

Open season

Successful hunters bring in the bucks

everal local hunt- Zeigler Ford, a two-year sub-D buck pole Monday, the opening day of gun deer season.

the Ledger office just before 8 a.m. with this six pointer to Jones Farm Meats, and a \$10 claim the "First Buck" prize. gift certificate to Meijer. He shot the deer south of town off Cascade Road, hunting with uncles Tim and Tony Stepek. The buck was bedded down about 15 yards from Adrianse. It jumped up snorting and he dropped it with one blast from his 12 gauge. That was about 7:40 a.m. It was his second buck in his third year of hunting.

ers got one for the scription to The Lowell Ledger, free dinner at Larkin's, a \$25 gift certificate from Bernard's Ace Hardware, a Sean Adrianse was into \$10 gift certificate from L.A. Video, free processing at

> Jesse Bladey was the second successful hunter to bring a buck into the Ledger office. His 10-point also had the biggest rack of any of the deer brought in. He arrived at 8:30 a.m. The buck was chasing a doe through the woods at

chest," Bladey said."Biggest one I ever got."

He's been hunting about 18 years and was shooting with a 12 gauge.

For bringing in the second buck, he wins a free oil change at Harold Zeigler Ford, a one-year subscription to the Ledger, free breakfast at Backwater Cafe, a \$5 gift certificate from L.A. Video, a free large pizza from Little Caesars and a \$10 gift certificate to Meijer.

Todd Mahalic's sevenpointer was another victim of



For first place, Adrianse wins a free oil change and camouflage hat from Harold and hit him twice in the

about 7:50 a.m. and stopped 80 yards in front of Bladey, in the woods at the corner of Two Mile Road and Parnell. "I shot him four times

overzealous doe-chasing.

"He came in from behind me and walked up and he was following a doe and the doe

Bucks, cont'd., pg. 10 just before 8 a.m.

Sean Adrianse was this year's Ledger "First Buck" winner, bringing in this six-point

Trailway a big step close to becoming reality

By Dan Schneider

he Lowell Area Recreation Authority now exists as a formal entity. This will allow serious work to begin on the Lowell Area Trailway. The city of Lowell, Lowell Charter Township and Vergennes Township approved a resolution, Monday, adopting the Lowell Area Recreation Authority Agreement. The establishment of the authority (LARA) was contingent on the agreement's

palities.

This is intended to "make a statement to the rest of the LARA into existence. The community that we want to cooperate, we want to work formally until now, on the together," said Mari Stone, Vergennes Township clerk,

adoption in all three munici- and elected representative on the LARA board.

> The agreement brings the group has been working, indevelopment of a multi-use trail system. The trailway will

link recreational amenities in the city of Lowell and Lowell and Vergennes townships.

Now that the LARA is established, it can get serious about fundraising and planning the trail. The first phase will likely connect Lowell High School with the Cooper Woodland Preserve and Cherry Creek Elementary. The trail will allow walkers, cyclists, roller bladers and

Trails, cont'd., pg. 7

Fire destroys storage building, one injured

By Dan Schneider

fire destroyed Manszewski's storage barn on Oberley Drive in Lowell Township Monday morning.

Manszewski's son was taken to Spectrum Health Blodgett Campus in Grand

Rapids for treatment of burns. He burned both his hands while trying to recover items from the burning building, Lowell fire chief Frank Martin said. Manszewski was in Florida and had been out of town for three weeks, Martin said.

The cause of the fire is

under investigation.

"It started on the east side of the building," Martin said. "It's been three weeks since anybody's been in there so who knows what happened."

The building was not wired for electricity, Martin said.

Destroyed in the fire were

a sport utility vehicle, a tractor and some trailer frames dump truck parked behind the building and caused less seon an attached trailer.

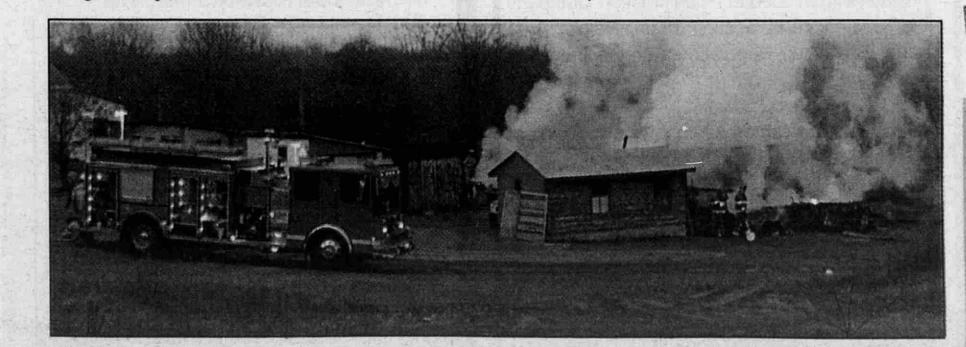
Firefighters were on the

scene just after 6 a.m. and

at 8 a.m. The Lowell Area that were stored inside the Fire Department, Bowne building. The fire damaged a Township Fire Department and Ada Township Fire Department responded to the fire. vere damage to a bulldozer There were no fire hydrants at

were still putting out hot spots

the site, so water had to be brought in by tank truck. Three engines and four tank trucks responded to the fire.



Firefighters watch hot spots at a fire that destroyed a storage building in Lowell Township Monday morning.

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The Lowell Ledger

OBITUARIES

LANCASTER - Austin close friends. He was a jun-Timothy Lancaster, aged 16, ior at Lowell High School of Lowell, passed away unex- and a member of the varsity pectedly November 6, 2004, soccer team. He enjoyed basfollowing accidental injuries. ketball, hunting, fishing and He was preceded in death by hanging out with his friends. his father Kelly Austin A Mass of Christian Burial Lancaster in July 2003. He is was held Wednesday, Nov. survived by his mother 10 at St. Patrick's Catholic Darlene; sister Samantha; his Church. Interment Parnell best friend Casey; grandpar- Cemetery. Memorial contrients Lewis and Betty butions may be made for his Whitlatch, Everett (Linda) sister's education fund, c/o Lancaster, Deborah Lancaster Zaagman Memorial Chapel Doehring; many aunts, uncles, North, 3111 Leonard St. N.E., nieces, nephews, cousins and Grand Rapids.



STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of LINDA LOU ALLEN Date of Birth: 09/25/ 1944

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Rapids, MI 49503 and the The decedent, LINDA named/proposed per-

650 Montcalm NE, Lowell, Mich., died 10/16/ 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the es-FILE NO. 04-178,518-DE tate will be forever barred unless presented to DARRYL R. ALLEN. named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Suite 2500, Grand LOUALLEN, who lived at sonal representative

SYNOPSIS **REGULAR MEETING OF THE** LOWELL CITY COUNCIL **NOVEMBER 1, 2004**

Minutes of the October 18, 2004 meeting were approved as corrected and accounts payable were approved.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to set a public hearing for November 15, 2004 regarding a zoning amendment for wall and ground signs in the residential districts.
- Motion to set a public hearing for November 15, 2004 regarding a zoning amendment for body shops, definition and zoning district designation.
- Motion to award the lease purchase bid to Huntington Bank of 3.1 percent for the fire pumper truck as well as the purchase and repainting of the 1988 County pumper.
- Motion to approve a 2% increase for the MERS Retirement Benefit E increase involving the Lowell general retirees.
- Motion to approve logo "B" for the Showboat.
- Motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will Monday, November 15, 2004.

Complete minutes are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk Lowell City of Lowell



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STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF KENT

Decedent's Estate

JUDGE JANET A.

HAYNES

Estate of

PATRICIA MARIE

FONGER, deceased

Date of birth: 03/04/1950

It is important to help chil-

HOW TO HELP CHIL-DREN THROUGH THE **GRIEF PROCESS**

Children may go through This may also be a time to the grief process in response to help the child understand culmany situations in their lives. tural and faith beliefs in re-Some situations which may cause a child to grieve are: fact that different families moving away from their have different beliefs and cusfriends, changing schools and being separated from their should be respected. friends, the divorce of parents, the death of a pet, or the death of a family member or a friend. The information that follows what has happened and how focuses specifically on help- they personally will be afing the child or adolescent when someone close to them Children need to know ahead has died.

From a very early age chil- the days following the death dren know about death. As of a loved one. At this time it focus on their feelings and the child knows you are there to child ahead of time for the

within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

11/09/2004 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TIMOTHY J. HAYNES (P-41196) P.O. Box 228, 617 W. Main St. Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-9033

> DARRYL R. ALLEN P.O. Box 228, 617 W. Main St. TO ALL CREDITORS: Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-9033

BOWNE TOWNSHIP **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING NOVEMBER 18, 2004** 7:30 P.M.

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, November 18, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE., the Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments regarding a proposed appeal of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance.

Request from Stedfast Construction Company for a variance of Section 13.05, Height, Area and Dimension Regulations for the Industrial District.

Request from James Austhof for a variance of Section 3.02 B Accessory Buildings.

All written comments may be sent to Gloria King, Chairperson of the Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 8240 Alden Nash SE., PO Box 35, Alto, MI 49302-0035.

Gloria King, Chairperson Bowne Twp. Zoning Bd. of Appeals

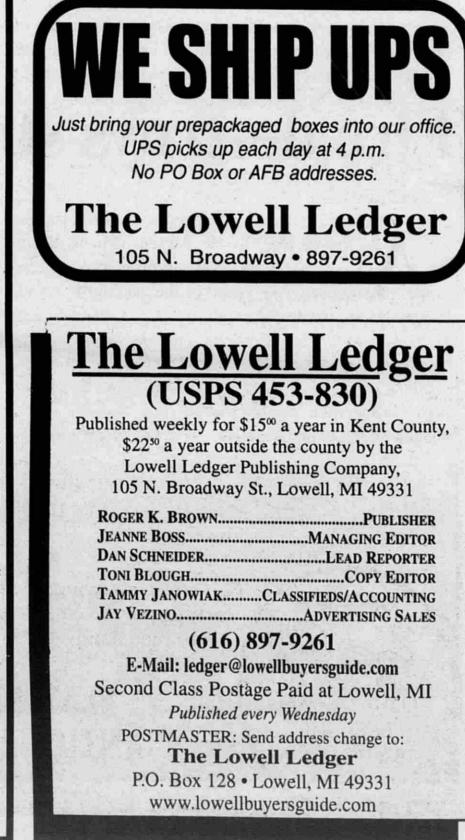
adult to take the lead and in- see adults crying. In normal situations children view adults form the child about what will as being strong. Allowing the be happening in regard to the child to see adults expressing death. Walk the child or adotheir feelings is a good role lescent through everything modeling for the child. Seechild is not prepared ahead of helps remove fear of the untime, it may be more difficult than if the child is prepared It will be important for ahead of time. It is also important to prepare the child for answer questions about this. This may be a time for the feelings or relationship to the this death may impact the

asking questions. In these in- death. It can be extremely stances it is important for the overwhelming for a child to that will occur in response to the death. Knowing ahead of ing adults cry gives the child time what will be happening permission to also cry. If the known and helps the child to feel more secure. the adult to explain events surrounding the death in an the body in the casket and to age appropriate way. When discussing death with children, it is important to ex- child to talk about the child's plain what actually happened. If this is the child's first expe- person who has died and how rience with death, it is imporchild's life. tant to explain to the child ahead of time about what to As an adult responding to a child or adolescent at the friend, it is important to pro-

expect when visiting the funeral home or attending the death of a family member or funeral. While it is important to vide adequate information, adeducate the child about what dress fears or anxieties the will be happening, it is even child may have, allow the child to be involved in planning fumore important to address feelings of sadness and hurt neral if appropriate, provide which the child and other inroutine activity, model grief adults the most helpful thing is important to be patient with dividuals will feel and may behaviors, and to provide opwe can do for children is to the child and to make sure the be displaying. Prepare the portunities to remember or memorialize the deceased perfeelings of others in response answer any questions. Some fact that many adults, family son as they go through the to the death of a loved one. children may not have ques- members, and friends may be remaining stages of life. Besides focusing on the child's tions or may feel uneasy about crying in response to the

> NOTICE TO CREDI- named/proposed per-TORS: The decedent, PATRICIA MARIE FONGER, who lived at 619 N. Monroe notice. St., Lowell, Mich., died FILE NO. 04-178,559-DE October 5, 2004.

> > Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims (P-14502) against the estate will be 37 South Parsonage St. forever barred unless Saranac, MI 48881-9504 presented to ANGIE (616) 642-6074 MARIE CARLSON, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Suite 9500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the

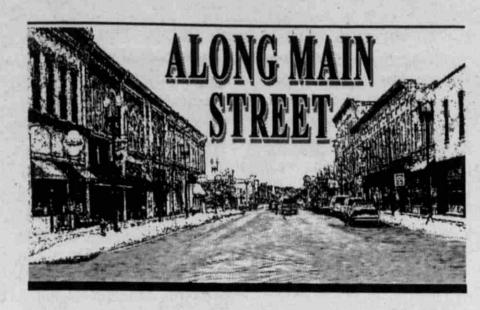


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11/05/2004

WESLEY P. HACKETT, JR.

ANGIE MARIE CARLSON 625 N. Monroe St. Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-9847



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment 2005 Books (\$35) are available at Brenda's Hair Designs, Hahn Hardware, Huntington Bank, Lowell Ledger and SOS Salon of Style or call Marj at 897-8107. Sponsored by Lowell Women's Club for LHS senior girls' scholarships; 50% off and 2-for-1 offers. Good thru 10/31/05.

LOWELL CABLE CHANNEL 20 PRESENTS...

"Women Who Changed America" presented by Lowell Area Historical Museum: Wed., 11/17 at 11 a.m.; Thurs., 11/ 18 at 5 p.m.; Fri., 11/19 at 7 p.m.; Sat., 11/20 at 10 a.m.

WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

The Lowell Women's Club will have their Christmas Through Lowell luncheon at the chamber of commerce.

Riverwalk Plaza, on Friday, Nov. 19 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The public is welcome.

