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King Milling adds to production capacity

By Dan Schneider

King Milling is building an addition on top of their main flour mill. Once completed, it will allow the company to increase white flour capacity by 50 percent.

Currently, the mill is running at full capacity. White flour accounts for half of King Milling's production.

"We're running 24 hours a day and seven days a week," said Brian Doyle, president of King Milling. "We can't even go out and call on new customers because our capacity is all used up."

Besides freeing up capacity for new contracts, the addition will allow the mill to run in a less strenuous manner. Jim Doyle, senior vice

president of King Milling, said this will allow for better equipment maintenance.

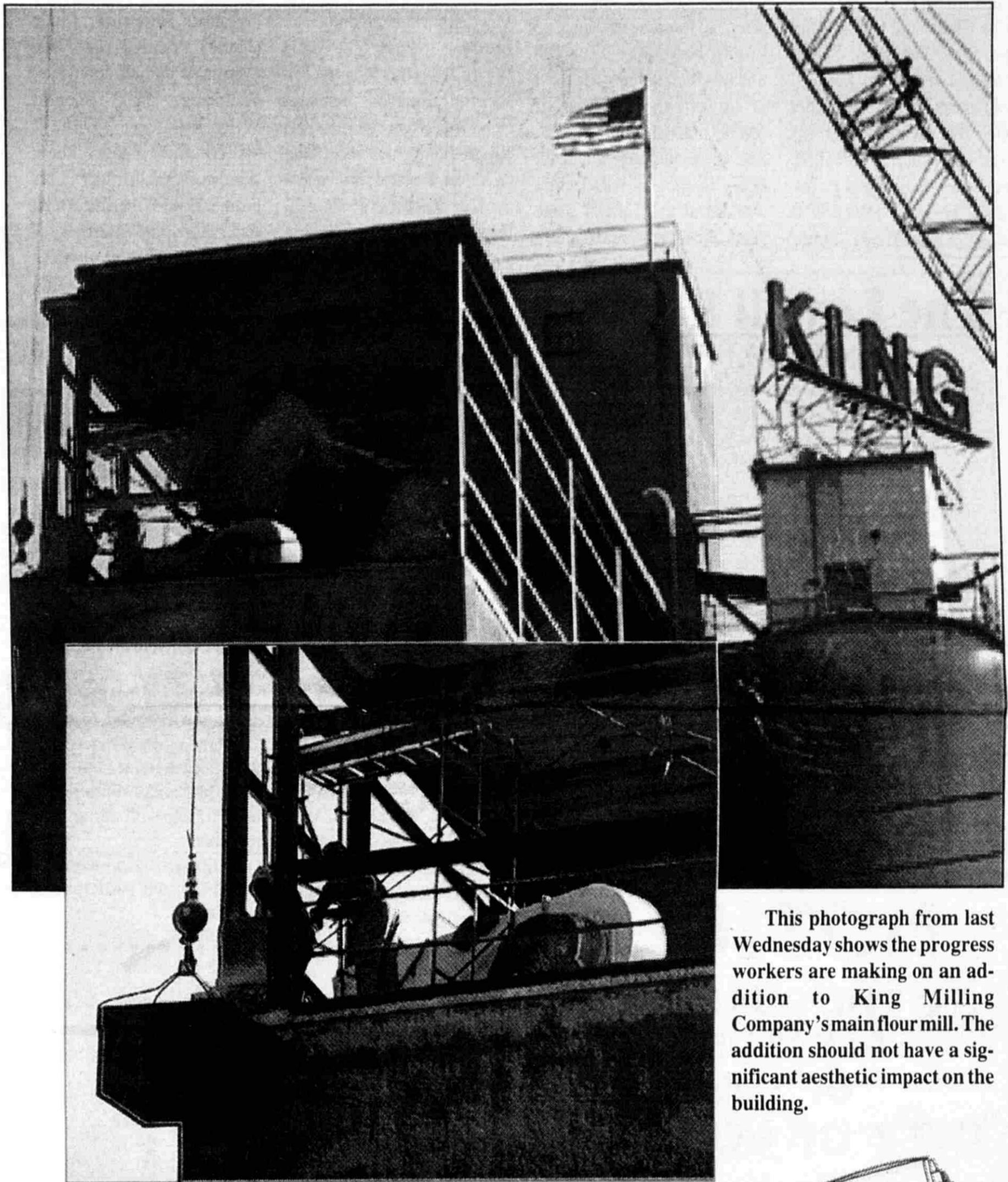
The addition will house air filters and flour conveying equipment. It is the most visible part of a project that will install new equipment throughout the entire mill.

"We have to expand the equipment while the mill's still running and we need space to do that," Brian Doyle said.

Construction began in October. Doyle said they had hoped to make the equipment transition between Christmas and New Year's but the project is running behind.

"We're hoping to get a seven-day down period to

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This photograph from last Wednesday shows the progress workers are making on an addition to King Milling Company's main flour mill. The addition should not have a significant aesthetic impact on the building.

Possible delay in Dec. 9 election

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- City Manager David Pasquale

By J. Lobdell
 Contributing Writer

The ballots have been printed but whether or not the citizens of the city of Lowell will be voting on appealing a planned unit development ordinance next week is still up in the air.

On Nov. 21, Kent County Circuit Court Judge Dennis B. Leiber, following a hearing and reviewing submitted briefs from the city and developers Sundry, Inc., decided in favor of Sundry that the Dec. 9 election on the PUD ordinance for the developers' Highland Hill project would not be in accordance with Michigan law.

Leiber stated the court would enjoin and prohibit the referendum election. Last week, however, the Lowell City Council decided to move forward with an emergency appeal to the Michigan Court of Appeals on Leiber's decision and to allow for the election to go through. "I applaud

the city's intelligent decision," said Simon Rosenbaum Jr. during the city council's Monday night meeting. Rosenbaum was one of the leaders behind the petition drive seeking to have the PUD ordinance put up to a vote. "I was blown away after an ugly Friday in court."

The issue facing the city is whether the Michigan Court of Appeals will hear the case and act on it in time for the election. "Whether there is an election or not, we don't know," said city manager, David Pasquale. "You'll just have to stay tuned." The city is proceeding as if there will be an election.

If there is no election, Pasquale said the city will put up notices at election polls announcing that it has been cancelled.

Sundry came before the city about two years ago seeking to develop two parcels located at 751 Grindle. The northern parcel is known as the Phillips property and is

designed to follow the suburban residential guidelines. The southern portion, called the Leeman property, has a plan that utilizes a neo-traditional design with clustered housing. This called for a PUD to be placed on the property and the property to be rezoned from suburban residential to R-1 residential, which allowed for the 52 proposed homes.

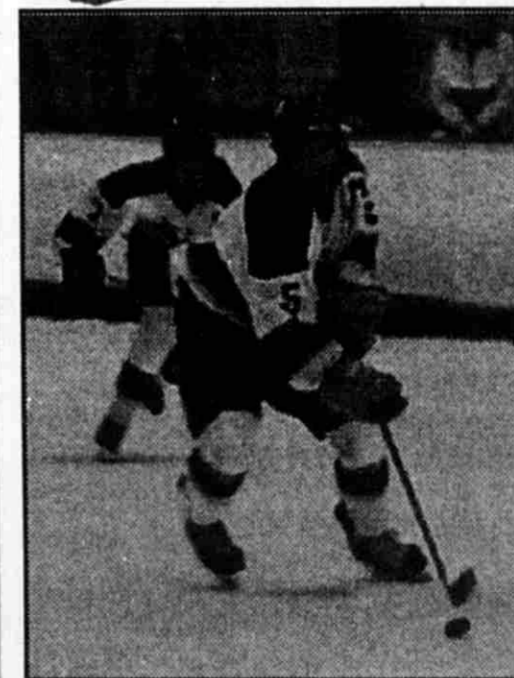
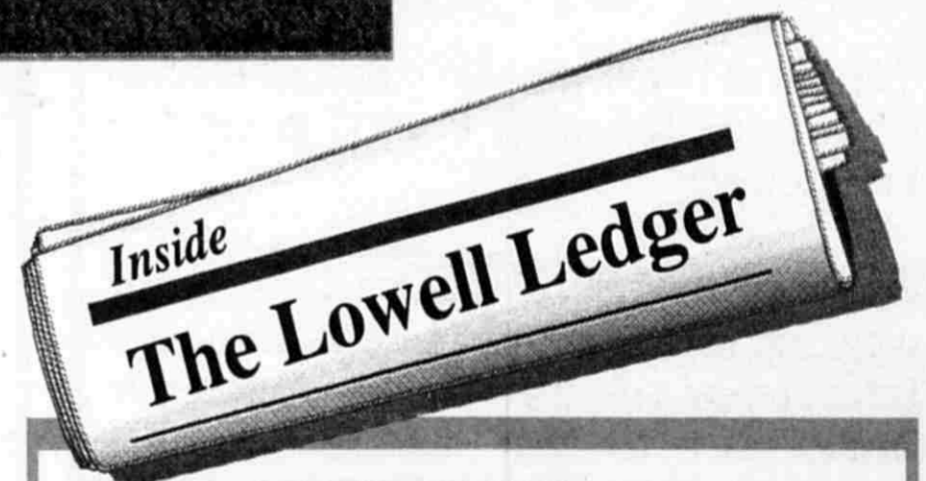
Residents in the area have objected to the project due to the amount of traffic it would create in the area and concerns over the design of the project. City council initially rejected the final PUD ordinance, the last piece in more than two years of discussions and reviews, for several reasons including traffic concerns and the proposed one-way road.

