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Wednesday, December 3, 2003

# King Milling adds to production capacity

By Dan Schneider

ing 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.

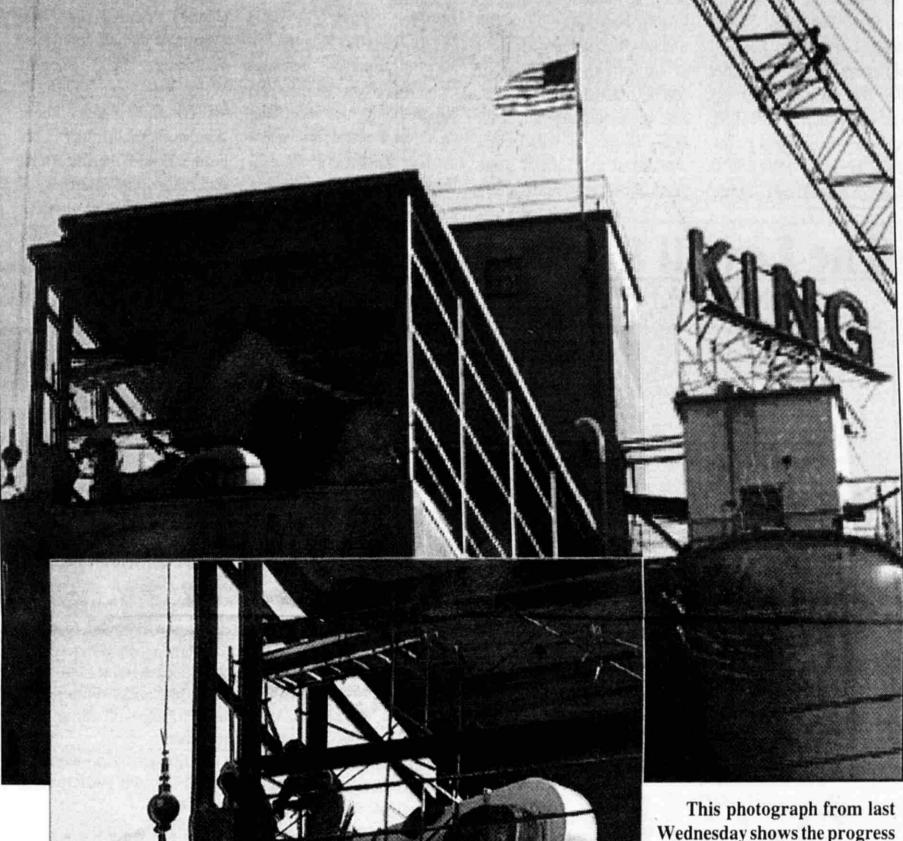
The addition will house air filters and flour conveying equipment. It is the most visible part of a project that will install new equipment throughout the entire mill.

"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

Mill addition, cont'd., pg. 3



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

"You'll just have to stay tuned"

City Manager David Pasquale

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

he 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.

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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.

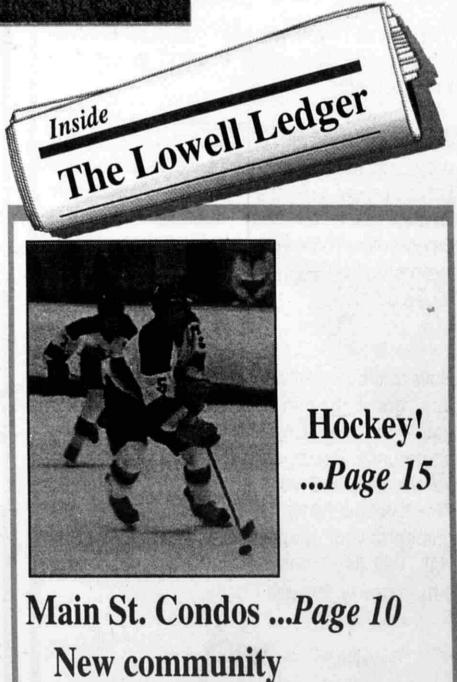
Residents in the area have objected to the project due to the amount of traffic it would create in the area and concerns over the design of the project. City council initially rejected the final PUD ordinance, the last piece in more than two years of discussions and reviews, for several reasons including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



## 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
- 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

# AAA hosts second annual travel challenge

According to a survey by failing grade in geography graphic literacy and create pating students from Michi- The state champion, along game show with two teams of ciety, only 13 percent of young tries. adults in the United States can

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2003-2004 Michigan

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3. Mexico

4. Hawaii

2. Las Vegas

4. Punta Cana

1. E. Caribbean

2. W. Caribbean

5. Panama Canal

(Based on September 2003 cruise sales and

projected TripTik routings for 2004)

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Blue Ribbon Feed - Scott Carpenter

Celtic Blessing Haflingers - Kara Schut

Alto Meats - Brian Peterson

Ball Floral & Gift Shop

Betsy Ratzsch Pottery

Brenda's Hair Design

Curt & Luanne Kaeb

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Jim & Marian Wheat

Jim's Barber Shop

Keiser's Kitchen

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Little Caesars Pizza

Jimmy's Grill

Faro's Pizza

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**Grand River Veterinary Hospital** 

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For more information (in-The national finals in- cluding a practice test), visit:

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be published once each

filed in this case.

#### LEGAL NOTICES

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446-3652

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 03-7444-DM

Juana Velasquez 1825 Horton Grand Rapids, MI 49507

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(616) 774-0672, ext. 117

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ROGER K. BROWN...

#### 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.



# CITY OF LOWELL

by her children Joh Emrys of

**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
- 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

# AAA hosts second annual travel challenge

According to a survey by failing grade in geography graphic literacy and create pating students from Michi- The state champion, along game show with two teams of ciety, only 13 percent of young tries. adults in the United States can find Iraq on a map. One in 10 score, AAA has announced

Top Ten

2003-2004 Michigan

Winter

Destinations

(BY LAND)

(BY SEA)

(Based on September 2003 cruise sales and

projected TripTik routings for 2004)

1. Orlando

2. Las Vegas

4. Punta Cana

1. E. Caribbean

2. W. Caribbean

3. Cancun

5. Arizona

three different levels.

try, earning America a near- designed to heighten geo- all students in grades 9-12. ers from each state advancing ship. Contestants will compete on to the state competitions.

State finalists will take a volve a proctored written www.aaa.com/ From Jan. 12-21, partici- second exam - a written exam. exam and culminate in a live TravelChallenge.

the National Geographic So- when compared to other coun- awareness of job opportuni- gan will compete in a mul- with a parent or guardian, will three students each. Winning ties in the travel and tourism tiple-choice test administered travel, expenses-paid to Or- team members will each re-To help improve that industries. The national com- online through the AAA lando for the national finals. ceive the top prize - a \$25,000 petition-AAA Travel High website. This is a one-time- The top scorer in each state scholarship; three runners-up can't locate their own counits second annual competition School Challenge-is open to only test with the top five scor- will receive a \$1,000 scholar- will each receive \$10,000.

For more information (in-The national finals in- cluding a practice test), visit:

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

United States."