FOOTBALL TICKETS

Tickets for this Saturday's semifinal football game against Charlotte at 1 p.m. will be sold in the athletic office on Thursday and Friday from 7:30 - 3 p.m. \$5 each (\$2 per car parking fee at East Kentwood Stadium). Gates open at 11:30 a.m. Lowell will be sitting on home side. (I-96 to M-6 west to exit 11 Kalamazoo Ave., Kal. Ave. north.)

CHRISTMAS THROUGH

LOWELL This weekend: Nov. 19, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Nov. 20, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Nov. 21, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fliers at River Hollow, Dream

Crooked Tree Gallery, Chimera Design/Lowell Fine Jewelers, Lowell Ledger and Voyages Coffee Shop.

BIRD SEED/POPCORN

Lowell Cub Scout Pack 3188 popcorn and bird seed sale at First United Methodist Woman's Holiday Craft Sale, Saturday, Nov. 20 at 621 E. Main.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING

Lowell Area Ministerium community Thanksgiving service, Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. at Christian Life Center, 350 Alden Nash S.E. All faiths invited.

City establishes new guidelines for tree removal

By J. Lobdell **Contributing Writer**

After several months of debate over the removal of a tree on a city owned right-ofway, the Lowell City Council set into place procedures dealing with tree removal.

set up after the council spent deal with such issues. City public works director would findings to the city. The cost Shores after the meeting. "It several months deliberating manager David Pasquale said still determine if any tree or for the arborist would be born answers the questions that notifications and why a tree or over a tree located on the right- several years ago, the council plantings in public street by the resident. The city man- needed to be answered." of-way in front of Ivan voted to leave the decision up right- of-ways need to be ager would then review the Shores said the policy also Blough's home at 623 N. to the Department of Public removed and would then no-Jefferson. After spending sev- Works director, but there was tify the adjoining property

eral hundred dollars to test no recourse for a property the tree to determine if it owner who might want to should be removed, the coun- have the decision reviewed. cil accepted a bid at its Sep-Tree Service for \$1,000.

AtaNovember work sestember meeting from Bartlett sion, the council studied the current procedure and drew When the final decision up a plan as to how the tree concern that the city did not handled within the city. Ac-

owner. Such items could be findings and make a decision. makes it clear to residents how and pedestrians.

The property owner would replacement trees. was made, Blough expressed removal process would be have up to 10 days to have a "I think it is a good policy tree should be removed or not. certified arborist review the and something that needed to The new procedure was have a procedure in place to cording to the new policy, the tree/planting and present the be done," said mayor Jeanne Dan DesJarden also came up



Hildenbrand picked to help lead state GOP caucus

tion win for 86th district state tant majority floor leader. house of representatives, Lowell native Dave Hildenbrand been chosen by my colleagues elected me to make a differwas selected to a leadership to help lead the caucus and I ence and my fellow Republiposition on the house Republi- look forward to learning from cans have asked me to help can caucus. When the new state my colleagues as well as con- focus our ideas for the good congress convenes in January, tributing," Hildenbrand said of Michigan.'

One week after his elec- Hildenbrand will be its assis- in a statement issued Wednesday, Nov. 10 following the "I'm honored to have selection. "My neighbors



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Pieces, The Black and White Store, Glass House Designs,

THE LOWELL LEDGER-WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2004 - PAGE 3 F.R.O.M. NEEDS ITEMS

If you are able to help, the food pantry needs boxed or canned potatoes, pork and beans, canned fruit, soup and crackers.

F.R.O.M. COLLECTING FOR HOLIDAYS

Flat River Outreach Ministries will be collecting new. unwrapped toys and gifts for Angel Trees and toy barrels from Nov. 26-Dec. 17 at Showboat Auto, Springrove Variety, Rite Aid, Brenda's Hair Designs, Huntington Bank, ICNB, Goldworks and Englehardt Library.

SEEKING PARADE ENTRIES

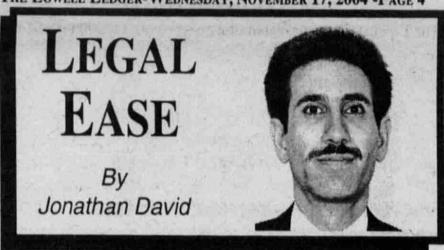
The Lowell Chamber of Commerce is seeking entries for the Dec. 4 Santa Parade. It starts at 10 a.m. at the fairgrounds. Call 897-9161 or check out the web site at www.lowellchamber.org if you are interested in participat-

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Kent Youth Fair will be serving breakfast from 8 -11:30 a.m. at the Youth Memorial Center (fairgrounds) on Saturday, Dec. 4. Kids can eat with Santa from 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Cost: a free will offering.

removed for a number of rea- If the resident still objects, the city will handle tree resons including the tree/plant is they can present their case to moval issues. She added that dead, diseased, damaged, or if the city council and the trees between the sidewalk and it obstructed vision for drivers council's decision will be fi- the road are on city-owned nal. The city will not provide property and it should be the city's decision on whether a

> Public Works director with a form to keep track of planting is being removed.



DEAR JONATHAN: I am a widow. After my husband died, I re-titled all my assets in mine and my daughter's names as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship. By doing this, I feel I have avoided the need to have an estate plan because we will own outright all of the assets at my death and no probate will be required because of the joint ownership. Further, since she is a joint owner of my checking account, she has access to that account to pay bills on my behalf which obviates the need to have a financial durable power of attorney. Am I correct in my thinking?

JONATHAN SAYS: No. It is true that having your daughter on the title to your assets will avoid those assets having to be probated upon your first death and that your daughter can help you pay bills by the fact that she is a joint owner of the

the name of the trust, then it won't make any difference which one of you dies first, or whether you die in a common accident, to act for yourself. the trust will be the owner of the assets and probate will be avoided.

thereafter, your assets may end up going to someone you to state law. If instead you place your assets in a trust, you could indicate in that trust that your daughter has to survive assets and if she fails to do so, you could name an alternate beneficiary of those assets.

planning. Although your daughter has the right to access your checking account for bill paying, she does not have the right to act on your behalf in other instances such as filing income tax

checking account. However, this does not avoid the need for returns, buying or selling property, or any other matters an estate plan, and in fact it is not the recommended course. regarding your property or assets. For example, if you want to First of all, your goal of avoiding probate only works in sell your house, you still need to sign off on the deed and the this case if you in fact die first. In this scenario, your daughter closing papers. If you were to become disabled and not able to would become the outright owner of all the assets as a result of act on your own behalf, then your daughter would not be able her being a co-owner prior to your death. However, if the two to sign for you just because she is co-owner of the house. On of you die in a common accident or if your daughter dies first the other hand, if she was named as your agent under a and you die shortly thereafter, those assets will have to be financial durable power of attorney, she would be given the probated. If instead you set up a trust and re-title your assets in express authority in that document to act for you regarding your financial and property matters in the event you are unable

Further, putting your name on the title of your assets can be a detriment in another way - it gives your daughter control Further, if your daughter survives you but then dies soon over those assets. Her idea of how those assets should be utilized could be different than yours. For example, if you would not have wanted to receive them. For example, under decide you want to sell your house, you will not be able to do this scenario, the assets would pass to whoever your daughter so without her approval. Also, if she wants to take money out has willed them to, or if she fails to leave a will, then pursuant of your bank accounts, she would have the right to do that because she is co-owner.

Again, it would make much more sense to have the trust you by a certain period of time in order for her to receive the be the owner of the house and bank accounts, as well as your other assets. By having the trust be the owner, you still control the assets during your lifetime, upon death those assets avoid As for using joint ownership as a means of avoiding the probate and will be distributed pursuant to your instructions in need for a financial durable power of attorney, this is poor the trust. In addition to the trust, you should establish a



and flu. It is also the season for RSV. Respiratory syncytial if he/she is coughing hard; use tylenol to treat the fever. virus (RSV) is the most common cause of bronchiolitis and pneumonia in children under one year of age. Bronchiolitis most frequently begins with a fever and profuse runny nose, progressing in days to a cough, and sometimes wheezing. Sometimes, breathing becomes very rapid and difficult. This may require hospitalization. Most children recover in seven -14 days. The majority of hospitalizations occur in infants less

Some things to do if your child has bronchiolitis: use a cool mist vaporizer while your child is sleeping; run hot water in the shower to steam the room and sit there with your child

You should call your doctor if: your child is breathing 40 times a minute or more; a bluish discoloration occurs around your child's lips; you can see the skin retracting between your child's ribs with breathing, or he/she has to sit up to breath. RSV bronchiolitis is spread through close contact with saliva or mucus. One should frequently wash their hands, and not allow sharing of cups or utensils to help decrease the spread of this illness. Older children in the home are not usually affected by this illness.

disposable personal income, was just 2.1 percent in 2003, your retirement-Once you according to the U.S. Depart- know what you want to do ment of Commerce. Two de- during your retirement, you cades earlier, in 1984, this rate need to calculate, at least in was 10.8 percent.

much they'll need to save to live comfortably in retirement, according to the 2004 Retirement Confidence Survey, published by the Employee Benefit Research Institute.

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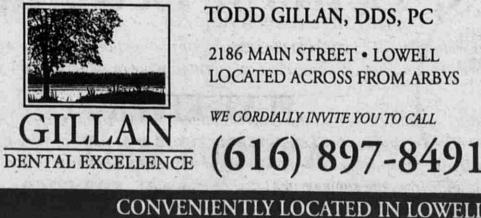


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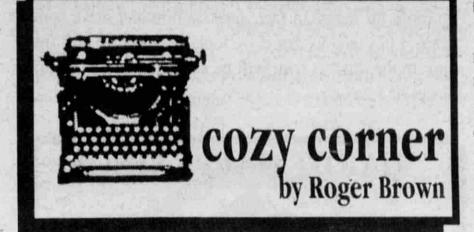
broad terms, how much it will • Only about four in 10 cost. Specifically, you'll want workers have calculated how to know about how much money you'll need at the time you retire, how much income you might have during retirement, and how much you'll need to withdraw each year from your various retirement These statistics are telling plans-IRA, 401(k), etc. Oba pretty scary story. What can viously, these calculations can National Retirement Plan- you do to make sure it isn't be complex, so you may want fessional

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• "Rachet up" your reof retirement, what images contributing the maximum come to your mind? Will you amounts to your traditional business or do some consult- If you can't afford to "max ing work? Devote your time out" on these plans, put in as to charitable activities? The much as you can. For ex-

> Financial Focus, cont'd., pg. 8

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The election is history. It is time for everyone to put aside differences, scrape those bumper stickers off the car and get on with life. I'm all for moving on, if for no other reason than to finally escape all those political ads and pundits. I still can't believe our TV didn't end up in the deep water off the end of my dock.

Yes, I'm all for moving on ... except for one little item. My wife and I were on a trip out West recently. We were out of touch, off the grid, under the radar and incommunicado. This period spanned the election and a couple issues of the Ledger. It wasn't until late last week that I became aware of the swipe at me in "Sound-Off." I was branded a "stupid Republican" and advised to "WAKE UP!" Sorry, but I have to respond to that ... even if the election is ancient history.

First off, I resent being called a stupid Republican. If I slip with the "S" word (in this case "stupid"), my five-yearold grandson scolds me with, "Stupid is a bad word Grandpa Ted." The "Grandpa Ted" thing is a long story, but the point is, even a five-year-old knows better than to use that kind of language. Like Forest's mama said, "Stupid is, as stupid does."

Sure, accidentally putting the drops for our dog's skin ailment in my eye was an incredibly stupid thing to do. All of the pratfalls and slapstick stuff I manage to do and write about in this space is pretty stupid. Does that make me stupid? Yeah, probably, at least by most accepted definitions. Now that we've established that the "Sound-Off" caller and I agree on my stupidity, let's move on to the real issue.

What I resent most is being called a Republican. I've Bonus!!! never registered as a Republican and have never voted a straight ticket. In the case of this recent election, I had to support George W. (Warts and all) Bush because he was the lesser of two evils. Which, come to think of it, seems to be



for thanks giving. One, a holiday that can unfortunately each family member, co-worker or friend is to others and come with too-high expectations and stress levels, and the ourselves. other, a time to find healing in our hearts.

family and other important relationships, counting our people. In these acts of thanks giving may each one of us blessings and re-evaluating what is most important to become a more sensitive, responsive, caring member of our ourselves and others. In other words, the act of thanks families, workplace and community. giving.

the case in every election.

I pride myself in being an independent thinker (despite my stupidity) when it comes to politics. In each election I try to make an informed choice on the candidates or issues and vote accordingly, not along party lines. I've been called a closet liberal and now a stupid Republican. I'm not sure which is more insulting.

Where do I come down politically? The answer is "all over the map," If I'm in the car between noon and three, I tune in Rush and chuckle at his rants about the liberal left. After the evening news I watch "The Daily Show" and chuckle at Jon Stewart's rants about the radical right. Humor is humor. I've been telling people for years that my dream ticket for the Presidency is Ben Stein and Jessie Ventura. So, please, don't call me a Republican.

The "Sound-Off" caller also noted that he or she "didn't appreciate" my comments about John Kerry. Well, if the caller doesn't "appreciate" a few wisecracks about his or her candidate from a lowly small town newspaper columnist, he or she ought to take a look around.

Bookstore shelves are brimming with books bashing Three deer were recently seen a few miles east of town. The LC (Lowell Cornet) Band plans to get new belts, head Bush. Michael Moore is laughing all the way to the bank gear and music boxes. over his movie tearing down the President. The news media Dr. Peck has a new fence in front of his residence. seemed to take delight in every opportunity to criticize the J.C.Moore has invented a very novel music rack for use in administration leading up to the election. It seems everyorchestras and bands. body in the entertainment world was trying to boost their Hatch and Craw threaten to shut off the water supply to the popularity by slamming Bush. The list goes on, but the point planing mill which they lease to another company, for nonpayis, I'm sure Republicans "didn't appreciate" this onslaught ment of rent. of criticism. I think they showed their "non-appreciation" **100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** by turning out at the polls in record numbers.