In August, the council reversed its decision and approved the PUD ordinance

which in turn started the petition drive to have the issue placed in an election form where all residents could voice an opinion, according to organizers. According to statute, residents have 30 days after a decision to file a petition for a referendum vote.

Sundry officials claimed the collection of the petitions was questionable since certifiers were not present when the petitions were signed. City clerk, Betty Morlock did certify the petitions and in September, the election was set for Dec. 9. Since then, Sundry and the city of Lowell have been in legal negotiations over the petition.

Sundry contends that not approving the project would have a major impact on the city in terms of taxes to the city and school, lost revenue to local businesses, and would impede the individual property rights.



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1931 was elected Lowell Centennial Queen. In 1936 she married John McDonald and they had her only son, Charles in 1937. In 1944 she married Raymond Herron and they were married until his death in 1975. She was a member and officer in American Legion Auxiliary, Pioneers, Vergennes Club and Lowell Women's Club. Emma is survived by her sister Lillian (Hilton) Briggs; son Charles (Kay) McDonald; granddaughters Ann Marie (Adam) Gunn and Lorelee (David) McCleary; great-grandchildren Katie Gunn, Adam Gunn III, Nick McCleary, David Lee McCleary, and Carlie McCleary; nieces Donna Jean Ford, Pam (Bill) Wengorovious, Helen (Norton) Johnson; nephews Bob (Jan) Kropf, Roger (Pat) Kropf; many grand-nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home on Tuesday with burial at Alton Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lowell Women's Club (Scholarship Fund).

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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:

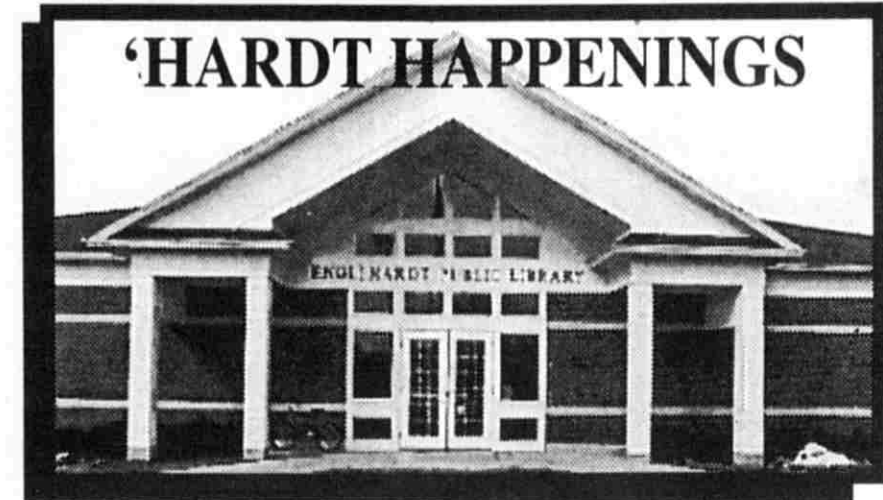
Shall Ordinance No. 03-4 of the City of Lowell providing for the creation of a Planned Unit Development Single Family Residential District, R-1 for the Highland Hills Site Condominium Development at the easterly extension of High Street in the City be repealed?

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.



SECORD - Teresa Maczka (Rosochacki) Secord, aged 83, formerly of Lowell, went home to be with her Lord, Wednesday, November 19, 2003. Remembered as a spirited and loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, she spent all but her last two years in the Grand Rapids-Lowell area. She was very active at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Lowell, then later at St. Francis Xavier of Grand Rapids. She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Mary Lisa, son Daniel, first husband Aloysius Rosochacki, second husband Carl Secord, three sisters and two brothers. She is survived by her children Joh Emrys of



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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing on Monday, December 8, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- To consider a Special Use Permit request from Allan Eckman to install an amateur radio antenna at 1602 Bowes Road. Under Section 4.22 of the Zoning Ordinance, amateur radio antennas may be approved by the Planning Commission as a special land use in any zone district.

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331

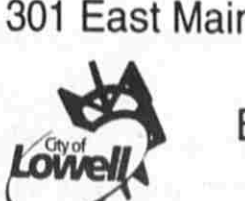
 Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk
616-897-8457

SYNOPSIS SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL NOVEMBER 24, 2003, 6:00 P.M.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to adjourn to Closed Session at 6:05 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act regarding pending litigation.
- Motion to return to open session at 6:51 p.m.
- Motion to have Michael Bogren of Plunkett & Cooney proceed with the appeal process regarding Sundry Corporation vs. City of Lowell.
- Yea: 3. (Councilmembers Mathews, Myers and Mayor Shores)
- Nay: 2. (Councilmembers Blough and Pfaller)
- Absent: 0. Motion Carried.
- Motion to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.

Complete minutes are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

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(BY LAND)

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5. Arizona

(BY SEA)

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2. W. Caribbean
3. Mexico
4. Hawaii
5. Panama Canal

(Based on September 2003 cruise sales and projected TripTik routings for 2004)



GRCC reaches out to community with "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" program

Grand Rapids Community College will offer a new, free community program, "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" through their "Learning Corner at Wealthy" beginning in December. The meetings will provide the kind of educational and personal support that research shows is needed to deal with what has been described as "a major cultural phenomenon of the early 21st century in the United States."

American grandparents with grandchildren under age five are providing "extensive care-giving" (at least 30 hours of child-care per week and/or caring for grandchildren for at least 90 nights in one year); over 3.9 million children (5.5 percent of all children under age 18) live in a household maintained by their grandparents; some 29 percent of preschool children whose parent(s) work or are in school are cared for by a grandparent, typically a grandmother in Kent County; and 7,254 grandparents live in households with one or more of their own grandchildren under 18 years.

Recent data indicates that: nine percent of all conditions, including divorce, HIV/AIDS, drug abuse, and child abuse contribute to this grandparent care-giving phenomenon. Most of these care-giving grandparents did not anticipate that the later part of their lives would find them with the physical, psychological, emotional and financial challenges associated with raising children.

"This is the reason we have designed this new program to provide grandparents with the opportunity to share common experiences of homework, legal issues, interfering parents, and discipline problems — as well as help them to create a support system, better understand the needs of grand/fo-

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Curtis Cleaners	Nugent Heating & Cooling-
Deer Run Golf Course	Dennis & Mary Nugent
Duane And Deb Rasch Farms	Pizza Hut
Equine Medical	Remax Country Hills - Joice Smith
Erin Ridge Farm	Ronda Lowell Tire Center
Faro's Pizza	Rookie's Card Shop
Fencing Forever - D.R. Strause	Root Lowell
Filmore Equipment	Schut Shearing Service - John Schut
Freepport Elevator	Scott & Lynn Drown
Gary's Country Meats	Shinaberry Family
Grand River Veterinary Hospital	Showboat Auto - Kirk Collins
Harold Zeigler Ford - Charlie Jeffrey	Springrove Variety
Harvest Health - Dave Clements	Swiss Lane Farms -
Howard & Kristen Plattner	The Oesch Families
Jim & Marian Wheat	Touch Of Country
Jimmy's Grill	Tuckertown Forge - Frank Leasure
Jim's Barber Shop	Tuffy Auto Service Center
Keiser's Kitchen	Vennen Chrysler Dodge Plymouth Jeep
Charles & Mary Knudstrup	Walt Stevens
Kropf Orchards	Wilcox Farms - Gordon & Marsha Wilcox
Larkin's Restaurant	Zook Farm Equipment -
Lighthouse - Wendell Christoff	Tom & Linda Zook
Little Caesars Pizza	

Mill addition, continued...From Page 1

make a cut-over and do that around Memorial Day," Doyle said.

A company in Switzerland, Buhler, manufactures the equipment that will be installed in the mill.

Specialty Industries out of Sunfield, Mich., is building the addition. The company specializes in construction related to milling and industry.

The addition will be made of panels consisting of insulation sandwiched between sheets of steel. The panels fit together in a tongue-in-groove manner, minimizing texture and eliminating ledges.

Ledges are the enemy of flour mills since they collect dust which encourages insects.

The panels have a baked-on finish in a sandstone color.

"There is a joint every three and a half feet so it will look different from the (existing structure)," Kevin Schalk said.

Schalk is the project manager for Specialty Industries.

