

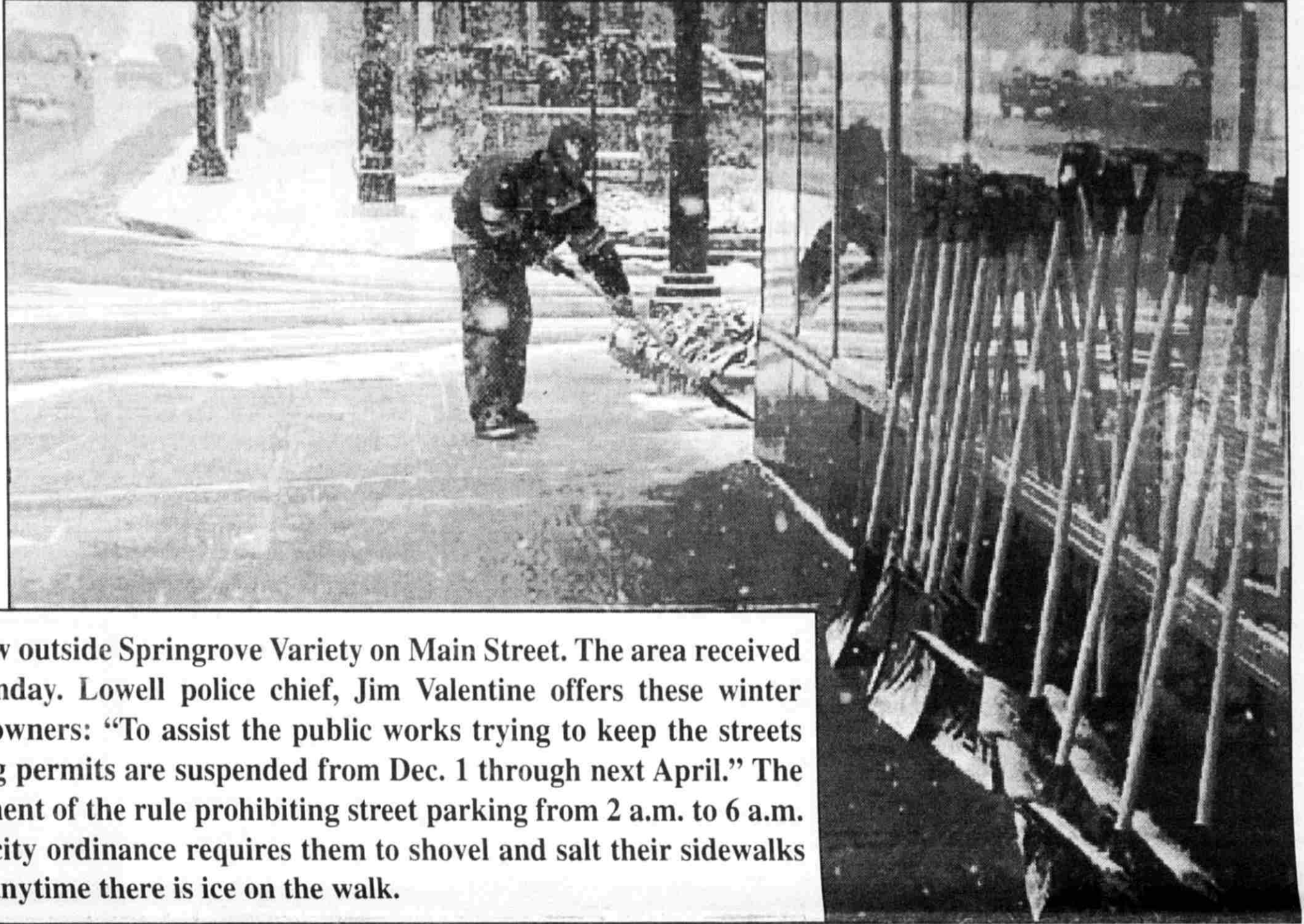
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Wednesday, November 26, 2003

Bundle up!
Here comes Winter!



Charlie Alexander shovels snow outside Springrove Variety on Main Street. The area received its first significant snowfall Monday. Lowell police chief, Jim Valentine offers these winter advisories for drivers and homeowners: "To assist the public works trying to keep the streets plowed, special on-street parking permits are suspended from Dec. 1 through next April." The police will also heighten enforcement of the rule prohibiting street parking from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. Homeowners are advised that a city ordinance requires them to shovel and salt their sidewalks within 24 hours of a snowfall or anytime there is ice on the walk.

"Small World Christmas" Saturday, Dec. 6

Here is a rundown of the events occurring Saturday during the "Small World Christmas" presented by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce:

Santa will start the day at the **Kent County Youth Fair's** breakfast with pancakes, eggs, coffee and hot chocolate. Breakfast lasts from 8 a.m. until noon. Santa

will be there from 8:30 to 9:45 before rushing off to... the **Annual Santa Parade**. The parade begins at 10 a.m., travels on Main Street, and features marching bands and local floats.

Meanwhile, **ice carving** will be going on along Riverwalk Plaza. Students from the culinary arts school at Grand Rapids Community College start carving blocks

of ice at 9 a.m. The ice blocks should become art by 1 p.m. The public is encouraged to vote for the people's choice award in the ice carving event.

The **Lowell Lions Club** will cook and sell hot dogs and hot cocoa on the Riverwalk.

There will be baked goods available at the **Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's** "Pastries

Around Lowell." The chamber is also serving chili.

Hawks and Owls will perform bluegrass at the chamber from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bear Claw Jack will chainsaw logs into sculpture.

The nonprofit **Christmas Tree Contest** judging will take place throughout the day on the *Robert E. Lee*. Ten local nonprofit organizations

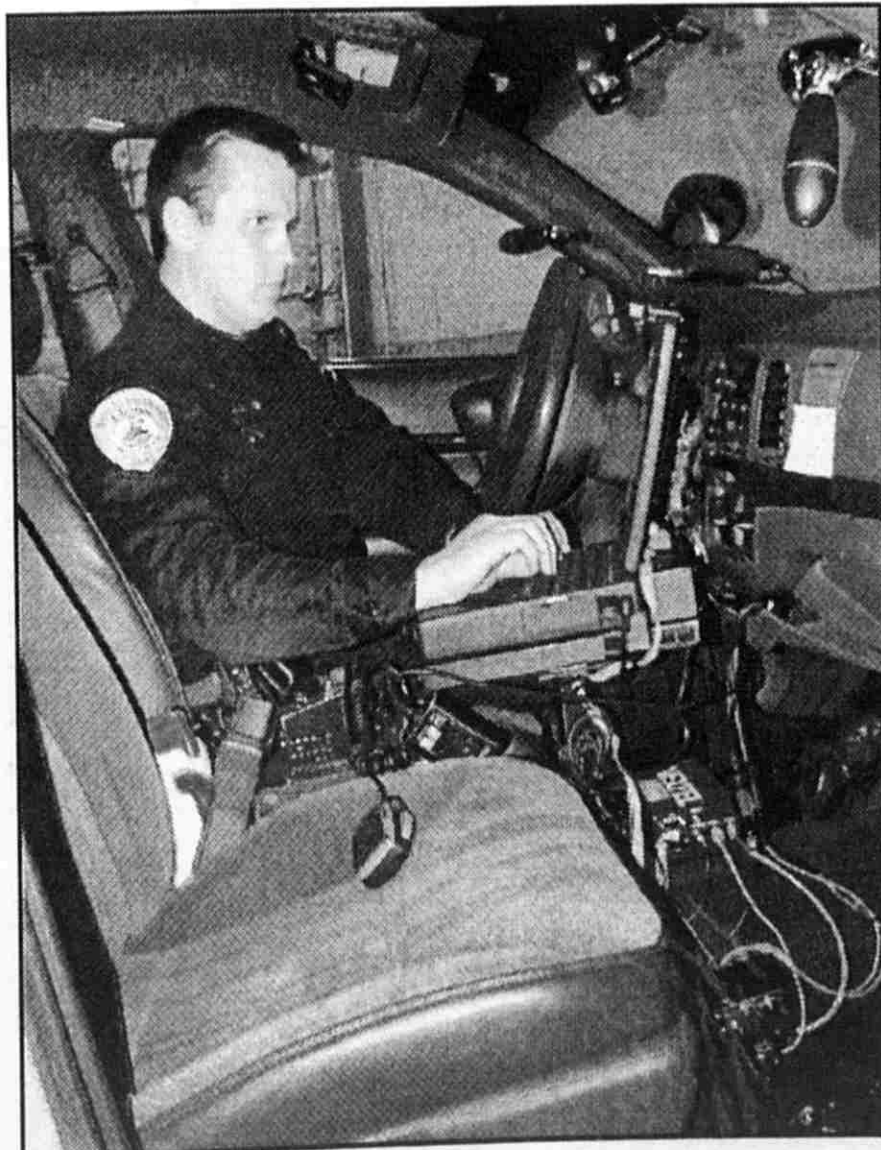
are participating this year. Votes are registered by one-dollar donations to the various groups. The public is encouraged to vote for one or several trees.

The *Robert E. Lee* will also host Santa, available for pictures after the parade until 3 p.m., taking a half-hour break at 1:30 p.m. The cost for a Santa-autographed picture is \$3.

LAS Tots on Track will present **Rudolph's Craft Workshop** at the Englehardt library. Children ages 2-8 can make Christmas crafts from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Finally, Lowell businesses will be open for shopping, many offering special deals for the day. Look for posters at the various businesses to find out what the specials are.

High Tech advances in local law enforcement



Officer Steve Bukala displays new equipment.

New patrol car modems provide more information with a touch of a button to Lowell Police officers

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

The saying goes, "Look for the silver lining," which is what Lowell police chief, Jim Valentine did when faced with the fact that the computers in his patrol cars were almost non-functional.

In 2000, a request to upgrade a shared computer system reduced the coverage area for that system, which left the Lowell Police Department out. "To say in the last three years the computers have not worked as well is an under-

statement," Valentine said, adding that the department has been waiting for a tower to be constructed to help solve the problem.

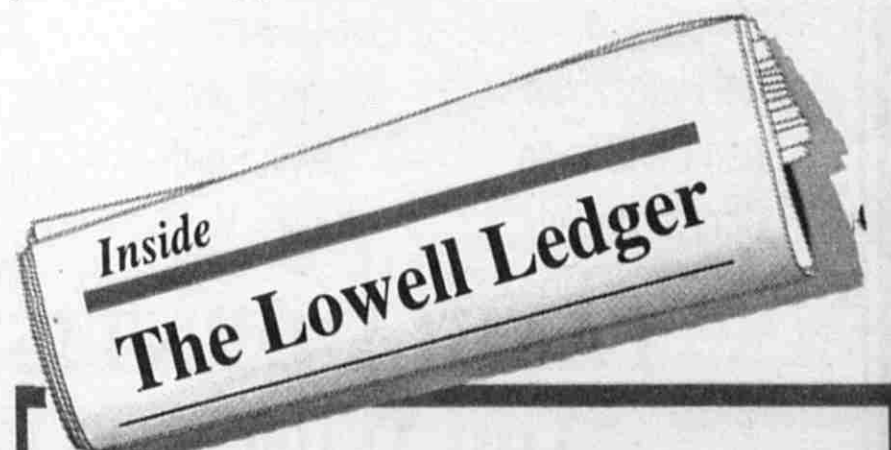
But Lowell isn't waiting for the tower anymore. Instead, last year Valentine discovered a different option... a wireless one that allowed the patrol cars' computers to access the Kent County and state data bases now without the need for a tower or the use of the current system that is in place.