Grand Rapids Commu- American grandparents with ditions, including divorce, ter children, and gain infornity College will offer a grandchildren under age five HIV/AIDS, drug abuse, and mation from the professional new, free community pro- are providing "extensive child abuse contribute to this gram, "Grandparents Rais- care-giving" (at least 30 grandparent care-giving phe- Faber, director of the GRCC ing Grandchildren" through hours of child-care per week nomenon. Most of these Older Learner Center, the their "Learning Corner at and/or caring for grandchil- care-giving grandparents did Wealthy" beginning in De- dren for at least 90 nights in not anticipate that the later cember. The meetings will one year); over 3.9 million part of their lives would find ing Grandchildren Educaprovide the kind of educa- children (5.5 percent of all them with the physical, psy- tional Support Group retional and personal support children under age 18) live chological, emotional and ceives funding from the that research shows is needed in a household maintained financial challenges associ- Older American's Act Title to deal with what has been by their grandparents; some ated with raising children. described as "a major cul- 29 percent of preschool chiltural phenomenon of the dren whose parent(s) work have designed this new pro- Western Michigan. The proearly 21st century in the or are in school are cared for gram to provide grandpar- gram is open to any grandby a grandparent, typically a ents with the opportunity to parent raising their grand-Recent data indicates grandmother in Kent share common experiences child, regardless of age. It that: nine percent of all County; and 7,254 grand- of homework, legal issues, meets on the second Tues-

with one or more of their cipline problems — as well to 11 a.m. own grandchildren under 18 as help them to create a sup-

sponsor of the program. The Grandparents Rais-

community," said Mike

IIIE administered by the "This is the reason we Area Agency on Aging of parents live in households interfering parents, and dis- day of each month from 9:30 For more information or

port system, better under- if childcare is needed, call Many current social con-stand the needs of grand/fos-Faber at 234-3483.

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## Mill addition. continued...From Page 1 make a cut-over and do that land, Buhler, manufactures the Ledges are the enemy of flour

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stalled in the mill. Specialty Industries out of

together in a tongue-in-groove

manner, minimizing texture

and eliminating ledges.

the addition. The company

specializes in construction related to milling and industry. The addition will be made of panels consisting of insula- said tion sandwiched between sheets of steel. The panels fit

around Memorial Day," Doyle equipment that will be in- mills since they collect dust which encourages insects.

The panels have a baked-Sunfield, Mich., is building 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

> Schalk is the project manager for Specialty Industries. "I don't believe it will jump out as something new." Schalk said.

manded in the complaint

A copy of this order shall

be published once each

week in THE LOWELL

filed in this case.

#### LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION POSTING AND NOTICE TO: DEFENDANT, OF ACTION

CASE NO. 03-7444-DM

Juana Velasquez 1825 Horton Grand Rapids, MI 49507

**WESTERN M ICHIGAN LEGAL SERVICES** By: Danelle Kistka (P65483)

Attorneys for Plaintiff 89 IONIA, NW., SUITE GRAND PAPIDS, MI (616) 774-0672, ext. 117

PASCUAL LOPEZ-**VELASQUEZ** IT IS ORDERED:

You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to obtain a divorce. You requested, before the PASCUAL LOPEZ- take other action permit-VELASQUEZ ted by law in this court at Address Unknown the court address above be filed with this court. on or before DECEMBER 23, 2003. If you fail to do NOV. 10, 2003 so, a default judgment

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

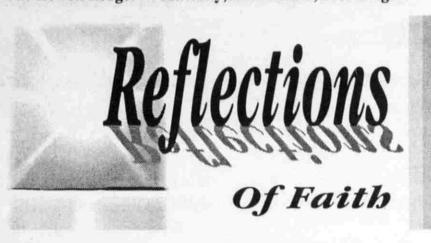
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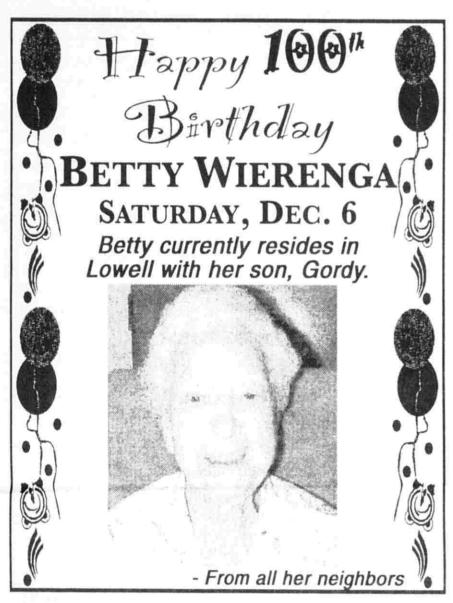
may be entered against G. PATRICK HILLARY you for the relief de- (Judge) P35303



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 coming in a cloud now to understand the common need we time like this there would not be any fighting between men or have for God? Advent Season is meant to prepare us to nations as we have today, for example, in Iraq or the Middle celebrate the first coming of the Son of Man, Redeemer, East conflict. Like those natural enemy animals surviving Savior, Lord, Jesus, as He came two thousand years ago. together on the high piece of ground, there would be no more Advent is also meant to prepare us for His Second Coming as hostilities among these men or nations who realize their described in St. Luke's Gospel. Jesus came for all peoples of common need for survival. Again, one thing that should draw all times. We do indeed have a common need for Him and our all men and nations together should be their common need for salvation. Should we not use this time between these two

The cosmic upheaval described in St. Luke's Gospel thoughts, words and actions? Essential for this to happen is our actually points to and accompanies the coming of the Son of daily prayer, contact with the Lord, Jesus. Becoming more like Man who is greater than all these destructive forces. In fact, his Christ ourselves is indeed a wonderful preparation for His coming shows our redemption is at hand (see verse 27 and 28). Second Coming. God love you.

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 Jacqueline M. Bennett, who received degrees from Western Michigan University in August at the end of the Summer II Session of the Laura M. Nugent. 2002-03 academic year.

From the Lowell area are Katrina E. Robinson and Joann Vanden Hout.

From the Ada area is

To believe in something not yet proved and to underwrite it with our lives; it is the only way we can leave the future open.

-Lillian Smith

Mark your calendar for this shopping extravaganza! 21st Annual Rogue River Artisans formerly Deer Run Show Fine Art and Craft Show & Sale

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# Literacy Council in need of volunteers

comings in becoming, with His grace, more like Jesus in our

The Kent County Literacy in the VanderVeen Center of tutors to find out more about tor training the council and its programs.

Council has scheduled an in- the Grand Rapids Public Liformation session on Wednes- brary, 111 Library St. NE at day, Dec. 10 for prospective 6:30 p.m. It lasts one hour, at volunteer tutors. It allows per- which time there will be an sons interested in becoming opportunity to sign up for tu-

For information or to reg-The session will be held ister, 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

Autumn French, Casey Christopher DeBold, Maria French.

DEC. 6: Katie Blough,

Blough, Marc Wernet. DEC. 5: Christopher Vickers. DEC. 7: Jennifer Berry.