"I don't believe it will jump out as something new," Schalk said.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 03-7444-DM

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TO: DEFENDANT, PASCUAL LOPEZ-VELASQUEZ
IT IS ORDERED:

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-

Juana Velasquez
1825 Horton
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
V
PASCUAL LOPEZ-VELASQUEZ
Address Unknown

WESTERN MICHIGAN LEGAL SERVICES
By: Danelle Kistka (P65483)

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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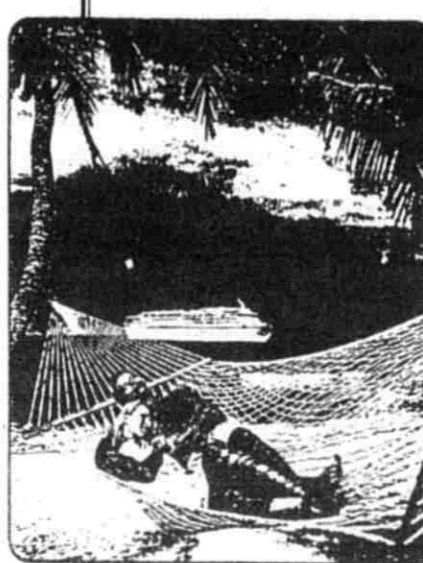
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| Curtis Cleaners | Nugent Heating & Cooling - Dennis & Mary Nugent |
| Deer Run Golf Course | Pizza Hut |
| Duane And Deb Rasch Farms | Remax Country Hills - Joice Smith |
| Equine Medical | Ronda Lowell Tire Center |
| Erin Ridge Farm | Rookie's Card Shop |
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| Freepoint Elevator | Shinberry Family |
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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.



SECORD - Teresa Maczka (Rosochacki) Secord, aged 83, formerly of Lowell, went home to be with her Lord, Wednesday, November 19, 2003. Remembered as a spirited and loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, she spent all but her last two years in the Grand Rapids-Lowell area. She was very active at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Lowell, then later at St. Francis Xavier of Grand Rapids. She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Mary Lisa, son Daniel, first husband Aloysius Rosochacki, second husband Carl Secord, three sisters and two brothers. She is survived by her children Joh Emrys of

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing on Monday, December 8, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- To consider a Special Use Permit request from Allan Eckman to install an amateur radio antenna at 1602 Bowes Road. Under Section 4.22 of the Zoning Ordinance, amateur radio antennas may be approved by the Planning Commission as a special land use in any zone district.

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331



Betty R. Morlock
 City Clerk
 616-897-8457

SYNOPSIS SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL NOVEMBER 24, 2003, 6:00 P.M.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to adjourn to Closed Session at 6:05 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act regarding pending litigation.
- Motion to return to open session at 6:51 p.m.
- Motion to have Michael Bogren of Plunkett & Cooney proceed with the appeal process regarding Sundry Corporation vs. City of Lowell.
 Yea: 3. (Councilmembers Mathews, Myers and Mayor Shores)
 Nay: 2. (Councilmembers Blough and Pfaller)
 Absent: 0. Motion Carried.
- Motion to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.

Complete minutes are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.



Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk
 City of Lowell

Reflections Of Faith

Father George J. Fekete
St. Mary Church

It is said that if a flood should occur somewhere and it rushes over a large area of land, and some of the wild animals on that land are able to get to some piece of higher ground, you will see standing together animals who are natural enemies, and who at any other time, would have done their best to kill each other. One could say that all these animals sense their common need for survival. Well, certainly one of the things, which should draw all people together, is their common need for God.

Last Sunday's Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent was from Luke 21:25-27, 34-36. The Gospel begins with Jesus telling of cosmic signs which point to the end time (see verse 25.) The people's response to these signs will be as drastic as the signs themselves and the fear will be as deadly as the power

of their destructive forces (see verse 26). It would seem at a time like this there would not be any fighting between men or nations as we have today, for example, in Iraq or the Middle East conflict. Like those natural enemy animals surviving together on the high piece of ground, there would be no more hostilities among these men or nations who realize their common need for survival. Again, one thing that should draw all men and nations together should be their common need for God and His ways.

The cosmic upheaval described in St. Luke's Gospel actually points to and accompanies the coming of the Son of Man who is greater than all these destructive forces. In fact, his coming shows our redemption in as hand (see verse 27 and 28).

Well, do we need these cosmic signs and the Son of Man

COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 650 people are on the official list of those who received degrees from Western Michigan University in August at the end of the Summer II Session of the 2002-03 academic year.

From the Lowell area are **Jacqueline M. Bennett, Katrina E. Robinson and Joann Vanden Hout.**

From the Ada area is **Laura M. Nugent.**

coming in a cloud now to understand the common need we have for God? Advent Season is meant to prepare us to celebrate the first coming of the Son of Man, Redeemer, Savior, Lord, Jesus, as He came two thousand years ago. Advent is also meant to prepare us for His Second Coming as described in St. Luke's Gospel. Jesus came for all peoples of all times. We do indeed have a common need for Him and our salvation. Should we not use this time between these two comings in becoming, with His grace, more like Jesus in our thoughts, words and actions? Essential for this to happen is our daily prayer, contact with the Lord, Jesus. Becoming more like Christ ourselves is indeed a wonderful preparation for His Second Coming. God love you.

Literacy Council in need of volunteers

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an information session on Wednesday, Dec. 10 for prospective volunteer tutors. It allows persons interested in becoming tutors to find out more about the council and its programs. The session will be held in the VanderVeen Center of the Grand Rapids Public Library, 111 Library St. NE at 6:30 p.m. It lasts one hour, at which time there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training. For information or to register, call 459-5151.

Lowell Women's Club meetings

The Lowell Women's Club invited Ron Thomure, auctioneer, to their monthly meeting on Nov. 12. He helped the club with their annual White Elephant sale. Helen Crimmins and Nancy Elmer, Lowell High School members, did a presentation on Public Relations. Next month's meeting (Dec. 10) will be held at Schneider Manor with the program titled "Christmas Storytelling."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DEC. 4: Tennille Bryant, Autumn French, Casey French.
DEC. 5: Christopher Vickers.
DEC. 6: Katie Blough, Kristopher Vezino, Phil Seese, Christopher DeBold, Maria Blough, Marc Wernet.
DEC. 7: Jennifer Berry.
DEC. 8: Mike Cummings.
DEC. 9: Allen Mettermick, Sara Triplett, Alison Nugent, Ben Nugent, Deb Schuitema.
DEC. 10: Bill Flugler, Evelyn Heim, Barbara Decker.

Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner
by Roger Brown

My wife and I visited our daughter's family a few weeks ago. This would be no big deal, except for the fact that they live about 10,000 miles away in Shanghai, China. We planned our trip well in advance. My wife shopped and shopped the Internet for the best deals on airfares. She obtained travel visas. We bought gifts for the grandkids and items that can't be found in China. Weird stuff like Hidden Valley brand ranch dressing and Kraft macaroni and cheese. Somehow a trip like this seems a little less exotic when you realize that your luggage is full of macaroni and cheese and Legos.

About two days prior to our departure, I got a call from my daughter. I've known this girl for thirty years now, and I knew her chitchat was leading up to something. Sure enough, she unloaded a rehearsed diatribe about the upcoming Michigan State vs. Michigan game. She went to State and her husband went to Michigan. At the time of this conversation, both teams were highly ranked and the game promised to be a biggie. The sales pitch included an explanation of great free seats through a friend of a friend, ultra-cheap airfares and an already planned itinerary to keep me and grandma busy in China while Angie and her husband were gone for five days.

I listened intently, then blurted out with, "What... are you nuts? There is no 'bleeping' way you're stranding me in China for a week so you can go to a football game!" My reply was just bluster. I knew she had likely purchased the plane tickets before she even called me. I just wanted her to have to pay for this long distance baby sitting service.

So, we're in China for about a week and my daughter and son-in-law pack up and leave us with a four and a six year old to translate for us with the housekeeper and driver. The housekeeper and driver speak about as much English as my wife and I speak Chinese. You can imagine how our conversations went. Thank goodness for my bilingual grandkids.

True enough, my daughter had planned a very full itinerary for us. One of the things on the docket was trick-or-treating around their neighborhood. They live in an international community of ex-pats. I'd guess the U.S. population to be around 25 percent. However, Halloween is such a fun holiday, almost everyone dressed their kids in costume and most houses offered candy to the hordes of little trick-or-treaters. Maybe

people around the world wouldn't be so anti-United States if we dressed in costume and passed out candy when visiting abroad. Just a thought.

Halloween rolled around and my granddaughter, Jim, dressed in her witch costume. With help from grandma, my grandson, Boog, donned his dinosaur outfit. They were lookin' good, but Jim produced a face painting kit and insisted that I paint her to look like the witch on the package. I found out later that the face paint kit was not intended for painting the kids. Jim put one over on grandpa... a fairly easy task.

I smeared Jim's face and neck with a base coat of green. Her witch costume had a V-neck, so we painted her exposed chest as well. We used most of the green paint! Then we painted lots of black highlights around her eyes and mouth. A red dot on her chin looked a little like a wart. I must admit... she really looked like a witch! I had outdone myself. She was so well made-up nobody recognized her when we were out trick-or-treating.

