Ledger's "Com- EVERY MON .: Boy Scout EVERY WED .: Rotary EVERY 2ND THURS .: LOWELL AREA ARTS ing Events" are free of charge Troop 102: boys 11 & up or meets at noon at Lowell N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 COUNCIL: Open Tues., to any nonprofit organization completing 5th-grade, Masonic Temple. in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & meets 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Saranac areas. We prefer Scout Cabin on N. Washsuch notices to be kept brief ington St. Call Terry (Sr. adults) at Franciscan EVERY 3RD THURS .: Call 897-8545. and to be submitted by mail, 868-6481. but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

EVERYMONTH: Flat River at Schneider Manor Com-Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse (11841 ?'s call 897-2760. Potters Rd.) east of Montcalm Ave. For dates call 897-5015.Guests welcome

Single adults, ages 25-50 vears, meet 4 - 5:30 p.m. TUES .: Flat River at First United Methodist Woodcarvers meet at Church of Lowell. Social LAAC 6:30-8:30 p.m. New time/ It. Bible study. Call members welcome. Mark 897-8642 or Tammy 897-0872.

EVERY MON .: Lowell 7-9 p.m. Free. Call Gary High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in members homes. Call 676-1355 for details.

SECONDMON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds grammeetings/evenmos: ter Colleen F.S.E. at support for pregnant & monthly board meeting at chamber office at 7 p.m. Public invited. 897-7161.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowel Board of Education meets at 7:00 p.m. in Administra tion Building, 300 High Street.

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

THIRD MON. OF THE MONTH: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of the Nazarene Church. For info. call Dave : 897-2533.

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

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Schneider Manor, Bldg. D, 725 Bowes Rd. 8 p.m.

1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH: Diabetic Support group (7 p.m.) at 1st United Methodist Church dining room. ?'s call 897-2760.

THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MON .: V.F.W. Post #8303 (men only) meets at 7:00 p.m.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Dia- tion? Call Pat 897-7842. betic Support group meets munity Room at 9:30 a.m.

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

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423

p.m., in Board Room at from Lowell in activi-300 High St. Business ties.9:45-10:45 a.m. or meetings/odd mos; pro- 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. Call Sis-

EVERY SECOND & ment Center, 897-7842. FOURTH TUES .: Knights of Columbus #7719 meets St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

EVERY SECOND TUES .: Lowell Masonic Lodge reg. meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club ton, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Register meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

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

EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults w/ AD/HD Issues Group meeting: Calvin College #206 of the Commons bldg. Connie 942-6887

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

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

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

EVERY WED .: "Peppers" p.m. \$10/wk. Transporta-

EVERY WED.: Lowell Call Dawn 862-8841. Church of the Nazarene gram, 7 p.m., 5-12 years.

EVERY SECOND WED .: Board meets at 7:30 p.m. Call 897-6050.

EVERY SECOND WED .: Club meets noon in com-Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

Elderly volunteers needed Franciscan Child Develop- breastfeeding women

EVERY FOURTH WED .: Support group for Peripheral neuropathy meets at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Grand Rapids. 897-9794.

THURS .: Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washing-1/2 hr. before meetings. New members invited 1-800-651-6000.

EVERY THURS.: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers: Saranac High School, Choir - 6:30 p.m./ band -7:30. Kathy 897-5981.

classes at Franciscan Life Averill Historical Museum Process Center from 6:30 of Ada, 7144 Headley 1-4 - 8:30 p.m. \$10/hour/ \$15 p.m. By appt.: 676-9346. for two. 897-7842 for info.

pregnant women / adolescents at the school: 11 a.m. \$1.50; members free. -3p.m.; Mondays: 5:30-8 p.m. 897-9393.

FIRST THURS .: 4-H drama club meetings at Wed.-Fri.: 12-6 p.m.; Sat. Lowell Middle School choir room. 897-1502 after 5.

FIRST AND THIRD THURS .: Alto Lions Club (7 p.m.) Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash).

Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

Life Process Center: 1-3:30 Rubber stamping group at books, etc. Share supplies. students.

Kent County Youth Fair EVERY THIRD THURS .: Lowell Music Ensemble. Parents Supporting Parchildren. Call 897-7842.

ter, 119 Lincoln Lake, attend this free concert. EVERY FOURTH WED .: Lowell. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

1ST TUES .: WINGS Par- for Intergenerational pro- EVERY THIRD THURS .: ent Group meets 7:30 - 9 gram w/school children LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting7p.m. Mother to mother Nursing children welcome Ada church.Call 752-8300

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

> SECOND SAT. OF EV-ERY MONTH: Ada Historical Society at 1 p.m. at Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley.

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

EVERY THURS .: Pottery EVERY FRI. & SAT .:

LOWELL AREA HIS-EVERY THURS. - St. TORICAL MUSEUM Mary's Pregnancy Crisis HOURS: - Tues., Sat. & Center, 402 Amity St., non- Sun.:1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 denominational help for p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; ages 5-17

> FLAT RIVER OUT-REACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. 897-2037.