So in April of this year, the department became the

first in the state to go wireless via Nextel to access police data bases. And while there are still some bugs to be worked out, the system itself has proven to be worth the price of a "bumpy ride."

"We are put in the position that if the state goes digital with driver's licenses, we would be able to subscribe to

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Season Ends
for Lady Arrows...Page 17**

OBITUARIES

WILLIAMSON - Richard J. (Dick) Williamson, aged 92, formerly of Comstock Park, died Friday, November 21, 2003. He was preceded in death by his wives Frances in 1972, Thelma in 2002 and a daughter Charlotte in 1975. Surviving are his son Richard and Karen Williamson of Alto; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; two step-daughters Bee Knoll of La Porte, IN, and Gloria Heavy of Raytown, MO, and their families. Richard was the founder and owner of Comfort Engineering Company, past president of Comstock Park Rotary, 4th Degree-

Knights Of Columbus, and a WWII American Veteran. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered Wednesday, 11 a.m., at Holy Family Catholic Church, 9669 Kraft Ave., Caledonia with Rev. David E. LeBlanc as Celebrant. Interment in Holy Trinity Cemetery. Visitation is Nov. 26, one hour before the Mass at the church. Memorials may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church or to Barry Community Hospice Care.

Try not to become a man of success but rather a man of value.
 —Albert Einstein

River Valley Credit Union to build first branch in Lowell

By Dan Schneider

By next May Lowell should have its first credit union. City officials and representatives from the River Valley Credit Union broke ground Friday at the site of the new building, 2450 West Main St.

"We're looking forward to having you here and we're glad you're coming," city manager, Dave Pasquale said at the groundbreaking.

Overbeck Construction of Lowell will build the new facility.

The credit union had been planning for the last two years to open a branch in Lowell. It will be their first branch building. River Valley's main office is located on Fulton Street in Ada.

"It's very exciting to bring a cooperative banking establishment to the community," Jeff Stuck, chairman of the board of directors for River Valley Credit Union, said at the ceremony. "As Lowell is growing and going through some major changes, it's exciting to be part of it as more of our members are doing business in Lowell."

A credit union is different from a conventional bank in that it is owned by its members. The members elect the board of directors.

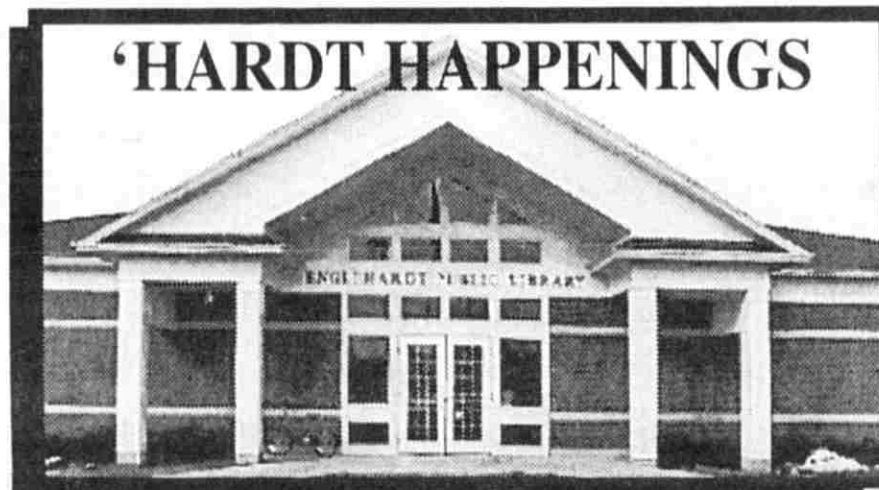


Pictured, left to right, are: Don Welch of Daniels and Zermack; Kurt Parks of Overbeck Construction; Cheryl Franke, president of River Valley Credit Union; Jeff Stuck, chairman of the board of directors; city manager, Dave Pasquale; and mayor, Jeanne Shores handle shovels at the groundbreaking for the River Valley Credit Union branch in Lowell.

"Our particular credit union is open to anyone who lives, works or worships in Kent or Ionia county," said credit union president, Cheryl Franke, explaining who may become members.

Don Welch of Daniels and Zermack Associates, the firm responsible for the building's design, was present at the groundbreaking. Daniels and Zermack has done many banks in and around Michigan, Welch said. They also designed the renovation of River Valley's main office in 1994.

Franke said the opening of the branch will result in three or four new jobs. It has not been decided whether those jobs will be in Lowell or at the main office in Ada.



Kent District Library invites adult readers to get together at the library for friendly, informal discussions about some great books.

The Englehardt branch will offer *The #1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith on Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. Copies are available at the checkout desk at 200 N. Monroe or call 647-3920.

For other book titles, locations and dates, call the Kent District Library at 784-2007.

To put your ideas into action is the most difficult thing in the world.
 —Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Planning commission split on rezoning decision

By J. Lobdell
 Contributing Writer

It will be up to the Lowell City Council on whether a piece of property on the northwest corner of Valley Vista Drive and Bowes Road will be zoned residential. The land, which is just over two acres, is currently zoned C-3 general business. Developer Michael Nosko wants to construct multiple family condominiums on the land and is seeking to have

the land rezoned to R-3 residential which allows for multiple family homes.

The decision was a difficult one for the Lowell Planning Commission with two commission members, Clarke Jahnke and Garland Berry stating they would like to see the property stay commercial since the city has few areas left that are commercial.

The developer, however, noted that since 1975, as a

commercial property, there has been "no decent" offers made on the property. In considering the condominium development, Nosko said last month he purposely looked for something which was high density that would blend well in the area because the property was bordered to the west by the mobile home park and to the north by Showboat Auto.

After holding a public hearing on the matter, the planning commission voted 4-2 to recommend the rezoning; Jahnke and Berry were the no votes.

At the October planning commission meeting, it was determined Nosko would be able to construct 22 units on

the property. According to city manager, David Pasquale, the city ordinance allows 10 condominium units per acre. At that meeting, Nosko said he planned to construct condo units with a ranch-style appearance similar to what he did in the Maplewood Square Apartments. The recommen-

ation now moves on to the Lowell City Council which, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, has the final decision on whether the property should be rezoned. The city council will receive the request at its next meeting, set for Dec. 1 at City Hall.

LEGAL NOTICES

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 ORDER FOR SERVICE
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You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to obtain a divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before DECEMBER 23, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief de-

manded in the complaint filed in this case. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in THE LOWELL LEDGER for three (3) consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court. The publication costs shall be paid by Kent County pursuant to MCR 2.002(F). A copy of this order shall be sent to DEFENDANT, PASCUAL LOPEZ-VELASQUEZ at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the DATE OF THE LAST PUBLICATION, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

NOV. 10, 2003
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 (Judge) P35303

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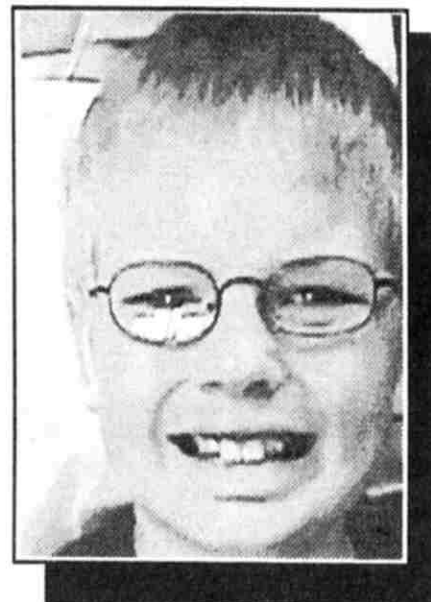
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THE SCROOGE ELEMENT

My son-in-law Ryan, a literature teacher at a high school south of Grand Rapids, just finished co-directing a play: "The Christmas Carol." My daughter Emily, his wife, helped with the make-up. This brought good memories for me. They met at that school and they were in stage productions together as students not very many years ago. I am thankful that God led the school to hire him to teach there, of all places, since teaching jobs in West Michigan are not easy to find.

This year again, the high school actors did an excellent job. The story of Scrooge is of a wretched man who was so mastered by acquiring money that he lost all possible joy.

However, an evening of enlightenment caused Scrooge to decide to change and find redemption; so the story goes. Proverbs 11:24 and 25 says, "One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." Scrooge was given a vision where he saw how he was only hurting himself with his selfishness and the horrible way his life would end. Scrooge changed! He overnight became a generous man who gave freely and refreshed others.

Yet, there is more to the story. How long do you think

dramatic changes last in people? True lasting redemption comes not with a Scrooge like decision to trust in your own self to change. We all know how hard self-sacrificing commitments are to keep in the long run. Lasting change, however, comes when Jesus Christ enters your heart. His redemption is thorough and dependable. "Thanks to Christ, we now are inspired and empowered to find joy in life, and to help bring that joy to others in whatever way we can." (That's from the director's comments on the program).

Be a truly generous Christ-filled kind of person. Others will be thankful.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOV. 27: Bonnie Vezino, Kim Harding, Marty Chambers, Chad Uzarski, Elizabeth Roudabush, Josh Spencer, Aiden Malone.

NOV. 28: Shelly Hildenbrand, Lee Miller, Heather Burrows, Aaron Rittersdorf.

NOV. 29: Margaret Gardner, Gail Thomet, Kelly Sauber, Scott Swanson, Tara Propst.

NOV. 30: Jason Craig, Todd Ryder, Joe Kiczanski, April McClure-Cowan.

DEC. 1: Travis Briggs, Deb Anchors, Denny Brenk II, Joyce Watrous.

DEC. 2: Morgan Boss, Chelsey Treglia, Kari Bergy, Mary Alice Starkweather, Karly Batt.

DEC. 3: Chris Chambers, Chris Darby, Amanda Sterzick, Richard Kline.

LEGAL NOTICES

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PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

FILE NO. 03-176-583-DE

Estate of GLADYS L. GARDNER, Deceased
SSN: 362-24-8397

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, GLADYS L. GARDNER, who lived at 8721 - 17-Mile Road, Cedar Springs, Michigan died August 29, 2003. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JUDY M. GRIFFIN, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Viewpoint

cozy corner
by Roger Brown

My daughter e-mailed me a humorous list that has been circulating the Internet. She actually sent it to my wife, since I have no idea of how to operate our computer. An attached note suggested the list might inspire a column. You know me ... if there is any way out of writing this column, I'll take it. Here is the list, with my comments in parentheses.