Of course, Boog couldn't let the fun of face-painting go by. We did his face and neck in a yellow base to match his costume. Then we applied some green, black and red swirls, stripes and splotches. He was strictly a free-style job, as there was no dinosaur picture to go by in the kit. When done, his face looked a little like a flame paint-job on an old hotrod. He looked pretty good peeking out of his dinosaur hood.

It was time to get going, so grandpa went to the kitchen to wash up. A quick wash of the hands didn't put a dent in the various hues of paint imbedded in my fingers. Hotter water and more soap didn't do much. Dishsoap, bar soap, liquid hand soap, laundry soap... nothing dented the green, yellow and black pigment in my fingers. The kids were waiting at the door. I looked at them and thought several things:

First, I wondered if I should have read the face-paint instructions and/or precautions. Maybe a cold cream base would have been in order.

Secondly, I wondered how I was going to convince grandma that it should be her job to try and get that stuff off.

Third, I wondered what mom was going to think when she arrived home with her daughter looking like gangrene and her son like jaundice victims.

My fourth thought on the subject was related to my third thought. The fourth thought was, "Good... serves her right for stranding us in a foreign country with her kids!"

Fortunately, the paint came off their smooth skin very easily with warm water and a little mild soap. Apparently the skin on my old, rough and dry hands absorbed the paint more readily. I still had hints of green on my fingertips a week later.

Unfortunately, I missed out on my daughter's face, had she been greeted at the airport by green and yellow kids.



By Priscilla Lussmeyer

Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL DECEMBER 4, 1878

"Look out for diphtheria." The temperance meeting at Train's Hall Sunday night was well-attended, the speakers earnest, and several took the pledge.

Nat Whitfield, formerly of Lowell, has been elected a representative to South Dakota's assembly in Yankton.

A Saranac minister recently performed a wedding ceremony, for which the groom paid him a dollar. The certificate given the couple cost \$1.25.

Mr. Z. Howe has returned from Indiana and will have a series of dancing classes at Train's Hall.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER DECEMBER 3, 1903

Four more homes in Lowell have been sold, including two to men from Edmore and Schoolcraft.

Baker Weldon Smith brought stogies back from his Ohio trip, where "everybody smokes them" and offers them for sale, 3 for 5 cents.

Most news items tell of who went where for Thanksgiving. Gov. Otter of the New Mexico territory, makes a plea to Washington for statehood.

You can rent at \$4/month or buy a new Franklin typewriter ("all the writing is in plain sight") from the Cutter Tower Co. in Boston, Mass.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO DECEMBER 6, 1928

H.D. Hudson of Hastings, Minnesota, the new owner of Lowell Specialty Co., will be the speaker at the Lowell Board of Trade meeting Thursday.

The Board of Trade is investigating the persons selling oil leases, and farmers are visiting the Muskegon oil fields with the same goal in mind.

Under the state habitual criminal law for liquor offenders, a woman named Channie Tripp is the first to be sentenced to life in prison on her fourth offense.

L.E. Johnson's mechanics at the Ford Sales and Service will grease your car with a power grease gun for one dollar.

Milton and Elsie May Gable, recently married, are serenaded at their Alto home by the Calithumpians. No identification given.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER DECEMBER 3, 1953

Bruce McMahon takes over as owner-manager of the Lena Lou at Ada.

WOOD-TV switches from Channel 7 to Channel 8, with a few days of being on both.

The arch of greens decorated with Christmas lights over Main Street should be in place by the end of this week.

Former governor, Kim Sigler dies when his plane hits a guy wire on a TV tower near Augusta.

Michigan's first educational TV station, WKAR-TV at Michigan State, will be in service soon.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER DECEMBER 6, 1978

Refloat the Showboat is sponsoring James Royale's Magic Show for two performances Monday at the high school.

Police chief, Barry Emmons, with the help of two paramedics on the E-Unit, delivers a baby boy, a first-timer for all three.

In the wake of TV's "Roots," an Ada Girl Scout troop is taping seniors' memories at the Senior Center here.

Lowell, Lowell Township and Vergennes Township will share a new fire truck.

Dale Sprick calls for a recount in the Fifth District contest with Hal Sawyer, citing "hanging chads" as possible errors in the precincts that use punchcards.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>Contemporary Services Lowell High School Auditorium (Nursery & Children's Ministry Provided) Sunday Mornings.....10 AM Impact Youth (Sunday's at the Pastor's home)...5 PM Phone us @ 897-0333 or 437-5093 Call for a free CD Service Sample</p>		<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL Rev. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	
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OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis

SOCIAL ANIMALS

The abundance of wildlife in Michigan is considered by most people to be a resource that contributes significantly to the character of our beautiful state. It would seem the more wildlife the better.

There are, of course, limits to the numbers of animals that can inhabit a particular area. One limiting factor is carrying capacity. Carrying capacity is generally thought of as the maximum number of a species that can be supported by a given habitat. That number is dependent upon available food and water, and the amount and type of cover needed for protection from predators and the weather. By monitoring the habitat and the health of resident wildlife, biologists can determine the carrying capacity of an area.

If the creatures in question are game birds or animals, the Department of Natural Resources attempts to keep numbers within the carrying capacity by imposing bag limits to maintain populations at optimum levels. These limits are based on science, and follow-up studies are used to evaluate the effectiveness of the regulations.

This fall while hunting in Quebec I was run-off a caribou kill by a very large black bear. The bear probably just wanted my caribou which I reluctantly shared. Run-away development across the state is fragmenting large blocks of habitat. This means wildlife will be competing with people for rapidly shrinking space.

Deer, wolves, and bears add significantly to our quality life and should be admired and enjoyed. We must learn more about these animals so we can continue to share the great outdoors with these remarkable creatures.

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: ledger@lowellledger.com. Letters must be signed and please include a phone number when emailing. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy. The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

What is more difficult to determine is the number of animals that can be tolerated by people. This could be called the social carrying capacity of an area. Car-deer accidents

Sharing The Vision

Nancy Hopkins, President
Board of Education

The Lowell Board of Education believes it is important to continue to communicate about the state budget crisis and how the cuts will impact our educational programs yet this year and next year.

Making these cuts will not be easy. During the last two years, we have already cut \$1.5 million in expenses from our budget and were successful in keeping most of these cuts away from the classroom. Now, we face an additional \$800,000 in cuts this year, and anticipate cutting another \$1.5 million from next school year's budget.

This community has put its trust in the school board by electing members to represent it; your school board clearly recognizes its accountability to the citizens who elected them. Recently superintendent, Shari Miller and assistant superintendent for finance and personnel, Connie Gillette completed a series of community budget presentations held in our school buildings. As this critical task of additional budget cuts approaches, the board will continue to share open and honest communications that reflect our accountability to you.

The board is responsible for approving budget cuts. Reductions in expenses will be developed through recommendations gathered from staff, parents, students, and community members. The board will consider both the educational and financial impact of each recommendation in preparation for completing the 2004-2005 budget. Again, it will be our priority to keep the cuts as far from the classrooms as possible.

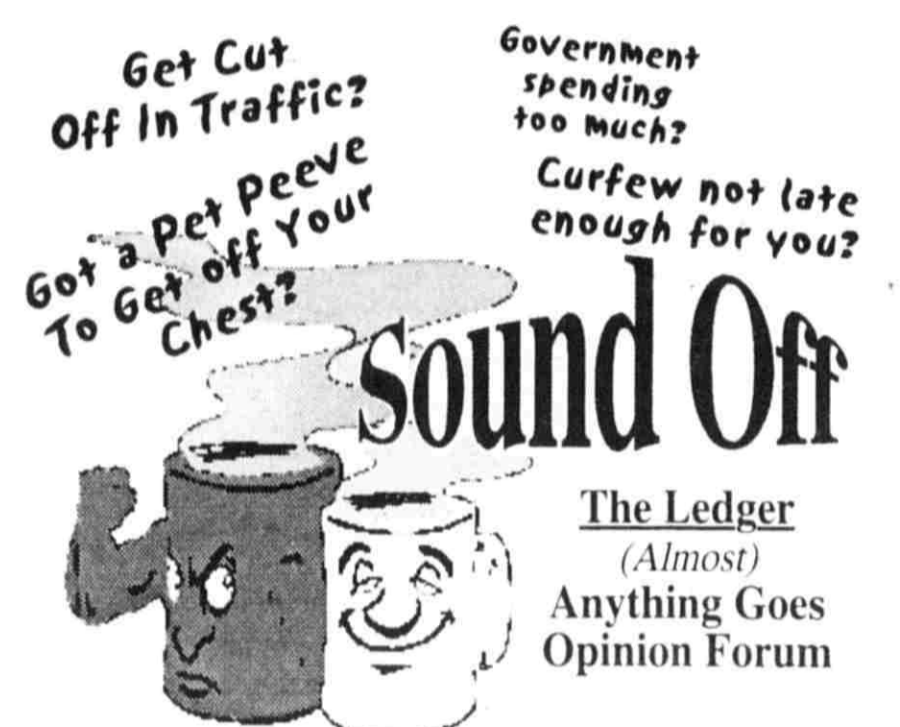
Community members do have the opportunity to take a stand for public education by becoming involved with *Grassroots*. The Kent ISD Legislative Network (*Grassroots*) is a legislative action group made up of parents, school board members and school staff. The Lowell board is represented by Pat Nugent and Nancy Hopkins.