The caller also said I needed an "attitude adjustment." I used to require a lot of attitude adjustment, which led to me giving up on booze over twelve years ago. Now my attitude is just fine ... thanks anyway.

finest concerts ever heard" at Train's Hall. Finally, the caller declared that I needed to, "Wake Up!" Someone has invented a telephone attachment that en-I do wake up ... every morning. As the incarcerated Martha ables one to see the person one is talking to. is so fond of saying, "and that's a good thing." A particularly Benton Harbor has a very good football team; town GOOD wake-up was two Wednesdays ago. I woke up to businesses close during games as everybody goes to them. find George W. had been re-elected, Tom "The Weasel" Fred Warner is the new Michigan governor. Republicans Daschale had been ousted, the Republicans had won firm swept the nation too. control of both houses of Congress and I was on vacation. **75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER**

I wonder if the "Sound-Off" caller "appreciated" their "attitude" when he or she "woke up" that same morning? I'd like to close with one word, but my grandson would say, "Loser is a bad word, Grandpa Ted."

In our own community there may be families for which this is the first holiday with an empty seat at the table. It will also be a difficult holiday for the families in Lowell with members whose military duties put them in peril far from home. For others, family relationships may be strained. There may be a sad recognition for some that things aren't going to stay the way they have been.

Perhaps this is the time of year to set aside anger or disappointment we feel toward another or others for failing to live up to our expectations. Perhaps we would be well It's almost Thanksgiving time and most certainly time served to spend a moment thinking about how important

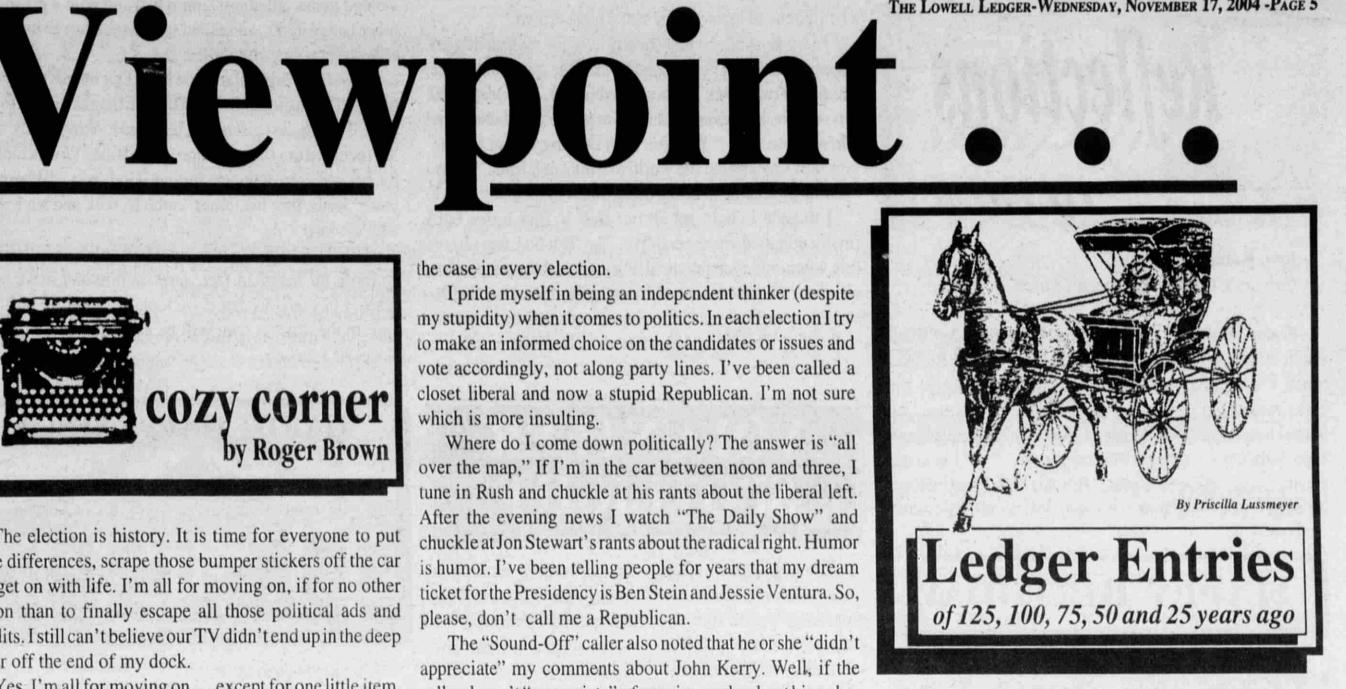
TV set and a schedule of colored shows and will be glad to let If we're lucky, this Thanksgiving will find each of us vou see one. I would like to think that as we move toward the just doing things together with others, building back posi-This Saturday's trash pickup will be the last until spring in Thanksgiving holiday we put our best energies toward tive events into our relationships and finding value in all the village Former Lowell boy and well-known U of M historian Howard Peckham has a new book out, "Captured by Indians." The new-car ads are supplemented by "news story" articles and pictures of models on several inside pages.

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 one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.

"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@lowellbuyersguide.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 Ledger reserves the right to limit submissions from the same writer to twice a month. The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

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125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL NOVEMBER 19, 1879

NOVEMBER 17, 1904

Detroit Limited #6 hits the rear of a Saginaw train waiting for orders at Elmdale; two killed, 15 injured Wheelock's United States Indian Band gives "one of the

AND THE ALTO SOLO **NOVEMBER 21, 1929**

At the Strand Theatre: Lon Chaney as a railroad engineer in "The Mile-A-Minute Thriller."

Winterize your car with winter-grade lubricant in transmission and differential, a good grease job and a flush-refill for the crankcase.

Dance at the Freeport IOOF Hall Friday evening to Bush's Orchestra.

A few of the many local columns: S. West Bowne Ripples, Logan Locals, Boston Center, Davis Lake.

A copy of the April 18, 1837 Grand River Times, the first newspaper published in Kent County, is on display at the sheriff's office.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER NOVEMBER 18, 1954

A stopped pump brings up the old rusty water problem, just in time for Monday washday.

Radio and TV dealer Claud Williams now has a colored

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER NOVEMBER 15, 1979

Local auto mechanics meet to oppose a state law requiring mechanics licenses, saying they are no guarantee of quality. The new bell tower is hoisted into place on the Methodist church by a crane.

A Kentwood woman wins Zeigler's '79 Mustang first prize in a drawing.

Benefits for veterans' home loans and special construction for the disabled go up.

A photo spread celebrates the Browns' three-year ownership and expansion of the Ledger.



Rev. Randy Meyers Calvary Christian Reformed Church

Friday, at the big football game I saw Santa on a cell phone asking someone, "Where are you?" Santa seemed much too familiar with today's technology. Maybe the elves taught him a thing or two. Normally I'm annoyed when I hear someone talking really loud on their cell phone, especially when they give the play by play. "No, I'm in the produce aisle. Where are you?" But this time I was looking for a friend and was thinking how nice it would be to have

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Powell, Sandy Roe, Lillian Briggs.

NOV. 19: Ken Mulder, Jamie Zoodsma. Evelyn Roudabush, Marlene Nash, Lewis Powell.

NOV. 20: Brian Brown, John Butler Sr., Michelle Wernet. NOV. 21: Gert DeHaan, Michael Hewitt, Tammy Gildner.

NOV. 18: Brent Noskey, Fran NOV. 22: Karrie Borton, Lou Green, Carla Briggs, Andrea Richmond, Joshua Gerard, Dylan Olin.

NOV. 23: Trisha Propst, Sherri Vezino, Gregory Duiven, Mike Harding. NOV. 24: Sabra Nicole Kinsley, Ryan Moore, Jenny

Decker, Heather French.

Need Extra Money

a cell phone to locate them in the huge crowd.

After the win, we had friends over for tea and dessert. When my wife got the teapot down off the top of the fridge, she found two black socks stuffed inside. You may think this strange. However, she calmly replied, "Oh, I wondered where those were." You see, after moving all our belongings half way around the world to China and back, we had become proficient at hiding things in every available space.

I thought I could get all our stuff in four boxes but I finally admitted we needed five. The fifth box was almost full when my ever practical wife asked how much they weighed. I borrowed a bathroom scale: 110, 104, 98, 96, and 80 something, and counting pounds respectively. So, back to the drawing board. I then filled both our carry-ons with books. They now totaled 90 lbs. I sifted out a few less

wanted items, filled my laptop bag and wife's purse with other heavy items, and taped the boxes shut. Every available space was stuffed full.

Thanksgiving will soon be here. Our bellies and schedules will be stuffed full. We will give thanks to God for his gifts. The greatest gift is that he came looking for us. Gen. 3:9 recorded the first question in the Bible. God is looking for his children who are hiding. God asks, "Where are you?" Jesus, like his father, came to seek and save those who are lost.

This Thanksgiving, don't pack your life so full there's no room for Jesus. In fact, surprise him and make some space. Luke tells us that if we look for Jesus we will find him. In the process, you will be surprised at the unusual places he turns up.



With the help of volunteers, AARP's Tax-Aide program provides free tax counseling and preparation services to millions of low- gram. and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those 60 and older.

AARP Michigan needs volunteers to help others during the 2005 tax season, taxaide.

beginning in February. Vol-

Love cures people-both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it. -Karl Menninger

unteers receive training in cooperation with the IRS and the AARP Foundation, which administers the pro-For more information on

becoming a tax-aide volunteer, call 1-877-227-7448 or visit the web site at http:// www.aarp.org/money/

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Kids, ages four to 14, are invited to a program on Saturday, Dec. 4 at 11 a.m. at the Englehardt branch library. They will create a simple gift for someone special and wrap it in festive wrap.

COLLEGE NEWS

Benjamin Graham, a student at Lowell High School, has been accepted to Dairy Memorial and Scholarthe University of Northwest- ship Foundation, Inc. Serne ern Ohio in Lima, Ohio. He was one of five at MSU to nician program.



rayer and Bible Study. ...7:00 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 YOU ARE WELCOME!

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Registration is required and a light lunch will be served. Call 647-3920 for more information on the workshop held at 200 N. Monroe

Pieter Serne, an agricul-

tural technology student at

Michigan State University,

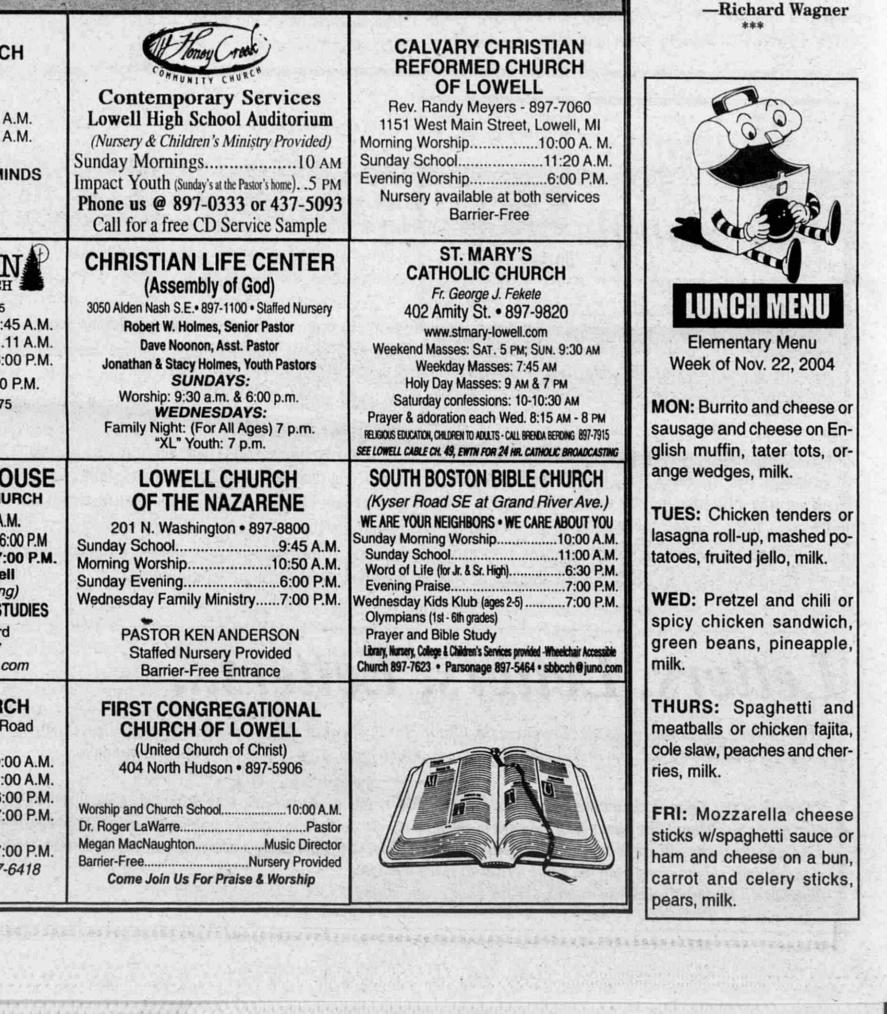
has been awarded a \$1,500

Agricultural Technology Scholarship by the Michigan

mer session where he will be Awards are based on academmajoring in the Diesel Tech- ics, extracurricular activities and interest in dairy industry careers. Serne, a Lowell High

School graduate, is the son of Pat and June Serne of Lowell.

Joy is not in things; it is in us. -Richard Wagner



City council votes to allow body shops in town

By J. Lobdell **Contributing Writer**

Body shops are once again welcomed into the city erty at 423 W. Main. of Lowell, as of Monday Cosgrove had received internight's Lowell City Council meeting.

approved a recommendation to allow body shops by right in the city's industrial district and by special use permit in the city's light industrial and general business districts.

This recommendation came from the Lowell Plan-

est from several prospective intrusive as once considered, body shop owners about his the planning commission felt The council unanimously Main Street property and dis- such businesses would serve covered that such businesses as a good transition fit in cerwere not allowed in the gen- tain locations. eral business area.

approached by Hugh

Cosgrove, who owns prop-

have body shops under the and general business district, definition of vehicle repair the planning commission facilities and vehicle service would still have some control By Dan Schneider stations, prohibiting them over where this type of busi-

Trails, continued... From page 1

other non-motorized uses.