- "You Know You Are Living in the Year 2003 When:"
1. Your reason for not staying in touch with your family is because they don't have e-mail. (They use e-mail. It's me who is computer challenged.)
 2. You have a list of fifteen phone numbers to reach your family of three. (With home, cell, work, fax, etc. I can see how this could be true. My problem is, I'd never find a list if I had one. I have a couple numbers memorized and my wife helps me with the rest.)
 3. Your grandmother asks you to send her a JPEG file of your newborn so she can create a screen saver. (Fortunately this shoe doesn't fit. I'm too old to be having babies and my grandkids aren't old enough to start families. Besides, if I had a computer I wouldn't want a newborn baby as a screensaver. I've never thought brand new babies were all that cute.)
 4. You pull up in your driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home. (Under duress, I finally accepted a cell phone for business purposes. Fortunately, where I live is out of the phone's service area ... so I can't call home from my driveway.)
 5. Every commercial on television has a web address at the bottom of the screen. (Couldn't prove it by me. My eyesight is so bad I can't read that stuff from across the room without my glasses and I never know where they are.)
 6. You buy a computer and three months later it's out of date and sells for half of what you paid for it. (Are you sure we aren't talking about my car?)

7. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't have for the first 20, 30 (or 50) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go get it. (My cell phone pretty much lives somewhere under the seat of my pickup. Forgetting it is not a problem. Forgetting I even have one could be.)
8. Using real money, instead of credit or debit, to make purchases would be a hassle and take planning. (Are you kidding me? I hate it when people making small purchases in express lines and convenience stores whip out their cards instead of cash. Then everybody behind them "me" gets to wait for the card to clear, the signature, ya-da, ya-da, ya-da.)
9. You just tried to enter your password on the micro-wave. (First I would need a password.)
10. You consider second-day air delivery painfully slow. (Where I live the FedEx truck takes two days just to find me.)
11. Your dining room table is now your flat filing cabinet. (Whoever wrote this is not married to my wife.)
12. Your idea of being organized is multiple-colored Post-it notes. (Then I would need a computer screen to stick them to.)
13. You hear most of your jokes via e-mail instead of in person. (So that's why I never hear any good jokes these days.)
14. You get an extra phone line so you can get phone calls. (We have phone lines for the home, business, fax and computer. Which one is the "extra"?)
15. You disconnect from the Internet and get this awful feeling, as if you just pulled the plug on a loved one. (Please ... whoever wrote this is really sick.)
16. You get up in the morning and go online before getting your morning coffee. (Nothing ... and I mean nothing, comes between me, and my morning coffee.)
17. You wake up at 2 a.m. to go to the bathroom and check your e-mail on the way back to bed. (Are you kidding me? I'm lucky if I don't trip over one of the dogs on the way back to bed!)
18. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :) ... (I don't get it. Must be some of that e-mail jargon.)
19. You're reading this and nodding and laughing. (Nope, I'm reading this and wondering if I really am becoming a techno-dinosaur.)
20. Even worse, you know exactly who you are going to forward this to ... (Even worse, worse, worse! I just used this to wiggle out of writing a column this week.)

By Priscilla Lussmeyer

Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago

125 YEARS
THE WEEKLY JOURNAL NOVEMBER 27, 1878
The Journal still needs firewood.
The new bridge across the Grand River at Portland fell in the other day; nobody was killed, but five men and a boy had a cold swim.
Morris Johnson's new flouring mill, south of Grand River and a mile west, will be ready to go soon.
The Young Men's Quadrille Club will give another delightful party on Thanksgiving evening.
Julian House recently butchered a 16-month-old pig that weighed 526 pounds. He was fed principally on boiled apples.

100 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 26, 1903
State champions Valley City Independents are playing Foot Ball today at Train's Park with Lowell Independents.
The Ed Clarks return to Lowell after spending the summer at their farm in South Lowell.
Prof. J.F. Thomas of Lowell will address the Kent County Teachers meeting at Grand Rapids University Saturday with the topic "Should School Government Be Democratic or Monarchical?"
In Cascade, John Wooding and Mrs. W. Rector have had phones placed in their residences recently.
Too much motoring (up to 150 miles a day) tans a woman's skin and destroys her beauty.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO NOVEMBER 29, 1928
The Legion Annual Fair last weekend was a great success, with many booths, a live turkey exhibit (60 turkeys sold), boxing matches, etc.
The Legion wound up the weekend with a moose dinner furnished by returned hunters.
Santa Claus Girls are taking donations (your name and amount noted in the Ledger), and Christmas Seals are for sale.
Landowners are warned to get competent advice before signing any oil lease; sometimes the right to use one's land is signed away.
The Strand Theatre is changing shows every week day; admissions are 15 and 35 cents; 10 and 25 cents for matinees.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 26, 1953
A boiler breakdown at the Runciman pre-cook bean plant on Friday the 13th requires an overhaul of the boiler system and replacement of water controls.
The first shipment of automotive parts left Lowell's new-est industry, Lowell Stamping Co., this week.
Ben Kerekes gets both a buck and a bear on his hunting trip to Whitefish Point.
Lonnie Eickhoff finds a deer fallen off a hunter's car and turns it in to state police. The hunter shot it in the U.P. and had retraced his path as far as Edmore. Hunter and deer are reunited.
1954 auto license plates go on sale Dec. 1.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER NOVEMBER 29, 1978
The final spire and cross go into place on the Methodist Church bell tower. Total repairs from the August storm exceed \$30,000.
The high school choir sings their annual program for the Lowell Woman's Club.
Lowell won the High School Quiz Bowl, which advances the team to the Class B Playoff on Dec. 21.
With the first snowfall this week, parents are cautioned to prepare for snow days.
A quarter-page survey on recreation areas and activities by City Parks and Recreation is included with this issue, to be filled out by readers.

Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III & John G. Meier

ADHD AND CHILDREN

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The Seniors EyeCare Program, co-sponsored by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., began nationwide in 1986. Since that time, 9,818 people from Michigan have been served. Nationally, over 637,000 calls have been received and 352,795 have gained access to medical eye care and information through the program.

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Furthermore, new Internal Revenue Service rules give you a "second chance" if you inherited an IRA before 2002. Under the old rules, if you didn't start taking payments by Dec. 31 of the year following the IRA holder's death, you gave up the right to lifetime distributions and had to take them all within five years. But now you've got until Dec. 31, 2003, to take advantage of the stretch IRA provisions. See your financial and tax experts to find out the specifics of this "second chance."

Plan Ahead
A stretch IRA can benefit you in some important ways. But it won't happen by itself. For one thing, your parents or other relatives might have their IRA administered by a small bank—which might not even offer the "stretch" option. So, if you think a family member may be planning on

leaving you a traditional IRA, you'll want to check on where it's being held—and possibly move it to a more "stretch-friendly" place.

Obviously, you can't make such a decision on your own—you'll have to talk with your parents or other relatives about what you'd like to do. In other words, you'll have to plan ahead.

You'll also need to do some advance planning if you're in doubt as to who is listed as the beneficiary of an IRA. Depending on where the IRA is being kept, the assets may go automatically to a surviving spouse or children. This may be acceptable in some cases, but it could prove troublesome if a second marriage is involved. For example, if one of your parents has remarried, then, upon his or her death, the IRA may go directly to the new spouse—even though it was your parents' wish that you receive it.

Clearly, you'll want to find out everything you can about your parents' investments, including the name of the institution administering their IRA and the location of their beneficiary designation forms. While having this type of discussion may seem awkward, you'll actually be helping your parents carry out their wishes—and you'll avoid serious headaches later on.

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Lowell driver wins powerboat world championship

By Dan Schneider

In his first season as a powerboat race driver, Todd Lyonnais of Lowell took a world championship trophy home from Alabama on Saturday, Nov. 15. The Great Lakes Caster team took its boat to the class A outlaw title at the American Powerboat Association World Championships in Gulf Shores, Ala.

The team beat the Revolution Marine/GM Vortec and Grumpy Old Men teams in each of two races. "Most guys spend a lifetime trying to win a world championship and we did it our first year together," Lyonnais said.

It was the first year of racing competition for driver Lyonnais and navigator Jason Dykhouse. Dykhouse is a Lowell native, though he was recruited for the team out of Kentucky. He now lives in Grand Rapids. Dykhouse graduated from Lowell High School three years ahead of Lyonnais. Doug Popma owns the boat and works the throttle.

The A Class boats have V-bottom hulls, maximum 510 cubic-inch motors and must weigh a minimum 4,600 pounds without fuel. The boat burns 108-octane racing fuel. The cabin is open, with the three crew members crammed into tight seats and wearing kevlar life jackets.

The driver, on the starboard side, steers. "It's just like driving a car, racing, with one person steering and another person working the gas pedal, it's wild," Lyonnais said. "We're doing 90 miles per hour and we're not doing it on a flat surface - we're hitting waves so it's a lot more difficult."

Popma said the top speed the team hit in the Alabama necessary because maneuvering a boat at speeds exceeding 80 mph through ocean waves is a very different prospect from driving a racecar on pavement. The navigator sits in the middle watching for course markers and other boats—at the world championships, the Great Lakes Caster boat was one of 15 in the water in each of two heats. The races have entries from mixed boat classes. Seated on the port side, the throttleman handles the throttle and trim tabs, which keep the bow of

water was 86 mph, averaging 76 on the first day (Wednesday) of racing and 72 on Saturday. The boats race on rivers, lakes and in the ocean, using different set-ups for each.

"It's always different waters; typically in a river race it's calmer water so you have it set up to go as fast as you can possibly go," Lyonnais said. "You get in the bigger waters, you want to put something in there that's not as squirrely—has more control—because you're not going to go as fast anyway."

Popma said they have their boat dialed in well enough now that the only variable is the type of prop used. On rivers, speeds can top 90 mph.

To get to the world championships, the Great Lakes Caster team had to win the Great Lakes Silver Cup, a series of six powerboat races held throughout the Great Lakes region.

Popma had won that cup before. He started racing in 1991, having owned a team since '88. He also won the class B world championship in 1997. He got out of racing for a few years in favor of poker runs on Lake Michigan. But that got old, and over beers with his engine builder Jim Valyeko, he talked about getting another racing team together. Valyeko also happened to build engines for Lyonnais's pleasure boat, which is how the current Great Lakes Caster team started.



The Great Lakes Caster team powerboat.

Pictured, left to right, are: Ben Wiersum, engine builder; Doug Popma, throttle/owner; Todd Lyonnais, driver; Jason Dykhouse, navigator; and Jim Valyeko, engine builder, on the podium at the American Powerboat Association World Championships in Gulf Shores, Ala.

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New business offers local mortgage service

By Dan Schneider

Rick and Sarah Nelson opened their mortgage business three months ago on Main Street in Lowell. The idea was and continues to be putting a local face on mortgages and loan financing.