Grassroots works collaboratively with others in the school community to find solutions to the critical revenue problems facing schools. *Grassroots* meetings will be held at Kent ISD Education Service Center - Coldwater Room, 2930 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids on the following dates at 7:00 p.m.: Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004; Thursday, March 25, 2004 and Thursday, May 6, 2004. Please join us and encourage others to attend.

If you have any questions about *Grassroots*, please email or call Superintendent Miller at smiller@lowellschools.com or 897-8514.

Here in Lowell Area Schools we are committed to doing the very best we can with the resources we have. While we will be forced to cut educational programs and services because of declining state funding, the school board will continue to work together with the Lowell community to serve the best interests of our students.

Coming together is a beginning ...
Keeping together is a process ...Working together is success.



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If you decide that you should follow someone and confront them about their driving, you should first consider they might live by you and know where you live.

Don't you wonder why a person is spear-heading a vendetta against a city housing development that would create tax revenue for the city when they live in the township?

Maybe we should annex the housing surrounding the development site into the city so we could add them to the city tax base.

To the lady behind me on M-21 by McDonalds: The left turn lane on M-21 is for those turning INTO McDonalds-not for those turning LEFT into Rite-aid! Double yellow line - stay on your own side!

Family Links is PTO? Why isn't it called that? More people would probably attend the meetings if they knew what it was!



December Students of the Month

Lowell High School is proud to announce the December Students of the Month. This special honor demonstrates outstanding ability and willingness to work hard in the student's particular area.

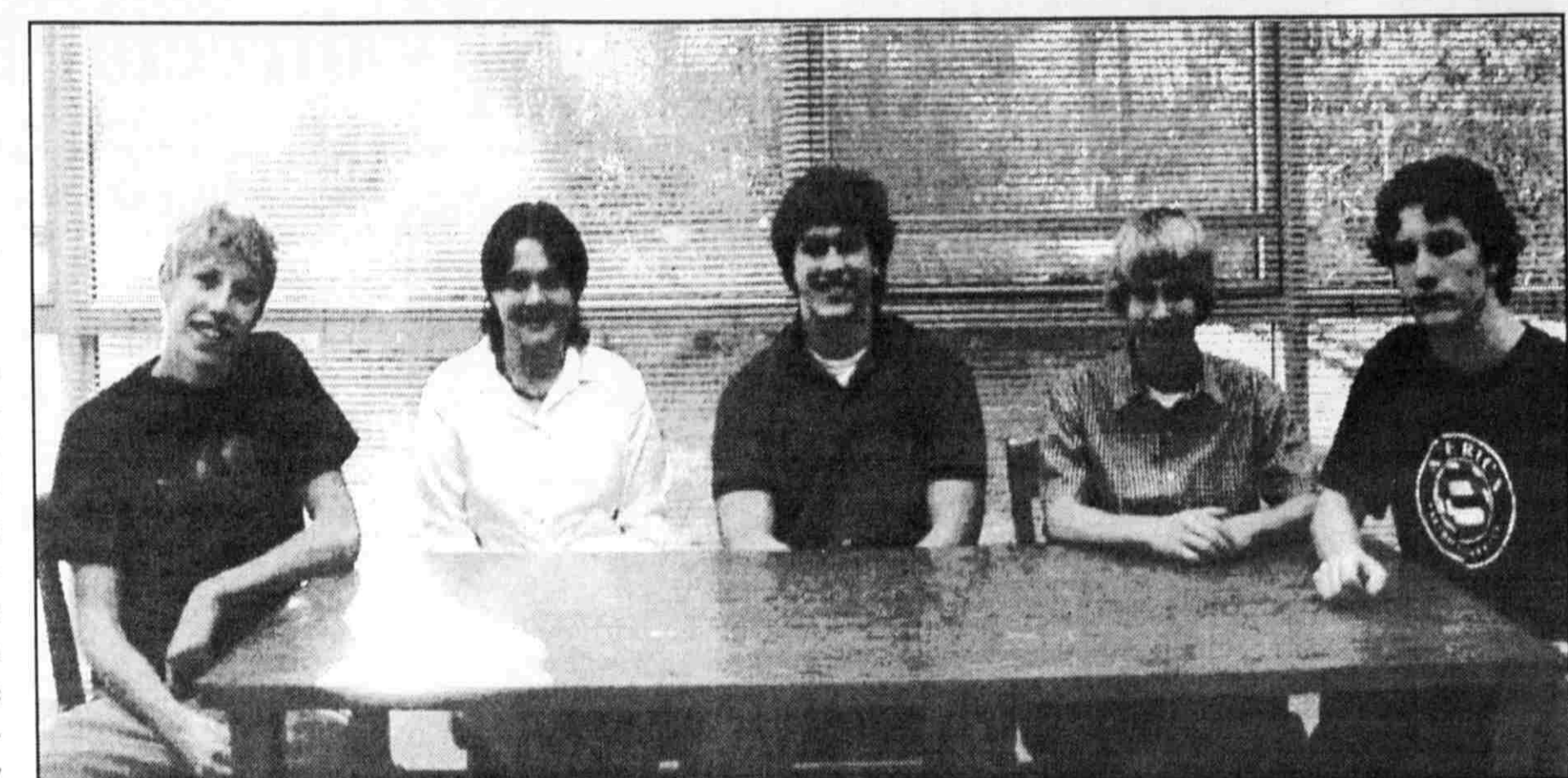
Derik Germond was selected by the Math Department. He is a senior and the son of Bruce and Maci Billok of Lowell. Germond plans to attend college next year, but is undecided as to where. His teacher nominator says he is receiving the best grade in Calculus and has shown responsibility by completing all assignments and by preparing to do his best each day.

Scott Riddle is being honored by the Science Department. A senior, he is the son of Kent and Susan Riddle of Lowell. Riddle's extracurricular activities include captain of the cross country team, National Honor Society and International Club. In addition, Riddle is a member of the

Rapid Wheelmen bicycle club and is employed at AAA Insurance. He plans to attend college next year to study pre-dentistry. His teacher nominator says he has excellent performance of difficult concepts.

Erin Rolfe was chosen by the Foreign Language Department. She is a senior and the daughter of Aaron and Casey Rolfe of Lowell. At LHS, she is active in International Club and FFA. She is also employed at Modern Photographics. Next year she intends to enroll at Grand Valley State University to study physical therapy. Her teacher nominator says Rolfe has consistently displayed good character in the classroom. She has a positive attitude and puts forth extra effort in everything she does.

Randall Edward Frye was chosen by the Drama Department. He is a sophomore and the son of Erika Curtiss of



Pictured, left to right, are: Randall Frye, Erin Rolfe, Derik Germond, Louis Glinzak and Scott Riddle

Lowell. Frye is a member of the debate team and the all-school play cast. His teacher nominator says he is extremely open to all types of people and is considerate of everyone. Frye completes his work on time and takes risks in class

which allow others to be able to do the same. **Louie Glinzak** is the choice of the Social Studies Department. He is a sophomore and the son of Lou and Lynnea Glinzak of Lowell. Glinzak was captain of the

junior varsity soccer team during his freshman and sophomore years and was a member of the varsity track team during his freshman year. In addition, he participates in FFA, Model UN and SADD. Glinzak was also the sopho-

more representative on this year's Homecoming court. His teacher nominator says he is an outstanding AP History student and an award winner at Model UN. Glinzak also demonstrates academic intensity and curiosity.

Snowmobile club donates \$5,000



In recognition of the service provided by the Lowell Area Fire Department, the Flat River Snowmobile Club presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to furnish needed equipment for the fire trucks. In talking with fire chief, Frank Martin, Delbert Will, member of the Flat River Snowmobile Club, discovered a C O monitor and a laptop computer were needed for each of the fire trucks at approximately \$1,200 each. The club, on behalf of Mark Sellner, president; Bradley Potter, treasurer; and Delbert Will, member, was able to fully fund the purchase of two monitors and two computers. Pictured, from left to right: Delbert Will, Frank Martin and Bradley Potter.