DEC. 4: Tennille Bryant, Kristopher Vezino, Phil Seese,

**DEC. 8:** Mike Cummings. DEC. 9: Allen Metternick Sara Triplett, Alison Nugent, Ben Nugent, Deb Schuitema. DEC. 10: Bill Fluger, Evelyn

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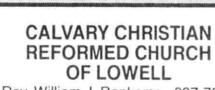
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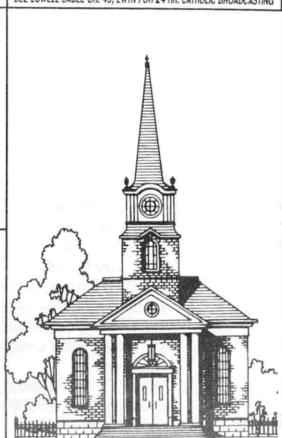
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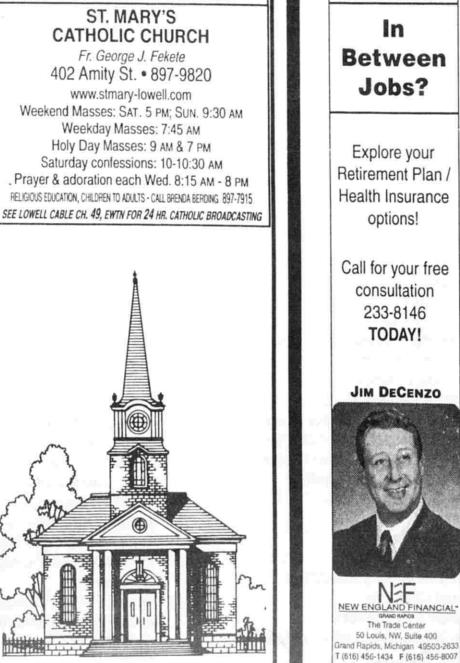


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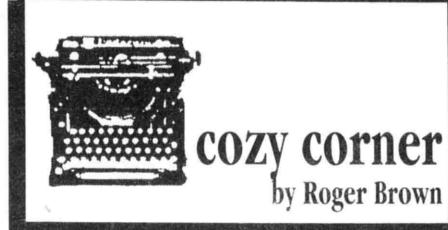
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# Viewpoint.



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 Her witch costume had a V-neck, so we painted her exposed about 10,000 miles away in Shanghai, China. We planned our chest as well. We used most of the green paint! Then we trip well in advance. My wife shopped and shopped the painted lots of black highlights around her eyes and mouth. A Internet for the best deals on airfares. She obtained travel visas. red dot on her chin looked a little like a wart. I must admit ... We bought gifts for the grandkids and items that can't be found she really looked like a witch! I had outdone myself. She was in China. Weird stuff like Hidden Valley brand ranch dressing so well made-up nobody recognized her when we were out and Kraft macaroni and cheese. Somehow a trip like this seems trick-or-treating. 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 dinosaur picture to go by in the kit. When done, his face looked unloaded a rehearsed diatribe about the upcoming Michigan a little like a flame paint-job on an old hotrod. He looked pretty State vs. Michigan game. She went to State and her husband good peeking out of his dinosaur hood. went to Michigan. At the time of this conversation, both teams a friend of a friend, ultra-cheap airfares and an already planned more soap didn't do much. Dishsoap, bar soap, liquid hand and her husband were gone for five days.

I listened intently, then blurted out with, "What ... are you I looked at them and thought several things: 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 instructions and/or precautions. Maybe a cold cream base to men from Edmore and Schoolcraft. bluster. I knew she had likely purchased the plane tickets would have been in order. 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 son like jaundice victims. 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 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 been greeted at the airport by green and yellow kids. offered candy to the hordes of little trick-or-treaters. Maybe

SOCIAL ANIMALS

most people to be a resource that contributes significantly to

the character of our beautiful state. It would seem the more

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

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 main-

tain populations at optimum levels. These limits are based on

science, and follow-up studies are used to evaluate the effec-

animals that can be tolerated by people. This could be called

the social carrying capacity of an area. Car-deer accidents

What is more difficult to determine is the number of

The abundance of wildlife in Michigan is considered by

There are, of course, limits to the numbers of animals that

By Dave Stegehuis

wildlife the better.

carrying capacity of an area.

tiveness of the regulations.

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.

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

It was time to get going, so grandpa went to the kitchen to were highly ranked and the game promised to be a biggie. The wash up. A quick wash of the hands didn't put a dent in the sales pitch included an explanation of great free seats through various hues of paint imbedded in my fingers. Hotter water and itinerary to keep me and grandma busy in China while Angie soap, laundry soap ... nothing dented the green, yellow and black pigment in my fingers. The kids were waiting at the door.

First, I wondered if I should have read the face-paint

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

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 for us. One of the things on the docket was trick-or-treating 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

increase significantly this time of the year. Kent County

consistently has a high number of these mishaps. An expand-

ing deer herd is generally blamed for the dilemma. I believe

during periods of increased deer activity exacerbate the prob-

flowers. Wolves are making a steady comeback in the Upper

Peninsula after being all but absent for a long time. Cases of

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

Deer, wolves, and bears add significantly to our quality life

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Letters, Letters, Letters...

owever, we ask that they do not exceed 250 words

#### 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

**Ledger Entries** 

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL

**DECEMBER 4, 1878** 

The temperance meeting at Train's Hall Sunday night was

Nat Whitfield, formerly of Lowell, has been elected a

A Saranac minister recently performed a wedding cer-

emony, for which the groom paid him a dollar. The certificate

well-attended, the speakers earnest, and several took the pledge.

representative to South Dakota's assembly in Yankton.

"Look out for diphtheria."

given the couple cost \$1.25.

By Priscilla Lussmeyer

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

Most news items tell of who went where for Thanksgiving. Gov. Otero 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.

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.

that large numbers of vehicles traveling too fast on dark roads Milton and Elsie May Gable, recently married, are serenaded at their Alto home by the Calithumpians. No identifilem. Deer are also linked to crop damage in agricultural areas and have been known to snack on suburban shrubs and

#### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **DECEMBER 3, 1953**

hunting dogs and livestock being killed by wolves have been Bruce McMahon takes over as owner-manager of the Lena verified.Black bear numbers have increased resulting in more Lou at Ada. bear-people conflicts. Bears can be a nuisance if food sources

WOOD-TV switches from Channel 7 to Channel 8, with a such as bird feeders and campsite groceries are left out for the 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.

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and should be admired and enjoyed. We must learn more about Refloat the Showboat is sponsoring James Royale's Magic these animals so we can continue to share the great outdoors 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

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for In the wake of TV's "Roots," an Ada Girl Scout troop is blication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. taping seniors' memories at the Senior Center here.

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

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

# 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 Don't you wonder why a person is spear-heading 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 cess. 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

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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!





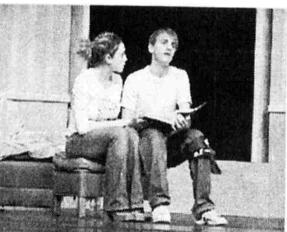


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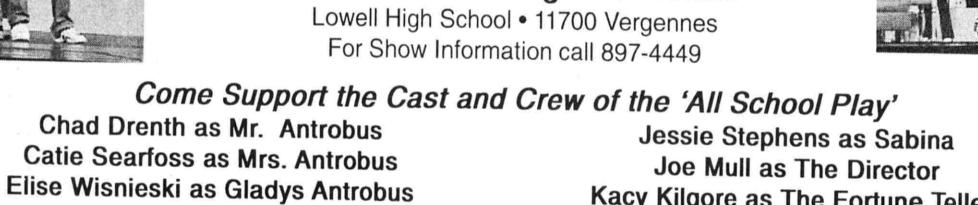
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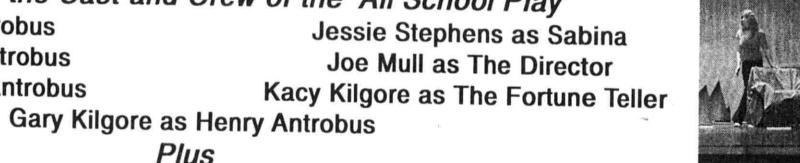


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## December Students of the Month

proud to announce the De- and is employed at AAA Incember Students of the Month. surance. He plans to attend This special honor demon- college next year to study prestrates outstanding ability and dentistry. His teacher nomiwillingness to work hard in nator says he has excellent

Derik Germond was se- cepts. lected by the Math Department. He is a senior and the by the Foreign Language Deto do his best each day.

lar activities include captain she does. of the cross country team, Naternational Club. In addition, partment. He is a sophomore time and takes risks in class Glinzak was captain of the Glinzak was also the sopho-sity and curiosity.