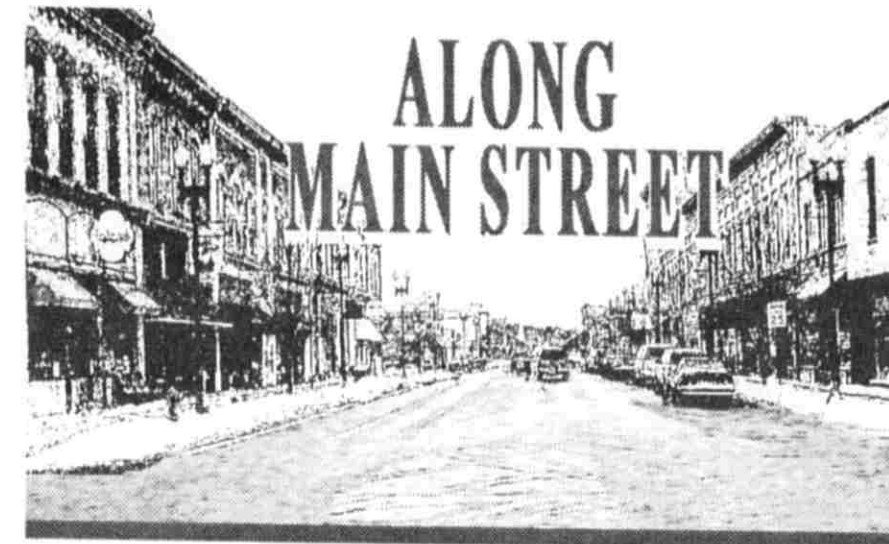
A lot of mortgage businesses are isolated from their clients, Rick Nelson said. "Some of them are in offices and you don't even see them," he said. "We just want a place where people can walk in and sit down with the person they're closing a loan with."

Nelson and his wife have each worked in the mortgage and loan business for more than five years, mostly in Grand Rapids. He claims a combined 30-years experience among employees at his mortgage center.

Nelson wanted to open a business here because he grew up here. He also wanted to save people long trips to 28th Street for mortgage help.

"They've been getting gouged so we wanted to give them a place they could walk in and go over their mortgage if they have one with someone else or maybe start one with us," Nelson said.

Nelson's mortgage business is a branch of Premier Mortgage Funding, Inc. The Clearwater, Fla.-based company has about 200 individually-owned branches throughout the country.



ATTENTION SENIOR CLASS PARENTS
There are new dates for Van Andel concession stands on the Lowell High School Web page. Check out the dates and call Laura to sign up to help.

FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE
Lady Arrows Varsity Club is sponsoring a father-daughter dance for second and third grade girls attending Alto and Cherry Creek schools and their fathers on Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Cost is \$15 per couple. Refreshments/door prizes.

COLLECTING FOR TOYS FOR TOTS
Family Friends & Neighbors of Grattan with Grattan Fire Dept. are collecting new unwrapped toys for ages 1-15. Collection containers at: Grattan Twp. Hall & fire station, Grattan Academy, Grattan General Store, Tri-Town Conservation Club now thru Dec. 20.

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BLOOD DRIVE
Lowell Area Fire Dept. is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, Dec. 10 from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

HOLIDAY BAND CONCERTS
Lowell High School bands will perform their holiday concert on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center; features the Red, White and Symphonic bands.

The middle school bands concert will be Thursday, Dec. 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school gym; features seventh and eighth grade bands. All performances are free and open to the public.

ALUMNI HOCKEY GAME
The annual Lowell alumni hockey game is Saturday, Jan. 3 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Standard Federal Ice Center on Patterson Ave. Mark it on your calendar!

COLLEGE NEWS

Kalamazoo College has announced that Andy Graham has been selected to the 2003 All-MIAA football second team (specialists) for returns. Graham received the ball 50 times for 594 yards,

averaging 11.9 yds/catch, with four touchdowns. He also had 14 punt returns for 167 yards averaging 13.9 yds/return. Kalamazoo finished 6-4 on the season. Graham, a senior at

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Army Reserve Spec. Jason A. Stoutjesdyk has deployed overseas to Kuwait and Iraq to support the missions of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. The reservist is a member of the 946th Transportation Company based in Lewes, Del.

Enduring Freedom is the official name given to anti-terrorism military operations involving U.S. troops and allied coalition partners. Mission objectives encompass combating the international terrorist network or regime forces outside the borders of the United States.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving U.S. and coalition forces efforts to disarm and end the

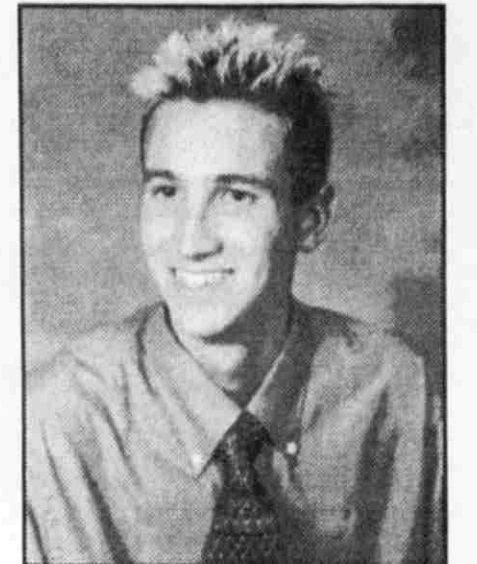
current Iraqi regime. The focus of the mission is to liberate the Iraqi people, preserve Iraq as a unified state, keep its territorial integrity intact, and help the Iraqi people begin economic and political reconstruction.

The soldiers of the 946th Transportation Company, a medium truck company, provide for the movement of general containerized and non-containerized cargo, bulk water and bulk petroleum products.

Stoutjesdyk, a 1995 graduate of Greenville High School, is a motor transport operator with less than three years of military service.

He is the son of Susan L. Lewis and James M. Stoutjesdyk, both of Lowell.

Kalamazoo College, is a 1999 graduate of Lowell High School.



Timothy M. Vezino

Blair Meyer, a first year student at Albion College, is a member of the varsity women's basketball team. Under the direction of coach Doreen Belkowski, the Britons have been selected as the pre-season favorite to win the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association title for the 2003-04 season.

Meyer, a 2003 graduate of Lowell High School, is the daughter of Thomas Meyer and Barbara Meyer of Grand Rapids.

Timothy M. Vezino, a senior at Lowell High School,

has been accepted as a member of the University of Michigan College of Engineering class entering fall 2004.

He is the son of Jay and Saralyn Vezino of Lowell.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 03-176-600-DE

Estate of STANLEY A. ARSULOWICZ, SR. Deceased SSN: 384-24-5884

JOAN WAWEE and KAREN KOSTERS c/o JOHN D. MITUS, Attorney-at-law, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

11/19/2003

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, STANLEY A. ARSULOWICZ, who lived at 1926 Cherry Run St., N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 10/25/03. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to STANLEY A. ARSULOWICZ, JR.,

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Sister Colleen Ann Nagle makes cranberry muffins with, from left to right, Sarah Beck, Travis Craig and Stacey Hubent.

Lowell High School students from Keith Boeve's U.S. History/Western Civilizations class made cranberry bread and muffins at the Franciscan Life Process Center last Monday to learn about traditional Michigan lifestyles.

"We're learning about native fruits, cranberries, where they are found in Michigan, how they are grown," said Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, director of programs at the center. "How they were called "crane-berries," C-R-A-N-E, because cranes used to sweep down and eat them, and that's how they got their name."

It was part of a series of eight sessions in which the class is participating at the center. The series deals with historical and cultural practices in Michigan, especially agriculture. A grant from the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation helped fund the series.

Cranberries have long been regarded as part of the Thanksgiving tradition. Sister Nagle's recipe follows:

Ingredients:
 1 tsp. yeast
 1/2 cup warm tapwater
 1 tsp. sugar
 1 tsp. salt
 1 tsp. vegetable oil or salad oil
 1 1/2 cup warm tapwater
 Enough flour to make a sticky dough
 1 egg to make the bread richer
 1 1/2 cup whole fresh cranberries

Directions: Dissolve yeast into warm tapwater. Add sugar, salt, oil, & additional warm water, mix until dissolved. Add flour until a sticky dough forms. Add egg. Knead cranberries into bread on a floured surface, flour until the dough becomes elastic & ceases to be sticky. Shape the dough into two loaves; bake it at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

Patrol car modems, continued...From Page 1

that service without changing over our equipment," Valentine explained, adding that the old system would have required some major upgrading to provide digital images. "This will be helpful with people who might get pulled over and don't have a license, and in some cases use a friend's or brother's name because their license has been suspended or for other reasons. We will be able to pull up a picture of that person to see if it is who they say they are," Valentine added.

That technology isn't quite here yet, but Valentine said he expects it in the coming year or maybe sooner since the technology is changing quickly. So quickly that when Valentine originally put together his grant request and received the money, the technology had already made about \$8,000 worth of expected equipment purchases obsolete.

"Within just a couple of months, the technology had changed," he said. The price tag for the new computers and modems came to about \$20,500 with the Lowell Area Community Fund picking up about \$17,342 of the cost. The rest came from the city's general fund. However, it is much

cheaper from the estimated thousands it could have cost the city in chipping in for a new tower, which came in so high, around \$120,000 to \$125,000, that the county asked if Lowell would be willing to maintain the connection lines for about \$130 a month.

With the wireless avenue, Valentine said he doesn't even need to do that and still stays connected to the data his officers' need. The real bang for the buck is in the information the officers can receive. In the past, officers have been able to get basic information on a person such as date of birth, driver's license and warrants. Through this system, the officers get more information,

including if that person has been talking to another police department.

All this passes through three layers of encryption. And there is even more. Through the system, officers can use the desktops for records management, allowing them to pull a file up on a particular case for phone numbers or other information.

"Once they are totally comfortable with the system, they can right from their cars, pull up a [case], find a phone number, and make the call and do it all themselves," Valentine said, adding that currently officers sometimes need to rely on the dispatchers to help track down numbers and case

information. "With this system, we have cut our radio traffic down by 60 percent," Valentine said, which leaves the dispatchers to take care of other matters.

Of course, being the first one means also being the guinea pig. "I wish there had been someone else who had blazed the path and overcome all the hurdles," Valentine said. Some of those hurdles included discovering that the modems, which look like cards, were not sturdy enough for police use, which meant upgrading the modems to a rugged type. Luckily, the money not used for the outdated equipment covered the cost of rugged or, as Valen-

tine called them, "cop proof" modems. "Hopefully, in the next couple of weeks everything will be up and running," Valentine said, adding that he thinks the officers will be "very happy with it."

There is a silver lining to the modem upgrade as well - the new units come with GPS capability which will allow the department to install software that acts as a map/tracking device so dispatchers can see where a unit is ... a useful benefit that enhances officer safety in pursuits or other situations, Valentine said.