Let our advance worrying become advance thinking and planning. —Sir Winston Churchill

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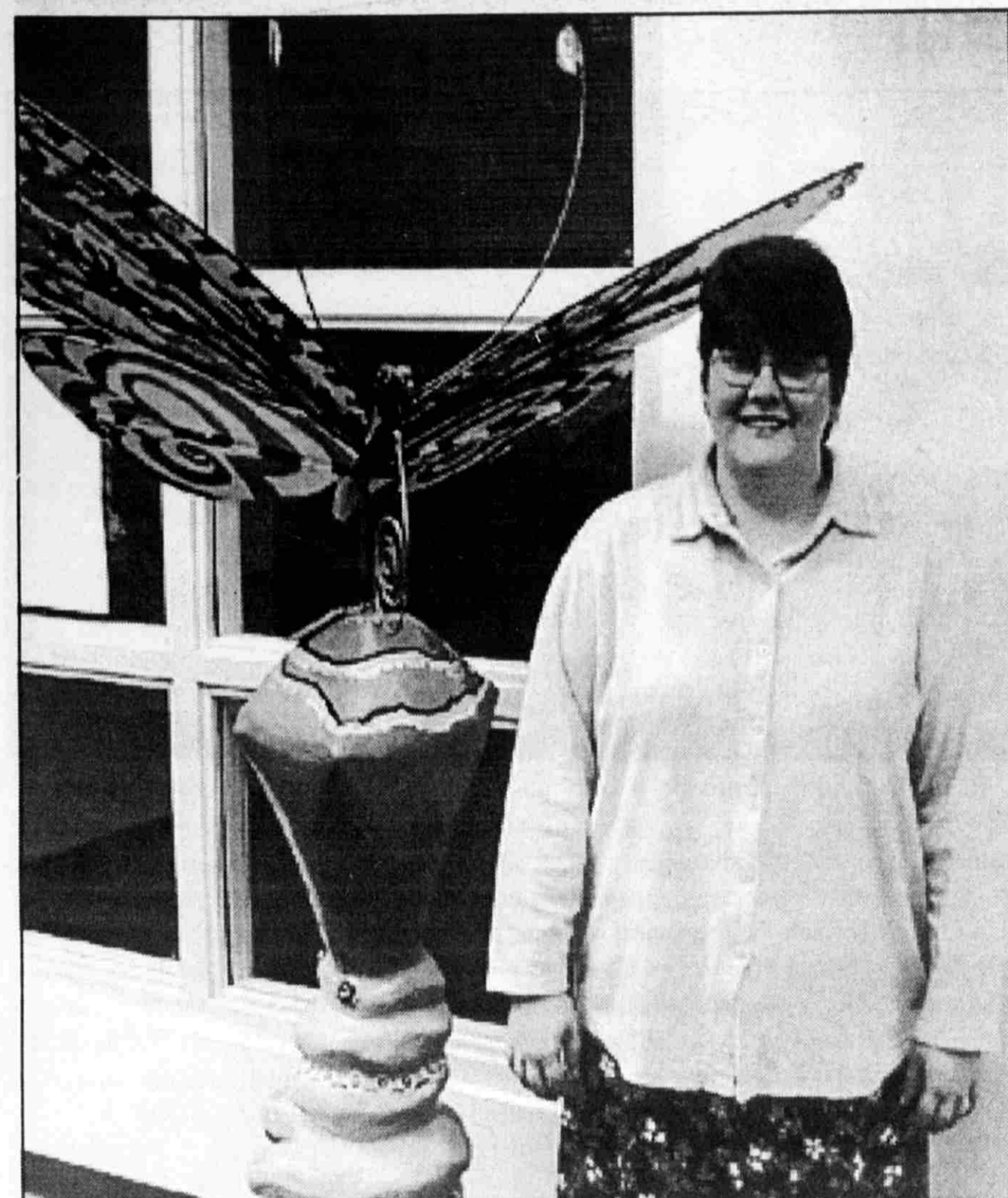
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Jessica Johnston stands near the butterfly in the Runciman Administration Building. Johnston is Lowell's new community wellness director. In that role she is a coordinator, facilitator and source of information regarding health and wellness.

Community wellness director beginning new job for her community

By Dan Schneider

As the first wellness director for the Lowell community, Jessica Johnston is currently familiarizing herself with the area's health needs.

She has spent the last month making her way around the Lowell Area Schools. Half of her time will be spent coordinating health efforts in the schools and the other half addressing wellness needs in the community as a whole.

Basically, Johnston functions as a conduit for information. It will be her job to keep students and staff at the school and the community as a whole abreast of what health care programs and services are available.

Johnston is now focusing on the community aspect of her job, meeting with groups like Senior Neighbors and Flat River Outreach Ministries. By January she expects to be familiar enough with the schools and the community to really get to work. Among her major responsibilities will be organizing the health fair at next July's River Walk Festival and putting together a wellness resource directory.

"I envision it as a listing of all of the health and wellness programs in Lowell," Johnston said.

The directory will help Lowell area residents contact health and wellness service providers. The concept of wellness includes not only the treatment and prevention of

disease, but also such areas maintaining mental health and avoiding substance abuse problems.

Johnston has lived in Lowell for a year and a half. She moved here with her husband and daughter, looking for a place with a "more family-oriented, friendly atmosphere."

Johnston has a bachelor's degree in health science and a master's degree in physical therapy from Oakland University in Rochester, Mich. She has worked in otherschool districts and in home health care.

The Lowell Community Wellness Consortium hired Johnston through the Lowell YMCA.

Patty Sellner, a member of the consortium, said

Johnston will be especially helpful to new arrivals in the community.

"As Lowell grows, you get people who don't know about these services that have been here for a long time," Sellner said.

The consortium has been working to establish a wellness program in Lowell for the past two years. Johnston will be the integral part of the program.

Funding to begin the program is through a grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund.

Johnston has an office at Cherry Creek Elementary and at 207 Jackson Street. Her office phone number is 340-7781 or she can be reached by e-mail at jjohnston@lowell.schools.com.

Christmas at Fallasburg

The village of Fallasburg will be celebrating the holiday season with an old-fashioned Christmas dinner on Saturday, Dec. 20.

Besides pork roast with cranberry glaze or roast beef with horseradish, there will be seasonal vegetables and yummy desserts from the 1800s; musicians will entertain guests with period mu-

sic of the season. Following dinner, stroll to the schoolhouse via candlelit road for a festive party.

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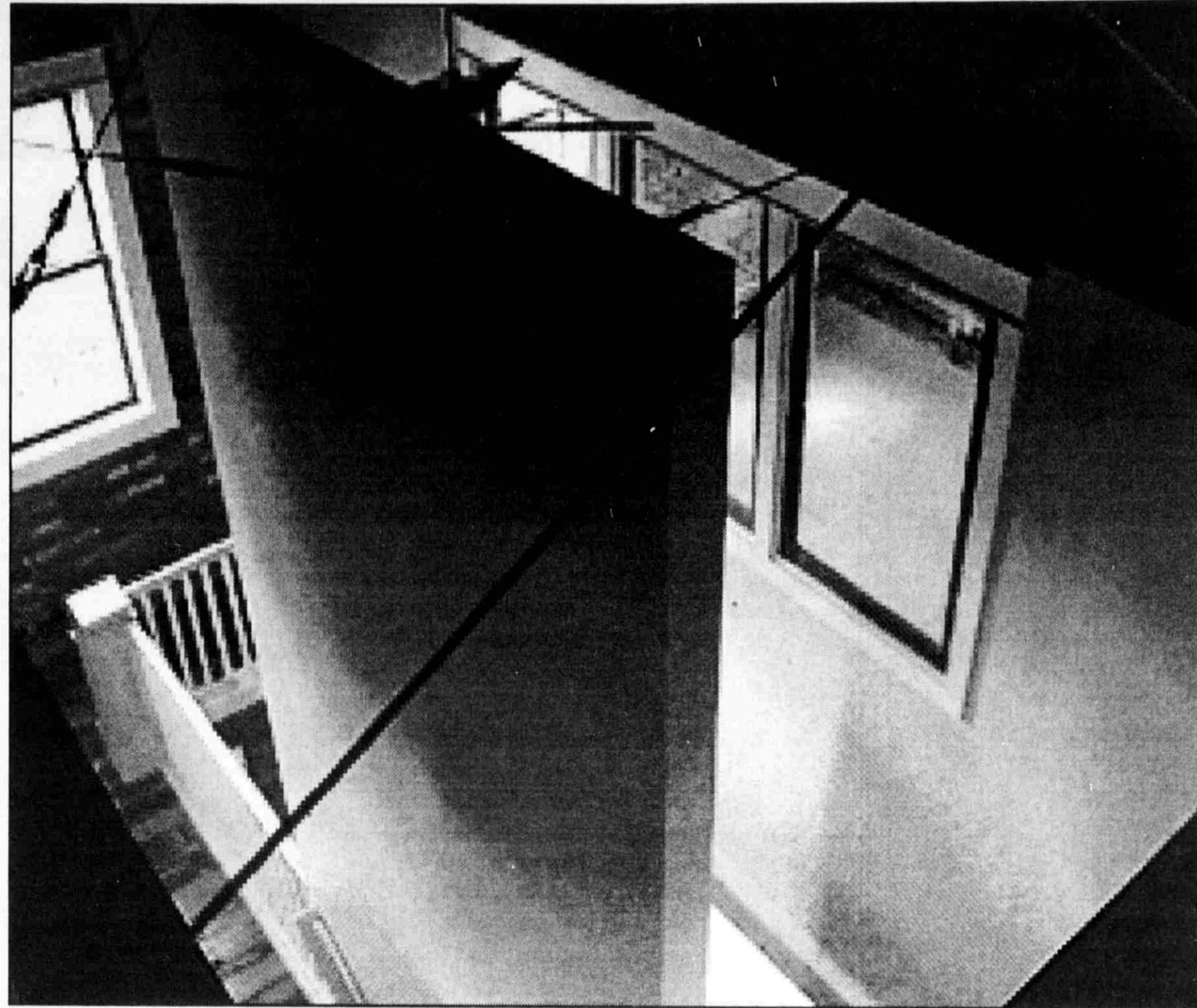
By Dan Schneider

A nearly completed residence in the Main Street Condominiums building will be shown during an open house this Saturday.