Lowell High School is Rapid Wheelmen bicycle club the student's particular area. performance of difficult con-

Erin Rolfe was chosen

son of Bruce and Maci Billok partment. She is a senior and of Lowell. Germond plans to the daughter of Aaron and attend college next year, but Casey Rolfe of Lowell. At is undecided as to where. His LHS, she is active in Internateacher nominator says he is tional Club and FFA. She is receiving the best grade in also employed at Modern Calculus and has shown re- Photographics. Next year she sponsibility by completing all intends to enroll at Grand Valassignments and by preparing ley State University to study physical therapy. Her teacher Scott Riddle is being hon-nominator says Rolfe has conored by the Science Depart- sistently displayed good char- Lowell. Frye is a member of which allow others to be able junior varsity soccerteam dur- more representative on this ment. A senior, he is the son acter in the classroom. She the debate team and the all-to do the same. of Kent and Susan Riddle of has a positive attitude and puts school play cast. His teacher

Riddle is a member of the and the son of Erika Curtiss of

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

ing his freshman and sopho- year's Homecoming court. Louie Glinzak is the more years and was a member His teacher nominator says Lowell. Riddle's extracurricu- forth extra effort in everything nominator says he is extremely choice of the Social Studies of the varsity track team dur- he is an outstanding AP Hisopen to all types of people and Department. He is a sophoing his freshman year. In ad-tory student and an award win-Randall Edward Frye is considerate of everyone. more and the son of Lou and dition, he participates in FFA, ner at Model UN. Glinzak also tional Honor Society and In- was chosen by the Drama De- Frye completes his work on Lynnea Glinzak of Lowell. Model UN and SADD. demonstrates academic inten-

## 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

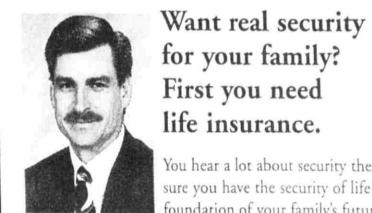
Martin, Delbert Will, member of the Flat River Snowmobile Club, discovered a C O monitor and a laptop computer were needed for each of the fire trucks at approximately \$1,200 each. The club, on behalf of Mark Sellner, president; Bradley Potter, treasurer; and Delbert Will, member, was able to fully fund the purchase of two monitors and two computers. Pictured, from left to right: Delbert Will, Frank Martin and Bradley Potter.

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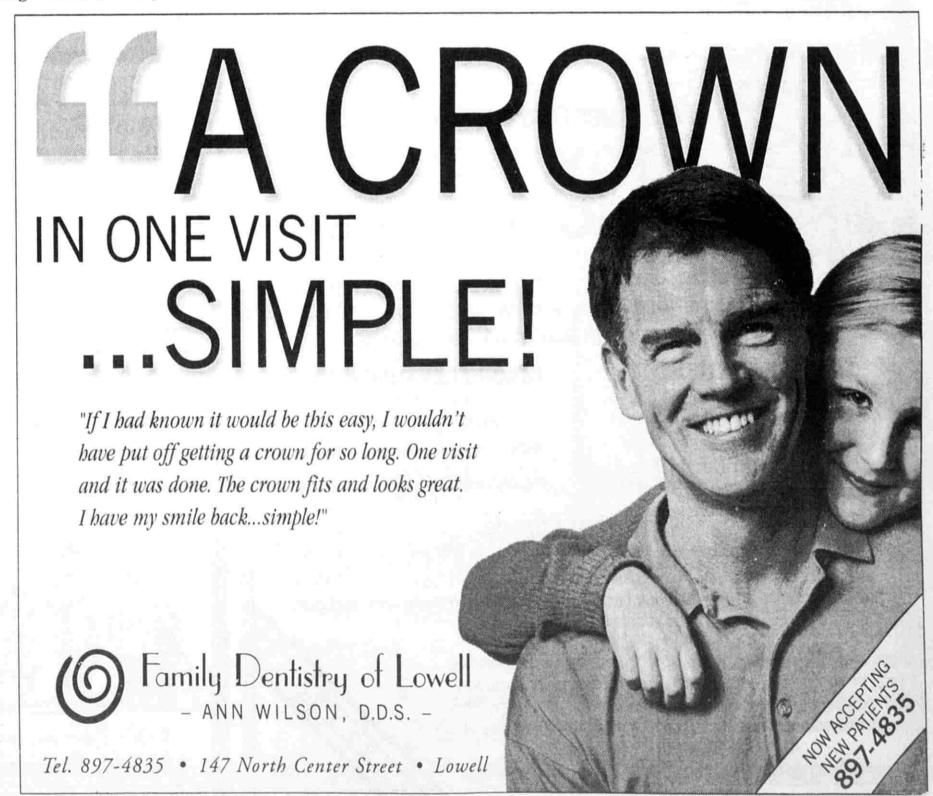


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Jessica Johnston stands near the butterfly in the Runciman Administration Building. Johnston is Lowell's new community wellness director. In that role she is a coordinator, facilitator and source of information regarding health and wellness.

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We are expecting an increased number of families & children this year and could really use your help in donating toys.

Toys and gifts collected will be distributed, with the Christmas food boxes, on December 13th. Food or monetary donations can be dropped off at Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. This program provides a helping hand for many area families at a financially stressful time of year.

For more information, leave a message at 897-4189.

# 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.

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.

tions as a conduit for information. It will be her job to keep students and staff at the school care. and the community as a whole available.

Johnston is now focusing on the community aspect of of the consortium, said schools.com. 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

source directory. of all of the health and wellness programs in Lowell."

July's River Walk Festival and

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

avoiding substance abuse community

band and daughter, looking Sellner said. for a place with a "more family-oriented, friendly atmo-

master's degree in physical therapy from Oakland Unidistricts and in home health Fund.

programs and services are Johnston through the Lowell fice phone number is 340-

disease, but also such areas Johnston will be especially maintaining mental health and helpful to new arrivals in the

"As Lowell grows, you Johnston has lived in get people who don't know Lowell for a year and a half. about these services that have She moved here with her husbeen here for a long time,"

The consortium has been working to establish a wellness program in Lowell Johnston has a bachelor's for the past two years. degree in health science and a Johnston will be the integral part of the program.