LARA into existence, the agreement establishes its responsibilities and limitations. It also establishes the role of the three municipal governments in creating the trail sys- Lowell Township trustee over responsibility for the tem. The township boards and Paula Blumm. She has been city's parks. city council appoint members to the LARA board and provide funds for the maintenance of the trail.

Lowell Township trustee Richard Huver expressed concern that the township's costs related to the trail could escahowever, he was satisfied with the caps put in place on municipal spending for the trail.

the agreement, each munici- resolution defining the role of resident representative. In pality will contribute \$1,000 the LARA as strictly as the Vergennes Township, Mari per year for the upkeep of the development of the Lowell Stone was nominated for trail. There is also an escape Area Trailway. clause allowing municipalities to vote themselves out of a clear statement that we do dent representative. Jim the agreement after two years not intend to incorporate the Pfaller was nominated as the if they are not satisfied with city parks under the Lowell city of Lowell elected official the way the trailway is pro- Area Recreation Authority," on LARA board and Perry gressing.

through private donations and LARA is for."

grant money. Even much of

active with the LARA

For the first five years of board also passed a separate Al Halbeisen as the township

Blumm said. "It's strictly for Beachum as the city's resi-The LARA plans to fi- the construction and mainte- dent representative.

ager David Pasquale.

After extensive review where it was determined that today's body shops are not as

By allowing a special use The city ordinance did not permit in the light industrial ning Commission which was within the city, said city man- ness would go. A special use

Vergennes Township Both of these resolutions were "There already is a large in response to conversation in

The LARA board is comprised of representation by Lowell Township passed elected officials, residents of the resolution to adopt the the municipalities, and one agreement by a 6-0 vote. representative for the entire Township treasurer Jean community the trail will cover. Huver was absent. In Ver- All three municipalities nomigennes Township, the vote nated Betsy Davidson as a replate in the future. After fur- was 3-2 in favor of adopting resentative for the community ther review of the agreement, the agreement. The city of at large for the LARA board. Lowell Township ap-

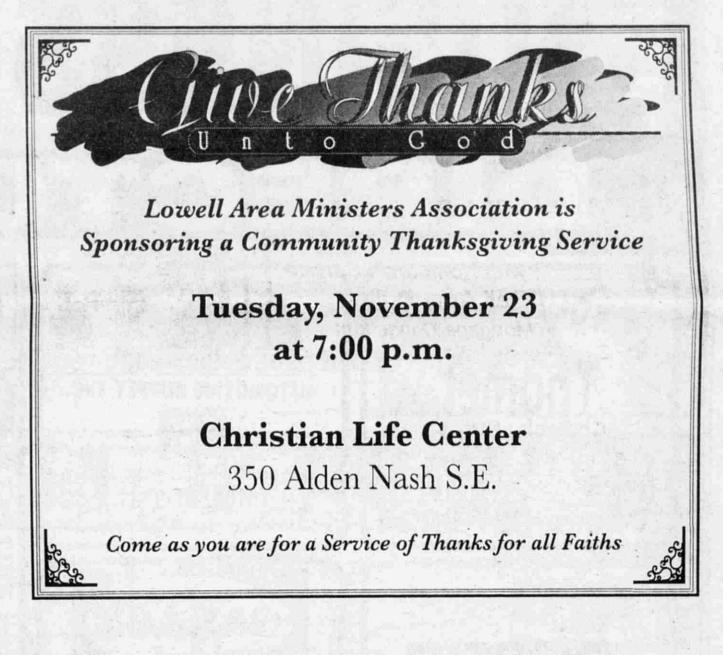
pointed Leslie Stougaard as The Lowell Township the elected representative and elected representative and Dan "This is intended to make Edwards for township resi-

permit requires that each body shop request come before the commission for a public hearing and a site plan review. Even in the industrial areas,

Lowell Township grants kennel license

The board of Lowell Charter Township approved the issuance of a dog kennel license for a township resident, Monday.

Diane Black applied for the license to run a kennel for the purpose of breeding show dogs at her home on Timpson Avenue. Township supervisor John Timpson recommended the license be approved. He had made two vis-



LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of November 8, 2004

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Justin Quist, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board, reported that the Student Council recently held a blood drive resulting in a donation of 70 pints. The sophomore class is sponsoring a food drive and the freshman class will be adopting a family for the Holidays. Thoughts and prayers are centered on the loss of a wonderful classmate, Austin Lancaster, who died in a car accident over the weekend.

LOWELL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER UPDATE

George Hommowun, Director of the Lowell Performing Arts Center, reported on the improvements to the LPAC and the activities that take place in this outstanding facility. **ENERGY EDUCATION PRESENTATION** -

Jim White, Energy Manager for the district, gave a report on the savings from energy conservation efforts after the first nine months of the Energy Education program.

ACTION ITEMS -

Accepted the following gifts: · Jennifer & Michael Bloem donation of complete baby girl's wardrobe, safety gate, and maternity clothes valued at \$300 to be sold at the TOTS fundraiser to benefit the TOTS program.

valued at \$300 to be used by Alto School. Following a public hearing held at 6:30 p.m., the Board adopted a resolution to approve the May regular election date in both even and odd years as the regular election date for the District on an annual basis.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted were: • October 11, 2004 Special Meeting and Closed Sessions,

- 25, 2004 Special Meeting.
- The following payment of bills for October 2004: **GENERAL FUND** SCHOOL SERVICES FUND A. Food Service Fund. B. Athletic Fund.
- 2000 DEBT FUND. 2004 ENERGY BOND FUND ... 2004 CONSTRUCTION FUND. TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.
- 4 Year Old Readiness Program Participating Resolution · Overnight student trip for the Dance Team March 3-March 7,
- 2005 Orlando, Florida · Resolution calling for the continuation of a summer tax
- collection for the 2005 year

Honeywell energy conservation projects that are taking place at Lancaster. the buildings which will benefit the district in cost savings. Bond money will be used to replace Alto playground equipment. Parent volunteer, Sheri Litchfield, is heading up the playground committee and gave a brief report on the committee's work. • Carl & Brenda Blough donation of books for first grade readers Larry reported on the Safe Route to School program. BUDGET UPDATE - Connie Gillette reported that there are rumors of a possible cut to the student foundation allowance. A November Revenue Consensus Conference has been scheduled. CURRICULUM REPORT - Mark Kasmer postponed his report on the High School MEAP reports and AYP for High School to the December meeting because he had received conflicting data.

the upkeep of the trail is ex- adopted a resolution sending In addition to bringing the pected to be done by a volun- comments to the same effect teer "Friends of the Trail" to the Lowell City Council.

group of people who have city council meetings suggestsigned up to do this," said ing that the LARA could take throughout its genesis.

Lowell voted unanimously to adopt the agreement.

nance the trail's construction nance of the trails, that's all

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the commission would still have a site plan review of any proposed body shop, Pasquale added.

At its public hearing, the being published.

council received no comments and quickly approved the change. The amendment will go into effect 10 days after

its to some of Black's neighbors before making the recommendation. On the first visit, he said, he found no one home, but was able to talk to a the site. neighbor on the second.

He said Black already has some dogs on the property.

"They don't seem to be causing the neighborhood any distress," Timpson said. "It's not a crowded neighborhood either, in fact, they have a of 10 dogs allowed. gravel pit across the street.'

Board trustee Paula Blumm felt the township should establish a maximum number of dogs allowable on

"I don't care how many. I just think there should be a number in there," she said.

Board trustee Carlton Blough agreed. The board voted unanimously to approve the license with a maximum

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October 11, 2004 Regular Meeting and Closed Session, BOARD POLICY DISCUSSION - The Board discussed October 25, 2004 Workshop and Closed Sessions, and October revision to a Board policy on Family Involvement. The policy will come back to the December meeting for adoption on its second reading.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari Miller congratulated the boys cross country team for making it to the state finals. The varsity football team is undefeated as is the girls basketball team. Shari attended the YWCA tribute luncheon in which Kathy Talus was honored posthumously. Technology is being used widely throughout the district and an example was Steve Kampfschulte's high school class viewing Electoral College changes via the internet. Parent teacher conferences are being held at the high school. Shari encouraged everyone to attend upcoming music concerts. The playground equipment between Unity High School and the library is being removed and a mural is going up that will be built by Unity students. Shari gave a big thank you to the Crisis Team for FACILITY UPDATE - Larry Mikulski reported on the helping the students and staff with the tragic death of Austin CLOSED SESSION - The Board met in closed session to discuss negotiations.

> **UPCOMING MEETINGS: Board Meeting** Monday, December 13, 2004 Runciman Administration Building - Board Room - 7:00 p.m.

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LPAC sees heavy activity in '03-'04

By Dan Schneider

Arts Center was in big de- productions. mand last year, according to a report given at the Nov. 8 have been made to the sound school board meeting.

51,384 visitors in 404 activi- the reconfiguration of existties during the 2003-2004 ing speakers now allow sound school year, according to to travel well throughout the LPAC director George entire auditorium. Hommowun. Most of the activities were related to classes mostly went through a lot of at the high school. But school work to improve the sound," events-such as senior honors Hommowun said. night and the high school play and musical-occupied the installed, and a grant from the space a good deal of the time. Lowell Area Community Community functions, such Fund will pay for refinishing as the "Spirit of Community" celebration and rental events, grades and new curtains also accounted for 100 of the total went in at Cherry Creek Elactivities at the LPAC.

Hommowun also reported school. that Lowell High School students logged 3,859 commu- tation to the school board, nity service hours doing things Hommowun took the time to

The Lowell Performing Players community theater upcoming play. It's an adap- "As You Like It" include cross

system in the LPAC. A new The auditorium recorded soundboard, new speakers and

"We've spent a little but

New stage curtains were the stage floor. Sound upementary and at the middle

While giving his presen-

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like building sets for Thebes advertise the high school's William dressing, love poems, boxing, tation of He said improvements Shakespeare's "As You Like astral names, bakers and di-It," set in New Orleans.

> "This is what I call the original soap opera," Dec. 2. Hommowun said.

Financial Focus, continued...From page 4

ample, whenever you get a raise in salary, increase the amount you put into your 401(k); if you get a bonus, a tax refund or another "windfall," put part of it into your IRA.

• Invest for growth opportunities-If you're going to achieve your retirement goals, your money needs the opportunity to grow. Consequently, you will need to devote a considerable part of your portfolio-your IRA, 401(k) and any other investment accounts you may have-to stocks. Historically, stocks have outperformed all other asset classes-bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit, etc. Of course, as you've no doubt heard, past performance doesn't assure future results. And it's true that stock prices will fluctuate in the short term,

and that stocks are subject to market risk, including the potential loss of principal invested. But you can reduce this investment risk by purchasing quality stocks, holding them for the long term and combining them with other investments in a diversified portfolio.

Soap-operatic elements in

The play opens Thursday.

vine intervention.

Legal Ease, continued...From page 4

financial durable power of attorney naming your daughter as your agent which would give her the right to represent you and act on your behalf without actually being an owner of the

In addition to the trust and financial durable power of attorney, it would make sense to prepare a last will and testament and designation of patient advocate.

I recommend that you meet with an estate planning lawyer who can review these documents with you in more depth and draft an estate plan that serves your purposes.

The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired, please consult with an attorney.



Plan For Retirement-All Year Long

If you want to make progress toward your retirement goals, use National Retirement Planning Week as a starting point-but don't let it be the end. Keep planning, saving and investing year-round.

Pedestrians struck by dump truck while crossing street

Ambulance breaks down on way to hospital

By Dan Schneider

Two girls were struck marks on the roadway. by a dump truck while crossing West Main Street last a factor in this particular in-Thursday afternoon.

Around 4:30 p.m., a Jim Valentine said. group of seven girls was crossing from the Lowell Lowell Police Department YMCA parking lot to at the scene of the accident. Matt McConnon said the McDonalds. The eastbound They conducted an inspec- ambulance's engine dump truck hit 13-year-old tion of the dump truck. Val- stopped. Another of the Jessica Reedy and 11-year- entine said Lowell police are old Madeline Simmons, both still waiting for results of the of Lowell, who were the last investigation, but based on Rapids Township. of the group.

Aero-med helicopter and going below 40 mph. The said. Reedy by Rockford Ambu- speed limit on that stretch of lance to Spectrum Health road is 45 mph. Butterworth Campus where they were admitted to the heavy at the time of the acciintensive care unit. Both dent. The girls were crosswere listed in fair condition ing the street midblock, near at DeVos Children's Hospi- an intersection with traffic tal in Grand Rapids, Mon- signals and painted crossday morning.

by Tarte trucking out of lanes and a left-turn lane. Muskegon and driven by Robert Tarte, was loaded umes, it's just very, very ups at regular 4,000-mile with asphalt. It left skid risky to attempt a mid-block service intervals.