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p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs .: noon -7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

Christian Life Center 6-9 THURS., JAN. 2: School p.m. Create cards, scrap- resumes for Lowell area

SAT., JAN. 4: Guided lu-Caravan children's pro- EVERY 3RD THURS.: minary walk, 5-7 p.m. at VFW #8303 Ladies Auxil- Wittenbach Agriscience Call 897-8800 with ???'s, iary: 3 p.m. at Schneider Center; snow shoes avail-Manor Community Room. able (\$10 adults, \$5 children); live music by

at King Memorial Youth ents group at Franciscan MON., JAN. 6: The Lowell Center at the Fairgrounds. Life Process Center: dis- Athletic Boosters meeting cussion for parents of will be at 7 p.m. in the staff lounge at the high school.

G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's EVERY THIRD THURS .: WED., JAN. 8: LHS bands Seniors Travel (all ages). Royal Arch Masons regu-holiday concert at 7 p.m. in Italy (Tuscany area) March munity room at Schneider lar meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Performing Arts Center. Ev- 29-April 6 all inclusive. Call the Lowell Masonic Cen- eryone is welcome to Mary 897-7092.

THURS., JAN. 9: Financial Aid night at 7 p.m. in the LPAC for students planning to attend college next fall. Juniors, seniors and their parents are welcome. Put on by Lowell High School counseling staff.

SAT., JAN. 18: Test for Snowmobile Safety Training, 9 - noon at Flat River Snowmobile Clubhouse, 11841 Potters Rd. Call 897-7398. Study materials, call 269-685-6851.

COMING EVENT - Lowell Seniors Travel (all ages). Norwegian Sky Caribbean cruise Jan. 26-Feb.'03.Call Mary 897-7092.

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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. 1 p.m. Bible Study.

THURS .: 9 a.m. Walk Shop at the Malls: 9:30 Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

FRI., JAN. 3: 12:45 p.m. Shop at Lowell Meijer; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., JAN. 6: 12:45 p.m. Treasured Memories.

TUES., JAN. 7: 12:45 p.m. Shop Ionia K-Mart and Save-A-Lot.

WED., JAN. 8: 8:30 a.m. Co-ed Breakfast; 9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure: 10 a.m. Movie.

THURS., JAN. 9: 1 p.m. Lunch at Cafe in the Woods.

FRI., JAN. 10: 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., JAN. 13: 12:45 p.m. Travelogue "Canada"; 4:40 p.m. Dinner at Keiser's.

TUES., JAN. 14: 12:40 p.m. Lunch at Alto School

WED., JAN. 15: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:45 p.m. Shop at Lowell Meijer

THURS., JAN. 16: 12:00 p.m. Dance.

FRI., JAN. 17: 12:00 p.m. Birthday/Anniversary Celebration; 12:45 Bingo.

MON., JAN. 20: 12:45 p.m. Syl Mosier discussion.

TUES., JAN. 21: 7:15 a.m. Breakfast and Music.; 12:45 p.m. Malteds at the Center.

WED., JAN. 22: 12:40 p.m. Crispy Creme with Bingo.

FRI., JAN. 24: 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

Conference provides FFA members agricultural career information

••• More than 180 members from across the state attend careers and leadership conference.

more than 180 FFA members from across the state, received in-depth leadership training and learned specific skills sources, Dec. 12-13, in Mt. Pleasant. The Michigan Farm Bureau sponsored the Ag Career and Leadership Con-

ters attended.

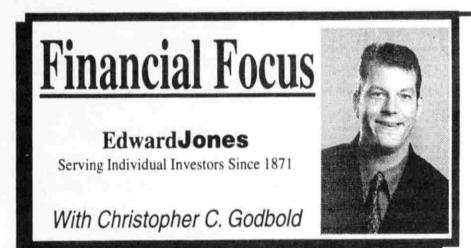
"This conference is a great culture." way for FFA members to learn more about agricultural ca- Bureau Insurance agency their individual professions. necessary within careers in reers," said Matt Smego, managriculture and natural re- ager of the Young Farmer Department at Michigan Farm Bureau and conference coor- ries and a message that each panel of six FFA members new people while learning dinator. "Members got to hear firsthand from college stu- things. The members then culture and natural resources. resources professions,' dents, advisors and professors

manager and past state FFA president, kicked off the con- to hear from peers in the state ference with inspirational sto- Discussion Meet finals, as a individual can achieve great discussed issues facing agri-

FFA members, as part of ference where 37 FFA chap- as to what to work on when heard from a panel of agricul- Specific topics included the looking for a career in agri- tural professionals who an- future of biotechnology and swered questions about their how agriculture can be - and Vic Vercherau, a Farm careers and how they got into continues to be - a profitable

industry that encourages pro-Students also had a chance ducers to remain on the farm.