The chances of Lowell going back to the old system are slim to none, Valentine said. With the wireless program, upgrading is simple and less costly for the department and the city, he said, adding that through this technology, the access which the officers have to other law enforcement agencies is becoming less unlimited.

Lowell High School presents "The Skin of Our Teeth"

By Dan Schneider

"... and if the dinosaurs don't trample us to death, and if the grasshoppers don't eat our garden, we'll all live to see better days, knock on wood."

Sabina, the maid of the Antrobus family, says these words during an opening soliloquy and thorough dousing in Thornton Wilder's *The Skin of Our Teeth*. This is the Lowell High School all-school play to be presented Dec. 4, 5 and 6 at the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

Jessie Stephens plays Sabina, who early in the first act has let the fire go out in the Antrobus hearth. This is to the horror of Mrs. Antrobus, played by Caitie Searfoss. After all, a wall of ice is fast approaching from the north, pushing Canadian cities in its path and promising an ice age. Hard times to come.

Mr. Antrobus, played by Chad Drenth in the LHS production, is meanwhile inventing the alphabet and confronting existential crises. He is not the only character in this play to raise questions of the meaning of humanity's existence on earth.

The entire Antrobus family, Sabina included, repre-

sented various aspects of universal human nature. Set simultaneously against modern reality and human history, the family perseveres in the face of recurring calamity.

This verbiage is used with the intention of demonstrating some of the complexity an audience will be exposed to watching Wilder's play. And what the actors at Lowell High School are contend with in performing it.

The Skin of Our Teeth, throughout its history, been considered a monumental and monumentally confusing play. Wilder himself, while writing it, called it the most ambitious play he had attempted. It is a very ambitious play for a group of high school actors to take on. And by the looks of it from last Friday's rehearsal, they should do a very good job of it.

Both Wilder's subject matter and his story-telling are unconventional and esoteric. Actors—particularly Sabina—step out of character to address the audience. Most of the characters are heaped with multi-layered symbolism.

Yet the cast seems en-



Some of the LHS cast of Thornton Wilder's *The Skin of Our Teeth* gather around the fire at the Antrobus household to recite biblical verses and multiplication tables.

gaged in the material and delivers lively performances of difficult characters. The costumes that were ready on Friday were colorful and interesting, especially against the purposefully-vacant sets. The

costumes yet to be completed at press time, including a dinosaur and a mammoth, should prove even more interesting.

The play will create more questions about man's role in

the universe than it answers. It certainly has in the past, and this was undoubtedly Wilder's intention.

Expect the LHS production to present these questions well.

Showtime is 7:30 on all three nights. Advance tickets are \$5 for students and seniors, \$7 for all others. Tickets at the door are \$8.

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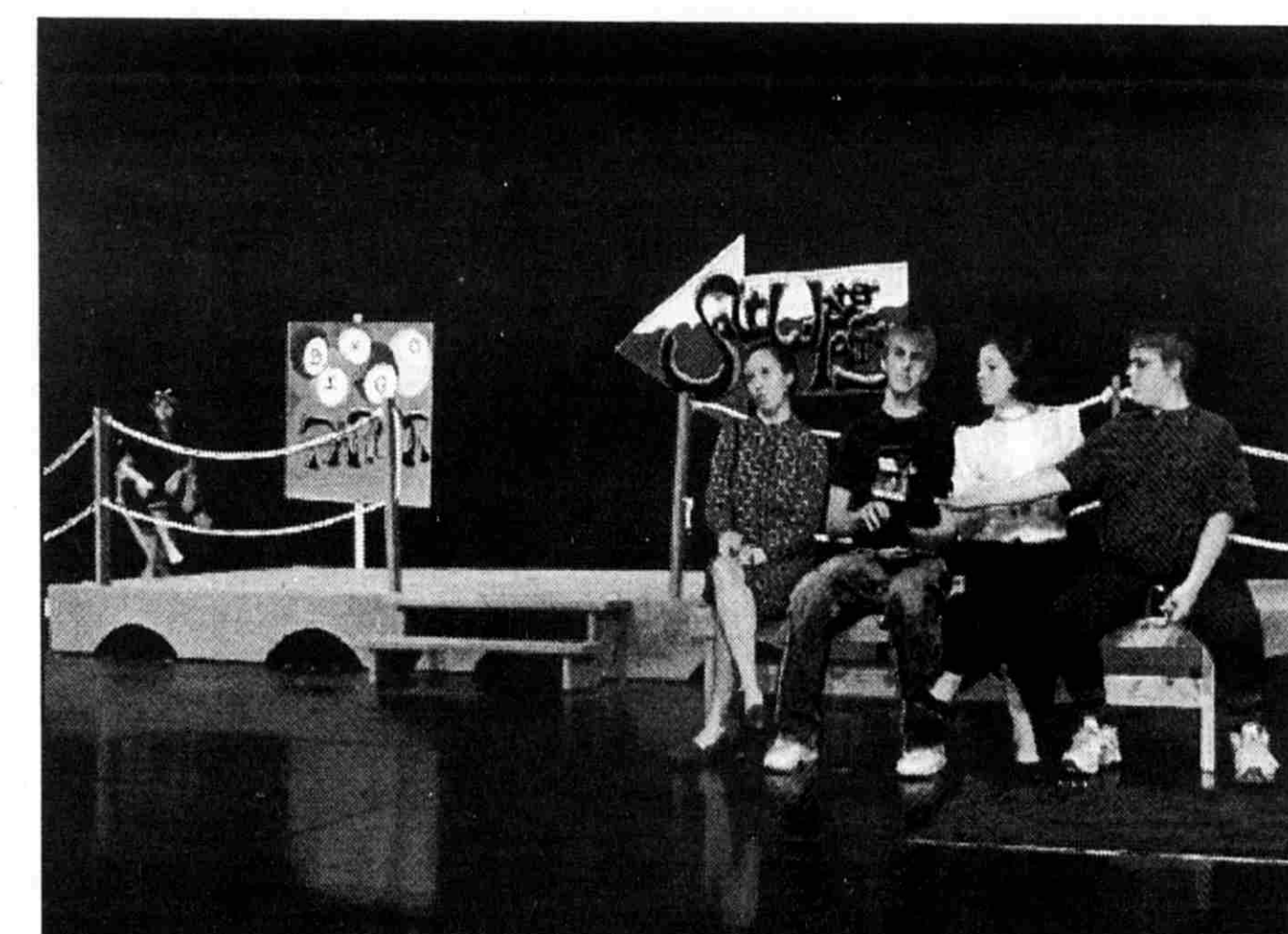
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The Antrobus family at the boardwalk preparing to live out the motto of the year, "Enjoy Yourselves" From far left, Keegan Geldersma as the life guard, Caitie Searfoss as Mrs Antrobus, Chad Drenth as Mr. Antrobus, Elise Wisnieski as Gladys Antrobus and Gary Kilgore as Henry Antrobus.

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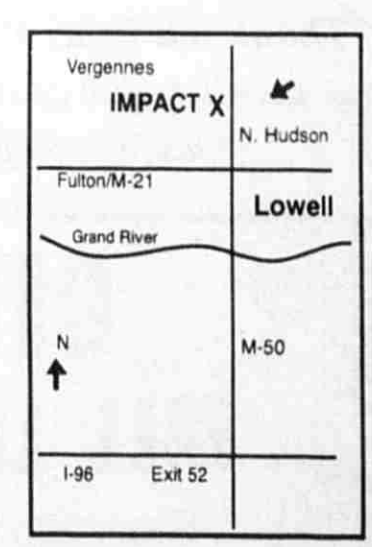
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Local veterinarian participates in animal care workshop



Dr. Langlois at Dadanawa ranch with workshop participants.

Bruce Langlois DVM, of Lowell, and Sandra Chapman, DVM of Montreal, Quebec, traveled to Guyana, South America this past October. The purpose: to hold an Animal Care workshop for a representative from several villages deep in the Rupinuni, Amerindian savannahs.

"This project was an incredible success," said Dr. Langlois who has now made the trip four times. "We had a great group of participants that were very interested in learning all they could about the care and treatment of the livestock."

The doctors spent two days lecturing on nutrition, reproduction, minor surgical procedures, and identifying and treating common diseases. They then traveled to the villages treating sick and injured animals as well as deworming hundreds of other animals.

Two projects have resulted from this trip. "We are in the process of writing a handbook that can be distributed and used for the care and handling of animals in the Rupinuni," said Dr. Langlois. "We are also working on an artificial insemination program for the cattle."

One thing is certain: The trip was inspiring and the doctors are ready to go back.



Dr. Chapman, of Quebec, at Mauranaw Village with a patient and local children.

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Sound Off

The Ledger (Almost) Anything Goes Opinion Forum

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I wish the car dealers would stop using balloons. They escape or are cut loose-they do harm to our environment. Have you ever seen one on the beak of a bird or swan? It's not a pretty sight.

One of the scariest intersections to travel through is Vergennes and Parnell. I have seen more near-accidents by people not realizing that N/S Parnell has a stop sign. WANTED: A flashing red light.

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The seatbelt law and its new radical enforcement seem to resemble communism at its worst. What ever happened to freedom of choice?

It is a tribute to the good taste of the people of Lowell and its TV cable system that it has excluded the Fox News Channel from its menu.

Start Murray Lake parent links group out right and call it - PTO - so parents know what it is.

Thank you Ethel at Kent Optical for your excellent job of straightening out the glasses I stepped on. Whew!

Allow extra time for holiday travel

An estimated 800,000 Michigianians - 8 percent of the population - said they will travel during the 2003 Thanksgiving holiday period, says AAA Michigan. As in past years, nearly 73 percent of those who travel will be visiting relatives.

"Thanksgiving traditionally represents family-oriented travel," said Cathy Green, vice president Travel & Field Operations for AAA Michigan. Michigan motorists will

find lower gas prices during the holiday weekend, paying an average 3.9 cents less per gallon than last year at this time. (As of Nov. 10, it was \$1.49 per gallon for regular). Cars, trucks and vans represent the most popular form of Thanksgiving transportation (77 percent) followed by air travel (13 percent). The average trip will last five to six days at an average cost of \$660. Peak travel dates include Wednesday, Nov. 26 and Sunday, Nov. 30. To help cope with heavier-than-normal traffic volumes and heightened airport security, AAA recommends that travelers allow plenty of extra time to reach their destination.

AAA recommends arriving at the airport at least two to three hours before scheduled departure times. Other travel tips:

- Confirm flight schedules.
 - Expect heavy congestion in front of the terminals around curbs. Curbs are reserved for active loading and unloading only. Drivers dropping off or picking up will not be allowed to wait. Park in short-term parking.
 - New security measures mean more hand-searches of checked and carry-on baggage which may cause slowdowns at check-in and screening checkpoints.
 - All passengers are required to have photo identification at the ticket counter and checkpoints - regardless if the ticket is paper or electronic.
 - Wrap gifts after you arrive at your destination. You may have to unwrap them at screening checkpoints.
 - Stay calm in lines and during inspections.
- Following these tips will make your holiday time with family much more enjoyable. And by all means, AAA Michigan urges all motorists to avoid alcohol, buckle up, be well rested and drive defensively.