Funding to begin the proversity in Rochester, Mich. gram is through a grant from She has worked in other school the Lowell Area Community

Johnston has an office at The Lowell Community Cherry Creek Elementary and Wellness Consortium hired at 207 Jackson Street. Her of-7781 or she can be reached by Patty Sellner, a member e-mail at jjohnston@lowell

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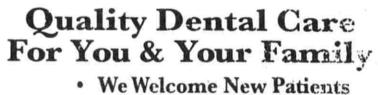
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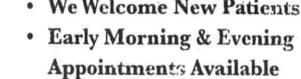
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## Main Street Condominium open house this Saturday

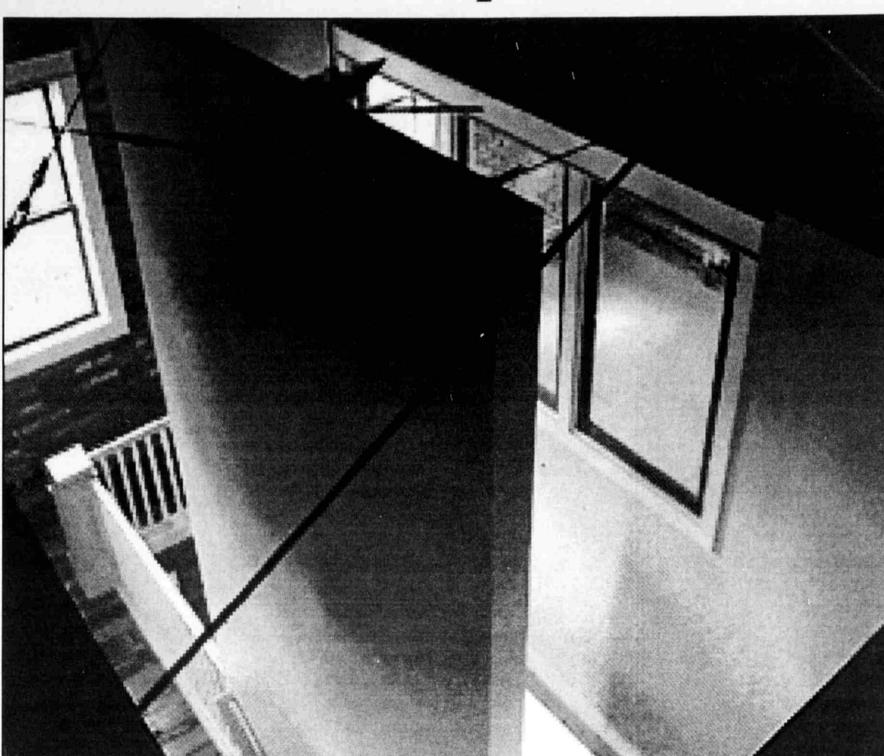
By Dan Schneider

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 con-

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.

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

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

The following motions were approved:

- · Motion to approve the deletion of the Maplewood Square Apartments (1800-1860, 1900-1960 Sibley) from the Downtown Developmen 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

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Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk City of Lowell

# City purchases equipment to generate its own tax bills

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

selves, the county has decided run the software needed. to get out of the tax administration business.

to purchase new software to

Special Election.

Lowell

The City Clerk will be available at the Lowell

City Hall, 301 E. Main St., on Saturday,

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voters ballot for the December 9, 2003

lied on the county to produce Sue Olin learned that the curabout \$200 per hour. and mail its tax bills. Due to rent computers in the city's the need to upgrade and the treasurer's department were software support. After that,

ceived permission from the With this move, it meant council to purchase five new that the city of Lowell needed computers for \$3,957. The to-

feasibility of doing it them- too outdated and would not the support is around \$600 a

Betty R. Morlock,

City Clerk

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looking at how the tax bills will be printed, whether it is done in-house at City Hall or through an outside vender, 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

process tax bills and delin- tal cost of the system should quent taxes. The cost of the come in below \$8,500, which For the past ten years, the software is \$3,890. Through includes converting the data city of Lowell, like many Kent the process of purchasing the from the Kent County system County municipalities, has re- new software, city treasurer, to the new software, which is

> The first year includes free year, Olin said. The money She requested and re- 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

# 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

property. She got a stay of Lowell Light and Power em- need to be removed. Richards, execution for the tree, but no ployees, one later identified during the Monday council guarantees that it won't have as general manager, Tom meeting, said the line is a

Kollar now resides, Arizona.

That was the news re- Ligidakis did some research war is over for me," he said.

Johnston said on Monday, in her backyard was too close the area and that the tree in

save the only tree on her she was approached by two to a power line and would question poses a real safety on her property without her threat along with potentially causing a power outage.

"Our rights under the law Johnston information on pre-Richards that the poplar tree 4,000 volt distribution line for 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 cil to look into the matter of inches from the lines. Lowell whether she had any rights to Light and Power likes about 6 object or what procedure she to 8 feet between the trees and needed to follow to stop the power lines.

> tion, the tree could fall on the David Pasquale to get an opinlines and cause a power out- ion from the city attorney and age in the area or even create to report back to the city

cutting the tree down. "Taking to this," Richards said. down the entire tree isn't Richards estimated that LL&P right," she said, adding that has spent about \$100,000 the tree is healthy. Johnston trimming trees this year for said she would do whatever it power lines. It was suggested takes to keep the tree and be- that the lines be moved, but the limbs, the tree could be option, around \$20,000, and saved. Her concern was also would involve getting permiswhether Lowell Light and sion from other property own-

Schuler Books and Mumerly of Lowell, is now serv- down flying a bombing mis- ing, one from the top of the sic on 28th Street in Grand Rapids can special order the Howard Acheson had been target was a ball-bearing fac- "I figured the best thing book. A copy will also be sent to Maxwell Field, Ala. to tory, the Germans' last one. to do was to drop my chute available at the Englehardt

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down lines that are live, council's next meeting, Dec. Richards said. The other con- 15. cern is of children climbing the tree and accidentally grab- Johnston's tree is saved from bing the lines instead of a the ax Johnston said she believes been resolved and taken care there is another alternative to of many years before it came

lisher, Ligidakis' goal is to The book is available di-Inkwell Productions, 3370 N. Kollar landed near the top Hayden Rd. #123-276, lieves that by trimming back Richards said that was a costly of a hill and slid a good way Scottsdale, AZ 85251 or on Power had the right to come ers.

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"My thoughts were, 'the get new authors in print.

by Dan Schneider

According to a telegram fense Department notifying enlisted in December of 1941 letting the story tell itself. received by Mrs. Dave him of that fact, and he began after hearing of the attack on Polly Kollar said the book Woudwyck of S. Division Ave., writing a manuscript of his Pearl Harbor on the radio in "pretty well follows" Kollar's Lowell, her son, Staff Sgt. Wil- adventure shortly thereafter. Pete's Cafe in Lowell. He manuscript. liam McKinley Kollar is miss- The progress was incremen- says, however, that the begining in action over Austria. tal for the first several years. ning of his military service with veterans, Ligidakis said. The first news that he was Kollar finally completed the was not on his mind as he It is published through Inkwell branch. missing came to Mrs. manuscript in 1990. He later parachuted toward the snow- Productions, Ligidakis' com-Woudwyck on Saturday in a approached Nikos Ligidakis, covered ground of the pany in Arizona. As a publetter from the APO office in an author in the state where Balkans. New York City.

ported on the top of the sev- of his own and built Kollar's "I thought I would be taken rectly from the publisher, enth column of the Ledger manuscript into a book. Its prisoner and that would be it \$24.50 hardcover. Contact (the paper had eight columns title is The Last Mission and it for the rest of the war." at that time) for Thursday, has been available for about a April 27, 1944. It was to the year now. right of the weekly "News of Our Boys" column, which regunner of the B-24 bomber When he came to a stop, two www.inkwellproductions.com. ported that "David Sigler, for- "Maggie's Drawers," shot groups of men were approaching in the U.S. Navy;" A/C sion over Steyr, Austria. The hill and one from below. begin his preflight pilot train- Ball-bearings being essential and run from between them," Public Library. ing; Glendon Swarthout ar- to manufacturing war ma- Kollar said. rived in Italy after having chines, the Germans protected High School, class of '37," out its numbers three and four Tito, a band of anti-German had received his silver wings, engines with an air-to-air guerillas. commissioned Second Lieu- rocket. The crew bailed out as

gram Kollar's mother re- the time: "but before bailing occasions, this was one of the ceived from Washington read out, the crew put up a fight for best. as follows (spelling cor- 50 minutes and had the satisrected):

goslavia.