"We know speed was not said. cident," Lowell police chief

calculations derived from Simmons was taken by the skidmarks, the truck was road (M-21)," McConnon

Traffic was medium to walks. Along that stretch, The dump truck, owned Main Street has four traffic

crossing there," Valentine

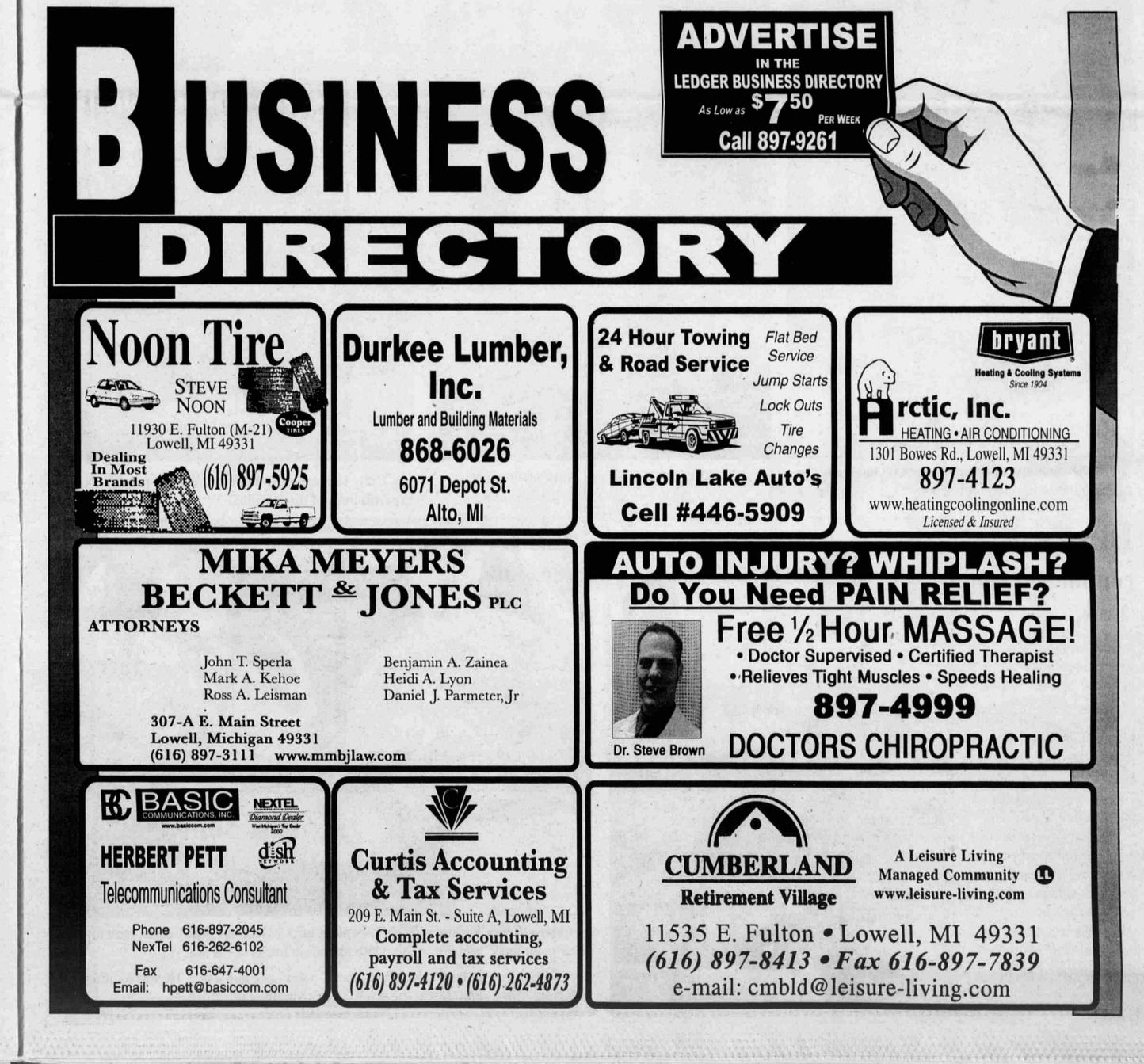
Reedy's trip to the hospital was slowed by a mechanical problem with the State police assisted the ambulance. Rockford Ambulance operations manager company's ambulances was stationed nearby in Grand

"It was right down the

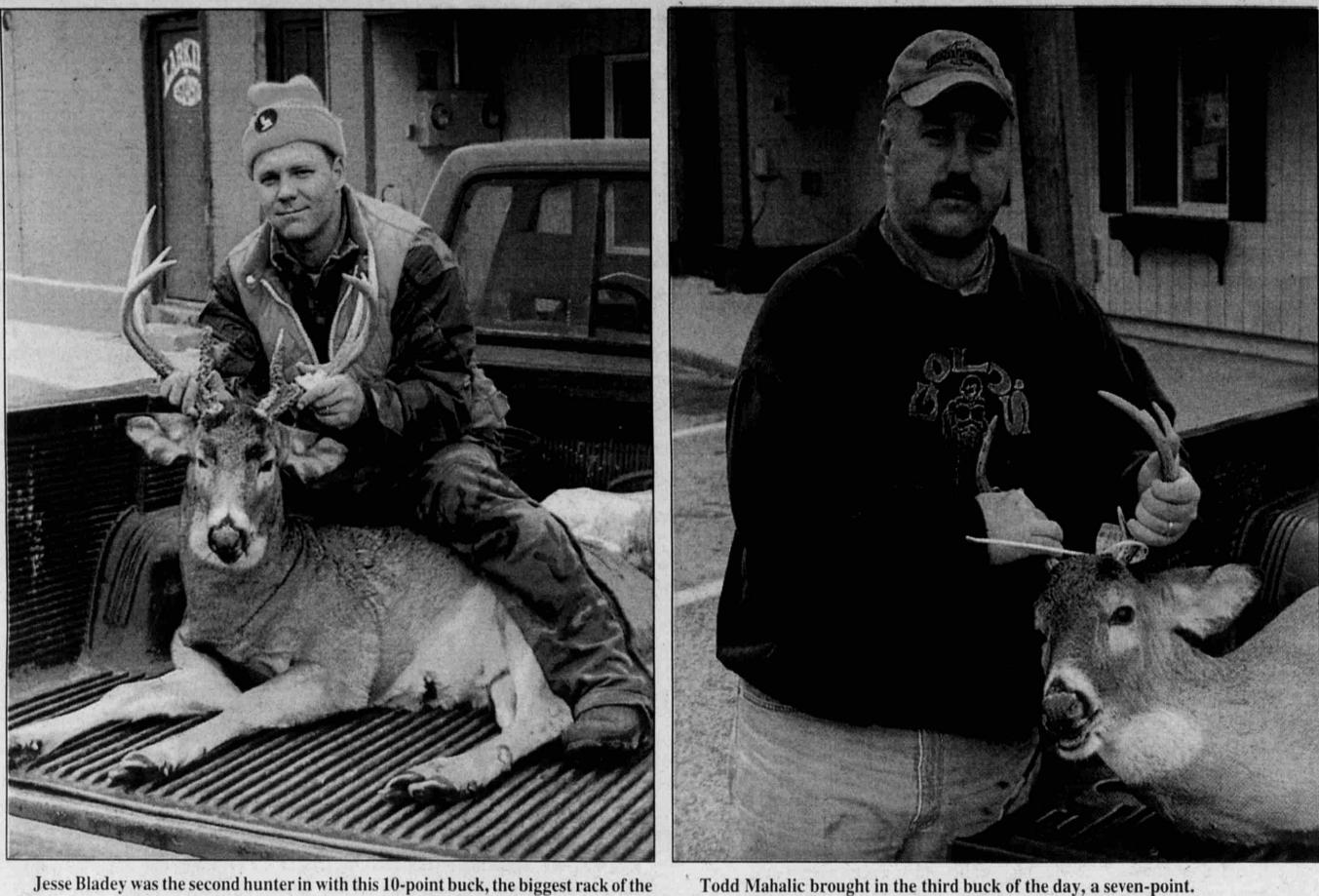
That ambulance took Reedy the rest of the way to Butterworth campus. The delay lasted five minutes.

McConnon said the ambulance, a 1998 model, had passed recent mechanical inspections, both in-house and by an outside inspector. The nonprofit ambulance company also gives its nine "With high traffic vol- trucks mechanical check-

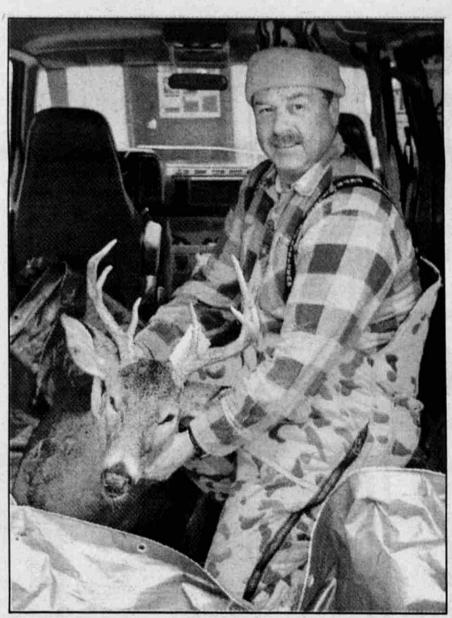




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day.



Ron Schell was the fourth successful hunter to the Ledger office with this eight-point.



The fifth buck was Samuel Mata's four-point.

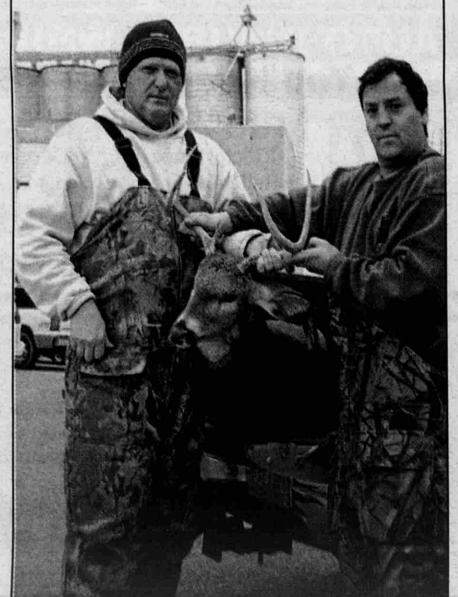
Bucks, continued...From

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walked on through and the deer stopped about 50 yards away and I got him," Mahalic

He was hunting by himself south of Lowell by Terry Smith's farm and shot the deer at 7:47 a.m., one shot with a 20 gauge. He had the buck at the Ledger office at 8:30.

For third place, Mahalic wins a free oil change and hat at Harold Zeigler Ford, a oneyear subscription to the Ledger, a free breakfast at Backwater Cafe, a free large pizza from Little Caesars and a \$5 gift certificate to Meijer.





(Above)Kerry Vezino, with his four-point buck at left, and Jon Vezino, with his seven-point buck, brought in the eighth and ninth bucks of the day. (At left) Joel Anderson, left, shot this six-point buck and a doe. He was hunting with Dave Miles, right. It was the seventh buck into the Ledger office.



Craig Carpenter brought in this eight-point buck, the sixth buck of the morning.

Art's garage? Lowell Area Arts Council looks at new space

By Dan Schneider

With programs filling the sign shop. space at its present location at 149 S. Hudson, the Lowell be conducted this winter by think it's a good idea and I council has no plans to aban-Area Arts Council will spend the Grand Rapids architec- think it would really help in a don its current location. this winter figuring out how ture firm Cox-Medendorp- lot of ways in terms of the arts best to move some of its ac- Olson, will determine the best council and the chamber." tivities to a space in the heart way for the arts council to of the city.

Riverwalk Plaza, just north of the city-will decide if the new ministration building located ing at what services we pro- \$7,275 grant from the Lowell the Lowell Area Chamber of use is feasible. Cost will be a nearby, there is already a civic Commerce. Currently, the prime issue in that consider- center developed in the to that other space." chamber uses half of the city- ation. owned building for storage; the department of public that we have to go through council there would just add

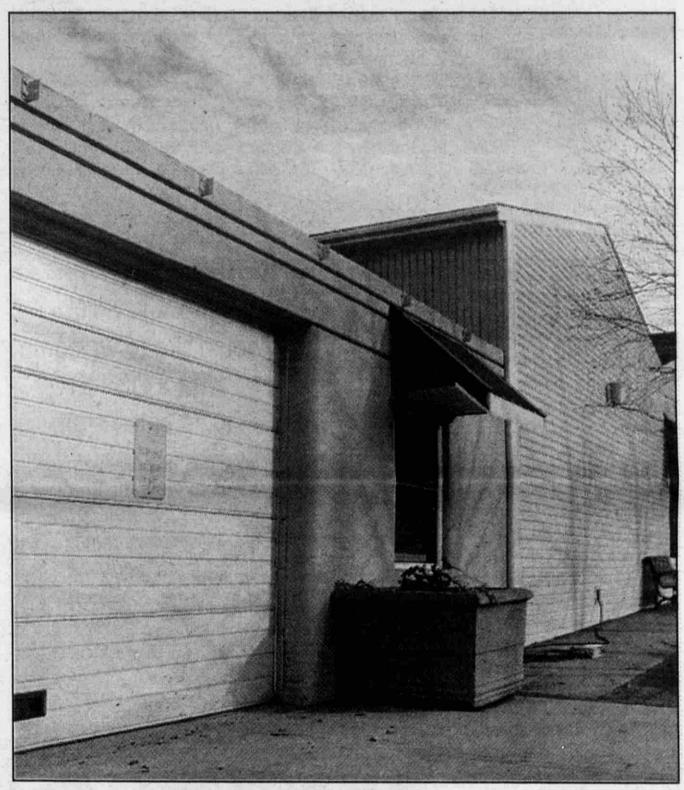
utilize the space. Then the chamber, library, City Hall, The space is a garage on parties involved-particularly police station and school ad- Smalligan. "We're just look- city council meeting. A

"There's a lot of issues

works uses the other half for a before we make some final to that," he said. decisions," said Lowell city A focus group study, to manager Dave Pasquale. "I the Riverwalk space, the arts

Pasquale said, with the Riverwalk Plaza area.

"To also have the arts



This building on Riverwalk Plaza, currently used for storage and a deparment of public works sign shop, is under consideration to become a new location for Lowell Area Arts Council activities.

HOLIDAY

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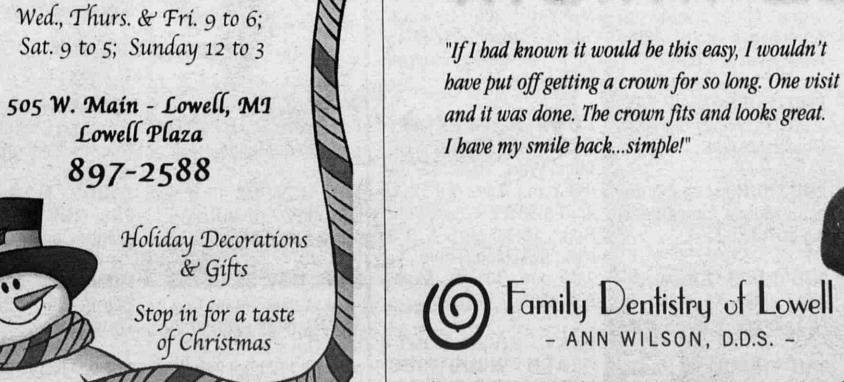
Daisy Floral

November 17 to 21

N. MIL



"If I had known it would be this easy, I wouldn't have put off getting a crown for so long. One visit and it was done. The crown fits and looks great. I have my smile back...simple!"