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EVERY OTHER SUN: Single adults meet 4 - 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Social time/lt. Bible study. Mark 897-8642/Tammy 897-0872.

EVERY MON.: LHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. 676-1355.

THIRD MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallsburg Historical Society monthly board meetings at Chamber office or Fallsburg at 7 p.m. All invited. Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Lowell Board of Education meets 7:00 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

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

THIRD MON. OF THE MONTH: Lowell Showboat Garden Club, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Nazarene Church. Call Dave, 897-2533.

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

FOURTH MON. OF EACH MONTH: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152 meets at 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

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

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th-grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin on N. Washington St. Call Terry 868-6481.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Diabetic Support group meets at 9:30 a.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers ... because mothering mat-

ters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact, a Wesleyan Church, 1070 N. Hudson. Call 897-8304 for details.

SECOND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild meets at D.W. Richardson Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 social time; 7 p.m. program. Sandy, 285-0621.

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

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers, LAAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee meets 5-8:30 p.m. at the 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. Come for all or part time; all are invited. Contact Bev or Melissa at 642-6466 for more info. Light dinner provided.

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

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

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

EVERY THIRD TUES.: Beginning January '04, the Saranac Scrappers, new scrapbooking/journaling group will meet at 4 Health Wellness Center, Saranac, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Lt. refreshments served. Call Bev or Melissa at 642-6466.

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

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

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

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

EVERY WED.: "Peppers" at Franciscan Life Process Center: 1-3:30 p.m. \$10/wk. Call Pat 897-7842.

EVERY WED.: Lowell Church of the Nazarene Caravan children's program, 7 p.m., 5-12 years. Call 897-8800 with ???'s.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board, 7:30 p.m. at King Memorial Youth Center at Fairgrounds. 897-6050.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Lowell Women's Club meets noon in community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Elderly volunteers needed for Intergenerational program w/school children from Lowell in activities. 9:45-10:45 a.m. or 12:45-1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen F.S.E. 897-7842.

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

THURS.: Weight Watchers, Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before meetings. 1-800-651-6000.

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EVERY 3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents group at Franciscan Life Process Center. Call 897-7842.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Royal Arch Masons, 7:30 p.m., Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Mother-mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children welcome. Ada church. 752-8300.

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

SECOND SAT. OF EVERY MONTH: Ada Historical Society at 10:30 a.m., Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, Lowell City Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

EVERY FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley open 1-4 p.m. or by appt.: 676-9346.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOURS: - Tues., Sat. & Sun.: 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free.

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LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Tues. Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m. Thurs.: noon - 7 p.m. Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. 897-8545.

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SAT., DEC. 6: Santa Claus Parade at 10 a.m. in downtown Lowell.

SAT., DEC. 6: Family Advent Workshop/Open House at The 4 Health Wellness Center, Saranac, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Create advent wreaths & holiday ornaments; decorate cookies. Call 642-6466 by Dec. 1 to register.

WED., DEC. 10: Lowell Area Fire Dept. blood drive from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station at 315 S. Hudson.

SAT., DEC. 13: Thank you party at Grattan Twp. Hall from 1-3 p.m. for Toys for Tots collection going on now thru Dec. 20. Collecting new unwrapped toys for ages 1-15. Santa will be there; also punch and cookies will be served.

SAT., DEC. 20: Saranac Area Musicians & Singers (S.A.M.S.) will perform their annual Christmas concert on Saturday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. at Saranac High School. \$5 adults; \$3 seniors; \$2 students; free for children under five. Call 897-5981 (Kathy) or 522-0152 (Jodi) for info.

SAT., JAN. 3: Annual Lowell hockey alumni game, 7-8:30 p.m. at Standard Federal Ice Center on Patterson Ave.

WED., DEC. 3: Father/daughter dance for 2nd & 3rd grade girls attending Alto and Cherry Creek schools and their fathers, 6-7:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elem. Cost \$15 per couple; sponsored by Lady Arrows Varsity Club.

THURS., DEC. 4: Vergennes Cooperative Club Christmas party at Schneider Manor. Punch Bowl: noon; Christmas catered dinner: 12:30; entertainment: 1:30. In place of gift exchange bring items for FROM. Decorations: Norma Noall; sponsor: Phyllis Lessens.

THURS., DEC. 4: Commodities will be distributed from 9 - 4 p.m. at Moose

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., NOV. 26: 8 a.m. Traveling Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.
THURS., NOV. 27 & FRI., NOV. 28: Happy Thanksgiving! Center Closed.
MON., DEC. 1: 12:45 p.m. Visit Molesta, Eastern and Flowerland.
TUES., DEC. 2: 9:30 a.m. Mystery Trip; 4:45 p.m. Dinner at Annalaine's.
WED., DEC. 3: 10 a.m. Blood Pressure and Eye Glass Adjustments; 12:45 p.m. Meijer.
THURS., DEC. 4: 9 a.m. Address Christmas Cards; 11 a.m. Sunshine Home Care.
FRI., DEC. 5: 9:30 a.m. Turkeyville Play and Dinner; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.
MON., DEC. 8: 12:45 p.m. Travelogue; 5 p.m. Pizza Party & Christmas Light Tour.
TUES., DEC. 9: 10 a.m. St. Cecelia's Music.
WED., DEC. 10: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. Movie at the Center.
THURS., DEC. 11: 12:45 p.m. Tour Mayflower Church.
FRI., DEC. 12: 11 a.m. Connie Bos Luncheon.

CITY OF LOWELL

FALL LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

Starting September 30th, leaves will be picked up weekly. You must purchase leaf bags at the same locations as the trash bags:

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Yard waste pickup will be the same day as your recycling pickup.

2003 FALL LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

Tuesday Pickup
November 11, November 18, November 25.

Thursday Pickup
November 6, November 13, November 20, November 28.

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RECOGNIZE THIS SEMESTER'S HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

Lowell Middle School Honor Roll 1st MARKING PERIOD

B or better average

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Jillian Alexander
Emily Alguire
Nichole Allison
Andrew Amidon
Kacy Anderson
Kimberly Anderson
Jordan Babler
Nicole Bagin
Caitlin Baker
Nathan Baker
Cassie Balfour
Cody Barnes
Alexander Barr
Conor Barr
Kiefer Beimers
Jacob Bennett
Kari Bergy
Christopher Bewell
Samantha Billock
Noah Blough
Paula Blough
Kaitlyn Bocksey
Seth Boogaard
Kristin Bouwhuis
Samantha Braman
Sean Briggs
Samantha Brock
Deanna Bunn
Alexander Calvi
Danielle Carigon
Devon Chopp
Alyssa Churches
Malorie Coble
Derek Cornish
Joshua Corteville
Annalisa Crain
Christian Crook
Robert Crosby
Kait Cummings
Hailey DeGrote
Amber Devers
Melissa DeVries
Annelise Dlouhy
Lauren Dood
Linsey Dykhouse
Christopher Eckman
Bailee Emelander
Lauren Ferguson
Kailey Feuerstein
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Erin Fleet
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David Fron
Joshua Geldersma
Brian Gerard
Benjamin Gerig
Phillip Getzen
Samantha Gibbs
Kayla Gildea
Kaily Gillan
Stephen Gillhespy
Gina Giuliano
Kyra Gomez
Austin Graham
Kortney Grames
Carly Greenhoe
Sean Greenhoe
Matthew Griffioen
Dylan Grim
Torin Hacker
Samantha Hagerman
Matthew Hanks
Keegan Hanrahan
Jonathan Hanson
Shelby Herb
Hannah Hodges
Randal Hogan
David Holmes
Kati Hoseth
Nicole Hough
Brandon Hrusovsky
Alison Huffman
Ashlie Jahnke
Anna Jakubielski
Hayley Janes
Kevin Jones

Tracy Jones
Katie Jousma
Stanley Karas
Cameron Kiczanski
Cassandra Koster
Mattie Kropf
Connor Kruse
Anthony Larkin
Amanda Lessens
Carli Lewis
Austin Litchfield
Parker Liu
Kevin Luyk
Taylor Marchido
Mercedes Mason
Kylie Mayhew
James McCormick
Nicholas McQueen
Travis Meade
Brooke Mellema
Kaleigh Mete
Morgan Mikesell
Cassie Miles
Corey Mumper
Sara Nagy
Victor Norbert
Zachary Noskey
Jillian O'Haire
Dylan Olin
Kariye Ordway
Nichelle Ortowski
Lucas Oster
Meagan Padgett
Alyshia Peterson
Courtney Phenix
Chelsea Pipkins
Michael Plite
Kathryn Plutschow
Alyssa Poland
Katie Postema
Troy Prill
Kendra Rasch
Linnea Rash
Erica Raymond
Jennie Reeser
Heather Riemersma
Hannah Ritzema
Mackenzie Roerig
Alecia DeCenzo
Logan DeClercq
Zachary Denault
Rachael Rowley
Jessica Ryder
Joseph Schreur
Dylan Seese
Melissa Shepard
Brenton Sirowatka
Lauren Smit
Andrea Smith
Hannah Smith
James Spicer
Joshua Spratt
Kyle Stanford
Gage Stepek
Jordan Sterly
Amanda Sterzick
Holly Stevens
Kelly Stevens
Joshua Stewart
Dominic Stielstra
Emily Stockwell
Maxwell Stormzand
Molly Story
Austin Tackmann
Isaac Tawney
Shaun Thomas
Lukas Thompson
Steven Tichelaar
Haleigh Timmers
Chelsey Treglia
Steven Trierweiler
Chelsea VanderPols
Stephanie VanDyk
Shantee VanOverbeek
Justene Vogl
Brandon Walling
Jack Weeber Jr
Chelsey Wekenman
Jessica White
Heather Wieberdink
Courtney Wierzbicki

Keith Williams
John Williamson
Jeremy Wilson
Stephanie Winsor
Thomas Wodarek
Bryon Yakes
Charles Young