The Secretary of War de- plane that got them. Bill himsires me to express his deep self brought down an Meregret that your son, Staff Ser- 109." tion since two April over Aus- came in and started shooting via tria. If further details or other at us, so I got back in place information are received, you and shot both of them down," will be promptly notified.

Dunlop, Acting The incident, reached by phone at Ajt. General

The Ledger reported further news of Kollar on Thurs- were machine guns mounted day, May 25, 1944 under the in the windows of the fuseheadline "Sgt. Wm. Kollar, lage. Reported Missing, Eludes the Enemy For 30 Days and was by myself so I immedi- that for a long time because

The report told that Kollar hatch," Kollar said. "You're backs," said Polly Kollar, was back in Lowell again supposed to count to ten be- Bill's wife of 58 years. "with the home folks" after fore pulling open your chute. having his B-24 bomber shot I was really anxious to see flashbacks have proven popudown and hiking miles whether it would come out or lar with readers. However, the through the Balkans.

those of the other members of away.' his bomber crew," the story

not, so after rolling over a few "His experiences and times I pulled the cord right better served by a different

his home in Mesa.

continued, "make a graphic watches as the B-24 crashes story as thrilling as any that into the Balkan mountainside. the story. have yet come out of the war." Ligidakis uses the trip earth-The story was classified ward to segue into Kollar's well as a basic account of a

One of the men from the "been moved about quite a bit their last factory with a profutop of the hill was the first to since his induction six months sion of flak and Me-109s. It intercept Kollar. This was ago, and Vernon E. Chaffee, was an Me-109 that got good because the man was a 21, "a graduate of Lowelll Maggie's Drawers, shooting member of the Partisans of

Kollar was the left waist down its snow-covered side. their

"He comes sliding down tenant at Monroe Field Ad- the airplane spiraled into a the hill and he says, 'Ah, vanced Flying School in Balkan mountainside in Yu- American,' and he kissed me on both cheeks," Kollar said. The Western Union tele- The Ledger reported at "I've been kissed on a lot of

> The group of men at the faction of shooting down the bottom of the hill had been a patrol of German soldiers.

The book tells the tale of Kollar's escape from the Gergeant William M. Kollar, has "I started to go out the mans through the snow, cold been reported missing in ac- window and these Me-109s and mountains of Yugosla-

> The narrative is interrupted at intervals by flashbacks, used as a means of is how Kollar remembers the revealing Kollar's personal history. These were somewhat The waist guns on a B-24 a point of contention between Ligidakis and Kollar. The two worked together for about two years on the book.

"He and Bill argued about "I got back around and I ately jumped out the escape Bill didn't like the flash-

Polly Kollar said the narrative would have been method as Ligidakis fre-In Ligidakis' book, Kollar quently tries too hard to fit flashbacks into the context of

That aside, the book reads

#### **ATTENTION INFORMED & VOTING CITIZENS:**

Whatever your personal opinions are regarding land development, these charts clearly represent the reality of what was proposed in the Highland Hill project area. Notice the vast amount of farmland that is needed to accommodate 53 homes. The homes that will occupy this farmland will also rely on natural resources for providing water and septic disposal systems. These homes will also be using roadways that may not be suitable for excess traffic loads. The continuous use of applying this methodology of land development will result in the continuous littering of homes sprawling throughout the country side. If this is the view that you will enjoy, you are on the right path and you need to do nothing. If not, your presence is needed December 9, 2003 to vote NO. We will be available to answer questions election day and will be directly outside of each precinct; however, if you have immediate questions contact

#### Land Area Comparison Chart for Farmland Needed for 53 Homes

Local Government Jursidiction	Current Zone Ordinance Classification	Minimum Lot Size Per Ordinance	Homes Per Acre	Number of Homes	Resulting Farmland Taken	The second second second
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
SR	23,000 SFT. 0.52 Acres	1.93	-28.6 Acres	55	0
R1	9,750 SFT. 0.22 Acres	4.55	-28.6 Acres	130	0
R1/PUD (Current Zonina)	5,000 SFT 0.11 Acres	1.85	-28.6 Acres	53	-18.4 Acres

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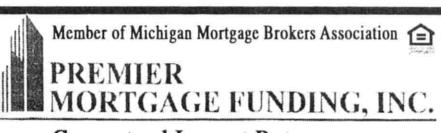


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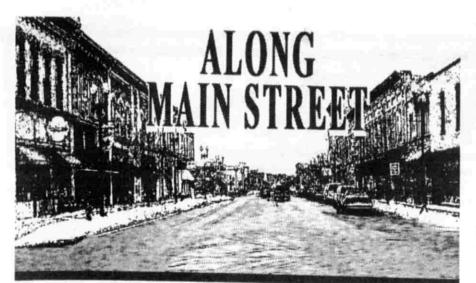
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#### **FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE**

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

#### ROGUE RIVER CRAFT SHOW AND SALE

The 21st annual Rogue River Artisans Fine Art and Craft Dec. 10 and 17 from 6-8 p.m.; also on Saturday, Dec. 13 and 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. Club now thru Dec. 20.

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-

#### 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 LAAC at 897-8545.

#### SANTA VISITS

Santa visits will be on the Lowell Showboat Wednesday, 20 from 1-3 p.m. Call 897-9161 with questions.

#### COLLECTING FOR TOYS FOR TOTS

Family Friends & Neighbors of Grattan with Grattan Fire bands 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

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#### 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

#### 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

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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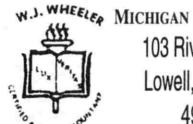


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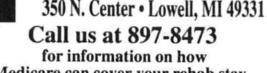
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EVERY OTHER SUN: social time; 7 p.m. pro-Single adults meet 4 - 5:30 gram. Sandy, 285-0621. p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Social time/ It. Bible study. Mark 897-8642/Tammy meets Key Heights Mobile 897-0872.

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

THIRD MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society monthly board meetings at Chamber office or Fallasburg 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.

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.

**EVERY MON.:** Boy Scout

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-

Impact, a Weslevan Church, 1070 N. Hudson.

SECOND TUES .: G.R. Chapter of the American D.W. Richardson Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30

TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 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

TUES.: Saranac Needlers, 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colneedleart/quilting bee leen F.S.E. 897-7842. meets 5-8:30 p.m. at the 4 Health Wellness Center in EVERY FOURTH WED.: Saranac. Come for all or Support group for Periphpart time; all are invited. Contact Bev or Melissa at 642-6466 for more info. Light dinner provided.

EVERY SECOND & ers, Lowell Nazarene FOURTH TUES.: Knights Church, 201 N. Washingof Columbus #7719 meets ton, 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2

**EVERY SECOND TUES.:** Lowell Masonic Lodge meeting, 7:30 p.m., Ma-

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

Beginning January '04, the 5981 Saranac Scrappers, new scrapbooking/journaling EVERY THURS.: Pottery group will meet at 4 Health Wellness Center, Saranac, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Lt. refresh- p.m. Call 897-7842 ments served. Call Bev or Melissa at 642-6466.

EVERY 3RD TUES .: sis Center, 402 Amity St., \$1.50; members free. Parents of children w/AD/ non-denominational help HD at St. Luke's Lutheran for pregnant women / ado- FLAT RIVER OUT-Church, 32156 4 Mile NE lescents at the school: 11 /E. Beltline) 7 p.m. Call a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: Linda 874-5662; teen 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393. group: Sarah 281-6588.

**EVERY OTHER WED.:** drama club meetings at 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Lowell Middle School choir Girls Club - Calvary Chris-room. 897-1502 after 5. tian Reformed Church Ages 8-13. 897-8694.

meets at Lowell Congre- Nash Ave. at 7 p.m. gational Church upstairs.