Whatever happens with

moving from this site," ex-

lery or classrooms will go in

growing in the past few years and we're really maxed out with what we can do with this space," Smalligan said.

arrangements.

door.

Chamber of commerce executive director Liz Baker said the idea of the arts council and the chamber being neighbors is not a new one. "I've been for this for a

ong time and it's actually been a vision of people for a long time," Baker said. She said in Jim Hall'

original drawings for the chamber building, the arts council was drawn in next

There will be three focus group sessions: the first will involve representatives from the arts council, the city and the chamber discussing their long-term plans for the Riverwalk and the soon-tobe art space; the second session will determine needs for its space; and the third session, likely to take place in

put on the best way for the arts council to use the space.

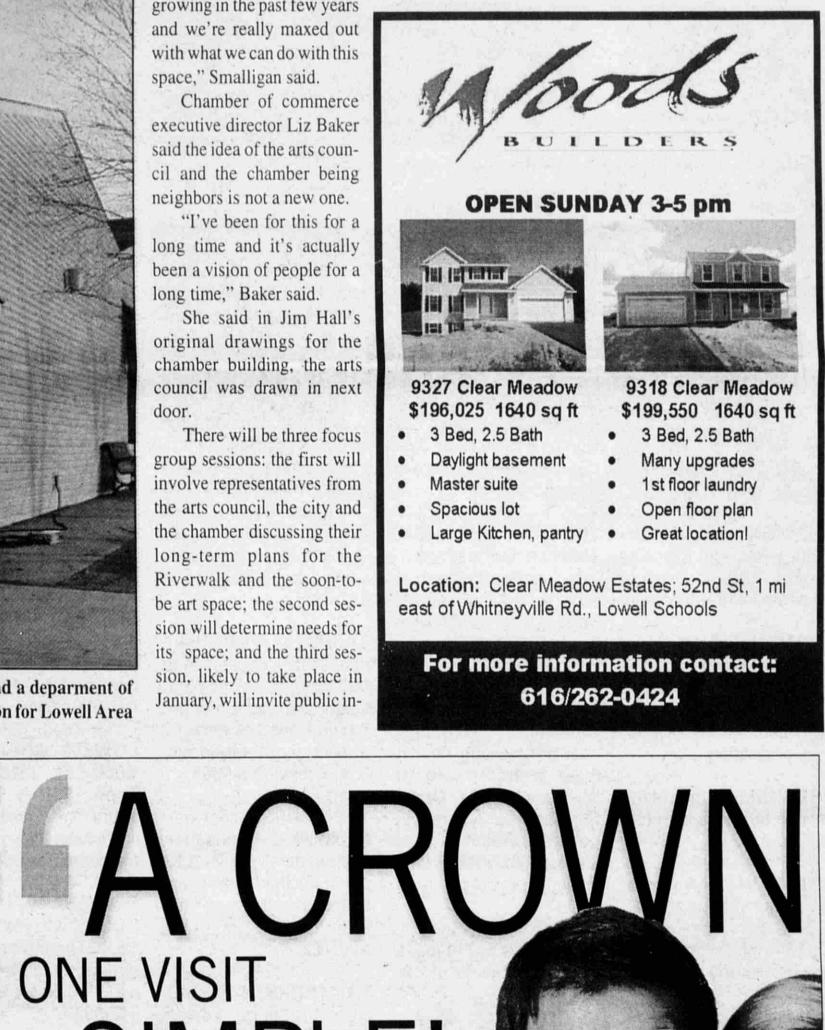
Three sets of drawings will show structural modifications that would suit the "It does not mean we're building to its new purpose. Along with cost estimates, plained arts council execu- they should be done in time tive director Lorain for consideration at a March vide here that could be moved Area Community Fund will That could mean a gal- sions and drawings.

The site has possibilities, place of the garage. Whatever architect Tom Medendorp it becomes, the new space said. But the designs will have would give the arts council to overcome the fact that the more room and better parking building is a garage.

"Our programs have been to be able to use that building

effectively and to get it to look like people expect it to be," Medendorp said. "The big asset is its location."

The new design will likely interface with the chamber of commerce building and may include shared space between the two organizations. The chamber and the arts council already collaborate on projects like the Showboat pay for the focus group ses- Sizzlin' Summer Concerts. With a portion of the arts council moving next door to the chamber, this cooperation would likely increase in the future. The city is requiring that the arts council's space "There's some challenges incorporate public bathrooms.



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the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. Keep no- TUES .: Women's Commu-

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Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in homes. Call 676-1355.

drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 at 897-6325 or 248-2423. p.m. at Cherry Creek El-

MON .: Boy Scout Troop S. Hudson St. 102, 11 & up or completing 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 2ND TUES .: Lowell Ma-Tim Vanderwulp at 897- Lincoln Lake. 4302 for more info.

Education meets 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

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torical Society board Call 897-8304. meetings at chamber office or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. All invited.Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

3RD MON.: Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

3RD MON .: Peripheral dinner is provided. Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m./ Schneider Manor 2ND & 4THTUES .: Knights tipurpose Rm. 750 Fuller Community Rm., 725 Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794.

3RD MON .: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. at Lowell Church of the Nazarene in the Fellowship Hall.

4TH MON.: Clark-Ellis 8:30 p.m. American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

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TUES .: Cub Scout Pack 3188 at 1st United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. Cubmaster Bruce Doll, 897-9782/email: bruce @ tian Reformed Church. 3RD THURS.: 4 Health REACH MINISTRIES imagesofvision.com.

Notices in the "Coming TUES .: Flat River Events" are free to any Woodcarvers meet at nonprofit organization in LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

tices brief; may submit by nity Bible Study. Free mail, but will accept no- nursery and preschool tices by phone at 897-9261. story hour/craft time 9:45 -11:15 a.m./women only at SUN .: Tri-town Conserva- 7:15 p.m.Calvary Christian

> torical Society at O'Brien Room of Grattan Township

1ST TUES .: Diabetic Support group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Commu-MON .: LHS Fellowship of nity Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

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ementary. Call Dave 1ST & 3RD TUES .: Lowell (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3. Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Look Memorial Fire Station, 315

p.m. at Scout Cabin, end sonic Lodge meeting, 7:30 of N. Washington St. Call p.m., Masonic Center, 119

2ND TUES .: G.R. Chapter 1/2 hr. before the meeting MON .: Lowell Board of the American Sewing. For info. 1-800-651-6000. Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River THURS .: Saranac Area Dr. NE, 6:30 social; 7 p.m. Musicians and Singers meeting/program. Call Sandy 285-0621 or June 231-780-1249 for more information.

- Mothers of Preschoolers Impact, a Wesleyan 3RD MON .: Fallasburg His- Church, 1070 N. Hudson.

> Needlers. Saranac needleart/quilting bee, 5- a.m.-3 p.m.; Mondays: 8:30 p.m., 4 Health 5:30-8 p.m. 897-9393. Wellness Center, Bridge St., Saranac. All are wel- 1ST THURS .: Michigan come. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466. Light

of Columbus #7719 meets at St. Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

3RD TUES.: Saranac Scrappers, scrapbooking/ journaling group meets at 4 Health Wellness Center, Bridge St., Saranac, 5:30-Light refreshments are served. Bev or Melissa, 642-6466.

3RD TUES .: Parents of TUES .: Take Off Pounds children w/AD/HD at St. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call group: Sarah 281-6588.

> EVERY OTHER WED .: 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Chris-Ages 8-13. Call 897-8694. Wellness Center in THRIFT SHOP HOURS:

WED .: Rotary meets at noon, Lowell Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON upstairs at Lowell First Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson St.

WED .: Lowell Church of the Nazarene Vacation Bible School, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., 5-12 yrs. 897-8800.

WED .: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m.Larry 754-7104.

2ND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meeting. 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center, 4-H Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

WED.: Lowell 2ND Woman's Club, noon in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND WED.: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m., St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand Rapids.Dorothy 897-9794.

THURS.: Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register

practice at Saranac High School Band Rm. Choir:6-7 p.m./band:7-8. Kathy Maatman, 897-5981.

2ND MON .: Bowne Town- 2ND & 4TH TUES .: MOPS THURS .: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 897-7842.

> THURS .: St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denomina-2ND & 4TH TUES .: tional help for pregnant women/adolescents,11

> > Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Spectrum Health Kent Community Campus Mul-Ave. N.E.

1ST THURS.: 4-H drama club meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room. Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

1ST & 3RD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at Annalaine's on S. Alden Nash Ave. at 7 p.m.

2ND THURS .: N.A.R.F.E. 1:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

of the Moose, men's meeting at 7:30 p.m.-?

2ND THURS .: Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Saranac. Parent Support Wed. - Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. Group 7-8:30 p.m. Call 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. 642-6466 for information.

3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping at Christian Life Women's Club luncheon Center 6-9 p.m. Create scrapbooks, share supplies. Call Dawn at 862-8841.

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

3RD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process Center. Call 897-7842.

3RD THURS.: Royal Arch Masons, 7:30 p.m., Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake. Dinner: 6:30.

3RD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women; Ada church. 752-8300

FRI .: Arts/Crafts volunteers meet at Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call Pator Judy at 897-7842 to meet new friends, share your talent

2ND SAT.: Ada Historical Society, 10:30 a.m. at Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

2ND SAT .: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

FRI., SAT. AND SUN .: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley, 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 676-9346.

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LOWELL SERENITY **CLUB MEETINGS: (AA)** Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri:12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./ Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

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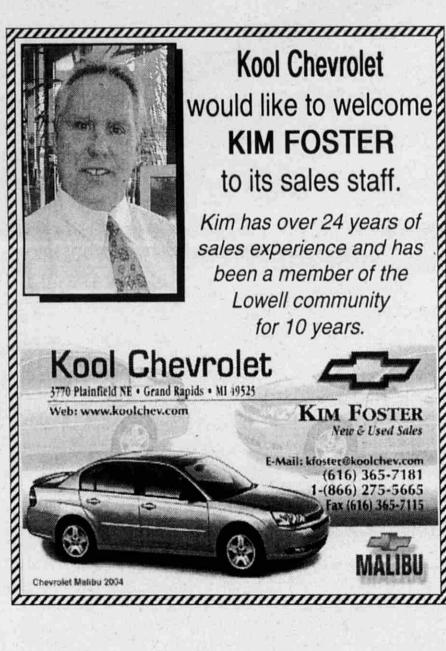
FRI., NOV. 19: Lowell at chamber of commerce, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

NOV. 19, 20, 21: Christmas Through Lowell. Fliers available at local merchants. 897-9161.

SAT., NOV. 20: Lowell football game against Charlotte, 1 p.m. at East Kentwood.

SAT., NOV. 20: Lowell First United Methodist Church craft fair (9-3p.m.) and luncheon (11 a.m 1:30 p.m.) 621 E. Main St.

TUES., NOV. 23: Thanksgiving service for all faiths at Christian Life Center, 350 Alden Nash SE, 7 p.m.



LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

MON.: 9:00 a.m. at Woodland Mall. TUES .: 9:00 a.m. at Woodland Mall.

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WED., NOV. 17: 12 Pancake Lunch: p.m. Shop Meijer.

FRI., NOV. 19: 12 p.m. THURS., NOV. 25 AND Birthday/Anniversary: FRI., NOV. 26: Thanksgiving. Center Closed. 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., NOV. 22: Chef O.

TUES., NOV. 23: 10:30 a.m. Out & About; 12:15 p.m. Alto School Lunch.

Ministerium Association. NOV. 26 - DEC. 17:

F.R.O.M will collect new unwrapped toys and gifts for the Angel Trees and toy barrels at local businesses (see Along Main St.)

SAT., NOV. 27: Family Advent wreath-making event at 4 Health Wellness Center, 77 Bridge St., Saranac. 10-noon. Call by Nov. 22 to register - 642-6466.

SAT., DEC. 4: Santa Parade beginning at 10 a.m. at the fairgrounds and traveling east along Main St. Alto Girl Scouts will be collecting toys along the route.

SAT., DEC. 4: Breakfast at Youth Memorial Center (fairgrounds), 8-11:30 a.m. Kids eat with Santa, 8:30 -9:45 a.m. Free will offering.



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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Walk	THURS.: 9:00 a.m. Walk/ Shop at Malls; 9:30 a.m.
Walk	Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.
	FRI.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.
CIAL	EVENTS
2 p.m.	WED., NOV. 24: 8:30 a.m.
12:45	Traveling Breakfast Ionia Country Kitchen.

MON., NOV. 29: 12 p.m. Potato Bar; 12:45 p.m. Travelogue.



Honoring our veterans



A flag raising ceremony was held on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at Cherry Creek Elementary. Cub Scout Pack 3188 was joined by the Color Guard from VFW Post 8303 in Lowell. Participating in the ceremony were several home schooled scouts as well as scouts from all three elementary schools. With hundreds of students looking on, the scouts raised the American and state of Michigan flags.

Sign rules sent back to planning commission

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

"welcome" considered a sign? occupant or address of a lot or for residential signs, the city When is a sign considered a parcel, two square feet for could not prevent such sign and when is it called a nameplates, names of builddecoration? Why is a brick ings, and date of erection Supreme Court. Staff constructure allowed a larger when cut into any masonry sulted with the city attorney nameplate than a wooden surface, or constructed of one?

a proposed residential ground allowed one ground sign per cross the Supreme Court in sign ordinance caused the lot that is no greater than three trying to limit the content of Lowell City Council to send square feet and can only be the sign, since it was a freethe ordinance back to the plan- located in the front yard. ning commission for further "The ordinance is simply review.