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Rachael Abel
Olivia Abram
Jerry Adams
Randy Adams
Thomas Alberts, Jr.
Christen Baerwalde
Nicole Bailey
Kayla Barr
Garrett Beaman
Thomas Beddows
Amanda Beswick
Philip Bieri
Kathleen Billock
Christopher Bilski
Nolan Blair
Sierra Moore
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Nicholas Mygaard
Jordan Boon
Torsten Boss
Erin Brechbiel
Andrew Brim
Lucas Brower
Cheyenne Brown
Nicholas Brown
Elena Brubaker
Theresa Buist
Dakota Bunn
Heather Burger
Sydney Burrows
William Burt
Chase Canning
Linnea Churches
Andrea Coffey
Nicholas Comdure
Alexandra Cooley
Rachel Copeyon
Allison Crumback
Matthew Dec
Alecia DeCenzo
Logan DeClercq
Zachary Denault
Taylor Deshaw
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Joshua Drake
Nicholas Drake
Dylan Dues
Kristin Dunn
Chelsea Dyer
Meagan Eaton
Kirstin Eickhoff
Natascha Eickhoff
Gabriel Elliott
Lance Fargo
Katherine Fetterhoff
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Craig Loetz
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Morgan Marchido
Brianna McBryde
Ashley McFaden
Alisha McGlamery
Patrick Misner
Kayla Mohr
Sierra Moore
Joel Morgan
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Sarah Mosher
Samantha Mundt
Zachary Mundwiler
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Jordan Skinner
Katherine Slatien
Armina Smith
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Alexis Strouse
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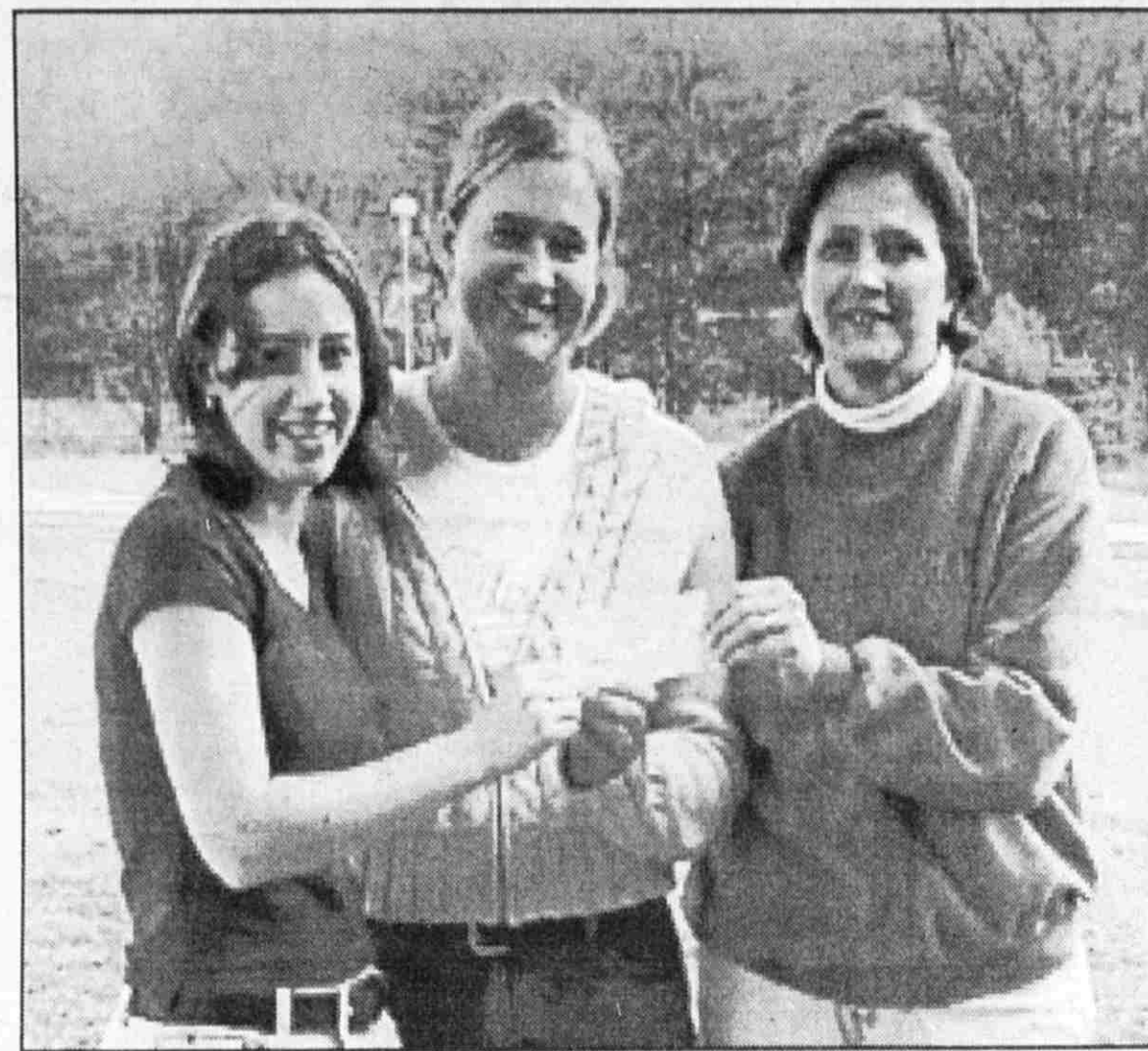
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LHS softball team raises money for Flat River Outreach Ministries



Rachel Nawrocki and Larinda Marker, representing Lowell High School softball, present a check for \$200 to Jody Haybarker for Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. The money came from funds raised for softball through their ongoing paper drive. The money, Haybarker said, will go to buy hams and turkeys for FROM's Christmas gift baskets. The paper drive truck remains behind Curtis Cleaners at 1410 W. Main St.

Hockey team opens season with third place in Kalamazoo tournament

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell-Caledonia cooperative hockey team started its official season this past weekend with a third-place finish in the Kalamazoo Blades tournament. Hamilton Southeast High School from Hamilton, Indiana, won the tournament. They beat the Blades 2-1 in overtime in the second and final round.

On Friday, Lowell-Caledonia suffered a 9-0 loss

in its first game against the Blades, who are also a co-op team. In that matchup, Lowell-Caledonia played with three of its top five defensemen out of the line-up ... two out with injuries and one on academic suspension. Coach Mike Ballard reorganized the Lowell-Caledonia line-up for the Saturday game against the Kalamazoo Eagles, putting players in new positions.

"They paid attention, they

played well, and we came away with a 2-1 victory," Ballard said. Ted McCoy of Caledonia scored the first goal unassisted. Pat McMahon, also of Caledonia, scored the winning goal. McCoy and Will Holland of Lowell are credited with the assist on the second goal. Ballard credits senior Dave Maylone of Lowell with two good games as goaltender.

eventhough the score was high in the first game. "I would say his save percentage was in the low 90s," Ballard said. "In both games. Even though they scored nine goals, they had quite a few shots on us." There were no official goaltending statistics available. The Kalamazoo Eagles will get a rematch this Saturday at 7 p.m. at Lowell-Caledonia's home rink, the Standard Federal Ice Center on Patterson Avenue in Grand Rapids.

Lowell-Caledonia has its first league game Friday, at home against the Hudsonville Eagles. Lowell-Caledonia is in tier three of OK hockey. In addition to Hudsonville, the league includes West Ottawa, South Christian, Grand Haven and Wayland.

LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN: What is the difference between a living trust and a testamentary trust? And is one trust preferred over the other?

JONATHAN SAYS: A living trust is a revocable trust you create during your lifetime. Once established, you can fund the trust, i.e., transfer assets to the trust, and then the trust will own those assets. As such, any assets held by the trust at the time of your death will avoid probate.

A testamentary trust is a trust that is part of your last will and testament and only takes effect after your death. You have no ability to transfer assets to that trust during your lifetime for the purpose of avoiding probate. This type of trust only receives assets from your estate upon the completion of probate.

Both trusts can be named as the beneficiary of a contractual benefit, i.e., life insurance policy proceeds or an IRA.

I recommend that a living trust be established because it gives you the ability to transfer assets to the trust during your lifetime for the purpose of avoiding probate. You do not have that opportunity with a testamentary trust. Since a testamentary trust is part of your last will and testament, it is a matter of public record; a living trust is a private document and not a matter of public record.

An estate planning attorney can provide you more detailed information regarding the difference between these two types of trusts.

DEAR JONATHAN: I want to set up a trust but am not sure whether it should be a revocable trust or an irrevocable trust. Please explain.

JONATHAN SAYS: A revocable trust is a trust you create during your lifetime which is revocable, meaning you can revoke it at any time while you are alive and have legal capacity.

An irrevocable trust is a trust you create during your lifetime which is not revocable, meaning once you sign that trust, you cannot revoke it or change it.

In most cases, the type of trust you want to create is a revocable trust because this gives you the most flexibility in that you can modify it as your circumstances change, or if you decide you don't want it anymore, you can simply revoke it. You can't amend or revoke an irrevocable trust. In most cases, an irrevocable trust is designed to be used for specialized circumstances, such as purchasing and holding a life insurance policy on the life of the grantor of that trust.

An estate planning attorney can further review the types of trusts with you.

DEAR JONATHAN: What is the difference between a last will and testament and a living will?

JONATHAN SAYS: A last will and testament is your written instruction as to how you want your assets disposed of at the time of your death.

A living will is not really a will but a directive from you to your physicians to withdraw or withhold artificial life support in the event of certain medical conditions, i.e., a terminal illness or irreversible coma. Although many states have enacted living will legislation, Michigan has yet to do so.

DEAR JONATHAN: Please explain the difference between a financial durable power of attorney and a health care durable power of attorney.

JONATHAN SAYS: A financial durable power of attorney is a durable power of attorney wherein you name an agent to act for you regarding your financial matters.

A health care durable power of attorney is a durable power of attorney wherein you name a patient advocate to make health and personal care decisions for you if you cannot make them for yourself.

Both of these documents are durable powers of attorney which means they are designed to remain effective during the principal's incapacity, unlike regular powers of attorney which automatically terminate upon the principal's incapacity.

Lowell girls can't find the hoop in 3-point loss to FHN

••• The Red Arrows' season ends at 19-3

It was Lowell's lowest point output of the year. The result: a quicker than anticipated departure from the Michigan High School Athletic Association's girls basketball tournament.

The Red Arrow girls basketball team fell victim to Forest Hills Northern Wednesday in the Class A district semifinal, 31-28.

Lowell's fast starting first quarter was the direct antithesis of its finish (the final three quarters).

"We missed a lot of layups. We just couldn't get the ball to go in the net after that first quarter," said Lowell's girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley. "I think after missing those layups and not finishing on our scoring opportunities the girls panicked and got a little tight."

Lowell built a 13-0 lead after eight minutes of play.

However, the Red Arrows were only able to net 15 more points the rest of the way.

The loss ended Lowell's season at 19-3. The Red Arrows started the year at 1-2 before reeling off 18 straight victories prior to their loss to the Huskies.

"We'd rather have played better tonight and been on top of our game," Crowley said. "The girls still had a great season. They were the undefeated conference champions."

Forest Hills Northern, meanwhile, kept the faith, as it rallied to outscore Lowell 9-2 in the second quarter cutting its halftime deficit to six at 15-9.

The Huskies followed that up with a 9-4 scoring advantage in the third quarter to pull within one at 19-18 with one quarter to play.

FHN scored the first two

buckets of the fourth quarter to take a 22-19 lead with a little over six minutes to play.