The condo is the first to be completed of four in the building that was formerly the easternmost part of the Flat River Antique Mall. Richard Craig owns the building. Craig Architects Inc. of Grand Rapids is designing the condominiums. Further construction will proceed as buyers are found for the other condos.

The nearly-completed residence occupies the top two stories of the building with about 1,500 square feet of floor space. One more condo of that size remains to be built and then two more, roughly double that size.

Already moved into one of three retail spaces is eja Salon. The salon space boasts hardwood floors, tin ceilings and brickwork exposed dur-



ing demolition. Coldwell Banker realtors will move into the eastern retail space, once occupied by a funeral chapel.

Elzinga and Volkers, out of Holland, is doing the construction for the project. They have put new wood-framed windows and a new coat of paint on the facade, but changed little else on the exterior. Work on the outside of the building proceeded with the approval of and some grant money from the Downtown Historic District Commission.

There have been more major modifications to the inside, mostly to open the space up. Measures were taken to re-inforce the roof structure so it could better support snow loads. Todd Gregorski, construction foreman on the project, said he has enjoyed working in Lowell and is glad to see how well the community values its "old buildings."

The open house will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

A view from the rafters of the nearly completed residence at Main Street Condominiums. The design utilizes tensioned cables to support walls and to reinforce the roof structure, making it better able to deal with snow loads. The windows visible to the right are interior windows made from the lower sashes of the building's original windows. They have the waved surface characteristic of old glass.

SYNOPSIS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL NOVEMBER 17, 2003, 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the November 17, 2003 Regular Meeting and Special and Closed Session meetings of November 24, 2003 were approved as submitted and bills and the accounts payable were approved.

Wayne Creelman, MD made a presentation regarding his candidacy for the 86th House District and asked for support at August 3, 2003 primary.

Airport Manager Jim Sowle gave the Council an update on the Lowell Airport and proposed air easements. No action was needed at this time.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to approve the deletion of the Maplewood Square Apartments (1800-1860, 1900-1960 Sibley) from the Downtown Development Authority District.
- Motion to deny the rear yard setback variance request at 901 Bowes Road.
- Motion to approve the proposal to purchase the Barton property for \$64,500 with the \$14,500 to come out of the General Fund as well as recognizing \$50,000 from the DDA.
- Motion to seek funding from the Lowell Area Community Fund (Englehardt) to offset \$14,500 from the General Fund as well as seek funds to cover the demolition costs for that piece of property.

Yea: 2. (Councilmember Pfaller and Mayor Shores)
Nay: 2. (Councilmembers Blough and Mathews)
Abstain: 1. (Councilmember Myers)
Absent: 0. Tie Vote Motion defeated.

- Motion to adopt the resolution as written approving the City of Wyandotte to join the Michigan Public Power Agency and the MPPA Power Pool Agreement.

- Motion to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be Monday, December 1, 2003.

Complete minutes are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.



Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk
City of Lowell

City purchases equipment to generate its own tax bills

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

For the past ten years, the city of Lowell, like many Kent County municipalities, has relied on the county to produce and mail its tax bills. Due to the need to upgrade and the feasibility of doing it themselves, the county has decided to get out of the tax administration business.

With this move, it meant that the city of Lowell needed to purchase new software to

process tax bills and delinquent taxes. The cost of the software is \$3,890. Through the process of purchasing the new software, city treasurer, Sue Olin learned that the current computers in the city's treasurer's department were too outdated and would not run the software needed.

She requested and received permission from the council to purchase five new computers for \$3,957. The total

cost of the system should come in below \$8,500, which includes converting the data from the Kent County system to the new software, which is about \$200 per hour.

The first year includes free software support. After that, the support is around \$600 a year, Olin said. The money for the project is coming from the city's data processing fund. All of the municipalities are planning to operate the same software.

Olin said treasurers have been receiving training through the Kent County association of treasurers and she has been told the software is designed to be easy to use. Olin explained this is only part of the process in getting the city up and running on producing its own taxes.

Her next focus will be looking at how the tax bills will be printed, whether it is done in-house at City Hall or through an outside vendor, she said. The county plans to be out of the tax administration business by March 1, 2004.

Olin said the city spent \$5,006.80 a year to have the county produce all of the city's tax bills and related statements. Additionally a T-1 line was installed for property tax and administration. The city treasurer and assessor share the cost of \$418 per month to SBC to be on line with the county.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE ABSENTEE VOTER INFORMATION

The City Clerk will be available at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., on Saturday, December 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for any registered voter in the City of Lowell who would like to apply for or return an absentee voters ballot for the December 9, 2003 Special Election.



Betty R. Morlock,
City Clerk

Resident attempts to save tree from destruction

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

Sandy Johnston hoped by going to the Lowell City Council she would be able to

save the only tree on her property. She got a stay of execution for the tree, but no guarantees that it won't have to come down.

Johnston said on Monday,

she was approached by two Lowell Light and Power employees, one later identified as general manager, Tom Richards that the poplar tree in her backyard was too close

to a power line and would need to be removed. Richards, during the Monday council meeting, said the line is a 4,000 volt distribution line for the area and that the tree in

question poses a real safety threat along with potentially causing a power outage.

"Our rights under the law are that we have a responsibility to keep our lines reliable and a safety margin," Richards said. The tree's trunk has grown over the years, with it now being about eight inches from the lines. Lowell Light and Power likes about 6 to 8 feet between the trees and power lines.

Under the current situation, the tree could fall on the lines and cause a power outage in the area or even create down lines that are live, Richards said. The other concern is of children climbing the tree and accidentally grabbing the lines instead of a branch.

Johnston said she believes there is another alternative to cutting the tree down. "Taking down the entire tree isn't right," she said, adding that the tree is healthy. Johnston said she would do whatever it takes to keep the tree and believes that by trimming back the limbs, the tree could be saved. Her concern was also whether Lowell Light and Power had the right to come

on her property without her permission to remove the tree. LL&P officials had given Johnston information on prescriptive easement which allows for the company to do so if the lines have been in place for more than 15 years.

Johnston asked the council to look into the matter of whether she had any rights to object or what procedure she needed to follow to stop the removal of her tree. The council directed city manager, David Pasquale to get an opinion from the city attorney and to report back to the city council's next meeting, Dec. 15.

This meant that Johnston's tree is saved from the ax until that meeting. "This should have been resolved and taken care of many years before it came to this," Richards said. Richards estimated that LL&P has spent about \$100,000 trimming trees this year for power lines. It was suggested that the lines be moved, but Richards said that was a costly option, around \$20,000, and would involve getting permission from other property owners.

Well done is better than well said.
—Benjamin Franklin

Formerly classified - WWII veteran's story now a book

By Dan Schneider

According to a telegram received by Mrs. Dave Woudwyck of S. Division Ave., Lowell, her son, Staff Sgt. William McKinley Kollar is missing in action over Austria. The first news that he was missing came to Mrs. Woudwyck on Saturday in a letter from the APO office in New York City.

That was the news reported on the top of the seventh column of the Ledger (the paper had eight columns at that time) for Thursday, April 27, 1944. It was to the right of the weekly "News of Our Boys" column, which reported that "David Sigler, formerly of Lowell, is now serving in the U.S. Navy." A/C Howard Acheson had been sent to Maxwell Field, Ala. to begin his preflight pilot training; Glendon Swarthout arrived in Italy after having

been moved about quite a bit since his induction six months ago and Vernon E. Chaffee, 21, "a graduate of Lowell High School, class of '37," had received his silver wings, commissioned Second Lieutenant at Monroe Field Advanced Flying School in Texas.

The Western Union telegram Kollar's mother received from Washington read as follows (spelling corrected):

The Secretary of War desires me to express his deep regret that your son, Staff Sergeant William M. Kollar, has been reported missing in action since two April over Austria. If further details or other information are received, you will be promptly notified.

Dunlop, Acting The Ajt. General

The Ledger reported further news of Kollar on Thursday, May 25, 1944 under the headline "Sgt. Wm. Kollar, Reported Missing, Eludes the Enemy For 30 Days and Nights."

The report told that Kollar was back in Lowell again "with the home folks" after having his B-24 bomber shot down and hiking miles through the Balkans.

"His experiences and those of the other members of his bomber crew," the story continued, "make a graphic story as thrilling as any that have yet come out of the war."