"The students had a great time and got to meet a lot of about agriculture and natural Smego said.



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going through rough times, many investors "rediscover" particularly high right now, grade" bond. at least it's predictable. But are bonds really that solid and stable? Yes - and no.

EXPECT FROM BONDS regular stream of interest payments. And if you hold the When the stock market is bond until it matures, you will get the full value of your prin- value. cipal back, provided the isbonds. After all, the thinking suer doesn't default. And goes, bonds are fixed-rate in- there's not even much chance vestments, so they must be of that, as long as you pureven if a bond's rate isn't high-quality "investment- market. In that case, as a true acteristics of bonds.First, type of "call protection."

do indeed offer the stability you seek. But now, let's look "solid" as you might expect. Let's look at the "yes" at what happens if you don't The only way you can be side first. When you invest in hold your bonds until matu- sure that you won't lose any JAN. 2: Rose Nead, Helen Carpenter, Pauline LaDue, bonds, you will receive a rity. To begin with, keep in principal on your bond is to

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selling it before it matures, for college. So far, it looks like bonds source of income, bonds may not be quite as "stable" and

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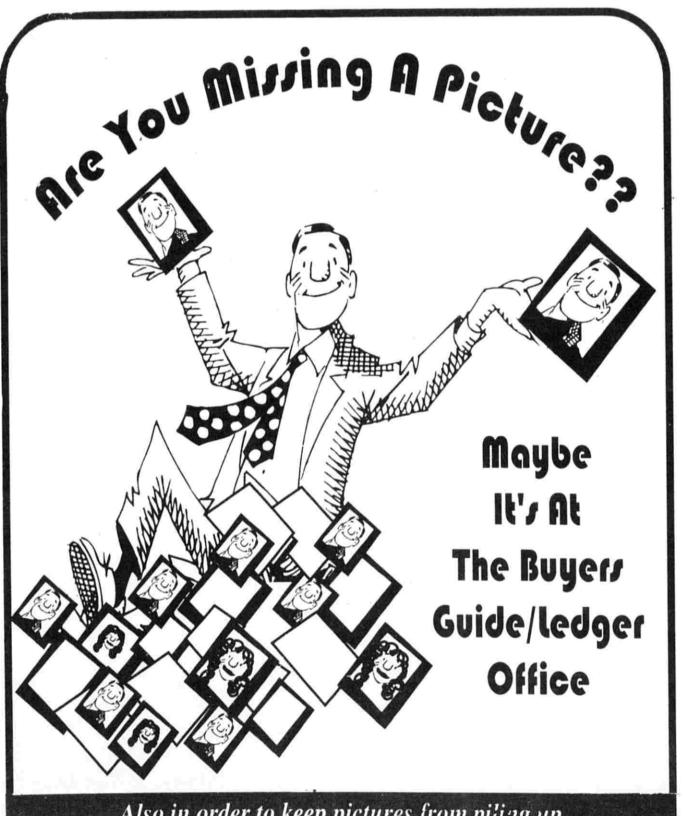
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know exactly when you might mind that bond prices rise and hold it until maturity. One way usually - but not always - pay need to sell a bond, a good fall all the time. For example, to do that is to match a bond's higher interest rates than long-term strategy would be to build a "bond ladder" confive percent interest, and mar- you think you'll need proceeds ond, long-term bonds carry a taining bonds of varying maket rates rise to six percent, from a bond in five years to higher degree of interest -rate turities. Bond ladders also ofthen no one will want to buy help pay for a child's college risk. In other words, the longer your bond at full value, so, if education, you won't want to you hold your bonds, the more fer a degree of income protection: When market rates are low, you'll always have some higher-rate long bonds, Conversely, if market rates risen higher than what your pact on bond prices. You'll and when market rates are fall to four percent, then your 10-year bond is paying - so, if also need to be cognizant of high, you'll have short-term five-percent bond will look you want to sell it, you'd have the fact that your bond may be bonds coming due to reinpretty good to other inves- to take a loss. But if you bought "called" at any time. Bond vest. Bonds may not be the tors, so they'll pay you a pre- a five-year government bond, issuers may pay off principal perfect safe and sound haven mium over and above the face or a high-quality corporate or early - or "call" their bonds municipal bond, you can be when interest rates have you seek from the stormy stock market, but they still Consequently, if you buy reasonably certain of having fallen. They can then reissue a bond with the intention of the money you need in time bonds at a lower rate. Some offer good diversification benefits. In addition, if you bonds, however, can't be paid you need to be prepared for It's so important to be off early, so, before buying a take a long-term perspective, more secure than stocks. And chase a government bond or a the ups and downs of the bond aware of a couple of the char- bond, find out if it offers this ladder bond maturities bonds can offer you smoother sail-

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0 Katie Clements represented the Lowell FFA at the Ag Career and Leadership Conference

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