EVERY WED.: Rotary N.A.R.F.E. at 1:30 p.m. at eets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

ters. 9:15-11:30 a.m. at 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 proat 897-6325 or 248-2423. gram w/school children from Lowell in activities. SECOND & FOURTH 9:45-10:45 a.m. or 12:45 -

> eral neuropathy, 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Grand Rapids. 897-9794.

THURS.: Weight Watch-St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m. hr. before meetings. 1-800-651-6000.

EVERY THURS.: Loyal Order of sonic Center, 119 Lincoln the Moose, men's general meeting at 7:30 p.m. -? All members in good standing

THURS.: Saranac Area Saranac H. S. Band Room. Choir:6-7 p.m./ band:7-8 EVERY THIRD TUES .: p.m. Kathy Maatman 897-

> classes, Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30 - 8:30

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FIRST THURS.: 4-H

THURS.: Alto Lions Club WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON at Annalaine's on S. Alden

> **EVERY 2ND THURS.**: Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

**EVERY 3RD THURS.:** Rubber stamping group, Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m.Create scrapbooks, etc. Share supplies. Dawn 862-8841.

**EVERY 3RD THURS.:** 897-8565. 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-

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

SECOND SAT. OF EV-ERY 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.

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LOWELL SERENITY meeting at 7 p.m. for all winter sports. Approxi-CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) mately 7:40 p.m., individual Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & sports meeting. Call ath-8-9 p.m.: Tues./Fri:12-1. letic office 897-4442 with 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./ further questions. Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.: (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. WED., DEC. 10: Lowell

Area Fire Dept. blood drive from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station at 315 WED., DEC. 3: Father/ daughter dance for 2nd & S. Hudson. 3rd grade girls at Alto and Cherry Creek & their fathers, 6-7:30 p.m.at Cherry

Creek Elem. \$15 per couple; sponsored by Lady Arrows Varsity Club. THURS., DEC. 4: ages 1-15. Santa will be Vergennes Cooperative there; also punch and cook-Club Christmas party at ies will be served. Schneider Manor, Punch Bowl:12 p.m.; Christmas catered dinner: 12:30; en-

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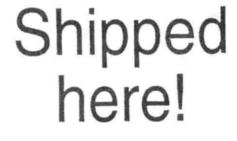
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MON., DEC. 8: Parent informational general



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MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Noodland Mall.

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

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

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Blood Pressure and Eye Glass Adjustments; 12:45 p.m. Meijer.

FRI., DEC. 12: 11 a.m. 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.

WED., DEC. 3: 10 a.m. THURS., DEC. 11: 12:45 p.m. Tour Mayflower Church.

> Connie Bos Luncheon. MON., DEC. 15: 12:45 p.m. Visit Meijer Gardens

> TUES., DEC. 16: 12:15 p.m. Alto Senior Lunch. WED., DEC. 17: 10 a.m.

Christmas Trees.

Visit Evergreen Commons for Lunch and Music.

THURS., DEC. 18: 12:45 p.m. Shop Target & K-

FRI., DEC. 19: 10:30 a.m. Christmas Party.

# Red Arrow hockey team wins league opener against Hudsonville

Lowell-Caledonia decisive for the Red Ar-

OUTUPIC FORCING

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell-Caledonia junior from Caledonia Hudsonville had five shots 4:48 into the second pe- other three goals and ment. Brandon John reopened their league play unassisted goal. By the end by Lowell-Caledonia. with a win last Friday of the evening, McCoy had The Lowell-Caledonia Will Holland and Pat night, defeating the racked up four unassisted hockey team is a coopera- McMahon. The Eagles very hard," Hudsonville non-league game. Center in Grand Rapids. late in the first period, team uses the Red Arrow into the final period.

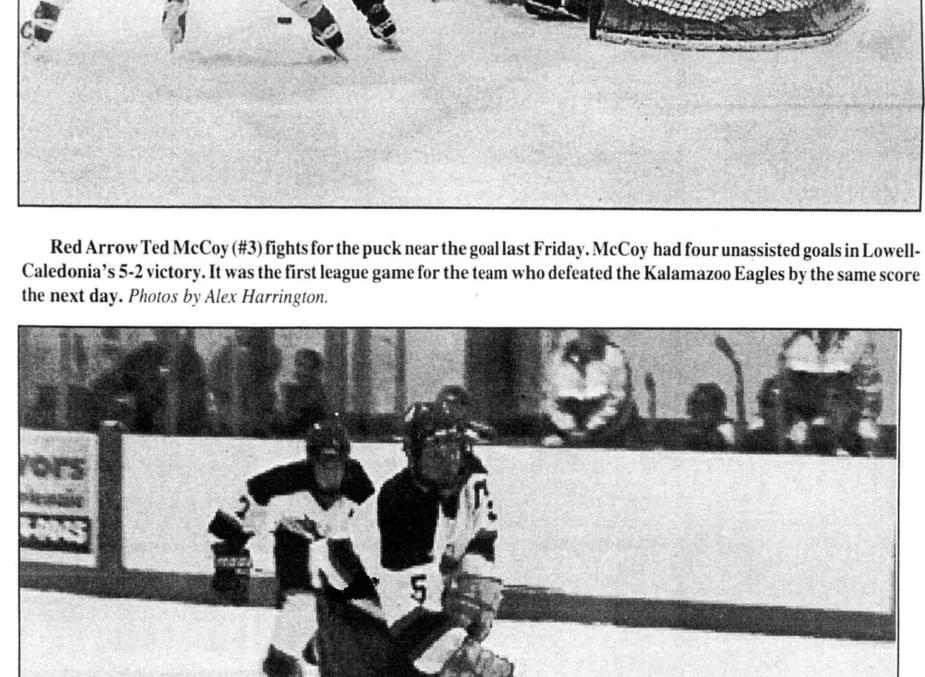
The scoring started two scoring on the Red Arrow mascot. minutes, 22 seconds into goalie, Dave Maylone of the first period when LHS, with 1:30 left in the scored its second goal at rows. McCoy scored his defenseman Ted McCoy, a period. In the first period,

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

FRI., DEC. 19: Flat River Outreach Ministries thrift store will receive a visit from Santa at 5 p.m. Be sure to

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

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



Red Arrow players bring the puck down the ice. Lowell-Caledonia had several break-away opportunities similar to this against the Hudsonville Eagles last Friday.

Go Red Arrows!



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David Sweeney assisted by scoreboard.

"Both teams played tive of players from both once more countered, and coach, Jason Caster said. going into the third period The third period proved and wanted it more."

> year on the ice for they took the team lightly. Hudsonville's hockey They tried to do too much team. Despite the score, stuff on their own whereas Caster was happy with his (Saturday) they played goalie's performance. "He played great,"

> Caster said. "He's going outshot the Kalamazoo to have a lot of work this team 30 to 23. year and he is going to be up to the challenge."

off guard in the first two zero," Ballard said.

bit lightly."

that attitude behind in the credited with assists. third period, Ballard said.

rematch with the p.m. Kalamazoo Eagles. Low-Kalamazoo Blades tourna-

varsity hockey team High School, shot in an on goal compared to nine riod. This time it was Hudsonville stayed off the turned to the roster after an injury to contribute a goal and an assist in the

the Standard Federal Ice Hudsonville countered schools. However, the the score was tied going "Lowell just outworked us gressive; we came out more of a team unit up and down the ice," Ballard This is also the first said. "Whereas on Friday more of a team game."