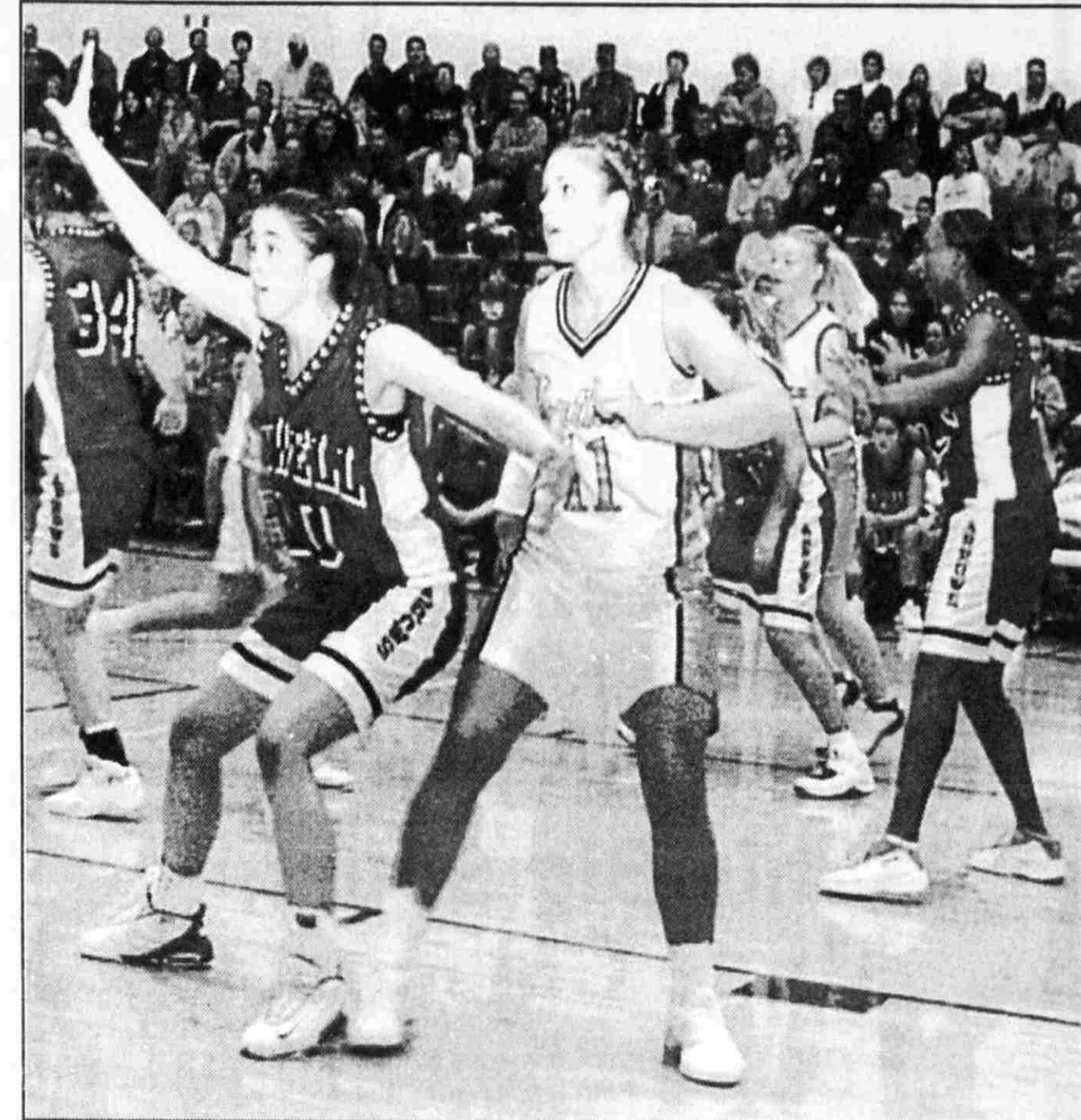
Coming out of a timeout, the Red Arrows responded with a 7-0 run to take a 26-22 advantage.

Just as quick as Lowell regained the lead, the Huskies went on a 4-0 mini run to grab a 28-26 lead with 2:06 to play.

Lowell's final basket of the night came at 1:47 from Keni Gallert.

Northern tallied a bucket and a foul shot over the last 45 seconds to record the upset.

"We started slow. I thought the girls played scared. But the girls hung in there, and when the game came down to the end, they were disciplined and played well," said Huskie coach, Melanie VanDyke. "We're a better team than many thought. Tonight, I think the girls raised some eyebrows."



Brooke VanEck posts for position against her Huskie defender.

Not one Lowell starter scored in double figures. Gallert and Amy Oberlin led the way with nine points apiece.

Cat Lanting and Dana Leenheer led FHN with 11 points each. The win improved Northern's record to 12-9.

Lowell 49
FHN 40

Lowell advanced to the semifinal with a balanced effort against the Rangers.

The Red Arrows trailed 9-8 after one, before rallying to outscore Forest Hills Central 16-10 in the second quarter to garner a 24-19 halftime lead.

Lowell increased that margin to 10 with an 11-6 scoring advantage in the third quarter, taking a 35-25 lead into the fourth and final quarter.

Central outscored Lowell 15-14 over the final eight minutes.

"I told our players that the team that makes the fewest mistakes would win. I had hoped we'd focus on theirs, and didn't expect that we'd make the unforced turnover that we made. Lowell has a good defense, but we had three or four unforced turnovers in the first half."

Lowell's balanced attack offered five players with seven points or more. Amy Oberlin led the way with 12 points. Vallen VanZyll netted 10 while Devon Collins garnered nine, Brooke VanEck added eight and Keni Gallert finished with seven.

"We have some good individual skill players who play within themselves and do what they need to do to be successful."

NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

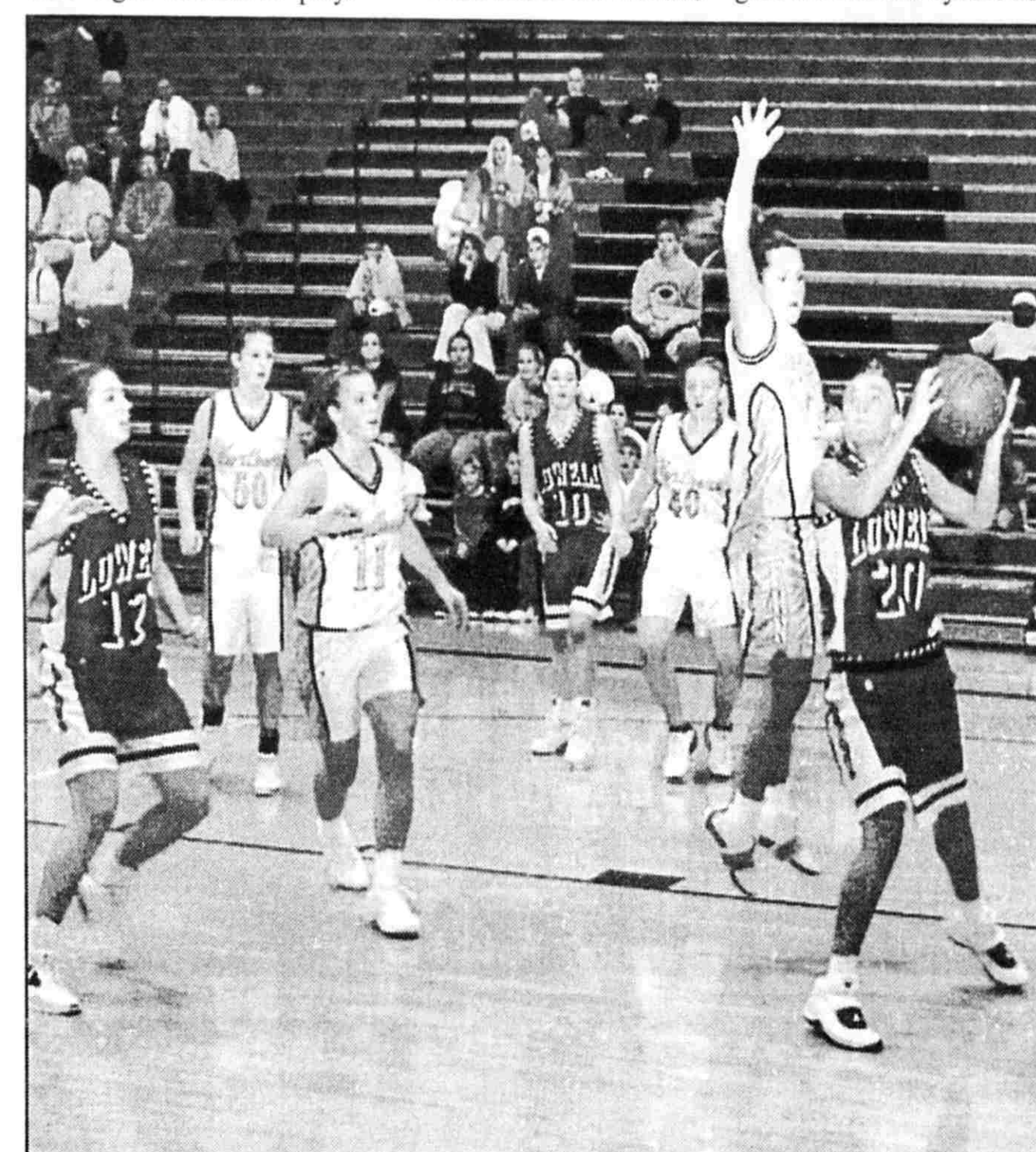
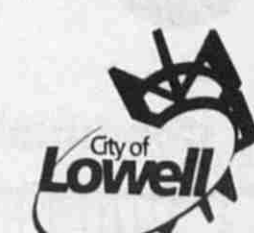
The City of Lowell will hold a Special Election on Tuesday, December 9, 2003 to consider the following:

Shall Ordinance No. 03-4 of the City of Lowell providing for the creation of a Planned Unit Development Single Family Residential District, R-1 for the Highland Hills Site Condominium Development at the easterly extension of High Street in the City be repealed?

Yes No

Polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Precinct #1 electors will vote at the Englehardt Public Library community room, 200 N. Monroe. Precinct #2 electors will vote at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson. If you are unsure of your precinct please call Lowell City Hall, 897-8457 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk



Vallen VanZyll finds room under the basket and off the defender's arm for a shot in Lowell's 31-28 loss to Forest Hills Northern.

CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF TESTING OPTECH COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the OPTECH Computer Program Testing for the December 9, 2003 Special Election will be conducted **Tuesday, December 2, 2003 at 5:00 P.M.** at the Lowell City Hall Conference Room, Second Floor, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan.



Betty R. Morlock
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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Lowell City Hall, Department of Public Works, Police Office, Light and Power and Cable TV will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28, 2003 in observance of Thanksgiving.

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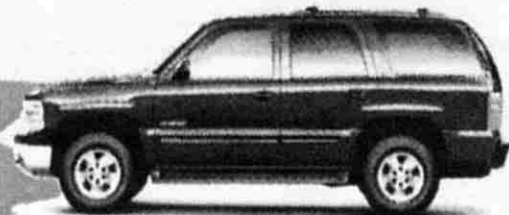


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