The story was classified

until the early 1960s. Kollar received a letter from the Defense Department notifying him of that fact, and he began writing a manuscript of his adventure shortly thereafter. The progress was incremental for the first several years. Kollar finally completed the manuscript in 1990. He later approached Nikos Ligidakis, an author in the state where Kollar now resides, Arizona. Ligidakis did some research of his own and built Kollar's manuscript into a book. Its title is *The Last Mission* and it has been available for about a year now.

Kollar was the left waist gunner of the B-24 bomber "Maggie's Drawers," shot down flying a bombing mission over Steyr, Austria. The target was a ball-bearing factory, the Germans' last one. Ball-bearings being essential to manufacturing war machines, the Germans protected their last factory with a profusion of flak and Me-109s. It was an Me-109 that got Maggie's Drawers, shooting out its numbers three and four engines with an air-to-air rocket. The crew bailed out as the airplane spiraled into a Balkan mountainside in Yugoslavia.

The Ledger reported at the time: "but before bailing out, the crew put up a fight for 50 minutes and had the satisfaction of shooting down the plane that got them. Bill himself brought down an Me-109."

"I started to go out the window and these Me-109s came in and started shooting at us, so I got back in place and shot both of them down," is how Kollar remembers the incident, reached by phone at his home in Mesa.

The waist guns on a B-24 were machine guns mounted in the windows of the fuselage.

"I got back around and I was by myself so I immediately jumped out the escape hatch," Kollar said. "You're supposed to count to ten before pulling open your chute. I was really anxious to see whether it would come out or not, so after rolling over a few times I pulled the cord right away."

In Ligidakis' book, Kollar watches as the B-24 crashes into the Balkan mountainside. Ligidakis uses the trip earthward to segue into Kollar's

thoughts, a flashback to when Kollar first enlisted. Kollar enlisted in December of 1941 after hearing of the attack on Pearl Harbor on the radio in Pete's Cafe in Lowell. He says, however, that the beginning of his military service was not on his mind as he parachuted toward the snow-covered ground of the Balkans.

"My thoughts were, 'the war is over for me,'" he said. "I thought I would be taken prisoner and that would be it for the rest of the war."

Kollar landed near the top of a hill and slid a good way down its snow-covered side. When he came to a stop, two groups of men were approaching, one from the top of the hill and one from below.

"I figured the best thing to do was to drop my chute and run from between them," Kollar said.

One of the men from the top of the hill was the first to intercept Kollar. This was good because the man was a member of the Partisans of Tito, a band of anti-German guerrillas.

"He comes sliding down the hill and he says, 'Ah, American,' and he kissed me on both cheeks," Kollar said. "I've been kissed on a lot of occasions, this was one of the best."

The group of men at the bottom of the hill had been a patrol of German soldiers.

The book tells the tale of Kollar's escape from the Germans through the snow, cold and mountains of Yugoslavia.

The narrative is interrupted at intervals by flashbacks, used as a means of revealing Kollar's personal history. These were somewhat a point of contention between Ligidakis and Kollar. The two worked together for about two years on the book.

"He and Bill argued about that for a long time because Bill didn't like the flashbacks," said Polly Kollar, Bill's wife of 58 years.

Polly Kollar said the flashbacks have proven popular with readers. However, the narrative would have been better served by a different method as Ligidakis frequently tries too hard to fit flashbacks into the context of the story.

That aside, the book reads well as a basic account of a

very exciting story. For the most part, the style is spare, letting the story tell itself. Polly Kollar said the book "pretty well follows" Kollar's manuscript.

The book has sold well with veterans, Ligidakis said. It is published through Inkwell Productions, Ligidakis' company in Arizona. As a publisher, Ligidakis' goal is to get new authors in print.

The book is available directly from the publisher, \$24.50 hardcover. Contact Inkwell Productions, 3370 N. Hayden Rd. #123-276, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 or on their website www.inkwellproductions.com.

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Land Area Comparison Chart for Farmland Needed for 53 Homes

Local Government Jurisdiction	Current Zone Ordinance Classification	Minimum Lot Size Per Ordinance	Homes Per Acre	Number of Homes	Resulting Farmland Taken
Lowell Township	AG-1	2 Acres	0.50	53	106 Acres
Lowell Township	AG-2	4 Acres	0.25	53	212 Acres
Vergennes Township	R-A	3 Acres	0.33	53	159 Acres

Highland Hill Land Area Comparison Chart

Current Zone Ordinance Classification	Minimum Lot Size Per Ordinance	Homes Per Acre	Entire Project Area	Maximum Number of Homes	Open Space Preserved
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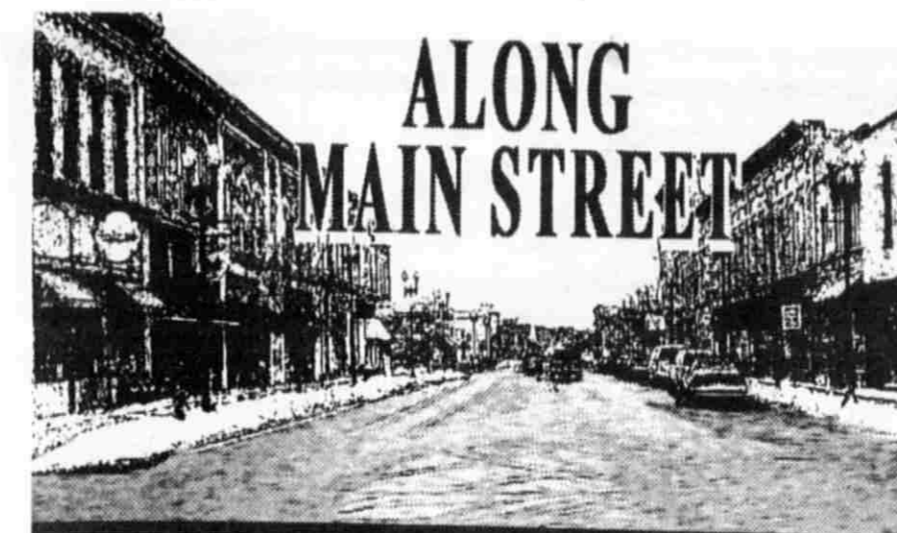
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ROGUE RIVER CRAFT SHOW AND SALE
The 21st annual Rogue River Artisans Fine Art and Craft Show and Sale will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Lowell High School. More than 90 juried fine artists and craftsmen will be there. Lunch is also available; easy parking and access.

PARENT INFO MEETING
Parents of high school winter athletes should plan to attend the general informational meeting on Monday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.

in the high school Performing Arts Center. At 7:40 p.m. there will be individual sports meetings. Attendance by at least one parent or guardian is required for general meeting unless attended in the fall; then omit the general meeting and arrive for only the 7:40 p.m. session. If you have questions call 897-4442.

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.

CALL FOR AUDITIONS
The Thebes Players are seeking actors for "Escanaba in da Moonlight" by Jeff Daniels. Auditions for the five male and one female cast are Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. at Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe. Performances in February. To borrow a script for review, call LAC at 897-8545.

SANTA VISITS
Santa visits will be on the Lowell Showboat Wednesday, Dec. 10 and 17 from 6-8 p.m.; also on Saturday, Dec. 13 and 20 from 1-3 p.m. Call 897-9161 with questions.

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.

LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS
Commodities will be distributed Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Moose Recreation Building, 1320 E. Main. Call 897-5150 or 897-8754. Commodities include: apricots, asparagus, dehydrated potatoes, green beans, oil, peaches, peanut butter, pears, powdered milk, pudding, salmon, tomato sauce, frozen beef.

LEA HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA
The Lowell Education Foundation has printed special holiday cards with several designs of seasonal artwork created by a Lowell student or teacher. Cost is \$5 and they are available at all school offices now thru Dec. 19. All proceeds go to support the Lowell Ed. Foundation's grants to teachers and students for innovative and creative educational projects.

BLOOD DRIVE
Lowell Area Fire Dept. is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program, 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 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 7th and 8th grade bands. All performances are free and open to the public.

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The Humane Society of Kent County is hosting a "Home for the Holidays" Open House on Sunday, Dec. 7 from 12 - 4 p.m. "Whether you are looking to adopt a new friend, or you already have a beloved pet, we'll have something to offer you at our open house," said Deirdre

Toeller-Novak, executive director. Adoption fees are being reduced for the event; all dogs and puppies are available for \$75, cats and kittens are \$50. Plus cats are always available at two for the price of one. Adoption fees include a physical examination, first series of

vaccines, and spay/neuter surgery. For those who already have a canine or feline companion, the Humane Society will be offering microchipping and professional pet photography during the open house. "Microchipping is a permanent identification system for

any type of companion animal. For only \$20, your pet will be microchipped and your contact information will be logged into a central database. Veterinary director, Dr. Wendy Swift, said, "A microchipped pet is much more likely to find its way home again. Unlike collars, a

microchip is a permanent form of identification that almost every shelter and veterinary clinic can check for." Professional pet photography will be offered by Photos by Design. "For only \$12, you'll get a great photo of your pet, nicely mounted in a folder, plus you'll be helping

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