The Red Arrows

"But the difference came in the second period Lowell-Caledonia when they actually outshot coach, Mike Ballard said us 13 to 10 but we the Eagles caught his team outscored them four to

McCoy had two more "Hudsonville is a first- goals in that game. Corey year team and I give them Kelley from Caledonia also a lot of credit for a strong contributed two goals and effort," Ballard said. "Our- two assists. John shot in a selves, we took them a little goal and assisted on another. Pat McMahon and The team finally left David Sweeney were also

The wins last weekend "I think in the third pe- improve the Red Arrows' riod our experience and our record to 3-1. They will skill level kind of re-ener- play their next game at gized itself," he explained. home Friday against West Ballard credits team Ottawa at 9 p.m. and then play for the Red Arrows' an away game Saturday 5-2 win last Saturday in a against Hudsonville at 2

"The next three games ell-Caledonia defeated the are league games so it's an Kalamazoo team last week important stretch so it's to take third place out of good to see the team playfour teams in the ing like they are," Ballard

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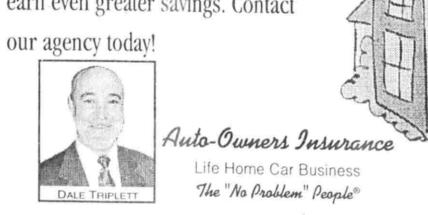


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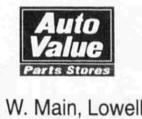
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Communication is the key to successful marriages. But a surprising number of married couples may think they communicate well, only to discover that they have radically different ideas about one of the most important aspects of their life together - their money.

At least that's the finding of a recent research project completed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The study showed that men tend to estimate the family income five percent higher than their wives. And men view their family wealth - stocks, bonds, home equity, etc. - as 10 percent higher than wives do. Also, wives believe that family debts are about \$500 higher than husbands.

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making important savings and investment decisions. For ex- funding and other long-term financial goals. But you need to ample, husbands, operating under inflated assumptions of make the time. If you each have different conceptions of your income and assets, may be more inclined to spend, rather than ultimate financial destinations, you'll have a hard time agreesave. Conversely, wives, concerned about higher debts and ing on the proper strategies for getting there. Make sure each lower income and resources, may favor more conservative of you knows when the other would like to retire, what sort of investments. In fact, other studies have shown that women do retirement lifestyle you envision, what kind of contributions tend to invest more conservatively than men.

Of course, in anyone's individual situation, it might not be particularly helpful to generalize on how husbands and wives different investment personalities, you may well have to find think differently about saving and investing. Nonetheless, to make sure you and your spouse are working together toward your common long-term financial goals, you may want to have to chart a course that is considered "moderate." If one of consider the following suggestions:

• Review your finances regularly - Don't assume that you nobody really comes out ahead. and your spouse know the exact same things about your income, savings and investments. Take the time to "put all your cards on the table." And do it regularly, because things spouse doesn't even know how to find the investment statechange all the time - one of you may get a raise, one of you has ments, tax records and other documents. That is a recipe for noticed something unusual in your investment statement, etc. If you work with an investment professional who conducts spouse, the other one could face big delays in taking control of regular reviews of your financial situation, you and your spouse have the perfect opportunity to scrutinize the same

activities of everyday life, you and your spouse may not have is easier when people pull in the same direction.

This "disconnect" could lead to problems when it comes to a lot of time to discuss topics such as retirement, college you're thinking of for your children's college education, etc.

· Reach common ground - If you and your spouse have some "common ground." That is, if one of you is an "aggressive investor, while the other is "conservative," you might you is unhappy with the way you are investing as a couple, then

· Keep your records accessible - In some marriages one partner manages the finances so completely that the other disaster - if something were to happen to the "in-the-know" much-needed assets.

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Paula Wolf (Weller)

who passed away

21 years ago.

Time may hide the sad-

and smiles may hide the

We miss you,

Your loving

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897-0787

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SOUND OFF but memories last for-The Ledger reserves the despite the passing

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mother & father www.lowellbuyersguide.com Mr. & Mrs. Joseph or mail to: Sound Off, Weller; sisters Jo Ann. PO Box 128, Lowell, MI Penny, Rita & brother Tom Weller

YOUR LOCAL NEWS!!! LHS Sports • Weddings • **Engagements • Births • News of Local High School** 

& College Students &

**Those in The Armed** 

Forces • Honor Roll •

**Church News • Several** 

**Weekly Columns** 

And Much, Much

More!

# SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2003

# The Annual Santa Parade-10 AM SHARP!

Beginning at the fairgrounds and traveling along Historic Main Street
Breakfast Serving from 8:00 AM till 12 Noon; with Santa 8:30 AM to 9:45 AM
Youth Memorial Center at the fairgrounds

## \* RIVERWALK PLAZA ACTIVITIES \*

## Flat River Freeze Ice Sculpture Challenge

See the Spectacular Ice Sculptures 9 AM - 1 PM created by college students as they compete for your vote in the Peoples Choice Award

• Christmas Cocoa & Hot Dogs 9 AM - gone

• Christmas Tree Contest 9 AM - 3 PM

• Pastries Around Lowell Bake Sale & Lizzy's Chili 9 AM - 3 PM

• Santa Visits & Pictures on Robert E. Lee 11 AM - 3 PM

Rudolph's Craft Workshop 11AM – 2 PM

(Children 2 – 8 at the Englehardt Library)

Hawks and Owls 11 AM – 1 PM

Chainsaw Sculpture with Bear Claw Jack 11 AM – 3 PM



**Back Alley Bait** 

**Balloonattics** 

Chimera Design

Cousin's Hallmark

**Dovetail Antiques** 

**Dream Pieces** 

Flat River Antique Mall

Hearthstone Design Studio

**Lowell Area Arts Council** 

Modern Photography- 897-5606

**River Hollow** 

Rookie's Sportcards Plus

SandCastle

**Springrove Variety** 

The Dam Store

eja' Salon

Salon 206

Backwater Café

Flat River Grill

Keiser's

Larkin's

**Lowell Beer Store** 

**Sneakers** 

**Voyages Coffee Shop** 

SHOPPING

\$5 off on any fishing pole or combo

20% off everything in store

25% off diamond and sterling jewelry - excludes consignment items

Value products and in-store specials throughout day

Stop in for some Christmas cheer and goodies

In store specials

10% to 50% off mall wide excludes sale or firm items

Stop in and see our new store!

Sleigh Bells & Holly - a Gallery of Fine Arts & Crafts

2-8x10 children's portrait special \$29.99 -appointment only

10% off all women's and men's Woolridge sportswear

25% off all single cards

10% off Playmobile, Brio and Erector toys

Free hot buttered popcorn

25% off everything in the store

SALONS

Stop in for a \$5 mini manicure

\$3 paraffin hand dip

**FOOD & BEVERAGE** 

Stop in for parade breakfast special

Stop in for free hot apple cider and check out our parade specials

Stop in for a parade beef and cheddar pita

Winter warm up drink specials

Holiday wine sale

Come in out of the cold for a great bowl of Santa Lash!

Double punches for specialty drinks



in Historic Lowell

with Santa Visits on Lowell Showboat

Robert E. Lee

Wednesday, December 10, 6 PM - 8 PM &

Saturday, December 13,

1 PM - 3 PM

Wednesday, December 17, 6 PM - 8 PM &

OPM - 8 PM &

Saturday, December 20, 1 PM - 3 PM

Check our Web Site
for a complete listing
of events and times at

www.lowellchamber.org or call 897-9161

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