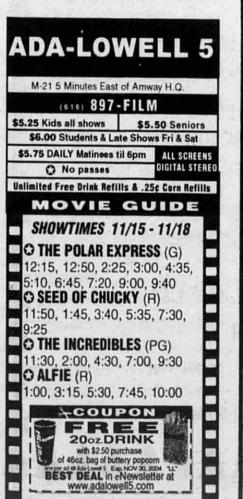
tour of the city last night and was not certain why a maunder this proposal, I found at sonry building was allowed a least 20 properties in viola- bigger sign. She also felt the tion," said councilman James name signs were alittle small. Pfaller, who sited residences Pfaller suggested the which had up to four signs and commission address the type believed the sign should not others with signage that would of materials the signs are made be determined by the type of be too large for address/name- of and clarify the issue of plates.

Hall's home there is an old said the city ordinance already wooden sled next to the front deals with banners and flags, door with the name painted on and that a flag would be conit," Pfaller said. "Is that con- sidered something permasidered a sign or a decora- nently attached to the buildtion?"

Pfaller said, adding that the came up when resident Josh ordinance does create unifor- Langdon received a violation is expected to receive the commity or fairness in enforce- for two religious signs he had ment.

nance, a home would be al- the planning commission and to take next.

A prudent question is one-half of wisdom. -Francis Bacon



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Is a flag with the word square foot identifying the can set reasonable standards bronze or noncombustible Too many questions about material. A resident would be tine said the city could not

too vague," said mayor "I took an extensive bike Jeanne Shores, who added she

decorations versus signage. "On [commissioner] Jim City manager David Pasquale have to be taken into consid-

Too many variables, The issue of the signs placed in his corner lot prop- meeting and will make a de-Under the proposed ordi- erty. Langdon came before termination on what direction

lowed one wall sign of one- pointed out that while the city signage, according to the U.S. and confirmed that.

> Police chief Jim Valendom of speech issue. He also was uncertain how a grandfather clause would work for existing signage and suggested that be further studied

> Pfaller said he doesn't have an issue with the content of the signs, but rather that the ordinance isn't uniform. He structure it goes on, and that overall enforcement issues eration.

> "I have a name sign that has hung for the past 20 years on my house that is down right now being repainted," Pfaller said. "That would be in violation.

The planning commission ments at its Monday night





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Featured crafters



Lori Mattingly, left, and Ruthann Barber are the featured crafters in this year's "Christmas Through Lowell."

"We do wreaths, centerpieces, woodworking, iron working, we do a little bit of everything," Mattingly said.

The two are pictured standing by a tree decorated with dried milkweed pods. These have become their signature craft item in the eight years they've been part of the annual craft tour. They are stop number eight on this year's tour, located back in the woods on Ware Road, about five miles east of Lowell.

Their business, "Our Secret Garden," is known in the summer for installing planters in Ada and other gardening work. In the winter, they install holiday arrangements in urns and doorways at local businesses.

Christmas Through Lowell starts Friday and runs through Sunday.



The Marketing Plan competition team, from left to right, are: Kevin Nugent, advisor; Marie Wade. The team re-Shelly Wernet, Katie Serne and Marie Wade.



The Horse Evaluation team, from left to right, are: Kelly Foote, Michelle Wolf, Julie Dunn, and Lauren VanEns.



Lowell FFA competes in national competition

FFA Chapter participated in Horse career development School. the 2004 national competi- event were Kelly Foote, tion in Louisville, Ky., on Michelle Wolf, Julie Dunn that were competing, a Oct. 27-30. The theme for and Lauren VanEns. They record 17 students from the 77th National FFA Convention was "Learn, Lead, Succeed."

Team members who took part in the National FFA Marketing Plan career development event were Shelly Wernet, Katie Serne and ceived a bronze award by researching and developing Hitchwagons throughout Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio.

Team members who par- dents and the agriculture Michigan to be recognized.

Members of the Lowell ticipated in the National FFA teacher at Lowell High received a team silver award Lowell earned the Amerifor evaluating horses through can FFA Degree, the highfour sets of halter classes esthonorthat can be earned and four sets of performance through the FFA and recogclasses.

> Francisco, Christian Koning and Steve Koning. They had to select and manage quality a bronze award.

advisor who coaches the stu-



The Dairy Cattle Evaluation team, left to right, are: Grady Drown, Steven Koning, Christian Koning, Matthew Francisco, Sheryl Meshke - American Milk Producers Inc., and Rob Kolb, WestphaliaSurge, Inc.



nizes demonstrated leader-

Competing in the Dairy ship abilities and outstand-Cattle Evaluation contest ing achievements in agriwere Grady Drown, Matt cultural business, production, processing and service programs.

In addition to the teams

The Lowell FFA Chapa plan to market Draft Horse dairy cattle and they received ter was recognized as a Two-Star Chapter in the National Kevin Nugent is the FFA Chapter Award Program, one of only 10 chapters from

Unity High works on team communication

By Dan Schneider

at Unity High School were Unity students worked on pulling on strings tied to a team skills earlier this year frisbee last Friday.

Students had to communicate and work together to lower a frisbee onto a pedes- Waite was skeptical of tal using the strings, without allowing a rubber ball to fall out of the frisbee.

nicate affect the ways we ally worked because now I work as a team," said ask people to help instead of Melanie Plaisier, a facilita- doing things myself." tor for Communications Concepts.

pany in for the first time this ing, the other half were learnyear to teach the students teamwork and communica- cepts of English composition.

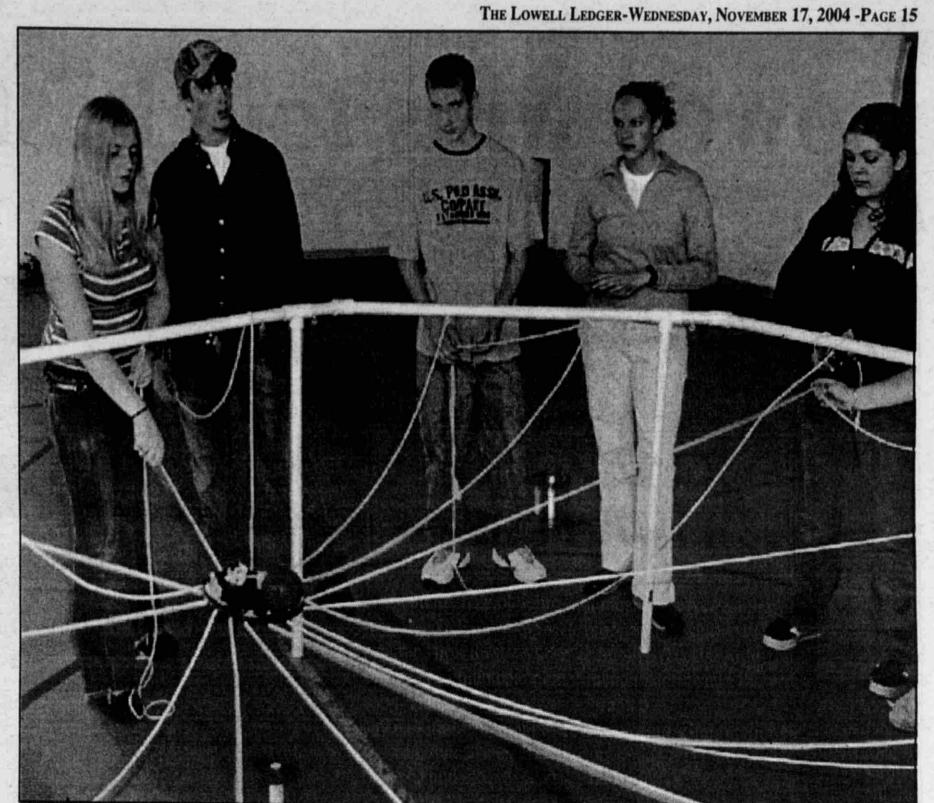
cause we know that that's an important employability "Six Plus One Traits of Writskill," said Unity principal Marlene Heemstra. "Stu- pects like ideas, organizadents nowadays have to be tion, voice and word choice able to work as a team."

In addition to the two-Sophomores and juniors hour sessions in the gym, on the low ropes course at the Wittenbach Center.

Sophomore Brittany Friday's session at first.

"I didn't think the activities were that good at the "The ways we commu- time," she said. "They actu-

While half of the Unity students were working on Unity brought the com- team-building in the morning the fundamental contion. Both groups switched "We're doing this be- places in the afternoon. The writing program is called the ing," and it focuses on asin addition to grammar and



MEAP," Heemstra said.

YMCA hires new teen director

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell YMCA has had a new teen center coordinator since Nov. 1. He's the first employee at the Lowell branch focused exclusively on the center.

Ryan Rose, 22, worked at the teen center at the Grand Rapids Southeast branch YMCA before taking this new job in Lowell. He'll work every weekday afternoon and early evening while he completes his studies at Cornerstone University in Grand

bachelor's degree in youth ministry and bible. Previous to his position at the Southeast branch YMCA, he worked three years with a junior high youth group.

Rose lives in Grand Rapids, but grew up in a small town near Cadillac. He joked that there were more cows there than people. He said he'll get along fine in Lowell.

"This small town appeals to me," Rose said. "It's just a little more where I came from. I can see myself getting involved, not just in the teen center but with other things in the community."

He talked about the school system and the number of kids in the area.

"There is a pretty strong school system from what little bit I've seen," Rose said. "There are a lot of kids in the community and I think it's great that the YMCA has been able to build something like

this and work with the kids."

He intends to be flexible with the programming offered at the teen center. Rose said he'll spend the next week or so "finding out what kinds of things the community enjoys and where the community's values lie and creating programs that reflect those val-

The teen center at the Southeast branch made the first priority homework help when teens arrived after school. Rose also intends to focus on physical activity.

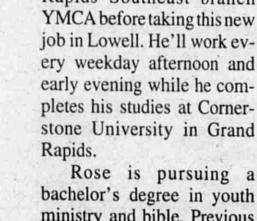
"Whatever we can do to unplug from the computers and the video games and that



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kind of thing," Rose said.



Unity High students Brittany Waite (from left), Tony Warner, Jeff Hermosillo, facilitator Melanie Plaisier, and student Cassie Switzer attempt to lower a basketball-laden frisbee onto a pedestal using strings. The activity was part of a communication and team-building session that took place last Friday at the school's gym.

Lowell wins toughest fight yet Red Arrows beat Pioneers, this time for the regional championship



Jeremy Holliman and Mike Koster tackle East Grand Rapids' Kevin Grady.

By Dan Schneider

Photos by Joe Provonche

The fight was harder last Friday, but the result was still the same: the Red Arrows beat East Grand Rap- fend." Once Lowell put

This time the score was closer: 28-14. This time it was in front of an even bigger, even more raucous crowd. Red Arrow Stadium was packed with more than 12,000 screaming, freezing fans.

didn't notice the cold all that much. He had one word go-

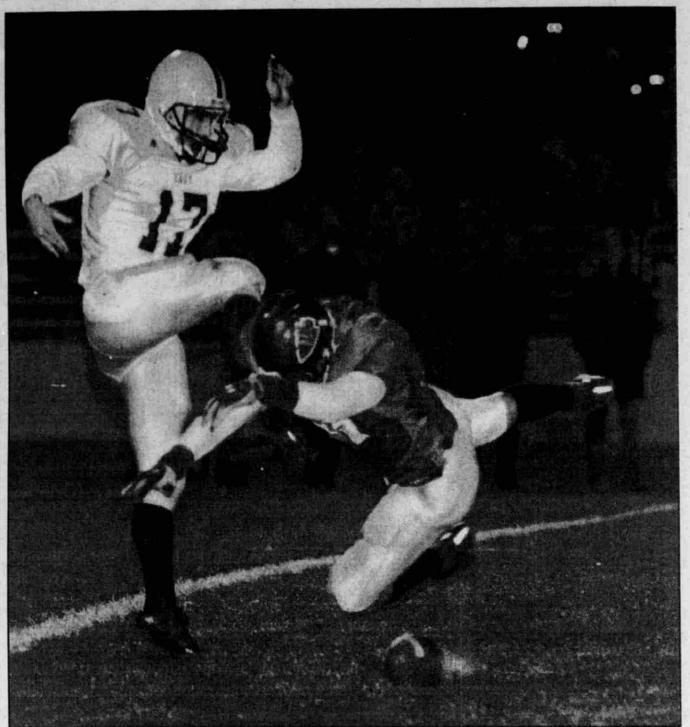
ing through his mind whenever he lined up against the Pioneer offense. And wasn't even in English. "Tubor," he said.

some points on the board, "to defend" was what the game was all about. The Red Arrow defense forced East to punt repeatedlyincluding on three straight drives in the second half.

East started the game by showing the record Lowell's Ryan Esbaugh crowd why they are twotime defending state champions. They put Lowell in a spot that was completely un-

familiar this season-down by seven points-with a touchdown on their opening drive.

Rather than sulk about That's Latin for "to de- it, the Red Arrows decided it would be a better idea to put the ball in East's end zone. This was accomplished quickly. On the second play of their first drive, Lowell quarterback Keith Nichol went to the air. Mike Koster outran his defender to get wide open on the right side of the field. He caught the pass and ran it for a 55yard touchdown. Ramsey Charrouf missed the extra point, so East was still up.



Chris Meeuwsen blocks an East Grand Rapids punt in the first quarter. Jeremy Holliman picked up the ball and ran it eight yards for a touchdown to put Lowell ahead.

Enter East Grand Rapids punting crew. Enter Chris Meeuwsen, charging up the middle, blocking the punt. Enter Jeremy Holliman, stage left, picking up the blocked punt and putting Lowell on top with an eightyard touchdown run.

Nichol scrambled and broke a tackle on the twopoint conversion attempt. He got a pass off to Koster to put Lowell up 14-7

Lowell's Frank Mulder

terceptions on the following East drive. The Lowell offense took advantage, culminating in a three-yard touchdown run by Esbaugh.

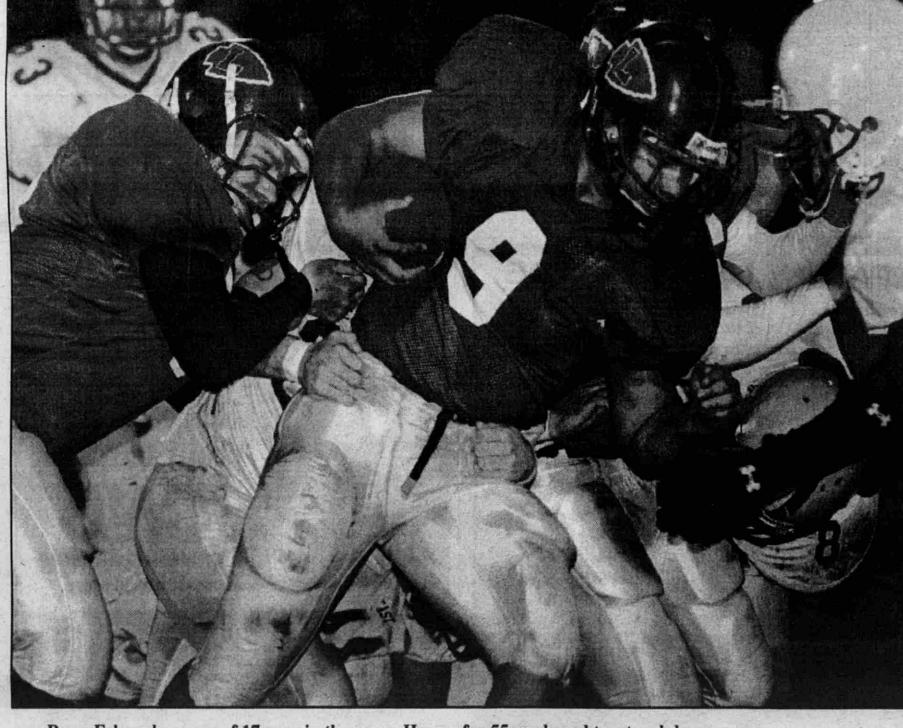
side and the Red Arrow marching band wore Santa hats to the game, a reference to a comment Kevin Grady made in a TV interview following East's district final win. It was evident in East's offense that if Grady wanted an early Christmas present, he was going to have to pull the sleigh himself. He carried the ball 36 times in the game for 152 yards and a touchdown.

"They ran their horse and we slowed him down just enough to get a victory," Mulder said.

Grady's touchdown happened in the second quarter, demonstrating that East wasn't going to make it easy for the Red Arrows. The Lowell offense scored on the opening drive of the second half. It was a three-yard touchdown run by Esbaugh.

East put together one final big drive in the fourth quarter. It took a lot of Grady runs, and a lot of time, to get East from their own 29 into striking distance of the end zone. It was third and six for East on the Lowell 28. With less than five minutes left on the clock, it was a touchdown now or never for East. Then Mulder's third in-

terception broke their spine. Kalamazoo.



Ryan Esbaugh on one of 17 runs in the game. He ran for 55 yards and two touchdowns.

Several fans on the home

Enter Lowell defense. had the first of his three in- It was in the end zone and it wasn't a bad pass. Mulder just moved into the best position to catch it. The Red Arrows won the

regional title in a hard-fought game against rivals.

"That's what you play for all year," Mulder said after the game.

It was a tough rematch. "We're very fortunate ... when we roll, we roll," Lowell coach Noel Dean said. "They were a lot better and they played a lot better."

It was the first time this season Lowell's first team stayed in the whole game. They showed few signs of fatigue.

"They weren't getting tired because they're sick of running that hill out back (in practice)," Dean said.

Nichol ran for 137 yards and threw for 112 yards and a touchdown. Koster caught three passes for 87 yards and a touchdown. Leading the Lowell defense with 16 tackles was Scott Perdaris.

Lowell advances to the state semifinal game a year after the double-overtime regional heartbreak against Hudsonville.

"Moving on, that's all you can ask for," Dean said. Lowell will take on undefeated Charlotte, who beat Sturgis 40-21-Friday, in the state semifinals. The game is Saturday at 1 p.m. at East Kentwood. The stadium is located at 60th and

Girls basketball claims three more wins

Lowell beats Cedar Springs, wins crossover championship, advances in district tournament

By Dan Schneider

"Defense wins."

That's written on a giant poster on the wall of the Red Arrows' home court. They took that philosophy on the road last Thursday against Wyoming Park.

Lowell beat the Sailors 61-50 and coach Dee Crowley credits their defense. Lowell was able to shut-down two of the OK Gold champion's most potent scoring threats.

"They had two 1,000point scorers, who average about 20 points per game, and we held one of them to just five points," Crowley

The game was the final game of the regular season. the crossover championship. It was Crowley's 100th win.

Lowell ended the regular season with a 20-0 record.

Lowell played Cedar Springs last Tuesday. When the two teams met on the basketball court earlier this season, the Redhawks took advantage of a struggling Lowell offense in the second half to

come back and force overtime.

The Arrow offense had no such troubles in their meeting last Tuesday. The Red Arrows hit shots from all over the court, resulting in a 53-32 Lowell victory.

A big night of threepointers from Kendra Gallert forced Cedar Springs to spread out to defend.

"They hit their threes tonight," Cedar Springs coach Jeff Walker said. "Defensively, that kind of stretches us out."

The outside shooting success forced the Redhawk defense out of the key. And Lowell's quick, effective passing got the ball inside to be a threat there, too. Add to that a bullish defense and it created a very different second half this time for the Red Arrows.

"We adjusted our press at halftime, just a little bit ... just enough to cause them some frustration and to cause some turnovers that led to some easy baskets," Crowley

Lowell was stealing the ball and generally causing frustration for the Redhawks.

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"We didn't let any of their players get into double figures," Crowley said. "We tried to put a lot of pressure on the ball ... and keep them away from the basket."

It was close at the end of the first quarter (10-8, Lowell) but the Arrows quickly built on that lead and didn't look back.

"This kind of team, you can't let them get too far ahead because they don't let you score too much," Walker said.

Walker was happy with his team's play.

"They executed the way I wanted them to, they just couldn't handle physicalness," he said.

Lowell is hosting this year's district girls basketball action. Monday was the opening game for Lowell. The Red Arrows defeated Grand Rapids Creston 60-18, advancing them to the next round. Lowell plays in the district semifinal Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Lowell High School main gym.

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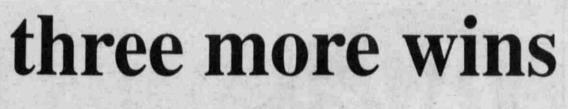
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Lowell's Kendra Gallert under the basket after a steal and breakaway. She was fouled



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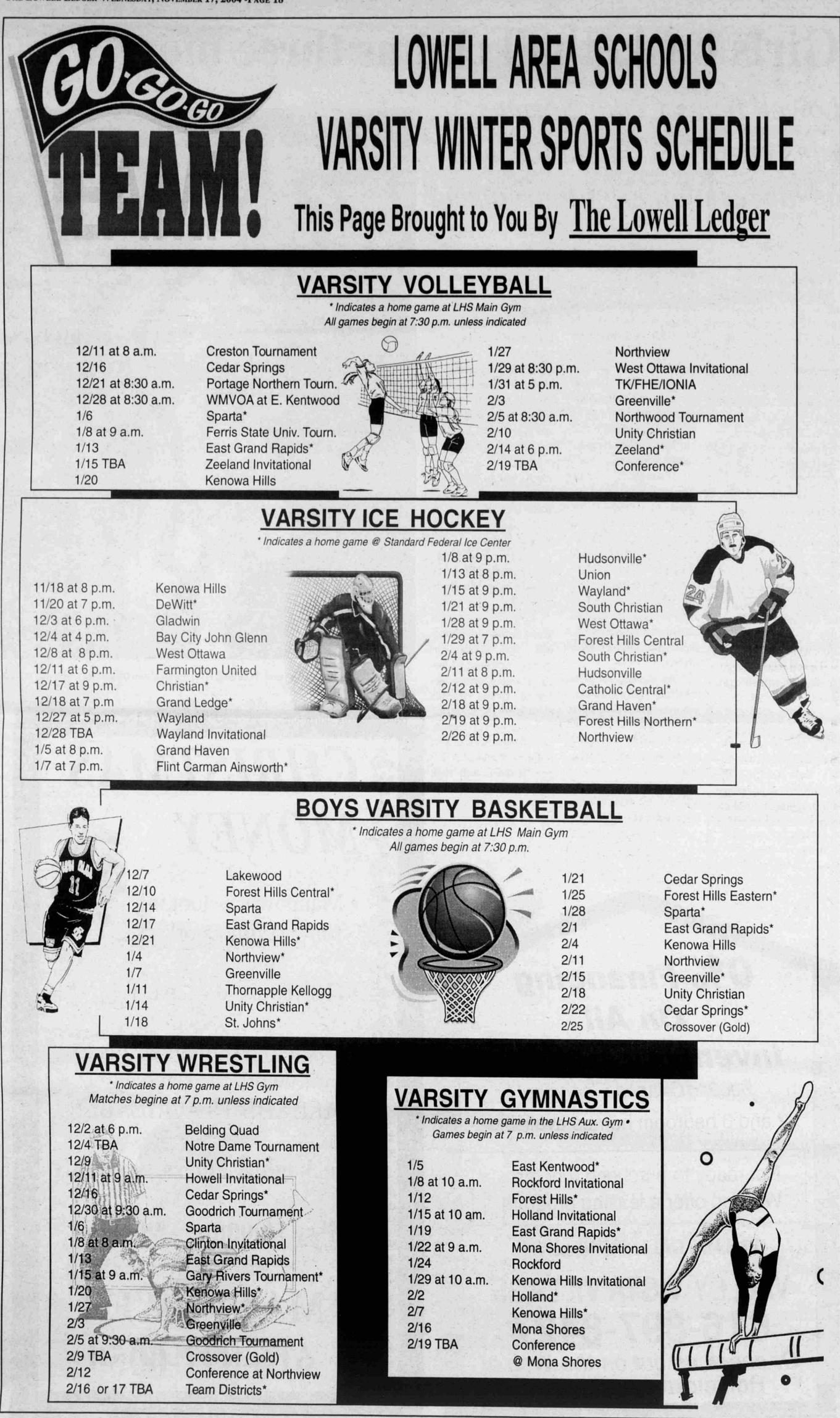
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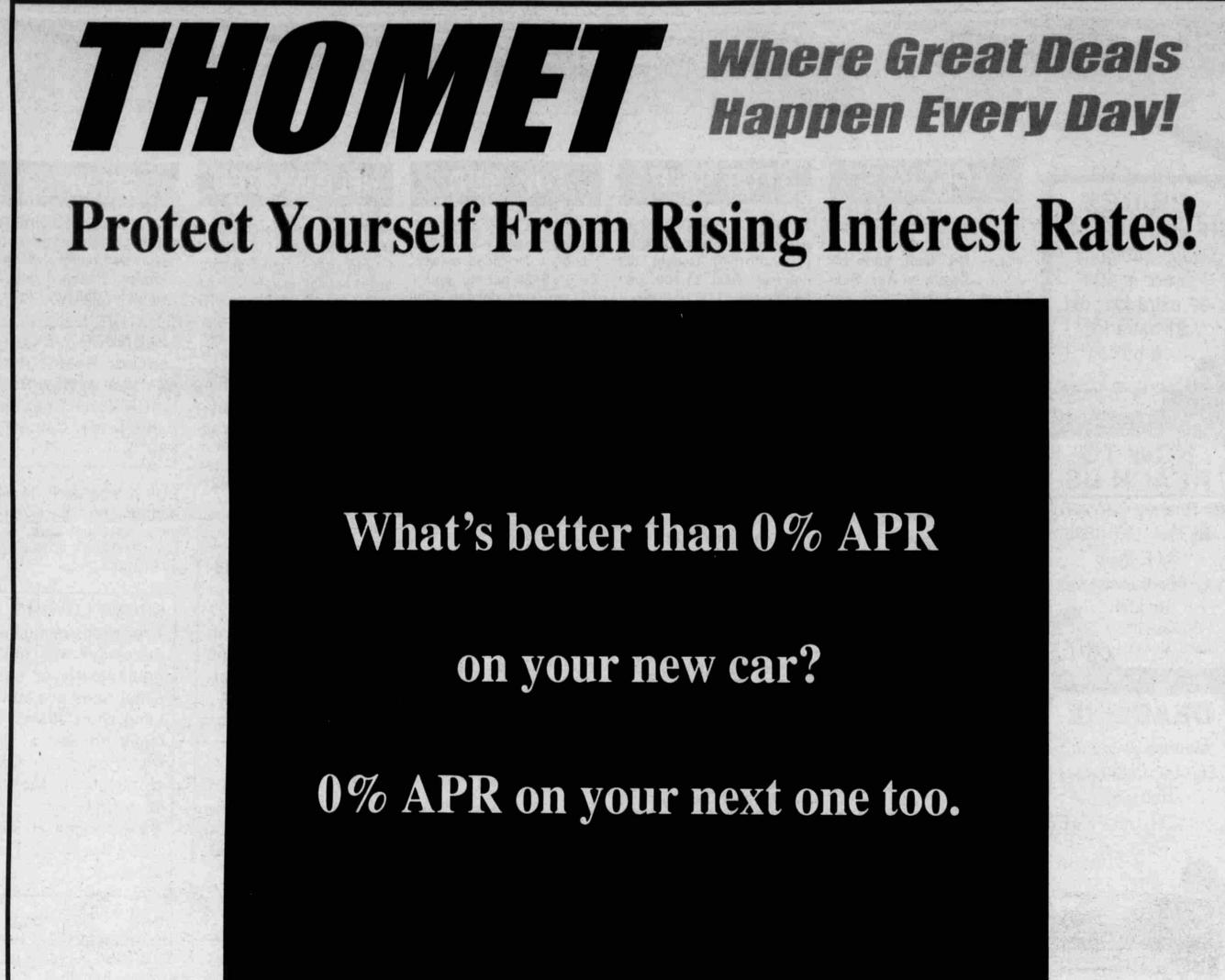
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